

Burnt Creek Cemetery



The Burnt Creek Cemetery has been known by many names over the years, including Boot Hill Cemetery (1845-1855), Graveyard Hill Cemetery (1855-1863) and Burnt Creek Historic Cemetery (from 1863). The cemetery sits in the bush behind and to the right of the Dunolly Transfer Station.

A large sign at the Burnt Creek Cemetery provides many insights into the cemetery as well as the history of the area. A sign displays the following text regarding this cemetery (along with lots of other fascinating information): Burnt Creek Graveyard Hill Historic cemetery 1848 to 1862.

This area was first named Burnt Creek in 1848 by A.C. MacDougall in an area taken up in a pastoral lease. Gold was subsequently found at Burnt Creek in 1854 by Isaac Hawkins. When the great gold rush started, miners flocked to the area in search of their fortunes.

Due to the enormous influx of people and the inherent dangers of cave-ins, disease, and deaths by other nefarious means, it was found that a cemetery was needed. Deaths of pioneers, miners and their families were not recorded in this area until the arrival of Mr W. Templeton, Commissioner of Civil and Gold Law. He took up duties at Burnt Creek in 1855 and subsequently registered deaths until 1862 when Mr Phillip Chauncey arrived as District Surveyor and planned and surveyed a new cemetery at Dunolly.

A ring of stones which may have been a child's grave.



The Burnt Creek Graveyard Hill was then abandoned. History has found that the Burnt Creek Graveyard Hill was not surveyed as a cemetery until the 1880s, after a report by Councillor Hayes to a meeting of the Shire of Bet Bet in 1882. He reported that the area was unfenced and unprotected and a disgrace to any civilised community. The recognised burial area was finally fenced in 1884. In 1885, the area known as Burnt Creek was changed to Bromley Village. People from a large area surrounding Bromley Village are buried here. These areas included Dunolly, Cochrane's Creek, Jones Creek, Loddon (now Eddington), Bet Bet, Middle Bridge, Dunolly Creek, Chinaman's Flat, Patchy Flat, Hard Hills, Gooseberry Hill and Wild Dog.

There are now only three headstones left standing which mark the graves of Thomas Sinnott MD (Doctor) of Ireland who died on 24th August 1856, aged 24 years; John Cameron from Scotland who died at the age of 68 years on 25th August, 1858; and the last marking the resting place of Eliza Hurse, who died on 25th October 1857, aged 49 years. Eliza's grave is still surrounded by the original wrought iron fence.

There are 50 registered burials of children under the age of five years in this cemetery and approximately 103 registered graves in total within the fenced boundary. The current fence was erected in 1995 as a joint project between the Dunolly Land Care Group and the Government's LEAP program and was financed with funds from the Central Goldfields Shire.

A true cemetery boundary is impossible to be ascertained as burials were usually made by family or friends of the deceased. As there are no land site records of Grave Yard Hill, Burnt Creek, graves are possibly located outside the present and original fenced boundary area.

This plaque was funded and erected by the residents of Bromley and unveiled 18th February 1996, by Mr Max Turner, State Member for Bendigo West.

Reverend Gareth Thomas, Uniting Church, Dunolly, conducted the Pioneer Memorial Service.

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Not a lot to write about this week — things have been relatively quiet on the domestic front. Not to worry, it won't last long.

The Donald is back — as loud as ever.

I had a little giggle to myself while browsing on *Facebook*. There was a post about the difficulties and frustrations of trying to open one of those very thin veggie bags at the supermarket while wearing a mask. You know how it is, you can't lick your fingers to give yourself the traction necessary to rub the bag open. You can risk the mask police, lower the mask, quickly wet your fingers and replace the mask. Some suggestions included using the wipes provided to clean the trolley, or dampening the fingers on the ice around some vegetables. I prefer the sneaky mask lift myself.

Had a lovely afternoon with the Ladies Who Lunch Occasionally at the Gold and Grain on Friday. Enjoyed the good food as usual and lots of interesting conversation. More please.

Summer seems to have come and gone in a flash — just enough hot days to remind us of what it could be like, then cool again. Lovely.

We are now in sight of getting the jab — an unfortunate way to describe the COVID vaccination. We can only hope and pray that it controls the virus in all its forms.

Washed another tissue this morning — at least I think it was only one. I never cease to be amazed at how far one wet tissue can spread itself.

It is a pity about the number of long running community events and functions which are still being cancelled because of uncertainty around the wretched virus. The real pity is that many of them will never return when the "new normal" is settled.

Another highlight of the week was a visit to the Community Garden. What a gorgeous place. I had been to the Kinder, but had never had a good look at the garden. The variety of fruit and vegetables in there has to be seen to be believed. Congratulations to all the gardeners. I pocketed a "real" tomato on the way out. It was delicious

THINGS YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW (or not).

Because of the rotation of the earth, an object can be thrown further if it is thrown west, (handy for cricketers to know).

FURRY LOGIC.— You are only young once. That is all society can stand.

Editor's Note: Just letting you know Rosie, the lunching ladies have dubbed themselves Divine Dining Divas of Dunolly. We hope to meet at least quarterly.





LETTERS TO EDITOR

New Waste Collection Scheme

The new four stream waste and recycling system is good news for a state groaning under the weight of its own garbage. However, there does seem to be a bit of a flaw for some Dunolly residents who do not have a car or licence. How are these people going to get their glass out to the Dunolly tip?

It is really too far to walk carrying heavy glass and the road into the tip is not safe for mobility scooters or bikes. Neighbours, friends and family are not always willing or available to assist. Is there a plan B to help the non-drivers of our Shire? If there is, I am sure we would all like to hear it.

Vicky Frizzell

Tarnagulla Supply Store

On a pleasant Sunday just past, I ventured out to check on the new store in Tarnagulla, then to have lunch with a friend.

