

Nuisance or National Treasure?



There is much debate over the worth of kangaroos. Love them or hate them, everyone has an opinion. Many people won't travel after dark in fear of hitting one on the road, while others think the only thing they are good for is dog food.

European forefathers chose the kangaroo, along with the emu, to represent our country. Neither animal can move backwards so they represent a "new" nation always moving forward and advancing.

The Dja Dja Wurrung called the local area Lea Kuribur meaning "the place where the Eastern Grey Kangaroos drink." Many of us grew up watching *Skippy* on television and cheering for the little roo that always saved the day. Interestingly, when visitors come from overseas, one of the first things they want to see are kangaroos.

Kangaroos are unique, unusual and seem out of the ordinary for overseas visitors, so why do these iconic macropods stir up so many emotions for Australians?

I wanted to find out more, so I asked McIntyre Wildlife Shelter, 17 kilometres from Dunolly, if I could visit and take a look around. Some wildlife shelters are not open to the public because cars and too many people frighten the animals, so I felt very privileged.

I was greeted by a small group of carers who were working tirelessly to raise and protect the wildlife. There are times when they are asked to save the lives of many kinds of animals including magpies, possums, and wallabies, but the majority of residents are Eastern Grey Kangaroos. As many as 45 are raised and cared for at a time.

This care takes the form of hourly feeds for the very young, to bottles and hay for older roos. Keeping runs and areas clean from poo is another important task. Even when under 'soft release', the kangaroos will come and go knowing they are safe and there is always a meal ready.

The carers themselves are all volunteers and hail from all over the globe. It was lovely to hear their rich accents as they communicated with the joeys. COVID restrictions and lockdowns have meant that some had to stay longer than their allotted few weeks, but I don't think any of them mind. I could see the love and devotion they had shine through each menial task.

One of the carers said they were confounded about how Australians care so little for their wildlife, especially the kangaroo. I had no answer.

All the kangaroos I met were friendly, curious and tame; they came up to me freely and sniffed me over from head to foot! One even nibbled my boot. The carers told me the kangaroo was a sensitive and caring creature, and that each joey had his or her own personality.

Interestingly I learnt it is impossible for kangaroo numbers to explode because females only have one joey a year. The joey takes 12 months to grow too big for the pouch, but before that it hops in and out at will.

Even when it becomes too big for the pouch, a joey will still return and stick its head in to suckle milk. And while a female may have a younger joey in her pouch, only half of the joeys born live to maturity.

So why does it appear there are so many of them? That's where we come in. Populations appear larger in some places simply because we are expanding into regional and rural areas. The animals are being pushed into areas where other kangaroo mobs are already living and while numbers seem to have increased, it is only because their space has diminished.

So, each year the habitat reduces as more kangaroos are forced into smaller pockets of land. Unfortunately, many people believe the answer is to brand kangaroos as pests and to kill them.

What can you do? Fencing matters. Dog or joint fencing doesn't allow small joeys to follow their parents and they can become stuck or left behind. As well, single strands of wire running across the top can cause kangaroos to get their back feet hooked on the wire. This is called "hanging" and often leads to death. You may also want to consider fitting your car with warning devices and to slow down.

If you see an injured kangaroo or any other animal always call for help, regardless of the time of day or night. Do not try to assist an injured kangaroo as a swift kick from those back legs may cause you injury. As well, never try to unlatch a suckling joey from its mother's teat, as you may break its jaw.

Remember, always call for help and let the experts do the job they were trained to do.

Kangaroos are revered for their unique qualities, tight family bonds, and their association with a country which prides itself on freedom and giving everyone a fair go. It's time to rethink the way we pass judgement on kangaroos and embrace the diversity they offer.

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Rosie's Ramble

Yellow certainly seems to be the colour of Spring this year. I went to Bendigo this morning (only because I had to, straight up and back and only to the place I had to go). The canola has faded but has been replaced by a later flowering wattle in the bush. It seems to have been a great year for paper daisies (everlastings). They are all along the roadsides and through the bush. There is also wild tobacco or Aaron's Rod or Morning Glory, depending on where you live. Mr Ramble worked for the Lands Department through all the name changes for about 40 years, and knew the name of every noxious weed in the state. He certainly would have noticed the Hoary Cress in Newbridge, and Paterson's Curse (or Salvation Jane) in the paddocks closer to Bendigo.

Another shrub which seems to have enjoyed the damp year is the banksia rose. It is a very energetic plant which puts on a great display.

When I go out on the road I seem to attract loony drivers. This morning a huge transport caught up to me just after Tarnagulla. Wasn't too bad while he was on the right side of the road, but when he started to drive down the centre of the road I decided to bail out. When it was safe, I pulled off the road and let him roar past. I am never sure whether to call the police when something like this happens, as it was very dangerous. PS: I do not beetle along at 80kph and annoy other drivers.

I made rissoles for my dinner the other day and found I had no breadcrumbs to roll them in. A search of the pantry revealed a packet of quinoa, so I used that instead. Not a great culinary discovery, but very tasty and crunchy.

I wonder who is responsible for repairing big holes and collapsing roadsides near railway crossings — VicRoads, VicRail or the shire? There is one at the crossing on Broadway, and quite a bad one at Bet Bet. They are becoming dangerous.

That was a ripper of a thunderstorm during the past week — very loud and very wet. Hope there was no damage around the area.

My Blue Pacific tree is very beautiful again this year. I was admiring it and was quite surprised to see the number of pollen collectors that were on it. It was alive with winged creatures — many bees of different shapes and colours, and lots of hovering insects. Quite a nature study lesson.

