You may recall the article I wrote last year about Susan Howe going to Uganda in 2008 to teach English to women whose lives were impacted by violence and poverty. There was little assistance for these women who tend to get overlooked by other organisations who favour children or broader health issues. One year on and Susan Howe has returned to Dunolly to update us on the progress of the women, specifically in regards to POSHU which stands for Project Of Self-Help Uganda.

POSHU was founded by Susan in 2009 after a beginning which was fraught with resistance from the very people she was trying to help. Their deep seated mistrust of anything unknown was a high hurdle to overcome, but with gentle persistence Susan finally won them over, firstly by starting the adult school and education in health practices, and finally by organising the lending circle in which funds are provided to begin a business which benefits not only the individual but the entire village. Some examples: an abandoned mother of four was loaned $50 and bought an iron, some buckets and other equipment for a laundry service for the village. From the modest fees she charges she has repaid the loan and had enough money to buy some land on which crops are being grown to supplement food supplies for the village. Another woman started by selling bits of fabric and now owns her own sewing business where she makes clothes for the village and also teaches sewing. This is the essence of POSHU. The aim is for each person to find a niche in which they can contribute to both their personal and communal growth.

POSHU supports projects in 14 villages with 23 teachers in five districts over urban, rural and remote areas of Uganda. The teachers receive a gift payment of $20 per month to teach English, maths, sewing and gardening, but their time is largely donated. They help support so many aspects of the project. As examples: in the community garden project the women are taught how to plant and maintain different vegetables like tomatoes, capsicum, ochre and peanuts to supplement their usual meagre diet of beans and posho (a maize like crop); due to drought conditions the project has introduced drought and disease resistant crops to increase food security, and supplies seeds for broad acre farming and for home gardens; in the sewing project the women have learnt to make the bags they sell in Australia for further funding - 75 women share a treadle sewing machine or sit cross legged and sew by hand in a cow enclosure, quickly scrambling to pack up their wares before the cows come home. Other projects provide rain water tank construction. A makeshift tap was devised by attaching a soft drink bottle to a pedal system which pumps water into the bottle and then tips the bottle to provide limited amounts of water. As water is so scarce, it has to be strictly controlled. Further projects are a library scheme started by Susan’s daughter Elizabeth; an orphan sponsorship; elderly person sponsorship, and a scheme to supply mattresses for the elderly or disabled. Unfortunately there is only one hospital in a broad area of over 10,000 people and it only has nine beds. Many patients had to lie on dirt floors before the mattresses were supplied. The hospital is pitifully understaffed and some patients, despite still being ill, were sent home on weekends because there was no-one to tend them. More health services are required and Susan has tried to get funding for a nurse to accompany her in her travels through the villages to help educate the women on health. Many of them are affected by HIV/AIDS or have malnutrition or complications from unsanitary conditions, or suffer from trauma and violence as refugees (IDP – Internally Displaced People). The women still believe in the old ways and these often prove more harmful than good. Susan held a Health and Hygiene Service lunch for 50 people. While the seminar may or may not have had the desired result, the plates and bowls were later used in a wedding and so a catering service was born. The women themselves find ways to progress. The strength of POSHU is listening and responding to the needs of the most
CHARITY GOLF DAY A SUCCESS

On a beautiful autumn day, a full field of golfers played in the inaugural Maryborough District Health Service’s (MDHS) CancerCare Charity Golf Day last Friday. Conditions were perfect for a great game of golf that included lots of laughs, many wayward shots and thousands of dollars being raised for MDHS’ CancerCare Project. While the final figure has to be confirmed, it is anticipated that $12,500 was raised, all of which will be used to enhance cancer services for the local community.

MDHS Chief Executive Glenis Beaumont thanked the major sponsors Maryborough Branch of the Bendigo Bank and Maryborough Toyota, who kick started the great sponsorship that the day attracted. Other sponsors included Barker Trailers, Lake Imaging, Precision Homes, True Foods, TyrePower and Joan Walkingshaw. Ms Beaumont said that an event such as the charity golf day didn’t just happen.

“I particularly want to acknowledge the work and many hours that Kevin Trotman and his team of CancerCare fundraisers have put in to make this such a successful day,” Ms Beaumont said.

“MDHS is delighted that the community has got right behind Kevin and his team in raising funds for CancerCare,” Ms Beaumont continued.

“I would also like to acknowledge Gloria Turner, Fiona Watson and Lee Duffin, our staff, who also assisted Kevin in planning the day to ensure its success.”

The date for next year’s Charity Golf Day has already been set, and expressions of interest received for sponsorship. With comments from players saying it was the best charity golf day they had attended. MDHS can be assured of ongoing community support next year.

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The following is a letter just received from our friends in Dunalley, Tasmania.

30 April 2013
To the Dunolly and District Community
On behalf of the community of Dunalley, Tasmania, and the Dunalley Hall and Reserve Committee, we take this opportunity to thank the people of Dunolly for a generous donation towards the rebuild of our much-loved Community Hall.

