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We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land that we are on. We pay our respects to leaders and Elders past, present and emerging. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.

From the Editor's Desk

For the next couple of weeks my role as co-editor is more intense, as Angela is enjoying some well-earned time off.

Due to the challenges of finding local stories with the location the names of 'Dunolly and District' in them, this issue has stories which may be relevant to the general population, but not necessarily 'local'. Some may be considered 'out-of-date' yet are also valid as a reminder to take care when working with animals, or fire or even each other. Enjoy Issue 13.

Marilyn (co-editor)

Dunolly Primary School Notice

PFA Mother's Day Stall

Our annual Mother's Day stall will be held on **Wednesday May 8th**. Gifts will be available for Mums, Grandmothers or that special person in your child's life.

Nothing over \$5.00.

Please send your child with their money in a named envelope on the day.

Helpers needed for the stall.

Helpers can choose between helping students choose a gift, handling the money or wrapping the items. If you have some spare time and are interested in coming along, please contact any of the members from the PFA.

Crossword Solution 53, 2024

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Dementia Research Milestone

Dementia Australia Research Foundation is marking 25 years of supporting Australia's best emerging researchers to explore, innovate and advance the field of dementia research with the release of its *More Than A Cure: 25 Years Of Impact* report. The report highlights some of the more than 380 game-changing research projects that have advanced because of more than \$31 million from Dementia Australia Research Foundation over the past quarter century.

One of the researchers whose career was supercharged when she received funding from Dementia Australia Research Foundation, is Dr Rachel Buckley, who was awarded a two-year Post-Doctoral Fellowship in 2014.

Dr Buckley said the Fellowship was a huge step in her research career, which has ultimately led to her running her own laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital, which is Harvard University's largest teaching hospital. It's in this lab, in the Department of Neurology, where Dr Buckley is producing cutting-edge research on how dementia impacts men and women differently.

"We're one of the first groups to show that women are very different to men in their risk for pathology,"

Dr Buckley explains.

We've found over and over again that older women show much higher levels of tau, a brain protein that becomes toxic in dementia.

Our most recent finding is that even middle-aged women have higher levels of tau, which we think is related to menopause. The use of hormone therapy may have a dual role in reducing or increasing the risk of dementia."

Professor Samuel said the Dementia Australia Research Foundation's work wouldn't be possible without the generous support of donors large and small. Dementia Australia Patron Ita Buttrose AC, OBE and a former President of the Dementia Australia Research Foundation said the Dementia Australia Research Foundation had played a significant role in enhancing our understanding of dementia over the past 25 years.

"It's predicted that the number of Australians living with dementia will approach 800,000 in the next 35 years. However, with continued commitment and support from researchers and donors, by the time we get there, we can be closer to a medical breakthrough and, ultimately, a cure," Ms Buttrose said.

To find out more about how you can support innovative dementia research visit donate.dementia.org.au. For any questions or concerns about Dementia call



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What's On

Friday, April 26, 2024



Goldfields Music Club,
**Feature Friday plus
Open Mic and Jam Night**

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

This Friday come along and enjoy *Darling Buds of Maldon* who are the featured group.

All players and public welcome with \$5 entry.
Lucky door prizes, bar, meals available.

CASH ONLY VENUE

Goldfields Music Club – Feature Friday 26 April 2024

Goldfields Music Club is back on with **this Friday 26 April being Feature Friday!**

This month it's the *Darling Buds of Maldon* - a soul rockin' fun band so get along, have a dance and a good night out supporting local Clubs.

It's great to have more Community groups and businesses coming on board with us for the **Vibes on Broadway 2024** day on Sunday, October 27, 2024. Save the date and let's make it a great day and have everyone know that there are great Vibes in Dunolly!

Thanks again to everyone who has supported our fundraising for Vibes on Broadway 2024 – our Wood Raffle will be drawn this Friday the 26th. More events are planned by the Club over the year – the next one being on Saturday 20 July 2024 with a band and a meal at the Dunolly Bowls Club – watch this space!

Sue Hayman 0412 549 981

goldfieldsmusicclub@gmail.com.au



**Saturday and Sunday
April 27 and 28, 2024**

**Chrysanthemum, Horticulture and
Floral Art Show. Laanecoorie
Mechanics Institute Hall.
19 Main Rd. Laanecoorie**

Opening Times: Sat 9 am to 4pm; Sun 9am to 3pm

Entry - Adults \$5. Children Free.

Morning and afternoon tea
available and a trading Table.

Enquiries: Graeme Cain Tel: 5435 7233

Website: Bendigochrys@gmail.com



Coming Soon...

**Goldfields
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

CONNECT & CELEBRATE

**Saturday 27 April 2024. 11am – 4pm
Phillips Gardens, Maryborough**

A free and fun festival for the Central Goldfields Shire with Music, Art, Games, Rides, Information and Activities for Community Connection and Celebration!

www.gogoldfields.org/goldfieldscommunityfestival

TARNAGULLA & DISTRICT GOLF CLUB INC.

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Saturday 27th of April 2024

Nine hole par three event - Tee off between 9:30-10:00AM

All ages welcome - Prizes & Raffles

Entry \$15 per person or free for 2024 TGC Members

Register at Iraad@mail.com, on 0481 008 006, or in person



FEATURE FRIDAY!