The Tarnagulla Supply Store has a wide array of goods for sale, with some unusual and unique brands, everything — from breakfast foods to toys — and so much more. This store will be a boon to locals and travellers who are camping or passing through.

Adding to the appeal of this new store is the selection of take-away foods. My choice of vegetarian lasagne proved to be worth the cost.

This trip also included lunch at the Tarnagulla Café, which, as usual, was delicious. The main course choices were chicken roast or silverside. The silverside, or brisket as I remember my Mum calling it, was a standout meal, cooked to perfection, with a good sized potato, cabbage and white sauce.

I really am amazed at the variety of eating establishments now available in the Dunolly/Tarnagulla area. From local cafes, to the Railway Hotel, to cafes 15 to 20 kilometres away, we are blessed. To the adventurous people who take on these businesses, especially during such tough times as COVID-19 lockdowns and other changes, thank you.

Marilyn Goldie, Dunolly



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Vouchers to give kids in Western Victoria a sporting chance

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with levelling the playing field with vouchers worth up to \$200 each available for our state's most vulnerable families to put towards the cost of their kids playing the sports they love. Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today encouraged eligible families to take advantage of the \$21 million Get Active Kids Voucher Program, which is rolling out up to 100,000 vouchers across four rounds from 1st March 2021. A Victorian first, the program provides sport vouchers to help kids from Victorian families with the cost of membership and registration fees, sports equipment and uniforms.

To be eligible kids need to be four to 18 years old, a resident in Victoria, named on a current Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and also named on a valid Australian Government Medicare Card at the time of application. The program is also supporting sports clubs and active recreation providers to broaden their memberships, providing them with additional revenue to help recover from the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is part of the Get Active Victoria initiative, which is helping families to move more every day with ideas, tips and tools to motivate and support people to be more active — like guided workout videos, articles and a free activity tracker. Get Active Victoria has something for everyone regardless of their level of activity or fitness. It's part of a package that also includes the \$24.2 million Active Schools Program, delivering more opportunities for kids to get more active both at school, home and in the community, because active kids are not just happy, healthy and resilient kids, but they are better able to focus in class.

Applications for vouchers in round one of the program open 1st March 2021 and close 11th April 2021. To apply online or for more information about the program including dates for future rounds visit <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/> "Grassroots sports clubs are the heart and soul of our community bringing people together and creating healthier, happier, and more united communities, our vulnerable kids deserve to be a part of this," Ms Pulford said.

From the office of Jaala Pulford MP

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Announcing 2021 Community Bank scholarships

Three local students were awarded scholarships this week to support their TAFE and university studies. Maldon & District Community Bank Branch Manager Adam Balzan was on hand to announce the latest recipients of its annual scholarship program, and also present two new youth leadership scholarships.

"The scholarships support local students with their university or TAFE studies and helps them each to overcome some of the obstacles of study, such as buying a new laptop or equipment, and travel costs. It's another way our Community Bank supports young people in our communities" said Branch Manager Adam Balzan.

"We're thrilled to also add the leadership scholarships to our suite of scholarships. These help our young leaders in our community with their studies, and recognise the important contribution our young and emerging leaders make to our communities."

Bet Bet's Ethan Freemantle received the major scholarship of a \$2000 bank account. Ethan recently moved to Wagga Wagga to attend Charles Sturt University. A new laptop for his Bachelor of Agriculture studies was purchased with the scholarship funding.

Having grown up on his family's farm, Ethan has a wealth of hands-on experience and a love of the land, complimented with practical experience working at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange. The Bachelor of Agriculture course will arm him with further knowledge and skills in this field.

"University is five and half hours away, which will pose its own set of challenges. For instance I won't be able to zip out to help Dad with jobs around the farm or sit on a tractor when needed. This scholarship has definitely been a boost and will set me up for my studies this year," Ethan said.

Keely McDonald from McKenzies Hill and Chewton's Uma Dingemans each received a \$1000 scholarship to support their studies this year. The scholarships are awarded annually to young students aged 25 years and under. Eleven students from the region have received awards since the commencement of the scholarship program in 2018. The Community Bank extended its scholarship program this year to include awards recognising the leadership of young people in the region. The inaugural recipients were Amy Lamport from Newstead and Castlemaine's Caleb Kuhle. They each received a \$1000 bank account.

Karly Smith



Ethan Freemantle receiving the major scholarship award from Bank Manager Adam Balzan.



BEALIBA CWA UPDATE

We had a good turnout for the first meeting of the year and I'm sure everyone was pleased to return to some form of normality. Hopefully, restrictions will continue to be relaxed in the coming months.

Despite restrictions, our members continue to work hard for the community. One of my favourite quotes is "Hands that help are more worthy than lips that pray". That really exemplifies what CWA is all about. For example, over the past few months numerous knitted and crocheted items have been made by just two of our members — Pam Brightwell and Shirley Coburn. These include 29 knee rugs, 10 soft toys, nine items of assorted baby items which have been sent to Headquarters. As well, the Frankston Hospital will receive humi-crib rugs and babywear. Thanks girls — great effort. Bealiba is also continuing its support of the Bendigo Wig Library which provides a wonderful service to those suffering the ravages of cancer.

Members are pressing ahead with items for the East Wimmera Craft Exhibition which had to be postponed last year. Plans are also in the pipeline for a Christmas wall hanging comprising 12 individual small stitchery squares with Christmas motifs. It's hoped this will be very much a group effort with all members undertaking a square. We may raffle it later in the year — something I'd certainly like to win.

On another good note, we have two new Junior members, Ariana and Sylena McLean. This brings the numbers up to six. So, welcome girls. We hope you enjoy the CWA experience.

This year, the country of study is focusing on indigenous Australia and we heard two poems — one written by Jack Davis (no relation unfortunately) and the other by Jill McDougall. One was very light-hearted, the other more thought provoking and although very different, both were excellent.

