

## Good Sports in Dunolly



### Kokoro Kai Karate Club

On Sunday 28th February three Karatekas from the local Dunolly Karate Dojo competed at the Australia Karate Federation Victoria State Championships.

And what a great weekend of Karate it was!

Local karate instructor, Troy Hoban came second. It's the fourth year in a row that Troy has medalled. In 2018 and 2019 Troy came first, making him State Champion two years in a row, but in 2020 a new competitor, Anthony Yam entered his age division, (35+ years) bumping Troy down to second runner-up.

Anthony is an amazing Karate athlete, still winning in the Men's open —Troy felt honoured to have the opportunity to compete against him. Upon entering the 2021 State Championships Troy joked "I bet I'm up against Yam again." And sure enough, Troy won his first round against another competitor, and was against Anthony in the medal match, coming second place to Anthony again.

This year Troy was able to win a flag against the tough

Proud winners: Tyson, Troy and Leah

competition — which is a feather in Troy's cap and something to be proud of.

In 2020 at the State Championships both Leah and Tyson were sitting in the Top 10, and despite not being able to train as much in 2020 due to COVID restrictions, we are extremely proud of their efforts at the 2021 round of State Championships. Both Tyson and Leah came 4th in their division. Meanwhile Alicia from our NSW karate school came second in the Veteran 45+ Kata and first in Kumite at the NSW All Styles Championships.

Another massive achievement here at Kokoro Kai Karate to mention is that Shihan Peter is now Kaicho after being presented his 6th Dan certificate at the Victorian State Championships.

Great achievements, and just the beginning of what is going to be a great year of karate here in Dunolly.

We look forward to keeping the community updated with all the things we have planned for 2021

Dunolly Karate Dojo Administration

### Dunolly Bowling Club

Last Friday, the Dunolly Bowling Club Ladies hosted the annual Veteran's Day where 30 bowlers from the Goldfields Bowls Division were acknowledged for service to their clubs while guests cheered them on. This annual event is hosted in turn by the clubs in the Goldfields Division.

Veterans badges and super-veterans badges were presented by the Secretary of the Goldfields Bowls Division, Jill Morse. This year super-veterans badges were presented to Alice Raven from Dunolly, Barbara Crossley from Talbot, Marj Shay from Maryborough Highland and Pat Pretty from Carisbrook. This is in acknowledgement of their contribution and service to their respective clubs as umpires, office bearers, administration and catering. A member of their club spoke on their behalf. Heather Freemantle and Hannah Delconte were presented with their veteran's badges.

Some former members were driven out to Dunolly to watch the bowls and enjoy socialising with their former team members.

Margaret Davies



Dunolly ladies preparing for their game

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**ROSIE'S RAMBLE**

That rain overnight was very welcome, but would have been better if there had been even more.

There obviously was a mass hatching of some sort of moth insect this morning, brought on by the rain it seems. The air was full of them. I tried to snaffle one to have a good look at, but they didn't oblige me by getting caught in a spider web or something. I thought they may have been termites on the wing, but Mrs. Google tells me they swarm in spring.

There was an interview on the radio last night from Northam WA where they had really good rain last week and quite huge floods through the town. Daughter Ramble the Younger and her girls live there, so I was in touch to make sure she was alright. She was, as she lives in a higher part of the town. The mayor of the Shire was being interviewed and he said there was a lot of damage in the town. The farmers who were rained on were very happy.

I was interested to notice two owls on the top balcony of the Royal Hotel. They are not real ones, of course. I wonder if they are solar and shine at night to deter possums or other things that wander around in the night. Speaking of things that creep around at night, I see that the supermarket has installed heaps of security cameras etc due to three attempted break-ins over the last few weeks. This is so unfair to the owners who provide a great service to the town.

I don't know if this is badly-worded, but a letter from environment Victoria says "Help with a gift of \$60 to make sure he (Richard Wynne, the Minister of Planning) stands for the local community" on a gas import terminal in Westernport Bay. Makes you wonder!

Rosie

OLDER but not WISER —

Middle Age is when your broad mind and your narrow waist change places.

I'm not old. I'm just suffering from Youth Deficiency Syndrome.

FURRY LOGIC —

If there's no chocolate in heaven, I'm not going.



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## A mulcher? Or a shredder? Or a chipper?

A mulcher, a chipper, a shredder? Who knows the correct name for this garden tool? But there I was this week, looking sadly at my old friend. For many years we have worked happily together, a great partnership. Me feeding it garden prunings, it shooting out suitably small mulch. Sometimes it would burp, grunt, and stop, that is true. Then I would have to tip it upside down, which made me grunt and almost stop, and pull out the tangled mess of foliage which was always the heart of the problem. Once cleaned off it would go again, munching happily.

The mulch that has spilled from its maw over the years has been systematically spread around the garden. It has helped the garden not only survive drought, but to actually thrive. Once my older grandson got to an age where he could help, there was no end to the mulch being spread around the yard.

Melaleucas are always up for a prune, as are the cotoneaster and emu bushes. Salvias like a good cut back too. Grevilleas also like a decent trim. Though I have become a bit wary of them since I came out in allergic eczema last year and was told that while many things in your garden can cause it, grevilleas are a prime suspect.

So for the last 10 years or so, my mulcher and I (and Tom) have toiled away, happily making wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow of good mulch. The soil has improved greatly as a result and I have been able to plant shrubs in hard clay soil and they have grown. So as I watched Tom pull it apart and clean it out thoroughly last week, I was confident it would go again. When it was all safely back together, tipped up the right way and plugged in, it was very disheartening to not even hear a click when it was turned on.

It was time to face the truth. My trusted old friend was no more. Such a sad moment. Of course I had noticed it becoming more battered and slower over the years; that happens to everything, but I had thought it would go on forever.

With a big pile of prunings sitting in the yard, I had to consider the best way forward. A trip to Maryborough has seen me collect quite a pile of brochures which will all need to be carefully read through. After endless comparisons I will have to decide who will take the place of my old friend. So many things to consider, not the least the state of my bank account. Sadly none of them will probably give me the service I have been used to. But you never know. One of them might just be perfect.

Vicky Frizzell



**Editor's Note:** While browsing the internet to find a suitable photo to go with your article I came across literally hundreds of different types of mulchers. Spoilt for choice Vicky. Good luck in making a decision.

