

## Arts and Streetscapes

Some exciting changes have taken place in Dunolly over the past week or two, with the Puzzle Flat Gallery changing hands and Rory Stainton's stunning rock art mural, previously hung in the Gallery, now adorning the Thompson Street wall of Jan Richards' collectables shop, Dunolly Treasure Chest. Already a talking point with locals and visitors, together with its distinctive 'Welcome to Dunolly' lettering, the sign is a drawcard to the many delights Dunolly has to offer. The large multi-section mural is complemented by a second artwork on the Broadway façade of the building, together with a QR code that takes the visitor to Rory's website.

Just a few doors down from where these artworks now hang, at 82 Broadway, is the Puzzle Flat Art Gallery, now under new management and about to house and showcase an ongoing and exciting array of works and exhibitions from artists from both the local and wider regions.

Also, as part of the Tiny Towns Arts Trail, which will be held this year from the 23rd to the 25th April, this week the Gallery will host a lead-up event 'Small Works Big Dreams' a collection of small works showcasing the diversity of talent of many wonderful artists and makers living and working across our region. It will offer a precursor to some of the amazing exhibitors who will

open their studios and showing their work as part of the 2022 Tiny Towns Arts Trail. 'Small Works Big Dreams' will be open to the public from 11am to 2pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 4th March and 10th April. The launch of the exhibition will take place at the Gallery at 82 Broadway, this Friday, 4th March at 2pm.

Artworks and exhibitions such as these are contributing to the arts-led revival of many towns and Dunolly will be no exception. Dunolly has so much to offer these days, with its diversity of attractions adding to its rich history, so these new additions will only serve to bring further visitation from an ever-growing market of arts lovers.

Article by Jenny Scott

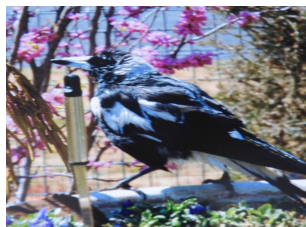
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Rosie's Ramble

The situation in Ukraine is looking dire. We can only hope that Mr. Putin doesn't carry out his threat. We can all feel sad that John Landy has died — he was a good man. Not long after he was appointed Governor of Victoria, he did a country tour and was in Dunolly for a few hours. I can't remember if it was morning or afternoon tea he had. He was such a nice man and posed for photos with a lot of us in the town hall. I presume that someone will have one.

I was amused today in Maryborough. An elderly man was walking along the footpath when he obviously noticed my "vanity plates" on the car. He read them, moved on, then stopped to check them again. Later I was parked in the street and he went by again, and had another good look. The plates are RO5IES — but reads as ROSIE'S. Poor man looked very puzzled.

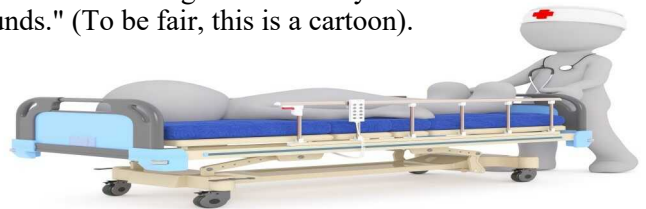
I guess everyone has strange habits that don't seem to make much sense. I always take my glasses off when I answer the phone, and always pick up the receiver with my left hand even though I am mainly right-handed. I still expect my electric toothbrush to turn itself off when I have finished cleaning my teeth, and go into a dark room with my eyes shut. Do you have similar funny ways?

Loved the story about the magpies that took off the little back packs devices that scientists put on them for some sort of research. Heard it first on the *Country Hour*.

Rosie

These stories are from a book called *The Book of Humorous Medical Anecdotes*, and are all true. Some are rather long, so I will only use the shorter ones.

Nurse to patient on trolley. "Sorry, you are back on the waiting list. In the middle of your operation they had a call from management to say we have run out of funds." (To be fair, this is a cartoon).



VOLUNTEER



If you are new to Dunolly and looking for ways to get to know what is going on around town, this would be a great way to meet new people and feel part of the community, otherwise if you may be a long-time resident who would welcome an opportunity to volunteer at a local group. No weekly commitment is required, it can even be on a fortnightly or monthly basis, so please give it some thought.

We would welcome some volunteers who are familiar with Publisher or Quickbooks, but also people willing to proofread, write content or take on other tasks involved in our operation and to work as part of a team.

If you would like some more information you can contact our president Jan Brock on 0438 180 752. You can also drop into the office at 83 Broadway or email: [welcomerecords@iinet.net.au](mailto:welcomerecords@iinet.net.au), we look forward to hearing from you.

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

The voters of Mallee have a chance to make a change. We are once again being asked to elect someone to represent us in Canberra. Someone who will speak up and be our voice within Parliament. For decades Mallee has had no voice. Despite the Nationals being in government for 44 of the past 73 years they have done little to support the electorate and Mallee remains one of the poorest electorates in Australia.

In the private sector a performance that dire would have seen them fired a long time ago. This election is the best chance in years for a fresh start, to stop rewarding failure and vote for a better future and an MP whose only focus is the welfare of Mallee.

That candidate is independent Sophie Baldwin. She has a history of fighting for her community, a deft touch as a negotiator and a fierce determination to make things better.

Already endorsed by Cathy McGowan, State MP for Mildura, Ali Cupper and the father of the Yarriambiack Silo Art Trail, Ray Kingston among others, Sophie Baldwin is our best choice to have a Mallee voice in Canberra.

It will take an unprecedented swing in the polls for the current federal government to survive this coming election. A change of government is the most likely result.

The choice is clear, Mallee can be represented by a backbench opposition National's MP with their 73 year record of failure and policies driven by out of touch NSW focused men. Or we can have an Independent MP. Sophie Baldwin will be focused solely on you, her Mallee constituents. She may even have a slice of the balance of power which will bring investment and vigor back to Mallee.

Dave Lennon  
Jung Vic 3401

A great night was held at Dunolly Golf Club on Saturday, to celebrate the birthday of our local Australia Post Postmaster, Michael Rayson. Around 100 local and former local identities helped Michael blow out the candles.



A fine floorshow by Gina Hogan was the highlight, along with back up from Jan Stephenson and other local musos. Plenty of food and drink was on hand, and conversation extended well in to the night.

Thanks to all those who helped make the event a memorable one for a well respected Dunolly person.

We have another music night planned for Friday week, March 11th featuring *Sweet Felicia and the Honeytones*. Further details for this are on page 17 of this issue. Please come along and support local music.

Please note that our regular Friday Night Open Mic evenings will not be held for the next two weeks.

Ian Arnold

# Changes at the Dunolly Rural Transaction Centre

After 10 years of continuous service as Coordinator of the Rural Transaction Centre (RTC), Rosa Halas has retired. The RTC committee conveys our heartfelt thanks to Rosa for her dedication and loyalty and wish her well in her retirement.

The new coordinator is Susan Anderson who, with the able assistance of Marilyn Goldie, will take over the duties of running the RTC. A new volunteer, Korina Colquhoun, will augment the existing team of Joanne Ferguson and Irene Meager.

Also retiring is Margaret Noble as Treasurer. Margaret has given at least 16 years of stalwart service to the RTC and Dunolly community and we wish her well as she steps down. Her replacement is Monika Thumerer.

We thank each of the new incumbents for taking on these positions as without their support the Rural Transaction Centre would have been forced to close, depriving the community of a valuable service.

