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Dunolly commemorates Anzac Day 2024
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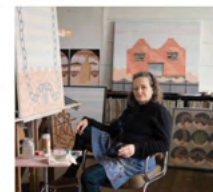
CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS ART GALLERY



Tenar Dwyer



Tashara Roberts



Fiona Somerville

ARTIST TALKS

Women on Women

Tenar Dwyer • Tashara Roberts • Fiona Somerville
2pm Saturday, May 4, 2024

Featuring Tenar Dwyer (in-person), Tashara Roberts (pre-recorded) and Fiona Somerville (in-person).

Join us at the Gallery on Saturday 4 May at 2pm to hear from these artists.

We'll delve into a discussion of the works included in the show, exploring the span of its development and the motivation and inspiration that drove its creation as well as to discuss their work in relation to the exhibition's concept.

Free entry, refreshments provided.

The *Women on Women* exhibition is on display until Thursday, June 16, 2024.

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EXTRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE WIMMERA MALLEE

The latest round of Government's Schools Upgrade Fund will deliver around \$48 million in vital infrastructure projects for Victorian public schools.

Under Round 2 of the Schools Upgrade Fund, 67 public schools across Victoria will each benefit from funding of at least \$250,000 to build or upgrade infrastructure.

The successful projects include upgrading food tech and home economics classrooms, installing new playground equipment and resurfacing and upgrading sporting facilities.

One of the successful projects in Victoria's northwest is.....

Tarnagulla Primary School — \$250,935 — to replace playground, including improved drainage.

Public schools with the greatest need have been prioritised, including schools with high numbers of students from a low-socio economic background, First Nations Students, and students with disability.

Public schools, which haven't received significant capital funding in the last two years, were also prioritised.

Round 2 was open to all public schools, when applications closed in February 2024.

For a full list of recipients and more information on the Schools Upgrade Fund is available at:

<http://www.education.gov.au/schools-upgrade-fund>

Quotes attributable to Victorian Member for Ripon, Martha Haylett:

"I am delighted to see that Tarnagulla Primary School will benefit from the Albanese Government's Schools Upgrade Fund. This will ensure pupils can enjoy a new playground with improved drainage.

"Significant infrastructure investment in our region has a lasting impact. These upgrades will benefit our region's families and broader communities for many years to come."

Quotes attributable to Victorian Member for Western Victoria, Jacinta Ermacora:

"Outer regional communities deserve quality education. All children should have the opportunity to get that. The funding will deliver upgrades to schools that need it the most.

This is a fantastic outcome for Victorian schools and shows government's dedication both Federally and State to deliver the best education to our children."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Jason Clare:

"I want all students to get access to a quality education, including access to quality facilities to learn in and play on.

"From upgrading art rooms and tech rooms to new outdoor equipment and replacing demountables, this funding will deliver upgrades to public schools that need it the most. "This is another important step in building a better and fairer education system."

Jana Stewart
Senator for Victoria

Dunolly Primary School's Contribution to a sombre ANZAC Day, 2024

Thanks to the students, families and staff who attended the ANZAC day Dawn service and 11am service.

The RSL are very grateful for our involvement and presented us with a lovely book for our library.

It is an excellent opportunity for our leaders to showcase their leadership skills.



Pictured here are students with Mayor Councillor Long, who recited their "I will not forget" statements.

What's On



Friday, May 10, 2024
Goldfields Music Club,
Open Mic and Jam Night

Each Friday at the Dunolly Golf Club,
Separation Street.

6:00pm—11:30pm each week. All players and public
welcome with \$5 entry.

Lucky door prizes, bar, meals available.

CASH OR EFTPOS AVAILABLE

High Tea for Mum, or just for you

Saturday, May 11, 2024
Bull & Mouth Hotel, 119
High Street,
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Time: 01:30pm - 04:00pm

Bookings essential.
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The picture is an example of a high tea
serving (Pinterest)

Coming Soon...



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Tues. & Wed. only, from 10 am - 12.30 pm.

We can't wait to meet you.



Letters & Notices

BEALIBA HALL & RESERVES COMMITTEE

Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING

To be held on Monday, May 13, 2024
commencing at 7.30pm

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three(3) nor more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Bealiba Hall and Reserves for a term of three years.