Friday 26 April 2024 6-11:30pm

Feature Band at 8:15pm as well as the Open Mic & Jam
at the Dunolly Golf Club

**Come & see *Darling Buds of Maldon*
- soul rockin' fun!!**

in conjunction with the Dunolly Golf Club, Separation Rd, Dunolly
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Letters & Notices

A careless burn-off could be burning money

As fire restrictions ease around the state, EPA Victoria is warning landholders that what they toss into the flames while burning off this autumn could be costly for the environment and their hip pocket.

EPA Northwest Regional Manager, Paul Ratajczyk, says many waste items create toxic smoke and residue as they burn.

"Burning farm waste like silage wrap, old tyres and chemical drums sends smoke and other residue into the atmosphere, waterways and soil," Mr Ratajczyk said.

"Don't let a routine burn-off turn into something that contaminates your land or neighbouring properties; send any waste to a properly licensed landfill or recycling facility," he said.

Common waste materials from the farm can be recycled into building and fencing materials and products like floor matting. There's a handy publication dealing with waste disposal and recycling on the EPA website at epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/iwrg641-1

If you are burning fallen trees or other natural wood, make sure they are as dry as possible to limit the volume of smoke, and farmers should make sure they have any relevant council or CFA permits.

Timber from buildings, furniture or other manufactured products is not safe to burn because it has probably been chemically treated.

EPA can fine offenders more than \$9,000 for burning anything other than vegetation-sourced matter like timber and crop stubble.

"Farmers understand how important a clean environment is to their livelihood and their community," Mr Ratajczyk said.

"By thinking twice about what goes onto the pile when burning off, you can protect the environment from contaminating the soil, water and air around your farm and your neighbours," he said.



"You can also protect yourself from a hefty fine, which we won't hesitate to issue if we find evidence on illegal matter getting burned."

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 372 842 or providing details online at [Report litter and pollution | Environment Protection Authority Victoria \(epa.vic.gov.au\)](http://Report litter and pollution | Environment Protection Authority Victoria (epa.vic.gov.au))

Scam Alert—on Emails

There is a new email scam going around which uses the correct address of the sender. It reads that email we can't ring as the writer has laryngitis. It looks so credible, but on return email it gives a spiel about needing money for sick friend etc.

I am astonished at how clever these scammers are at getting everyone's addresses.

They seemed to have moved on from phone texts on to emails.

If anyone gets an email from me asking for money be aware it is a scam, also needless to say, I didn't send any money.

Rachel Buckley
Dunolly



Dementia: Living Not Suffering

Last week, while I was working away in the local gym, there were a couple of commercial channels on their screens.

One channel had quite a large banner across the bottom of a news item for at least 4-5 minutes.

It read **'Help for DEMENTIA SUFFERERS'** (in capitals just like that!).

Now, if I am suffering from a heavy *night on the tiles*, I may take medication as advertised. Or if I have a toothache or hay fever or.....

However, my Alzheimers is not causing me any suffering at all!

How dare the commercial side of medicine suggest that dementia causes us to suffer! Family and carers can and do "suffer", but there is nothing to swallow that helps ease the pain of not being recognized by your loved one.

Arousing the issue of suffering, to enhance the likelihood of taking a substance to *cure* my Alzheimers, is wrong, wrong and BAD.

Living well with dementia is challenging, time consuming, lifestyle changing. NO SUFFERING!!!

Heather Cooper

18 Havelock St
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Dunolly Arts Hub
Corner of Thompson
& Alice Streets.



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.
Ballroom Dancing at Dunolly Golf Club from 6pm.
Intermediate skills required; call me at the Centre for further details.
Card making with Rhonda: third Monday of the month from 1.30 at the Centre. \$12, all Inclusive.
Hub Club for kids: FULL.
Call Kath to be put on the waitlist for 2024.
Yoga: May 6th at 10am, Dunolly Golf Club on Separation Road; bring a mat and light blanket (\$12.50 full, \$7.50 concession). Fortnightly. Call me if you need a mat!

Tuesday:

Woodwork in the Centre shed from 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 9.30am (on a break until May 2nd).
Plenty of mallets available, so come and have a crack!
If it's an extreme heat/wet day, players will cancel.
Family History: from 7.30 at the Centre.

Friday:

Art group at the Arts Hub- on hold until further notice.
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.

WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE:

As with the last few years, our Town Garage Sale will take place towards the end of November, so start gathering that bric-a-brac! The exact date will be set later in the year.

DUNOLLY NEIGHBOURHOOD PANTRY AND 'AFTER-HOURS' PANTRY:

Now that we are registered with Foodbank as well as Bendigo Foodshare, we can provide more options for our community members who need that little bit extra for their pantries. Cost of living pressures have become a lot more challenging to navigate, and the Neighbourhood Centre will play its part in helping our community members keep food on the table. If you would like to make a donation, we accept dry goods such as 'in-date' tinned fruit and vegies, pasta, rice etc, as well as hygiene products such as toothpaste, shampoo, and soap. Thanks to those in our community who have already donated goods or money- it's appreciated.

CROQUET ON A MINI-BREAK:

Our croquet club are taking a mini-Autumn break at present, but return to the Golf Club on Thursday May the 2nd at 9.30. Our crew really enjoy having a crack, so there's plenty of opportunity coming up to join them. It's a fun group that gather together, so why not combine entertainment with exercise and give it a go?



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Did you know even though you don't live in a city, you will have more than one connectivity option available to you?

