

The Woolly Goose, a Creative Workspace opens in Dunolly

My name is Georgie Buckingham, founder of The Woolly Goose and I'm delighted to be a new shop/studio owner in Dunolly. My family background has always been inclusive of artistic creativity, and I spent many former years in the Graphic Art Industry. Born and bred in Melbourne and relocating to Laanecoorie 13 years ago with my partner Matt, has proven to be a wonderful, positive change of lifestyle.

I first discovered a love of weaving in recent years and became hooked pretty quickly, it seemed to be a focus for 'me' and raising a young family, that outlet seems to be quite important. It quickly took me back to my young and free creative days and seemed to give me a sense of freedom. After spending the last nine years raising our young family, I recently found it to be more important for any time allowing, to be creative.

My weaving quickly spurred me into thinking about textures and colour, something that is not always readily available or exactly what I wanted, so the journey began. Before I knew it, I was sitting in front of a spinning wheel and playing with woollen fibre. Then came the dyeing of fibre/wool and yes... made a mess, but it was so much fun, it was a rabbit hole from which I don't think I'll ever emerge, I adore it, it's my passion! So here I am, playing with wool and different fibres, textures and colour.

In 2021 I entered the NEIS scheme, a scheme for people with an 'idea and inspiration' to develop into a micro business. It sure came with its own challenges, but I am slowly gaining confidence and knowledge with maybe making something from my ideas and passion, that is to inspire creativity and provide opportunity for people to extend creative passion'.

The Woolly Goose offers hand dyed yarns, intricate Art Yarns, beanies, ear warmers and woven scarves for Winter Woolly Goodness. Woven wall hangings are to come, along with a few more creative ideas. I also offer fleece for spinners, weavers and felters. Custom orders are always welcome, whether it may be for yourself or for a gift, I will work with you. As part of my shop is a



Georgie with an assortment of dyed yarns at an exhibition

working studio, you may see me working on a project or getting tangled in some sort of fibre ha! Drop by, come in and say hello, I'd love to meet you. The people I have met already are amazing and I cannot wait to meet more like-minded crafters, other shop owners and the surrounding Dunolly community.

For social media buffs, you can find me on *Instagram* 'The Woolly Goose' or just email me at:

thewoollygoose@gmail.com, for non-social media buffs, just drop in, you're always welcome at 115 Broadway. I know it's summer, but I'm sending everyone warm Woolly wishes, from Georgie at The Woolly Goose!

Georgie Buckingham

IN THIS ISSUE



Rosie's Rambles

We had a "cheap presents" Christmas. It was surprising the range and usefulness of the gifts bought for not a lot of money. One of mine, one of those jiggers with spring operated "fingers" for picking up things one has dropped, has come in very handy. I use it to pick the smaller things from the bottom of my ridiculously large washing machine. It is not strong to lift towels, but saves me a lot of stretching into the machine.

I have come across another hazard of the very hot weather. I stepped out onto the sun-warmed part of the concrete, and very smartly returned to the shade. The soles of my bare feet felt as if they were burned.

Surely there should be a limit on the temperature tennis players are expected to play a very energetic game. Some of the players in the Australian Open looked exhausted after long matches. Congratulations to the winners at the Open — great to see Australian players at the top of the tree.

Came across another couple of words the other day that would be difficult to work out the pronunciation of if English was not your first language. They are access and business. There is no way one could sound out the correct pronunciation.

I have been having a lot of salads lately (along with just about everyone else), and am mildly surprised at the keepability of the modern lettuce. I can remember when they had to be used up fairly quickly or they went brown after they had been cut. If they were left for a few days they sort of dissolved into a very unpleasant soggy mess. Mrs. Google is a font of knowledge. I made a salad the other day but was a bit wary of a hard-boiled egg I had cooked a couple of days before. Mrs. Google told me that hard-boiled eggs will keep for a week in the fridge. No worries.

Found this joke in an old magazine, forties if the illustrations are anything to go by.

Joke

A small boy and his sister in England had never seen a banana. On a long train trip their mother gave them one each and showed them how to peel them.

The little boy took a bite just as the train entered a long tunnel. He quickly asked his sister if she had eaten hers. "No, why?" "Well don't, I took a bite, and I have gone blind "

Rosie

Are you a community organisation which requires funding? The Welcome Record Grant Scheme for 2022 is now open.

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Letter to the editor

Congratulations on *The Welcome Record's* Community Australia Day Award. Great to see the Welcome Record acknowledged and recognised for their contribution.

The Welcome Record's role in promoting local community groups and informing us of local issues makes Dunolly a more vibrant stronger community. We are very fortunate to have this publication. Among the paper's noteworthy contributions to our community included its vocal support to retain both our hospital and our library services. The dwindling resources directed to broadcasting regional news through the mainstream media impacts people's ability to participate in civic affairs, and have a say in how their communities run. We are very fortunate to have this publication.

Lisa Mahon

Dunolly Community Garden News

The tomatoes at the garden have been fantastic this year, the black Russians are a dark russet colour and have fantastic flavour. The bushes have grown very well as have the fruit trees this year. Also thank you to all the other gardeners in the community who have been putting excess produce on the share table. During January we were meeting at the garden in the morning, during the cooler part of the day, and now Kinder' is starting up again, we will be meeting on Thursday afternoons at 5.00pm onwards. If it is a hot day, a visit to the swimming pool beforehand, might also be on the cards too!!

Also congratulations to *The Welcome Record* for the Australia Day nomination. The community garden was fortunate to receive a grant through *The Welcome Record* year, which was much appreciated.

Dunolly Community Garden Committee



Urban Magpies Part 2

It was quite large really for a spider. Watching the magpie pick it up and bash it determinedly against the garden rock was a surprise too. Then abruptly the magpie threw the spider over its shoulder and flew off in disgust. It had obviously learned a life lesson about plastic spiders and their lack of food value.

