

## Chinese New Year



Sun Loong Photo Wikipedia. Please refer to story on page 3

# SHADE FOR DUNOLLY



The equipment, and the gardens' pump track are part of a \$140,000 upgrade from the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative which enables community members to increase their activity levels by funding improvements for infrastructure, facilities and programs.

Healthy Heart of Victoria broker Lynn Waters said it's great to see the exercise section open. "It's exciting to have the shade sail in. We've had feedback around ensuring there was a shade sail because it was too hot to use the equipment in warmer months," she said.

"As part of another project we're going to have some instructors teach older residents how to use this equipment."

Mayor, Chris Meddows-Taylor said the new equipment provides free opportunities for physical activity for the Dunolly community.

"Healthy Heart of Victoria encourages residents to be more active, more often and I encourage all Dunolly residents — and those who live in other townships — to take full advantage of the outdoor fitness equipment in Gordon Gardens," he said.

"The fitness equipment is located just next to the new pump track, which has been highly popular with our youth. "

Dunolly residents can make good use of the newly installed fitness equipment at Gordon Gardens over the warmer months, with sun shades now installed to provide protection from the elements. Exercise equipment including a chest press, leg press and set up station were put in place at the gardens in November but were not officially opened for use until the shade structure was installed..

Story by Christie Harrison  
Courtesy *The Maryborough Advertiser*

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Greetings and salutations readers.

I have just opened a box of Cadburys Roses chocolates I received for Christmas. I had forgotten where I had put them, or they would not still be around. I have put them in the spare room cupboard. If I fancy a chocolate I have to walk all the way up there to get it. Kidding myself that the exercise will counteract the calories.

Daughter Ramble the Younger lives in Northam in WA which is to the east of that big fire, so I have been keeping an ear to the news. So far, so good.

I could hear a great commotion in the sky the other morning. Eventually curiosity overcame laziness and I wandered out to see what was going on. There was a small hawk (or falcon — it's hard to tell the difference) sailing around above the house. It was being severely harassed by a mob of noisy miners being very loud. I watched for about five minutes as the hawk manoeuvred up and down among the pesterers. It finally gave up its morning exercise and flapped off, and the other birds returned to their day jobs.

I was outside last night and heard a plane overhead. So what, I hear you say. There used to be several planes go over every night, but since COVID, the cut in flights has meant quieter nights (and less pollution). The moving red lights are a bit of a rarity.

Debra's articles about firetails and rainbow birds brought back memories. The firetails used to come through Ensay, where I grew up, every year. They built their nests in the boxthorn bushes where they were safe from cats and other predators. They were very pretty feeding in mobs in the grass. The rainbow birds (bee-eaters) also came by every year. A pair used to nest in a tunnel in the bank below the road. They are also a very beautiful bird.

Rosie

**Did you know** — In 18 months two rats could have more than one million descendants (Bet that made your day).

**Furry Logic** — Don't go to bed mad — stay up and fight.

## The Welcome Record Grants Scheme

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 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, 30th June 2021. Send applications by email to: [welcomerecords@iinet.net.au](mailto:welcomerecords@iinet.net.au) or drop into the door slot at *The Welcome Record* office.

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## Chinese New Year

February 12th is the start of Chinese New Year. This year there is a difference due to COVID, but it is still being celebrated.

Bendigo is gearing up to celebrate the biggest event in the Chinese calendar through traditional Lion dancing, but with a difference. Festivities marking the start of the Chinese New Year will take place online instead of at the Bendigo Chinese precinct. Bendigo Chinese Association president Doug Lougoon said events would include the normal live dance, except they would be run through *Facebook*, *Instagram* and *WeChat*. Festivities will begin on the first day of the lunar new year, 12th February, running throughout the 15-day celebration period.

Association vice president Wei Tong said 2021 would be the year of the metal or iron ox. Mr Tong said babies born in years of the ox were traditionally considered honest, earnest and hardworking. He said Chinese New Year was traditionally a time for people to get together with their families as the date symbolised the beginning of the cycle of life in the lunar calendar.

One place still available to the public is The Golden Dragon Museum.

Lunar New Year Special Event — Saturday 13th February — 10.30am to 2.30pm. The Elders Room — One of Bendigo's Hidden Treasures.

To celebrate the Lunar New Year join Golden Dragon Museum's Research Officer and expert in Chinese Australian history, Leigh McKinnon, on a special 30 minute tour visiting the historic Elders Room.

The Elders Room is the ceremonial heart of the historic two-story Bendigo Chinese Association and is rarely opened to the public. Housed in a building which is now the only surviving structure from the old Bridge Street Chinatown and incorporated into the Golden Dragon Museum, it was originally the shop building of the firm Sun Kum Cheong from the 1870s through to the 1910s. It underwent extensive refurbishment before reopening as the headquarters of the Bendigo Chinese Association in February 1915. Since then and to the present day the Elders Room on the building's ground floor has been a place of ceremonies, community gatherings, and commemoration. Explore the history of this important space with a rare, guided tour and talk on the room's cultural significance and the changes that have taken place in and around the building across the past 150 years.