Pam Brodie  
Chairperson



Susan Anderson RTC Coordinator

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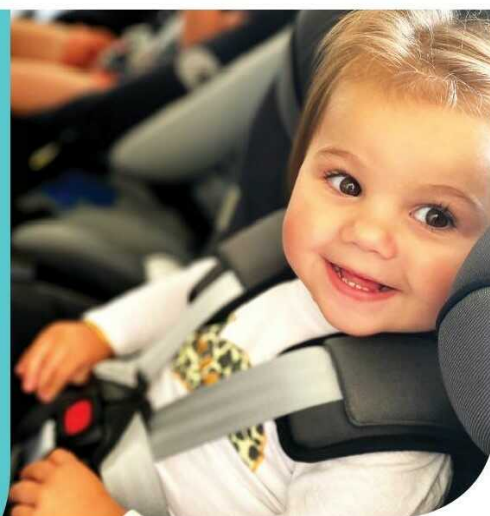
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**WHY** 70% of child car restraints are incorrectly installed or used, posing a serious safety risk to children travelling in those restraints. For peace of mind, have a professional fitter check your restraints so you know your child is safe. For more information about the program, please visit [kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/free-child-car-restraint-checking-program](https://kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/free-child-car-restraint-checking-program)

These events are hosted by Kidsafe Victoria in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, with support by the Victorian State Government.

# Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre

## Free child car restraint fittings and safety check

This free service is offered on Friday 11th March between 1pm and 3pm, here at the Centre carpark. There's a link to follow for bookings; any problems just give me a call. I can't think of anything more important than child safety, so if you know of any families who may need this service, please let them know.

<https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/events/dunolly-11-march-2022>

## FREE Zumba pop-ups start this week

We're looking forward to starting this one! Liana is bringing the Latin-inspired workout that is Zumba back to Dunolly. We're offering two free pop-ups at St. John's Hall on Barkly Street at 5.30pm, March 4th and March 18th. Come along and enjoy! We hope to make Zumba a regular fixture.

## Woodworkers continue their projects

We have a thriving group of woodworkers who are loving the hands-on tasks that Mike is teaching them. Our shed is open to men and women, so if you have a yearning for wood turning, check out our Woodshed!



Mike, Colleen and Gayle

Margaret's boss of the Bosch

Kerry means business

## Coming soon:

### Disaster preparedness seminar

On Thursday March 24th at 6pm, we will be hosting a seminar on how to prepare for natural disasters. This is not-to-be-missed; more info coming soon.

### \$250 Power Saving Bonus

This Bonus has been extended until the middle of the year, so if you receive a government payment and have a concession card from Centrelink, I can help you apply. I'll need a copy of your most recent power bill, as well as your concession card. This is a one-off payment, so call me at the Centre for an appointment.

### Proof of vaccination required

Due to the current COVID situation in Victoria, the Chief Health Officer has advised that all Neighbourhood Centres must ask for proof of vaccination for all our activities.

### 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 re-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 which remain in place. Last year our equipment was stolen. I'm happy to say that Guild Insurance has given us a payout to replace all that we lost! We are placing an order soon, so once the equipment arrives we'll look at our options.

Walking groups, the woodwork shed Tuesday mornings at 9am, ukulele at the Centre, 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 2pm), old-time dancing (Mondays at St. John's), craft on Wednesday from 10am at the Centre, card making and scrapbooking with Rhonda on the last Monday of the month at 10am, 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. Coming soon: croquet, machine sewing, 'yarn/wool' group, Zumba.

Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for updates, *The Welcome Record* or drop into 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 11.30am, so if I'm out of the building I won't be far.



Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator.

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# Central Goldfields Shire Council News

## Mayoral Column



As a Council we are passionately committed to leading the change that makes this exciting vision a reality. To reach our full potential we need investment to lead the change that will give all our residents the prosperity, opportunity, and services they deserve.

We recognise we need to develop and enhance our sporting areas in Maryborough and Dunolly and create trails and open spaces to provide for fun, recreation, enjoyment and better health outcomes for residents and visitors including youth. Investment in Central Goldfields Shire projects unlocks the future we need and must deliver.

Accordingly, at its February Ordinary Meeting Council adopted a Priority Projects Plan with 14 key projects around the Shire which we will seek Government investment and funding for. Within this Plan we will seek an investment of \$5 million to provide modern facilities at the Deledio Recreation Reserve.

Funding for detailed design and construction costs to provide modern facilities at the Deledio Recreation Reserve will include contemporary change facilities for players and umpires, a function space, and a commercial kitchen.

We know the Community wants a complex which not only provides change facilities, but which is accessible to all and can also be used to host community events and gatherings. Through community engagement the following key components were identified for a new facility – change rooms and umpires’ rooms suitable for men and women (home and away), trainer’s room, first aid, gym, commercial kitchen, bar, social room, public toilets, technology access, storerooms, offices, memorabilia display and balcony. Our lobbying and advocacy to achieve this has just taken an important step forward.

Chris Meddows-Taylor  
Mayor, Central Goldfields Shire

## Council News this week

### Animal registrations

It’s almost time to register your pet for 2022. During March, pet owners across the Shire will receive their animal registration notice in their letterbox.

Before we send them, do you need to update your pet details with us?

- Has your pet been de-sexed?
- Have you moved address?
- Have you changed phone numbers?
- Has your pet passed away?

Make sure our records are up-to-date so you receive your correct renewal notice in March. Having your pet registered is important in safely returning your pet home if they get out.

Call our Customer Service team on 5461 0600 or email us at [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## Building team update

There is currently a shortage of building surveyors in Victoria, particularly in regional areas and we are unable to provide a building permit service at this time.

We will continue to seek additional staff or contractors, however given current market conditions, this may take some time.

If you are about to submit a building permit application to us, and are wanting it processed as soon as possible, we encourage you to speak with and consider a private building surveyor. We can provide a list of Private Building Surveyors servicing the Central Goldfields Shire area on request.

Should you choose to continue your application with us, we will have someone contact you as soon as possible to discuss the application, process and likely timeframes.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. To contact a member of our Building team please call our Customer Service team on 5461 0610.

## February Council Meeting outcomes

The February Council Meeting was held last week 22nd February with a number of key items considered.

A summary of outcomes is provided below:

### Deledio Pavilion, Dunolly

The Deledio Pavilion concept plans were noted by Council. The concept plans will enable Council to advocate to Federal and State governments for funding to deliver the project.

Council will continue to work with local groups to investigate funding options and provide support for making grant applications.

### Play Space Strategy

Council endorsed a decision to contribute \$39,375.00 and an in-kind contribution of \$5,625.00, to support a funding application to Sport and Recreation Victoria’s Local Sport Infrastructure Fund to develop a Play Space Strategy.

The ‘Active Central Goldfields’, Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2020-2029 (ROSS) adopted by Council in 2020 recommended, as a high priority, that Council develop a Play Space Strategy.

The Play Space Strategy will establish clear directions, with strong community support, for the further development and management of play spaces.

## Financial Report – Mid Year Review

Council received and noted the Mid-Year Financial Report for the 2021/22 Financial Year.

The mid-year review (forecast) compares the 2021/22 budget with how the financials are tracking, as well as recognising any further impacts since adoption of the budget in June 2021.

Council’s financial position is sound and is anticipated to be sound at the end of June 2022. The forecasted surplus is \$10.7m with an adjusted underlying result of (4%). Capital Works for the year is forecast to be \$20.7m with various projects carried forward, moved to 2022/23 along with new projects to be completed

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# Maryborough District Health Services

## Join us online to find out more about your local health services

Do you want to find out more about your local health services? (MDHS) Maryborough District Health Service is inviting you to join an online information session at 1.30pm on Tuesday 8th March as part of its 2022 Community Conversations series.