Rosie



TWISTED PROVERBS

Never put off until tomorrow something that can be avoided altogether.
Ann Landers

The meek shall inherit the earth, but not the mineral rights.
John Paul Getty



Letters to the Editor

Humming noise

Can anyone in the Bromley area please explain where the humming noise is coming from?

It is 24 hours a day and sounds as if you are standing under a power station. It has been going for several months.

The humming seems to be north of Betley Road and travels across to Eddington Road.

Our bags are getting packed as we are unable to sleep or have any quiet time any more.

Thank you to anyone who can help to get rid of it.

Anna, Bromley

Beach Dreams at Tarnagulla

A reminder that Tarnagulla is about to come alive this weekend, with a burst of colour and design! Not to be deterred by the fact that the Loddon Valley Arts Trail was postponed, some of the artists and creatives who had prepared for the event are now combining their talents in a unique presentation, catering for a wide range of visitors in a fun and interactive experience. The event will be held in the garden of the fabulous Octopus and Queen vintage home and garden store, already a magical fairyland with a quirky and colourful beach theme and which has often been featured in local Arts Trails.

The inspired and creative collaboration between these local businesses and artists who have come together in this venture is something which should be applauded and it is certainly a great model for other tourism events into the future.

Octopus and Queen is located in Commercial Road, Tarnagulla (Dunolly-Bridgewater Road).

QR Code check-in and COVID-safe event plans are in place. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm this Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th October. Hope to see you there.

Jenny Scott



Our new logo

For some time we've been playing around with different fonts and colours to use as our signature on emails and letterheads, but nothing seemed quite right.

We have such a wealth of talented people in Dunolly, so we put out feelers to the Neighbourhood Centre.

We were fortunate to find Nat Soulsby, a local lady who is a graphic designer. Nat runs a small one-woman business, but is never-the-less highly professional.

Nat designed a number of different logos for our consideration, and we chose this one. We love it!

Should anyone require the services of a graphic designer, Nat is the lady for you. Check out her website:

www.soulsbydesign.com.au or you can contact her on 0419 362 267 or email: nat@soulsbydesign.com.au

Thank you Nat for our lovely design.

Susan Anderson

PS: Below is Nat's advertisement which she designed herself — an example of her work.



Central Goldfields Shire Council

Draft Phillips Gardens Landscape Plan

We're creating a Landscape Plan for the Phillips Gardens and we need your help. The Landscape Plan will guide improvements to the gardens over the next 10 years. This is an important project and will guide upgrades to paths, fencing, pathway edging, seating and plant selection. To provide feedback:

- Complete the online survey:

www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.au/phillipsgardens

- Take a photo of what you'd like to keep or change at the gardens and upload it to:

www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/phillipsgardens

- Call: Council's Coordinator Parks and Open Spaces Brenton Hull on 0431 295 021.
- Email: Brenton.hull@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au
- Feedback closes 5pm, Friday 29 October.
- Feedback will inform the Draft Plan which will be made available for community feedback late 2021.

Bealiba News

Good news – the Bealiba Hall upgrade is now complete. Thanks to Anne Webster MP and the Federal Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure Program the following works are now complete:

- New kitchen and kitchen appliances.
- Split system air conditioner installed in the Main Hall.
- Floors were sanded, re-coated and polished.

In the coming weeks, new play equipment will also be installed — along with new shade sails over both play areas.

Dunolly footpath projects

Works to construct two new footpaths in Dunolly are continuing this week.

A new, 300 metre stretch of footpath is being constructed along Bull Street, between Market Street and Havelock Street. The footpath will provide a connection to the entrance of the Dunolly Hospital.

The second project involves the construction of a new 100 metre stretch of footpath along Market Street, from Bull Street to the Dunolly Swimming Pool.

Both projects are funded as part of the 2021-2022 Council Budget.

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

Community grants open now

\$60,000 is up for grabs as part of Council's community grants program.

\$30,000 is available in this year's Community Support Grants program, with grants above \$500 available to community groups and organisations looking to restart programs and rebuild community activities.

In partnership with the Victorian Government, there is also \$30,000 on offer as part of the CASI Community Recovery Grants program.

This funding will enable local organisations and groups to support people who experience loneliness, isolation and disconnection to establish social networks.

Applications for both programs close on Friday 19th November with recipients to be announced in December.

For more information, and to access the online application process, visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

You can also contact Council's CASI Community Connector James Rigby on 0428 927 338 or james.rigby@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au.

Calling all local groups, organisations and sporting clubs

Recently we launched "Keeping Mentally Well" — a set of mental health information resources aimed at supporting our community.

The 'Keeping Mentally Well' materials provide advice and guidance to people who may be struggling with their mental health or may be looking at ways to support someone they know.

We're keen to get the resources out to as many people in our community as possible. Can your group, organisation or service help us?

Please get in touch and we can arrange delivery of the resources to you.

Contact Council's CASI Community Connector James Rigby on 0428 927 338. For more information visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/mentalhealthresources

The project has been delivered by Council, in partnership with the Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership, and has been made possible thanks to funding from the Victorian Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative.



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There are a lot of good things happening in our shire. The Maryborough Hospital, Gordon Gardens, finally the Carisbrook levee, Dunolly's Deledio oval and many, many more.

It is great to see so many projects up and running. Our council staff do an amazing job, and the annual reports and studies confirm the great work of the CGSC staff. A huge well done to them.