## DEB'S FUN FOOD FACTS

### March 11th National Popcorn Lovers Day

Many of us love popcorn. So, it only makes sense that there should be a special day just for popcorn lovers. Popcorn is good for you when eaten plain. It is not as healthy when it's loaded with salt and butter. But, all that butter and salt tastes so good! This day is intended to enjoy popcorn and share it with others. Bring some to work, or microwave some and put in a basket on your desk. You can have popcorn in the traditional way, with salt and butter, or you can add any one of a number of flavours to it. Some popular flavours are cheddar cheese, parmesan garlic, and even chilli. There is no limit to the seasoning you can use today, as long as you eat plenty of popcorn. Now, that's not hard to do, is it?

Popcorn Lover's Day is the perfect day to make a big bowl of popcorn and cosy up on the couch, as you watch television in the evening.

### Salted Caramel Popcorn

#### Ingredients

- 4 cups popcorn, cooked
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup brown sugar
- 125g butter
- 2tbs honey
- pinch of salt



#### Method

Cook popcorn according to the packet instructions and place into a large bowl. Melt the brown sugar, butter, honey and salt in a saucepan over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Simmer, uncovered, for 4-5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour the caramel sauce over the popcorn and use a spoon to stir it through until all of the popcorn is completely covered. Spoon the mixture into one even layer onto a baking paper lined tray. Set aside to cool completely. Once completely cooled, break the popcorn into pieces and store in an airtight container. Enjoy.

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## Stories from Cynthia

### Spotlight on Jan Stephenson

Jan Stephenson is a pretty familiar name around here, mainly for the pleasure he has brought to so many of us through his music. Jan has livened up Dunolly with the many musical events at the local Golf Club and other venues on a regular basis. Apart from this public image, Jan has had a most interesting and intriguing family background.

Jan's mother and grandmother arrived in Fremantle from England in 1952, Jan's father to follow later. Patricia, Jan's mother, was heavily pregnant with him and there was every chance Jan could have been born on board the ship; however, his mother just made it to the Subiaco Hospital. Otherwise he would have had an interesting passport; born at sea.

Both Jan's mother and grandmother, Ethelreda, were show dancers and found few outlets in WA so moved to Victoria and settled in St. Kilda. Patricia did the rounds of the theatres and finished up dancing in most of the big Melbourne theatres, *Her Majesty's*, *The Comedy*, *The Palais* and finally her big moment came when she was engaged as one of the famous *Tivoli* girls, renowned in Melbourne as the top variety theatre. She danced under the stage name of Patricia Fernandez. Those of you who are old enough would remember the *Tivoli Theatre* in Bourke Street. I was once taken there by my father as a small girl, much to my mother's protests.

Jan's grandmother had a very interesting dancing background back in England where she worked with people like Charlie Chaplin, W.C. Fields and Stan Laurel, among others.

When Trish was small, Ethelreda had to smuggle her into the dressing room hidden in a costume basket, because being unmarried, she had to keep her hidden. At that time she danced with Catherine Dunham, a very famous dancer of the period.

Jan remembers watching his mother dance from a young age and she performed well into her 50s. Once she reached 60, Trish was still very active and became a wardrobe mistress and dresser, doing all the repairs and alterations to the costumes. In this role she met all the visiting celebrities including Margot Fonteyn, Rudolf Nureyev, Miriam Carlin and Shirley Bassey. Jan remembers once having a vodka with Nureyev at an after party. Trish lived till her late 80s and stayed in touch with most of the celebrities with whom she had worked.

When Jan was 10 his father bought his mother a guitar and Jan picked it up to see how it worked. In no time he

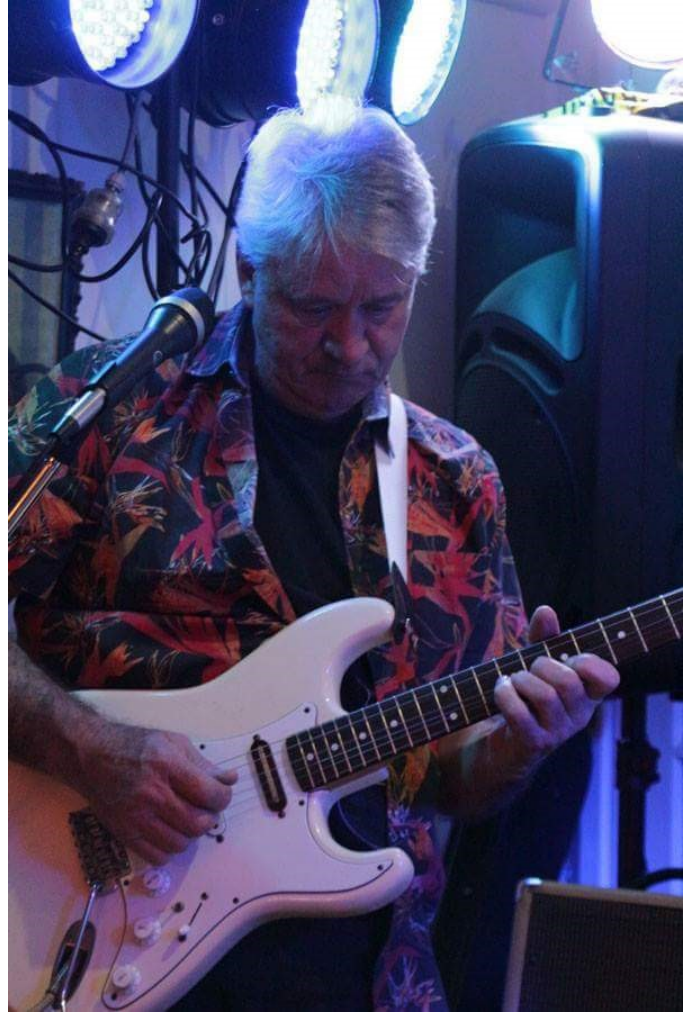
was working out chords and tunes, so when he was 12 he was signed up with a classical music teacher. He studied music for five years. After school, Jan obtained an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner and at night worked in a theatre as a stagehand. He stuck at that, working around the clock, saving up to buy a motorbike; and believe it or not, his amazing mother was already riding a motor bike to work when she became sick of tram travel. Jan wanted to follow in

Mum's footsteps, but sadly never became a dancer; but he did get that bike.