Meet Chief Executive Officer Nickola Allan and members of the team who oversee the day- to-day running of the health service, the quality of care provided and major projects.

“This is your chance to ask questions about the range of health and residential care services we deliver from our campuses in Maryborough, Dunolly and Avoca, and in the community,” said Mrs Nickola Allan, Chief Executive Officer, Maryborough District Health Service.

“We are undergoing an exciting transformation with lots of projects in the pipeline that will bring better health outcomes for the community in our region. This is a chance for you to learn what’s new and find out about health services and initiatives that affect you.

Some hot topics include progress on the new student accommodation project and master plan at Maryborough Hospital, our complaints management process and how we are tracking with the COVID-19 pandemic,” she said.

To register for the free online event call (03) 5461 0301 by 4.00pm on Monday 7th March to receive a link to join the meeting.

Maryborough District Health Service runs the sessions throughout the year as part of its commitment to keeping residents engaged and informed, based on community feedback.

## Event details

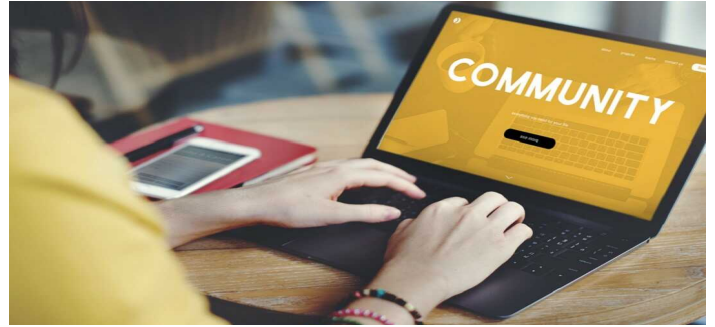
**What:** MDHS Community Conversation online.

**When:** 1.30pm to 2.30pm, Tuesday 8th March.

**Cost:** Free.

**Register:** Call (03) 5461 0301 by 4pm, Monday 7th March. Maryborough District Health Service plans to resume face-to-face information sessions at each campus as COVID-19 restrictions ease. If you would like to find out more send an email to [consumerengagement@mdhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:consumerengagement@mdhs.vic.gov.au).

Katie Perry



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# Church Notices

## Catholic Church, Dunolly

There will be Assembly St Mary's Church Dunolly at 8.30am on Sunday 6th March. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Janine Paley is hosting the Lenten Programme at her home, starting on Tuesday March 8th. The address is 145 Broadway, Dunolly. Interested people will be welcome.

R. Mecredy

*Shine on the world like bright stars;  
You are offering it the word of Life.*

Phil. 2 :15-16

## Uniting Church, Dunolly

Pastor Miriam Darlow will lead worship and Holy Communion on Sunday March 6th at 9.30am. World Day of Prayer service on Friday 4th March will be held at St John's Anglican at 7.30pm. KYB is held each Wednesday at 10.30am at the church.

Linda Pickering



### Op Shop Hours

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## St John's Anglican Church, Dunolly

Rev Canon Heather Blackman  
Parish Office, Nightingale Street,  
Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964  
Services are held every fourth Thursday at 10am  
COVID restrictions permitting  
The next Service will be Thursday, 24th March.

Esmé Flett

*My word shall not return to me empty," says the Lord,  
"but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."*

Isaiah 55.11

## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who are in fear,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk  
and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

*Written by the Archbishops of Canterbury & York*



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We constantly hear from our council and councillors how we are in a good space and what an amazing job they are doing. One question we ask — Why is it like pulling teeth to obtain a result?

Just last week there were concerns raised around a security camera direction at Goldfields Reservoir which was pointed into the women's toilets and change room. This issue was reported 14 days earlier by a concerned community member and should have been resolved then and there, yet Council did not adhere to their own policies and it has now escalated into a major community concern. Council representatives have now mentioned "The camera was inoperable. It was originally used to monitor the dump point but had fallen over time".

This reply does not instil confidence from the community, yet raises more questions.

The questions raised were:

1. When was the camera operational and when did it become not operational?
2. Who monitors the data or positioning of our shire's security cameras?
3. How is the data stored and what is council's policy on security cameras?
4. Where was it pointing when it became inoperable? Why was it not attended to when this issue was reported 14 days earlier? Who is responsible?

CGR&RAI emailed council on the 21st and 22nd of February 2022 regarding the questions above, as yet still no reply. The security camera issue, and the Station Museum lease matter has also led to a situation where senior Council representative once again posted a Shire issue online, then when it got a bit delicate, the complete thread was taken down. Are Council representatives adhering to Council's media policies, or are these being ignored again as they were under administration? These are all issues that if not reined in, will escalate into a very uncomfortable situation.

Our Transparency and Accountability Album has been completed (14 pages) and is viewable here. - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1105175057002387&type=3>

Items 5 and 11 are still active and we shall be adding updates as they arrive. In Item 5 Council provided the wrong year's reports and that case has been reviewed again. Item 11 — still waiting for an update on the requested information.

With the rain on 24th February 2022, several areas around our Shire did have drainage issues, again issues raised around the Carisbrook western levee, Pleasant Street and Deep Creek. All issues CGR&RAI believes were not addressed adequately. We invite the Council and councillors to address the levee and creek issue once again. Have a public meeting with all people included. Get all the issues out and openly discussed, and allow these issues to be resolved. We welcome Sumaya Tonny, Strategic Planner to the Central Goldfields Shire and look forward to her contribution being an extremely positive one.

Last week Council announced a statement relating to a shortage of building surveyors in our shire. We are pleased to see the Council reporting of a huge capital works program. This is extremely pleasing to see, Council admitting there is a concern. One thing we do question with our planning department being as decimated as it is, is this adding more workload to the planning department, contributing to why we cannot obtain planning staff? Added to the community backlash on many projects already active, could community contributions and input of local knowledge be added for prospective planners' decision making? So many problems in companies start at the top level and filter down through the chain.

Now with COVID regulations having less and less restrictions, and with those few left possibly changing by the day, we ask everyone to keep up to date with them all. With us all understanding the regulations clearly, confusion and misunderstanding will be reduced which can only help your journey out of this. We have all done a commendable job so far — let us put this behind us with the community in mind. Please understand, respect and move forward together. Thank you and stay safe.

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President



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# Whispering Weeders

The Whispering Weeders are once more out and about. On Monday we visited the Green Folly nursery, on the grounds of the former Wesley Hill Methodist Church in Chewton.

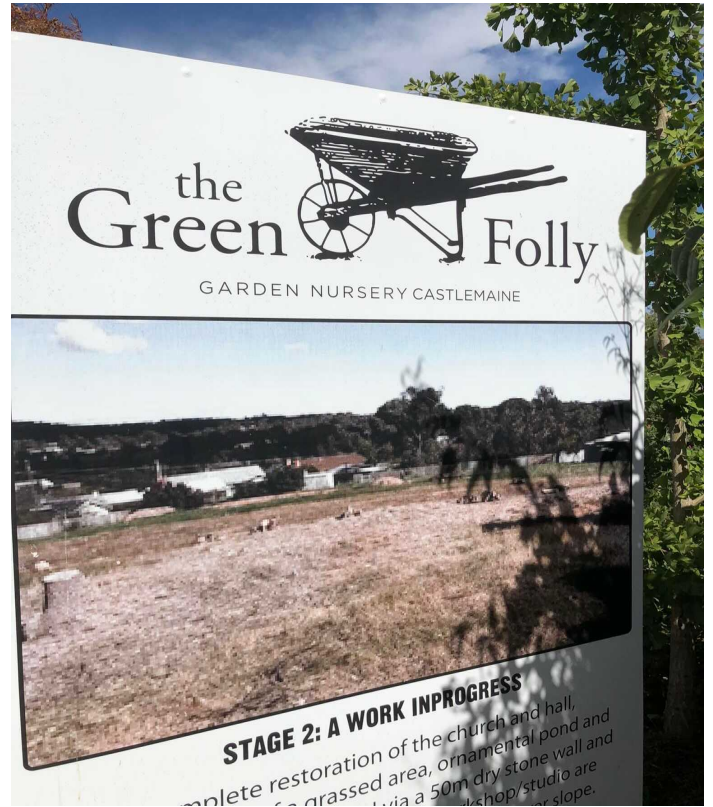
It was a virtual heaven for all garden lovers, with over an acre of plants, paths, garden furniture, sculpture and much more.