The Hall, built in 1898, was an integral part of the community and the aim of the committee is to rebuild as quickly as possible to enable community groups to resume normal activities and move forward with renewed hope for a bigger and better future.

The community has been overwhelmed by the generosity of people. Their support has been very much appreciated as the long road to recovery begins. Sincere thanks.

Kindest regards,
Judy Young
Secretary

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Vulnerable. It’s centred on creating spaces for women to heal and grow, and the emphasis is on “what you can do for yourself”. And they are doing it for themselves.

On International Women’s Day, 94 women wore dresses and banners that they made in the sewing project and with great excitement rode a bus to the main town and then marched in the parade. Many of them had never been outside their village and while excited, they were also a little frightened. This was a moment of special bravery and pride for the women who in general have no voice in a male dominated society where in some cases women are forced to kneel as men pass by. When they marched in the parade, their heads were held high in a sense of accomplishment, confidence and pride. With this one act, in a place where women have no voice, their voice was heard around the world.

Funding for POSHU comes from retailing beads and bags made by Ugandan women in Australian cafes and art galleries. Further funds come from schools, social groups and individuals as well as support by the Howe family.

You can look up more information on Facebook – ‘POSHU Susan Howe Uganda’, or email susan.h.howe@hotmail.com.

Susan Anderson

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- Updating the website with each edition and maintaining contact as required with web designer and those with whom the website is linked.
- Ensuring that written policies and procedures are regularly updated and revised as required in consultation with The Welcome Record Committee.
- Ordering supplies and ensuring appropriate maintenance of equipment.
- Maintaining an archival record of publications.
- Making recommendations to and responding to the decisions of The Welcome Record Committee.
- Keeping up to date with activities and innovations of the fraternity of community newspapers through CNAV.

* Where The Welcome Record Committee appoints the Editor as Treasurer, additional responsibilities include:

- Preparing and distributing monthly invoices to advertisers and following-up late payments.
- Preparing and distributing annual subscription letters, compiling current list of subscribers and following-up subscription payments.
- Preparing and presenting the monthly Treasurer’s Report to the Committee.

Qualifications

- Familiarity with the Dunolly community, its interests and information needs
- Computer literacy, including the ability to learn new software programs, identify the technology needs of The Welcome Record and to fix hardware/software problems.
- Capacity to manage a small team of volunteers so as to efficiently and harmoniously achieve production goals.
- Ability to communicate effectively with local businesses and the community at large.
- Ability to identify the training needs of volunteers.
- Ability to manage production schedules through effective time management and organizational skills
- Ability to use initiative in a range of situations and accept responsibility for making appropriate, well-reasoned decisions.
- Interest and ability to think strategically and to constantly monitor the evolving context of print publications, and implications and editorial challenges for The Welcome Record.

Benefits

As the leader of The Welcome Record production team, the Editor has:

- Opportunity to drive the on-going production and strategic development of a long-standing weekly community newspaper which is valued by Dunolly and district as a conduit of local news and events.
- Opportunity to use well-established management and computer skills and experience to fulfil a stimulating, responsible and respected community role.
- Opportunity for personal growth and associated satisfaction through contribution to an award-winning enterprise which values its traditional roots and aims for longevity through responsiveness to community needs and technological developments.

QUOTE

There seems to be more paperwork than trees.

Graeme A S Browne

Emergency Medical Response

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http://www.facebook.com/EmergencyMedicalResponse
PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD DAY
This workshop has been postponed to Saturday, 18 May from 4pm till 7pm. Nola Tidyman will help you to understand your particular camera and then show you how to get the best shots including some afternoon field shots and sunsets. $25 per person. Bookings are essential.

WALKING GROUP
If you like to walk but lack motivation, the Walking Group goes for an hour’s walk every Monday from the Centre at 9.30am with a recuperating cuppa afterwards. Join us. Well behaved dogs are very welcome too!

ART GROUP
Love to paint and draw but find it, well difficult to find the time or space at home? The Art Group meets every Tuesday in the Centre from 10.30am. This is a do your own thing group and not lessons. (We are working on the lessons bit). You will need to bring your own equipment. $2 per person.

GARDEN CLUB
Put this in your diary. This month’s garden club is a wander around Barry and Theresa Cann’s garden on Monday, 27 May. Meet at the Centre at 1pm. Barry and Theresa have a wicking garden. So it will be very interesting to find how and why.

Interested in any of the above? Ring 5468 1511, email admin@dunnhc.com.au or call in for a chat. We are situated to the right of the Dunolly

THE GARDEN CLUB VISIT SHIRLEY’S PLACE
The very dry spring, summer and autumn we have all experienced has been hard on our gardens. Shirley Dunlop’s garden is showing some signs of distress, but really it has survived remarkably well. Her roses are still flowering beautifully and the grevilleas are doing well. All the work she has put into improving her existing garden beds has paid off with the plants looking happy. Shirley has also made extensive use of pots which saves a lot of digging. She has been carrying lots of grey water to keep her garden going.

Costa showed us how he makes vinegar which was very interesting. He gave us all a tasting of his apple vinegar. It was difficult to swallow the first mouthful neat, but it actually tasted quite good and left a nice taste in the mouth.

