

Dunolly & District Community News



# The *Welcome Record*



## FIRE & WATER CLIMATE TODAY



After the recent spate of wild weather that we and the rest of the world have been experiencing, it's time to take a closer look at understanding what is going on with our weather and what WE can do - after all, it's all in OUR Hands.

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to our Climate issue. *Why bother?* You may ask - how about the recent bushfires so close to home which gave us spectacular sunsets whilst creating anxiety as the smoke-filled air came far too close for our comfort or remembering flood events such as in 2020 which 'quarantined' Dunolly. It would be fair to say that CLIMATE is NOW, front and centre of our collective minds. This Climate issue is not about preaching or arguing whether Climate Change is real or not but whatever your views, the end result is the same - what is happening, why is it happening and what can WE do about it?

The new term "*Climate Whiplash*" is an apt description for what we have been experiencing in the past few years. (see Page 11). Above all, what we must acknowledge is that humans are largely responsible for the climate state that we are in. Yes, we humans are a resilient lot but we must recognise our role in this in order to find ways to be part of the solution. Life-giving elements like Water and Fire can be unpredictable, dangerous if not respected and handled appropriately. What we do in either endangering property or lives through disregarding fire safety or polluting/wasting precious water makes a world of difference.

"But I am just ONE person, what difference does it make?" as writer Em Goldy asks - "***If Not YOU then who?***".

Every citizen of this planet, let alone of this town must find a way to contribute **NOW** not '*maybe later*' to our fast depleting, life-sustaining resources. There is no longer an excuse to say "*I did not know*" not when Mother Nature is literally, flinging it right into our faces. **She cannot be clearer than that and our future and the future of generations to come, DEPEND on it.**

### Crossword Solution 48, 2024

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## REDUCE CLIMATE AND HEALTH IMPACTS

**W**ith fires in some parts of Victoria and a storm wreaking havoc in other parts of the state recently, the National Rural Health Alliance (the Alliance) reiterates the effect climate disasters have on rural, regional, and remote communities and emergency services and the need to take current health needs into account. Climate change has a significant impact on people's health and wellbeing, given the enduring health risks, disruption, and impact on livelihoods.

Fires and storms have multiplier effects on communities where people are left with long-term displacement and infrastructure challenges including long-lasting impacts to soil and water.

*"Climate change also results in mental health issues leading to anxiety and depression with people losing their loved ones, homes, and businesses.*

*"Symptoms can worsen for people who are already sick with heart conditions, asthma, and lung infections. It is important to realise that climate and health are intricately connected,"* said the Alliance Chief Executive Susi Tegen.

***"More than half a million people in Victoria are affected by either storms or bushfires. Many are in temporary shelters and their lives are at a standstill. They are part of the rural population who are already struggling with inequitable access to health care despite their contribution to Australia's economy,"*** she said.



*"We call on the governments to rethink strategies to support these communities in recovery prior to disasters occurring and how these communities can gain access to the health care they need.*

***"As a member of the Climate and Health Alliance, we join the call for funding the implementation of Australia's first National Climate Strategy and we call for a National Rural Health Strategy which would incorporate policies and activities to mitigate and address the impacts of climate change on health and wellbeing in rural Australia,"*** Ms Tegen said.

The National Rural Health Alliance (the Alliance) comprises 50 national organisations committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the 7 million people in rural and remote Australia.

Our diverse membership includes representation from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector, health professional organisations, health service providers, health educators and students.



## Blue Green Algae

**R**ecent flooding combined with warmer weather has increased the risk of blue-green algae blooms in farm dams.

Recognise the signs – blooms typically appear as surface scum that looks like a suspension of green paint, often with an earthy smell.

If a suspicious bloom is noticed, stock should be removed as quickly as possible, and a safe alternative water supply provided.

Blue-green algae can cause poisoning in livestock.

Learn more: [Blue-green algae](#) | [Blue-green algae in water](#) | [Water](#) | [Farm management](#) | [Agriculture Victoria](#)



## What's On

Friday, March 22, 2024



**Goldfields Music Club, Open Mic and Jam Night AND**

**Feature Friday: The Flannos**

At the Dunolly Golf Club, Separation Street. 6:00pm—11:30pm.

It's time for our monthly Feature Friday again – Friday 22 March has *The Flannos* playing for us as well as the Open Mic & Jam.

The Flannos are a wild ride of Rockin' Blues who will get you 'dancin' & rockin' along for sure. From Bendigo and regulars at the Deni Shovel Muster, get along and see the lads! Open to the public. All players and public welcome with \$5 entry. Lucky door prizes, bar, meals available. CASH ONLY

## Coming Soon...

**151st RHEOLA CHARITY CARNIVAL**

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**Rheola's famous Easter Monday Charity Carnival is fast approaching, with the 151st event falling on 01 APR 2024 this year.**

Established in 1871, the Carnival celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2023 as Covid forced the cancellation of the previous three years.

The 2023 event broke plenty of records with a bumper crowd enjoying the day and \$60,000 donated to charity.

The 2024 event promises to be a great day out for all the family. It really does have something for everyone. Some of the highlights of the day include the sheep dog trials, the woodchop, the tractor pull, running races and novelty events for all ages and the indigenous artefacts and history display.

There's food options aplenty with a sit down lunch available as well as Spanish food, BBQ, pies, ice-creams and drinks.

There will be a book maker on course and in a world



first for Rheola, Telstra will be partnering with the event to provide internet coverage. Still ONLY \$10 per adult, it's a great day out and all monies raised goes to charity. This amazing annual carnival has raised millions of dollars for charity since 1871.