Reach out to the Regional Tech Hub for **free** and **independent** help and discover **ALL** your options.

Regional 1300 081 029

The 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review found that there was a significant market for a simple platform aimed towards regional Australians to help them navigate digital technologies, building on the services and techniques developed by the volunteer organisation Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia. The Regional Tech Hub has been established in response to the Regional Telecommunications Review's findings and is made possible through the Australian Government's Stronger Regional Digital Connectivity funding package.

The National Farmers' Federation was selected to develop and operate the Regional Tech Hub, working in collaboration with the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network.

This initiative recognises the unique technological operating environment in regional Australia and will help to ensure that regional Australians are supported to realise the benefits of connectivity. The hub provides independent information about available technologies, and assistance to navigate the often-confusing world of troubleshooting.

Support is available via this website, our phone support line, and social media pages.

For further information click on this link:

[The Regional Tech Hub](#)

Computer Tips and tricks

This month we would like to share some quick tips on how to effectively use your keyboards with shortcuts to make computer use a little bit easier.

How to take a screenshot on your windows laptop:

On the keyboard hold down the Windows, Shift and S key **Or**

Press the Windows, Shift and Print Screen (PrtScn)

The screen will briefly dim to indicate the screenshot has been taken.

More Keyboard shortcuts.

- Copy: **Ctrl + C**
- Cut: **Ctrl + X**
- Paste: **Ctrl + V**
- Maximize Window: **F11** or **Windows logo key + Up arrow**
- Open Task View: **Windows logo key + Tab**
- Display and hide the desktop: **Windows logo key + D**
- Switch between open apps: **Alt + Tab**
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Toilet Tidy-up in Maryborough

From Monday 29 April, the toilet block in the Woolworths Supermarket car park will be closed for maintenance, including plumbing improvements and a tidy up.

The popular Craft Shop at the front of the building will remain open during the works – which are expected to take two weeks.

Alternative public amenities remain open at Phillips Gardens and Clarendon Street.

Flood Recovery Works

Works to repair and restore our road infrastructure following the 2022 flood event are continuing across our Shire.

We have now completed four packages of works, with the fifth package now underway.

The current package of works will deliver sealed road and shoulder repair upgrades.

Fulton Hogan are delivering the upgrades which are expected to be completed in May.

To see the list of locations please see link below.

Culvert and structure erosion repairs will be carried out next.

A tender for this work will be advertised this month.

To find out more, including progress to date and a list of locations, visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/floodrecoveryworks

National Volunteer Week – Thank You evening

To celebrate National Volunteer Week, we want to recognise and thank you for your dedication and contribution.

All volunteers in the Shire are invited to join us for the National Volunteer Week – thank you evening:

Monday 20 May, 5.30pm for 5.45pm start
Bull and Mouth, High Street, Maryborough

To register email_events@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or call 5461 0610.

Impact Of Place Art Exhibition

A trio of artists from Central Victoria unite to express the impact of ‘place’ – where they live in the world, in a unique group exhibition at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery.

Jackie Gorring, Philip Adams and Craig Barrett all live on Dja Dja Wurrung country, with each acknowledging their own perspective of life on this land as fundamental to their artistic practice and expression.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Councillor Liesbeth Long said the purpose of Central Goldfields Art Gallery has always been to showcase work from the region alongside art from far and wide.

Jackie Gorring, who lives in Allendale, south of Maryborough, said on her many walks she gathers images and objects from her surrounds, then fashions sculptures which form statements about the human condition.

“I observe and interact with humans and animals and their foibles - people going about their daily life, routines and rituals.”

Craig Barrett, who resides in Creswick, said that the upside-down landscape created by the gold rush in the 1800’s inspires his sense of history, palette and form in his brush work, drawing and sculpture.

I’m truly enchanted by the many shapes and colours found across the mullock heaps, which is what my first series explores.

“And those amazing old buildings of iron, stone and wood, how they’re patched together and mellowed by time. These beloved sheds are the subject of my second series.”

Much-loved and respected local artist Philip Adams has painted vistas of flora and fauna from his decades-long home in Bung Bong, along the road to the Pyrenees. He said he was fortunate to live where the native bush-land transitions to farmland.

“My daily views are through the trunks, branches and foliage of Box Gum and Stringybark, to vistas of open fields dotted with isolated grand eucalypts.”

“The changing seasons reveal a variety of visual combinations, inhabited by many indigenous birds. My painting is the pleasure I wish to share of this beauty.”

The exhibition is on display until 14 July 2024.

Entry is free, however donations to the Gallery are appreciated.



Philip Adams,
To the Pyrenees,
2024, oil and
acrylic on canvas,
92 x 122cm.

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and Jackie Gorring**

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WOMEN IN UNIFORM

By. Faye Arnold and Dunolly Family History Group

Historically, whenever Australia sent troops to war, it was the nation's young men in the front line doing battle with the enemy. Women were left at home to cope with families, to make ends meet and to 'keep the home fires burning'.

In WW1 many women stepped into the vacuum left in the workforce by men fighting at the front but with the declaration of WW2 things began to change and many women chose to take a more active role by volunteering for service in the Australian Army, Navy and Airforce.

Organisations such as the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) was formed in 1941. Members of the AWAS took on roles such as drivers, canteen workers, cooks, typists, signallers, and cipher clerks. Over 3,000 AWAS members helped defend Australia by manning Fixed Defence units. By 1941 there was also the Womens Auxiliary Airforce (WAAF) and the Women's Royal Aus Naval Service (WRANS).