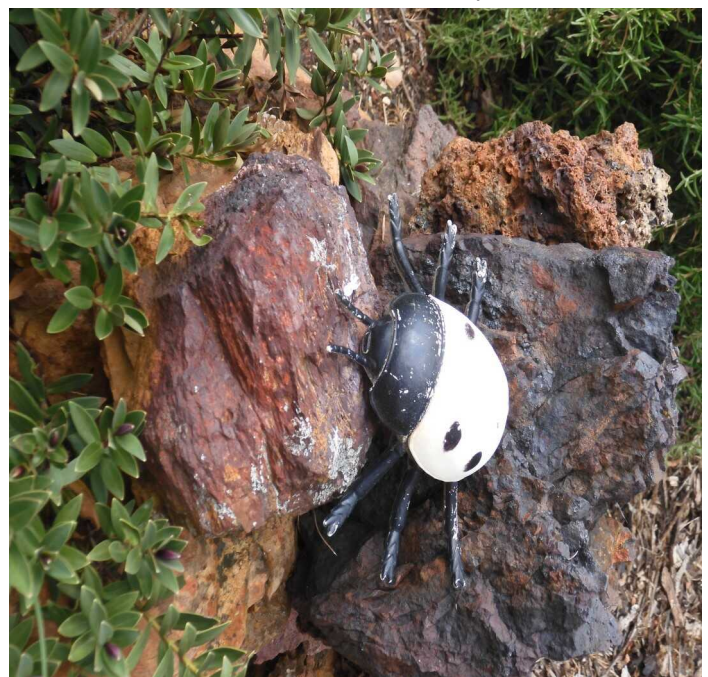
All that happened within a few minutes in Marion's front garden. She and her sister Susan had just stepped out the front door and witnessed it first hand. All their lives the pair have been avid bird watchers but had never seen anything like that before. Susan feeds all the magpies who visit her garden and has names for them. Marion does not feed or name them, but she whistles to them. Always the same song "The Whistling Gypsy". They answer her, and sometimes they call to her first and wait for her to answer. Magpies do seem to enjoy social contact with people. Maybe they are urging gardeners to work harder and so encourage more delicious insects and bugs to live there, thus providing a wider menu for them. Who knows. Marion says they never swoop her. I do believe that because I talk to the magpies around my place and they never swoop me either. I can't whistle.

Some magpies bring whole slices of bread and drop them into her bird baths. It seems they have picked these up at other people's places and they have been too dry to eat. After it has sat in the water for a time the magpies eat some of it, the rest slowly decomposes in the birdbath until Marion sees it and scoops it out. Magpies are omnivorous, often eating left over dog kibble and scraps as well. In days past they used to peck through the foil milk bottle tops to get to the cream on the milk.

Marion says in her observations it seems female magpies tend to sing and whistle the most. Some magpies are very good at mimicking other species of birds as well. One day she saw a magpie mimicking several different types of birds, one after the other. It was incredible she said.

Magpies, for all their foibles, have very beautiful songs. We all enjoy them.

Story by Vicky Frizzell.
Photo by Marion Edwards



New social group in Dunolly

A new group aimed at bringing together gay men in Dunolly and surrounds for a fun, safe and social catch up is set to launch next month.

The group is set to meet at monthly barbeques and Dunolly local Trevor Read, one of the group organisers, said the idea has been well received.

“I put the group idea on *Facebook* and I've had a good response. The idea is for it to be a social catch up to have a yack and a beer. We're happy to welcome many more not just from Dunolly but surrounds — Tarnagulla, Bealiba, even Castlemaine or Bendigo. We'll just be having meets at private residences for a start, although the publican in Dunolly did say she'd be happy to run a pub night for us. We'll look into that but I know for a lot of gay men in the country, they might want to go to a specific event in a public place. I'm pretty out and proud but not everyone is the same.”

Trevor said bringing together like minded people is particularly important in rural and regional Victoria. “There's not really any other social groups for gay men in this area and it can be quite isolating. There's very much still some stigma around it, especially in country area, but as the years go by its gotten a lot better.

There'll be anti-everything as long as we live but in rural



Trevor Read, organiser of a social group in Dunolly bringing gay men together for a yarn and a beer.

areas like this there is a lot more to it, compared to Bendigo. It's important to get this group together where people can be themselves and talk about our issues. It'll either take off or it won't — even if its just five people that's still great, but we are hoping it's grow over time”.

The group will meet at private barbecues on the last Saturday of the month starting in February. For more information ring Trevor on 0474 846 005.

Story and photo Christine Harrison

Courtesy of Maryborough and District Advertiser

Dunolly Treasure Chest's missing sign

Dunolly Treasure Chest owner Jeanette Richards is asking for the return of a sign missing from her business which has been proudly displayed outside the shop for around 50 years.

The large wooden sign features ‘collectables’ on one side and ‘old wares’ on the other and was hanging outside the shop from a metal hanger on the corner of Broadway and Thompson streets.



Jeanette Richards

Ms Richards said the sign is a recognizable part of the local streetscape and that it went missing some time in the past few weeks.

“It's a shame, it was a lovely big wooden piece and it's got a lot of sentimental value. Quite a few people have told me they've noticed it was gone. I've been in the area for 20 years and owned the shop for four, and it's always been there. I'd say it's probably been up for about 50 years or more. My son first noticed it was missing. I had been in hospital, and it went missing while I was away. We think it was taken in the past couple of weeks, maybe even the last week. Somebody has pulled at it and bent the metal bar it was attached to and now it's disappeared.”

Ms Richards said she's holding out hope that if someone took the sign, they will return it.

“I wish they'd return it, you don't know if it was someone from out of town, or someone just must mucking around. I'll have to get a replacement but really I'd just like it back.” Ms Richards said there's a reward for the return of the sign, no questions asked.

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Mayoral Column



When I was elected Mayor after the return of the elected Council I said I wanted residents to feel they have a clear line of sight to the Council table. Ward Councillors would play this key connecting role in their communities.

Cr Liesbeth Long has reflected how the role of Ward Councillor should work in Flynn Ward. She constantly engages with residents and works with community groups to get the outcomes needed. She is a passionate champion and advocate for her Ward at the Council table.

One important area that this has worked so well has been in many projects funded through the Commonwealth Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. When Council was elected, we decided it was really important to spend this wonderful added funding in the right areas. Ward Councillors actively engaged with their community groups to ensure Council made informed decisions which reflected real community priorities.

The range of projects in Dunolly included substantial enhancements to Gordons Gardens; Town Hall stage lighting; shade sails for the Dunolly Swimming Pool; tree planting and playground fencing. Other projects in Flynn Ward included a new kitchen in Bealiba Hall and upgrades to Betley Hall.

In my previous edition of *The Welcome Record* I encouraged us all to work with those with a positive agenda and not to waste time with the handful who have their own negative agenda. These achievements show the positives of working directly with your Ward Councillor who has a direct line from the community to the Council table and uses it.

The future of this Shire has never looked better. Let's continue working together to make great things happen.

Chris Meddows-Taylor Mayor
Central Goldfields Shire

COVID-19 Information

Preparing to stay at home with COVID As we adjust to living safely with COVID-19, you and your family may need to isolate at some time. Here are a few tips to ensure you are prepared:

- Talk to family, friends and neighbours about how you can support each other if one household has to isolate.
- Make sure you have a few days' supply of essential foods and items such as painkillers, tissues, prescription medicines and nappies.
- Plan for how you will get supplies once in isolation. Remember, anyone dropping off food or other supplies should leave it on your doorstep. Do not open the door until they have left.