There are mature trees and a large range of interesting and unusual plants set in a lovely landscaped garden. We finished the day off with lunch at their delightful café. Well worth a visit if you are in the area.

Our group is looking forward to our next outing where we are visiting the Eucy Museum, Inglewood.

If you would like to join our group, we meet each fourth Monday of the month. For more details contact Kath at the Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre. Hope to see you there.

Jan Brock



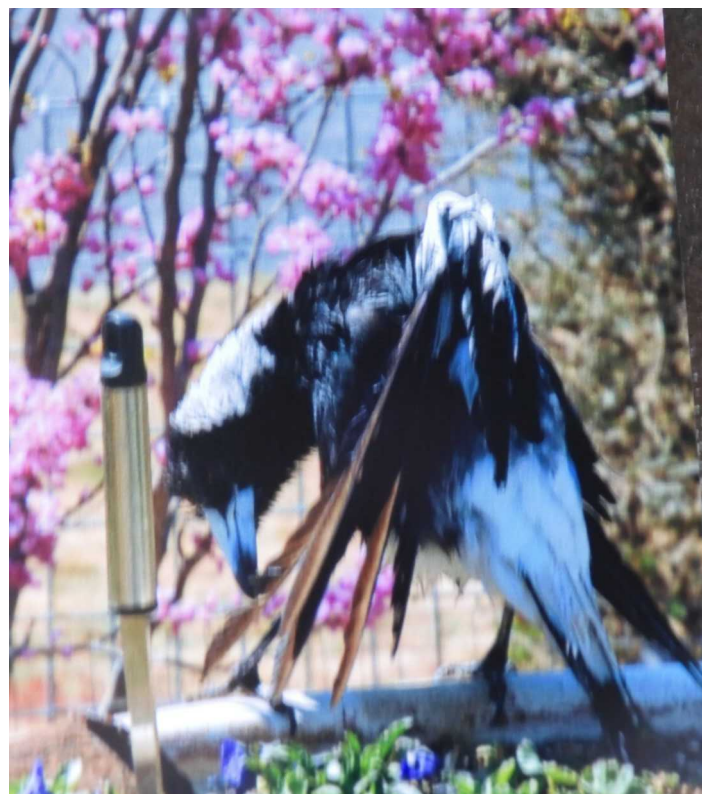
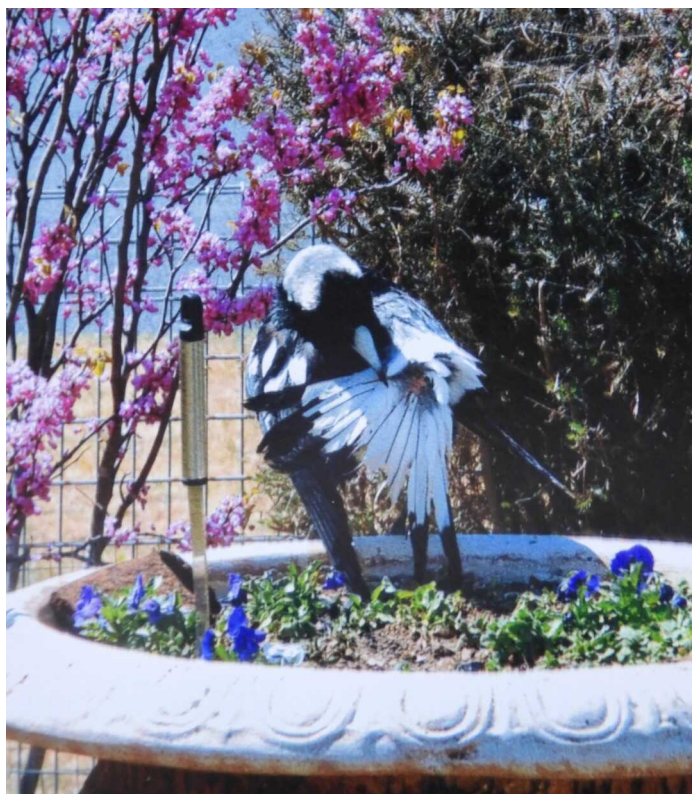
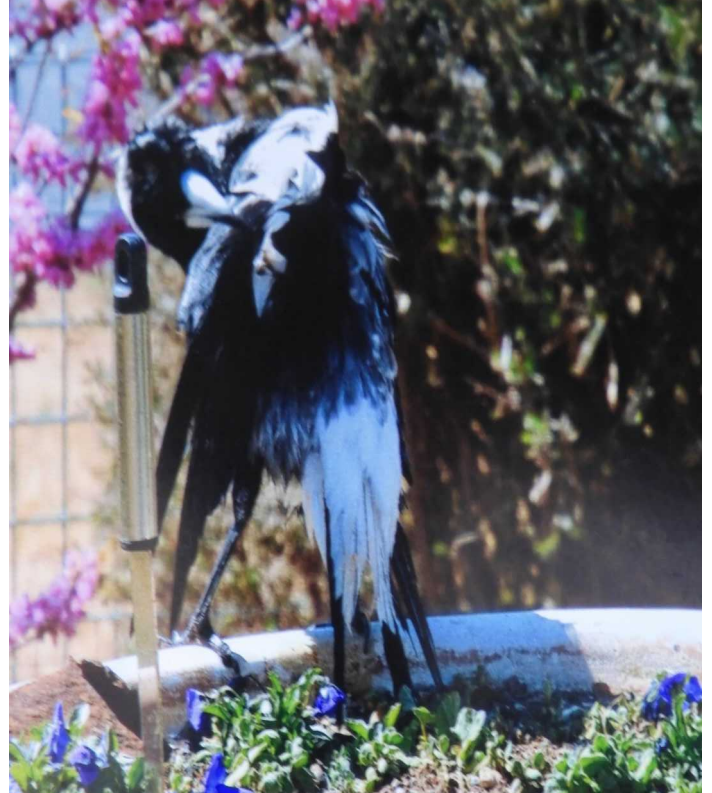
## Urban Magpie Part 4

One thing magpies love on a hot day is to wash under the garden sprinkler. Many a time I have watched out the window as magpies have frolicked in the spray. They call to each other as they dance in the cool water. Wings are lifted and water cascades down their bodies, just like humans in the shower. I have often wondered if they would like some soap. Older magpies sit in the surrounding trees or electrical wires watching on and carolling their encouragement.

After a while the bathers fly up to join the others on the wires and preen themselves in the sun. It has been my experience that if I allow my presence to be known, the magpies very quickly fly away.