With combat came the wounded and anyone with medical skills and experience was sorely needed behind the front lines and to care for soldiers who returned to Australia. Medical units were part of the AIF with doctors and nurses performing vital roles.



Sister Scott with Nurse Dunk, Walls in Dunolly.

A TOTAL OF 24,026
WOMEN ENLISTED
DURING THE COURSE
OF THE WAR, WE
HAVE IDENTIFIED 6
OF THEM FROM
DUNOLLY.

A total of 5000 nurses served overseas in WW2, in the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Britain, Asia, the Pacific and New Guinea. 78 nurses died in the line of duty. Many were made officers but they did not have the same status or pay as male officers.

Three women from Dunolly served in the only services that sent women overseas; the Australian Army Nursing Service(AANS) & the Australian Army Medical Women's Service(AAMWS).

Joycelyn June Stafford

Was born in Dunolly in 1919. Her father was George Stafford, born in 1875 in Dunolly. George married Annie Evelyn James in 1917 and worked as a Wheelwright in Dunolly from before 1903 to 1942.

Joycelyn was a bank clerk when she joined the Volunteer Aid Detachment in December 1940. She was employed as an orderly in the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, then at Stonington, the dental hospital and at the Blood Serum Prep Department at Darley near Bacchus Marsh.

In May 1944 Joycelyn was sent to New Guinea where she served in several military hospitals. Then in early 1945, she was transferred to the island of Morotai in Indonesia which was then part of Netherlands East Indies. Morotai was the scene of a lengthy battle involving Australian and US forces against the Japanese from September 1944 to August 1945.

After 486 days serving overseas Joycelyn returned to Heidelberg and was discharged in 1946.

By 1949 Joycelyn was living in Box Hill living with her parents. She had one son in 1954 and married Edmond Rourke. They moved to NSW where Joycelyn passed away in 1980.

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New Guinea. A senior sister at a RAAF medical station giving a drink to a native boy named Lauraburi (means white cloud) who was injured.

Florence Edith Raven

Florence was the daughter of Charles Raven from Newbridge and Marianne Sophia Jane Pallot from Maldon. She was born at Waanyarra where Charles was an engine driver. Charles and Marianne were living in Broadway Dunolly when Florence enlisted in the AANS.

Florence was living and nursing at the Royal Melbourne hospital and was 26 years old when she enlisted. Initially she joined the Citizens Military Force until the CMF was taken over by the AIF and Florence transferred to the Australian Army Nursing Service.

Florence served in Port Morsbey from October 1943, where she worked at the 2/8 Australian General Hospital as a Lieutenant. The 2/8 AGH had 200 beds and was located at Buna in New Guinea, treating casualties from the Markham Valley and Finschhafen campaigns before moving to Lae in May 1944. In March 1945 the hospital moved to Jacquinet Bay on New Britain's south coast.

Florence served in New Guinea for a total of 361 days and in Aust for 1130 days. She returned to Australia in May 1945 and returned to Heidelberg. She was still enlisted when she married Captain Richard James Bottcher, an AIF doctor. She was finally discharged May 1946.

Isabella Jean Scott

Isabella was born in Dunolly in 1912. Her father was Walter John Scott born in 1868 at Stoke Newington, England. He came to Australia (Brisbane) in 1887. Her mother was Evelyn Renton Walker who was born at Heathcote in 1874. Walter had moved to Dunolly by 1909 and established a farm called 'The Dell' at Barp, Dunolly. Isabella was the youngest of three children and two children from Evelyn's first marriage to William Mason. Isabella also first joined the Citizens Militia Force which was formed to manage home defence and then transferred to the AANS.

She originally signed up in 1941 when she was 28 years old and a private nurse in Dunolly. She served at the Herne Hill Hospital in Geelong, before being posted to Tatura POW hospital. As an experienced nurse her contribution would have been invaluable. She embarked aboard the 'Canberra' for Port Moresby in 1943 where she worked at the 2/7 Australian General Hospital. She was made a Lieutenant and then sent to Lae where she served until near the end of the war when she returned to Melbourne and Heidelberg hospital.

After the war she returned to Dunolly and continued nursing. Isabella never married and passed away in Geelong in 1993.

While these women were not in the front line they performed vital roles in the Pacific theatres of war and no doubt helped in the recovery of many soldiers. Conditions in military hospitals were primitive, home comforts few and far between and the work was often physically and mentally exhausting. It is important that we recognise their service to Australia.

(Photos from John Tully, Dunolly Museum)



Dunolly Hospital, Sister Scott – 8th from the left.

A LEGACY OF WAR

Each year when Anzac Day is commemorated the loss of many people is felt when enlisted men and women did not return. Our family was lucky after WW1 as our Father did return safely. During WW1 when Australia was a young nation the loss of a large percentage of our male population was never recovered from, as a country.

Every family had a Maiden Aunt during this era and it was mainly because of the lack of marriageable males. Many young women who were in their twenties/thirties after WW1 were left without partners.

The Maiden Aunt's role within the wider family became the carer, housekeeper, surrogate Aunts and Grandmothers. They moved around relatives family homes being the unpaid helper, taken in to share homes but never having a home of their own.

These women were much appreciated and loved within their families but never realised their full potential of that time of having a husband or a family of their own.