For more practical tips:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/managing-covid-19-home>

If you test positive for COVID-19 or are a contact of someone who has, the COVID Checklist provides all the steps you need to know:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist>

How to get food and other essential supplies while isolating

If you don't have a friend, neighbour or family member who can help deliver food and other essential items to you while you are isolating, the Victorian Government, Central Goldfields Shire Council and other organisations can help:

- Emergency relief packages can be provided to you, containing basic food items essential for daily meals. To request one call the Coronavirus Hotline on: 1800 675 398 and select option 5 or Council on 5461 0610 and request assistance for food relief.
- Relief packages contain basic essential food and personal care items sufficient to last a four-person household for two weeks. If you have a larger household, you can request additional packs.
- Nappies, baby formula, sanitary items and pet food can be provided if requested. Other forms of relief are available if the basic food offering does not cater to your cultural or dietary needs.

Alternatively, you can search for food charities through Ask Izzy, using your postcode or township name. Visit askizzy.org.au

Community update Summer 2022

It's time to sit down with a cup of tea and read the latest edition of our Community Update magazine. The Summer edition will hit letterboxes next week but if you can't wait that long you can read it online at:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communityupdate

As always it is jam packed full of the latest news and information from Council. We hope you enjoy the read and if you have any feedback or story ideas for future editions please email:

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Stories from the Museum

Life in a Scrapbook – Part 4.

In what may be my final instalment of opening a window into the life of Agnes Hastings, from her scrapbook dating from the late 1880s to the early 1900s, I will focus on some of her recipes and advice.

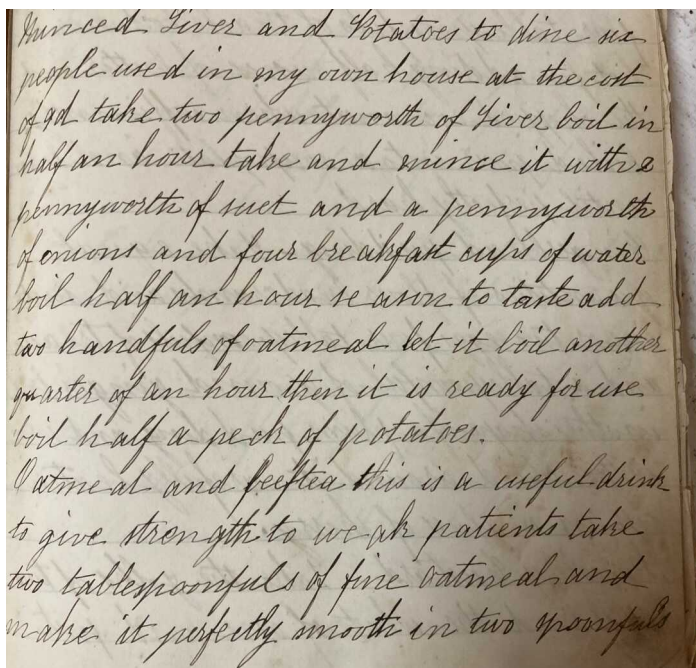
‘Minced liver and potatoes to dine six people used in my house at the cost of 9d. take two pennyworth of liver boil in half an hour take and mince it with a pennyworth of suet and a pennyworth of onions and four breakfast cups of water boil half an hour season to taste add two handfuls of oatmeal let it boil another quarter of an hour then it is ready for use boil half a peck of potatoes’. The lack of punctuation in this and occasional other entries makes me shudder, however she obviously had all the information in her head and that is how it came out on the page! ‘To remove freckles – lemon juice 1oz quarter of a drachm of powdered borax and one drachm of sugar. Mix them and let them stand till ready for use then rub on the face occasionally’.

The recipes are interspersed with some seemingly-random geographical, historical and general knowledge facts, one wonders whether she was attempting to retain this knowledge herself by recording it, or whether she had another purpose. On one page in particular she quotes the distances between Wagga, Albury and Goulburn, the next entry lists the distances between Cobargo, Bermagui and Mount Dromedary (Mount Gulaga). The very next one describes the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, accompanied by an earthquake on 23rd and 24th August 79 A.D.

I will detail the following entry as it has some local interest. ‘The Magdala mine, Stawell, is worked at a depth of 2,500ft, but the deepest mine in Australia is George Lansell’s No 180 mine, Sandhurst, which is 2,600ft deep – half a mile is 2640ft’. This page ends with ‘Queen Victoria was crowned on the 28 June 1838’.

No doubt there are many more stories within this book, but I will leave it here for now. The book will continue to be stored at the Dunolly Museum, together with hard copies of these four instalments, originally published in *The Welcome Record*.

Story and photos by
Jenny Scott



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Stories from Cynthia

Living in the modern world most people's homes are equipped with all sorts of labour saving devices and machines. I am not even sure when the washing machine was invented, but I do remember Grandma and my mother washing in a copper and I am not sure when we got our first washing machine, which saved having to put the clothes through a trough of rinsing water and then through the wringer. I also remember that before the arrival of the machine, my father buying my mother a spin dryer, a wonderful device which was placed over the trough and when switched on and clothes placed inside, would whizz around at great speed and so dry the clothes without having to slave over the old wringer.

By the time I was in my teens those more primitive methods were a thing of the past. Little did I suspect that the whole old fashioned method of keeping house would become my new life style. When I was first married we relied on Dick's jazz gigs to survive which meant we were certainly not affluent. We moved out of the city and our first house must have had a lot in common with Elsey, the outback house of Mrs Aeneas Gunn she described in her book, "We of the Never Never".

There was the wood copper – at least our families had gas – sitting beside the two troughs in an outside laundry. That meant wood had to be found regularly to do the washing. In the bathroom I was fascinated to discover that the hot water came out of a wood heater which was long and thin, poised over the bath with a spout to dispense water into the bath or primitive shower head, and was fed wood chips to heat the water, hence it was

called a chip heater. I was soon to discover that it took a lot of chips to last long enough for a decent shower, so often you finished up with cold water.

Then we made a discovery; down at the end of the property there were some pine trees bursting with pine cones and these made perfect fodder for that heater and lasted much longer to burn. It was perfectly natural to discover, after being introduced to the laundry and bathroom methods of washing, to discover a woodstove in the kitchen. I was quite horrified to begin with, having always been a city girl, but I learned to love that stove. There's no need to explain it to anyone reading this because it's a familiar fixture of plenty of country kitchens. For the first time ever I learned to make bread. I liked the way you could leave the teapot staying warm on the hob, as I had heard people describe it. The kitchen was always warm in the winter.