Thank you Shirley for allowing us to visit your garden and providing us with a lovely afternoon tea.

The next garden club meeting will be on Monday, 27 May when we will visit Theresa and Barry Cann’s garden.

Vicky Frizzell

ADVICE FROM A SINGER
SEWING MANUAL 1949
Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or the beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.

Country Woman of Western Australia Sep/Oct 2012 & Victorian Country Woman April 2013
RANGERS REPORT

DOGS OFF LEAD

I know we all live in the country and it would be great if all our dogs could run around free, but in case you didn’t notice we don’t live in a perfect world. The reason you must, by law, have your dog on a lead, is that not everybody’s dog is socialised or trained, there are a large number of complaints about people who can no longer walk their dog around town without lots of other dogs coming bounding up to them. This can be quite frightening for many people, especially if they have had a bad experience in the past, so by all means take your dog for a walk but put it on a lead for your own dog’s safety as well as the safety of others.

There is a second issue that has been bought to my attention, as you are all aware there are a lot of rabbits around at the moment. I was recently made aware of a fox getting around the dredge hole in Dunolly with a rabbit trap on its foot. **THE SETTING OF STEEL JAWED RABBIT TRAPS IS AGAINST THE LAW.** If you are caught setting rabbit traps you will be prosecuted for cruelty, or possibly aggravated cruelty. Rabbit traps are an out-dated and cruel means of catching rabbits, maybe get yourself a ferret but don’t set rabbit traps. If you know of somebody who is setting traps please let myself or the police know.

Just a quick note about cats, there are so many cats running round Dunolly the wildlife doesn’t stand a chance. Please lock your cats up at night, or better still all the time. If you have an unsexed cat and you need help to desex it ring the ranger as we can assist you with a cat. Cats are just like dogs, you must keep them contained on your property, and they must be registered and microchipped.

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SANKALPA AND ME

GREENER PASTURES

They say that ‘Absence makes the heart grow fonder.’ Well I can say that’s certainly true for me and my garden when hubby and I took a much-needed break last week. We were looking forward to a week at Apollo Bay with hubby’s parents, but who at the last minute were unable to join us. The first thing we noticed was how gr...., can I say it? Green everything was. Which was very refreshing after all the dryness back home.

Walking is something we both love to do, so after unpacking our bags into the cabin and a short walk along the beach (about 1km) to the Information Centre for a map and list of walks and sights around the area, we were off. From short to long and easy to the more challenging, from beaches to hills, fern gullies and around lakes to water falls. I could walk all day along these tracks and some of the walks were part of the ‘great ocean walk’, something that is definitely on my bucket list! The weather was cooler than we expected so coats and beanies were worn. (And to think that I packed my bathers! LOL)

So, back to the green, it just seemed brighter and more alive than the struggling green we have around home, but being in this green and seeing the gardens around here as well as reading (between walks) an interesting and quite novel book by Tom Hodkinson ‘Brave old world: a practical guide to husbandry,’ showing how relevant the old medieval gardening books are still today, well it just all gave me the push, enthusiasm and want that I needed to get stuck back into the garden when we get back home.

I have had to get the sun-hat back out at home now, a little rain on our first night home but then a beautiful day Monday to be out in the garden. After a coffee while working out what was needed to be done, here is what I have planned in the garden for the week, before the two and three year old grandkids arrive for their week at nana and pa’s.

*Get all the garlic in.
*The first lot of broad beans. Last year I put in a dwarf variety in the wire frames from the tomatoes (we won’t talk about them though!) and this worked really well in keeping them upright, tidy and easy to harvest.
*I have some purple asparagus seedlings ready to go in.
*I will need to get some cauliflower seedlings to go with my broccoli seedlings which will be planted in the ‘swingers lodge’ while it is empty of chickens on the garden. This chicken tractor is covered in bird netting and I’m hoping it will keep the cabbage moth away.

*The first lot of peas can go in.
*Another lot of beetroot also can go in.
*In the fruit garden I will be closing-off the strawberry patch from the chickens, who have done a super job at cleaning up the whole bed for me. Now just to spread some alpaca poo and a little mulch then wait for them all to leap up again. (The plants, not the chickens.)
*This last season was the first time I planted what they call ‘the three sisters’ together. Corn, climbing beans (Glad they were purple kings as they were easier to spot in amongst all the green.) and squash – I used cucumbers. They all grew well, but the corn and cucumbers are finished while the beans are still going. It’s time to tidy up and take out what I can while leaving enough for the beans to keep growing on. I think that might do me for the week and I can’t wait to get started.

(Tom Hodkinson has also written ‘How to be idle.’ and ‘How to be free.’ Both very good reading.)