By: Helen Jesser

My Great Aunt Ethel lived a long and fruitful life being a Maiden Aunt, benefiting from self education at The Working Man's College (RMIT), whilst travelling with her possessions in a suitcase – she was a woman before her time.



The Welcome Record



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Murders in the District—a site tour with John Tully



streets and dusty, dirt tracks where the scenes of murder happened.

The stories range from the strange to humorous.

As science was not available to do date-testing of soil, plants, seeds or bones, a lot of guess work of the why and where-fore was normal. An obvious murder was deemed as a drowning, is just one example from the Burnt Creek site.

Also described were the double murders, one of which was the murder of two men along Jones Creek Road.

To learn more visit the Dunolly Museum. Contact by email via the website:

[Contact Us – Dunolly Museum, Victoria, Australia. \(wordpress.com\)](http://Contact Us – Dunolly Museum, Victoria, Australia. (wordpress.com))

All proceeds go to The Dunolly Museum.

Photo from Rachel Buckley, who enjoyed the tour immensely.

No need to wait for a book, *Murders Most Foul — Dunolly and Surrounds*, to be published (if ever it is), a site tour with John Tully, from Dunolly Museum, more than fills the role.

A group of 39 curious participants went on recent tours to be given facts and stories of the murders which took place through the 1800s. They followed John along Dunolly's main street, lesser

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Church Notices

Catholic Church, Dunolly

Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Church on Sunday April 28th at 8.30am .

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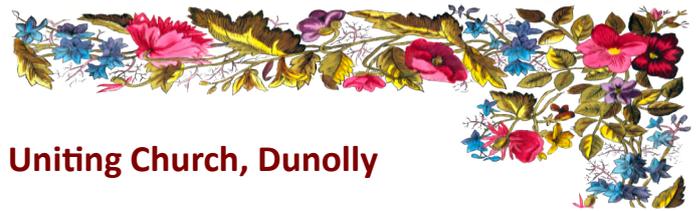
Into Thy hands , O Father and Lord, we commend our souls and bodies . Light us with Thy holy grace and suffer us never to be separated from Thee , O Lord in Trinity , God everlasting .

St John's Anglican Church, Dunolly

Rev Canon Heather Blackman
Parish Office, Nightingale Street,
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Service 10am every fourth Thursday

New Horizon Church, Bealiba

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Contact: Veronica Medlyn: 0427 345 577



Uniting Church, Dunolly

Rev Chris Venning will lead worship on Sunday, April 28 at 9.30am.

The next visit to Dunolly by Uniting emergency relief will be on Thursday May 2nd from 1.00pm.

The Op Shop will be **closed on Anzac Day** (Thursday) this week. It will be open, as usual, on Tuesday and Friday from 10.00am.

Linda Pickering

*'The LORD is my shepherd,
I lack nothing.'*

Psalms 23:1

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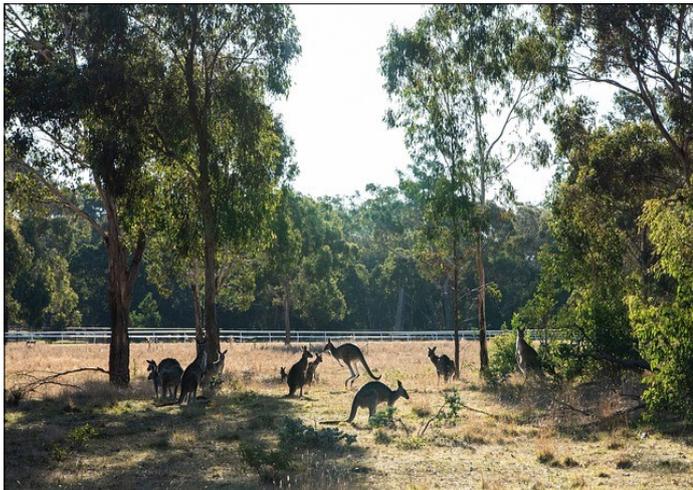
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Rosie's Ramble



There is a big open paddock on the way to Maryborough that has a lot of bush behind it, and usually has a big mob of kangaroos in it.

I noticed during the summer they don't seem to be there when I go along the road, but are back as it gets cooler. I wonder if they "migrate" back to the bush for the hot weather, or if it has to do with fresh feed.

I had a bit of a preview of the pipes and drums the day before the event.

I was having lunch in my usual place near the pool when a group of drum carriers came along and started practicing their fast drumming. I also heard in the distance the choir singing the National Anthem - it sounded great.

As I was leaving a group of pipers were heading into the park - I had an appointment to keep or I would have stayed for a listen.

Went into Telstra during the week to see if my older flip phone is compatible with what ever "G" we are up to.

To my surprise (and I think, to that of the young man who served me) it is OK.

There were several more mature people doing the same, some needing a new phone and discovering that a new mobile did not have to cost a lot.

I find that the young people who work there are always polite and ready to help, no matter what mistakes they are presented with.

I also found out that *Google* can't be deleted—what goes on *Google* stays on *Google*.

I have heard the Town clock in Maryborough strike lots of times, but usually from a distance.

I was just across the road when it went off at 4 o'clock on Thursday and it is LOUD .

Rosie

Just for a Laugh

I wrote a letter to a company complaining about their phone answering service.

I said, "Please, can I talk to a rational, logical, thinking, feeling human being?"

They wrote back and said "We don't have any people like that working here."