The current committee's term will expire on Tuesday, May 30, 2024.

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Kate McClelland on 0408 324 089.

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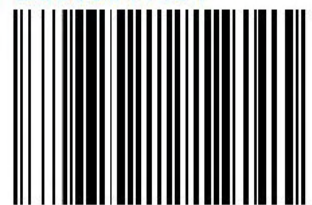
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In the old Nurses' Home beside the hospital on Havelock Street (top of Bull Street).
Monday-Thursday 9.30am to 3.00pm.
The Dunolly Arts Hub is on the corner of Thompson and Alice Streets, Dunolly.

Monday:

- ◆ Mosaics at the Arts Hub from 10am- beginners encouraged- Lynda will guide you.
- ◆ 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 RSL Hall. Bring a mat and light blanket (\$12.50 full, \$7.50 concession). Fort-nightly. 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:

The Dunolly Neighbourhood Pantry hours are Monday to Thursday 1.30 to 3pm.

The after-hours Pantry is always available, and is the old Kelvinator fridge on the verandah at the Centre. Our Pantries are available to anyone in the community needing a little bit extra for their pantry at home. If you know of someone who might need a little bit of help, just let them know of our service.

UPCOMING 'CONNECTING DUNOLLY' EVENT:

We are looking forward to taking part in the upcoming volunteering morning tea at the Senior Citizens Hall, organised by the Welcome Record team. This will be a very informal and relaxing way to find out about volunteering in our community, and to see where YOU might fit! A lovely morning tea will be provided, and I'm sure lots of interesting and informative conversations will take place. Friday, May 17, from 10 to 11.30 am at the Senior Citizens Hall on Bull Street. No bookings needed! We hope to see you there.

CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR YOGA:

Due to the oncoming cooler weather, we've changed the location for Yoga to the RSL Hall on Barkly Street. Next session is on Monday May 6th at 10am.



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Local Connectivity Issues

Regional Australians invited to have their say

Communities across regional, rural, and remote Australia can now have their say on telecommunications issues as public submissions open on the Regional Telecommunications Review.

The input of local communities will form an essential part of the Review – held once every three years – which will see the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee deliver recommendations to Government.

The Review is closely examining the experiences of people in regional, rural, and remote parts of Australia with telecommunications delivery, as well as considering the unique needs of First Nations communities.

Residents, businesses and community organisations can make a submission, with the Terms of



Reference – announced by Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP – outlining key issues for the Committee to examine. **An issues paper has been released to help frame ideas.**

Feedback from the public has been essential in previous reviews to ensure the Committee’s recommendations are well-targeted and based on evidence.

For this Review there are three options available to have your say by either:

Attending a face-to-face consultation; providing a formal submission or completing a survey.

The survey will be published in May 2024.

To have your say visit - www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/2024-regional-telecommunications-review



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COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

The April Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 23. You can watch a video recording of the meeting on our Facebook page or by visiting:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

Highlights include:

Draft Budget and Draft Financial Sustainability Strategy

The 2024-2025 Draft Budget and the Draft Financial Sustainability Strategy are now available for the community to review and provide feedback.

The Draft Budget is focused on implementing the key objectives of the 2021-2025 Council Plan as well as our commitment to deliver more than 36 services for the community.

The purpose of the Financial Sustainability Strategy is to make sure, despite the current economic challenges, our financial health remains strong into the future.

Feedback on both documents is invited until Friday 24 May 2024.

To view the documents and provide feedback visit: www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/budget2024

Community members are also encouraged to attend a drop-in community information session on Thursday 9 May from 4 to 7pm at the Community Hub in Maryborough.



Play our Way Fund

Council will apply to the Federal Government’s Play Our Way Fund for \$2 million for the Deledio Recreation Reserve Pavilion project.

If successful, Council will also contribute \$500,000 to the project. The project is one of Council’s Priority Projects with an outcome expected May-June. We are also waiting on a funding application from the State Government for the same project.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Influenza (flu) vaccination is recommended for everyone six months and over. It not only protects you, but helps to protect those around you.