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ANZAC DAY BEALIBA

Anzac Day was commemorated in Bealiba with a large crowd attending. The Norman Simpson pipe band led the marchers down Main Street. It was great to see the Bealiba school children also marching. After the official ceremony and laying of the wreaths, everyone adjourned to the town hall. Mr Sam Whitehead, as chairman welcomed everyone. Mrs Wendy Newitt was again present to play for the anthems and the hymns. Our guest speaker was Mr Joseph Mericea who as a member of the RAAF served in Vietnam 1969/1970. He spoke of the conditions that they faced there. After returning to Australia he had trips to Malaysia for the airforce and remained in the airforce for 20 years. He was a foundation member of the Vietnam RAAF Association. He is still very involved and goes to Melbourne frequently.

I again spoke of an item of interest from the First World War, this year it was the Australian Army Nursing Service. 2286 served overseas, 423 were attached to the Aus. Military Hospitals. 25 died while overseas, 388 were decorated, seven received the Military Medal. During the Gallipoli Campaign they served in Egypt and on Lemnos Island. Here they nursed the troops in tents which served as hospitals. There were over 4000 beds. They had to put up with heat and flies. As well as looking after the casualties during the months of July, August and September there were as many men ill with dysentery, enteric and typhoid this was due to the unsanitary conditions on the battlefield. In the later months the men were affected by frostbite and trench feet. After the evacuation of Gallipoli the hospitals were moved to France and England. The nurses served in France and England, those in France were very close to the battle front and conditions during the cold winters were so different to the heat of the East. What unsung heroes they were.

After my address we were entertained by Mrs Heather Cooper and Ben Smith who sang a medley of popular songs sung during the war. After the service the Band entertained outside the Hall, then everyone enjoyed lunch. Mr Blair Michael, Band Master, thanked everyone and he said we will be back next year. When I wrote this account of Anzac Day I thought of the late Mrs Aline Gordon who had contributed many items of interest over the years and especially on Anzac Day. When I arrived home I watched some of the Anzac Day services that had taken place that day, Lone Pine, Menin Gate and later on a service in England which had been held at Sutton Very, every year a service is held in the Church there.

In the church ground are a large number of headstones belonging to Australian soldiers who died there, one of the Hospitals in England was situated in that small town, and when the war finished a number of our men got that dreaded Spanish Flu. They had gone through the whole war and then caught this Flu. Every year on Anzac Day the local school children attend the service and then they all put a bunch of flowers on each grave and it was very touching to see this very young boy standing there and saying.

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Joyce Chivers

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Up the Garden Path...with Maz

How about this fabulous weather? Cool nights, warm days and the only way it could be better would be to get two odd inches of the wet stuff, then a follow-up good soaking in two or three weeks. I think even the farmers would agree as Anzac Day was usually the “countdown” for crop plantings, though it seems to be getting later over the last decade or so. I think I detected a very light frost on the leaves of the Daylilies this morning, but then they are on the shady side of the house.

It shouldn’t be long before you pick and store all of those pumpkins, if you haven’t already. When I was young it was a bit of a creed among the old gardeners that pumpkins had to have a good frost before picking. I don’t know if that still applies.

My silverbeet is still doing well even though a few of the leaves have contracted powdery mildew. But I’ve just torn them off and binned them. I’ve still got carrots and parsnips which are both okay but definitely nothing to brag about. I may even put in a few onions which I’ve not grown for years.

The nice space which was a cacti and succulent garden is now graced by a Washington Navel Orange, bought on the spur of the moment a few weeks ago. I don’t know how successful this will be because of our cold winters, but while it’s small I will endeavour to protect it as much as possible. So we’ll see what happens.

The ground is thick with autumn leaves down in the back yard. I’ve been waiting patiently for most of them to drop to get in with the rake and give it a good tidy up. I usually put them straight on the garden, but this time I will contain them with a few sprinklings of horse manure which should end up being a good mix in a few months, with a bit of added water since it doesn’t seem to be able to rain much.

After having a folded piece of shade cloth hanging over a rail outside for some months, I went to remove it a few days ago and found a pair of strange roommates. One was a very large shiny black cockroach of the wood variety (over four centimetres) and sitting shoulder to shoulder with him was a very large fat gecko, pinkish brown with darker spots. What a fine pair they were. Unfortunately they both made a hasty retreat upon being disturbed; but luckily there are plenty more places for them to “hang out” should they wish.

POSTSCRIPT

A correction to make with last month’s ANT RID RECIPE. My lovely rose-growing neighbour pointed this out to me. The recipe was supposed to be two spoons of honey and one spoon sugar to one spoon Borax.

See ya, Maz

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UNITING CHURCH NEWS

Last week the UCAF held its annual fashion parade out of the Op-shop. This was a great success and good fun for all that went. It is a lot of work for all the ladies who work in the Op-shop, but it brings many blessings for our Church.

This Saturday, 11 May the Car-boot Sale is to be held in the Church grounds and the hosts are St John’s Anglican ladies. So come early for your Mother’s Day cakes. The ladies are very good cooks. The Op-shop will be open too with its new range of winter clothes now on the racks.

On 16 May at 10am in Boort the Presbytery of Loddon Mallee will hold its ‘May Gathering’ and fellowship day. Cars will leave Dunolly at 8.15am to attend. Please let Jan Watts or Rhonda Heather know if you would like to go. Our Rev Youn Kim and State President, Kris Zerbst, will be guest speakers. A plate of food to share for lunch will be appreciated. There will also be a trading table.