Cost: Gold coin donation on the day

At: Meet outside the Elders Room, 11 Bridge Street.

Bookings: Please call 5441 5044 to book your place in one of two sessions. Places are limited and bookings are essential.

Photo and story *Bendigo Advertiser* and Golden Dragon Museum *Facebook* page  
Debra Sealey



## CB Radio

### Enthusiasts



On Monday 8th February, an event was hosted in Dunolly at the Rene Fox Garden. Radio operators in Central Victoria were invited to attend.

CB radio operators, amateur radio VK3 operators and some specialist operators were in attendance. These operators communicate across Australia and the world on a daily basis. It is the first event that we know of where all tiers of operators have been formally invited to the same location. During a civil emergency these people can effectively communicate when other communications are down or ineffective. In the outback HF radio is an essential. The idea for a proposal to the Australian government was discussed. The discussion was robust and specifically related to national security interest. It would see changes applied to the CB radio band which are to the benefit of all Australians.

The 27Mhz proposal includes the addition of more frequencies, a slightly higher output power increase, and the addition of FM to complement the existing bands.

During COVID lockdown all bands saw an increase in usage as old radios in sheds across the country were dusted off and brought back to life. As communication infrastructure is now reliant upon third-party carriers and not peer-to-peer communications, it is rapidly becoming evident that a major communications failure is imminent, as networks can be brought down by nefarious intention. The safety net in Australia is the WICEN or Wireless institute civil emergency network. These are licensed qualified amateur radio operators VK- (1-7 dependant on state) who volunteer during major emergencies to share the communication workload. They are professionals and are rarely recognised for their discrete but significant role. The Dunolly "eyeball" was a great day and all of the participants indicated a willingness to come back and visit again. The event was specifically and conveniently timed around the Monday night food vans.

Dunolly was home to the world famous radio operator VK3PA Alan who was tragically killed in a car accident in Dunolly some years ago.

Paul-Sycam-AU5150 formerly VK3FSES

### Energy Bonus

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus for Pensioner Concession Card holders and some Health Care Card holders (including JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy recipients) is now available. Before submitting an application for the bonus, please read the eligibility requirements.

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## The Wonder of the World

Siena was a city kid. She was entirely at home with constructed footpaths radiating trapped city heat; smog-filled skies and the monotonous drone of freeway traffic. Passenger jets passed overhead frequently on the flight path to the airport, adding to the decibel overload. Traffic lights sprouted like a steel forest, exhibiting red, yellow and green in a continuous endless shuffle.

Weekends and school holidays at Grandpa's hobby farm were, seriously, a breath of fresh air. The Eucalypts would rustle their leaves at her it seemed and the wind would sigh: "Welcome, welcome" through the She-oaks. Grandpa Georgio possessed that enviable Italian trait of being able to coax any seedling — be it fruit or vegetable — to perfection. His vegetable patch and the wider garden exuded fecundity in a profusion of colours, which reminded Siena of the traffic lights of home.

Georgio's face was a vivid red, much like his multitude of ripe tomatoes weighing down a supporting trellis. "Too much sun!" he complained as he wiped away sweat with a handkerchief. Siena suspected that his face colouring had more to do with the end product of the voluminous grape vines intertwined around the veranda of the house. Georgio also kept chickens. They were free to roam during the day and returned to their spacious walk-in coop when night descended or whenever they fancied. Many of Georgio's plants sported wire baskets around their base. He had laid water-saving mulch around much of the garden and without protection the chickens would have scraped most of it away.

Siena noted that Georgio had a penchant for expressing amazement at things that, in the real world, were not all that unusual.

"Now that's something you don't see every day," he would say. "Would you look at that!"

"What, Nonno, what?"

"A double-yolker!" Georgio declared, after having cracked an egg. "You know what that is don't you Siena?"

"No, Nonno, what?"

"That's as rare as hen's teeth, that is!"

Occasionally Georgio's exclamations crept closer to the truth. One day his pet Abyssinian cat, named Bruno, brought home a trophy and deposited it on the door step.

Siena heard his yell, "Come quickly, quickly!"

She ran hard from the rear of the house. Puffing, she asked, "What is it?"

Georgio pointed toward the ground. Bruno had brought home a two-headed baby snake; unfortunately dead after having been played to exhaustion.

"Now that's something you don't see every day," he said.

"Would you look at that! You know what that is don't you Siena?"

"No, Nonno, what?"

"That's as rare as rocking horse poo, that is!"

Siena giggled, although she did feel sorry for the snake.

Then one truly memorable day, a fierce thunderstorm arrived. Thunder boomed, the house rattled and the ground shook. Pietro, Georgio's black Labrador, was terrified and launched into flight mode. He sprang into the garden as the rain hammered down, barking crazily and crashing through anything in his way. Georgio and Siena madly chased after him, trying in vain to calm him down. Water was flowing in torrents around the backyard by now as Pietro blundered through the worm farm and compost heap, covering himself comprehensively in mud, slime and vegetable scraps.