Our 2024 community vaccination program is now underway:

Thursday, May 2 - 5.30 to 7pm, Community Hub, Station Domain, Maryborough

Wednesday, May 8 - 3.30 to 5.30pm, Carisbrook Senior Citizen's Hall

Tuesday, May 14 - 8.15 to 10am, Talbot ANA Hall

For more information about these and other vaccinations, contact the Immunisation Team at -

immunisation@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or phone 0428 894 724. You can also visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/immunisation

PARKING CHANGES

In response to community feedback, we’re making some changes to disabled car parking in Neill and Campbell Street, Maryborough.

The disabled car parking in this location will be doubled permanently to support patients accessing Maryborough District Health Service and the surrounding medical clinics.

The changes include:

- 1 additional disabled carpark in Campbell Street – which will mean there are two disabled car parks (Neill Street end)
- 1 additional disabled carpark in Neill Street (Clarendon Street end)
- Infrastructure to support these changes (kerb, footpath, signage and line marking) will commence shortly.

We’ll let our community know once the works are complete.



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Connecting Dunolly

Friday 17th May, 2024
10am-11.30 am.

Senior Citizens Hall
21 Bull St. Dunolly

Come and Join us

Brought to you by **The Welcome Record** together with Dunolly Community Groups with support from the Central Goldfields Shire Community Grant.

ANZAC DAY - DUNOLLY 2024

Anzac Day 2024 dawned with a shroud of sombre clouds, the air heavy with the weight of history and remembrance. Despite the chill and the persistent drizzle, the streets of Dunolly came alive with a palpable sense of anticipation. It was as if the very atmosphere held its breath, awaiting the solemn proceedings that would mark this day of commemoration.



Grace Freemantle, Junior Australian of the Year

Mayor Liesbeth Long, a figure of grace and authority, took to the stage, her words carrying the weight of a nation's gratitude. In her poignant speech, she spoke of The Unknown Soldier, a symbol of nameless heroism whose legacy transcends the boundaries of time and place. His anonymity, she reminded us, embodies the spirit of Anzac —ordinary individuals rising to extraordinary heights in the face of unimaginable adversity.

Before the march commenced, I moved through the crowd, eager to capture the essence of this momentous day. The responses I received were as varied as they were heartfelt. From Grace Fremantle, the Young Australian of the Year, to Peter Daly, the melancholic trumpet blower, each voice echoed a sentiment of gratitude and reverence for those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.



Callum and his son, Dane Liddicoat leading the Parade.



Dunolly ATHRA club & Heather Cooper



Commemorative wreaths presented by the Dunolly/Bealiba RSL, Dunolly Primary School, Martha Haylett MP office and Dunolly CFA.

Photo coverage by Paula Galeano-Kilmaster



ANZAC DAY - DUNOLLY 2024



As the procession began, led by three generations bearing the weight of remembrance, the sound of bagpipes and drum pierced the air. Primary school children seemed to skip behind solemn veterans, their youthful exuberance a poignant reminder of the enduring legacy of Anzac.

Among the onlookers, I spotted Robert Brown, seated in his garden with a celebratory beer in hand—a silent sentinel of respect. When asked what this day meant to him, his simple yet profound answer echoed the sentiments of many: *"It feels good to remember."*



The march culminated in a solemn ceremony at the RSL Hall, where voices young and old united in remembrance. Jan Brock, Senior Australian of the Year, spoke of her lifelong connection to Anzac Day, a tradition that has shaped her understanding of duty and sacrifice.

Rachel Buckley's beautiful sing-a-long softened the mood, and with gentle leadership from the primary school principal, Katie Lovel the students declared what they thought about during a one minute silence. All the students present also stood before the audience and sang two songs — *Spirit Of The Anzacs* and *Can You Hear Australia's Heroes Marching*.

In a touching gesture, the president of the RSL club, Richard Gale, presented Dunolly Primary School with a book entitled *"Remember: Lest We Forget,"* a testament to the enduring bond between generations.



As the ceremony drew to a close with the haunting strains of the Reveille bugle call, the silence that followed spoke volumes. In that moment of reflection, we honoured not only the fallen, but also the resilience and spirit of a nation united in remembrance.