February Competition Winners

Single Bloom	First	Heather Davis
	Second	Barbara Douglas
Multiple Bloom	First	Betty Lovel
	Second	Shirley Coburn

Competition: Baby photo — a point to those who entered.

March Competition — favourite ornament.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday, 18th March General Meeting Bealiba at 1pm.

Heather Davies

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Birds of Central Victoria

I have found your new feature, "Birds of Central Victoria" very interesting.

How true that statement: even when they are not visible, their cheerful songs boost our mood.

Being out on the middle of farmland, I have the old favourites: Magpies, Galahs and Cockatoos; the last two species are not always welcome. Nearer the house those delightful little birds, the Wrens; then the Willy Wagtails putting on their show, especially if they are nesting.

Swallows are absent at the moment, but they will be back to build their nests; you threaten to knock them down and then you weaken. What a mess they make with that gooey black mud as well as their droppings.

And Sparrows! They multiply, and I am sure they have nests up under the roof.

In November/December I spent a month in Ballarat with my eldest son John and his wife Jennie. They have a large block of land purchased more than 40 years ago. Since they are both retired school teachers, their garden is magnificent. More than 90 roses and many other plants. With Ballarat weather, it is marvellous what they can grow there. Also there is quite an expanse of lawn on which their seven grandchildren can play.

There were the usual Sparrows, Starlings, Honeyeaters, Magpies, and while I was there they had a visit from Rainbow Lorikeets. I had never seen them before, but they were enticed more by putting out seed and John built various small platforms. Up to 30 have been there at times. They appear to feed in pairs, so a lot of bossing if a third one appears on the platform. The younger birds ate together. I marvelled at their colour.

Another yearly visitor is a pair of Pardalotes. They nest in a pot plant container. This hangs from a beam. The pot is attached to a saucer and the birds go in the slits; there are no plants in the pot.

While I was there, three were hatched and flew off. Now Jennie said they have got a second family. Where do they migrate to for the rest of the year?

During one of the very warm days when I was there I happened to look out the large windows towards the fish pond. The fish pond is quite large and of course covered in netting to stop the fish-eating birds. Perched on a steel upright was a yellow parrot; it went down onto the netting after a drink. I called to John and Jennie and they went out but immediately the bird flew on to Jennie's shoulder. They came inside and it did a fly around the living area and then back onto Jennie. Jennie had a small cage, then a neighbour brought a larger cage. The family advertised to try to find where it came from, but no replies. Now to find what this parrot was.

Nothing in the bird books, but modern technology revealed it was a Ring-necked Indian Parrot. Rare, I do believe, and mainly kept as pets.

We were there on 8th February and now it has a very large cage with plenty of extras inside.

Even when I was there she had her routine. A preening session (they have two long tail feathers), then dancing up and down the perch and then multiple screeches which we could not understand. After all that a little nap. The yellow colour is magnificent.

Joyce Chivers



Ring-necked Indian Parrot

New artwork coming to the silo trail in Avoca

New artwork coming to the silo trail in Avoca will be an attraction like no other. Work will begin next week on a new and unique artwork at the silo in Avoca's heritage railway precinct. Mural artist Jimmi Buscombe will paint two large images of the endangered Australian Barking Owl and the vulnerable Brush-tailed Phascogale, both local, native animals of the Pyrenees Ranges. By highlighting native flora and fauna from the region Jimmi and the Avoca Community Arts and Gardens Committee, who have commissioned the design, hope to build awareness about rare and endangered species.

The Avoca Silo is the only such structure of its vintage and size standing within the Pyrenees Shire. Adding to the uniqueness of the heritage site, the new work will feature a night time and interactive element not previously seen on the Australian Silo Art Trail. Glow-in-the-dark strontium paint will be used to highlight elements of the design and provide an interactive experience.

"I was really excited to be selected to undertake this challenging project due to the different experience that this artwork will provide," Jimmi said. "Kids and families especially will have a lot of fun with the glow-in-the-dark element of the piece where they can be inspired to bring their own creativity to the space."

The artwork has been funded by the Victorian Government's Department of Premier and Cabinet Community Fund Program. Research undertaken into the painted Silo Art Trail by the Avoca Community Arts and Gardens Committee showed a great benefit of silo art projects which it expects to translate into significant tourism traffic for Avoca as the gateway silo to the Wimmera and Mallee painted silo trail along the Sunraysia Highway.

"This is a ground-breaking artistic concept that will make the Avoca Silo a 'must-see' on the Australian silo artwork trail" said Hugh Forster, President of the Avoca Community Arts and Gardens Committee. "The long-term goal is to further enhance the silo's role as an art destination. The introduction of image projection facilities, which are expected to be completed in a month or two, will achieve the vision of turning the space into an events precinct, where day and night activities take place."

Locals can expect to see the artwork appear over the month of March and the entire artwork, including lighting, is due to be completed by June 2021.

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A new home for the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre

As part of the Central Goldfields Shire vision to put tourism front-and-centre of the region's economic development, the Visitor Information Centre will be re-located to a new home at the iconic Maryborough Railway Station. The move is part of the Maryborough Railway Station activation project which will also see a co-working space open at the Station.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor is excited about the opportunities the change of address will provide.

"The Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project is one of Council's Priority Projects and was also identified as a key project in both the Economic Development and Tourism and Events Strategies.

"Our vision is to see the Station become a game-changing local and visitor hub that provides a range of commercial, transport and community uses while providing a welcoming and engaging entry point to visitors to the Shire.

"We are working to develop exciting contemporary tourism product at the Station and take advantage of this beautiful space at the heart of the central Victorian Goldfields which are being proposed for World Heritage Listing. We are determined this will be a visitor experience not to be missed."

Central Goldfields Shire Manager Tourism, Events and Culture, Emma Little, said it was wonderful to see a location with so much historical importance. Maryborough will have a new lease on life in the 21st century.

"The new location provides our visitor services team with a larger floorplan, expanded car parking as well as capacity for caravans.