Leesa Catto

## TARNAGULLA & DISTRICT GOLF CLUB INC. THE EASTER CUP

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# Letters & Notices

## IMPORTANT: PLEASE BE AWARE

If you have received a letter from the State Revenue Office advising you of a Land Tax Fee, please check the details carefully on what land they are taxing you on. I was notified that I owned two properties, apart from my place of residence, one which doesn't exist and the other being one of our town's churches. \$975 thank you.

On making concerned enquiries, our local Post Office informed me that the whole township of Dunolly was renumbered around the year 2000, and it seems my valuation was calculated on these old addresses. Hopefully my phone call to them will sort it all out, but be alert before handing over your money. Do check the details of the properties you are being taxed on.

Jan Brock  
Dunolly

## NEW LOCATION

The scout op shop in Maryborough is now located at the Tren du Burgh Hall. Opposite the Clarendon medical centre. Entry via Campbell Street. Opposite the old fire station.

Monika Thumerer  
RTC Co-Ordinator

## GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL - 29th March 2024

Raffle Tickets are being sold at the front of the supermarket, there are 5 Hampers to be won .

Also we need people to help on Good Friday at the CFA station in Dunolly any time after 9am.

Georgie Christensen  
Dunolly



## RSL RAFFLE Winner of Dunolly/Bealiba RSL Wood Raffle.

Sharon from Dunolly Post Office. Congratulations on getting an early start for your winter wood supply, how lucky.

Thank you to the community for supporting the raffle, better luck next time.

RSL Committee

## DUNOLLY BOWLING CLUB TRAINING CLINIC

Each Friday afternoon at 4.00pm, for up to an hour, the club is running a training clinic for all Juniors and Teenagers to learn the game of lawn bowls.

- \* This is a free clinic.
- \* You will be taught by a bowler who has a Working with Children's Certificate.
- \* Has played many years as a Pennant Bowler.
- \* Bowls will be supplied by the club.
- \* Footwear is flat sole shoes or bare feet.
- \* If you wish to attend, simply turn up or contact the club for more information.

Parents are encouraged to come along.

Wayne Stevens,  
President Dunolly Bowling Club.



LODDON  
PLAINS  
LANDCARE  
NETWORK

**E**stablished in 2009, the Loddon Plains Landcare Network operates as a non-profit organization situated at Inglewood in North Central Victoria. The core mission of the network revolves around the preservation and enhancement of landscape health across the Loddon Plains.

Central to the network's endeavours is the GOANNA Project (Group Organised Action Nurturing Natural Assets), an initiative dedicated to landscape restoration on a significant scale, targeting priority sites within the Loddon Shire. This project aims to catalyse impactful conservation efforts in the region. Renowned for its leadership in Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture across Central Victoria, LPLN Inc. spearheads the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy which facilitates the transition towards healthier soils across the network's agricultural lands, serving as the cornerstone for achieving long-term sustainable landscape transformation, fostering new economic opportunities, and securing the region's future while preventing the departure of its farming families.

Andrew Perryman, Landscape Project Officer  
Loddon Plains Landcare Network



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In the old Nurses' Home beside the hospital on Havelock Street (top of Bull Street).  
Monday-Thursday 9.30am to 3.00pm.  
The Dunolly Arts Hub is on the corner of Thompson and Alice Streets, Dunolly.

**MONDAY: Mosaics at the Arts Hub** from 10am, beginners encouraged- Lynda will guide you.  
**Card making with Rhonda:** third Monday of the month from 1.30 pm at the Centre. **Ballroom Dancing at Dunolly Golf Club:** On a break until early April; intermediate skills required—call me at the Centre for further details.  
**Hub Club for kids: FULL.** Call Kath to be put on the waitlist for 2024.

**TUESDAY: Woodwork:** 9am until 12.30. Open to all!

**WEDNESDAY: Table tennis at the Golf Club** on Separation Road from 9am to 12pm (evening session available if enough people are interested); **Craft at the Centre** from 10am - bring your own activity

**THURSDAY: Croquet at the Golf Club** on Separation Road from 9.30 am for Summer - plenty of mallets, so come and have a crack! If it's an extreme heat day, players will cancel;

**Family History:** from 7.30pm at the Centre. Discover your roots - our members are very skilled and happy to help.

**FRIDAY: Art Group at the Arts Hub: On hold until April; Whichcraft at the Arts Hub**

**SUNDAY: Golden Triangle Archers** meet on the fourth Sunday at 10am, Deledio Reserve on Elgin Street (behind the RL Williams Oval. Covered shoes compulsory and parents must stay with children.

#### **Dunolly Neighbourhood Pantry**

**Monday to Thursday, 1.30 to 3pm at the Centre.**

The Dunolly Neighbourhood Pantry is open **Monday to Thursday 1.30 to 3pm**, and the after-hours Pantry on the verandah is always available. The Pantry is for community members who may be struggling with rising cost of living pressures, and is a safe and welcoming space to receive support.

#### **Our thanks to the Maryborough Lions once again:**

In an overwhelming gesture, the Maryborough Lions have gifted us a cheque for \$1,000 for our Dunolly Neighbourhood Pantry! This is the third time the Maryborough Lions have generously donated their funds to our Pantry, and I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to them for their assistance. These are challenging times for many people in our community, and it's very reassuring to have organisations close by who do not hesitate to help.

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#### **Table Tennis continues to provide an entertaining morning's hit!**

Our table tennis crew enjoy a hit every Wednesday morning at the Golf Club on Separation Road, from 9am to 12 noon. This group is relaxed and friendly, and not competitive at all (unless they feel the urge!) Come along and enjoy a morning's entertainment-exercise can be enjoyable!



Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator 5468 1511  
admin@dunnhc.com.au



Located at 94 Maude Street, every Wednesday at 9.30 am. (Nex door to the Dunolly Kindergarten.) Drop off your excess produce at the Community Garden Shared Table.

<https://www.facebook.com/DunollyCG>

## Autumn Veggie Garden Tips

**D**unolly locals were invited to a very interesting afternoon at the *Dunolly Community Garden* meeting space last Sunday.

These intermittent workshops have been hugely successful and very well organised by the Community Garden providing friendly social interaction with interesting garden workshops over a coffee and plate of delicious nibbles.

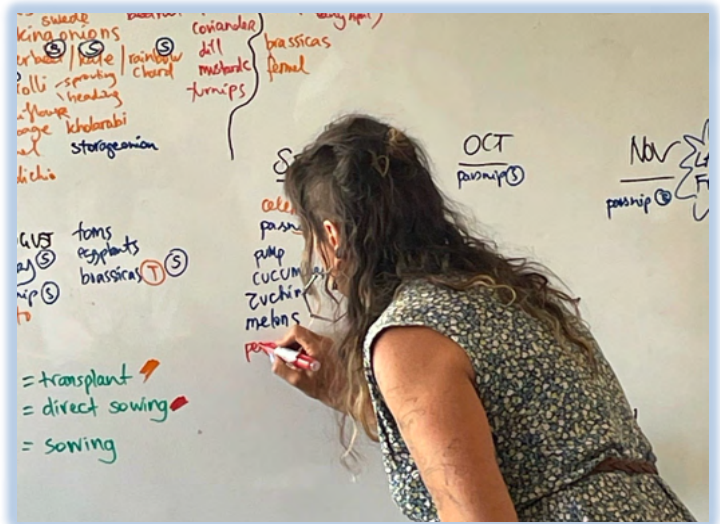
Approximately 13 locals came to hear the delightful and knowledgeable presenter Mel from *Gunghoe Growers* talk about planning for success in a home garden vegetable plot.

Mel listened to our local knowledge and many valuable tips were shared about what is ideal to plant in different seasons and soils as well as ideas on how to manage crop rotation and preventing pests and diseases without chemicals.

There was a lot to take in with the right time to prevent frost damage and when to sow for the next season, but Mel was encouraging by making us all feel quite inspired and confident.

Mel has extensive knowledge of local vegetable growing, having run a commercial organic vegetable garden in Central Victoria for over eight years, supplying restaurants and delivering weekly vegetable boxes to residents under a Community supported agriculture (CSA) model.

After her presentation, we met Central Goldfields Shire Youth coordinator Gemma Simpson who kindly came to talk to us about the informal *Kitchen Table Talks*.



These talks are used to inform an understanding of the community's needs with food and food security. The Shire is working on a roadmap with the support from Sustain – the Australian food network – to engage the community to have a say in what individuals think is important with food production such as availability, affordability etc.

The Kitchen Table talks are informal gatherings lasting about an hour where everyone can have a say in creating the Goldfields Food Systems Roadmap. Thank you to the Dunolly Community Garden for giving us an opportunity to engage and learn at these discussion/workshop afternoons.

The garden is a wonderful place to meet and socialise on a Wednesday morning – you don't need to do any gardening or hard work – just come along and say "g'day" to a friendly face. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

Rachel Buckley





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**OUT NOW**

Grab a coffee and enjoy reading the Autumn edition of our Community Update magazine.

You can read it online now at [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communityupdate](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communityupdate) or keep an eye out for a copy in your letterbox.

The theme of this edition is Volunteering – you can find updates on:

- Australia Day award recipients
- The Changing Face of Volunteering
- The latest from the Art Gallery
- Major Projects underway
- Planning for Emergencies
- Maryborough Careers Expo
- Updates from our townships



And much more. Happy reading!

**PRESERVING OUR COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

We currently have three projects underway that will see key community assets preserved for generations to come:

A tender to appoint a heritage architect to document the required conservation works and design the upgrades needed to bring the Princes Park Grandstand up to contemporary standards will be advertised shortly. A contract will soon be awarded to fully document and assess the Dunolly Town Hall, Carisbrook and Talbot community halls so they are Construction ready.

Plus, a tender for the design and documentation that would see the renewal of the existing roof at the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre is also about to be awarded. This detailed design work is important so that we have what is required to apply for funding when suitable grants become available.

For further information visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/preservinglocalfacilities](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/preservinglocalfacilities)



**INDIGENOUS INTERPRETIVE GARDEN**

Recently a breaking ground ceremony was held at the site of the new Indigenous Interpretive Garden in Maryborough.

The ceremony was led by DJAARA and its enterprise DJANDAK and marked the commencement of the project.

Jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council, the Garden will sit alongside the Central Goldfields Art Gallery in the open space on the corner of Neill and Campbell Streets.

The Garden has been designed collaboratively with Djaara elders and artists through a Wartaka process.

Visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/breakingground](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/breakingground)

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**WHO? – IF NOT YOU,  
THEN WHO?**



Humans love to blame someone else for the messes they get themselves into. Just look around you to see for yourself — notice the blame shifting, the excuses and justifications used for pollution, war, killing and the destruction of the Earth and its living creatures and resources.

**Action —** The future of all life on Earth depends on someone taking responsibility, are you willing to be responsible for you and your field of influence?

Remembering we are made the same  
And our differences have been given a name,  
Like British, Iraqi, Chinese,  
Moslem, Christian or Jew;  
There are thousands of legends from which you can choose.