There was a lot to do to make the house more habitable so we set to and painted the inside walls and I made curtains and cushion covers. One exciting thing we purchased after slaving away washing nappies in the wood copper was a twin tub washing machine. What excitement. Now I still had to rinse the clothes in the trough but then you fed them through an electric wringer. I thought all my Christmases had come at once. My washing comprised of lots of nappies so this was a real bonus. Had my mother seen our living conditions I think she would have fainted away, I doubt we would have had enough chairs or cutlery to entertain, but I loved every minute of it.

Cynthia Lindsay



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R Mecredy

Uniting Church, Dunolly

Worship on Sunday February 6th at 9.30am will be led by Jan Watts, and Pastor Miriam Darlow will be with us on February 13th. KYB will be held on Wednesdays at 11.00am, in the church, during the school term.

Linda Pickering



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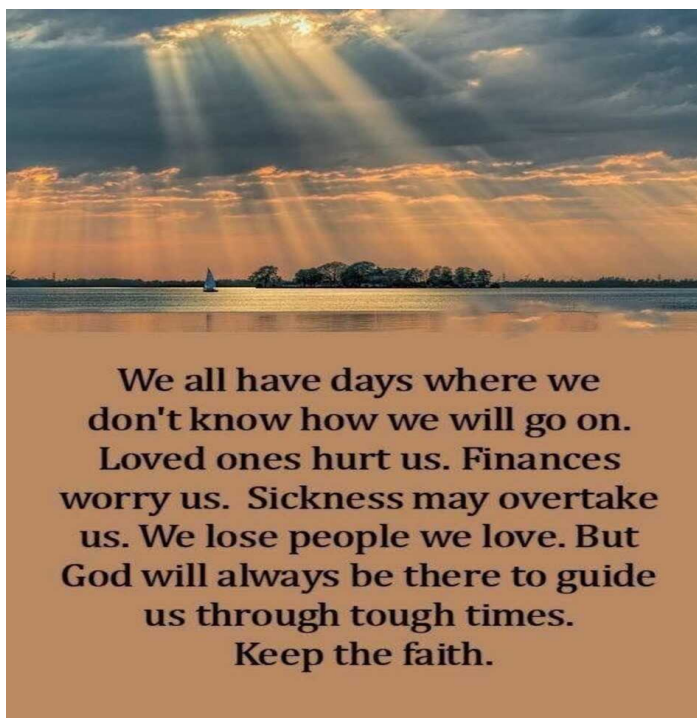
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The next Service will be Thursday, 24th February.
Esmé Flett

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Jeremiah 1.4-10



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Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre News

Watch this space



As part of the Neighbourhood Centre's "health and wellness" direction, we are looking to bring Zumba classes back to Dunolly! Zumba is a fitness class with a difference- it combines cardio fitness

with Latin-inspired dance, and is an awesome way to keep fit and healthy. We're working out the finer details, so keep an eye out for more information. These classes will be child-friendly and age-friendly, with a 'go at your own pace' philosophy. Exercise should be fun!

Carer Friendly Neighbourhood Centre

I'm pleased to say that our Centre is now an accredited 'Carer Friendly' Centre! I completed a training course through Carers' Victoria, which means I have more of an understanding of the pressures and issues facing our wonderful carers. I will look for ways that I can encourage carers to actively use this Centre — some ideas include a carers' support group and arranging special speakers to come for seminars.

Who is a Carer? A carer is someone who provides unpaid care and support to family members and friends with a disability, mental illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, chronic health issue or age-related condition. If a carer in our community reads this page and would like to help me set up a support group to meet here, please give me a call.

Family History group

Like the idea of tracing your family tree but don't have the time? Our Family History group can help! For a small donation to the Centre, they can trace your tree for you! Call the Centre for more details.

Curious about your family history?

Any famous or infamous ancestors on your tree?

Would you like to get to the bottom of those family rumours of wealth and fortune?

The Dunolly Family History Group may be able to help!

We meet at the Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm.

Contact Kath at the Neighbourhood Centre for details on 54681511

Croquet Club

Last week, I wrote about a new croquet group that the Neighbourhood Centre is looking to start up. I've received a few phone calls already from interested players, so I'd like to encourage people once again. Mike our woodwork tutor has started making croquet mallets already; we just need to find a suitable area to base our play. Mike is making arrangements to have the proper hoops made; apparently they are precisely measured to make it challenging for the players to score! This club will be for enjoyment and entertainment.

Hot weather retreat

I'm letting the community know that the Centre can be used as a place of respite on hot days. We have air conditioners, books, and comfy chairs if you get tired of the four walls of your own home. Sometimes we just need a change of scene!

Proof of vaccination now required

Due to the current COVID situation in Victoria, the Chief Health Officer has advised that all Neighbourhood Centres must now ask for proof of vaccination for all our activities. Masks are also back on inside, so make sure you have a few on standby!

Help with online forms

Unfortunately, a lot of Government services are now moving to online only, so if you need help with any online application (such as applying for your disability parking permit) call me at the Centre, and I'll book you in for some assistance.

What's on at the Neighbourhood Centre

Our Archery group is on hold for the time being, due to the restrictions that remain in place. Walking groups, the wood work shed, Tuesday mornings at 9am, Whispering Weeders garden club on the last Monday of the month, family history Tuesday afternoons at 1pm at the Centre, table tennis at the golf club (Tuesday 7pm to 9pm; Wednesday 9am to 12pm), old-time dancing (Mondays at St John's), craft on Wednesday from 10am at the Centre and of course our wonderful Arts Hub (cnr Thompson and Alice streets), which has a talented Mosaic group meeting on Mondays at 10am. More workshops will take place throughout the year.

Keep an eye on our *Facebook* pages for updates, or drop in to the Centre Monday to Thursday between 9am and 3.30pm to find out more — 18 Havelock Street, beside the hospital. I take my lunch around 11.30, so if I'm out of the building I won't be far.

Kath Ryan Co-ordinator
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Where: Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre 3rd February

Loddon Mayoral Column

Australia Day congratulations

Last Wednesday saw a number of events taking place across our Shire as communities came together to celebrate Australia Day 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank community groups and volunteers for once again organising these fantastic local celebrations for Australia Day.

I had the privilege of attending Australia Day events at Serpentine, Inglewood (on behalf of Councillor Murphy) and Pyramid Hill. It was terrific to see a great turn out at these events, including nearly 200 people at Pyramid Hill.

We also heard from some excellent Australia Day guest speakers. I was fortunate to be present to hear from Chief Executive Officer of Ambulance Victoria Professor Greg Sassella at the Serpentine Australia Day event and Sports Industry Expert Ms Sally Tucker at the Inglewood celebrations.

I also had the pleasure of listening to Chief Executive

Officer of Disability Justice Advocacy Mr Trevor Carroll speak at the Pyramid Hill event.