We have things called Priority Projects. These are wish lists and goals for management to keep in mind and work towards. There are a lot of aspects which affect whether they are achievable or not.

Back in 2018 the priority list was:

- The youth hub.
- Talbot water.
- Maryborough splash park.
- Gordon Gardens.
- Carisbrook oval (\$1.8M then).
- The Carisbrook levee (\$900K back then).

Then look at the new elected council's priority list.

The first item voted to be priority was the Airport then followed with these Priority Projects:

- Maryborough Railway Station.
- Carisbrook Levee.
- Wastewater for a growing Talbot.
- Developing a pathway network.
- Central Goldfields Art Gallery upgrade.
- Carisbrook Recreation Reserve Stage.
- Dunolly's Deledio Oval.
- Maryborough Splash Park.
- Central Goldfields Youth Hub.

It is pleasing to see some of these priority items getting a look in. One of our biggest concerns is the youth of our shire. They appear to be constantly mentioned, yet nothing happening.

We do acknowledge the sacking of the previous elected councillors (43 per cent satisfaction survey) then the Administrators 57 per cent then 53 per cent, then the return of the elected Councillors with another poor 53 per cent. There are still a lot of issues going back pre Administrators which need completion. Three of the

biggest concerns is our youth, employment and industry. We would like to see the Maryborough Town Hall brought back into use and have more effort into our future — our youth!

The Council's Carisbrook levee expenditure update <https://engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrooklevee>

Council claims at all its selected public consultation meetings and in media it has the best engineers and plans available, which CGR&RAI has mentioned before.

Our concern of the perceived disregard, arrogance and lack of local knowledge of council and councillor attitudes are seemingly spelled out clearly in council's above report and highlighted in this *Facebook* thread: <https://www.facebook.com/.../19953772.../1043962879790272/>

We ask council to speak to us, give us credit for local knowledge and let us start working together.

Due to the health regulations and the availability of venues, CGR&RAI will be having our meetings using *Zoom* online. Please contact us if anyone has concerns.

We intend to advertise publicly, then notify all financial members of our meetings, provide agendas, invite members to attend, or reply to the agenda with submissions for the items. After each meeting we will provide all financial members with full minutes. For those who do not have online capabilities, you will be kept up to date, and we will mail out hard copies of our meetings to all non-online members. We would like to make ourselves available to all the community.

Our next meeting will be on 9th November 2021 at 6.30pm and our AGM will be 7th December 2021 both via *Zoom*. All positions will be open and submissions welcome for all positions.

Nomination forms are on our *Facebook* page <https://www.facebook.com/cgoldratepayers> or contact us on cgoldratepayers@mail.com

Our long ongoing COVID situation with lockdowns has been eased as of 22nd October, meaning visitors will now be permitted to our homes with limitations on numbers.

Take care, use understanding, support each other and keep in contact.

Wayne McKail,
President

Bird counting project

Do you want to take part in a Citizen Science project? It doesn't cost anything, is fun to do and contributes to scientific knowledge.

Every Year Birdlife Australia runs the Aussie Backyard Bird Count. Everyone is invited to record what birds they can see within a 20 minute period, between 18th and 24th of October. You can do as many recordings as you like during the week and it is a great family activity.

The information is collated so that emerging trends in bird populations and numbers can be compared from year to year. The survey results contribute to an understanding of the health of the environment. The website has a great list of resources to help you identify birds, including recordings of different bird songs and great photos. Enter you results at the website Resources – Aussie Backyard <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/submit-a-count/>

The red rumped parrot, eastern rosella, willie wagtails, welcome swallows and magpies are a few I have already seen today.

Lisa Mahon





Winner of \$50 voucher drawn

Congratulations to Karina Calquhoun, who won our \$50 voucher to the Gold and Grain Café. Karina gave me some thoughtful ideas for the Neighbourhood Centre. Enjoy, Karina.

New classes at the Arts Hub

We are excited to offer these two new classes at the Hub, facilitated by our talented Sue Day!

◆ Create & Relax Art Space

Dunolly Arts Hub, Wednesdays 1 to 2.30 pm

Cost: \$7

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To book call Sue 0421 582 067.



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Digital vaccination certificate

Having trouble with your digital vaccination certificate? It can be an absolute nightmare getting your vaccination certificate onto your Services Vic app. I have helped a couple of Dunolly locals with their certificates, and I am happy to help any community member who is struggling

with this. Just be aware, you need to have a MyGov account linked to your Medicare account. If you don't have these, I can still help, but the appointment will take around an hour! If you have MyGov and Medicare linked already, it should take around 10 minutes.

PLEASE CALL TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TIME.

I can't emphasise this enough! Call the Centre, and I'll let you know what you need. You can also get a hard copy certificate sent to you from the Australian Immunisation Register if this is all too much.

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-12, 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 (corner Thompson and Alice streets), which has a very clever Mosaic group meeting on Mondays at 10am, plus upcoming workshops with Sue Day.

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 St, beside the hospital.

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

The Dunolly Arts Hub Annual Art Exhibition 2021

This year, due to ongoing COVID uncertainty, the annual exhibition will be published online. The exhibition, starting Saturday 20th November for seven days, will be available for viewing and for folk to vote in the People's Choice Prize. The exhibition can also be accessed on the Dunolly Arts Hub Facebook page or alternately at the Neighbourhood Centre where you can view online on the Centre's computer. Please bring your artwork to the Arts Hub and Lynda will photograph it and register you for the exhibition. The photo sessions are on Monday afternoons from 12 to 4pm. Dates are 25th October and 1st, 8th and 15th November. So please show us your artworks — this is a casual, easy going event, meant only to uplift and bring a little colour into our lives. If you have any questions please call 0418 875 453, you can enter three pieces per person. I can also arrange other times to photograph if you can't make the photo sessions — just call or message me.