Our difference makes life exciting, challenging; it is never a bore,  
Except when we disagree, get greedy, then go to war.  
Life becomes collateral damage, devalued and easily spent,  
Fighting unwinnable wars; wasting resources on armaments.

If only you, me, leaders, followers — everyone, could conceive  
How connected we truly are and then could believe;  
That living harmoniously is possible but we urgently require  
every human on Earth to have the same goal and desire.

To join hands in a common bond recognising we are all one,  
So those living now and in future generations to come  
Can share the unique bounty of our illustrious Earth  
Human's only home; the planet of our birth.

*By. Em Goldy*

*An excerpt From Invisible Connections written by Em Goldy*





# THE *DANCE* OF RAIN: HARVESTING LIQUID GOLD

By Charmain Sheppard

The rhythmic pitter-patter of raindrops on the roof is music to the ears of many farmers in Victoria's Loddon Mallee region, especially during the recent weather anomalies that have left us all in awe.

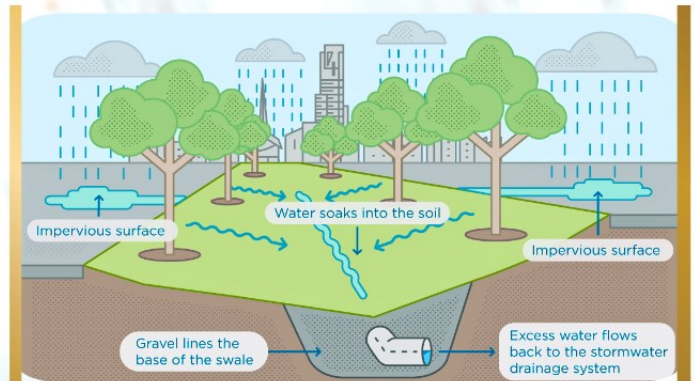
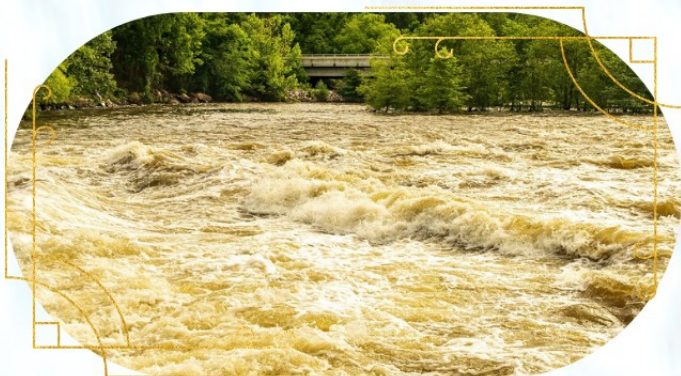
When the heavens opened up unexpectedly on the 27th of December, 2023, it etched its name in history as the **wettest day of the year** by showering the parched earth with a staggering 117.2 mm of rain.

According to BOM statistics, this region typically receives a modest 250-400 mm of rainfall per year. However, the recent deluge has left us scratching our heads as to where all this liquid gold disappears after its brief visit.

On my farm, a symphony of overflowing tanks, gushing mini rivers, and brimming dams painted a picturesque scene. The once dry landscape transformed into a water wonderland, complete with a mini lake that was testament to the generosity of the extraordinary downpours.

However, as if by magic, a few days post-rain, the earth seems to play a disappearing act on this precious resource, leaving the ground as dry as a thoroughly licked dog's bone. The question arises – where did all the water go?

Enter the need for water-saving and harvesting experts to unlock the mysteries of this fleeting phenomenon.



Example of a Swale

In mid-January the rain continued to cascade from the heavens, making it a call to action for the community to embrace innovative ways to capture and retain this liquid bounty.

**Water harvesting experts can guide us on the installation of additional tanks, drums, and catchment systems.**



Every drop matters, and with the right infrastructure, we can transform our properties into water-sufficient havens.

Perhaps it's time to explore creative solutions like rain gardens, swales, and permeable surfaces to maximise the benefits of these unexpected blessings from the sky.

The journey of rainwater, from the clouds to our roofs, down into the tanks, and eventually into the soil, should be cherished and maximised. By harnessing the power of community collaboration, we can transform our farms into resilient oases that thrive even in the face of erratic weather patterns.

The rain is our cue to act, to innovate, and to embrace the *liquid gold* that graces our region.





# CLIMATE WHIPLASH



Climate Chaos has caught Victorians off guard this summer, as increasingly volatile weather has flung communities between catastrophic fire weather and fatal floods. The Climate Council's report 'Climate whiplash: wild swings between weather extremes' concludes that Australia's summer of dangerous downpours and scorching heat is consistent with six symptoms of a warming planet.



Victoria's climate whiplash has already seen:

- Wild swings between scorching heat and fire risk to intense downpours and flash floods, and back again.
- Australia's driest three months on record, then record rainfall in parts of Victoria.
- An early, ferocious fire season in Gippsland was immediately followed by extreme rainfall and flash flooding.
- 2023's announcement of an El Niño and an early start to fire seasons in Victoria boded for a hot, dry summer. What Victorians experienced instead was both dangerous fire and rainfall, claiming lives and homes in the state. Communities who were still recovering from devastating floods in 2022 have once again been inundated.
- The report reiterates that climate change, driven by the burning of coal, oil, and gas, is supercharging Australia's weather systems, making them more unpredictable and dangerous than ever before.
- It also warns that the weather of the past may no longer be a reliable guide for the future. Hot on the heels of El Niño come concerns that La Niña, a climate driver associated with floods and storms, may return as early as mid this year.