Friday, 17 May is our ‘Blokes Night Out’ night which starts with a BBQ tea at 6pm. This is an advance notice for Thursday, 23 May when we are having our ‘Cup of Tea for Cancer’ in the Op-Shop from 10am. All are welcome.

Jean Richardson

CATHOLIC CHURCH (ST MARY’S MUSE)

It’s Mother’s Day next Sunday so we wish all mothers and grandmothers a beautiful day! The parish ball is coming up once again on 17 and 18 May. 18 debs and partners are busy practising for the event. Kay and Geoff Lucas are the tutors and Dianne Rinaldi is the main organiser and does an amazing job. Joan and Joe Hancock’s grandson, Joshua, made his First Communion and Confirmation at St. Killian’s Church in Bendigo last week. It was a very beautiful ceremony made more special for him by the Bishop’s handshake to all the children and for blessing his rosary beads which had been given to him as a gift.

These frosty mornings tell us that winter is coming, but yet no rain. We are praying for rain for the farms and our gardens – may it happen soon!

We remember in our prayers all those who are not well, both at home and in hospital!

“Life is like a garden, and friendship like a flower that blooms and grows in beauty midst the sunshine and the showers!”

Pam Spencer

ST JOHN’S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Our last informal service held on 18 April was very well attended. All who came were truly blessed by Susan Howe’s ministry. Thank you to all who supported us on the day. A grand sum of $445 was raised to support Susan’s work in Uganda. Thank you all once again.

The next informal service will be held on Thursday, 16 May at 11.30am. All welcome! We look forward to your company to share scripture and prayers followed by a light lunch. The next meeting of our group will be held on Wednesday, 6 June at 2pm.

Don’t forget the annual Christmas in June luncheon to be held on Wednesday, 26 June at 12noon in the church hall. We will also be entertained by The D- Sharps. A lovely three course meal will be served together with door prizes and a raffle, all for the princely sum of $25 per head (same price as 2012). Come along and enjoy a day out. Good food, good company and entertainment! We look forward to seeing you there.

The Fellowship will be running the cake stall at the Car-boot Sale on Saturday. Come early for your favourites.

For any further information please contact Pam Brodie on 5468 1183 or Trina Kay on 5468 1709.

Pam Brodie

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

“Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in Heaven.”

Matt 5:v12
LOCK UP OR LOSE

Dunolly has had two house burglaries recently. This was reported at the April Neighbourhood Watch meeting by Leading Senior Constable Grant Healy. While police have investigated and hope to solve these crimes Leading Senior Constable Healy wants to re-enforce the importance of being vigilant, locking premises, reporting suspicious behaviour and crimes. By following these steps if you find your home burgled, you may help to retrieve your stolen goods and it may lead to the conviction of the burglar. Report burglary to Police; keep an Incident Report on hand for police, supply details and photos recorded of stolen goods, check the local second-hand dealers' shops. Many burglars dispose of stolen goods near the crime scene. It could happen to you!

Following the report of rubbish dumping along Gooseberry Hill Road creek area and police having detected the offenders there has been another incident reported on Range Track. The police treat these offences very seriously and are keen to prosecute. Reporting rubbish dumping, cars and offenders seen coming or leaving the scene is of great importance.

Bottles and cans being thoughtlessly discarded in town and in the bush are a constant annoyance. This is littering and can incur a fine. This lazy behaviour leaves a scar on our landscape to be cleaned up by others.

The Neighbourhood Watch meeting in May has been cancelled.

Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch

BEALIBA CWA ROUND-UP

Currently, members are working on finishing off their felt pincushions (either a hat or a mouse). I had informed members that we should be able to complete these objects in a morning. Big mistake! Of course, we did spend lots of time talking and viewing the latest lot of pics from members – and there was a lot to see. Alice’s grand-daughter, Jacinta’s wedding, Betty atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge with arms outstretched. Yes, she climbed it! So all you younger women who think we’re a bunch of oldies who only cook and sew – think again. Now all we need to see are the graduation photos of Joyce’s grand-daughter, Emily, in her cap and gown.

While on other matters that aren’t (strictly speaking) CWA business I’d like to mention Margaret Henley, a former member and someone who is dear to us all at Bealiba CWA. Margaret is in hospital in Ballarat and our thoughts and prayers are with her during this difficult time.

Earlier this month several members travelled to St Arnaud for an East Wimmera Craft Day. There was a really good turnout and we had a choice of making a Victorian Needle Case, attending a Gardening Seminar or learning new embroidery stitches. Our competition for April was an old photograph and we had some interesting entries including an old touring car dating back to the 1920s, soldiers in uniform, children in their Sunday best and so forth. Anything relating to yesteryear generally evokes lots of reminiscing and interest.

