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Kingower State Forest — Dams

There are numerous dams within the Kingower Forest. After recent rains all dams currently have water in them. These dams attract numerous bird species to them to drink. The bird species which seem to frequent the individual dams varies on the dam's location within the forest and the surrounding forest vegetation type. Camping is allowed in the State Forest and some basic bush-camping facilities such as fire pits and tables and chairs can be found at a couple of locations. As part of the up-coming Friends of Kooyoora — Tour of the Kingower State Forest we will visit seven dams within the Park to give participants some ideas about where they can go bird watching and/or bush-camping in some quiet and secluded locations of which they might not have previously thought about or been aware.

Kingower State Forest tour Sunday 21st February meet at Kingower Rotunda at 10.30am. This is mainly a vehicle tour with some walking involved. BYO lunch and water and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Note: The "Friends", due to demand, are now running a second tour of the Kingower State Forest on Saturday 20th February. We have limited spaces still available on either Saturday or Sunday, but you need to register as soon as possible to ensure inclusion.

Registration by Thursday 18th February:

kooyoorafriends@gmail.com

Photos are of recently full dams in the Kingower State Forest.

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The Welcome Record aims to present the diversity of viewpoints which reflect the concerns and interests of our community. It will not print contributions which are defamatory or being used as an alternative to a personal approach in dealing with a personal issue. The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of The Welcome Record.

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Due to illness, Rosie is not able to Ramble this week. Get better soon Rosie. Ed

Natural drain cleaner

So, you're having trouble with your drains. The water won't drain the way it should but that doesn't mean you have to reach for a harsh chemical to fix the problem. There is another way.

I have used this method many times successfully, with no damage to my septic or the environment. Why not give it a go, it's cheaper too.

Mix 1/2 cup bicarbonate of soda with 1/4 cup table salt and pour down the drain giving you trouble. Follow by pouring one cup of warmed vinegar down the drain (it will foam and bubble). Cover the drain with a plug or duct tape to prevent the mixture from escaping. Let it sit for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, run hot tap water or pour boiling water down the drain for 30-60 seconds.

For stubborn clogs, repeat the process. If you do this once a month or so, you will keep your drain clear and fresh

Debra Sealey

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Police non emergency: 131 444 Dunolly Police: 5468 1100 **Dunolly Doctor: 5468 1104 Dunolly SES: 5468 1199**

DEB'S FUN FOOD FACTS

Today, 17th February is National Cabbage Day, hold the gasps do I hear a drum roll, it's not as under whelming as you might think. Cabbage is a very versatile vegetable and has been used by many countries as a staple for centuries.

Cabbage is packed with nutrients, Vitamin C, fibre, folate potassium, magnesium vitamins A and K. Cabbage is loaded with chemicals that helps inflammation in your tissues which are linked to heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's.

Now I realise we're in summer at the moment and you probably don't want to cook cabbage, but I thought why not look outside the box?

Cabbage rolls are found in many countries such as Russia, Poland and Germany, just to name a few, but my

thoughts led me somewhere more exotic and summery, where we could get a lighter dish more suited to our climate.

Allow me to introduce you to Lahanodolmades. Quite a delicious mouthful, I can't really pronounce it, I just know they're scrumptious.

The hearty, yet light, rice and meat filling is wrapped with tender cabbage leaves and cooked in a refreshing, creamy egg-lemon sauce. There's no cream in it, but I'll show you how that happens.

Look for the biggest head of cabbage that you can get. If you can only find small heads, pick up two or three and you'll have to do this in batches.

Lahanodolmades: Greek style cabbage rolls with egg lemon sauce

Ingredients

1 large cabbage, stem removed

2 carrots

3 celery stalks

For the filling:

250gm minced beef & 250 gm minced pork or 500gm of mince of your choice

1/4-1/2 cup olive oil

1/4 cup water (or more)

1 small onion

1/2 cup uncooked white rice

1/2 cup chopped parsley

1/2 cup chopped dill

1 teaspoon salt

Black pepper to taste

5-6 cups chicken stock

For the egg-lemon sauce:

3 egg yolks

1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice

2 tablespoons cornflour

Method

Boil the cabbage in salted boiling water with the cored part facing down. Flip it around and boil an additional 10-15 minutes until the leaves begin releasing easily and have become somewhat translucent. They should not be overcooked to the point where they become soft and mushy.

Pull the leaves out as they detach from the cabbage and set them in a colander to drain.

When you peel off most of the leaves and you get to the core with the smaller leaves it will be difficult to remove the leaves without ripping them. At this point just remove the small bunch with the core attached and place in the colander. It will be easier to separate them once they are cooled. Most of these leaves will be too small to use for the cabbage rolls so they will be used as the bed or cover. Roughly chop the carrots and celery into large chunks and place them in the bottom of your pot. These will be the bed that the cabbage rolls will sit on so that they do not come in direct contact with the heat and cook more gently. This will prevent them from falling apart while simmering.