Pietro then decided to take a detour through the chicken coop where the birds were sheltering and many of them were moulting at the time.

A commotion ensued, as evidenced by much squawking and clattering.

The kerfuffle was clearly audible despite the racket created by the storm. Pietro re-emerged in a shower of hen's feathers, panting and bewildered. He didn't look much like a dog anymore. He was covered in ooze and a dense layer of feathers was glued to his flanks.

Georgio looked at the bedraggled dog and shook his head. "Now that's something you don't see every day. Would you look at that! You know what that is, don't you Siena?"

"No, Nonno, what?"

"That's as rare as dog's feathers, that is!"

For once, at the nub of it all, Georgio was very nearly factually correct.

Martyn Barnett

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3. The Bledisloe Cup was in October 2020. In which year did the Wallabies last win the trophy?  
a) 2002 b) 2006 c) 2010?
4. Which supermarket chain had to close after its computer system went offline?
5. Which Mitchelton-Scott cyclist was forced to pull out of the Giro d'Italia following a positive Coronavirus test October 2020?
6. Musician Johnny Nash passed away October 2020 aged 80. Complete the lyrics to his best-known hit: "I Can See Clearly Now"?

Answers on page 19

## Birds of Central Victoria: White-Browed Babbler

This week our sights are on the White-browed Babbler. The White-browed Babbler is a small dark brown-grey bird with a white throat, a white tipped tail and a long, pointed curved bill. It has a distinct white brow and dark eye stripe. The tail is long and graduated, with a rounded tip and is often held raised or fanned. It is a very active bird that is often found in noisy social groups. It is also known as the Chatterer, Cackler or Yahoo.

Unlike most species of birds, the White-browed Babbler not only builds a nest to lay its eggs in, but it also builds a separate nest to roost in. Although the two types of nests appear similar — both are large, dome-shaped with a spout-like entrance, and are made from sticks and twigs — roosting nests are a little larger to accommodate more birds. The brood-nest is built only by the breeding birds, but mostly the female, whereas roost-nests are built communally by all of the members of the flock.

The White-browed Babbler is found in dry woodlands with a shrubby understorey, mulga, acacias, mallee, cyprus pine scrubs, timber, scrub along watercourses and saltbush.

The White-browed Babbler feeds on insects, spiders and other invertebrates, small amphibians, crustaceans and reptiles and will also eat fruits and seeds. It mainly feeds on the ground, among leaf litter or under logs and branches.

The White-browed Babbler builds a domed stick nest, with a hooded side entrance. It builds both brood (for breeding) and roost (for resting) nests. Breeding pairs are monogamous, but they form co-operative breeding groups comprising two to four breeding pairs and two to eight non-breeding helpers. Only the breeding female incubates the eggs, though other birds in the group feed her and the young birds. Co-operatively breeding groups occupy a home-range, but there are complex interactions within and between groups.

Photo *e-Bird*  
Source *Birdlife Australia*  
Debra Sealey



## Birds linked to happiness levels



Coincidentally, while researching Birds of Central Victoria, I read a study which said the more bird species we live near, the happier we are. I'm all for that, especially in these times, This is a European study, but I believe it translates.

Living and working near a bio-diverse population of birds is as important to our happiness levels as our income. A 10 per cent increase in bird diversity increases our satisfaction with life as much as a 10 per cent pay raise, the researchers found.

"The happiest Europeans are those who can experience numerous different bird species in their daily life, or who live in near-natural surroundings that are home to many species," said the study's lead author Joel Methorst, a doctoral researcher at Goethe University in Frankfurt.

As the most visible elements of the animate nature, birds are good indicators of overall biological diversity, particularly in urban areas.

Even when they are not visible, they are the most audible of the wildlife humans typically encounter. Most of us take for granted how much their cheerful songs do to boost our mood.

Photo *e-Bird*  
Sara Burrows — *Return to now*  
Debra Sealey

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On Tuesday 2nd February 2021 CGRAA had our first public meeting for the year.

It was well-attended with 21 people including Councillors de Villiers, Sproull and an apology from Cr Long. In attendance also was Kylie Long, CGSC Manager Community Engagement.

Many issues were discussed, which are still not resolved — the Dunolly Mosaics, Carisbrook Flood Levee, the Airport, outstanding FOIs and Ombudsman complaints.

Member Darren Cooper addressed the meeting with a skeleton proposal for industrial expansion and development in the shire. This was a very well participated discussion.

Following the levee discussions, 6pm-7pm, at general meeting at Carisbrook, discussion will continue with the intention of forming a committee to develop Darren's initial proposal into a submission to becoming refined for presentation to council. Well done to Darren for this and hopefully this will be the catalyst for getting this direction into action.

Councillor de Villiers stated there was mention of this form of expansion in a previous plan adopted by council. For the past three development strategies passed by council which have all mentioned improvements in employment, industry and tourism, there have been mention of direction, however actually seeing these policies or ideas acted on is what we are trying to achieve. Yes, acknowledgement, well done on that and maybe it's time to move on them. CGR&RAI is happy for anyone to contribute or participate.