Irishman to digger on ANZAC Day: "Was it you or your brother that got killed in the war?"

Country Computer Lingo —

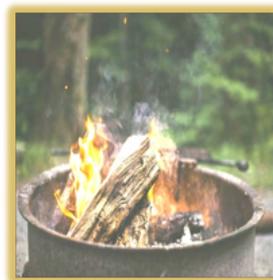
Megahertz — Happens when you are not careful downloading.

Log-on — Make the wood stove hotter.

Log-off — Don't add any more wood

Monitor — Keep an eye on the wood stove.

Download — Get the firewood off the Ute.



Howlers — medical

For fractures: to see if the limb is broken, wiggle it gently back and forth.

Although the patient had never been fatally ill before, he woke up dead.



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RACV AND CFA SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

RACV and CFA have announced a Smoke Alarm Installation program for rural and regional Victoria, providing 500 at-risk residents, such as renters and elderly Victorians, with free smoke alarms.

The program also aims to increase the understanding and awareness of home fire hazards and reduce the number of preventable fire fatalities.

Smoke alarms play a critical role in early fire detection and evacuation, yet statistics indicate many homes either do not have enough smoke alarms or have them installed in the wrong areas.

According to CFA, several fatal house fires start in bedrooms and sleeping areas, underlining the importance of comprehensive smoke alarm coverage within homes.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said it's vital everyone has a working smoke alarm in their homes to prevent house fire fatalities.

To further enhance accessibility, CFA resources are available in multiple languages. Support programs will be available for those in need, ensuring that cost is not a barrier to safety.

RACV Head of Policy James Williams said the Smoke

Alarm Installation program aims to educate Victorians on what they can do to prevent fire risks. According to a recent RACV poll, 58 per cent of Victorian respondents test their smoke alarms monthly and replace them

yearly, while just 24 per cent have upgraded to an interconnected smoke alarm system and 18 per cent don't understand how their smoke alarms work.



"If you're unsure how your smoke alarm works, or unable to install or change an alarm yourself, seeking a qualified professional to do the job is the best thing you can do," Mr Williams said.

Warning signs of fault and age with your smoke alarm include:

- **The smoke alarm unit turning a yellow colour.**
- **A continuous 'chirp' sound.**
- **Your smoke alarm activating for no reason.**

CFA recommends all smoke alarms in the home be powered by a 10-year lithium battery, be interconnected and installed in every bedroom, living area and hallway on your property.

For more information on the Smoke Alarm Installation Program, visit [the CFA website](#).

Photo courtesy of the CFA website.



The lady on the left is Jeanne Hart, the other is Sandra who dressed as a pirate with a talking parrot on her shoulder.

The weather was a delightfully mild sunny day for the fundraising garden party at Buckley's of Dunolly.

The annual event, organised by the Rural Australians For Refugees (RAR), was a wonderful opportunity for us to get together and talk about our concerns for fellow humans worldwide.

Every month our district sends funds to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre in Melbourne to help feed and support those in need. In the past we have held concerts and garden parties to spread awareness.

The Maryborough branch of the RAR was created in 2001 by Jeanne Hart when egregious misinformation was used by the government of the time alleging that the Norwegian MV Tampa rescued refugees were throwing their children overboard.

Political dehumanising at its worst.

Our small gathering of enthusiastic and vibrantly dressed individuals, were well entertained by talented Paul Flowers on violin and guitar with his wonderful vocals. In amongst the crowd, a gum leaf hat; a talking parrot on a shoulder, and pirates added colour to the event.

In addition to the tasty afternoon tea, there were raffle prizes and gifts. Winners were delighted. Donations were given by some who couldn't attend. Thank you to Vikki, Francis, Ric and Marilyn for their donations.

All funds go directly to the Asylum Seekers resource centre.

Rachel Buckley

Check that plant!

It could be a weed

Weeds are one of the biggest threats to Australia's biodiversity, agriculture and economy, costing us about \$5 billion a year in lost productivity, control and environmental damage.

They represent a serious risk to our native flora, fauna and water quality and contribute to bushfire risk with additional fuel loads. Recent floods across the country have the potential to trigger the next surge of weeds in Australia. Floods can spread seeds and plant parts to new areas that may have been weed-free.

These conditions can also be favourable for weed germination, growth and reduced competition from other plants and animals.

Major weeds at risk of further spread include Siam weed, *miconia* (purple plague) and *Limnocharis*.

But weeds are not invincible.

We have a new weapon in our arsenal to fight them: WeedScan, Australia's first artificial intelligence weed identification, notification and management app.

WeedScan is a game



changer for anyone who cares about our environment and our future. It's a free, easy-to-use digital tool that enables users to identify, report and map priority weeds simply by scanning the suspected weed.

This powerful new tool can help us prevent, detect and respond to weed invasions. It can help us protect our precious natural resources and our livelihoods.

Already the app has had over 10,000 downloads since its launch in December 2023 and users have submitted more than 3,000 weed records from around the country.

WeedScan can alert users and local authorities of these incursions, allowing them to take swift and effective action. It can also provide users with links to local weed management information and best practice guidelines.

The app is not a substitute for human expertise, but a complement. It can help users learn more about weeds and their impacts while connecting them with others who share their concerns and goals.

WeedScan is an app built by Australians, for Australians. It is tailored to our unique conditions and challenges. It is an app that can make a difference.