When he was 18, Jan had some friends who were putting together a band and they invited him to sit in. Then he was asked to join the band, *Main Line*, his first public venture into the music world. They were a blues band who played in many well-known Melbourne music venues. We remember when Jan played with *Oozin' Blues* and later formed his present group — *Groove Dudes*.

Dunolly is fortunate to have such local talent with music and drama. You never know what you will find if you dig deep into people's past lives. Jan said his mother had two mottos he always remembers — "Go with the flow" and "Fake it till you make it."

Cynthia Lindsay



The man and his guitar — Jan Stephenson



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## Aria Cappella returns to Dunolly

The talented divas of Aria Cappella are returning to Dunolly for a recital at the Dunolly Town Hall. Aria Cappella capture the majesty and thrill of popular arias in stunning new arrangements by four female voices.

The performers Helen, Lara, Zoe and Jess were a huge hit at Buckley's of Dunolly in February 2020. After entrancing audiences across Victoria with their modern twist on traditional operatic arias, their popularity was ensured — then all bookings were halted by the COVID outbreak.

After a 12 month hiatus, this recital will be at 2pm on World Harmony Day, Sunday 21st March. Dunolly local, Rachel Buckley is honoured to be compère.

Rachel said "It is such an honour to be on stage in the company of such talented and delightful ladies".

The four ladies have many fans around Victoria, and some are coming up to Dunolly to see the ladies perform for their first concert for such a long time. Seating will have to be limited and socially distanced and we will require bookings. We will not be serving an interval supper due to safety precautions.

Here is what the ladies had to say.

**Helen:** "We are so excited to be returning to Dunolly... after more than a year! The warmth and support from the audience is amazing, even palpable, and having Rachel by our side is the cherry on top!"

**Lara:** "We're super excited to be able to share songs with a real live audience. It feels like waking up from hibernation! It's also very special to be returning to the incredibly warm and generous people of Dunolly for our first show back. We couldn't wish for a better opportunity to perform again."

**Zoe:** "It's been such a long time coming since our last performance and it's a mix of excitement and relief! We can't wait to share the joy with the people of Dunolly."

**Jess:** "Gosh, but it feels great to sing again! And to be able to donate our time and talents to a good cause feels very 2021 — after such strife last year, we all know what it feels like to have your 'normal' stripped away suddenly. As a long-time supporter of the ASRC, I'm so thrilled to be part of Rachel's special event, and I look forward to return to the passionate and caring community of Dunolly."

This is a recital guaranteed to raise the spirits, showing care and generosity on World Harmony Day.

Rachel Buckley



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Sharon Hiley Coordinator



## Position Vacant Coordinator, Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre

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The Coordinator is responsible to the Committee of Management for the operation, management and development of the Neighbourhood Centre and for ensuring that the organisation operates in accordance with the Committee's strategic decisions, the service agreements with funding bodies and applicable legislation. Experience in managing a community organisation and an understanding of community development principles and skills are central to the role.

Applications close Friday 12th March 2021 at 4pm.

For a position description and application details please call Faye Arnold on 0439681508 or email:

[fayenette1956@gmail.com](mailto:fayenette1956@gmail.com)

The Community Engagement Policy was tabled at the February 23rd ordinary council meeting. This was a vast improvement on the draft, and we were very pleased to see it tabled and passed document. A well-done vote to the Council, and also to all those who participated in the drafting from the community and the Shire.

Now CGR&RAI would like to see this complimented with a strong demonstration of incorporation of this policy within the council.

On Monday 1st March the council organised a very rushed community presentation of an update for the Carisbrook Levee. We believe this event was organised just so the council could state they had community consultation. This was initially a very welcomed presentation, but after could not be called a community consultation. The 18 residents were asked to submit two questions each to give council an idea as to what areas needed to be addressed, but were not individually answered at the meeting, which appears to be less than satisfactory. At the presentation several attendees were invited to ask questions. Most didn't get to complete their questions, and a reply was factored to address some of what was asked. Most residents left the event with more concerns than answers. We ask the councillors meet with the Carisbrook locals, discuss, communicate and come to an understanding.

On Tuesday 2nd March, it was reported to us that at the Council's workshop, the levee was raised and there was general discussion with Shire and the councillors. The reported outcome was stay with the Entura plan, and the councillors were pleased with the outcome of the Monday public event. If this is the councillors' and Shire's demonstration of the new Community Engagement Policy, it's going to be a long four years.

Now with an understanding of the councillors' and Shire direction, the CGR&RAI would recommend all residents throughout the Shire who live in areas where flood works have been carried out over the past eight years, or in an area which could be affected by a flood event, to document and register (send a copy to the Shire) the present concerns you have with your area. If possible, include photographs going back to the 2011 or 2010 flood event. Should any worse effects occur to your property due to the works, you possibly would have a claim, but please do yourselves a favour and have it all well-documented.

Our CGR&RAI monthly meeting was held at Carisbrook on Tuesday 2nd March. About 20 attended the Carisbrook levee presentation, and 18 attended the meeting after that. Councillor Wayne Sproull attended both meetings and was very well received. Thank you. At our meeting we addressed the airport, Men's Shed, Carisbrook levee, industrial development and a few other issues. One issue raised regarding industrial development was the fact that there are two large industrial lots at the Tullaroop Road industrial area. One is approximately 2.1 acres and the other approximately 1.7 acres which council owns. Neither blocks of land are for sale, so this raised a question as to why for over 10 years our council has been advocating for industry and support growth, yet our industrial and tourism development seems to be stalled. Hopefully with our new councillors there will be a renewed effort to get industry and tourism back on the improve.

Fantastic to see the Visitor Information Centre returned to its old location, Maryborough Railway Station. CGR&RAI hopes our Shire and community understand the position of this Centre does not create tourism; it's the people and the support from the Shire which does. So for our Shire to grow, we need community input and support from across the Shire.

Our next monthly meeting (COVID permitting) will be at Dunolly, on 6th April 2021 at 7pm. Location to be confirmed. Thank you and stay safe. Wayne McKail President



**Positions Vacant**

For current vacancies in our team please see the employment section of today's edition of *The Maryborough District Advertiser*.