Lynda Vater

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Welcome to our October 2021 newsletter.

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Another scam

This month we want to let you know about a Woolworths Job mobile phone scam doing the rounds:

Aussies are being warned not to click on a text message purporting to be sent from Woolworths because scammers are behind it.

The latest scam message circulating promises someone to join the Woolworths team with a decent salary of \$200 a day.

It's a particularly malicious ploy as Australians are more vulnerable for work because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The text message reads: "I am an (sic) Woolworths project manager, we are hiring a team, you can work from home, daily salary: 200+ WhatsApp understand."

Mobile phone scam from news.com.au and scamwatch.com.au:

Jobs and employment scams have cost Australians \$921,627, according to ScamWatch.

I am an Woolworths project manager, we are hiring a team, you can work from home, daily salary: 200+whatsapp understand wa.me/12185022651

On its website, Woolworths warns customers: "Scammers have become more prolific with new scams popping up each day. Customers are requested to remain alert and report anything that may look suspicious. If it sounds too good to be true, it often is."

Scamwatch said people often fall prey to employment scams because of the promise of easy money.

"Jobs and employment scams trick you into handing over your money by offering you a "guaranteed" way to make fast money or a high-paying job for little effort."

In tech news

Windows 11 has been released.

It will be a free upgrade for eligible Windows 10 PCs. For PCs that don't meet the requirements of Windows 11, Windows 10 will continue mainstream support until 14th October, 2025 which is the end of its 10-year life cycle.

How time flies!

FYI – Windows 7 was released on October 22, 2009 and the first iPhone in 2007.

Kind regards

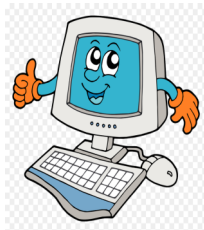
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Pet owners urged to keep an eye out for snake bites

With spring well underway and the temperature climbing, Maryborough Veterinary is encouraging locals to keep their eyes on their pets and be on the lookout for snakes.

The clinic has seen several snake bites already this season despite the uncharacteristically chilly weather and has put the call for residents to be aware that snakes are active in the area.

The practice has seen snake bites on both private property and public land, including in local bushland where dogs have been bitten while being walked by their owners.

Maryborough Veterinary Practice vet James Chadwick said "If you're seeing snakes or think they're around, my advice is to avoid them.

"If there's a snake in your house for example, or somewhere you can't avoid it, call a snake catcher. It's also worth preventing snakes from being attracted to your property; doing things like cleaning up your yard, keeping vermin down and just generally making your property an unattractive place for snakes; keep grass short and that sort of thing."

Despite some cooler spring days, Chadwick said this year's snake season started around the same time as normal, with snakes making the most of the few warm days we've seen.

"Snakes are generally active in months with an R in them. The weather has been a bit funny lately, but certainly on warmer days we are seeing snakes around," he said.

"Most commonly we see domestic pets like dogs and cats presented to us with snake bites, but the average snake injects enough venom to be able to kill a 500 kilogram horse, so larger animals like cows and sheep can also be susceptible."

Mr Chadwick said the symptoms of a snake bite are similar for both dogs and cats, with a few key differences to keep an eye out for.

"Dogs will normally have an immediate reaction to the bite; they'll collapse, vomit, have a seizure and diarrhoea and then will make an apparent recovery," he said.

"Dogs will start to deteriorate after that and will become wobbly in the back end, have trouble walking, drool, have dilated pupils and difficulty swallowing.

"Cats can have the same reactions, but generally it's more delayed and it tends to be several hours after they're bitten. It's quite common for people to wake up in the morning and find their cat can't walk or is paralysed. Cats can certainly have other symptoms like dilated pupils and no gag reflex, but paralysis is the most common."

Mr Chadwick said if you think your pet has been bitten by a snake, contact the vet immediately.

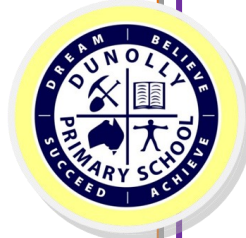
"Give us a call and bring your pet to the vet, particularly with dogs. You've only got a small amount of time and if you're waiting around to see what happens, that can be the difference between the animal surviving or not.

"Snakes will be active until around May next year, so do keep an eye out and be aware they're around."

The Maryborough Veterinary Practice can be contacted on 5481 4486.

Story by Riley Upton
Courtesy *The Maryborough Advertiser*

Around school this week



WELCOME BACK ON SITE TO OUR SENIORS THIS WEEK !!

We know it was only two days, but how fantastic to be back with your class for those two days. A reminder we have one more week of the staggered return. Any onsite supervision applications should have been submitted by 9am Friday.

DON'T FORGET HATS, DRINK BOTTLES AND MASKS (yr 3-6 mandatory, P-2 recommended).

COMING SOON !! The book fair 📖 📖 while lots of things are cancelled, we have saved this for the return to on site for all students. Week 5!! Start doing those little jobs to get in sweet with your parents/carers kids !! 🍌 🍌

School Council News

School Council has approved a Curriculum Day on Monday 1st November.