Use some of the small and shredded pieces of cabbage to cover the vegetables.

Place half of the onion in a food processor and pulse until it is finely chopped. Add the parsley and purée until smooth. Place this mixture in a large mixing bowl.

Pulse the remaining half of the onion until finely chopped. Add the dill and purée until smooth. Place this mixture in the mixing bowl.



Add the mince, salt, pepper, rice, olive oil, and water to the puréed herbs and onion and mix well to combine. The best way to do this is by hand. Break up the mince and add 1/4 cup more water if the mixture is not very moist.

A very moist, wet filling will make the best tasting cabbage rolls.

To assemble the cabbage rolls, take a cabbage leaf and lay it flat on your work surface. Cut off the thickest part of the stem. Place a full tablespoon of the filling in the centre, fold the left and right sides of the leaf over the filling then roll it up.

Continue the same process adjusting the amount of filling depending on the size of the cabbage leaves (smaller leaves get less filling). Keep in mind that when the filling is cooked, the rice will expand a bit. Roll them up tight but giving enough room for the rice to expand.

Some leaves may be very large. You can cut those in half and use them to make two rolls. Layer the cabbage rolls in the pot fitting them snugly together. Cover them with cabbage leaves. Place a plate over them inverted. This will keep them in place so that they do not fall apart while cooking.

Pour enough water or chicken stock to come right up to the plate. Cover the pot and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 30-45 minutes.

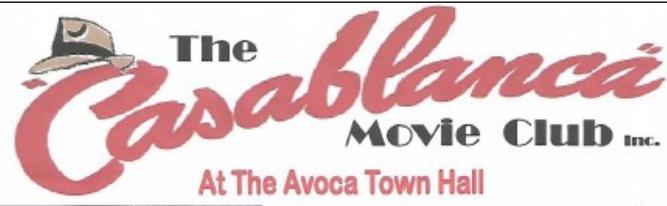
Carefully remove the plate and the extra cabbage leaves from the pot.

Combiner the egg yolks, cornflour, and lemon juice in a bowl. Whisk well until smooth.

Add some of the hot broth to the egg mixture. Whisk well. Season with some more salt and pour the egg-lemon mixture into the pot. Carefully shake the pot from side to side to distribute the egg-lemon sauce.

Bring to a boil. Taste the seasoning and add more salt if necessary. Remove from heat and allow to rest for at least 15 minutes before serving. The sauce will thicken as it sits. Serve with some warm toasted bread. Enjoy!

Photo Debra Sealey, WebMD









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Saturday 20th February 2021

Screening at 1.00 pm

Military Wives [PG] ***** 2020 Comedy / Drama / Musical Starring Kristin Thomas, Sharon Horgan, Emma Lowndes

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Screening at 3.15 pm

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Farewell to Community Bank's Executive Officer — Karly Smith



After eight years in the role Executive Officer Karly Smith is bidding farewell to the Maldon & District Community Bank. She has resigned to take up a new role as the Grants Program Manager for Victoria at the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

"I am really excited by the opportunity to join FRRR, and continue working in community strengthening and capacity building endeavours," said Karly.

FRRR is a national not-for-profit organisation based in Bendigo. It provides funding and capacity building support to rural, regional and remote communities around Australia, creating grants and also connecting funding from government, business and philanthropy to address local needs and projects.

Although sad about leaving the Community Bank, Karly notes that her departure creates the opportunity for someone to step into the Executive Officer (EO) role; bringing new ideas and ways of doing things, to grow the organisation even further.

Community Bank Maldon & District



Maldon & District Community Bank Is excited to recruit an Executive Officer!

Are you an 'all rounder' at admin, governance, finance

and community development?

The role is integral to supporting the board and company activities to strengthen our communities. PD available on https://maldoncb.com.au/ or enquires to the Chair, Ross Egleton 0425 801 959.

Apply by sending your resume and a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria and your interest in the role (three pages maximum) to:

chair@mdcb.com.au

Applications close Sunday 21st February 2021. We value diversity and encourage people from all backgrounds and age groups to apply.

"Thank you to all of the marvellous staff at our branches in Dunolly, Maldon and Newstead, the company directors, and the wider community. It's been a wonderful job, and I have loved playing a part in contributing to the communities in this region," Karly said.

According to Board Chair Ross Egleton, "Karly has been a catalyst to why our small company achieves great impact in our local community. She has been an integral part of our company, strengthening our operations and generating impactful work in the community. The EO role is vital to the efficient functioning of our board and community activities, particularly granting and partnerships."