This being a community driven initiative all contributors are welcome.

The initial outline of the draft submission is on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/cgoldratepayers>.

You do not have to be a member to participate; all are welcome.

The rain on Friday 29th January 2021 was enough to give the whole Shire an indication on the flood readiness of our Shire. There was minor flooding and minor drain blockages around the Shire. We encourage all residents who have experienced any issues please notify the Shire and inform them of it.

We made the Shire aware of the issues around Carisbrook, especially with unmaintained drains and also new flooding issues which are deemed to be caused from the new Pleasant Street Levee and asked Council meet and discuss these issues with the community.

The Shire and councillors are showing concern that a community supported plan for the levee being submitted for the next Risk and Resilience Grants Program round is paramount and are concerned that lack of community support may jeopardise the chances.

CGR&RAI has one answer to that. The Central Goldfields Shire and the Councillors meet with the community, discuss it and come to an agreement, and all will be supported. Sitting back and refusing to listen to the community concerns is not a community problem; it's a Shire and councillor problem. The community may suffer from this, so we ask the councillors and Shire please be professional about this and enter into discussion. We the community and CGR&RAI welcome any contact or discussion.

Our next meeting is at the Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall (COVID Permitting) Tuesday 2nd March.

The first session from 6pm to 7pm will be a Carisbrook levee update. Following the levee discussions will be the public meeting from 7pm to 8.30pm at Carisbrook.

We have invited all councillors and the CEO to give a presentation at this meeting.

Hopefully this could be the meeting which is needed. The second session is from 7pm to 8pm, which will be our normal monthly meeting.

Our following month's meeting will be at Dunolly (COVID permitting — location to be advised), Tuesday 6th April 7pm-8.30pm.

All welcome, membership not necessary. We are inclusive not exclusive.

All questions please email on [cgoldratepayers@mail.com](mailto:cgoldratepayers@mail.com) or ring 0419 101 144.

Wayne McKail  
President  
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**Whole Town Garage Sale**

If you intend to hold a Garage Sale soon register with us for our Whole Town Garage Sale event on Saturday 8th May. We provide the advertising and a garage sale kit which includes balloons and signs to put on your wheelie bin. \$10 registration fee. Maps will be available for bargain hunters!

**Family History**

Interested in tracing your family history?

A family history group will commence on 9th February at the Centre and continue on Tuesday afternoons from 1pm till 3pm.

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

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

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

No prior skills necessary just bring as much family information as you can to use as a starting point. For inquiries ring Faye on 0439 681 508. Or the centre to book.



**Move, Groove. Movement to music classes**

Our Move, Groove program is on at The Arts Hub Thompson Street on Tuesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 9.30am. If you haven't already registered there are still a few places left.

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Sharon Hiley, Coordinator



**Loddon COVID-19 Mental Health Survey**

Has the COVID-19 pandemic been challenging to deal with? Are you more worried about things than normal, or have there been positive things that have improved your mental health?

Council is keen to hear how Loddon residents have fared over the past 12 months and invite you to participate in its COVID-19 mental health survey.

You can access the survey online at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/D86LCQ5](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D86LCQ5)

Keep an eye out for Council's staff member Mark Gibson, who will also be conducting the survey in person at locations across our Shire over the coming weeks.

For more information or to request a hard copy of the survey, please contact Mark at Council on 0409 250 528

**Laanecoorie canoe launching pad complete**

Great news for canoe paddlers and kayakers — the canoe launching pad at Laanecoorie has been finished, marking the full completion of the Laanecoorie Canoe Trail. The canoe trail was originally designed by the La Trobe University Outdoor Education students from 2017 to 2018. The Laanecoorie Canoe Trail complements other canoe trails in our Loddon Shire – the Serpentine Creek Canoe Trail and Loddon River Canoe Trail.

For more information regarding these canoe trails and maps, visit :

[www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/canoeing-and-kayaking](http://www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/canoeing-and-kayaking)

**Rates due this month**

A reminder that if you have elected to pay your rates in full as a lump sum, payment is due on 15th February.

If you pay your rates by quarterly instalments, the next rates instalment is due on 28th February.

If you think you may not be able to pay by the due date and you believe you will have difficulties paying either the third instalment or in full, please contact Council's rates office on (03) 5494 1200 as soon as possible.

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**Services as per Church News**

**Catholic Church**

We are required to wear masks again at mass, and to sign in.

There will be Mass at St. Mary's, Dunolly on Sunday 14th February at 8.30am. Lent begins on Wednesday 17th February. Let Jill or Father John know if you are interested in discussion groups .

Parish council meeting is on Wednesday 17th February at 6.30pm after the Ash Wednesday Mass .