"In the consultation stage of the Economic Development and Tourism and Events strategies, our tourism and business community shared with us this was a need, so it's great we've been able to progress this need and we're just weeks away from making it a reality."

John Moir from Alvah Art Gallery and Vintage Cars in Dunolly said he "congratulated the decision to move to this site as it is a larger facility, nearer tourist activity and has more parking space."

The relocation is expected to occur late March.

The project has been made possible thanks to \$50,000 in funding from the State Government's Stronger Regional Communities Program.

Council has also contributed \$67,500 to the project and the Committee for Maryborough has made an in-kind contribution of \$10,000 for mentoring of start-ups/small businesses by experienced business operators who are Committee for Maryborough members.

For more information visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentprojects

CGSC News

Cr Liesbeth Long Councillor's Message

You may have heard that the DDI (Dunolly and District Incorporated) was recently successful in obtaining \$3000 Community Grant from the Central Goldfields Shire Council. This money will partially fund an independent feasibility study and grants application to organise the much-loved Dunolly Gold Rush festival once again this year. The main objective in running this festival is to increase visitors to the region and improve economic outcomes for local businesses, whilst highlighting our town's history around gold and grain.

The Gold Rush festival first appeared in 1971 (50 years ago this year) and ran for many years before petering out. The DDI has decided that it is time to see if they can get this festival up and running again to promote tourism to our town. Prospecting has seen a huge resurgence of late with a younger generation of people taking up this hobby, my daughter and her partner included.

It is with much excitement that I am able to announce the proposed date for this festival as Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th October 2021.

If grants funding can be secured, the DDI is proposing a Saturday day focus to revolve around Barkly Street, Dunolly near Gordon Gardens. Half the street will be dedicated to gold — ie stalls including detecting equipment, panning, detecting clubs, merchandise etc. The other half of the street will be dedicated to grain — i.e. farming demonstrations, historic machinery displays etc. There will be food vans on site and a Bush Band to entertain the crowds from the rotunda throughout the day's festivities.

It is also anticipated that the Broadway traders will be open to visitors and hopefully there will be an arts exhibition featuring local artists in the Dunolly Town Hall, although this is unconfirmed at present.

Saturday night the event will move to the Dunolly Golf Club commencing around 5-6pm where camping will be made available for caravans, tents and RVs with mobile porta-loos and showers provided. Activities will include music and food vans. There are no official activities planned for Sunday 24th October. However, if the event is successful, it may be possible to extend the festival to a two days in subsequent years.

It is anticipated that the community shuttle bus is to be used to transport people to and from various locations so that the event becomes inclusive to all.

2020 has been a tough year for our local businesses due to COVID. A festival such as this will be a huge opportunity to inject much needed tourist dollars back into our town. I urge residents to get behind this festival and give it your full support.

Cr Liesbeth Long

Louise Staley MP
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Applications close Friday 12th March 2021 at 4pm.
For a position description and application details please call Faye Arnold on 0439681508 or email: fayelynette1956@gmail.com

This week Council is organising a Carisbrook levee community meeting — extremely well-done.

Also in the ordinary meeting 23rd February 2021, it was nice to see some discussion. Council meetings and decision making. Is it transparent?

Some may remember the council ordinary meeting 11th December 2015. This was back in the times when the community used to go to council meetings and participate. *Item 3.1.1 SES FUNDING in Central Goldfields Shire.*

It was a meeting where future funding for Dunolly and Maryborough SES Units was lifted from the table from 1st July 2016. This was funding only — not rental or rates assistance, this was retained. It was an extremely intense and well-debated item. The outcome was not to the liking of most of the community who attended that meeting. The decision was: six voted to stop funding and one voted against stopping it, with comments like: "I have a heavy heart, but I feel this is the right decision" made by two councillors. The motion was passed to stop council funding to our SES (annual donations only). Even though many in attendance were not in agreement, having been able to witness the discussion and pros and cons being discussed by the councillors was good. We may not have liked the outcome, however, we did have a strong understanding of the science behind it and this was a small comfort. The decision was accepted and the community moved on.

The last item was to vote to increase councillors' wages. Four took the increase and three didn't want the increase, but due to being out-voted the three donated their increase to the SES.

Back then, in the council agenda, there were also listings of assemblies of councils and councillor workshops. So from a reading of the agenda, the community had a sound understanding of what was discussed, how decisions were made, and felt they were part of the organisation and decision making.

Today, we don't see decisions being discussed, we don't see minutes of assembly of councillors, nor workshop minutes. We would like to see items like this returned, with the community feeling they have a part in our moving forward and question time restored to meetings. Moving forward together.

Recently there has been some scepticism from the community and within the Shire structure about what is described as negative, or attacking behaviour of the CGR&RAI. I will start with our goal: to advocate for the community and to support the Shire and councillors to bridge the gap with the community. Since the election, we have been approached with several offers and asked to stop digging too deep. Our reply on every occasion was "We are here for the community, not to make deals against them. All we ask is you do what your own policies state and we won't be needed."

At this moment we have three FOIs and one Ombudsman's investigation. Why? Because correct process has not been followed and the community is suffering from this. A question each and every one needs to ask ourselves is: "Do we want the days of yesteryear to return?" Sacked councillors, Shire staff moved on and IBAC and Inspectorate investigations? There are no winners out of this.

We ask you all to stand your ground and assist our Shire and councillors to achieve the success our Shire so richly deserves. This can only come from the community. Look at the past, learn from it, because if you don't we will revisit it. Look, learn, then move forward. Together!

Wayne McKail, President



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Catholic Church

The Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are in the church. Please support this important charity. The World Day of Prayer is at the Uniting Church, Dunolly on Friday 5th March at 7.30pm. All welcome. No refreshments this year due to COVID restrictions. Assembly at St. Mary's on Sunday, 11th March at 8.30am.