"Karly will leave a strong legacy as a friendly, professional and efficient member of our team, with an ongoing improvement approach. Although we will miss her great skills, the board and staff are delighted that she will be tackling fresh challenges in her new role in a national organisation — FRRR," said Ross.

Karly will formally step down as Executive Officer at the end of February, and will remain as a Board director until the company's AGM in October 2021.

Maldon Community Bank

AUSTRALIA on the map — 1606-2006

1606 is a milestone in Australia's history, and yet there is little awareness of the historical events prior to Captain James Cook's landing in 1770.

The 400th anniversary of the ship *Duyflcken's* landing is significant as it represents the first documented contact and charting of part of Australia's coastline by people from other lands.

Most people don't realise that it took from 1606 until 1811 and dozens of dangerous voyages by numerous different navigators, to gather enough information on Australian coasts so a first map of our whole coastline could be published.

All these navigators deserve to be known as part of this fascinating period of our national history.

Some important dates from 1606 to 1642 —

1606 March — Willem Janszoon and Jan Lodewijkszoon van Rosingeyn on board *Duyfken*, chart the west coast of Cape York Peninsula in Queensland.

1606 July/August — Luis Vaes De Tones sails through the Torres Strait in the *San Pedrico* and *Los Tres Reijes*

1616 October — Dirck Hartog landed the *Eendracht* on Dirck Hartog Island off the coast of Western Australia and left a pewter plate with his name and the date. He stayed on the island for two days.

1618 May — Haevik Claeszoon sailed the *Zeewolf* past the North West Cape.

1618 July — Lenaert Jacobszoon sails the *Mauritius* past the North West Cape and names two waterways.

1619 July — Frederik De Houtman and J. Dedel land in the Swan River region and the Albrohos and Rottnest Islands in the *Dordrecht* and the *Amsterdam*.

1622 — The crew of the *Leeuwin* mapped the south coast of Western Australia noting that it curved eastwards.

1622 — Publication of the *Map of the Pacific* — the oldest existing map showing any part of Australia — compiled by VOC cartographer Hessel Gerritszoon and including the information gathered by Jantszoon in 1606.

1622 — The *Tryall* is wrecked on the West Australian coast at Tryall Rocks — the first known European wreck on the Australian coastline. 46 people flee in two small vessels, including English Captain John Brookes, and a further 93 are left to perish.

1623 January — J. Carstenszoon and W. van Coolsteerdt land the *Pera* and the *Arnhem* on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula and sail on to what is now Arnhemland.

Information gathered by Anne Doran — Eddington



Dunolly and District
Neighbourhood Centre

Archery

If all goes to plan!

The Golden Triangle Archers shoot will be on Sunday 28th February at their range behind the Dunolly oval.

There is a 25 target field course, practice butts, lunch, tea, coffee, cold

drinks and lots of chatter about all things Archery.

Social distancing is applied, and masks will be worn if required. Fees are \$20 per year, \$5 per shoot. If you need to hire equipment to "have a go" there is a \$3 equipment hire.

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. There is a \$10 registration fee. Maps will be available for bargain hunters!

Cancelled

Move It, Groove It will not be operating on the week of 15th to19th February due to COVID restrictions.

We will resume classes on Tuesday 23rd February at 6pm as long as restrictions allow.

Want more information? Simply ring 5468 1511 or email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley Coordinator





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We see the Council is working on grading and upkeep of the unsealed roads around our Shire. We see this as a positive action and commend the Shire. We hope much can be done while weather and funds permit. Also great to see some movement with the airport situation and the grants for Phillips Gardens. Great to see so much being done, it would be fantastic to see continued efforts like this.

Engagement — the act of engaging or the state of being engaged; involvement.

Engagement is crucial for any group, community or business to be successful. In order to be moving ahead as one we all need to be on the same page. Since the election, there have been a few elected councillors who have understood the basic principles — unity and engagement. Well done to those councillors.

There also are some who appear not to understand or demonstrate this. It is up to us, a collective community, to take the lead role and assist all councillors and the Shire understand what engagement actually is.

Prior to the election the administrators made decisions around the airport, Carisbrook levee, Nightingale Street nurses quarters and the mosaics (to name a few) without adequate community engagement.

Those involved stated poor engagement (aka public consultation) on all aforementioned issues as a major part of the concerns. Possibly very valid concerns. Many of our elected councillors also deem poor consultation as being a major concern in the mentioned issues. Now our elected councillors are heading down that exact same path of closed meetings, and no public consultation and limited community participation — aka engagement? Are we heading down the same path as before? Are the same habits being demonstrated?

All our councillors signed a Councillor Code of Conduct, and one of the requirements is:

"(e) facilitate effective communication between the Council and the community."

It is up to us to us to assist our councillors to engage and involve the community.