During its toilette Marion was lucky enough to be able to get back inside for her camera and take a series of photos of the whole procedure

Story by Vicky Frizzell  
Photos by Marion Edwards





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## Stories from Cynthia

If you are not a grandparent then you are sure to know some. Becoming a grandparent changes your life. After bringing up your children with all the accompanying highs and lows, the sorrows and joys, suddenly they fly the coop to make their own lives. You can then sit back and enjoy your new found freedom; take that trip you dreamed about, join a craft group, call your weekends your own, instead of ferrying young people here and there. Blissful freedom! Then suddenly everything changes. Your children produce their own children and your life is turned upside down.



First, there is the joy of nursing and cuddling the new baby, then helping with nappy changing and bathing. Then the night phone calls, “Mum, Dad, how can I stop the baby crying? She’s been going for hours. Can you please come over.” In no time at all the baby sitting requests arrive so you adapt again to waking nights, nappy changing and re-arranging the house as the baby turns into a toddler. That is when the fun begins.

You now move all breakable and treasured items out of reach, become a vigilante to keep the small person under surveillance every single minute. Shopping routine changes as now you must pack a bag with bottle, snacks, spare clothes, nappies, toys, just as though you were heading off for an overnight stay.

The old routine returns when you have to return unwanted items to the shelves, pacify the little one who now wants every sweetmeat in sight, and breathe a sigh of relief when you arrive home.

Next stage is the school years and when the grandchildren come to stay, this is the best time. They are able to help around the house and with the cooking, apart from the terrible mess and can be good company. But wait till these nice, amenable children turn into teenagers. That’s when it all changes.

It is often difficult to have any sort of conversation due to the device plastered to their hands, lights are left on all over the house, doors never get shut, the most weird and loud music emanates from their rooms and there is the bathroom.

Suddenly you have nowhere to put your toiletries because the basin surrounds are cluttered with all sorts of bottles and appliances. First came the hair straightener and now it’s the hair curler with the accompanying stray hairs left in the basin and traces of hair dye appear plus bleached patches on the towels. Then out of the bathroom come these doll like creatures with barely a resemblance to the fresh-faced ones who entered.

As for the boys, they are not a bathroom problem but bedrooms have to be seen to be believed. Beds are always unmade and there might be bike parts scattered about ready to be oiled and re-assembled, often resulting in black grease marks on the sheets. Every garment worn for the last few days would be scattered around the room. Despite it all, we always forgive them everything because what would we do without our beloved grandchildren who keep their grandparents young.

Cynthia Lindsay

## Masks mostly off as COVID restrictions ease

For the first time in months, face masks will only be required in limited indoor settings as of tonight, while further cases of COVID-19 were recorded locally. The Victorian Government announced on Tuesday that restrictions around face masks would ease dramatically and will not be needed in most indoor settings as of 11.59 pm last Friday. The significant change in restrictions comes as three new cases of COVID-19 were recorded in the Central Goldfields Shire, bringing the total to 81 active, there were two new cases in the Pyrenees with a total of 29, 10 in Mount Alexander bringing the total to 103 active and Hepburn saw a further 10 new cases, bringing the total number to 74 active cases. Under the changes, the recommendation for Victorians to work or study from home will be removed and masks will no longer be required indoors unless for:

- Those on public transport, taxis and rideshare, planes and indoors at airports.
- Those working or visiting hospitals and indoor areas at care facilities.
- Workers in hospitality, retail, the court system, justice and correctional facilities.
- Students in year three or above at primary school, all workers at early childhood centres and primary schools.
- People working indoors at an event with more than 30,000 people.

Masks are still recommended for other workers serving or facing members of the public, such as if you are at reception, meeting guests or serving customers, however are not required. Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews said the change in restrictions will mean there are “essentially no COVID rules”. “We are going to a situation on Friday where there are essentially no COVID rules, or so few that it’s unrecognisable to what it was a year ago, and indeed what it was two years ago,” he said. “In a broader context what’s changed is we’ve seen omicron peak, we’re on the other side of that peak, hospital numbers are falling and settling at the moment — we hope they continue to fall but they’re much lower than they were.

Primary school children in year three or above at primary school are required to wear masks, while secondary school students are not.

COVID-19 response commander Jeroen Weimar said the removal of masks for all students was difficult due to the slower than expected vaccination uptake for children under 12.

“Last year when we opened up the vaccination program to 12 to 15 year olds we saw an absolute rush for the teenagers to come and get vaccinated,” he said. “We’ve seen a slower uptake for five to 11-year-olds. We still have 40 to 45 percent of kids who are not protected. The sooner we can get them vaccinated the sooner other options become possible.”

“Victorians have done such a great job getting vaccinated, so we’re able to take safe steps to get more people to return to the office,” he said. “We’re balancing the need to support our health system with the benefits of easing restrictions in a careful and sensible way.”

Riley Upton

courtesy Maryborough Advertiser

## A history of gold mining around Dunolly with Anne Doran

*Continued from last week*

**Bealiba Reef:** On 17<sup>th</sup> October 1865 the four men sold a one-fifth share of the reef to William Hayes, and the rich gold beginning at the surface continuing almost unchanged, and a company was formed called the Goldsborough Gold Mining Company. This reef, found on the surface, dipped suddenly toward the south so that when Smith's party outside the Goldsborough Company's claim was formed on 24<sup>th</sup> May (the Queen's Birthday) in 1865, and called themselves accordingly, the rich strata of Baker and Company's mine was at an unknown depth beneath the surface in their claim.

John Smith, called "The Bealiba Bark Hut Prophet", and a man of religion, however, full of faith and good works, firmly believed there were tons of gold underfoot, and in the end convinced others of the idea. John Smith took out his first Miner's Right for this claim in January 1865. Thus we have a story of a belief in a mine that sounds almost fantastic. Old John, who originally came from Cumberland, was a Wesleyan Local preacher, and he and others of the same ilk marked out their claim next to the Goldsborough Company and sunk, and on the strength of it, seems only of their faith in good works, continued to set up a first-class plant ... even in the complete absence of gold. The Queen's Birthday Company consisted of John Smith, Silas Cole of Chinaman's Flat, Daniel Smith, Edwin Peters and John Salomon of Maryborough.

In October 1866, they took out a lease of 10 acres of the reef, but it was three years before they got sufficient gold to pay their men out of the yields from the mine.

In the meantime, their fortunes had dwindled to less than nothing whilst the Goldsborough Company men had made a small fortune. And whilst the Goldsborough Company, safe in its rich yields, had retained its original claim. Another company that had started on the reef at this time was the North Birthday Company. They first struck stone on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1867, and the reef in their claim was four feet thick. The shaft is on the east side of the road today, about 120 yards north of the Goldsborough Shaft. The company began in June 1866.

The first heavy machinery for the Queen's Birthday Company arrived in May 1867, and it was tested and started in September of that year, and early in 1868 some gold was struck, and later in that year small yields, but in December the first payable gold yet found. It was the turn of the tide for the company and the indomitable enterprise of its members was at last yielding results.

They erected a five-head battery and on 4<sup>th</sup> December, some specimens studded with gold were brought to the surface. One shaft at this time was down 205 feet. Gold had increased in the reef slowly from seven to 15 hundredweight, and the reef from six inches to two feet. The new battery, whose tables were the best in the state at the time, was completed in May 1869, and was opened at a ceremony by Miss Richie.

From this time onward, the fortunes of the Queen's Birthday Company slowly improved, so whilst that of the Goldsborough Company, although their yields remained fairly steady for some years, gradually got less. It was 12 years however after the start of the Queen's Birthday Company, that the mine developed rich, and their eventual great plan was as much the result of good solid developing, as of the rich run of gold, which occurred

only at certain periods, between which much low quality ore was treated and the yields for years were in the vicinity of less than half an ounce of gold to the ton.