**IT Traineeship opportunity**

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**Thank you for your feedback**

Between December, 2020 and January, 2021 we invited community feedback on our Draft Communications and Engagement Strategy and Draft Community Engagement Policy. Thank you to the 100 plus residents who contributed via listening posts, surveys and written submissions — the feedback you shared helped us gain four key insights:

- The biggest barrier to participation is a lack of trust in the engagement processes
- Our community is diverse so communication needs to be targeted.
- Our community is diverse so there is no one size fits all approach to engagement.
- Our community wants transparency from Council.

Changes have been made to both documents in response to this feedback. The updated Community Engagement Policy was adopted at the February Council Meeting (23/02) and the updated Communications and Engagement Strategy will be considered at the April Council Meeting.

You can view the Community Engagement Policy at [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/policies](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/policies)

**Golden Textures exhibition on now**

The 6th Biennial Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibition is now on display at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery until 9th May, 2021.

Golden Textures brings together the work of exciting contemporary textile artists from around Australia.

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is located at the Old Fire Station, 1 Neill Street, Maryborough. The Gallery is open Thursday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm and entry is free.

For more information visit: <https://linktr.ee/CGArtGallery>  
CGSC News

**Community Grants Scheme now open**

Applications for Council's Community Grants Scheme are now open. 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. 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 SmartyGrants process. To find out more, call Council's Community Support Team on 5494 1200.

**Finance course for Young Farmers**

Agriculture Victoria is running a new online express course for young farmers around farm finance. The course, Farm Finance – Getting Prepared will be run as a series of five 90 -minute webinars focussing on farm finance, risk and farm management planning. Each webinar runs from 7pm to 8.30pm and will start on Thursday 25th March with The Business Case. The other four webinars in the series are Creating the Cashflow budget (Thursday 8th April); Farm business risks (Thursday 29th April); Business Risks impact on Cashflow (Thursday 13th May); and Putting the plan into action (Thursday 27th May). For more information and links to the webinars, visit <https://bit.ly/304gGM7>

**Anzac Day Schools Awards**

The Anzac Day Schools' Awards are now open, with this year's theme "What does commemoration look like in our community?" Hosted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the awards recognise the commitment of students, teachers and schools to engage with veterans and honour Australia's wartime history. The national winner's school will receive \$5000, a trophy and a certificate. There will also be state and territory winners, with the schools receiving \$3000 and a certificate. Winners in the special categories will receive \$2000 and a certificate. For more information, <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-education/competitions/anzac-day-schools-awards>. Entries close Wednesday 30th June 2021.  
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The celebrations for the 150th anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Dunolly will be held on the weekend of 27th/28th November, 2021. There will be Mass on Sunday 28th November celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird. If you have photos or other memorabilia, they would be appreciated for the celebrations.

Mass is on Sunday 14th March at St. Mary's, Dunolly at 8.30am.

R Mcreedy

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
but their echoes are truly endless."*

Mother Teresa

**Uniting Church**

No information received at time of print.  
We are aware Jean Richardson is not well and is not able to advise Church information.  
We all send our best wishes to Jean for a speedy recovery.

TWR Team

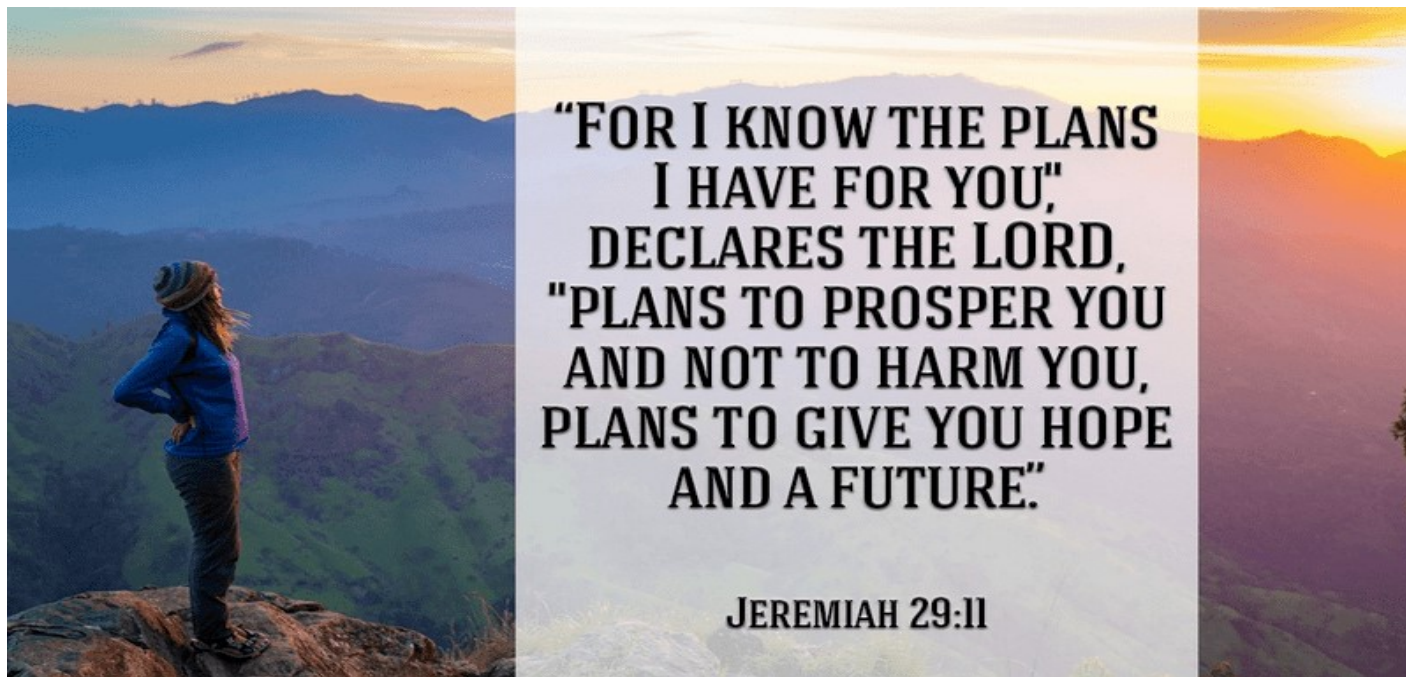
**St John's Anglican Church**

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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

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul."*

Psalm 23

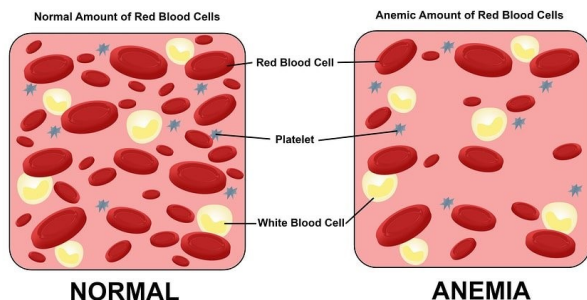


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## ANEMIA



### The misogyny of iron deficiency

A new article has highlighted the need to improve diagnosis and treatment of one of the most common conditions affecting women worldwide — iron deficiency.