R. Mecredy

*"Praise the Lord who heals the broken- heart"*

*Psalm 146 :1-6*

**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, 25th February.

Esmé Flett

*"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles." Isaiah 40.31*

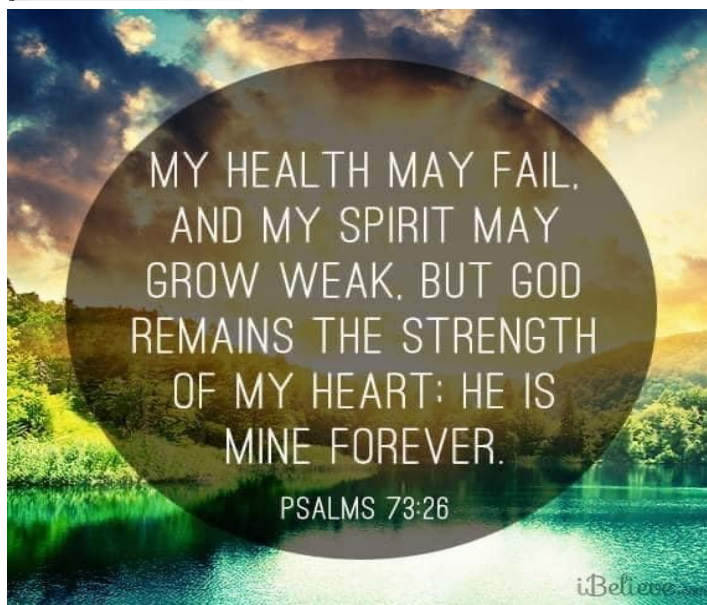
**Uniting Church**

Heiner Bauch will lead the service at 9 30am on Sunday 14th February. Rev Bruce Gallacher will take the service at 9.30am Sunday, 21st February. This service will be followed by a Congregation meeting.

Jean Richardson



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**Important Dates**

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|---------------|--|
| 9th February  | Family History tracing at Neighbourhood Centre |
| 10th February | DFNC training starts                           |
| 13th February | Garage sale                                    |
| 14th February | Old Time Dance Avoca Hall                      |
| 15th February | Rates due in full                              |
| 16th February | Solar information evening Maryborough          |
| 18th February | Tarnagulla Supply Store Grand Opening          |
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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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# Locked car keys

While on a caravanning holiday to South Australia nearly 60 years ago my father managed to lock the car keys into the boot — not once, but twice. For my usually very organised father that was totally out of character.

The first time he did it my siblings and I had strict instructions not to tell Mum (for fear of who knows what) and to keep her away from the car. In the little town we were in that was a challenge. Dad located a mechanic who agreed to see if he could help but warned it would take a while because he had never dismantled a brand new Valiant before. It was only two days since Dad had picked up his car and the thought of any damage to it must have sent shivers down his spine.

Meantime Mum was quite keen to get back to the car and get on our way. Dad must have given us money because we clamoured and complained until we got her into a café for a cold drink. Getting Mum into a café was quite a feat, though it was a hot afternoon. We all dawdled over our drinks, enjoying sitting in the relative coolness under the big fans. Lazy blowflies came to inspect us but did not stay long. Perhaps Mum was enjoying the coolness too because she allowed herself to be diverted by our chatter. Eventually though she made us leave and we got back to the car to see all the contents of the boot scattered on the ground. The mechanic was just reattaching the back seat and Dad was looking very relieved.

Several days later in the Barossa Valley he did the same thing. This time he was on to it and had the back seat out in no time, and no damage to the new car. His body memory must have really registered that time because he never did it again.

Many years later I parked my new car at the Inglewood Hospital. To my horror as soon as the car door was shut I could see my key dangling contentedly in the ignition. It was before mobiles were widely used, so I had to ask the receptionist at the front desk about using a phone. Obviously it was a common occurrence because she knew the mechanic's number off by heart and how long he would be.

Almost to the minute quoted by the receptionist the mechanic arrived. He pulled out several funny pieces of bent wire, fiddled for about 30 seconds and the door was open. What a magician! I was also very pleased with myself that I had joined the RACV when I bought the car, so the whole procedure cost me nothing. To this day I am still a member and I don't care if I don't use it for years. The peace of mind the membership brings is amazing. Dad should have been a member all those years ago, but he never joined. Mr. Independent I suppose.

Vicky Frizzell



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## History of the Chinese on the Goldfields

It is important, I think, to remember the Chinese were a huge part of our gold rush history, so perhaps Chinese New Year should be an important date on our calendar.

*Maryborough & Dunolly Advertiser*, as it was then known, is an important resource for researching Victoria's early Chinese immigrants. Gold was first discovered in the Maryborough area in 1854, and by the following year, the district, including Dunolly, had attracted at least 4600 Chinese settlers.

In the 1850s tens of thousands of Chinese people flocked to Victoria, joining people from nations around the world who came here chasing the lure of gold.

Fleeing violence, famine and poverty in their homeland Chinese gold seekers sought fortune for their families in the place they called "New Gold Mountain". Chinese gold miners were discriminated against and often shunned by Europeans. Despite this, they carved out lives in this strange new land.