Staff will be involved in a Literacy PD as part of our school focus on reading.
Finance meeting Monday October 25th at 3.30pm

School Council meeting Monday 25th October at 7pm

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – Jayda Payne

Year 2/3 – Natalie Raven

Year 4/5 – Lily Malcolm

Year 5/6 – Thomas Pilbeam



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The grass will once again turn green

A song by Ivan Bowman about the hardships farmers face

I lived out on a farm, did no one any harm.
 Made a living from my Woolies and my crops,
 When the big dry settled in and I almost chucked it in.
 This farming sure turned out to be a flop,
 The pasture turned to dust,
 the dams to sun-baked mud,
 The sheep were all bones and misery.
 When I said goodbye to Jack,
 the old farmer down the track,
 He said: "Son just you listen here to me."

CHORUS : The grass will once again turn green,
 The flowers will bloom in the spring.
 And life will be like it's always been,
 When the grass once again turns to green.

Rain started to come down,
 I was glad I stayed around,
 It really was a lovely sight to see.
 With the paddocks turned to green,
 good water cool and clean.
 Don't think I've ever had more healthy sheep.
 But the rain kept coming down,
 my sheep they all got drowned.
 My farm became a muddy sea,
 I would have left it then,
 but those words came back again,
 I remembered what old Jack had said to me.

CHORUS:

The floods had been and gone
 as time kept matching on.
 As I gazed across the fields of ripening wheat
 The very day the harvest is complete.
 Then one day a north wind came
 and somebody lit a flame,
 My farm became a smouldering heap.
 With my living gone in smoke I guess my spirit broke,
 And I headed for a city life of ease.

CHORUS:

I trudged those city streets,
 for weeks and weeks and weeks,
 To find a job and try to earn my keep.
 But soon I had enough as this city life is tough,
 Can't get a job no matter how I please.
 I missed the open space, and life's gentler pace,
 And the friendly country people that you meet.
 So I'm heading off again, back the way I came,
 To the country where the living's hard to beat.

CHORUS:

Not something I experienced myself as a farmer, but has probably occurred somewhere in Australia, given our climate.

Ivan Bowman

Stories from Cynthia

With all the dramatic events that have befallen me over the years, it is sometimes hard to find things that I am really good at. Not many, I fear; however there is one thing I can boast about — a cast iron stomach.

Yes, that is really true and I can travel in rough seas, in bumpy planes, on windy, windy roads and never, ever feel queasy. When I was very small, my mother used to take us to visit my Aunt Jean in Hobart and we would travel over Bass Strait on the *Taroona*, the only boat then between Tasmania and the Mainland, long before the *Spirit of Tasmania*. Bass Strait, being one of the roughest seas in the world, can play havoc with one's insides. On my first trip, I asked my mother why so many people were hanging over the side and they were only a few of the many passengers throwing up in their cabins. According to mother, I was the only passenger who wasn't sick.

When I was about 10, I began visiting my aunt and cousins in Hobart, which was very exciting as I had no sisters and cousin Sue had only one brother. I travelled on a DC-9 boneshaker aircraft which held about 20 passengers, and my first flight was a very bumpy ride and passengers were moaning and groaning and using their paper bags, whereas I was gazing out the window and happily sucking on my barley sugar.

One boat trip was not as pleasant for everyone. My Aunt Jean — yes, there she is again — visited London with one of her friends during the time I was living there, and invited me to accompany them on a trip to Ireland. We booked on the overnight ferry and it was a particularly rough trip. Joyce, my aunt's friend, stayed in her cabin at dinner and we discovered that she was so violently seasick that she said she must be dying and if not, then she just wanted to die. Next morning we docked at Dun Laoghaire and were told to disembark but we said we were going on to Dun Leary. We were politely informed that this was it; we just didn't know how to spell it. When Jean went to help Joyce to get ready to leave she found her too ill to move from her bunk so the captain told us that a nurse would attend to her and we should go ashore and return in an hour or two. I never could have imagined anyone still being seasick after they had landed.



Luna Park was a favourite place for me and my school friends and I loved the fast rides. I found the Scenic Railway too tame, but the speed of the Big Dipper with all its sudden dives and loops was my favourite. When my friends were screaming with fear and tottered off at the end with stomachs churning, I would have to go again. Maybe this particular quality is good because it also means I have no fear of heights. I have climbed on a little ladder over the roof of Notre Dame in Paris. When I went up the Eiffel Tower most people stop at the glassed in viewing tower, but a few fearless ones climb the last set of stairs to stand on the tippy top, open to the wind whistling around the ears to get a perfect view of Paris, and of course I was one of those people. Anyone who happened to read one of my stories of how I met my first husband may recall how I stepped out on a windowsill three storeys high to open a window next door to retrieve his double bass. Ask me now and I just might refuse.

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Massive boost for local sport infrastructure

The Andrews Labor Government is ready to partner with Western Victoria to build new and transform existing sport and active recreation facilities which will result in enhanced participation opportunities for more Victorians. Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today announced that applications for the 2021-22 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund are now open.

Up to \$27 million is available to deliver new and improved facilities across the state, with a particular focus on providing facilities to encourage participation among women and girls. With a number of clubs and communities doing it tough over the course of the pandemic, the fund will help to stimulate local economies and a return to sport by investing in critical community infrastructure. The fund supports projects across five funding streams including indoor stadiums/aquatic centres, female friendly facilities, community sports lighting, community facilities, and planning.

Highlights of the 2021-22 round include a new maximum grant amount for female friendly facilities of up to \$800,000 to support more women and girls securing the benefits of participation in sport and active recreation. Further, the Planning Stream has been reintroduced to support municipal and regional planning projects that determine future sport and active recreation needs.