The app is supported by the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions, Australia's national science agency - CSIRO

Try the WeedScan app now: it's available on most smartphones or as a web application at -

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QUICK CROSSWORD 54

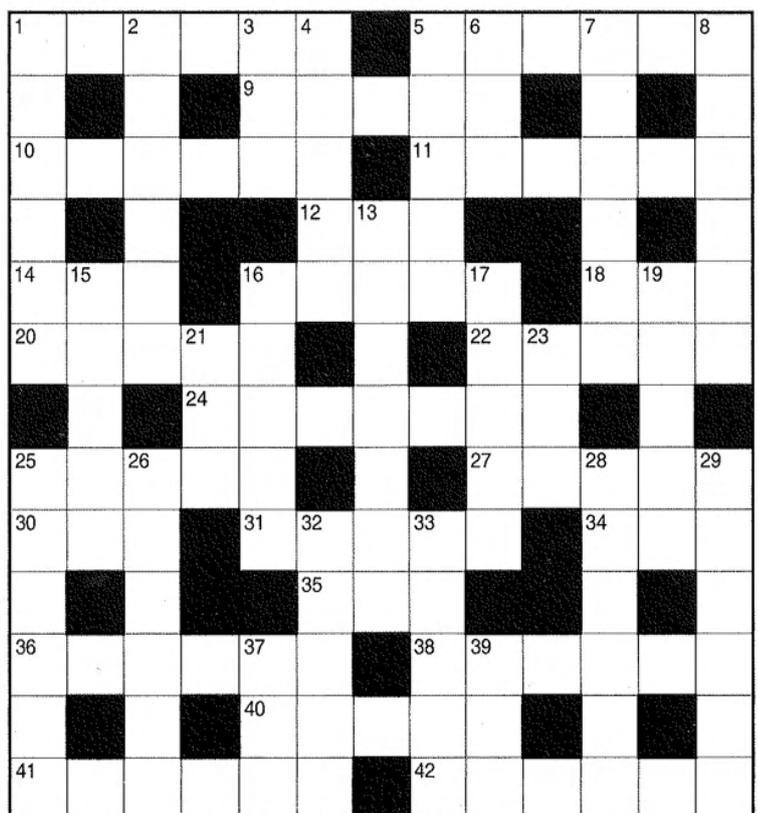
Across

1. Having a doze
5. Member of Native North American people
9. Transparent loosely-woven cloth
10. Prepare preliminary plan of
11. Something of which it is easy to take advantage, soft ____
12. Owed as a debt
14. The moose
16. To capture
18. One who mimics
20. Make web (of spider)
22. Movie award statuette
24. Praise insincerely
25. Steam bath
27. Aquatic parasitic worm

Down

30. Tall ornamental tree
31. Rehear legal case
34. Girl referred to
35. By the way, by the ____
36. Japanese religion
38. Land mass in ocean
40. Silly, anagram of 'Annie'
41. Perspiring
42. Hard and without feeling
1. Brother of Prince Charles
2. Zambian capital
3. Cooking utensil, ____ slice
4. Black-and-white mammal
5. Mexican Indian
6. Variety of legume
7. Fine brandy
8. One or the other
13. Small truck
15. Of law
16. Type of conifer
17. Vehemently

19. Period of success, purple ____
21. Goods-conveying vehicle
23. Discern mentally
25. Sound mental faculties
26. AFL official, goal ____
28. Gain freedom
29. Time when something is at its most popular
32. Hard black wood
33. Horse-controlling straps
37. Active songbird
39. Solidify



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

Furry friends responsible for over 12,000 injury hospitalisations in 2021–22



Cats and dogs, the most common domestic pets in Australia, were responsible for over half (53%) of all injury hospitalisations related to contact with animals in 2021–22.

Released recently by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *Contact with animals* explores who is commonly injured and the types of animals responsible. The report describes patterns and trends in hospital admissions due to contact with animals between July 2012 and June 2022.

It does not include data on emergency department presentations.

'During this 10-year period, hospitalised injuries due to contact with animals gradually increased.'

'The age standardised rate of these injuries increased from 66.5 per 100,000 in 2012–13 to 90.5 in 2021–22,' said AIHW spokesperson Dr Sarah Ahmed.

'There were 23,380 hospitalisations due to contact with animals in 2021–22, with a notable increase of 2,230 (or 10%) hospitalisations from 2019–20 to 2020–21. The Pets and the Pandemic survey by Animal Medicines Australia indicates increased pet ownership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.'

In 2021–22, open wounds were the most common type of injury, accounting for 13,420 (57%) cases, followed by fractures (15%), toxic effects (10%), and superficial (5%) and soft tissue injury (4.5%). The upper limbs (46%) and head and neck (14%) were the body parts most likely to be injured.

Allergic reactions to animals sent 1,180 cases to hospital, the majority being males who were twice as likely as females to be hospitalised for this reason (5.9 and 3.2 per 100,000 respectively). Anaphylactic reactions to bites and stings have the potential to be

fatal, however the report does not include information on deaths.

Common Pets

'Although owning a pet comes with a risk of injury, research has shown that interactions between humans and animals can provide benefits to our health and wellbeing,' said Dr Ahmed.

'Over 2 in 3 Australian households are estimated to own a pet, so unsurprisingly common domestic pets account for the largest proportion of animals involved in injury hospitalisations.'

Two in three pet owners are female and are 1.2 times as likely as males to be hospitalised due to a common pet related injury.