“The misogyny of iron deficiency”, published today in *Anaesthesia* to coincide with International Women’s Day, was written by researchers from The University of Western Australia and University College London and addresses the history of iron deficiency anaemia and how women’s health has often been overlooked.

Team lead Professor Toby Richards, Lawrence-Brown Chair in Vascular Surgery at UWA, is calling for greater recognition and equality for women’s health.

Professor Richards said statistics showed one in three women would need to take iron supplements at some point in their life.

“Our figures show that up to 18 percent of women who appear fit and healthy are actually deficient in iron, with heavy menstrual bleeding the most common cause,” Professor Richards said.

“Symptoms reported by women range from fatigue to brain fog, hair loss and eating ice.”

Professor Richards said iron deficiency was a particular problem for women involved in fitness or sport with up to one in five athletes affected.

“Issues with a women’s menstrual cycle and particularly heavy periods are surprisingly common and often not recognised with more than half also suffering iron deficiency.

“It’s so common it’s hiding in plain sight and both are under-diagnosed issues in women’s health. Unfortunately, there has been a dogma to accept these as ‘in the normal range’ for women.”

Professor Richards’ team also recently surveyed two groups of women, including 68 triathletes and 181 students, at UWA’s recent Orientation Day.

The women completed a simple questionnaire about previous iron status, menstrual blood loss, diet and motherhood. They were then tested for anaemia. Of the 181 women tested 14.5 percent, or one in seven women were anaemic and most were unaware.

“This is alarming that so many apparently fit and healthy women are actually anaemic, which may impact on their physical and mental health,” Professor Richards said.

He said many women simply coped with constant tiredness among a host of other symptoms, without addressing the root cause.

“We want to raise awareness of these conditions and help women recognise the signs and symptoms, in order to get the treatment that their body needs to improve their health and welfare.”

Media Release

### Home-made natural air freshener

Going along with the theme of natural elements are best used in our homes, I thought as the days become cooler and we don’t have our windows and doors open quite so often, a natural air freshener would be a good idea. They are super easy to make, with just a few ingredients. You can decorate your jars, or not, it’s up to you.

- 2 cups distilled water, or just use water without chemicals
- 28 grams unflavoured gelatine
- 1-2 tablespoons fragrance or essential oil
- 2 tablespoons salt, the salt acts as a preservative
- 2-3 smaller glass jars
- Silk flowers, leaves or other additions you think would be fun.

Wash your glass jars out, dry them and position your silk flowers or other “decorative items” in the jars the way you would like them. Remember that this step is totally optional. If you just want the gel only, don’t put anything else in the jars. You could always just add some food colouring to the gel if you’d like it to match a certain room, etc. Don’t be afraid to be creative.

In a saucepan heat 1½ cups of the distilled water with the salt and stir until salt is dissolved, then add gelatine and stir until dissolved. Remove pan from the heat and add the remaining ½ cup of distilled water and stir. Lastly, gently pour the fragrance oil in. Stir again until well mixed, and then start adding the liquid to the jars. I made sure to pick something with a wonderful autumnal scent.

Here’s where you’ll need to be patient. Put the jars in a safe place and allow them to cool overnight for the gel to form properly. The next day your air fresheners will be ready to use. As the gel evaporates it will release its scent. These are so much fun to decorate for different rooms in the house or to give as gifts to friends and family.

Debra Sealey, photo from YouTube



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**Around school  
this week**

**NEW STAFF MEMBER**

I would like to welcome Nadine Costelow, who has joined our school community as an ESS member.

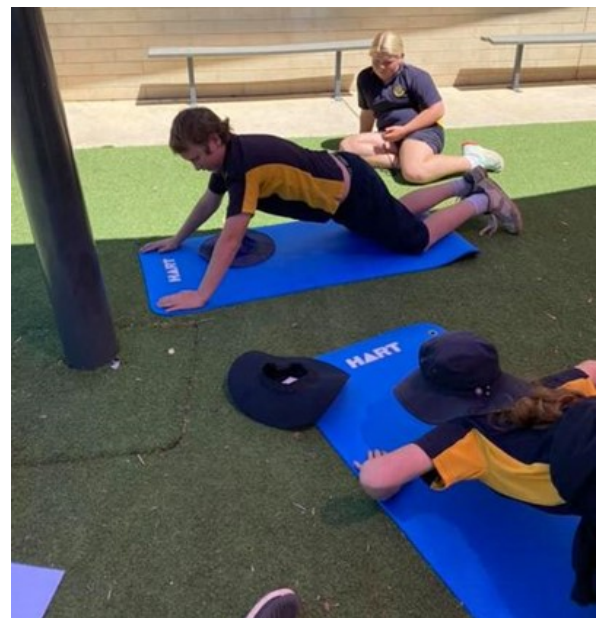
**SWIMMING**

Good luck to the students who are swimming in the Division Swimming at Bendigo tomorrow. Mia Schodde will swim in the 10 Year Girls 50 m Freestyle, while Mia Schodde, Taylah Schodde, Grace Freemantle and Lily Malcolm swim in the 10 Year Girls Relay.

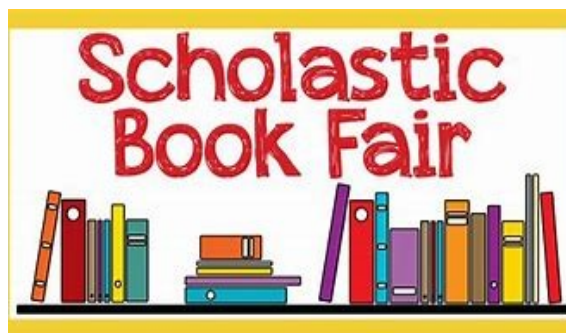
**COVID SAFE**

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 is recommended to wear a mask when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained. Scan in using the QR code on the Services Victoria app.