Dr Simon Bradshaw, Director of Research at the Climate Council said:

*"For too many communities, the great Australian summer is now something to be feared. Climate change, driven by the burning of coal, oil and gas, means our weather is more extreme, dangerous, and unpredictable."*

*"From intense heat and fierce fire conditions to flooding rains and back again, Australians are experiencing climate whiplash: hurtled from one extreme to another with little time to recover."*

*"The stifling humidity, intense storms, soaring temperatures and other extremes of recent months are all key signs of a fast-warming planet."*

*"We know what we need to do to better protect Australian communities. It starts with cutting Australia's climate pollution. We must urgently reform our national environment law so that we stop adding fuel to the fire by approving new coal and gas projects, and we must lock in the proposed fuel efficiency standard as soon as possible. At the same time, we must work much harder to prepare communities for the climate impacts of today and tomorrow."*

The Climate Council is Australia's leading community-funded climate change communications organisation, providing authoritative, expert and evidence-based advice on climate change to journalists, policymakers, and the wider Australian community.

For further information, go to:

<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/resources/climate-whiplash-wild-swings-between-weather-extremes/>





# Drug driving? The consequences will blow your mind.

Police are conducting drug tests across Victoria, which helps to keep our roads safe. Being caught with illicit drugs in your system could result in a minimum fine of \$577 and possible licence suspension.

Drug driving? Chances are you will be caught.

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# Water, Water Everywhere

*"Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink."*

'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'  
by Samuel Taylor Coleridge



**N**ASA scientists have established that there is water on the moon. Who cares? The reason is profoundly important for the future of space exploration. Besides oxygen, the fundamental requirement for human life is water. It's not just human life, every living organism in Earth's biosphere is dependent on water for its survival. The structure and function of biological cells in all life forms require water as a "solvent," the medium, necessary to support life-providing biochemical reactions.

Simple fact: No water...No life.

The quote from *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* expresses the consequence of a situation in which one is surrounded by an abundance of something, but unable to benefit from its presence. This quote is used to draw your attention to a looming planetary problem that will profoundly challenge the fate of human civilization.

True, there is water, water everywhere. However, less than 1% of the planet's surface water is available for the survival of land animals, including humans.

## GLOBAL WATER DISTRIBUTION

Water Source	% Total Water
Oceans, Seas, Bays	96.54 %
Glaciers, Permanent Snow, Ice Caps,	1.75%
Groundwater	1.69%
Fresh Surface Water	0.76%

Unfortunately, human industry waste and chemical-based agriculture (fertilizers and pesticides) have contaminated much of that water and made it unclean or unsafe to drink.

To compensate for the loss of potable water, human technology has tapped into underground reservoirs, aquifers, to supplement civilization's needs. Super clean groundwater pumped from these aquifers provides nearly 50 percent of the nation's drinking water, and most of the country's agricultural needs. There are several unforeseen consequences of rain to reach an aquifer. 1) Replenishing drained aquifers may take centuries! 2) Empty aquifers near the coastline become filled with undrinkable salty sea water 3)The empty subterranean caverns created when the water is withdrawn ultimately collapse causing "subsidence," the sinking of land that profoundly changes life at the overlying surface) 4) The number of empty, unrecyclable plastic water bottles is precipitating its own environmental disaster.

**Why bring this subject to your attention?** Simply, *an awareness of a problem is required before we can generate a resolution to that problem.* While the public is unaware of the threats to our drinking water supply it is now estimated that unless water use is drastically reduced, severe water shortage will affect the entire planet by 2040.

**All it will take is an awakening of the public's consciousness to the problem that will provide the opportunity to transcend the threat.** Collectively, armed with awareness, we can participate in creating the sustainable future within which we can all thrive.

*Excerpt from Bruce Lipton's March Newsletter*

some of our staff are not enjoying the best of health at the moment.

Books and books and more books. No sooner do we sell a box of books then another box comes in to replace it. The variety of reading is wider than the widest bookshop.

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Op Shop Team

## Op Shop News

**C**ontinuing the \$5 bag SALE! All the summer garments you are able to fit into a large shopping bag.

Men's, woman's, boy's and girl's shoes and clothing. Our weather has been so warm and variable. It is difficult deciding what to wear for a whole day's activities.

If you come to Op Shop and collected a couple of \$5 bags, it is well worth coming back again, and again. Daily new stock is arriving, enough to overwhelm our volunteer staff at times, especially as

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# Church Notices

## Catholic Church, Dunolly

Sunday, 24th March is Palm Sunday. There will be Mass at 8.30 am. Easter Sunday Mass is at Bealiba at 8.30.am.  
R Mecredy

*"We pray for the sick. Grant them health and raise them up from their sickness and let them have perfect health of body and soul, for You are saviour and benefactor, You are Lord and king."*

St. Serapion (d 360)

## St John's Anglican Church, Dunolly

Rev Canon Heather Blackman  
Parish Office, Nightingale Street,  
Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964  
Service 10am every fourth Thursday

## New Horizon Church, Bealiba

Bealiba Public Hall. Every Sunday 3pm  
For more information about services and bible studies  
Contact Veronica Medlyn: 0427 345 577



## Uniting Church, Dunolly

Rev Chris Venning will lead worship on Sunday, March 24th at 9.30am.

Uniting emergency relief will be in Dunolly on Thursday, March 21st from 1.00pm.

Good Friday service will be held at 10.00am at the Uniting Church. All welcome.

The Op Shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am and the \$5.00 bag sale will continue this week.