The day's celebrations also saw the presentation of the Loddon Shire Australia Day Awards. I'd like to congratulate Citizen of the Year Michael Rose from Inglewood Ward, and Young Citizen of the Year Bridget Baker from Terrick Ward.

Congratulations also go to the Pyramid Hill Football Netball Club, which was awarded the Community Event of the Year (Community Practice Match Series).

I'd also like to acknowledge and congratulate recipients of the Community Service Awards (these are for each ward of the Shire): Jaqui Verley (Boort), Joan Bradley (Inglewood), Helen O'Donohue (Terrick) and Alan Mulraney (Wedderburn). (No nominations were received for Tarnagulla.)

Finally, I'd like to congratulate all the students who won school-based awards and Highly Commended recipients.

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column
1st February 2022

Labor names Ripon candidate



veterans employment programs.

I have also worked on major rail infrastructure projects, including the Ballarat Line Upgrade and Regional Rail Revival.

I am passionate about improving regional health services, roads and rail services, schools, sports facilities, and job opportunities. I am motivated by helping people and look forward to meeting with the great people of Dunolly and surrounds over the course of this year.

Martha Haylett,
Labor candidate for Ripon

I am deeply honoured to have been preselected as the Labor candidate for Ripon, ahead of this year's state election in November.

I grew up in Central Victoria before moving to the city to find work and go to university.

I studied international relations at RMIT University in Melbourne, while volunteering for homelessness and disability organisations. I now live with my fiancé, Sam, in the rural community of Yandoit.

I have committed my working life to helping the most disadvantaged Victorians – including as manager at the peak body for public housing tenants, a principal adviser for the State Government's \$5.3 billion social housing project, and an adviser on family violence prevention and

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Jaala Pulford MP media release

Three-year-old Kinder rolls out

Children in Western Victoria will start Three-Year-Old Kinder funded by the Andrews Labor Government this week, as part of a nation-leading reform to give every child the best start to their early education.

Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today celebrated the state-wide roll-out of Three-Year-Old Kinder services, part of the Labor Government's decade long reform of early childhood education across Victoria.

Around 2,700 services across Victoria's 79 local government areas will deliver at least five hours per week of Three-Year-Old Kindergarten this year, before gradually scaling up to reach the full 15-hour program by 2029.

The Labor Government will invest almost \$5 billion this decade in this Australian-first reform, which provides three-year-old children with access to an additional year of funded kindergarten programs.

Research on the benefits of early childhood education is clear: children who have attended two years of a quality kindergarten program will have better cognitive and social skills when they start school, higher exam scores and better social and emotional outcomes at age 16, and be more likely to go on to higher academic study.

As well as the many benefits for Victorian children, this reform is delivering quality jobs for Victorians when we need them most – creating more than 6,000 teacher and educator jobs around the state and around 5,000 construction jobs over 10 years.

Children enrolled in funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten will also receive a Kinder Kit, a colourful carry-case jam-

packed with educational toys and resources to celebrate that kindergarten in Victoria now starts at age three.

The Kinder Kits will be distributed from the start of Term 1 to children enrolled in Three-Year-Old Kindergarten, and have been created to complement learning at kinder with fun and creative activities that encourage family engagement in their child's education and promote awareness of the benefits of continued learning at home.

The Labor Government has supported kinder and early childhood services across Victoria to be COVIDSafe, protecting children and staff — with almost \$15 million in grants for services to deliver better ventilation and other COVIDSafe measures, alongside rapid antigen tests to be provided twice a week to every staff member.

Families can talk to their local kindergarten and long day care services about enrolling for 2022, and can look for a service near them by visiting the 'Find a Kinder Program' website at: findakinder.educationapps.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford,

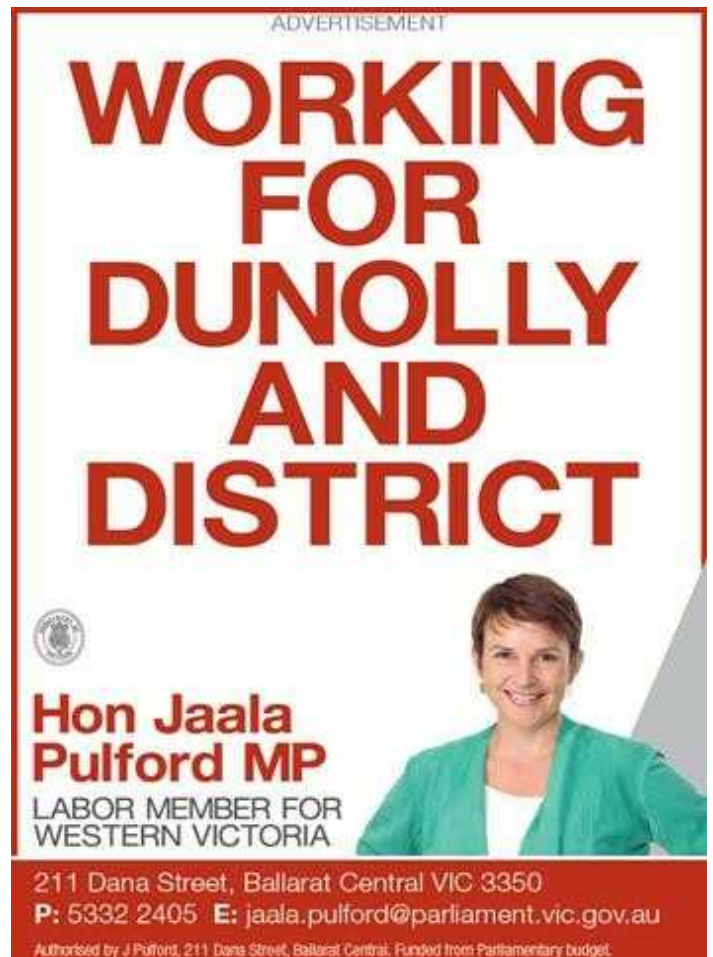
"I want to welcome every child starting three-year-old kinder in Western Victoria this week to their education journey – we're so proud to be investing in early education to make sure Victorian kids have better outcomes right throughout their lives. We're leading the nation when it comes to giving kids the best start in life – today marks a huge milestone in our work to build the Education State and give every Victorian child the best opportunities, no matter where they live."

Jaala Pulford MP



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Central Goldfields Residents and Ratepayers Assoc. Inc.

We would like to congratulate all recipients, organisers and attendees who attended the Australia Day celebrations throughout our shire. Well done to those who attended on such a hot day. We have started off 2022 with a lot of action statements re Tender announcements.