The Chinese took many roads to the goldfields. They left markers, gardens, wells and place names, some which still remain in the landscape today. After a punitive tax was laid on ships to Victoria carrying Chinese passengers, ship captains dropped their passengers off in faraway ports, leaving Chinese voyagers to walk the long way, hundreds of kilometres overland to the goldfields. After 1857 the seaport of Robe in South Australia became the most popular landing point. It's estimated 17,000 Chinese, mostly men, predominantly from Southern China, walked to Victoria from Robe following over 400km of tracks.

At the peak migration point of the late 1850s the Chinese made up one in five of the male population in fabled gold mining towns of Victoria such as Ballarat, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Beechworth and Ararat. It was not just miners who took the perilous journey. Doctors, gardeners, artisans and business people voyaged here and contributed to Victoria's economy, health and cultural life. As the 19th century wore on and successful miners and entrepreneurs returned home, the Chinese Victorian population dwindled. However, some chose to settle here and Chinese culture, family life, ceremony and work ethic became a distinctive feature of many regional Victorian towns well into the 21st century.

Like everyone during the gold rush, the Chinese miners needed to be flexible to follow the trail of gold, but they had the additional pressure of dealing with racism and oppression at many of the settlements, meaning they were often encouraged to move on, or even physically driven off their own claims. In the *Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser*, in fact, the first digitised issue, 4th August 1857, dealt heavily with the topic, as the Buckland Riot had happened in the goldfields near Mt Buffalo just one month earlier. This horrific event saw around 100 European rioters attack Chinese miners, beating, robbing and driving them out of the area. At least three Chinese men died, and entire encampments were destroyed. Anti-Chinese sentiment was echoed across all of Victoria's goldfields from European settlers scared of a culture which was vastly different to their own, and envious of their effective communal mining methods. *Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser* proclaimed, "That the diggers as a body have a deep-rooted aversion to their Chinese neighbours, is a fact that cannot now be denied, and that that aversion will find vent in acts of open violence, if legislative interference does not step in to check the evil" (*Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser* 4th August 1857, page 2).

The *Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser* also provides vivid descriptions of how hard life was in the Chinese Protectorates, which were camps the authorities had set up to both protect Chinese settlers and keep them segregated from other communities. An article from 8th September 1857 describes finding "five Chinamen lying in bed, and apparently in the last stage of some cutaneous disease, the nature of which we did not care to inquire into, but which to us bore all the appearance of the much talked of 'leprosy,' while almost every one of those we met seemed to be suffering in a greater or lesser degree, from the same disorder".

*Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser*  
 Natasha Cantwell Public Record Office Victoria  
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 State Library of New South Wales  
 Debra Sealey



## Gold prospecting guide for Dunolly and Moliagul

World-famous for the 1869 discovery of the *Welcome Stranger* gold nugget, the areas around Dunolly and Moliagul are a renowned destination for gold prospecting. Filled with old diggings, historic sites and extensive areas of bushland, the region continues to produce regular gold nugget discoveries to this day. If you're looking to try your luck gold prospecting around Dunolly and Moliagul, we've put together this handy guide to get you started.

### Where to go gold-detecting around Dunolly and Moliagul

As well as on Crown land, gold prospecting is permitted in the following forests and reserves around Dunolly and Moliagul. Please note that this list is not complete (there are many smaller reserves throughout the area which aren't on this list), but will make a good starting point.

- Waanyarra/Dunolly State Forest
- Mt Hooghly State Forest
- Harvest Home State Forest
- Bealiba/Barp State Forest
- Moliagul State Forest
- Moliagul Nature Conservation Reserve
- Moliagul Historic Area (prospecting is not permitted within the direct vicinity of the Welcome Stranger monument and discovery walk)
- Longbush State Forest
- McIntyre Historic Area
- Rheola Hill Historic Area
- Wehla Nature Conservation Reserve
- Kooyoora State Park

Note — designated areas only, see Parks Victoria's Prospecting Map for the Kooyoora State Park.

### Gold panning and sluicing and around Dunolly and Moliagul

Earth Resources' list of rivers and streams where you can't fossick for gold.

Many of the rivers and creeks around Dunolly and Moliagul are off limits for prospecting, with Burnt Creek, Bet Bet Creek, Jones Creek, Waanyarra Creek, Loddon River and Avoca River all appearing on Earth Resources' list of rivers and streams where you can't prospect for gold.

There are some small creeks and gullies around Dunolly and Moliagul which are open for gold prospecting, including the seasonal Moliagul Creek. Dunolly and Moliagul are typically quite dry, and most of the creeks and gullies are seasonal (in fact many are almost always dry). Water is scarce in the area during summer, and many creeks will have minimal flow throughout winter as well (which can be fine for panning and highbanking, but not great for river sluices). Just be sure to double check that the creek or river's name does not appear on that list before heading out.

There are plenty of old mining dams throughout the bush which can be utilised for gold panning and highbanking as well. These are easily spotted on *Google Maps* satellite view. These dams will generally hold water further into summer than the small seasonal gullies throughout the forests.