We ask every ratepayer and resident to ask as many questions as they can and be part of our development. Question Time, Listening Posts and full public consultation appear to be stopped. But the councillors and council still have ears and we can still speak. Please ask our councillors and council questions and seek a reasonable response. It is the Shire's and councillors' obligation to reply, and reply adequately.

Is our Shire engaging according to their own policies?

CGR&RAI has three FOIs and one Ombudsman complaint investigation into council not adhering to its own policies at present. Would the Office of Victorian Commissioner be involved if there was no need? We believe the councillors and the Shire do need our help. Assisting them is our obligation to them and the community. Remember the Shire and councillors are obligated to us.

Our next Ratepayers meeting will be at Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall (COVID permitting) Urquhart Street Carisbrook on Tuesday 2nd March.

Carisbrook levee presentation and community engagement from 6 to 7pm. All councillors, the CEO and planning staff have been invited to make a presentation and engage with the community. From 7pm to 8pm will be our monthly meeting. All are welcome, membership is not required. Any questions please ring 0419 101 144 or email cgoldratepayers@mail.com

Wayne McKail. President CGR&RAI



Community Satisfaction Survey begins

Each year, Central Goldfields Shire Council participates in the Victorian Government's state-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

Residents and households may receive a telephone phone call from now until March from the independent market research agency, National Field Services asking a number of questions about different services Council provides. The survey is conducted by independent researchers, JWS Research.

The survey data provides Council with a local community perspective on Council's performance in key areas which are important to our community," Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said.

"The Community Satisfaction Survey provides an insight into perceptions on how Council performed over the past year while also showing where Council should focus efforts to make improvements to meet changing community expectations," he said.

"Importantly we have had feedback from previous participants that the survey took too long to complete and that some questions were less relevant to residents so we have made changes to simplify this while retaining the key measures to provide the transparent feedback Council needs."

Details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Central Goldfields Shire Council.

Digitising the Gallery's collection

Work to digitise the Central Goldfields Art Gallery's permanent collection is well underway, thanks to the State Government's Working for Victoria program.

Funding as part of the Working for Victoria program meant Central Goldfields Shire could appoint a full-time Cultural Access Officer to lead the project.

The digitisation plan, which is aligned with national and international standards, commenced in December 2020 and will see the collection audited and photographed. Provenance information and condition reporting is also being captured as part of the project.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said it was hoped that an online database of many collection items would be available by Autumn this year.

"Collections are central to most public art galleries and museums. We're fortunate in that our Gallery's collection is growing and covers numerous themes and represents many views, stories and artists that are in some way connected to the Central Goldfields community and life in the Goldfields.

"Public collections are vitally important in our society as a way of documenting who we are, as well as individual artistic creativity, so we're thrilled to see this project be carried out. Soon, people, anywhere in the world, can enjoy our collection and connect with the history of our region."

Central Goldfields Shire Curator/Education Officer Helen Kaptein said the project would mean anyone around the world could look up what's in the Gallery's collection.

"We've been fortunate to secure Dr Megan Cardamone to lead this project. Megan is an expert in this field and has undertaken similar projects across Australia.

"It's exciting to think we'll have an online searchable database that means our collection is accessible to everyone not just visitors to our Gallery.

"This work is happening right now in our Gallery — so visitors can actually come in and see Dr Cardamone in action on Thursdays and Fridays between 10am and 4pm. It's a fabulous and unique opportunity for our community to see this work undertaken firsthand."

Tiffany Titshall, a local artist from Majorca, who is represented in the Gallery's collection, said the project allowed the Central Goldfields Art Gallery to join the world stage.

"For artists it makes the wider public aware of our work and cements our local provenance and our value as artists of our time. Any way in which we can share our work locally and to the world is of great value to us and the viewer.

"As an artist who had to convert an exhibition (at Central Goldfields Art Gallery) to a virtual one during lockdown 2020 I value the opportunities this project brings. I always digitise my own work for posterity and personal reference and am happy to see it shared and studied by anyone anywhere, just as I love to view the work of others."

CGSC News



MAYORAL COLUMN

Goldfields Libraries free iPad loan for residents

Goldfields Libraries have partnered with Loddon Shire Council to offer a small number of internet-connected Apple iPad tablets for a free six-month loan.

The scheme is for socially isolated residents of the Loddon Shire who wish to improve their digital connectivity. Recipients will be empowered with digital skills training to improve their connection to family, friends and the community during this challenging time. After the initial training, ongoing support and advice will be provided to assist with learning. The iPads will come with an in-built internet connection, useful apps installed, and links to handy websites. If you, a family member, or a friend would benefit from a loan of one of these devices, the Community Based Services team at Goldfield Libraries would love to hear from you. For more information and to register your interest, please contact the team at Goldfields Libraries by emailing helpdesk@ncgrl.vic.gov.au or call 5449 2790. This scheme is proudly sponsored by the Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative (DHHS) and Loddon Shire

Community Grants Scheme

Applications opens 1st March and up to \$10,000 is available for not-for-profit clubs and organisations based in the Loddon Shire to deliver projects that directly benefit residents. This includes enhancing the provision of activities, facilities or delivery of services to people in our community.