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St John's Anglican Church

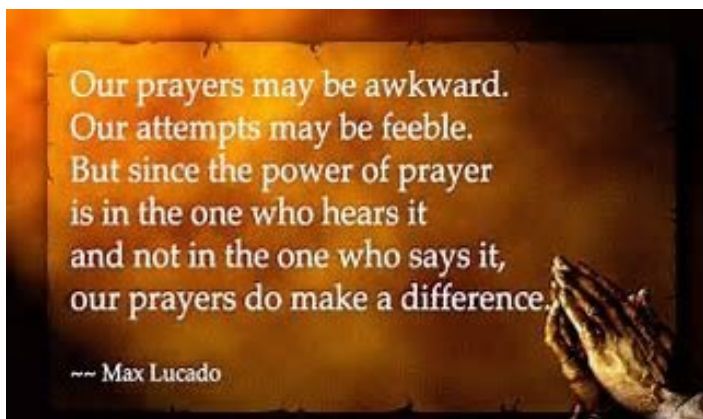
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Services are held every fourth Thursday at 10am. The next Service will be on Thursday, 25th March, COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

Esmé Flett

"If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him."

Mark 8.34



One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."

Romans 8:28

Dunolly Uniting Church

UCAF will meet at the Church on Thursday 4th March at 1.30pm.

World Day of Prayer service to be held at Dunolly UCA on Friday March 5th at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Sunday March 7th service at 9.30am. Rev Rose Broadstock will lead the service and will meet with the congregation after the service.

Linda Pickering



The Op Shop is holding a garage sale on Saturday 6th March. We have a range of furniture we need to dispose of at give-away prices.

Two dressing tables, lounge suite, two desks, refrigerator, double and single beds, chairs etc. Come along and make us an offer. The Op Shop will be open with a sausage sizzle.

Our \$5 sale on all summer clothes will commence this Thursday, 4th March.

Regular Op Shop opening times are: Tuesdays 9.30am to 2pm, and Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 4pm.

Jim McKenzie

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



**At Dunolly Uniting Church
Friday
5th March 2021
7.30pm**



BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Since 1887, on or near the first Friday in March every year, millions of Christians have gathered worldwide to pray for the issues of family violence, child abuse, human trafficking, and other forms of injustice.

Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared this year's service. The black and white sandy beaches, coral reefs with coloured fish, lovely birds, fruits and nuts in the forest, all make the islands a pristine environment, but they are vulnerable to frequent tropical storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis and active volcanoes. Women, men and children of all ages are called to "Build on a strong foundation" and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you, on Friday 5th March 2021, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Vanuatu. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa, and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world — through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 39 hours later.

You are invited to join us in prayer for the needs of Vanuatu and its people at a World Day of Prayer service or event near you. For further information and resources plus details of services in your locality, please visit our website: www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

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Around school this week

ACTING PRINCIPAL - CRAIG KELLY

It has been so exciting getting to meet everyone and to see all the great things that are happening at Dunolly Primary

School. Thank you to all staff, students, and parents for making me feel so welcome during my first week. I am really looking forward to being part of the school's community for the next five weeks.

READING INFORMATION SESSION

Thank you to the parent/guardians who attended the reading information session on Tuesday. Mrs Polinelli presented a lot of great information and ideas to support your child to improve their reading at home.

CURRICULUM DAY - FRIDAY 5th MARCH

A reminder that next Friday will be a student free day. All staff will be undertaking Cultural Understanding and Safety Training (CUST) at Carisbrook.

COVID SAFE

Please remind all children to be washing their hands as they arrive at school. Anyone displaying any symptoms should NOT attend school. Anyone over the age of 12 who is not a student at this school MUST wear a mask upon entry to the buildings. Scan in using the QR code on the Services Victoria app.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – Jordan Mitchell

Year 2/3 – Billy Crumpton, Year 4/5 – Nikki Skilling

Year 5/6 – Charlotte Liddicoat,

Principal's – Aurora Pilbeam

Auslan – Harrison Smith

MDPSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who represented our school at last week's MDPSSA Swimming Carnival. You all swam amazingly! Mia Schodde placed first in the 10yr old girls freestyle and second in the backstroke. Mia Schodde, Taylor Schodde, Grace Freemantle and Lily Malcolm won the 10yr old girls Freestyle relay. All of them now have the opportunity to swim at the Division Swimming event being held in Bendigo on Friday 5th March.



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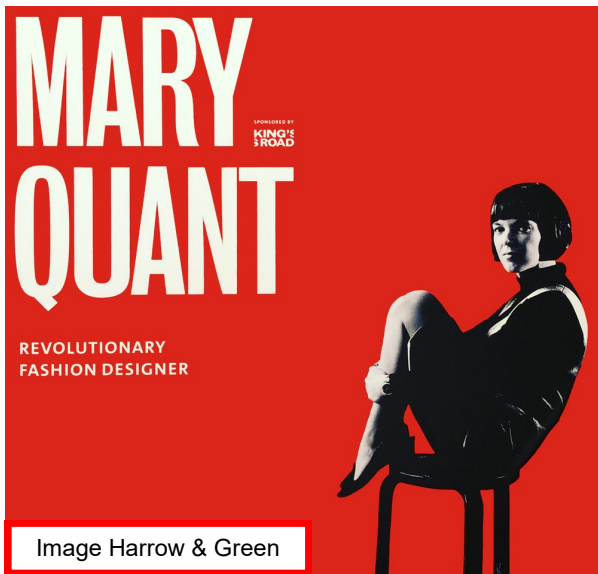
Circuit Breaker Action Business Support Package

Last week the Victorian Premier announced a \$143 million Circuit Breaker Support Package for eligible businesses impacted by the recent COVID-19 circuit breaker action.

There are four initiatives available for eligible businesses as part of this support package: the Business Costs Assistance Program, Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund – Circuit Breaker Action Payment, Victorian Accommodation Support Program, and Travel Voucher schemes.