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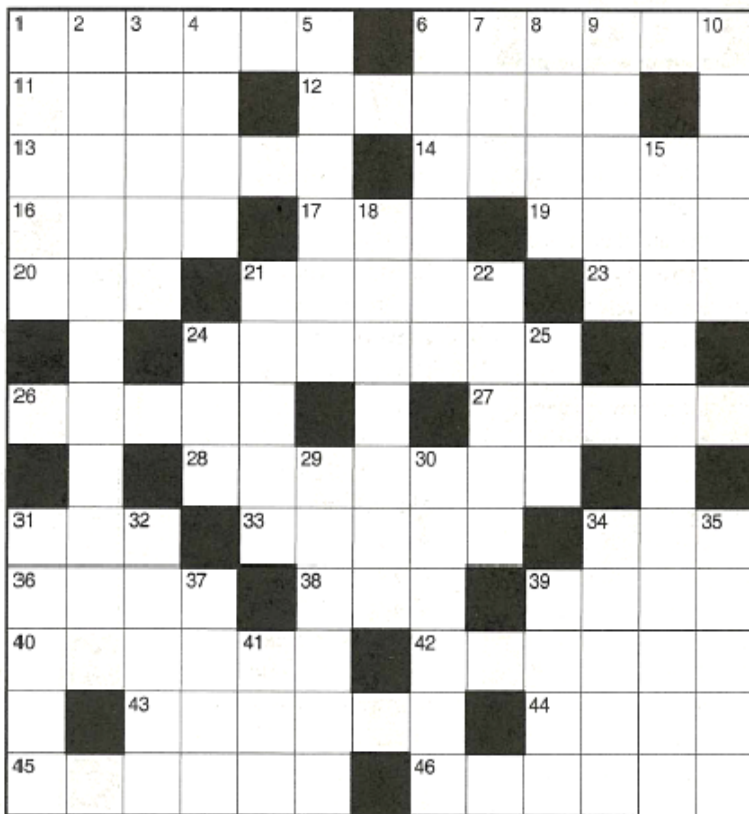
- 1. Afloat without mooring
- 6. One indulging in idle chat
- 11. Come together (for conference, eg.)
- 12. Official language of Libya
- 13. Judge value of
- 14. A subtlety
- 16. Stop (as in '\_\_\_ the rise in inflation')
- 17. Unhappy
- 19. Leg joint
- 20. Take care of baby
- 21. Capital of India, New \_\_\_
- 23. Make blunder
- 24. Satisfying (of food)
- 26. Oscar-winning actress, \_\_\_ Roberts
- 27. Romanian gymnastics champion, \_\_\_ Comaneci

- 28. Rough and weather-beaten (of hands, eg.)
- 31. Little bird
- 33. Implement used to trim lawn
- 34. Disorderly throng
- 36. Area enclosed by walls
- 38. Colouring liquid
- 39. Greater quantity
- 40. Illusory
- 42. Small, long-snouted beetle
- 43. Tennis-playing sister of Venus Williams
- 44. Marine mammal
- 45. Curved (like large beak, eg.)
- 46. Annually

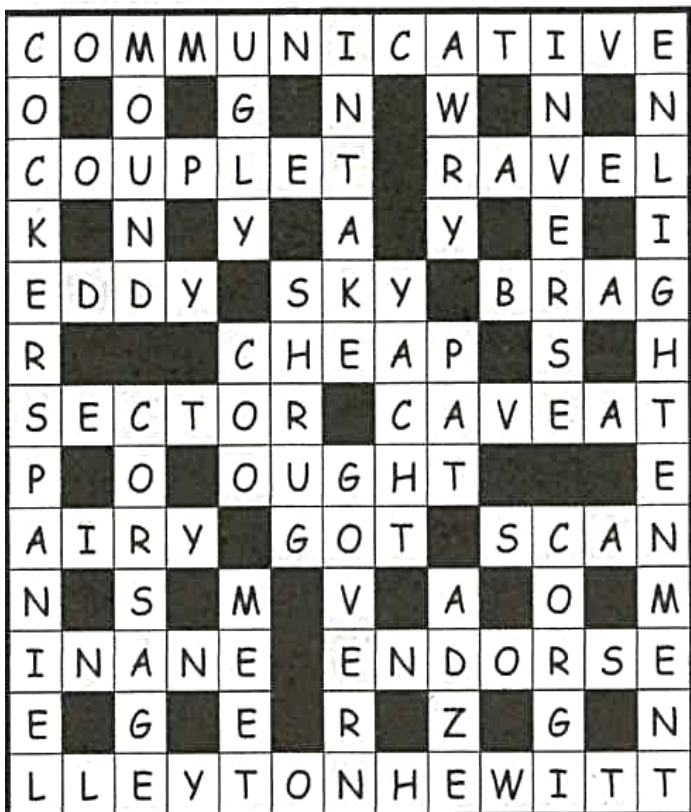
**Down**

- 1. Collect (riches, eg.)
- 2. Impoverishment
- 3. Restored to zero (of gauge, eg.)
- 4. One thing in list
- 5. Ornamental tuft (of threads, eg.)
- 6. Former Indian P.M., Indira \_\_\_
- 7. Oriental sash
- 8. Ill
- 9. Prospect of landscape
- 10. One who compensates monetarily
- 15. Regional
- 18. Abnormally high sensitivity (to pollen, eg.)