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."* Psalm 118:1

Linda Pickering

## St David's Anglican Church, Bealiba

Davies Street Bealiba  
Sunday Eucharist: 8am 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month. Rev. Peter Downes ph. 0412 957 383

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# Rosie's Ramble

**N**o strange beasts wandering around the yard this week.

I ate the first ripened tomato from my solitary plant, and it was delicious. So what, I hear you say after making sauce etc for the past few weeks.

My plant is a "volunteer", a plant that came up by itself, and I haven't managed to kill it. I think it may be a Roma as it is globe shaped and very fleshy. There is a good crop so I'll be eating fresh off the bush tomatoes for some time.

I reckon even garden plants have been puzzled by the weather. I have several azaleas that are blooming - only a few flowers and other plants seem to be out of season.

My faithful blood lily is in flower as usual this time of year. They thrive on neglect and a handful of blood and bone a year. I really like them.

In an idle moment or three last week I wondered what tag, if any, has been given to people born during WW2. There are baby boomers - who collectively seem to be on the nose at the moment as they are "all rich and greedy" (not true). Then there are the millennials, Gen X and who knows how many other groups for the media to pick on.

Maybe we are too old to be of interest. I see Rupert Murdoch is engaged again. Marvelous how attractive several billions can make a person.

Easter is fast approaching, and there are rabbits and buns everywhere. I have bought bilbies this year. They are more expensive, but I believe that a percentage goes to help the little cuties to flourish.



ROSIE

Courtesy of Haigh's Chocolates

## Just for a Laugh

Why did the galah wear a raincoat? Because he wanted to be polyunsaturated.

The women at the bridge party were all admiring a huge stuffed shark above the mantelpiece. Their hostess smiled proudly, "My husband and I caught it on a deep sea fishing holiday." "What is it stuffed with?" "My husband."

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Henry V111 by his own efforts increased the population of England by 40,000.



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# Sustainable e-buses

The quintessential Australian small town dilemma – *how do I get anywhere without a car, no Uber, and limited or no public transport?* - could very quickly become a thing of the past with the recent launch of a community e-bus service in Gippsland, Victoria.

iMOVE CRC Managing Director Ian Christensen said: *“Every small regional town deserves access to modern, clean, and reliable transport. The Gippsland trial is our first mile to bridging the rural-urban divide, offering a scalable blueprint that promises to energise small towns with self-reliant, green transport solutions.”*

*“By adopting this service nationally, we can empower small towns, reduce carbon footprints, and pave the way for future generations to thrive in a cleaner Australia.”*

The pint-sized communities of Sandy Point and Venus Bay will undertake the first community-run e-bus trials in the country, and if successful the model could pave the way for other small towns across Australia.

The project, funded and supported by the iMOVE Cooperative Research Centre, the Victorian Government and La Trobe University, aims to address the critical transport gap faced by residents in these small communities who are often reliant on private vehicles or limited existing services.

The initial three-month trial will help the communities to refine their services which will run for the remainder



of the two-year project. The idea is that both communities are then able to continue providing the services on an ongoing basis. It's a promising solution for areas where state government public transport doesn't reach and private services like Uber are absent.

The vehicles are fully electric buses with wheelchair lifting and carrying capabilities obtained via the Victorian Government Department of Transport and Planning Flexible Local Transport Solutions Program (FLTSP) which provides funding to local government and community organisations for small-scale transport projects.

The (initially free) services will be run by the Venus Bay Community Centre and Sandy Point Bus management Committee and staffed entirely by volunteers. La Trobe University is working closely with the community teams to capture data and lessons for the iMOVE CRC project, with a view to adopting what works to other regional towns in Australia.



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# HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

The Dunolly Rural Transaction Centre (RTC) is an organisation dedicated to providing a range of services to the community.

For very modest fees we can assist you with the following:

- ◆ Two computers are available for browsing, emailing, and printing documents.
- ◆ Photocopying, scanning and emailing directly to addressee, enlarging or reducing size and laminating up to A3.
- ◆ Secretarial Services for typing simple documents, forms, letters etc.
- ◆ E-Waste Bin for safe and environmental disposal of dead batteries, old mobile phones, dry ink cartridges etc.
- ◆ Promoting upcoming events on our **Events** window and on Facebook
- ◆ Drying Cleaning services returned within a week through Bendigo Dry Cleaners

- ◆ Booking tickets for travel within Victoria or to Adelaide through V/Line
- ◆ Community Bus for hire. Seating 18 with wheelchair ramp. Requires a driver with light/rigid license.
- ◆ **FREE** Community Bus to Maryborough every Friday - departs from the RTC at **9.30 am** and starts the return at **12.15 pm**.
- ◆ Meeting room for hire — seating six to eight people.
- ◆ Host for Services Australia (Centrelink) with a dedicated computer with direct access to MyGov, Centrelink, and Medicare. Remember to have your MyGov login details to start up. **Please note:** we are only a Host, not an Agent, therefore we cannot answer complicated questions.
- ◆ Tourist information centre with free brochures

**Please Note:** Bendigo Community Bank — hours are strictly **10 am – 2 pm**.

The RTC is open Monday to Friday between 10 am and 3.30 pm. Look for the RTC Open flag.

Suzy works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Monika works Thursday and Friday.

Our prices are very reasonable, so drop in sometime and see if we can help you.