For more information regarding the support package and initiatives, visit www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/circuit-breaker-action-business-support-package

Inglewood to link with Mary Quant exhibition



From 20th March, the Bendigo Art Gallery will present Mary Quant: Fashion Revolutionary, focusing on iconic British fashion designer Dame Mary Quant. Bendigo is the exclusive Australian venue for this exhibition from London's Victoria and Albert Museum.

As part of Bendigo Regional Tourism, Inglewood businesses will link in with this exhibition — including displays in vintage antique and collectable shops and other initiatives. This will connect Inglewood with the Mary Quant exhibition for those visitors travelling to and from the exhibition, and encouraging them to stop in the town. There will also be a focus month of Mary Quant displays in April.

If you are an Inglewood business or organisation which would like to be part of this initiative, please contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 1257 or email loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au

The Mary Quant exhibition runs from 20th March until 11th July 2021. For more information visit www.bendigoregion.com.au/bendigo-art-gallery/exhibitions/mary-quant-fashion-revolutionary

ABS looking for field managers

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is currently recruiting for field managers in our local area for the next Census on 10 August 2021.

Census Field Managers play a critical role in helping their local community to complete the Census, and community participation in the Census is vital.

Roles start from May 2021. To find out more and to apply, visit: <https://censusjobs.adecco.com.au/>

From the office of Cr Cheryl McKinnon Loddon Shire



Infrastructure projects

\$452,288 is to be invested in community infrastructure projects.

Community infrastructure across the Central Goldfields Shire is set to benefit, with Council allocating the balance of the Federal Government's Local Roads and

Community Infrastructure Program funding at last week's Council Meeting (23/02).

\$300,000 will go towards improving Maryborough's pathway network and \$40,000 will be invested at Flynn, Tullaroop and Paddy's Ranges wards to implement priority projects identified as part of the Our Community 2030 Community Plans.

Council also resolved to make an application to the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund for \$773,000 to progress Stage Two of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery Project.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said the Community Infrastructure funding was aimed at delivering priority local road and community infrastructure projects, to support jobs and the resilience of local economies in the wake of the pandemic.

"Whilst Council does invest funding in our pathways every year, additional government funding is always welcomed and needed in order for us to deliver a dedicated program of new pathway infrastructure.

"\$300,000 will mean we can deliver a program of works that will contribute to helping us create an active, connected and healthy community.

"We're just as pleased to be able to invest \$120,388 into implementing priorities that were identified through the community plan project.

"Council also resolved to apply for funding through the Regional Infrastructure Fund for Stage Two of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery upgrade.

"The Gallery upgrade project is one of Council's Priority Projects and in 2020 we were successful in receiving funding for Stage One of the project. Stage Two funding involves extending the use of the Gallery by the community and visitors by adding a pop-up exhibition space as well as an enhanced education, community and artist workshop space."

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More than 2500 COVID tests conducted at MDHS



MDHS Fever Clinic staff like Georgia Higgins have been working hard to keep the community safe throughout the pandemic. Photo: supplied.

A year on since the coronavirus pandemic first came to Australian shores, the local health service has been put through its paces, keeping up the local testing demand while juggling the impacts of Victoria's restrictions and keeping patients and staff safe.

Since the start of the pandemic to Wednesday last week, the health service had performed 2517 swabs at the Fever Clinic, set up in March 2020, and also set up drive through screening clinics at its Dunolly and Avoca campuses.

There have also been 467 asymptomatic tests, a majority of which came from health service staff and pre-surgery screening.

The health service is continuing to test residents with testing increased during last week's lockdown according to MDHS CEO Nickola Allan.

"There was an increase in residents coming in for tests when the lockdown came into effect last week" she said.

"That's consistent with when we've had lockdown periods or outbreaks. People do seem to become more aware of their symptoms and come in to get tested.

"We're still running the fever clinic three days a week with the ability to run it up to five or seven days if required."

Ms Allan said throughout the pandemic, the response

from the community to health advice has been "extraordinary".

"What's abundantly clear is that the community is focused on keeping each other safe and we need to say thank you to the local community for being so engaged in that process," she said.

"People are responding to health advice; whenever there's a departmental update people are really happy to respond and act.

"You can see it down the street, if you head down to the local shops everyone has their mask on and is cleaning their trolleys and washing their hands.

"Our community has done an extraordinary job following the rules and keeping each other safe."

Ms Allan said she's been impressed with the health service staff's response to the pandemic.

"What's really clear is that our systems and processes around infection control are really robust," she said.

"What impresses and inspires me most days is that our staff so eagerly respond to changes.

"The perfect example was last Friday at 1pm when we found out we were going into a snap lock-down. We met together and were able to communicate the information around the organisation.

"As of Saturday morning everything was in place and the changes were implemented which is a true reflection of how well the team have coped during the pandemic."

If you experience any symptoms you must isolate immediately and contact the health service's Fever Clinic for a test on 5461 0362.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills or sweats, and loss or change in sense of smell and taste.

Story by Christies Harrison,
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Today, the Australian Army Band celebrates the Army Birthday with the unveiling of a new Drum Major's sash. The position of Drum Major dates back hundreds of years and originated in the military. The equipment of a Drum Major usually consisted of the mace, sword and sash. In the Australian Army, tradition dictated that the sash be adorned with the Battle honours in which that Regiment, Battalion, etc. fought. The Australian Army Band does not belong to a Battalion but instead represents all of the Australian Army in its role, whether it be ceremonial or supporting the community.

To better reflect this role, in January 2020 it was decided that a new Army Band ceremonial sash be manufactured. As the Australian Army Banner represents all of Army, the sash was based on the same design. The sash was proudly manufactured in Australia by John Hyatt of Dunolly, Victoria.