Successful grant applications are funded on a two-to-one basis. This means for every \$2 provided by Council, the successful applicants must contribute a minimum of \$1 towards the cost of the project. Up to 50 per cent of an applicant's contribution can be in-kind.

Last year the scheme allocated over \$187,000 in funding across the Shire, with 33 groups receiving full or partial funding. Applications for Council's Community Grants Scheme close at 5pm, Saturday 1st May 2021.

Please note, applications must be submitted online through Council's SmartyGrants program:

https://loddon.smartygrants.com.au

Support is also available to assist with the Smarty Grants process. To find out more, call Council's Community Support Team on 5494 1200.

Loddon Healthy Minds Network seeking community representative members

The Loddon Healthy Minds Network is seeking expressions of interest from residents across the Loddon Shire Council area to represent the community on the Loddon Healthy Minds Network.

If you have an interest in improving mental health and wellbeing in the wider Loddon Shire community, the Network is interested in hearing from you.

For more information, including viewing the Network's Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest form, visit: https://bit.ly/2Oirtjb

You can also contact Vicki Andrew via email at healthyminds@loddon.vic.gov.au or by calling 5494 1230. Applications close at 5pm, Friday 5th March 2021.

Loddon Shire



Homemade Biscuits



The very moment I heard about the current five-day lockdown a little voice in the back of my head said "Gee, I really fancy some homemade biscuits." That thought is rare and usually happens during a mid-winter cold snap. It is easy to understand the appeal of standing in front of a warm oven in a warm kitchen filled with the amazing aroma of warm biscuits during winter. But February usually invites ideas of salads and iced tea.

While I do sometimes get the urge to be creative in the kitchen it usually goes away fairly quickly, especially if I head out to the garden. Anyway the thought of homemade biscuits has stayed firmly embedded in my head for days. This afternoon I couldn't resist it any longer, and I now have a large batch of biscuits cooling on the kitchen bench. Made from coconut, cinnamon and mixed spice they are filling the whole house with their mouth watering

smell. The dog and I have eaten quite a few warm ones (they are the best) and the rest will go into the biscuit barrel my mother-in-law gave me nearly 40 years ago. It was only a cheap one but has proved its worth time and again keeping biscuits fresh and airtight for ages. Lucky, as the dog and I won't be able to eat them all, and with the lockdown it is not possible to share them with anyone else.

Years ago every woman made her own biscuits and was pleased with the results. If you visited somebody whose biscuits had been eaten by hungry hordes of children, your hostess would shamefacedly bring out a packet of orange creams and say "I'm sorry, only shop bought left." You would nod sympathetically and eat one just to show you understood. Then suddenly in the mid sixties that all changed and the only biscuits offered were commercially made. All those women who had been so proud of their home-made biscuits hid their recipe books in the back of that drawer with the mouse droppings.

But maybe there are other women and men out there who do still enjoy a home-made biscuit, and like giving old recipes a bit of a tweak to make something new and exciting.

I doubt that my most recent batch of biscuits will all get eaten, though I am feeling a great deal of satisfaction about making them. It is comfort food from my childhood to make me feel a bit better about this current lockdown, I understand that. Whatever it is, it is working! Right now I am going to make myself a cuppa and enjoy another biscuit while it is still warm.

Vicky Frizzell





No services at any churches until further notice

Catholic Church

No information received at time of print.

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, COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

Esmé Flett

"It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,'
who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 4.6

Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem, Faith takes you through the problem.
Faith doesn't always take away the pain,
Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain.
Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm, Faith calms you in the midst of the storm.

Amen



Uniting Church

This week, Sunday 21st February, we are hoping to have Bruce Gallacher take our service (that is if we are still not in lockdown) After the service, at 9.30am, we are to have a congregation meeting with Geoff Curnow, our president. Please come, it is very important. Rev Chris Venning is to lead us on 28th February at

9.30am. God Bless you all and keep you safe.

Jean Richardson



This week it's all about warnings and Information

You should never wait to receive an official warning before you leave. Fires can start quickly and threaten homes and lives within minutes.

Warnings are issued when a fire has started and you need to take action. Make sure you understand the three levels of warnings and what they mean.

You may have noticed some changes to the icons on the VicEmergency website.