Since 2014, the Andrews Labor Government has invested \$1.1 billion in community sport and active recreation infrastructure. The Local Sports Infrastructure Fund is part of a suite of infrastructure programs including the World Game Facilities Fund, Community Motorsport Program and the Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme. Interested clubs are advised to contact their local council to help with the application process. For more information or to apply online visit sport.vic.gov.au

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Church News

Catholic Church

There will be Mass at St. Mary's Church Dunolly on Sunday 24th October at 8.30am.

When 70 per cent of those over 16 are fully vaccinated we will be able to have up to 36 people at Mass.

R. Mecredy

*Fill us with your love , O Lord,
and we will sing for joy.*

PS.89: 12-17

Uniting Church, Dunolly

Service on Sunday 24th October at 9.30am will be led by a representative from Gideons in Bendigo. There will be a retiring offering for the continuation of the work of the Gideons.

The Op Shop will be open on Tuesday 9.30am to 2pm, Thursday and Friday 10am to 4pm. The summer stock is now for sale.

Linda Pickering

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

*"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and
to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Mark 10.45



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Loddon Shire Mayoral Column

Updated Roadmap announced

With Victoria set to hit its 70 per cent double dose vaccination target early, the Victorian Premier has announced an updated Roadmap, which will see the easing of some restrictions from 11.59pm this Thursday 21 October, 2021.

From this date, 10 people (including dependents) per day will be able to visit homes. To ensure this is done safely, it's highly recommended that Victorians only permit people aged 12 years and over who are fully vaccinated to visit them at home.

Up to 20 people can gather outdoors, including dependents. Again, vaccination is strongly recommended. Pubs, clubs and entertainment venues will open indoors to 30 fully vaccinated people.

All school students will return onsite full time from this Friday.

Movement between regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will only be allowed for permitted reasons, and masks will still be required both indoors and outdoors for all Victorians.

The next milestone in the Roadmap will be when Victoria hits the 80 per cent double dose vaccination target, which is predicted to be the first week of November

For more information on the Roadmap visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap

Australia Day nominations close 29th October

A reminder that nominations for the 2022 Australia Day awards close at 5pm Friday, 29 October.

Nomination forms for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Service Award, Community Group of the Year, and Community Event of the Year are available on the Loddon Shire website.

The forms are now fillable online and can be sent via

email to australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au

If you prefer to print the form and complete it manually, it can be sent to PO Box 21 Wedderburn VIC 3518.

Nomination forms and further information is available from: www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day/Australia-Day-awards

or by emailing australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au

Entries for Australia Day competitions close 29th October

A reminder that entries for Australia Day competitions close at 4pm Friday 29th October 2021.

There are competitions for colouring (Prep to Grade 2), photography (Junior, Senior and Open categories) and literature (for Prep to Year 12).

The competitions are free to enter. For more information go to: www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day/Australia-Day-competitions

Healthy Minds Network 2021

Art Competition winners

I'd like to congratulate all the winners of this year's Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition.

The 2021 Best in Show was awarded to Wedderburn P-12 Year 11 student Samantha Arnup for the theme "It's OK not to be OK – Stay Connected". Samantha's message depicted "There is always someone to lend a helping hand". Samantha's artwork involved the imaginative use of UV paint that glowed in the dark when illuminated under a black light UV lamp.

I'd like to thank everyone who provided entries for this year's competition. A full list of the section winners is available from the Loddon Healthy Minds Network website: <https://bit.ly/3FyHHes>

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Many people in our community have lost their partners and/or have no immediate family around them. This group of people live largely unseen and forgotten until now.

Through this program we will provide free meals at a community location, thereby providing the social stimulation, and also the ability to purchase frozen meals at reasonable prices to take home, so nutrition is covered.

We thank all the sponsors for making this program possible.

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REGISTER: To register and receive free meal samples to test the quality, flavour and variety on offer prior to commencement of the program, call Trevor Read 0474 846 005 who will run you through the program and provide order forms. Once you've selected your menu, you can lodge the form with the Dunolly Post Office or call Trevor to collect forms. You may order as many meals as you like.

HELP NEEDED: To volunteer your time to help in the kitchen, dining room, cleaning, drivers etc:

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MENU

Soup \$3

Cream of Pumpkin
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Potato and leek
Chicken and Sweetcorn
Tomato



Mains \$7.50

Roast Beef, roast vegetables and greens, served with home-made beef stock gravy.

Roast Lamb, roast vegetables and greens, served with home-made gravy.

Roast Pork, roast vegetables and greens, served with home-made gravy.

Roast Chicken, roast vegetables and greens, served with home-made chicken gravy.

BBQ plum marinated Pork Spare Ribs, scalloped potatoes and steamed vegetables, served with plum and red wine sauce.

Baked Pork Chops, glazed in honey and orange juice, mash potato and greens, served with home-made gravy.

Chicken Kiev, steamed chat potato and vegetables, served with home-made garlic sauce.

Chicken Cacciatore, tomato based, with capsicum, olives, onion, celery and mushrooms, served with steamed rice.

Vegetarian Lasagne, roast potato and vegetables.

Vegetarian Slice, zucchini, onion, capsicum, carrot and mixed vegies, served with chat potato and steamed vegetables.

Lasagne, home made, served with chat potatoes and vegetables.

Sausages and onion gravy, served with mashed potato and steamed vegetables.