There is now the Carisbrook Western Levee and the Maryborough Pool to be tendered in Feb and the Skate Park to be started. The Art Gallery is also being looked at, Talbot Hall to be completed and the Visitor Information Centre at the Station, along with many other projects. Great to hear of so much activity. Last year the Satisfaction Survey was underway by this time, so you may receive a phone call from National Field Services (NFS). We believe that this is the company who is carrying out the Satisfaction Survey this year. Fingers crossed for a large improvement in this year's score. Last year's rating of 54% is far from adequate and well below the state average by far. Our elected councillors have been at the helm over 18 months now, and we expect a large improvement from last year.

Thanks to the shire for getting the Dunolly skate track, and the dump point up and running, Dunolly is so blessed to have both of these.

The Maryborough Skate park has been a bone of contention for many. This skate park was launched in 2020 with a submission of:

Government Grant funds

- 2020 \$460,000
- 2021 \$250,000
- 2022 \$25,000

Other contribution

- 2021 \$60,000
- 2022 \$50,000

Shire contribution

- 2020 \$40,000
- 2021 \$355,000
- 2022 \$544,000

These figures were taken from council's own statements. Also what was not mentioned in the equation was the selling of the Majorca Road (existing) skatepark and land to raise funding to pay for our share once the Govt Grant was reduced to \$250,000 the following year. In 2021-22 budget the change to Govt Grant \$25,000 and our contribution to \$544,000, with no public consultation, nor explanation from council as to why our contribution increased by \$504,000, raises a concern. The question we ask is "would the community have approved the skate park if they knew the council should be selling an appreciating asset (Majorca Road Skate park and land) to place a depreciating skate park on possibly crown land and with a cost of \$544,000?" There may be more pressing issues which need attention before a new state of the art skatepark of this calibre is constructed.

We are at present placing our Accountability and Transparency Report online on our *Facebook* page. <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=cgoldratepayers&set=a.1105175057002387>.

This is a detailed report on the FOI issues we have experienced. We hope last year's number of submissions to the FOI Commissioner and the Ombudsman's office

will be far reduced this year.

Our next Ratepayers meeting will be held via Zoom, at this stage on March 1, 2022; more information will be published closer to the date. Financial members will receive a monthly update as usual.

With the Covid situation ongoing we would like to remind the community of our shire's fantastic record with staving off the growing numbers. Even when we were at our worst, compared to other shires in the state we were still one of the best. Please remember this and give yourselves a pat on the back because it was all of our efforts which achieved this result. Support each other, work together, understand not all viewpoints are the same, and we will get through this together. Thank you and stay safe.

Wayne McKail, President

Correction: *The Welcome Record* would like to apologise for any embarrassment or distress caused by the typo in last week's Central Goldfields Ratepayers & Residents Assn report in our paper, where it stated that in last year's Satisfaction Ratings that there were 10 above average, 19 average scores and 258 below average scores. It actually should have read 10 above average, 19 average and only 28 below average scores.

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Dunolly Golf Club

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Shredded paper

Do you need some shredded paper? We currently have a few bags to give away. Please contact *The Welcome Record Office* to arrange pick up.

Have you got your sticker yet?

The funds raised will go towards the running of next year's Gold Rush Festival. The stickers are compact enough to fit on scooters, pushbikes, bumpers, fridges and pencil cases; and they are bright and cheerful with Dunolly, "The Heart of the Goldfields", being the theme. The stickers are available for \$2 each and you can find them in the following businesses: Dunolly Bakery, The RTC, Nik Naks, Railway Hotel, Welcome Record, Dunolly Museum.



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The Goldlander to Ballarat or Dunolly with heritage diesels, previously advertised for the 19th February 2022 has been cancelled due to COVID impacts.

Dunolly Golf Club

Although the season is still a way off, things have been happening at Dunolly Golf Club. Table Tennis has recommenced under the leadership of Sheila Hodgson, each Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Players of all ages and ability most welcome.

Brian Northern and his enthusiastic musicians have been holding Open Mic sessions each Friday night with great success. The music is great fun, there is a BBQ meal available, and the bar is open. All welcome from 6pm on.

Jan Stephenson and his band of helpers have been hard at work on our new outdoor entertaining area. The project is approaching completion, and will be ready for the 2022 golf season. It will also be great for any of the activities now being held at Dunolly Golf Club.

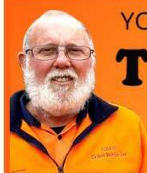
The Dunolly Golf Club Committee would like to sincerely thank the following local businesses who have generously donated funds to help us to complete the outdoor area.

- Dunolly Demolition and Salvage Yard
- Dunolly Bakery
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- Priority One Real Estate
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- Neil Wilkinson Panel Works
- Neville Callow from Ned's Shed

Other local businesses have also committed to help us, and they will be acknowledged as well. If you would like to assist us, we would like to hear from you. Please phone Ian on 0436 021 995.

This is a community project aimed at improving a community asset. If you or your organization would like to use our facility, please contact Ian or Sheila for information.
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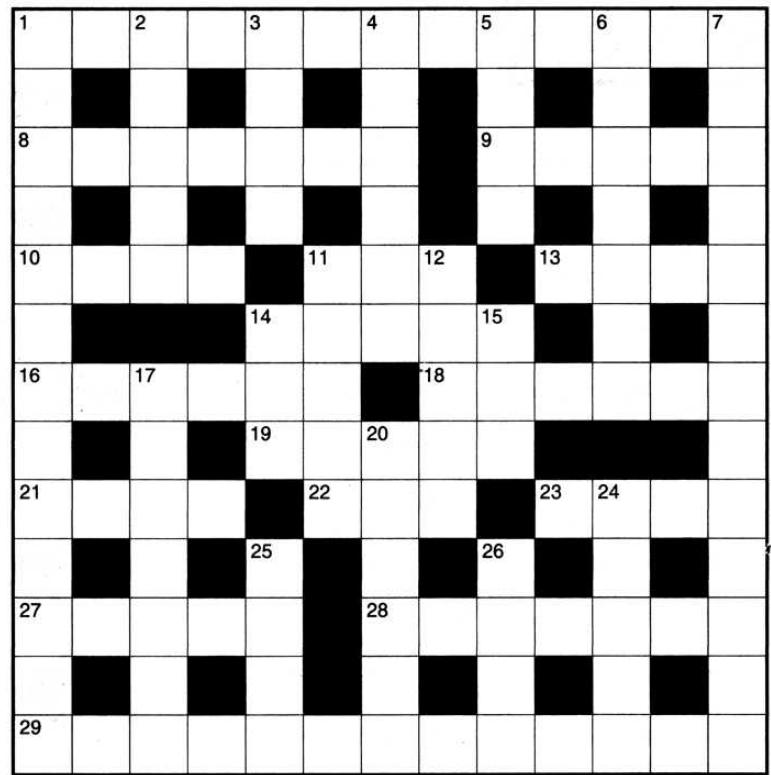
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- 20. Small being of folklore
- 21. Sister of mother, eg.
- 24. Country, home to city of Guangzhou
- 22. Produce eggs (of birds, eg.)
- 25. Song for single voice
- 23. Reflected sound
- 26. Sailing vessel of considerable length, ___-yacht
- 27. Derive by reasoning
- 28. Slanted lettering style
- 29. Exceptional