And so, as the echoes of the ceremony faded into memory, we gathered for a light lunch, our hearts heavy with the weight of history, yet buoyed by the spirit of camaraderie and remembrance that defines Anzac Day.



TRULY, IT WAS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO
THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL, A DAY
TO REMEMBER AND REFLECT,
LEST WE FORGET.

By Charmain Sheppard



NEW PLANTS

By. Vicky Frizzell

Clay and rock are difficult to dig through. Any gold fossicker knows that. Some years ago I managed to dig deep enough to plant a little grevillea. Surprisingly it grew very well, but since last winter several branches died and had to be removed. Other branches were threatening to do the same. The consensus was that the whole grevillea was dying and needed to be pulled out. A chainsaw made short work of the job and the grevillea was turned into very useful mulch. The space left was large, very ugly and rough.

Over a couple of days I dug five good sized holes. I figured that should be enough to cover the whole area with smaller shrubs. The crowbar had to be the tool of choice. Every time I managed to dig down about 10cm I would fill the holes with water. It did make crowbarring easier. It is certain that a local Dunollyite taught me that trick when we first moved up here.



The fun part came next when I went to Maryborough to select plants. They all had to be reasonably low growing because of the overhead power lines. Years ago I lost a lovely little bottle brush to tree cutters from Powercor, and I didn't want that to happen again. My new plants had to be hardy because the winds there are very strong. They also needed to be frost hardy and drought tolerant. It took a while to make my selections, but hopefully they will be fine.

It took a while to plant them too as I mixed quite a bit of compost and wetting agent into each hole. Over Easter I mulched up the old grevillea and spread it over the rough ground like a blanket, careful not to get too close to the new little plants. When I finished it looked much better and I sang all the new plants a lullaby.



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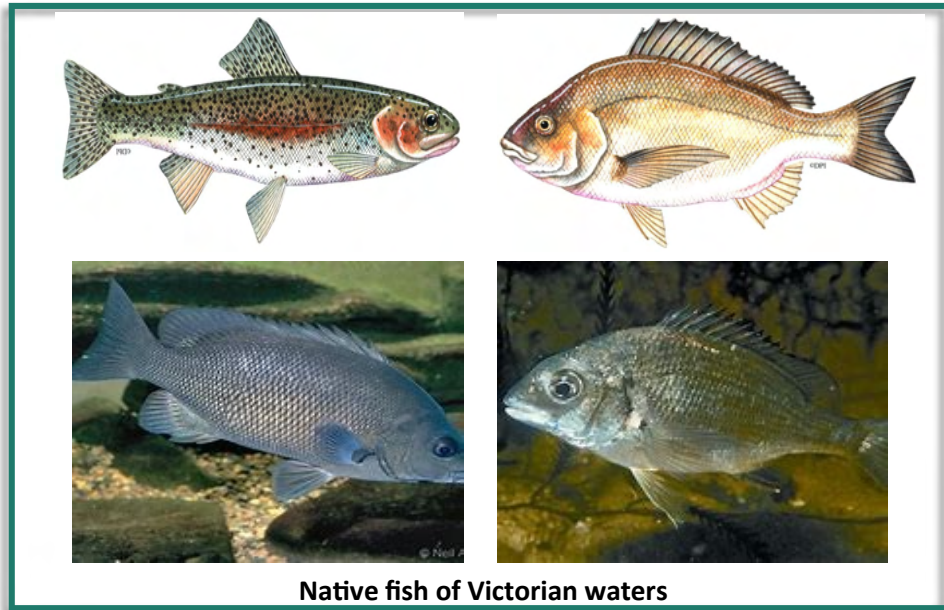
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MADE FOR MORE

Recreational Anglers Roadshow



Anglers and community members in Bendigo and central Victoria are invited to the latest OzFish Unlimited Fish Talk night.

To be held on Thursday, May 9, at the Quality Lakeside Hotel, with complimentary dinner and lucky door prizes up for grabs.

The fishing conservation charity is delivering the free event alongside the Victorian Fisheries Authority. This event, which aims to raise awareness about restoration and sustainability of our waterways, will be the second held as part of the Native Fish Habitat Roadshow, set to travel through northern Victoria.