From 1868 onward, the Goldsborough dividends, which in 1867 had paid 15 shillings per scrip in a fortnight, were smaller. The five originals had each received about £3000 and the mine possessed a splendid new plant. By 1874, the members had been paying calls for some considerable time and Yates and Thomas Hansford of the Queen's Birthday Company were managing it, although Hayes was still Chairman of Directors.

In 1876, a typical yield was 23 ounces of gold from 105 tons of stone and the mine was placed on tribute. The company then had £200 in the bank.

In September of 1876 there was a new issue of shares, which were probably taken up by Hansford & Co, and soon after this nothing more is heard of the Goldsborough Company. In its later years Thomas Pybus, Rossman and others from Dunolly joined the company but the rich shoot that had yielded so well and paid Baker and his friends about £5000 each, could not be traced further or to greater depths and the growing Birthday Company took over the mine about 1877. The Goldsborough company's complete gold yield to October 1877 was 13,440 ounces. The Queen's Birthday Company in 1876 was managed by Thomas Warnes, but in 1878 John Betheras took over as mining manager, and managed the company during most of the rest of its existence. From 1870 to the early 1880s was its heyday, when Goldsborough was a large town containing 13 hotels and a main street of respectable shops along the western side of the reef. *To be continued*

Ann Doran

*Anne Doran is a well known identity for her past activities involving local gold mining. She and her husband Henry were on the Victorian Prospectors and Goldminers Association group based in Dunolly and started the Welcome Stranger Goldpanning Association.*

*The Kings Birthday Powder Magazine pictured below is located on the edge of bushland in Goldsborough. Powder magazines such as this were built to store the explosives used in gold mining. Built in 1878 and still remains today. Photo supplied by John Bolejko*





## CLASSIFIEDS AND NOTICES

### AGM



AGM/MGM will be held on Sunday 6th March at 11am followed by luncheon at RSL Hall. All positions become vacant and all members are asked to please try to attend to offer your support to your Sub-Branch.

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# Regular Community Gatherings

**Please Note:** This list will be printed in *The Welcome Record* once per month. Due to COVID-19 some events and community groups have cancelled their sessions. **Updated 22nd February 2022**

Community Group	Venue	Date / Times
Bealiba Bingo	Bealiba Hall	2nd Monday of the month 1.30pm
Bealiba CWA	Bealiba Hall	3rd Thursday of the month 1pm
Bealiba Line Dancing	Bealiba Hall	Every Tuesday 7pm - 9pm
Bealiba Supported Playgroup	Bealiba Primary School outdoor area	Friday 10.30am - 11.30am
Bealiba Progress Association	Bealiba Hall	2nd Monday of the month 7.30pm
Bealiba Indoor Carpet Bowls	Bealiba Hall	Every Thursday night 7.30pm
CG Ratepayers Association Inc	TBA	1st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm
Community Bus to Maryborough	Bull Street, RTC side street	Leaves Friday 10am. Arrive 15 mins before departure. Return trip call 5468 1205
Dunolly and District Probus Club	Dunolly Bowling Club	3rd Thursday of the month 10am
Dunolly and District Inc.	Dunolly Town Hall	2nd Wednesday of the month 5pm
Dunolly Community Garden	Kindergarten, Maude Street	Every Thursday at 5pm
Dunolly Community Market	Broadway (Main Street)	2nd Sunday of the month 9am - 1.30pm
Dunolly CWA	SES rooms	1st Wednesday of the month 1.30pm
Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary	PAG Room	1st Monday of the month at 10am
Dunolly Field and Game	SES shed	1st Wednesday of the month 7.30pm
Dunolly Fire Brigade	Fire Station	3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm
Dunolly Historic Precinct Committee	Town Hall	4th Monday of the month 1pm
Dunolly Karate Club	Dunolly RSL Hall	Mondays 5.30-6.30pm and 6.30-7.30pm Pee Wee / Junior / Senior (7+ years)
Dunolly Masonic Lodge	Masonic Lodge	3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm St George Freemasons Lodge No. 19, Havelock Street
Dunolly Museum	Broadway	3rd Monday of the month 2pm. Search "Dunolly Museum" for more information
Dunolly Music Group Open Mic Night	Dunolly Golf Club	Every Friday Night 6pm -11pm
Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch	CFA rooms	3rd Wednesday of the month 10am
Dunolly Ninjas Program	Dunolly RSL Hall	Mondays from 5pm (4 to 6 years old)
Dunolly Planned Activities Group		Tuesday and Thursdays 10.30am to 2.30pm
Dunolly/Bealiba RSL	RSL Hall Dunolly	2nd Tuesday of the month 7pm
Dunolly Senior Citizens Meeting	Senior Citizens Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 10am
DSC Card Playing	Senior Citizens Hall	Each Tuesday at 1.30pm
DSC Carpet Bowls	Senior Citizens Hall	Each Monday 1.30pm
DSC Luncheon	Senior Citizens Hall	3rd Wednesday monthly 12.30pm
Dunolly Supported Playgroup	Various locations	Mondays 10am - 11am Little Explorers Dunolly Library Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am Dunolly Kindergarten Thursday 9am - 10.45am Dunolly School
Dunolly Unit Vic SES	SES rooms	Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month 6.30pm Training every other Tuesday
Golden Triangle Archers	Behind Deledio Reserve	4th Sunday monthly 10am
Maryborough Pigeon Fanciers Inc.	Poultry Pavilion, Carisbrook	1st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (February and November). M&DAS Bucknall Street, Carisbrook
Mother Goose Program	Dunolly Primary School	Every Friday - school terms 9.30-10.30am
Newbridge CWA	Newbridge Hall	3rd Tuesday of the month 1.30pm
Old Time Dancing	Anglican Hall	7.30pm Mondays, Barkly St, Dunolly
PMAV	Maryborough Highland Club	3rd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm
Talbot Farmers Market	Talbot	3rd Sunday of the month 9am to 1pm
Tarnagulla Action Group	Community Centre	3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm
Tarnagulla Playgroup	Tarnagulla Hall	Thursday 10.30am -12 noon
Tarnagulla Senior Citizens	Victoria Hall	1st and 3rd Monday of the month 11am -12.30pm
The Welcome Record Committee	TWR Office	2nd Monday of the month 1pm

## Baking with Bella

Hi again! Another zucchini related recipe. There were extra slices from a mass pizza prep from a friend's birthday and I don't like wastage. I'm always on the look out for healthier versions of treats and these brownies are lovely and fudgy. You can use a different oil if you like, the coconut oil will provide the 'fudgy' consistency. These brownies will also improve over time (if you don't eat them all in the first day).

### Healthy Zucchini Brownies

2C grated zucchini (not too tightly packed)  
½ C coconut oil-melted  
1 egg  
½ C maple syrup or honey  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
½ C Cocoa powder  
½ tsp bicarb soda  
¼ tsp salt  
1 C plain flour/GF flour

Preheat your oven to 190 degrees Celsius and line a square cake tin or a slice tin with baking paper.

Grate the zucchini and leave in a colander/sieve to drain

Mix the oil, egg, maple syrup and vanilla extract together with a whisk

Add in the cocoa, bicarb and salt

Squeeze the zucchini once to remove excess liquid (you still need to have some of the moisture for the brownies to taste awesome!) then stir into the mixture

Stir in the flour gently

Pour into the pan and bake for 25-28 mins (depending on your oven).

Take out and leave on a cooling rack until cool.

Cut into about 16 squares and enjoy!