**Year 5/6 students completing their fitness test**



**LAST WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK**



**When: Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
to Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>**

This year we will be holding two book fairs. So start doing some jobs to earn pocket money to buy some awesome books 😊



Every Minute Matters is a promotion to improve the attendance for children at school. Did you know that our school has one of the lowest school attendance rates in the state? Why does this matter? Because we want to build a strong community and to assist with that we need our next generation to thrive. School gives children more choices in life to thrive.

We want our community to thrive!

Attending and participating in school helps your child develop important skills in not only knowledge to help them learn, but social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork. Your child is not only learning about maths and reading, but they're learning how to show up for school on time every day and how to get ready to learn. These are vital life skills for future success. We are running a poster competition where students are encouraged to create a poster reflecting why it is important to attend school every day and why every minute matters. The winning poster will be used as our promotional poster for our campaign and will be invited to attend the **Every Minute Matters launch on 24th March at 12pm at The Hub, 48 Burns St Maryborough. Entries close 11th March.**

I encourage you to talk to your children about what they like or don't like about school. Any feedback would be much appreciated. Please help us make *Every Minute Matter*. Good attendance really matters to your child's future success in life. Please email me at [Alison.wilson2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Alison.wilson2@education.vic.gov.au) with any feedback and/or suggestions on how we can best support you and your family to help your child attend school. Alternatively, you can phone me on 5464 2444. I, along with your school, are here to support you to assist your children to attend school. Ali Wilson, Family Engagement Officer



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## Notes from Loddon Shire

### Calling all Loddon Shire artists

Local artists, makers, creators and local businesses who operate or live in the Loddon Shire are encouraged to be part of an arts trail this coming spring.

To be held on 23rd and 24th October, the Loddon Valley Arts Trail will be created by artists for artists and is open to both professional and amateur artists.

The arts trail is a joint project between Arts of Olde in Bridgewater on Loddon and Loddon Shire Council.

Bridgewater on Loddon artist Ainsley McPherson, who owns the Arts of Olde art gallery and gift shop, said the idea for the arts trail initially came via Bendigo.

"Bendigo was having an arts trail, and a couple of us here in the Loddon Shire enquired as to whether we could be part of that trail," Mrs McPherson explained.

"Unfortunately, because we didn't live in the City of Greater Bendigo, we were unable to take part in the arts trail. So we thought — 'why not do our own arts trail? There are plenty of artists around here'.

"We put the idea to Council's tourism staff Robyn Vella and Shelby Hutchinson, and they said 'why not?'

"The arts trail is also a way of encouraging tourists to our Loddon Shire that are into art."

Mrs McPherson said there had already been plenty of interest in the arts trail.

"There seems to be quite a lot of interest so far. I can think of eight people to start with and that's just people I know," she said.

"However, as I've only been here for two and a half years, there would be a lot more artists around than just those I know. I think there's a lot of artists around — they can be hard to find," Mrs McPherson added.

"But we're encouraging these artists to come forward and be part of the Loddon Valley Arts Trail and showcase their work."

Mrs McPherson emphasised that the Loddon Valley Arts Trail was open to all local artists, makers, creators and local businesses.

"For example, of the artists and makers I know, there are a couple of painters, a photographer who also has an open garden, a sewer who makes cloth from Aboriginal patterns, as well as Aboriginal artists.

"I'm fairly new to the area so there are people I've met who have come into the shop who would also be more than welcome to be part of the arts trail, for example rustic items they hand make.

"We also know there's a few places around the Loddon Shire that are makers and producers of food — that's an art in itself."

Mrs McPherson said people might also be interested in displaying someone else's work for the arts trail.

"An artist, creator or maker might not have enough space to showcase their works, but someone else might have adequate studio space to do so. For example, the Tarnagulla Tea Shop has been displaying art in their studio space.

"It could be a two-fold thing for the arts trail — food and displaying of works."

Once artists and locations have registered for the Loddon Valley Arts Trail, a "mud map" of locations would be produced.

"This will provide information as to where the work of all our artists, makers and creators can be found, which will let visitors do their own outings — and book accommodation for the weekend," Mrs McPherson said. If you would like to be involved in the Loddon Valley Arts

Trail please complete an Expression of Interest form at [www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/node/5130](http://www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/node/5130)

For further information contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 1257 or email [loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au](mailto:loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au)

### Community Feedback

Council is seeking community feedback on priority actions for the next four years.

Every four years Council develops a Council Plan containing planned actions and key performance indicators.

Council will be conducting a number of engagement exercises with the community to seek input on those proposed actions and indicators.

One way to provide input is to complete a survey in either the Loddon Bulletin circulated to households this week, or the same survey online at <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Community-Engagement/The-Loddon-Project>. Surveys are due by 3rd March 2021.

### Public information — Skinners Flat Reservoir Master Plan

Loddon Shire Council seeks to develop a master plan for Skinners Flat Reservoir. Council will engage with key stakeholders and the community over the coming months to provide direction for the future development, recreational uses, management and maintenance of Skinners Flat Reservoir.

To address any issues around ad hoc development of the Skinners Flat Reservoir, Council has identified a need for the master plan, created through collaboration and consultation with stakeholders the community. Planned community and stakeholder engagement will commence in March 2021. The project will engage and consult with the local community, user groups, key government and non-government agencies, and other groups identified through the planning process.

In doing so, this project will consider any recommendations in terms of delivery and maintenance to align with Council's capacity. Future recreation activities need examining and all potential recreation activities will be considered in consultation with stakeholders.

This project contributes to Council's strategic objective to "support development of a prosperous and diverse economy".

To register your interest in taking part of the community consultation process please email:

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### Examples of some artists' work





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**Planned burning continues across the state this long weekend**

As we head into the long weekend, Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) crews are taking advantage of ideal weather conditions to carry out more than 20 fuel reduction and ecological burns across the state.

If you are travelling this weekend stay informed about planned burns happening at or near your destination as there may be smoke impacts and closures.