Victoria has adopted the Australian Warning System —a new national approach to information and warnings during emergencies and natural disasters like fire, flood, severe weather, extreme heat and cyclones. Keep an eye out for the new icons on the VicEmergency app!

https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/about-warnings

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Around school this week



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEWLY ELECTED **LEADERS**

Well done to all students who have been brave enough to put themselves forward for leadership positions. Voting was once again very close. We will let you know when the badge presentations will be as soon as they arrive.

SWIMMING

Well done to all students for showing such great resilience during swimming. You are all superstars

learning new skills. To help your child learn to swim: take them to the pool or swimming area as often as you can so they gain confidence in the water: enrol them in lessons: talk to them about water safety.

READING INFORMATION SESSION

I cannot recommend this afternoon highly enough !! A wonderful opportunity to hear how you can help your child not only learn to read but continue to progress their skills. Staff will be available to chat with you also. FREE CHILD MINDING! So make sure you get along to the session next Tuesday. Details on the flyer.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be taking long service leave from Monday 22nd February until Thursday 1st April. The department is currently working on filling the role of acting principal for this time. I look forward to seeing the wonderful learning and progress that has occurred when I return.

Katie

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



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In The Vegie Patch



There is usually not much spare space in the garden at this time of year. Tomatoes are ripening, sweet corn, pumpkins and zucchinis are doing their thing and beans producing daily. However, it's worth being ruthless and making space if you can for long season vegies which will grow into autumn and winter by pulling out anything past its prime.

Seeds to plant now are: beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, lettuce, chives, coriander, kale, leek, parsnip, peas, radish, silverbeet, spinach, spring onion, swede and turnip.

When planting out winter maturing greens, a good mixture of animal manure will give plants all the nutrients they need. On some soils potash or lime is needed. Extra potash will help to make plants immune to diseases. Brussels sprouts need the longest growing season of this tribe, so it's a good idea to plant them as seedlings this month. They are hungry plants, so feed them well with good compost and regular doses of liquid fertilisers. Some suitable varieties of cabbages are mini cabbage, fast growing and slow to bolt and Sugarloaf is sweet matures early, or why not try the versatile Chinese cabbage and Wombok.

Cauliflowers are more adaptable to season conditions, and can be planted out over a longer period. Snowball will mature in about three months, All-Year-Round in 15 weeks and Paleface takes the longest. Sow from seed or use fresh seedlings. Sicily Purple is a vibrant purple Italian heirloom variety to add some interest to the garden and dinner plate.

Broccoli Premium crop or Green Dragon can be sown over a longer period and it is best to make small plantings at intervals. Shogun has good disease resistance and is ready for harvest in about 16 weeks during cold weather. Dwarf beans can be sown up to mid-March and still produce a good crop. A lot of the flowers of beans and tomato plants are burnt off over a very hot spell causing these plants to be slow to produce the goods.

Chantenay carrots can be sown up to the end of March. They will grow and keep in the soil until mid-September or later.

Fruit Trees: Peach, nectarine and apricot trees can be pruned when fruit has been harvested. As the trees are actively growing, wounds heal faster reducing risk of diseases. Remove dead or diseased wood, thin out unwanted branches right from the base and remove centre growing limbs to open up the middle. Apple trees bear fruit on spurs formed on two-year-old wood. Most healthy trees also produce a forest of young shoots, all reaching for the sky. They can be cut back hard now to leave short stubs, each carrying about six buds.

Happy Gardening



Central Goldfields Shire clubs urged to apply for sporting grants

Sports clubs across Central Goldfields Shire are being urged to apply for a share of millions of dollars in funding available to buy equipment and uniforms, boost administrative skills and improve operations.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today announced applications had opened for the Andrews Labor Government's 2020-21 Sporting Club Grants Program. The Victorian Budget 2020/21 added a further \$6 million to the popular program, building on the more than \$1.8 million kicked in by the Government for more than 1200 clubs across the state last year.

The grants provide clubs up to \$1000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$5000 for training coaches, officials and volunteers, up to \$5000 to improve club operational effectiveness and up to \$5000 to help sports get back on their feet after the pandemic.

They will help people of all ages and abilities take part in grassroots sport, no matter where they live and are a great boost for clubs who are looking to get back on track following coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

The Sporting Club Grants Program is part of the Government's commitment to make sport more accessible and inclusive, stimulate local economies, build sustainable sport and recreation and volunteer opportunities and increase local participation. Since coming to office, the Government has provided more than 4950 sporting clubs with grants totalling more than \$6.8 million.

For more information on the grants and how to apply go to:sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/sporting -club-grants-program.

"The Sporting Club Grants Program is giving clubs in Central Goldfields Shire the support they need to grow their ranks and help more people than ever play the sports they love," Ms Pulford said.