Across

- 1. Extremely fearful of spiders
- 8. Connoisseur of food and drink
- 9. Appliance to remove moisture from clothes
- 10. Showing humility
- 11. Twice ALP leader, ___ Beazley
- 13. Change size of filmed image, ___ in or out
- 14. Go in
- 16. Take small bites of
- 18. Putrid

Down

- 1. Given to quarrelling
- 2. Keenly discerning
- 3. One's dwelling
- 4. Prove too clever for
- 5. Conceal from view
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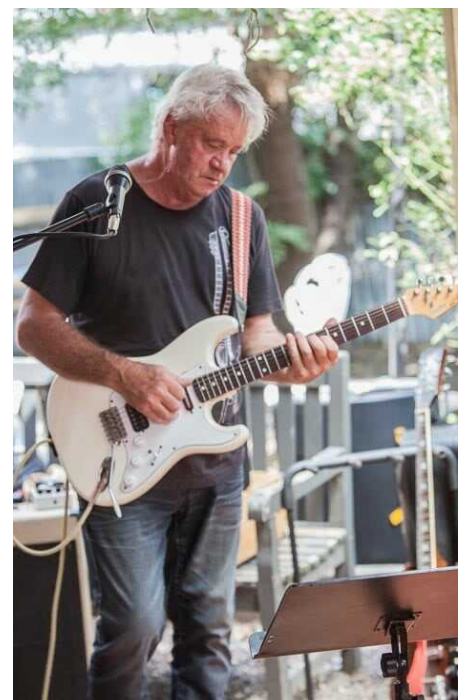
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Dunolly Bowling Club

Recent Results

Tuesday 25th January — Dunolly Blue 74 defeated, Avoca 46, Dunolly Gold 57 defeated by MHS Gold 63.
 Saturday 29th January — Dunolly Blue 77 defeated MHS MHS Red 30, Dunolly Gold 71 defeated MHS White 30.
 Dunolly Green 41 were defeated by Carisbrook 58.

Australian Day Celebrations

Congratulations to the organisers, another very successful year. The Bowling club opened the rooms for all to enjoy coffee and tea along with delicious culinary delights kindly donated by Jan Brock, Gayle Boardman and Karyn Bromley.

Terry Long was teaching the young ones the finer art of bowling; you never know there could be a future champion bowler in the making. Don Coe was kept busy behind the bar serving refreshments. Barry Mortlock and Steve Wintle were playing a game of in-house bowls, in between rain, mixed with thunder and lightning, with an enthusiastic cheer squad. Congratulations to Barry on your win.

Coming Events

Friday 4th February — Weirs Pairs, starting 6.00pm, \$10.00 per pair. Come down and enjoy a refreshing drink or a cuppa, then supper after the games. Please bring a plate. A raffle will be held, funds going to the Hospital. If you are intending to play please contact Alan Weir as soon as possible.

Monday 7th February — Monthly Committee Meeting, 7.30pm start. If you have any issues, positive or negative please write or email to our Secretary who will pass your input on for discussion. We cannot address issues if we are not aware of them.

Sunday 13th February — Dunolly is hosting the Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields Bowls Region officials and representatives from Clubs meeting. A light luncheon will be provided afterwards.

Major Fund Raiser

Hear ye hear ye, mark Saturday 19th February in your diary. It's the Bowling Club's major fund raiser starting at 6pm. Nibbles before a two course meal (Roast meats with seasonal vegetables, delicious desserts, pavlova, trifle, cheesecake, fresh fruit salads lovingly made by fellow bowlers). There will be lucky number raffles to be won (your lucky number lasts for the night), two auctions, plus you could be sitting on a lucky chair, amongst other surprises. Notices have been put up in the club rooms, please write your name and number of guests, by the 16th February for catering purposes. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Come along for a great night, all the proceeds go towards club infrastructure and equipment.

Hannah Delconte

Pennant bowls teams Saturday

5th February

Dunolly Blue away v Talbot Gold — Greg Dobbin (s), Peter Waters, Aaron Britten, Steve Wintle; Alan Weir (s), Tony Galofaro, Alan Parkes, Alan Miles; Chris Williams (s), Terry Long, Geoff Davies, Bernie Lanfranchi. Manager Peter Waters.

Dunolly Gold home v Dunolly Green — Jim Smith (s), Don Mortlock, Keith McKenzie, Jim Haigh; Roy Pickering (s), Peter Freemantle, Ian Flett, Wayne Stephens; Barry Mortlock (s), Frank Mifsud, Peter Harrison, Emmitt Smith. Manager Peter Freemantle.

Dunolly Green away v Dunolly Gold — Jim Fox (s), Andrew Mebbrey, Don Coe, David Wardell; Keith Elliott (s), Sandra Chaplin, Graham Cain, Raeleen Mebbrey; Arthur Deason (s), Paul Chase, John Reid, Fabio Delconte. Manager Paul Chase.

Emergencies: K. Stephens, Debbie Wintle, Jennifer Verhouf.

Pennant bowls teams Tuesday

8th February

Dunolly Blue home v Carisbrook — Heather Freemantle (s), Greg Dobbin, Alan Parkes, Debbie Wintle; Robyn Fox (s), Chris Williams, Raeleen Mebbrey, Roy Pickering; Marg Davies (s), Tony Galofaro, Terry Long, Alice Raven. Manager Robyn Fox, emergency: Peter Freemantle. 21 ends to be played, \$5 per game, ring manager Robyn if unavailable 0419 595 521.

Dunolly Gold away v MHS Tartan — Marilyn Mortlock (s), Wayne Stevens, Nancy Pike, Hannah Delconte; Sandra Chaplin (s), Karen Stephens, Sandra Caldecoat. Catherine Gordon; Heather Weir (s), Barry Mortlock, Doris Spiteri, Jennifer Verhoef. Manager Marilyn Mortlock, emergencies Keith Elliott, Keith McKenzie. 21 ends to be played, \$5 per game, ring manager Marilyn if unavailable 0448 819 794.



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Dunolly Football Netball Club

What exciting times are building around the nest now. Senior footy has kicked off training.

Monday nights will be in Bendigo for now and Wednesdays in Dunolly, until April when we will be in full swing with our usual Thursday nights.