FFMVic Chief Fire Officer, Chris Hardman, said crews have ignited approximately 60 planned burns since 19 January 2021, covering 5,670 hectares, to reduce the size, intensity and impact of future bushfires to communities and the environment.

“Following a cooler and wetter summer, thanks to La Niña, FFMVic crews have been able to increase our planned burning program earlier than normal and we will see a further increase in planned burning activity relative to recent years in the coming months,” Chief Hardman said.

“We plan and deliver activities as outlined in our bushfire management strategies to achieve the best outcome for protecting lives, property, infrastructure, industry and the environment.

“Fuel management is just one way we manage bushfire risk.”

Our strategic bushfire management approach focuses on: A year-round fuel management approach including planned burning, strategic fuel breaks and mechanical works such as slashing, mowing and mulching.

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Ensuring we use the most relevant and scientific approach to bushfire risk modelling to identify priorities.

Traditional Owner-led cultural land and fire practices.

“We take every opportunity when conditions are right, to manage our bushfire risk 365 days a year, with different tools and methods. This includes planned burning on weekends and holidays, and gives us the best chance to get it done effectively with less risk.”

To find out when and where planned burns are happening near you or where you are travelling to, sign up to [www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns](http://www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns), call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 or check the VicEmergency app.

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**The Welcome Record  
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The Welcome Record invites community organisations to apply for a Grant for funding. Please submit an application letter stating the amount required and the purpose of the proposed funds and if there is a deadline.

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### Burnt Creek Police Camp

The first gold rush to Burnt Creek (Bromley) was about February 1853. It was short lived and by March the miners had left. A new rush started in September and the police camp at Jones Creek was moved to Burnt Creek. It was under the command of Commissioner Robert Rede. He later played a role at Eureka Stockade.

Apart from law and order one of the important duties of the police was to secure water supplies. If a large population ran out of water the consequences could be severe. The police camp was set up on the north side of a waterhole in Burnt Creek and that water was then reserved for domestic purposes only.

After two months the bulk of the Burnt Creek police camp was moved to Moliagul leaving only two constables at Burnt Creek. After a while, they too were removed.

The police camp was re-established in October 1854 when the camp at Sandy Creek (Tarnagulla) was moved to Bet Bet. This camp was for the rushes at Burnt Creek and both sides of Sydenham Hill. In some records it was still called Burnt Creek. The Bet Bet police camp was there for a short time before being moved in early 1855. It went back to the old site at Burnt Creek. About March the Kingower police camp was closed and added to Burnt Creek.

JWS Butt was the Commissioner in charge of the camp and Aston Warner was the Gold Receiver. In April 1855 a gold chest containing 418 ounces of gold and £110 in cash was stolen from the police camp.

In August 1855 a new rush started towards Moliagul. Rather than close the camp it was decided that mounted troopers could patrol the new rush on a daily basis. The canvas stables at Burnt Creek were in such bad condition that they could not be moved. There were about six buildings at Burnt Creek. These were probably Commissioner's residence, men's quarters, gold office, cook house, lockup and stables.

By 1857 there were only four police stationed at Burnt Creek. The following year this was reduced to two foot constables. The lockup and most other buildings had been removed. In 1862 the strength was raised to three and a portable lockup moved there.

The police camp closed about 1866. The lockup was moved to Castlemaine.

Some of the police stationed at Burnt Creek include: -  
James Baskerville — acting sergeant moved from Burnt Creek to Alma in May 1855, previously Irish Constabulary  
William Trail constable May 1855  
William Butt sen constable Apr 1857  
Edwin Harbert constable Mar 1857  
Webber constable Oct 1861  
Mortimer Riley constable Jan 1862  
William Keily FC 1991 Jan 1862

May 1863, captured bushranger Trafford at Burnt Creek in Jan 1862. Also spelt Keeley.

Michael Dunn FC 329 Feb 1862-Mar 1863  
Denis Boyle constable May 1862, Nov 1865  
Henry Bouchier constable Mar 1863-Nov 1865.  
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| 42. Item of stationery              | 30. Device which brightens by polishing | 34. Not quite               | 43. To close so as to be airtight                 |
| 45. Related by blood                | 31. Late U.S. golfing great, ____ Snead | 35. Area for growing plants | 44. Italian racing car manufacturer, ____ Ferrari |
| 46. Every day, ____ diem            |   | 37. Soaked                  |   |
| 47. To tear                         |   | 40. External body organ     |   |
| 48. Location (of construction, eg.) |   |                             |   |
| 49. Be idle                         |   |                             |   |
| 50. Vigorous action                 |   |                             |   |
| 51. Former name of country of Asia  |   |                             |   |

**Across**

1. Vibrated
6. Grassy field used as pasture
11. Enclosure of bars or wire
12. Long heroic tale
13. Smallest unit of element
14. A grown male
15. Window shelf
16. No-ball, wide, bye and \_\_\_\_ (3,3)
18. Tool used to shape wood
20. Novel and musical set in 19th century France, \_\_\_\_ *Misérables*
21. The lad's
22. Devilish
25. Hoarder of funds
27. Centre of solar system
29. Annoyed
32. Repairs carried out on something which is in use, \_\_\_\_ repairs
36. You have, she \_\_\_\_
38. Town of Latrobe Valley

**Down**

1. Horny plates on fish
2. Despise
3. Eagerly interested
4. Industrial centre on southern coast of NSW, Port \_\_\_\_
5. Invincible opponent
6. Chew (food) noisily
7. Italian town where St Francis and St Clare were born
8. Platform for lecturer
9. To eye with amorous look
10. U.S. jazz pianist/ singer/songwriter. Fats \_\_\_\_
17. Japanese monetary unit
19. That lad
23. Moreover
24. Immoral person
26. Glide across water or snow
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We are available for -

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# DUNOLLY BOWLS

## Saturday 6/3/2021

Dunolly Bowling Club, once again held the annual "WEIR PAIRS." I was told it was a great day, enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Weir Family for another friendly game of bowls.

## Tuesday 9/3/2021

Mid-week pennant Highland Tartan played Talbot at Dunolly Bowling Club for a position in the Grand Final against Dunolly Blue. The Grand Final will be played Tuesday 16/3/2021. Barry Cann will send out emails informing all where the grand final will be played. Come along and support Dunolly Blue. Congratulations to all teams who made the finals.