Lamb Chops, scalloped potato and steamed vegetables, served with home-made gravy.

Desserts \$3

Bread and butter pudding (contains sultanas).

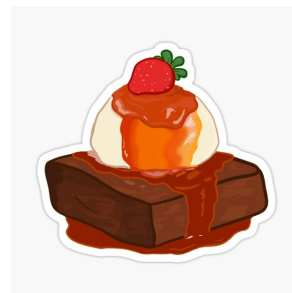
Home-made sticky date pudding with caramel sauce.

Pavlova topped with fresh fruit.

Apple Crumble.

Poached pears in red wine.

Apple and rhubarb pie.



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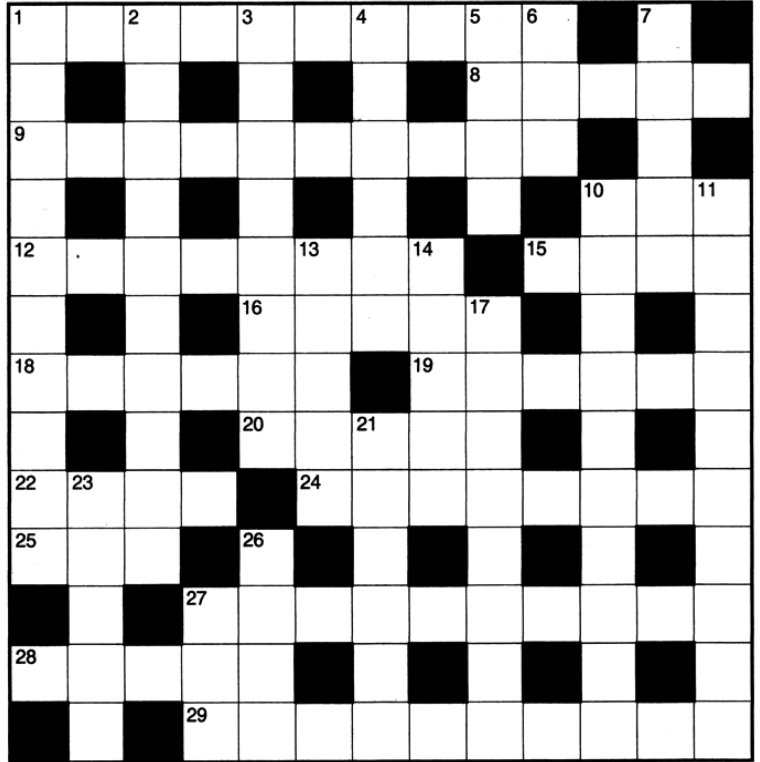
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| 25. Compete in election | 17. Helicopter, eg. | 23. Short and chubby | 27. By means of |
| 27. Confirmation | | | |
| 28. To damage | | | |
| 29. Act of willingly taking something offered | | | |

Across

1. Premier of South Australia from 2011, Jay ___
8. Large soft-feathered duck
9. Forcibly held back
10. Coat of animal
12. Adversity
15. Depart hurriedly
16. Great excitement
18. Vertical supporting column
19. Make hole in (ear, eg.) so as to wear jewellery
20. Interminable, ___-ending
22. Mild-tasting cheese

Down

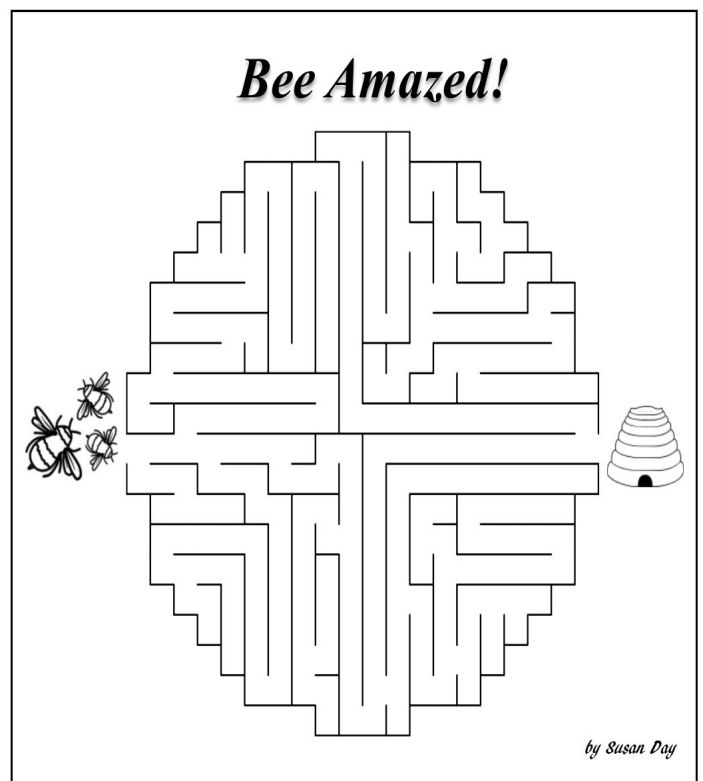
1. One with love and devotion for a deity
2. Inhabitant of New South Wales, eg.
3. One who tends cattle
4. Dried fruit
5. Onion-like vegetable
6. Movable top on container
7. Theatrical song and dance show
10. Casual involvement
11. Remorse for past behaviour
13. Living quarters for women in Muslim household



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Eddington Community Centre Committee Incorporated

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Notice is given of a **PUBLIC MEETING TRI-AGM** (Every three years) to be held at Eddington Community Centre on Sunday 21st November 2021 commencing at 7:30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Eddington Community Centre Committee Incorporated for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on Sunday 21st November 2021.