Jaala Pulford MP

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Ripon farmers to be hit with more red tape over manure

News week that the Andrews Government is proceeding with plans to classify animal manure as industrial waste is another blow for farmers says Member for Ripon Louise Staley.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has decided that from 1st July, animal manure will be classified as industrial waste. This will impose significant restrictions on how farmers can store, transport and use animal manure.

Ms Staley said this was extremely disappointing.

"This is a massive blow to farmers right across Ripon. This move will whack farmers with another lot of red tape they don't need, at a time when the burden of red tape needs to ease on farmers," Ms Staley said.

"Animal manure clearly is not industrial waste. The EPA has been told this time and again by farmers, but from their offices in the middle of Melbourne, the EPA has completely ignored them."

"The re-use of animal manure has been part of farming for centuries and has been done without risk to farmers, communities and consumers. This over-reach by Melbourne-based public servants has to be stopped."

"For organic and biodynamic farmers, animal manure is their main source of fertiliser so to classify it as industrial waste has particular negative consequences for these farming systems."

Ms Staley called on the Minister for Agriculture, Mary-Anne Thomas, to intervene and fix this mess.

"Mary-Anne Thomas has been Minister for Agriculture for a very short time, but she can make her mark and represent farmers and the agricultural industry by stopping this change. She needs to work for farmers by reducing red tape and looking for ways to support the industry, rather than dropping more forms and more costs on farmers when they don't have the time or the money to deal with them."

Louise Stanley MP





Charged up and ready to go

An Electric Vehicle charging station has been installed outside the Community Hub CENTRAL of Maryborough — the first of 17 sites ECOUNCIL across the region.

Funded as part of the State Government 'Charging the Regions' project, the station is a partnership project with 11 other neighbouring councils and has been led by the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance.

The project will see 20 DC chargers installed across 17 sites - creating a public network of Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said he was thrilled to see Central Goldfields Shire as the first location to be up and running.

"There's no doubt the infrastructure will increase regional connectivity and ensure our region is an attractive place to visit as more and more EVs hit the road. We were keen to maximise the flow-on benefits to the local tourism industry and so the site at the Community Hub was chosen because of its proximity to the iconic Maryborough Railway Station. With the Visitor Information Centre soon to be relocated to the station building, travellers stopping to charge their batteries will be encouraged to come into the station for a coffee and discover what else is on offer in Central Goldfields Shire. The location's proximity to our Council administration building will also facilitate an uptake of electric vehicles within Council's fleet and will be highly visible to members of the community visiting the Hub, playground and Station Domain area. The charging station puts our Shire on the Loddon Mallee's Renewable Energy Roadmap and demonstrates Council's commitment to reducing our carbon footprint."

Use of the EV Charging Station will be free for the first two months - until Monday 12th April 2021 which includes the Labour Day and Easter long weekends. This means Electric Vehicle users can charge up for a 90-minute period at no cost (enough to get to at least an 80% charge for most Electric Vehicles with this fast 50kW charge station).

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Shearers Photos



These photos are part of the collection of Kimberly Brodie. She holds a photo album passed down from the Mather and McCann families of Archdale. Amongst these photos are nine unnamed shearers. The staged photos have a painted backdrop. Two of the photos show a pole behind them. This pole had a bracket which the man was able to rest against to help him stay still.

Any movement could result in a blurry image. For this reason the sheep used would be dead. The photos probably date from the 1860s or early 1870s.

These photos are obviously a set. It is most unusual for a group of workers to have their portraits taken. Nine shearers would be a large shed. Probably it would be a sheep station. Archdale Station would be the closest to the Mather and McCann families, but shearers were known to travel large distances. Photography was expensive. If each of the nine shearers received a full set then this was a significant expense. Perhaps it was a gift of the squatter to his workers.

The photographs were taken by Jennings and Taylor. They do not appear on the list of Australian photographers. They were travelling photographers who never established a permanent address. On the back of the photo they give their address simply as "Australia': As travelling photographers they never kept their glass negatives for reorders. They simply cleaned the negative off the glass and reused it.

The shearer on the right is believed to be McCann from Archdale.

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QUICK CROSSWORD 52

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- 1. Be the possession of,
 - ____ to
- Road avoiding heavy traffic points
- Part of school in which lessons are conducted
- 9. Satisfactory
- 10. Ringed shape (of rope, eg.)
- 11. Large coastal duck
- 13. Vehicle wheel's round cover
- 14. Gloomy
- 15. Sand trap (golf)
- 17. Device for supplying warmth

- 19. Take place repeatedly
- 20. Playing period (hockey, eg.)
- 22. Small cluster of strands
- 23. Mistaken
- 24. A crown
- 25. Einstein's ____ of Relativity

Down

- A worn decorative
 pin
- 2. Greasy
- 3. Idle talk
- Singer who released the *Double Happiness* album, Jimmy _____
- 5. Game of which eight ball is a variety
- Small oriental boat with flat bottom
- 7. Infection of skin
- 8. Very significant (as in 'a occasion')
- 11. Keen in desire

12. Message understood	17.	Great Aust. cyclist
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We will resume classes on Tuesday 23rd February at 6pm as long as restrictions allow.