The speakers, including angling legend Colby Lesko, will discuss the challenges facing our rivers, recent success stories, and opportunities for individuals to contribute to restoration initiatives.

Braeden Lampard, OzFish Murray-Darling Basin

Program Manager, acknowledges that anglers see first-hand the issues facing our native fish and their involvement is invaluable to restoration efforts.

“There are complexities to restoration and bringing a waterway back to good health, but when people know more about the challenges, solutions are within reach. “On the night, we’ll update local anglers on how they can get involved, which is greatly needed following the devastation caused by the flooding in recent years,” said Braeden.

This free event is open to the public, with catering provided. Early registration is essential as spots are expected to fill up fast. Register your attendance at <https://ozfish.org.au/event/bendigo-fish-talks-vic-may-2024/>

Event Details: Thursday, May 9, 6:30pm start (please arrive at 6:15pm) Quality Lakeside Hotel, 286 Napier Street, Bendigo

OzFish Unlimited

Martha Haylett
MP for Ripon

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Church Notices

Catholic Church, Dunolly

There will be Assembly at St Mary's Church on Sunday May 5th at 8.30 .

There was some discussion over a cuppa after Mass about the large rise in the cost of insurance for the parish churches.

It is probable that indemnity only insurance will be used .

R Mecredy

Time has a wonderful way of showing us what is really important.

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

Worship on Sunday, May 5, at 9.30am, will be led Jan Watts. The congregation/council **AGM** will follow the service.

UCAF will meet at 12 noon on Thursday, May 2, for a shared lunch with Maryborough UCAF members. A meeting will follow lunch and the theme is 'Mothers'.

Uniting emergency relief will be in Dunolly on Thursday, May 2, from 1pm.

The Op Shop will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am.

Linda Pickering

'This is my command: Love each other.'

John 15:17

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Niece Ramble and I went down to Colac last Wednesday, and attended the day service for Anzac Day.

The wreath laying ceremony wasn't until 12 noon and there was a nasty cold wind, so we retreated to a cafe across for coffee and shelter. After a study of their meals menu, it suddenly dawned on me that we were in a Turkish cafe on Anzac Day. No hostilities though.

Later we went round to the cemetery to visit Sandra and the boys, and found something we'd never seen, a sea of Australian flags fluttering in the wind.

Each grave of a serviceman was marked by a largish flag on a pole about two metres tall. It was one of those awesome moments that doesn't happen very often. It is a large graveyard, and the contrast between the mainly grey graves, the heavy clouds and the bright blue of the flags was striking.

I don't know if this is done every year as I have not been there on Anzac Day before. **Some of the graves dated from the First War and possibly even earlier. It is a marvellous tribute.**

We came home on Saturday and were going to IGA for a coffee and snack when we came upon the Maryborough Festival in the gardens.

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It was interesting, and there was free food. We had Indian, then went to IGA for coffee and cake. All in all, an interesting few days.

Rosie

Just for a laugh

Why did the chicken cross the road, roll in the mud and cross the road again?

A — because it was a dirty double-crossed.

A traveller was waiting at the airport when he saw the baggage handler being abused by an angry passenger. He asked the handler how he had stayed so calm in the face of such anger.

The handler replied, "I just checked his bags in. He's going to London, and his bags are going to Japan."

Things were so tough in the recent dry spell that the council had to close two lanes at the local swimming pool .

"That was a nice fish you just caught," said the pelican to his mate. "Yes, it filled the bill nicely".

Howler

If he is not checked at the right age, he will gradually turn into a vandal, and soon he will become a magistrate.



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Tarnagulla and Bealiba Primary Schools Wild Day

On Monday, April 22nd, Tarnagulla Primary School and Bealiba Primary School came together for an exciting day of reptile-themed learning.

It was an exceptional experience where students not only expanded their knowledge but also deepened their friendships both inside the classroom and during outdoor activities. We were delighted to host Albert from Reptile Encounters, whose captivating presentation featured a variety of creatures from his mobile zoo. From the tiny green tree frog to the majestic python (cleverly named, Tiny) and crocodile, every student had the chance to interact with and even hold these fascinating animals.