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting.

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Veronica Palmer, Secretary



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Trail of Vintage Clothing & Collectables



After having been postponed last year, the Avoca/Dunolly Vintage Clothing & Collectables Trail makes a welcome return on the weekend of the 30th and 31st October.

This year three Dunolly businesses are taking part, Dunolly Treasure Chest, Broadway Antiques & Collectables and Dunolly Nik Naks & Gallery. After visiting these, you can then travel the scenic 37km route to High Street in Avoca, where you will find another nine businesses displaying their wares for sale. Maps will be available at some of the participating businesses.

Jenny Scott

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DUNOLLY BOWLS

Last week we held our junior vote count. Sadly it was online and not in person like we hoped, but since it had been so long since our junior Eagles played, we wanted them to know how awesome they were.

It has been a tough year for our juniors with a very disrupted second half of the season, usually finding out on the Thursday after training our games were cancelled for that weekend, or rules changing, but our young eagles showed a heap of resilience and made their parents and coaches proud.

Below are our trophy winners from 2021. Congratulations to everyone on a great season.



Netball

11 & Under

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| Best and Fairest | Mia Schodde |
| Runner Up B & F | Taylah Schodde |
| Coaches Award | Alexis Holliday |
| Most Improved | Lily Malcolm |
| Most Consistent | Eliza Condie |

13 & Under

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Best and Fairest | Isaac Scott |
| Runner Up B & F | Ava Holland |
| Most Improved | Audrey Woodroffe |
| Most Consistent | Charlotte Liddicoat |

15 & Under

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Best and Fairest | Chloe Goodwin |
| Runner Up B & F | Jade Marson |
| Coaches Award | Ruby Lang |
| Most Improved | Dakota Taylor-Irwin |



Football

Under 11.5

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|------------------|------------------|
| Best and Fairest | Liam Colquhoun |
| Runner Up B & F | Zane Tyzack |
| Coaches Award | Elliot Hallworth |
| Most Improved | Edward Crumpton |
| Most Consistent | William Crumpton |
| Most Disciplined | Connor Owen-Gale |

Thank you to our parents who were just as frustrated by the ever-changing restrictions. Yes it wasn't fair in the end with restrictions, meaning we couldn't do our usual game day catch-ups and drop and pick up trainings, but because of us following these regulations, we got to stick it out a bit longer than some other leagues.

On the senior front, we are looking at pre-season and a bit of a revamp to our schedule, and with new coaches all around, it is exciting to hear what they are thinking and planning.

As always behind the scenes nothing really stops with us working on wrapping up this season and starting plans for 2022. Preparing for our AGM which should be announced soon.

Lots of exciting things to come for Dunolly Football Netball Club in 2022 for everyone; we can't wait.

Sam Wakeman
President

Our industrious Greens Director, Greg, has the Greens nearly perfect. By the start of pennant the greens will be a pleasure to play on. Greg attends to the greens almost on a daily basis spending many hours mowing, rolling and plucking the pesky little mushrooms which insist on popping up.

Tuesday 12th October

We enjoyed a picture perfect morning for a few hours of practice.

Saturday 16th October

Bowlers enjoyed another pleasant day for a practice. For the bowlers not on social media, Barry will print out copies of the Mid week and Saturday pennant dates. These will be left on the bar. I will put up a copy of each on the outside notice board (next to the blackboard). I forgot to mention in last week's issue, welcome to Debbie, Catherine and Karen. After practice we enjoyed a cuppa in the club room.

Coming Event



You are cordially invited to the
Dunolly Bowling Club
Melbourne Cup Day Extravaganza,
Under the Veranda,
Tuesday 3rd November, starting at 12.30pm.
Cost \$10 per head

Included in the price of this fabulous day is a complimentary glass of champagne or soft drink. Finger food and sweets served during the afternoon. Come along for a friendly game of bowls with your bowling friends.

A prize for the weirdest dress. Our surprise bookie for the day will also be running sweeps.

Please put your name down. There is a list in the cupboard (near the blackboard) outside; also on the notice board inside. RSVP Saturday 30th October, for catering purposes.

All COVID restrictions will be strictly observed. Please always remember to sign in using the QR code or manually pen and paper on the bar.

Hannah Delconte



Louise Staley MP

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Sovereigns' Surprises – A Family Affair



Stepping into Sovereigns Embroidery's recently re-opened shopfront at the Paris End of Broadway, one discovers a virtual treasure trove of delights.

Already widely-famed in our district for their embroidered corporate logos, which are sported on the clothing of many local businesses, as well as much further afield, the Jago family have now opened their shop to the public in order to showcase many more of their talents.

Locals have been aware for years of Gail and Grahame's prowess in the areas of prospecting and gardening, with their orchids being a specialty, also Gail's exquisite crocheting, however the combination of family talents within the shop, including those of their daughter and Gail's sister, results in a tempting array of gifts to suit all tastes. Quirky knitted and crocheted novelties, a variety of macramé hangers, soaps and bath bombs, Gail's stunning crochet rugs and cushions, many gifts such as heat bags and towel sets, also featuring their own embroidery, are all for display and sale, not to mention the vast array of crystals, many of which they have found themselves on their trips.

The display is also enhanced by some of their carefully-tended orchids. All in all, as there is just so much to describe, I fully recommend that you go and have a look for yourself and please keep it in mind when you are shopping locally for your Christmas and other gifts. Open Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 2pm.

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