Livestock

With 5,030 injury hospitalisations, livestock made up almost a quarter (22%) of all injury hospitalisations due to contact with animals in 2021–22.

Horses (22%), cows (13%) and sheep (3%) were the livestock most frequently contributing to injury hospitalisations.

Females were twice as likely to be injured than males.

Wildlife and venomous animals

'Australia is home to some of the most venomous animals in the world, however Australians are 6.6 times as likely to be hospitalised due to injury involving non-venomous compared to venomous animals,' said Dr Ahmed.

Wildlife and venomous animals caused 4,980 injury hospitalisations in 2021–22, making up 1 in 5 (21%) injury hospitalisations due to contact with animals. Reptiles made up 48% (2,394), followed by insects and arthropods (30%) and venomous snakes or lizards (11%).

Marine animals

Injuries from marine animals most frequently occurred in summer during leisure activities. Sea creatures were responsible for 525 injury hospitalisations during 2021–22, making up 2.2% of all injury hospitalisations due to contact with animals. Males were more than twice as likely to be injured than females. In 302 cases, 58%, these marine animals were venomous.

The most common venomous marine animals contributing to these hospitalisations were jellyfish (23% of marine animals), stingrays (18%) and stinging fish (16%). Stings from the Irukandji jellyfish made up over 3 in 4 hospitalisations from all jellyfish.

Monitoring trends in animal injury hospitalisations informs discussion about evolving human-animal encounters and injury prevention and management. For more information about AIHW's reports on injuries, click on this link: [AIHW website](#)

BEALIBA INDOOR BOWLS

St. Arnaud R.S.L. Indoor Bias Bowls Club held a wonderful social afternoon on Tuesday. Bowling was very competitive with teams from St. Arnaud, Wedderburn, Avoca and Bealiba. Malcolm Campbell was the skip of the runners-up team going down by two points to the team led by skip Heather Cooper.

As usual, a beautiful afternoon tea followed the presentations and many comments of how nice it was to be able to mix with bowlers from other clubs.

Back in Bealiba this week it was pairs night again. Kitty was left where it rolled and as usual, that made for some interesting bowling. Shot of the night went to birthday-boy David Price, nudging out two of the opposing bowls to settle his right next to kitty balancing precariously on the very edge of the mat. Congratulations to the winning pair of Lyle Streeter and Gary McClelland on their perfect score of three wins, just edging out Malcolm Campbell and Shirley Coburn with two wins.

Supper followed and the raffle was won by Shirley Coburn.

Chris Evans

DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

We had a fantastic opening day last Saturday, with beautiful weather and a course in reasonable condition considering the lack of rain.

Scores were not too bad for the first hit of the season, and a good time was had by all.

We welcomed new member Dwayne Britain, who acquitted himself very well, considering he had not played the course before. It was great to see returning member Dave Billingham out there again, although he seemed to be spending a long time inspecting the rough on some of the tougher holes!

We also welcomed Julie Hunt to the first tee. Julie has been around the club with the Hunt clan for years, but has never played in a competition before.

I feel that we may be seeing more of Julie in the future, as she absolutely scorched around the course, amassing 22 points from the 9 holes played.

This was enough to ensure a runaway win for Julie, the best of the rest being Dwayne Britain with 14 points. Next week sees the whole 18 holes available for another Stableford event, with a 9 hole event held concurrently for those who wish to play the shorter version. Please turn up to play if you can, and help us to kickstart season 2024.

Ian Arnold

DUNOLLY LAWN BOWLS

Wednesday, April 17: Dunolly hosted their last Triples for the season, 16 Teams (48 bowlers), Enjoying a beautiful day on the greens. Runners up were David, Karen and Charlie from Dunolly, winners on the day were Greg Shay's team from MHS.

Thank you to all bowlers for your support it is always greatly appreciated.

Marg Davies and Nancy Pike represented our club in the O'Hallorans Pairs at Carisbrook, unfortunately Marg and Nancy didn't make it to the grand finals, Barb Crossley and Jan Moore from Talbot played Lyn Mather and Lorilee Field from Avoca, Barb and Jan were the winners on the day, 11-5.

Congratulations to all ladies that played on the day.

Thursday, April 18: Mr Ian Flett's wake was held at the Club. A huge thank you to all who helped during the day - Cheryl and Debbie from the CFA; Nat, Mal and Melanie from the Dunolly Football Club; the Dunolly Bowlers who all contributed towards the afternoon tea.

Thursday, April 25: Is our Annual ANZAC DAY, all proceeds from this day will go to Dunolly RSL.

MONTH OF MAY.

Wednesday, May 1: Dunolly will hold the first Winter Jackpot Pairs for the year.

The first and third Wednesday in the month games will be played at Dunolly.

The second and fourth Wednesdays in the month games will be played at Avoca.

Please remember Sunday, May 26 will be our

Presentation and AGM meeting, emails will be sent out during the month of May.

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To farewell the school holidays, our Dunolly Library held a special Pyjama Storytime on Thursday, 11th April. A small but enthusiastic group of parents and children arrived after hours, decked up in their favourite “jammies” and thoroughly enjoyed storytime, singing favourite songs, colourful craft – all topped off by Milo and cookies. The 6 -7 pm free event was an active fun evening indeed, with one child unable to stay awake long enough for the festivities and one even taking over by leading the group! Guess which one’s which...