The day was a resounding success, leaving us eager for more collaborative learning opportunities in the future.

Cameron Carter
Acting Principal
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Albert with a crocodile.



Pictured Above: Braxton Mearney
Pictured below: Albert and students




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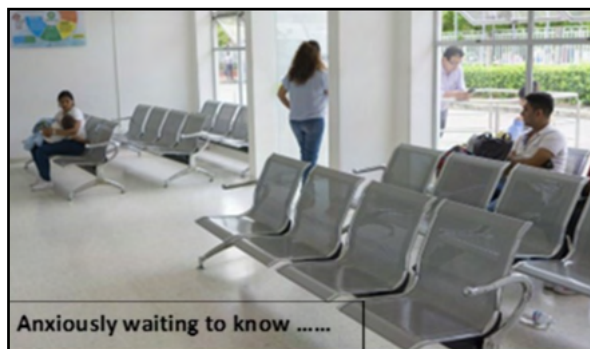
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Record Planned Surgery Wait Times



Planned surgery wait times in Australia’s public hospitals are now the longest on record, and emergency departments remain strangled by access block.

The Australian Medical Association recently released its annual Public Hospital Report Card and has written to health ministers ahead of their meeting today, saying the findings highlight the need for governments to take further action to address the issues impacting hospitals.

AMA President Professor Steve Robson said the annual report card, first published in 2007, clearly demonstrated the need for urgent action on top of existing planned reform to the National Hospital Funding Agreement (NHRA).

The report also found the national proportion of individuals receiving category two planned surgeries on time has again fallen to the lowest point on record. Category two surgeries include heart valve replacements, congenital cardiac defects, curettage nerve decompression and surgery of fractures that won’t heal on time.

“These surgeries are essential and urgent — they are not elective or cosmetic and every day of waiting can bring serious pain and increased risks to patients,” Professor Robson said.

Professor Robson has urged ministers to agree to a \$4.12

billion plan to address the planned surgery backlog, split between the commonwealth and the states and territories. The plan would be time-limited to ease the immediate backlog while a new NHRA is negotiated. The report card also found that our emergency departments remain strangled by access block, with the national average of ED patients being seen on time at the lowest level in the past 10 years across all categories except resuscitation.

The proportion of people in all triage categories who completed their emergency presentation in four hours or less was at just 56 per cent, representing a fall of five per cent since last year. This is the lowest number since 2011 and a fall of 14 per cent since pre-pandemic levels.

For further information visit this website:

<https://www.ama.com.au/articles/ama-public-hospital-report-card-2022>

QUICK CROSSWORD 55

Across

1. Cricketer’s request to umpire
6. English mystery novelist, Dame _____ Christie
11. Zodiac sign of Leo
12. Fibber
13. Unite metals using heat
14. Gratuity
15. County of SE England
16. To wake from sleep
18. Husky-voiced
20. Late Aust. broadcaster and sports journalist, _____ Casey
21. Everything
22. Long-luxury vehicle, _____ limousine
25. Giddy
27. Hitherto
29. Domesticator of animals
32. Cover of cellophane, eg., in which product is sold
36. At this exact time

38. Hole-making tool
39. Ceremonial gathering of troops
42. Not openly expressed
45. Consciously precise
46. Implement for chopping or hewing
47. Incite
48. Apply an inner covering to
49. To utter (insults, eg.) vehemently
50. Aust. entertainment entrepreneur, Michael _____
51. Resolve legal dispute