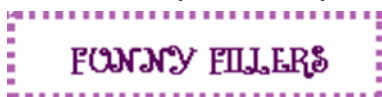
The Australian Army Band Sash is scarlet in colour, emblazoned with the Coat of Arms, Rising Sun and the Australian Army Honours which also feature on the Army Banner. It is adorned with gold braid, gold tassels and as tradition dictates, the miniature drum sticks which represent the Drum Major's appointment.

The below image shows the new Drum Major's sash modelled by the Band Sergeant Major of the Royal Military College Band, Warrant Officer Class One Gary Cairn.

Note: by Rosemary Hiatt

So proud to say 11 drum major sashes for the Australian Army Band were manufactured right here on Broadway, Dunolly at our company RRJ Products Pty Ltd.

From Dunolly Community Facebook page



Lexophilia — a play on words

I did a theatrical performance on puns. It was a play on words.

ATM at the Railway Hotel



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Another scam — ATO



The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is warning about a spike in automated scam calls impersonating the ATO.

The new batch of scammers are claiming they've suspended their target's tax file number (TFN) following suspected fraudulent activity.

Since 1st January, 2021, the ATO has received 638 reports of this scam, with seven victims paying out nearly \$118,000.

Assistant Commissioner Trent Jakubowski said that while the number of people paying these scammers is low, the large amounts being lost per person is "alarming".

"We're seeing that instead of scammers asking for a specific amount of money, they're requesting victims transfer every last dollar in their bank account," he said.

"What's most malicious, is that in some cases, these scammers are stealing money under the guise of saving it from other fraudsters trying to access their account."

Starting with a robo-call, the two common scripts have been:

"Your TFN has been suspended as scammers have your TFN details. You need to transfer all your money to us in order to protect it while we sort it out", and "Your TFN has been used illegally and you need to move all the money in your bank account to a holding account pending the outcome of legal action".

According to the ATO, young people between the ages of 18-24 have paid the most under this new tactic, with one person losing \$36,000 just last week.

"This is a reminder for everyone to keep their guard up when answering an unexpected call. While we more often hear stories of older Australians being targeted by scammers, these devastating losses show that anyone can be a target," Mr Jakubowski said.

The ATO does call taxpayers, but will never send unsolicited pre-recorded phone messages, use aggressive or rude behaviour, or threaten you with immediate arrest, jail or deportation, suspend your TFN, request direct transfers of money to personal bank account or project our number onto your caller ID.

If you receive a call, email or SMS and aren't sure, it's OK to hang up or not respond. Instead phone the ATO's dedicated scam line 1800 008 540 to check if it was legitimate. You can also report a scam at ato.gov.au/reportascam.

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Across

- 1. Set up temporary shelter (as soldiers, eg.)
- 5. British prince who married Sophie Rhys-Jones in 1999
- 9. Heat unit
- 10. Warm and snug
- 11. Chew on constantly
- 13. Fail to give sufficient money back, ____-change
- 15. Unacceptable individual, persona non ____
- 17. One receiving salary
- 19. Recurrent musical pattern
- 20. Make free (of)
- 21. Give money back to
- 23. Attempt (to do)
- 24. Television neighbour of The Simpsons, ____ Flanders
- 25. Soothing bath

- 27. Cards of seer
- 29. Powerful-toothed rodent
- 31. Shiny decoration
- 33. Elegant feature
- 35. Book recording year's happenings
- 36. Animal of which coral is comprised
- 37. Highly capable
- 39. Nimble
- 40. Reconstruct
- 41. Part of speech (grammar)
- 42. Holiday location

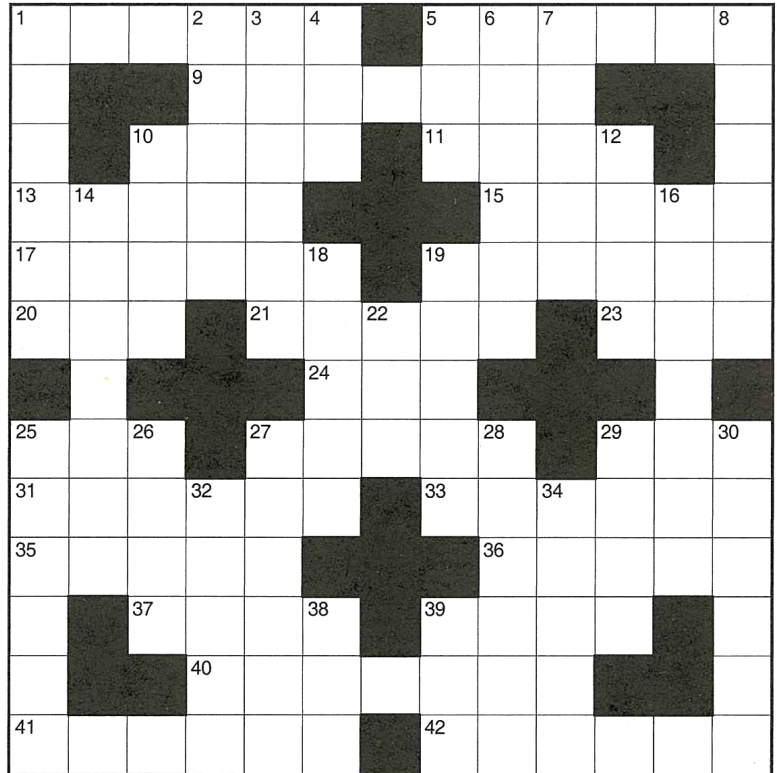
Down

- 1. Item which rubs out writing
- 2. Fruit of oak tree
- 3. The 'M' of 'MC'
- 4. Made of two layers joined together, two-____
- 5. Unit of energy
- 6. Inflatable rubber boat
- 7. Sleepy
- 8. Fanciful
- 10. Nerve tissue extending through the backbone, spinal ____
- 12. Scottish engineer and inventor, James ____
- 14. U-shaped fastener worn on head

- 16. Guttural
- 18. Of kidneys
- 19. Element with symbol 'Rn'
- 22. For each
- 25. Section of poem

- 26. Great Russian ballerina, ____ Pavlova
- 27. Bank worker
- 28. Drink small amounts of alcohol often
- 29. Depend confidently

- 30. One employed to generate letters, etc.
- 32. One-edged sword
- 34. Heavy cotton jeans
- 38. Recede (of sea)
- 39. Title of honour for man



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The iPads will come with an in-built internet connection, useful apps installed, and links to handy websites.