Lynda Vater

Lost

Walking stick, white with flowers lost in Dunolly.

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FONNY FILLERS

Did you hear about the baby ghost who applied to join the football team?

He heard the manager say that they were in need of a little team spirit.

A well-attended meeting of Dunolly District Inc was held at the Railway Hotel on Wednesday 10th February 2021. The major item for discussion was the reintroduction of the Dunolly Gold Rush. It has been flagged to revamp this festival and perhaps hold it on Saturday 23rd October this year – restrictions permitting.

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The success of Australia Day was mentioned with thanks to Dunolly Bakery, Woolworths, Central Goldfields Shire, Welcome Record, Dunolly Bowls Club, Jan Stephenson, Leigh Rowe and speakers Liesbeth Long and Sharon Hiley.

John Tully

Old Tarnagulla in Colour exhibition

The Tarnagulla History Archive is a repository for all things related to the local history of Tarnagulla and its surrounding district, including the localities of Newbridge, Llanelly, Arnold, Laanecoorie, Waanyarra and Murphy's Creek.

The Archive holds photographs, records and artefacts and was established with funds by a PROV Local History Grant. The Archive is situated within the historic Victoria Hotel and Theatre complex, which functions as Tarnagulla's Public Hall. The complex, including the Archive, is managed by the Tarnagulla Hall Committee and other community volunteers.

The Archive has been closed since March due to COVID. From January, the Archive has resumed its monthly Open Days at Tarnagulla Public Hall, 69-71 Commercial Road, Tarnagulla. These are on the second Sunday of each month from 10am to 3pm.

Volunteers will comply with whatever government health protocols are in place at the time, and we will require visitors to do the same.

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Police to target offences

Throughout March, Goldfields Highway Patrol will be running a local operation focusing on seat belt and mobile phone offences.

Unfortunately, we often see collisions occurring due to drivers being distracted by their mobile devices.

We also see avoidable serious injuries where drivers are involved in collisions and were not wearing a properly fitted seat belt.

Drivers detected using their hand held mobile phones will be issued an infringement notice to the amount of \$496 and will lose four demerit points and drivers not wearing a securely fitted seat belt will be fined the amount of \$330 and will lose three demerit points.

Over the Labour Day long weekend, police will be out in force for state-wide Operation Arid, focusing on speed, fatigue, impaired driving, distraction offences and seatbelt compliance.

Drivers will also be required to undergo random breath tests anywhere and at any time.

The purpose of these activities is to keep the community safe and to reduce road trauma.

On another note, I also want to remind the community that graffiti of any type without the owner's consent is breaking the law.

Graffiti not only damages property, it also damages the reputation of our towns.

Cleaning up graffiti is costly and the burden is carried by the community.

Victoria Police, VicTrack, Castlemaine Rotary and Mount Alexander Shire have come together to create a working group that aims to quickly respond to and clean up graffiti on public buildings and infrastructure.

We urge community members to report graffiti to police as soon as they see it. This can be done by calling the police assistance line on 131 444.

We spoke about this last month however, I just want to remind the community about the Goldfields Eyewatch Facebook page.

I encourage the community to like and follow the page as this is a great platform for us to interact with the community and for the community to interact with Victoria Police members.

The site contains both local and state-wide issues, safety tips and also light-hearted articles, where you can get to know your local members.

Leonard Ladner, Goldfields PSA Acting Inspector

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The Rufous Whistler is a stocky bird with a large head, short stubby bill and a narrow, relatively long tail with a square or slightly forked tip. The sexes differ, with the male dark-grey above with a white throat, black breast

and a reddish underbody. Many males also have a black face mask (except in northern subspecies). Females are dull grey to brown, with streaked underparts. Young birds are much redder than adults and have heavily streaked underparts.

It is found in forests, woodlands and shrub lands, with a shrubby understorey. Is also found in gardens and farmland with some trees, and in remnant bushland patches.

The Rufous Whistler breeds in monogamous pairs, and both sexes incubate the eggs and care for the young. The female builds a fragile, cup-shaped nest from twigs, grass, vines and other materials, bound and attached to a tree fork with spider web. Two broods may be produced in a season.

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Dunolly Community Garden



The Community Garden was established in 2011. We have more than 25 fruit trees and 15 wicking beds. Most of these are on the Kindergarten grounds and we share the caring and harvesting with the children and educators.



During this period there are a lot of stone fruit: peaches, plums etc. Come along and take your pick.

From Dunolly Community Garden Facebook page