## Midweek pennant bowlers

Expression of Interest Dunolly Blue and Gold Bowlers. Would you like the catering staff to cater for a pleasant afternoon to celebrate the end of pennant and grand final? This can be held in the club rooms. Please let your team managers know which day suits all. Due to the clubroom being booked on Tuesdays and Thursdays, unfortunately these two afternoons are not available for the months of March and April.

## Monthly Triples

Monthly Triples will be held at Dunolly Bowling Club Wednesday 17/3/2021, 12.30pm start. Please put your name down to play. List is on the board, or ring Barry Cann on 0427 509 650. A delicious afternoon tea is provided.

## Handicap Pairs Saturday 20/3/2021

Starting 1pm, draw for partners Three (3) games of eight (8) ends 2x4x2. Players, would you please bring a plate to share after the game. If you would like to play please write your name down. List is up in the club rooms.

## Clubs Annual Medley Day Sunday 11/4/2021

\$100 per team. 9.30am start. Lunch and afternoon tea provided. List is on the board for your name to make a team. For further information please contact: Terry 0407542 373, Chris 0407 093 320, Alan 0438 078 465. Further information will be in *The Welcome Record* closer to the date.

## ANZAC Day Sunday 25/4/2021.

Three (3) Games x Eight (8) ends. Names down by 12.30pm for 1pm start. Cost \$5 per player. Casual dress. Bowlers please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

**Winter Jackpot Pairs** is starting again. Time to get out your thermals, starting Wednesday 5th May 2021 At 12.30pm. \$7 per player 2x4x2. Three (3) games of eight (8) ends. Please put your name down, list is up in the club rooms. First 24 teams will be accepted. Hot finger food will be available for sale. Coffee, tea and biscuits included in \$7. Please contact Barry Cann on 0427 509 650 or email Barry on [bcann@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bcann@bigpond.net.au)

The Dunolly Bowling Club rooms are available for hire. A modern kitchen, includes electric oven, microwave, pie warmer, urns, freezer, two fridges, dishwasher. Seating for approx. 72. (12 tables of six), or configuration of your choice. Utensils, plates, cups and saucers, tablecloths are available. Ladies, Men's and disabled toilets. Bar staff would be able to assist with your refreshment requests. Please contact the Club for more information on [bcann@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bcann@bigpond.net.au)

Hannah Delconte

## Teams take big wins in first round of finals

Emphatic wins went to Dunolly Blue and Talbot in the first week of Tuesday's midweek pennant finals. Both teams defeated their respective opponents Highland Tartan and Avoca by an identical 23-shot margin. The match between Highland and Dunolly was too close to call early as the Blues only led by three shots at the near halfway mark of 30 ends. Dunolly then put the foot down, scoring freely in the remaining 33 ends to defeat Highland 72-49. Dunolly skipper Sheryl Howard stepped up and in her first match in this position was too strong for Highland's Jeanette Oliver, easily winning by 16 shots. Loretta Parker, Dunolly's most experienced skipper was back at the helm after a couple of weeks out, guiding her team to a 25-17 win over Tilly Wadeson of Highland. The final match between two well matched skips in Dunolly's Heather Freemantle and Highland's Jan Turner was a good contest with Jan just holding on to secure a one-shot win for Highland.

Excerpt, courtesy *The Maryborough Advertiser*



## Dunolly Cricket Club

Congratulations to Zachary Graham (166) and Chris Lee (78) on setting a new club record for the fourth wicket partnership during yesterday's MDCA clash at Deledio Oval.

Zac and Chris put together 245 for Laanecoorie Dunolly Cricket Club's A-grade side as they defeated MKM Cricket Club (5/342 to 120 all-out) in the final game of the 2020/2021 home and away season.

Goldfields Community

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# 'HOP TO IT' BECOME A MEMBER IN 2021

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 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP - \$10 (UNDER 18)  
 - ALL INCLUDE ENTRY INTO TGC EVENTS, UNLIMITED GREEN FEES AND CLUB SOUVENIR

### 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

Saturday 6th March	Greenskeeper Games
Saturday 3rd April	Easter Cup
Saturday 15th May	Kangaroo Caddy
Saturday 12th June	Queen's Birthday Bash
Saturday 10th July	Lucky 5 Golf
Saturday 28th August	Club Champs
Saturday 18th September	Par 3 Par-Tee
Saturday 30th October	Three Club Monty

\*EVENT DETAILS ARE TENTATIVE, REFER FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS CLOSER TO EVENTS  
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## Birds of Central Victoria — Brown Falcon



I often walk outside and find one of these lovely birds eyeing off my chooks. The Brown Falcon is one of the most widespread birds in Australia — there is almost nowhere they cannot be seen, at least occasionally. They are most commonly seen perched on power poles, or hovering or flying back and forth over open habitats, especially grasslands and low shrub lands, where they search for prey. They are opportunistic raptors, catching and eating mammals and birds, snakes and insects, with introduced rabbits their most common prey in many places, especially in summer.

Brown Falcons are small to medium-sized raptors (birds of prey). The female is larger than the male. The Brown Falcon has a range of plumage colours, from very dark brown to light brown above and off-white below. Generally, the upperparts are dark brown and the underparts are pale buff or cream. The sides of the head are brown with a characteristic tear-stripe below the eye. The preferred habitat is open grassland and agricultural

areas, with scattered trees or structures such as telegraph poles which it uses for perching.

Brown Falcons are usually seen alone, searching for food from an exposed perch. When prey is sighted, the bird swoops down and grasps it in its claws (talons), killing the prey with a bite to the spine. The powerful bill has specialised "tomial"\*\*\* teeth and matching notches for this purpose. Less often the species will hunt by hovering or gliding over the ground, often at great heights. Brown Falcons feed on small mammals, insects, reptiles and, less often, small birds.

The nest used by the Brown Falcon is normally an old nest from another hawk species, but the species may build its own stick nest in a tree. Occasionally birds nest in open tree hollows. Both sexes share the incubation of the eggs, and both care for the young, although the female performs the bulk of these duties, while the male supplies most of the food.

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\*\* Found in falcons, kites, and accipiters, the TOMIAL TOOTH (pl. mandibular tomia) is the outer, or cutting edge of the beak. This "tooth" is the protrusion that extends from the tomial edge of the beak and is thought to be used to deliver the killing blow to prey.

*Google search*