Suzy Anderson, Co-Ordinator

## QUICK CROSSWORD 49

### Across

1. Hindu god, the Creator
6. Abusive comment
11. Former name of Ho Chi Minh City
12. Fencing sword
13. White or unbleached cotton fabric
15. One doing a variety of jobs, jack of all \_\_\_\_
17. Egg-shaped
18. English actor known for sinister roles, Christopher \_\_\_\_
19. Become skilled at something, get it down to a fine \_\_\_\_
20. Something smaller than others of its kind
21. Document granting authorisation
23. Have meal
24. One who overcharges for badly needed goods
26. Baked food item
27. Horselike animal
28. Branch of linguistics which studies meaning

31. Something curve-shaped
33. For or to each one
34. Support for ship's hull
35. Automobile
37. Twelve-twelfths
38. Warm coat with hood
39. Located in country's interior
41. Sweetheart of Robin Hood, Maid \_\_\_\_
42. Forthwith (literary)
43. Puzzling thing
44. One who provides money temporarily
45. Land, buildings, etc.

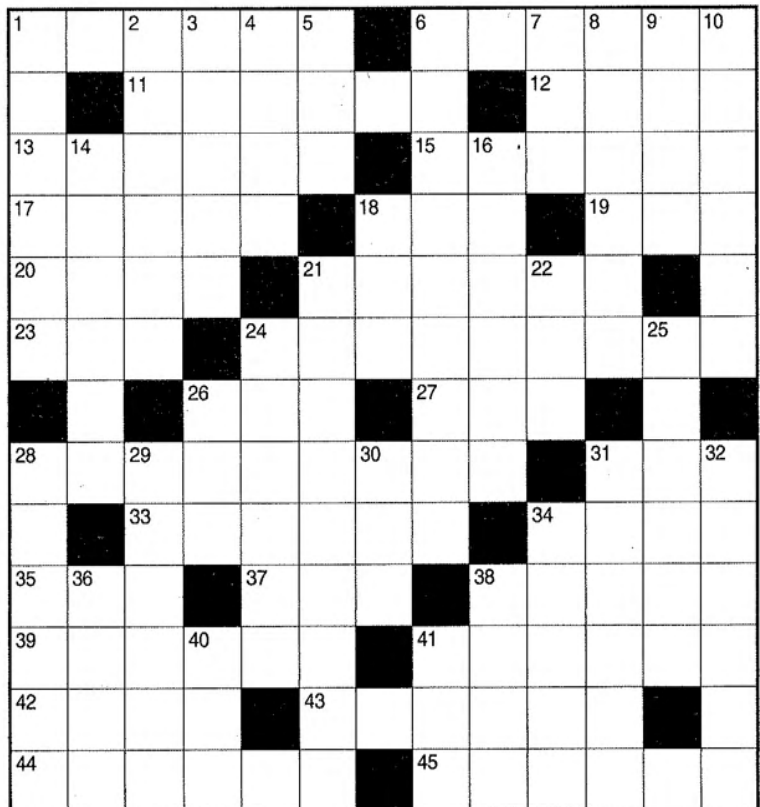
### Down

1. Turn into
2. Inclined
3. West Indian country
4. Small rodents
5. Before the present (as in 'four months \_\_\_\_')
6. Surface forming common boundary
7. Small area of ocean
8. Modernise
9. Sly glance
10. One performing trial (of something)
14. To pilot a plane
16. Lax in attention to duty
18. Late Australian-born actor in England, \_\_\_\_ McKern
21. Impostor
22. It is or it has (2'1)
24. Cogwheel which engages with rack or larger wheel

25. Exclamation of triumph on making discovery
26. Baby's soft food
28. Gregarious
29. Late U.S. actor, \_\_\_\_ Brando

30. Solidified water
31. Antenna
32. 'Banjo' Paterson poem, \_\_\_\_ of the *Overflow*
34. Kismet

36. Shakespeare's wife, \_\_\_\_ Hathaway
38. Boy attendant
40. The 'et' of 'et cetera'
41. Former Russian space station



Crossword supplied by Puzzle Wizard Note: Crossword Solution for previous week's Puzzle is on Pg. 2



## Dunolly Golf Club

### Welcome to the 2024 golf season!

Please dust off those golf sticks, have a few practice swings in the back yard, do some carpet putting etc. to get yourself prepared for the upcoming year. Or not as the case may be!

Plenty of hard work has gone on during the off season to have the course ready, but there is still a lot of work still needed.

To that end, **the committee has called for a working bee to be held on each of the next 2 Sunday mornings, commencing at 9am.**

Please bring along rakes, shovels whipper snippers etc. as per usual, and we will get stuck in. Friends of the club who no longer play are most welcome to participate, along with anyone with nothing much on the next 2 Sundays. Many hands make light work as they say.

The committee has also called for the first meeting of the year, to be held at the clubhouse next Monday at 7pm.

Let's see if we can get everyone up and involved early in the season, and set us up for another successful year at DGC.

Ian Arnold

## Tarnagulla Golf Club

### Hello to all our members, families, supporters and friends.

Well, the Greenkeepers' Games and Working Bee were a wonderful introduction into our golfing year events.

Thank you to all the lovely helpers who came in the morning and made the clubhouse sparkle and helped with the course maintenance. Bravo to you all. Well done!

Then after lunch, we played the Greenkeepers' Games and enjoyed the different 7 hole event that Mick Radich devised. It felt like "cross country" golf at times, for example, hitting off from the first tee and playing to the second sand.

For some of us, we played around wattle trees and bushes, whereas others played fairway one then onto fairway two. Yes, that was the way. Ha!

We all had a lot of fun and enjoyed the beautiful

sunshine, gentle breeze and stunning blue sky.

The course is dry currently and that helped us get more run with each shot. I even hit a tee-off drive that went further than any I had hit before. Even if I "duffed" a shot, it still had good distance!