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Please contact the Community Based Services team at Goldfields Libraries for more information and to register your interest:
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This project is sponsored by the CASI Initiative (DHHS) and Loddon Shire Council

CLASSIFIEDS & NOTICES



Dunolly/Bealiba RSL Sub-branch

A little sad news. Due to the COVID-19 situation, our Traditional ANZAC Day in Dunolly is cancelled. This includes the dawn service, march and service at the RSL Hall. However, as was done last year, we hope the community will still reflect in their own way. ANZAC Day is not forgotten, we just have to do it in a different way to help keep the community safe. The flags will be raised at dawn by an RSL member. Lay flowers or wreaths at the Cenotaph as you please.

We are hoping ANZAC badge sales may go ahead. The help from these sales is so important to help veterans and families from all conflicts and peace-keeping forces. We thank the community for their continued support. Please stay safe and well. Lest we forget.

Rick Gale, President

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Art Quilt Exhibition

From across Australia 18 quilt artists will feature in the Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibition, set to open to the public at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery on Thursday 4th March, 2021.



An official opening of the exhibition will be held at 2pm on Saturday 6th March which will include the announcement of the winning entry by Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor. The exhibition is in its sixth year and is held bi-annually. One quilt will be selected to remain in the Gallery's permanent collection and will also be presented with the winning prize of \$3000. The quilt will join the Gallery's growing collection of contemporary art quilts WHICH form part of the Gallery's permanent collection.

Central Goldfields Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said the Golden Textures exhibition is a much anticipated and greatly enjoyed exhibition held every two years.

"We are proud to host this exhibition which attracts artists from around Australia and acknowledges the strong textile tradition of our Shire. We are so delighted to be hosting this exhibition and presenting these beautiful objects in our local public Art Gallery."

Central Goldfields Art Gallery Exhibition Curator Helen Kaptein said the exhibition brings together a fine range of contemporary quilts.

"The exhibition may surprise some visitors in terms of what they expect a quilt to be. Jenny Bacon's work, 'Forest Sunrise' is a three dimensional quilt, while a work by Marie Mitchell titled 'On the brink' has been created using a variety of materials including upcycled tea bags and bridal tulle. Noelle Lyon's quilt 'Staring at the wallpaper' depicts a woman in bright clothes, wearing slippers and a mask. This quilt was the artist's response to the experience of being quarantined in Melbourne for eight months last year."

Local contemporary quilt artist and Maryborough resident Jenny Bacon was the original curator of the exhibition and is one of the exhibiting artists in this year's award.

She explains that the textile award was based on celebrating the region's long connection with textiles.

"The Maryborough Knitting Mill was a major part of manufacturing here (it began in 1923), during the time the town was the industrial hub of Central Victoria. It was not only a major employer in the town (particularly for women) it also had smaller off-shoots in many towns including Avoca, Beaufort and Newstead and many others. Dunolly's was where the supermarket is now."

Jenny Bacon and Helen Kaptein will host a guided tour of the exhibition between 2pm to 2.45pm on Thursday 18 March 2021 – with the event open to the public to attend.

Bookings are required for both the exhibition opening and the guided tour. Bookings can be made on line through <https://linktr.ee/CGArtGallery> or by phoning the Gallery on 5461 6600 or by emailing cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au. The exhibition will be on display until 9th May 2021.

Central Goldfields Art Gallery is open from Thursday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free. The Gallery is located at 1 Neill Street, Maryborough. CGSC News



DUNOLLY BOWLS



Congratulations to Dunolly Blue on their premiership win. The team is claiming its fourth premiership win in a row. Well-done to everyone concerned. Photo, courtesy *The Maryborough Advertiser*

Mid-Week Pennant Teams 02/03/2021

Dunolly Blue V MHS at MHS Tartan

Jenny McHugh	H Freemantle	Loretta Parker
Sheryl Howard	Sandra Chaplin	Marg Davies
Chris Williams	Greg Dobbin	Tony Galofaro
Roy Pickering	Alan Weir	Alice Raven
Manager:	Jill Morse	

Emergency: Peter Freemantle,
If unavailable ring Jill 0419 551 885
Congratulations to the four district teams who made the Grand Finals.

Dunolly Blue played Talbot at Highland.
Dunolly Green played Carisbrook at Newstead.
Dunolly Blue and Green won the premiership.
Dunolly Blue is playing this week and we hope for a premiership win. We will notify you in the next issue of *The Welcome Record*.
Congratulations to all the bowlers, emergency bowlers and Team Managers; also to the bowlers who stepped up when needed during the season.
To the bowlers who are taking a well-earned rest over the winter months, enjoy your break, we will keep you all informed with any pending social gatherings.
Hannah Delconte

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Off on a tangent with Deb



As I wandered around the beautiful bush near me, I was struck by the incongruity of life in the bush. On the one hand we have beautiful, relatively unspoiled waterholes which provide succour for our native fauna, and also give my water loving dog a lovely dip and then we have something which quite obviously doesn't belong. What kind of cake, I wondered, would someone think they could make out in the bush with no electricity? I am being a little ridiculous here, people seem to think it is okay to just

dump unwanted objects in our lovely bush without a second thought. I wish they would realise we need to protect our splendid forests and waterholes not only for the birds and animals who use them but for future generations to enjoy. Anyway, rant over, my dog and I enjoyed our pleasant walk through our local bushland, such a peaceful way to spend your time and recharge your batteries.

Photos and story Debra Sealey