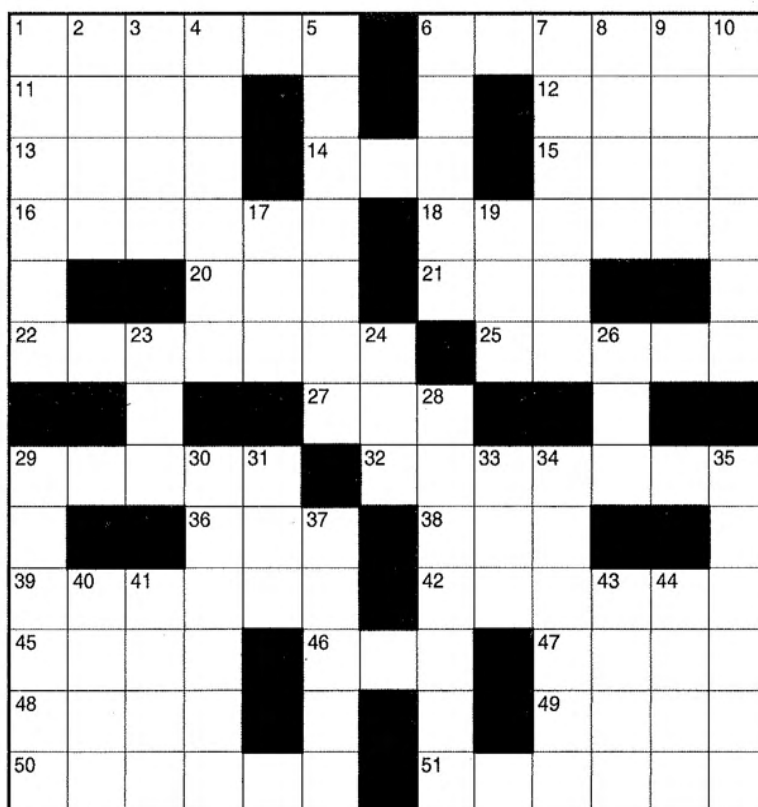
Down

1. Every time
2. Platform providing access to ships
3. Sport played with horses
4. Undergo (difficulty) without yielding
5. Dormancy
6. The Greek letter ‘A’
7. Substance with high pH
8. Layer
9. Danish author, _____ Christian Andersen
10. Blood vessel
17. Habitual drunkard
19. Ancient
23. Drive against with force
24. To strike with chopping blow
26. U.S. term for postcode, _____ code

28. Australian-born author who wrote *Mary Poppins*, P.L. _____
29. To overthrow
30. Ornamental glassy coating

31. Imperial unit of length of just over five metres
33. Fearful reverence
34. Predicament
35. Puzzling question

37. Tired
40. Dry and parched
41. To chime
43. Rough-mannered person
44. Rank of nobleman



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

SPORTS

DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Another beautiful Saturday afternoon saw the first 18 hole competition of the season take place.

The course played very well, if a little rough in parts due to the continuing dry spell. We may need all members to do a rain dance before too long!

Winner of the 18 hole completion was Shenae Hunt, taking up from where she left off last year. Shenae scored 41 points, winning by 6 over Darren.

The 9 hole event was another win for the Hunt family, with Julie taking out the honours with 20 points, from Ian Arnold on 18.

Nearest the pin winners were Shenae on the 9th, and Anne Telford on the 16th. Special mention to Nick Earl, who played his first game for the season, as did Josh Hunt and Thang Nguyen.

Next Saturday see our first monthly medal contested, which of course will be a stroke event.

We look forward to seeing as many players as possible take part.

Please note that the following Saturday, May 11, is the Bill Willmott Memorial Trophy day. This is a major day on our calendar, and is played in honour of the Willmott family, who have been great supporters of the DGC for many years.

We need to make sure we have as many members as possible play in this event. Please bring a plate to share, and a great day should be had by all.

Ian Arnold

BEALIBA INDOOR BOWLS

Numbers were down a little this week but it didn't alter the level of bowling.

Seven players were in action and all bowled well. Kitty went for a wander off

the edge of the mat on occasion and there were too many "shots of the night" to mention.

Congratulations to the winning team of Gary McClelland, Pam Brightwell, David Price & Chris Evans defeating the team of Malcolm Campbell, Lyle Street-er and Shirley Coburn, two games to one.

We hope those on the sick list are doing a lot better and that they'll join us again next week.

Happy Bowling

Chris Evans

DUNOLLY LAWN BOWLS

Please remember Sunday, May 26 will be our Presentation and AGM meeting, emails will be sent out during the month of May.

** NOMINATION FORMS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE BAR, SEEKING BOWLERS ASSISTANCE FOR THE MANY VOLUNTEERING POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED **



BALLARAT MARATHON FESTIVAL

More than 4,700 people made history by taking part in the inaugural Ballarat Marathon festival this weekend.