## Loddon Mayoral Column

### Boort Scarred Trees Masterplan

The online workshop to view the developed concept design for the Boort Scarred Trees Masterplan, originally due to take place this Thursday (3rd March), has been postponed.

Council will advise the community of the new date and time, which is expected to be during the week beginning 7th March, through its *Facebook* page at [www.facebook.com/LoddonShire](http://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire) Questions regarding the project can be sent to:

[loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au](mailto:loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au)

### The Loddon Shed – calling all Loddon producers

The Loddon Shed is looking to expand its product offering and is encouraging local Loddon producers interested in joining the online store to submit an expression of interest. The Loddon Shed showcases the best of Loddon producers, growers and microbusinesses to offer a range of locally-produced products in one easy shopping experience. There are plans for more hampers, featuring local produce focusing on themes such as the 'new baby' hamper, the 'thinking of you' hamper and many more.

To take part in The Loddon Shed, your business must either be located within the Loddon Shire or be a collaboration using produce from the Loddon Shire. Expressions of interest can be sent to:

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Em Goldy



# QUICK CROSSWORD 100

**Across**

1. Part of eye
5. Relating to the whole world
9. A leader or liberator of a country or cause
10. Cleansing of the body
11. Seize hold of
13. Have ultimate success after earlier failure, have the last \_\_\_\_\_
15. Monotonous buzz
17. Having a doze
19. Difficult problem
20. 5-0 (hockey, eg.), five-\_\_\_\_\_
21. Occur repeatedly
23. Pen for swine
24. Woman living under religious vow
25. Of that man
27. Destined
29. Compartment of crane driver
31. Require by necessity
33. Replace underside of boot

35. Gain knowledge of
36. Walk slowly
37. Hindu discipline
39. Crust on healing wound
40. Compound with minty taste, often used in cough lollies and lip balms

41. Austrian composer, Wolfgang Amadeus \_\_\_\_\_
42. Use cord to bind

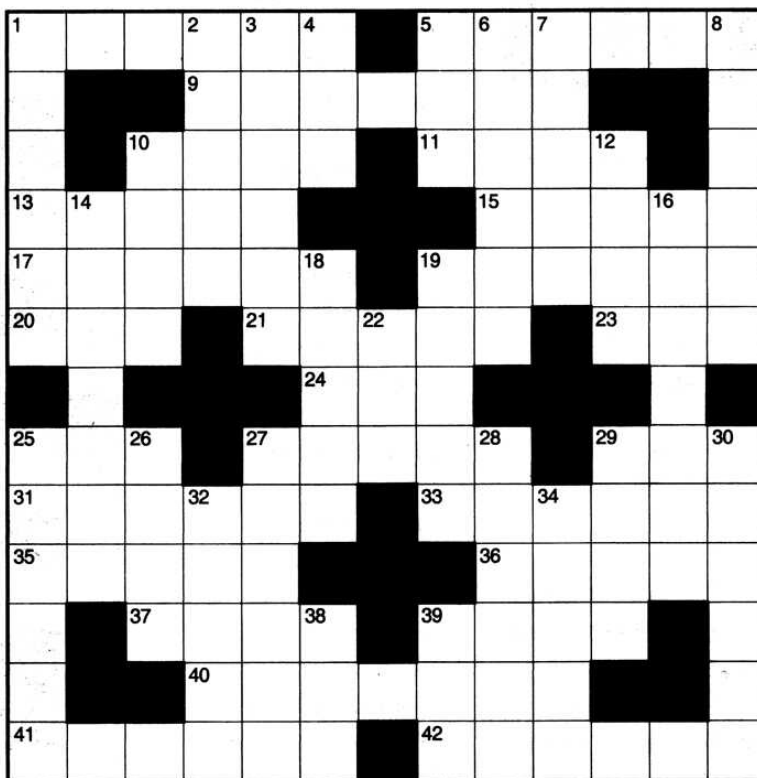
**Down**

1. Overcoat with sleeves to the collar
2. The way a person or thing is thought of by others (as in 'tarnished \_\_\_\_\_')
3. Located below
4. Combustion residue
5. Carriage drawn by one horse
6. Food cupboard
7. Irish-born explorer of Aust., Robert \_\_\_\_\_ Burke (1'4)
8. Hiring of horses for money
10. Male bovine
12. Superintendent of workers
14. Stupid
16. Team sport popular in Aust.
18. Payable as punishment
19. One who adjusts musical instruments so as to correct pitch

22. Quicker route, short \_\_\_\_\_
25. Light gaseous element
26. Remain in position
27. To hurt, lay a \_\_\_\_\_ on

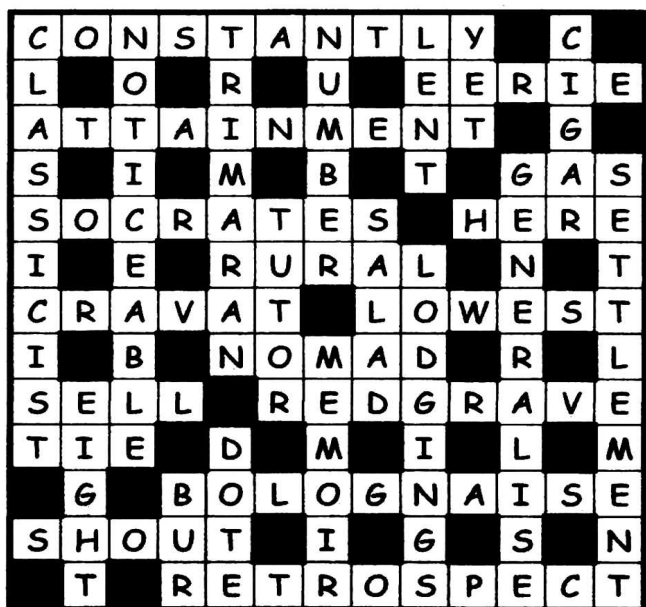
28. Member of clergy
29. Aust. transport pioneer, Freeman \_\_\_\_\_
30. Member of large order of insects

32. Pleasant odour
34. Slender part of one's back
38. Insect which lives in colonies
39. Woman indicated



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# Dunolly Bowling Club

## Results and News

**Tuesday 22nd February:** Dunolly Blue 81 defeated MHS Gold 38, Dunolly Gold 48 defeated by Carisbrook 60. 1st and 2nd Semi Finals 8th March. Preliminary Finals 15th March. Grand Finals 22nd March.

**Saturday 26th February:** Dunolly Blue 99 defeated Talbot 26, Dunolly Green 58 defeated Maryborough Golf 53, Dunolly Gold 42 defeated by Carisbrook 73. Last game for Week End Pennant 5th March. 1st and 2nd Semi Finals 12th March. Preliminary Finals 19th March. Grand Finals 26th March. The last week of Mid Week Pennant was a washout due to rain.

## Coming Events for March 2022

Bob Henderson Club Handicap Pairs, Entry Fee ~ Free. Please have your name down by 4pm Friday 4th March, start of play 6pm. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Hospital.

## BYO Supper

Regarding BYO Food. After trying to obtain some clarification regarding BYO food at functions, without success from either State or Federal Government, I spoke to Maryborough's City Council Health Inspector. I was informed, it is permissible to bring BYO from home to share, however it is not permissible to sell. Also if taking food from a shared table and if it's not consumed within a few days the onus is on the person who has taken the food. People with special dietary needs usually bring their own. On Wednesday 16th March Dunolly is hosting the Wednesday Triples. If you would like to enter a team, please contact Barry Cann.