Soon our netballers will be out on the court too with all juniors looking to head back by the end of the month.

We are super lucky this season to be able to offer our juniors a reduction in their fees this year making things a little easier for our families.

I have had a meeting with our junior football co-ordinator team who are excited by decent numbers for our 14.5's team this year before training has even started, can't wait to see numbers at our first training session hopefully the kids are excited too.

Junior netball is looking fantastic for numbers with our girls keen to again enter the Maryborough association comp this year on a Tuesday night. This was a great experience for our girls showing the extra game time gave them a wonderful confidence boost (where our 11's finished 4th with a team of girls who hadn't played before last year).

Amazing things are happening around the nest already so now is the time to jump on board. Whether it is volunteering around the club, playing or supporting there is a place for everyone.

Don't forget our social memberships are available at Dunolly Training sessions so if you would like to get yours head to training, you can also contact us through the *Facebook* or *Instagram* pages or ask one of our friendly members and they can help you.

See you around the club.

Sam Wakeman
President



Dunolly Football Netball Club

Are you or your child interested in playing football or netball?

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Junior football co-ordinator: Greg Crumpton

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True Blue Floors Oval

If you've looked up the cricket fixture this season, you may notice a change of name out at Dunolly as for the first time, the Laanecoorie Dunolly Cricket Club (LDCC) has procured a naming rights sponsor for the main oval, now known as True Blue Floors Oval.

This is the first time in history the club has had a naming right's sponsor for the oval and it will last the duration of the current season.

Proprietors and owners of True Blue Floor, Ric and Stacey Lang reside within viewing distance of Deledio Park and LDCC president Ralph Williams said the club is grateful for the immense support of a Dunolly business.

"The players and committee are thrilled to have secured a naming right's sponsor of the main oval for the very first time," he said.

"We couldn't be happier to have Ric and Stacey on board and we believe the sponsorship will be extremely beneficial to both the club and True Blue Floors. We look forward to a very successful partnership."

Ric said after purchasing True Blue Floors a year and a half ago, they were keen to have their business name associated with Dunolly's sporting arena.

I've been in Dunolly for about 18 years now, I've been working in the floor business for about 20 years and had the opportunity to purchase it a year and a half ago," he said.

"After buying the business I thought it was time to give back to the community. With the way the world is at the moment, I can imagine how hard it is to keep your sporting clubs afloat so it's something we're really happy to do.

The cricket club are going really well this season and we also will be staying on board as the oval's sponsor into the footy season for the Dunolly Football Netball Club."

Story Ashlyne McInness

Courtesy The Maryborough District Advertiser



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Lucky Laane — Colts comes within 10 runs of Laane

The match between one-day front runners Laanecoorie Dunolly and Colts Phelans was always going to be close, but for Laane to just scrape in by 10 runs is a testament to just how hard-fought the clash was.

Colts won the toss and elected to send Laane in first on its home deck to get its usually overwhelming scoring out of the way.

Steven Dellavedova and Liam Hurse opened with 22 runs, before Dellavedova (18) was run out by Dayne Baker as the first wicket of the day. Hurse and Mitch Blackman were the next Laane combo, making 19 runs between them before Hurse (9) was claimed by Nick Henderson as wicket number two.

Leading run scorers Zach Graham (3) and Ben Gunn (0) were then knocked off consecutively with little to no score at all, in a big win for Colts. Blackman (25) was the next wicket to fall, leaving Laane at 5/64. Chris Lee and Dan Romeo saw just seven runs between them before Romeo (4) was bowled as the sixth out, leaving Laane at an underwhelming 6/71. Captain Matt Smith and Lee elevated the side into triple figures with a 65-run unity, before Smith, after 46 runs, was sent packing by Richard Clark. Lee (31*) and next in James Shorney (2*) used up the remaining few overs for the side to finish at 7/148.

Colts used a range of bowlers to keep Laane under wraps, with Patrick Pritchard and Clark taking two wickets apiece and Henderson and Wayne Stubbings taking singles. Dunolly's score was going to be hard for Colts to match in the reply, but the side gave it a red-hot crack.

Jackson Gordon and Kane Shepherd made just 13 runs in partnership to open before Gordon (4) was bowled LBW by Lee, with Shepherd (7) falling shortly after to Graham. Rhys Wagstaff and Rhys Egan put up 16 runs together before they too were claimed one after the other with Egan (6) bowled by Liam Maffescioni and Wagstaff (9) snubbed out by Romeo. Stubbings and Luke Tatchell looked to be a pretty handy duo until Joe Lovel came on the scene, bowling Stubbings (11) LBW to leave Colts at a worrying

5/53. Tatchell and Sebastian Borg got the ball rolling again with 21 runs, before Borg (9) was run out by Smith. Clark was next in and while not known for his batting, rose to the occasion alongside Tatchell with 51 runs in partnership to get Colts back into the game.

Tatchell's run was quashed by Lovel, with the keen youngster running him out after 38 runs, leaving Colts at 7/125 — just 23 runs away from Laane. Clark paired with Baker (4) for six runs before he was bowled by Gunn, shaving the deficit back to 17. Replacement for Baker, Pritchard was bowled for a duck, run out by Graham, and final batsman Nick Henderson was also bowled for no score, ending the game.

Clark finished not out with 29 runs, able to make seven runs over the last two wickets to see Colts just 10 runs in arrears at the end of play. Gunn, Graham and Lovel were the home side's multiple wicket takers with two apiece, while Lee, Maffescioni, Romeo and Smith took one apiece in a nerve-racking defence.

After such dominance over other sides in the competition, Laane will be rattled by this result and will enjoy the bye this Saturday to recoup. Colts on the other hand will be eager to take its frustration out on Beaufort this weekend to make up for such a narrow loss.

Story and photo Ashlyne McInness
Courtesy The Maryborough District Advertiser



Chris Lee was pivotal in Laane's win



Sunday afternoon at the Railway Hotel

Never a dull moment in Dunolly and what better way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon, sitting under a shady tree, glass of wine in hand and listening to some great music. Yes, that happened in the delightful beer garden at our Railway Hotel last Sunday.

We were entertained by Tracie and John who come to Dunolly often and perform for us. Tracie's repertoire includes lots of the songs from the era of the more mature aged people and so are very much enjoyed.

Then we had our very favourite musician, Jan Stephenson and his Groove Dudes playing for us and featuring a wonderful singer Ash Acidic. She has a great voice and so wonderfully energetic. I believe she has an album coming out soon. We can always rely on a regular supply of entertainment in our town.

Superb photography once more from Lee Koumarios at Lil' Pictures. More photos on Page 16.

Cynthia Lindsay