We all just enjoyed the fun event and of course, had lots of fun in the clubhouse.

How could we not, what with delights made by Jan Sharman and helpers. (I can still taste Jan's beautiful huge passionfruit sponge!)

We all sat around in the cool of the clubhouse and talked and laughed.

What a wonderful and happy atmosphere! Even if you don't play golf, why not come long for morning tea (around 11.30 a.m.) and meet new people, enjoy the lovely morning tea and you will be made very welcome.

WINNER: PETER RAVENHALL

RUNNER-UP: ROBYN RAVENHALL

NEAREST THE PIN: PETER SANDERSON

Now, EASTER is soon and we are having the **EASTER CUP on SATURDAY MORNING 30th March**. Tee off at 9.30 am. It is a Three Ball Ambrose event, where you play in threes.

Ambrose is such a fun event and if you haven't played it before, everything will be explained in the 9.15 am Briefing. Then we all head out to the different holes to start.

So, bring two mates or else we will arrange a trio for you. Please feel free to bring along family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a Raffle and plenty of enjoyment for all.

Entry is free to Tarnagulla & District Golf Club members and school children and otherwise \$15 per person.

Register at [LIAM@LRAAD.COM.AU](mailto:LIAM@LRAAD.COM.AU), on 0481 008 006 or in person on Easter Saturday morning.

Membership is \$80 (with voting rights) or \$50 per person. Casual play is \$5 per day which you pay into the Green Fees box.

The Course is open all year and we intrepid golfers play in every condition. Ha! You go home feeling really good.

A huge Thank you to Dave Shay, Peter Ravenhall, Peter Van der Valk and other helpers who maintain the Course.

Mary McNamee  
Club Secretary



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## Laanecoorie Dunolly Cricket Club



**ROSIER / LEVEL  
DISMANTLE BEAUFORT AT  
TRUE BLUE FLOORS OVAL**

**The boys progress through to the grand final after a big win over Beaufort.**

The day started off losing the toss and the visitors opting to bat. Sam Bartlett and Zach Graham opened the bowling and kept things tight. Graham was the first to strike in the 17th over with the visitors on 29. Joe Level was brought into the attack in the 19th over and on only his second ball struck with his first wicket. It was Level again in the 21st and 23rd overs taking wickets including Oddie putting Beaufort in all sorts of trouble at 4/46. Sergio Rosier struck next and it was a steep decline with Beaufort all out for 71 before tea break. Outstanding fielding also played a huge role with catches taken by Hannett (3) behind the wickets and Nguyen, Bartlett, M.Smith, Gunn and Russell in the field.

From the opening ball our batters looked keen to wind up the match in one day. Luke Smith and Tom Hannett were striking freely including four 4s to Hannett and eight 4s to Smith before he was clean bowled making an impressive 44 off 31 balls. Joe Level came in and combined with Hannett to finish the match.

Our opponent in the Grand Final is yet to be decided

with the other match (Clunes/Colts) currently being played at time of writing.

The Grand Final will be a huge match for Matt Smith and the boys. Matt is no stranger to this position captain/coaching the team to multiple premierships. His calm and measured approach ensures the boys are in with a great chance.

*Get along to Princes Park this coming Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24 to cheer them on.*

Katie Level, Secretary

## DUNOLLY BOWLING CLUB

**PLEASE NOTE, THE DATE FOR THE O'HALLARON PAIRS FOR LADIES IS THE 28/3/2024.**

On SATURDAY 16/3/2024.

Alan Weir, Karen and Wayne Stephens travelled to St. Arnau's to bowl in their week end tournament. They won two games and were defeated in two games.

SUNDAY 17/3/2024.



This time Keisha Allen bowled with Alan, Karen and Wayne. It was Keisha's turn to bowl, her bowl hit the kitty, taking the kitty to the very edge of the green, just stopping before the ditch, Keisha bowled again, her bowl hitting the kitty taking the kitty and her bowl into the ditch. They were playing against Serpentine, none of the bowlers could believe what they just saw, and nicknamed Keisha the 'Little Turtle Dove'.

They lost the first three games, winning the last game with the highest score. What a wonderful day of bowling for Keisha.

Keisha also won the raffle, a voucher from BCF plus a \$ prize for having the highest score.

Hannah Delconte, Publicity Officer

**SEMI FINAL**

	<b>VS</b>	
<b>1/87</b>		<b>71</b>
<b>LUKE SMITH</b>		<b>SERGIO ROSIER</b>
<b>44</b>		<b>4/8</b>
<b>TOM HANNETT</b>		<b>JOE LEVEL</b>
<b>29*</b>		<b>4/16</b>

**BEAUFORT WON THE TOSS AND ELECTED TO BAT**

**LDCC WON BY 9 WICKETS**

## Bealiba Bowls

**Two mats in action again this week and there was action aplenty.**

Some bowlers seemed to have trouble keeping their bowls on the mat with several looking like they were heading out the door.

John Maher played the shot of the night. The opposition had the kitty surrounded, just like in the wild west with the Indians circling the wagons. Along came John displacing the opposition bowls & nestling his bowl against the kitty.

Congratulations to Malcolm Campbell, Shirley Coburn & Gary McClelland on their two wins & a draw just in front of Heather Cooper & Chris Evans with two wins.

Bowlers are reminded that next week is supper night and play to the kitty rule applies.

Happy bowling.

Chris Evans





# PRIMARY SCHOOL GYMNASTICS



Dunolly Primary School had their first Gymnastics excursion to **Palmers Gym** in Bendigo in late February.

Check out all the jumping, tumbling, rolling fun enjoyed by the students.