Bowlers, We all have the odd occasion where an incident happens on the day of playing bowls that is unavoidable, however if you know in advance that you are not able to play, please contact Barry ASAP, last month Barry was frantically ringing bowlers to fill in for a team that was a no show. Bowlers are patient and will wait, however it does make for a late finish, for *Farmer Joe* to get home to milk his cows.

On Sunday 27th March Dunolly Bowling Club is having a Music Afternoon starting at 2pm and featuring John and Tracie as "*Bebop alula*". If you like a bit of Jazz, R & B, Swing and Blues, you will not be disappointed.

Weather permitting the Club windows will be ajar, where you can enjoy the music while you play a game of bare foot bowling. Or otherwise sit inside in a warm environment, enjoying the ambiance along with an adult beverage. During the afternoon some raffles will be drawn. Mark the day on your very busy social calendar, come along enjoy a few hours with your fellow Dunolly friends.

Hannah Delconte



## Saturday Pennant Teams 5th March 2022

### Dunolly Blue at Dunolly v Golf Blue

Greg Dobbin	Alan Weir	Chris Williams
Peter Waters	Tony Galofaro	Terry Long
Aaron Britten	Alan Parkes	Geoff Davies
Steve Wintle	Alan Miles	Bernie Lanfranchie

Manager: Peter Waters

### Dunolly Gold at Golf Gold

P Freemantle	Keith Elliot	Barry Mortlock
Andrew Mebbrey	Don Mortlock	Frank Mifsud
Emmitt Smith	Ian Flett	Peter Harrison
Keith McKenzie	Wayne Stephens	Mathew Potter

Manager: Peter Freemantle

### Dunolly Green at Dunolly v MHS Black

Evan Weir	Paul Zahra	Arthur Deason
Jim Fox	Jim Haigh	Paul Chase
Don Coe	Graham Cain	John Reid
David Wardell	Dave Price	Fabio Delconte

Manager: Paul Chase

Emergency: S Chaplin, K Stephens, R Fox, R Mebbre

## Mid-week Pennant Teams 8th March 2022

### Dunolly Blue at Avoca

H. Freemantle	Robyn Fox	Marg Davies
Greg Dobbin	Chris Williams	Tony Galofaro
Alan Weir	Roy Pickering	Alan Parkes
Karen Stephens	Raeleen Mebbrey	Alice Raven

Manager: Robyn Fox

Emergency: Terry Long Sandra Chaplin P Freemantle  
If unavailable ring Robyn: 0419 595 521

## Laanecoorie-Dunolly Under 16s Report

Last Saturday we travelled to Carisbrook to finish our two-day game. Everyone once again tried hard but in the end, we were all out for 70 in 27 overs. Unfortunately, we only had 7 kids available this week so if our usual crew had been able to play I'm sure we would have made a better game of it.

This Saturday there is no cricket for us, but we'll be back playing against Maryborough on Saturday 12th March.

### Batting

Joe Lovel 6, Ben Smith 11, Cooper Polinelli 2, Aiden Wickham 1, Thang Nguyen 20, Charlotte Liddicoat 4, Dean Liddicoat 2 (not out).

Jamie Polinelli

# Dunolly Football Netball Club

## Around the club

Wow what a huge week, we have had at the nest this week our biggest, yet I am confident to say and we haven't even hit April.

Super excited to see great numbers at our first junior football training Thursday night at Deledio Recreation Reserve. Our trusty 14.5's coach Haydo took the bigger than expected group of young eagles from our 11.5's and 14.5s with lots of very happy footballers running through some drills and then a yummy sausage and cold bottle of water afterwards.

We welcome many new families to the nest and hope you all feel part of the family. Still spots to fill so if you know of anyone thinking of playing let them know we will be at Deledio Recreation Reserve 5pm Thursday from now on and to come have a try and see how they like it or call junior co-ordinator Greg Crumpton on 0428 427 460. Really good numbers were at senior netball again this week, with amazing ball skills getting some work and some shooting practise in. Looking amazing on the court girls it's going to be an awesome season. Thank you Bob and Nadine. Feedback has been unreal from our netballers.

This Thursday our junior netballers are finally getting out on the courts too. 11's and 13's are at 4:30pm followed by our 15's and 17's at 5:30pm. Again if you know anyone still thinking about it tell them to come and have a try. It's a great group of kids and so much fun.

Our first lot of merchandise has arrived and is amazing to see on the training track and around. The current order is open until 11th March so we can have our items for round one. If you want to order head over to our Facebook page or come along to training and speak to one of our committee members who can help you out. With new additions of a very popular yellow training tee, our new training shorts and a few jumper or jacket options too including a very smart looking puffer vest. Our team and supporters will look fantastic this season. On the senior football front our Intra club went well with the players pairing up and toughing it out in the muggy heat against each other out at Inglewood Recreation Reserve. Thanks to Inglewood footy club for hosting us and even putting on a BBQ and opening the bar. Was great to see the boys out on the field showing us what they can do. We look forward to heading back out there on the 19th March (netball too) for our practise match.

Each week our numbers are growing for all sides and as cricket and other sports start wrapping up these will just get better and better. I can't wait till we can have everyone out training at Dunolly on a Thursday night and we can have our supporters along to watch and join in the fun.

Our HUGE news for this week (and the reason I forgot to put anything in last week). It is with a lot of excitement I would like to announce that Sunday 13th March Dunolly senior footballers will be playing the curtain raiser game at Mars stadium for the AFLW Western Bulldogs versus Brisbane Lions game.

We will be playing Western Rams as part of the AFL's festival of footy round. As many can imagine this is a massive opportunity for our club, we have worked extremely hard to make a name for ourselves that is

celebrated and we would love for everyone to come along. Hopefully next week I will be able to get exact details to you all but so far we will be starting at 12pm. Let's see if we can get a crowd of blue and yellow in the stadium.

The team and support staff will be announced at the Railway Hotel Wednesday 9th March after training so come join us in our celebration of this amazing opportunity and hear the awesome line up our football department are putting together.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Rhys, Bailey and Jamie for all their help in making this happen. I can dream and throw our hat in the ring for things like this but these 3 have helped pull it together and I am so appreciative that we all share the same vision for our future. (and they don't think I am totally crazy yet) I keep saying exciting things are coming for DFNC in 2022 and this is showing us our hard work is paying off and it's just the beginning. Look out world the Eagles are coming. Till next week

Sam Wakeman  
President



# Wear Red Belts at the DOJO

Over the past week, at least 40 members from our Karate dojos joined together in “Wear Red Belts” Karate sessions to help raise awareness about the Heart foundation’s “Heart Health Awareness” month.

Incredibly, members from NSW Candelo dojo surprised us by joining in without us knowing and also wearing red belts to help raise awareness!

What a nice surprise, having Karate friends so far away joining in with what we are doing here in Dunolly & Maryborough! Through gold coin donations, Dunolly and Maryborough members contributed to the fundraising efforts and gave \$80 to the heart foundation. But importantly, it was a timely reminder to our members the importance of heart health! According to the heart foundation website;

- 4 million Australians are affected every year.
- Someone dies every 12 seconds in Australia.
- It affects people of all ages.

The heart foundation website is a great source of information, and it recommends if you are over 45 ask your doctor for a heart health check up, and also seek medical advice if you are ever worried. Don’t wait until it’s too late.



We really enjoy doing things that help the greater community. It might just be a small thing, but by holding these sessions, hopefully it helps raise awareness, and helps someone. We hope to participate in more throughout the year, and are already looking forward to joining in the “National day against bullying” in March, and also have some plans for April, which is Autism Awareness Month.

Troy Hoban

Dunolly/Maryborough Karate Instructor