Now to matters relating to events coming up in May. Fun Day will take place at the Town Hall in St Arnaud on the 15 May. The format for the day will be live entertainment (skits and acts from the various branches in the East Wimmera District) in the morning, followed by a film in the afternoon. The cost for the day will be $15 (which includes lunch and the film) and members are encouraged to bring along a friend.

International Day will take place on Thursday 16 May and we are looking forwarding to hearing our guest speaker, Ray Newdick, as well as hosting the students from Bealiba Primary School who have been doing projects on our country of study, New Zealand.

Finally, before closing I’d like to thank Pam Brightwell for all the babies outfits she has knitted lately. They always look so sweet and no doubt Headquarters are pleased to receive such lovely outfits for redistribution.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday, 9 May
Catering, Ross Clearing Sale at 10.30am

Wednesday, 15 May
Fun Day St Arnaud at 10am

Thursday, 16 May
General Meeting at 10.30am followed by
International Day at 1.30pm

Competition Winners for April

Single Bloom
First Alice Pike
Second Betty Lovel

Multiple Bloom
First Heather Davis
Second Beryl Harnett

May Competition A New Zealand souvenir or keepsake.

Heather Davis
**Cookery Corner**

**MOROCCAN SLOWCOOKED BEEF**  
Serves 6  
*Ingredients:*  
- 1.2kg oyster blade steak, cut into 2 cm pieces  
- Parsley, chopped  
- Coriander, chopped  
- 2 medium onions, chopped  
- 1 teaspoon mint, packed and chopped  
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin  
- 1 teaspoon paprika  
- Cayenne pepper  
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger  
- 120gm butter  
- 2 apples, quartered  
- 100gm dried apricots  
- 100gm pitted prunes  
- 750gm crushed tomato  
- 120ml oil  

*Method:*  
1. In a bowl combine all the herbs and spices, add the chopped parsley, mint and coriander and mix well together.  
2. Add the diced beef to the prepared spice and herb mix, massage into the meat and allow to marinate for 2-3 hours.  
3. Heat a little oil in a fry pan and begin to seal the beef a little at a time, placing the sealed meat into an ovenproof container with a tight-fitting lid.  
4. Repeat this process until all the meat is sealed. Make sure you allow the oil in the pan to heat up sufficiently before adding the next lot of beef to be sealed.  
5. Once all the meat is prepared, sauté the diced onions in the same pan and add to the meat.  
6. While the pan is still warm, pour in the crushed tomato, liquid and all. While the sauce is heating add the quartered apples, apricots and prunes to the beef.  
7. Once the sauce is heated add that to the other ingredients and stir well. Place the lid on the casserole dish and then place it in an oven set at 160C and slowly braise for 3-4 hours.  

Serve with couscous, a dollop of natural yoghurt and some chopped coriander.  
*Recipe from Buy Australian Magazine*

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**APPLE AND FIG BREAD PUDDING**  
Preparation time 20 minutes – cooking time 50 minutes  
(Granny Smith and golden delicious are the best apple varieties to use for this recipe)  
*Ingredients:*  
- 2 tablespoons honey  
- 2 tablespoons water  
- 8 slices white bread  
- 1 medium apple (150g), cored, quartered and sliced thinly  
- 12 dried figs (200g), halved  
- 2 cups (500ml) skim milk  
- 2 eggs  
- 2 tablespoons caster sugar  
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
- 2 teaspoons icing sugar mixture  

*Method:*  
1. Preheat oven to moderately slow. Stir honey and the water in small saucepan over low heat until honey melts.  
2. Cut crusts from bread; discard crusts. Halve slices diagonally brush both sides of bread with honey mixture. Layer bread, apple and fig, overlapping pieces slightly, in lightly greased shallow rectangular 1.25-litre (5 cup) ovenproof dish.  
3. Whisk milk, eggs and sugar together in medium bowl; strain into large jug, skimming and discarding any foam. Pour half the milk mixture over the bread; stand 5 minutes. Pour over remaining milk mixture; sprinkle with cinnamon.  
4. Place dish in large baking dish; add enough boiling water to come halfway up sides of dish. Bake pudding, uncovered, in moderately slow oven about 45 minutes or until top is browned lightly and pudding is set. Dust with sifted icing sugar before serving.  

Serves 4  
Tip: Remove pudding from water bath immediately after cooking to prevent it from overcooking and becoming tough.  
*Recipe from Good Food Fast - Women’s Weekly*
Bealiba Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10am-11am in the Primary School
Bealiba Progress Assoc. meetings, second Tuesday each month, 7.30pm, Bealiba Hall

Bealiba Hall Bingo, 1.30pm in the Hall, second Monday monthly
Community bus—Every Friday to Maryborough and back. Phone RTC 5468 1205

Dunolly Community Garden 3-5pm Wednesdays at the Pre-school
Dunolly CWA, first Wednesday of the month, RSL Hall, 1.30pm

Dunolly Day Support, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.30am—2.30pm. Phone 5468 2907
Dunolly Dist Aux. at the Hospital Day Room first Monday of the month at 10.00am

Dunolly Field and Game meeting, first Thursday each month 7.30pm, 147 Broadway,
Dunolly Fire Brigade meeting, first Monday of each month at the Fire Station at 7.30pm