Over two action-packed days, punters participated in **five distances** spanning one mile to a full marathon, collectively **raising over \$100,000** for deserving causes.

Today, the major distances took place with Sydney's **Tom Do Canto** winning the men's marathon with a time of 2:17:04. A previous Melbourne Marathon champion, it was Do Canto's first-time visiting Ballarat, celebrating the win with his family at the finish line. Second place was secured by **Brady Threlfall** from Echuca in 2:19:40, followed by Melbourne's **Callum Drake** in third place clocking 2:22:49.

Winner of the women's marathon was Warrnambool-born **Ella McCartney**, completing the 42.195km course in 2:40:55. Her win was made extra special by returning to the city where she previously competed in high school cross country tournaments. Fellow Queenslander **Jessica Willis** came in second place, crossing the finish line in 2:48:38. Willis was closely

followed by Australian trail running representative **Kellie Angel** nine-seconds later.

In the half marathon event, Melbourne's **Reece Edwards** was the first athlete to cross the finish line. Securing a time of 1:05:27. Adelaide's **Tara Palm** was the first woman to complete the 21.1km distance, with a time of 1:12:48.

The 10km event was won by fellow Adelaidean, **Jacob Cocks**, in a sub half-hour time of 29:52. Fresh from the World Cross Country Championship in Serbia, **Melissa Duncan** was the fastest female to complete the 10km course with a time of 34:16. Winners of the 10km wheelchair event were Paralympic hopeful and Ballarat local **Samuel Rizzo** in 23:18, and Paralympian **Emily Tapp** in 32:40.

On Saturday, two-time Olympian **Zoe Buckman** dominated the field, taking out the women's elite 5km and mile events. The Canberran completed the courses in 16:21 and 4:49

respectively. In the elite men's categories, Victorian **Dale Carroll** won the 5km distance in 14:36 and Ireland's **Paul Robinson** secured the mile title in 4:12.

Event Co-Founder, **Adam McNicol**, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have successfully delivered Ballarat's first marathon festival this weekend, almost doubling our anticipated registration numbers and smashing our entrant fundraising goals."

The Ballarat Marathon will return to the city on Saturday 26th and Sunday, April 27, 2025. For more information visit: ballaratmarathon.com.au

Jasmine Burford
Tide Communications

SPORTS

PAR THREE PAR-TEE Report.

Tarnagulla & District Golf Club.

A great Hello to all our Members, Supporters, Families and Friends,

What another wonderful golf event! Tarnagulla turned on a beautiful weather day, with a cool, crisp start before 10am which blossomed into such a sunny morning. Great for our golf! Birds frolicked overhead and whistled and trilled and the odd kangaroo traversed the course while we played. Clearly the wildlife liked all the golfers!

Mick Radich had set out a special course where every hole was a "par three" for the day. Mick did a really good job and had score cards that showed the distance for each hole. It was fun. We also enjoyed teeing off at different places along the way.

The Course played beautifully and as the ground was still firm from Summer, our shots ran further. What a great way to start the day!

And, of course, the fun continued in the clubhouse, with a delicious and generous morning tea. The talk was loud, the laughter frequent. There were lots of raffle prizes and enjoyment and conviviality all around.

MEN:

WINNER: "BIRD" CORRY
RUNNER-UP: PETER RAVENHALL

WOMEN:

WINNER: JENNY HONEYMAN
RUNNER-UP: LYN WELLS

NEAREST THE PIN: GARRY HARWOOD


We thank everyone who helped prepare the course and the morning tea and to all who contributed to the raffle. Thank you all for making the PAR THREE PAR-TEE such a popular and lovely event.

Thank you Liam, for the Flyer designs and Sean for Facebook posts.

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Now please mark your calendars for our next event - The WILDCARD Event - which is only 3 weeks away on Saturday 18th May 2024. This will be a Nine Holes Pairs Event with Tee-Off between 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. Free for all Members and school children. \$15 to non-members.

Register at lraad@mail.com or 0481 008 006 or in person on the morning.

If you don't have a pair, we can match you with another golfer.

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Mary
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