- 21. Aust. actress, \_\_\_ Cilento
- 22. On the interior
- 24. Fruit native to SW Asia
- 25. Roam looking for pleasure, \_\_\_ about
- 29. Befuddled
- 30. Margin of freedom
- 31. \_\_\_ is stranger than fiction
- 32. Main section of human body
- 34. One putting forward a motion (in meeting, eg.)
- 35. Stomach
- 37. Submissive in nature
- 39. Flat tableland
- 41. He is, you \_\_\_



***Solution 50***



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CGSC News

**Rheola Culvert**

This impressive little culvert near Rheola is of unknown date, but most probably dates from Rheola's mining heyday in the early to mid 1870s. It is scientifically, historically and aesthetically significant at State level.

This historic culvert's main distinguishing features are its relatively massive granite abutments and wing walls, beautifully crafted and ornamented, in conjunction with a tiny 1.8 metre all-timber longitudinal-timber deck seated directly onto the stone abutments. Featuring an opening of 2.7m high and 1.5m wide with granite used in its construction obtained from a small quarry one mile east of Rheola. This granite-masonry and timber culvert near Rheola is the most sophisticated, decorative and intact example of its type known to the National Trust.

It is situated between the gold-mining centres of Rheola (previously Berlin) and Kingower, on the 1850s mail-coach route between Dunolly and Korong (Wedderburn). However, it was most likely built as part of an 1870s mail-coach route linking Inglewood with Rheola via Kingower. Whenever built, it was an integral part of the colonial transport system of this area once famed for its large gold nuggets. Aesthetically, it is a unique combination of beautifully crafted and ornamented granite-masonry abutments and wing walls, with a simple timber deck and handsome side-rails, in a country-road setting and adjacent to other significant colonial goldfield relics.

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Like many other features of this area, most who drive over this structure are totally unaware what they are bypassing. We hope that during 2021 many of you will take the opportunities to join the Friends of Kooyoora on their monthly explorations of the local area to learn more about its varied environments, history and eco-systems

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**Mid-Week Pennant Teams  
Tuesday 16th February 2021**

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**Dunolly Gold v Dunolly Blue**

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**Saturday Pennant Teams  
Saturday 13th February 2021**

**Dunolly Red v Carisbrook**

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Emergency: H Delconte	Doris Spiteri	Sandra Caldecoat
Christine Kerr		

After bowls next Tuesday 16th February, we are going to lunch in Dunolly at the Country Kitchen, located near the bakery and the Railway Hotel. Anyone interested in going, let Marilyn Mortlock or Sandra know. Can we play any matches this Thursday if possible?

**What a great night**

On Saturday 30th January Dunolly Bowling Club celebrated it's post-Christmas get together. (All rules and regulations were followed).

A huge thank you to the Dunolly and Maryborough business community which all gave generously, and the Blue Pyrenees winery in Avoca. Thank you to all the bowlers who contributed towards the many hampers and raffles.

A function is not put together by one person; many volunteered their time. Friday afternoon was spent wrapping the many hampers, sorting the gift vouchers, setting the tables and getting the clubroom into a festive mood. Saturday everyone helped with food preparation, ready for a big night.

Saturday night the clubroom began to fill with bowlers and guests. The room was coming alive with much laughter and merriment. The hard working bar-persons kept all hydrated. An army of volunteers served the meal. During the evening the raffle tickets were drawn for the hampers, along with the many lucky number raffles. We sold tickets at \$2 for bottles of wine donated by the Blue Pyrenees winery and a gift voucher. This was won by one of our lady bowlers.

We auctioned an AFL voucher kindly donated by a business from Maryborough. The voucher is for four people, including transport and food to an AFL game of their choice.

Thank you to all the bowlers and thank you to the guests who came to the function. Without your kind support and generosity the night would not have been possible, and the great success that it was.

Hannah Delconte —  
Kitchen and Social Club Coordinator  
Dunolly Bowling Club

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2. A point for either.  
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3. a) 2002
4. Coles
5. Simon Yates
6. 'I can see clearly now / the rain has gone'

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Susan Anderson



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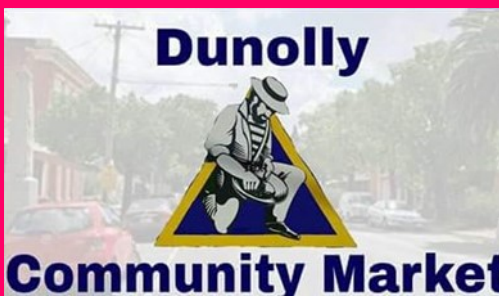
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