Dunolly Main Street Market, second Sunday monthly 8.00am—1.00pm
Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch meeting, third Wednesday monthly, 10.30am at the Bakery

Dunolly Supported Playgroup meets Wednesday, 9.30am—11.30am at the Dunolly Preschool
Dunolly & District Probus Club meeting third Thursday monthly, 10.00am Senior Citizens Hall

Dunolly Museum meeting, 2.00pm, third Monday monthly, 75 Broadway, Dunolly
Dunolly St George Lodge, fourth Saturday monthly

Dunolly Town Hall/Court House C’ttee, fourth Tuesday monthly 3.30pm, Town Hall
Dunolly Traders meeting, first Tuesday monthly, 5.30pm in the Town Hall
Dunolly Unit of VicSES meet 6.30pm third Tuesday monthly, training every other Tuesday, 7pm

Dunolly Uniting Church Messy Church fourth Wednesday of the month 4.30pm-6pm
Eddington Golf Club Members Day, fourth Sunday of the month

Eddington Golf Club Ladies Day 1.30pm every Wednesday
Eddington Miniature steam train rides, 1.00pm, fourth Sunday each month

Golden Triangle Archers meet second Sunday monthly, 10.00am behind Deledio Reserve
Mobile library every Thursday, 2.00pm—5.00pm outside the Dunolly Town Hall

Newbridge CWA meeting, third Tuesday monthly at 1.30pm, Newbridge Hall
Old Time Dancing, Mondays, 7.30pm, Anglican Hall, Barkly St Dunolly

RSL meeting last Friday every month, 12.30pm in the RSL Hall, Dunolly
Senior Citizens carpet bowls, every Monday 1.30pm
Senior Citizens cards, every Tuesday 1.30pm
Senior Citizens luncheon, third Wednesday monthly, 12.30pm

Talbot Farmers Market, third Sunday monthly, 9.00am—1.00pm
Tarnagulla Playgroup every Thursday, 10.30am to 12 noon, behind the Hall

Tarnagulla & Dist. Historical Soc. Meeting second Monday monthly, 7.30pm at the Golf Club
Tarnagulla Action Group meeting, third Monday monthly, 7.30pm at the Golf Club

Welcome Record Committee meeting 2.00pm second Monday monthly in the office

APRIL
MONDAY 29
Garden Club 1pm Neighbourhood Centre

MAY
FRIDAY 17
Blokes Night Out Uniting Church 6pm

THURSDAY 23
Cup of Tea for Cancer Op-shop 10am

JUNE
SATURDAY 22
CWA Craft Day

WEDNESDAY 26
Christmas in June at St John’s
DUNOLLY COMMUNITY GARDEN FRUIT TREE ORDER FORM

Dunolly Community Garden is taking orders for potted citrus trees and bare rooted fruit trees. Most trees are grafted and 1.8 metres tall. Orders and money must be in by Sunday, 26th of May and trees will be available for pick up from the community garden on Sunday, 7th of July. 26th of May the Dunolly Community Garden will be having pizza and a garden tour from 1.00 to 4.00 pm. Please contact Lisa Mahon on 5468 1784 for any queries

| EMAIL: | ADDRESS: |
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Where a variety is out of stock: No substitutes wanted

: Substitute a similar variety

FRUIT TREE VARITIES AVAILABLE 2012

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<td>Strong upright tree, large nut, sweet with a soft shell, ripens mid to late February. Pollinated by Chellaston &amp; Johnston Prolific.</td>
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<td><strong>Californian Papershell</strong></td>
<td>Heritage variety from California (1879), also called 'Nonpareil'. Short, plump nut with soft papershell. Tends to be poorly sealed making it prone to insects and fungus in bad weather conditions. Good flavour, consistently productive. Ripens late Feb to early March. Pollinated by Ne Plus Ultra.</td>
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<td><strong>Chellsaton</strong></td>
<td>Smooth, shiny, soft shell, medium sized good flavoured nut, consistent cropper, ripens March. Pollinated by Brandes Jordan &amp; Johnston Prolific.</td>
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<td><strong>IXL</strong></td>
<td>Nuts are large, buff to light brown, hulls separate easily from the nuts. Kernels are large and flat with a rough sand-paper like surface. Pollinated by Ne Plus Ultra, Mission, Californian Papershell and Johnstons Prolific</td>
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<td><strong>Ne Plus Ultra</strong></td>
<td>Heritage variety from California (1879). Large plump kernels, heavy cropper. Ripen early to mid March. Pollinated by Californian Papershell.</td>
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<td><strong>Self Pollinating Almond</strong></td>
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<td>Ripens early March in Harcourt. Prized English eating variety. Medium sized apple, yellowish skin flushed orange with faint stripes and russetting. Tender, crisp yellow flesh, very sweet and juicy, slightly subacid, aromatic, great flavour. Apparently you can hear the seeds rattle when they're ripe. Pollinised by Granny Smith.</td>
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<td><strong>Fuji</strong></td>
<td>Ripens late March to early April in Harcourt. Fujis originally come from Japan but very popular in Australia. Dusky pink skin over a green background, very firm, crisp flesh. Fujis have a distinctive, deeply sweet flavour with very little acid. Pollinised by Gala and Granny Smith.</td>
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<td>Gala</td>
<td>Ripens in February. Lovely early season apple, skin is orange to pink and stripey. Flesh is sweet and crisp, creamy yellow in colour. Stores well in cold storage for a few months but can lose its internal quality after this. Pollinised by Granny Smith and Fuji.</td>
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<td>Golden Delicious</td>
<td>Ripens in March in Harcourt. An old American variety dating from the late 1800s. A pale green apple that turns to yellow when ripe, and bright yellow when overripe. Absolutely delicious when eaten in season, very sweet with light acid. Goldens should not be stored too long as they have a tendency to softness. Pollinised by Granny Smith.</td>
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<td>Granny Smith</td>
<td>Ripens April in Harcourt. Almost universal polliniser, so a very useful addition to any garden with other apple trees. Rich green apple bred in Australia in the mid-1800s. From medium to very large. Crisp white juicy flesh. Best known as a cooking apple though also eaten by many people who prefer a tart apple. Turn to mush when cooked. Grannies become quite sweet when left on the tree beyond their optimal harvest date. Store extremely well in cool storage, but also store well at home due to their naturally greasy skin. Pollinised by Gala, Red Delicious, Jonathon or Golden Delicious.</td>
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<td>Johnathon</td>
<td>Ripens March in Harcourt. An old American variety developed in the early 19th century. A great favourite with those who know them due to their great flavour which is both sweet and tart. No longer a popular commercial variety as it doesn’t store well, but a beautiful apple to eat off the tree. Bright red, slightly tough skin with occasional russet. Flesh is white with a green tinge. Pollinised by Gala, Granny Smith &amp; Red Delicious.</td>
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<td>Pink Lady</td>
<td>Ripens May in Harcourt. Developed in Australia in the late 1970s. Medium sized bright pink apples with a pale yellow background colour. Lovely sweet flavour with sprightly acid finish. Creamy white flesh, very juicy. Need to be picked before overripe on the tree to preserve juiciness and firm flesh. Pollinised by Granny Smith, Gala and Fuji.</td>
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<td>Castlebrite</td>
<td>American variety from the 1970s. Early apricot, orange skin with sight red blush. Good eating, sweet &amp; not too acid, stones have some adherence. Productive, good cropper, fruit hangs well. Apricots generally need frost protection, especially at blossom. Firm texture. Ripens late November or early December in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Divinity</td>
<td>Australian variety dating from late 1950s. Small to medium-sized fruit, good apricot colour with some red blush. Can be susceptible to cracking and shot hole. Good sweet flavour with a slightly acid skin, clingstone. Pollinated by Moorpark. Ripens about 2 weeks before Trevatt. These are smaller, one-year-old trees, ranging in height from 0.4 m to 1.0 m depending on variety.</td>
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<td>Moorpork</td>
<td>Heritage variety (UK, 1668). Late season, medium orange skin, can be soft at the tip. Can ripen unevenly which can extend the season for the home orchardist. Soft orange flesh, beautiful rich apricot flavour, sweet even when only lightly coloured as fruit ripens from the inside out. Freestone, an old favourite for jam but can be a bit too soft to bottle whole. Ripens mid to late January in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Patterson</td>
<td>Bred in California in the 1960’s as a canning apricot, but good multipurpose fruit with reasonable flavour. Medium to large fruit with firm flesh, holds shape and colour well when bottled. Ripens mid to late December. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Plumcot</td>
<td>Cross between apricot and plum. Ripens late January to early February.</td>
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<td>Tilton</td>
<td>Late season heritage apricot developed in California (1885). Light apricot colour, juicy with good flavour if ripened on the tree. clingstone so not the best variety for bottling. Ripens late January. Self-fertile. Can withstand hot summers. Regular cropper in high chill areas</td>
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<td>Trevatt</td>
<td>Heritage variety dating from 1900s in Mildura. Medium to large round fruit, pale orange skin with deep orange flesh. Very sweet even when slightly unripe. Tendency to softness inside and can go mushy if left too long on the tree, so best picked just ripe. Slight tendency to freckle. Versatile, good for eating, jam, and bottling. Ripens early to mid-January. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Burgsdorf</td>
<td>Red to dark red when really ripe, tend to be small, medium firm. Lovely mild flavour. They hang extremely well and continue to darken and intensify in flavour for a couple of weeks. Reliable cropper. Ripen mid-November in Harcourt. Pollinated by Supreme, Ron’s Seedling.</td>
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<td>Lambert</td>
<td>Red, tend to be large, medium firm. Heart shaped, good flavour. Fruit falls off stems easily. A bit prone to cracking. Ripens late December to early January. Pollinated by Sam.</td>
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<td>Multigraft- Lapins and Bing</td>
<td>Lapins are a large heart-shaped cherry. Best picked when dark red, Lapins are very juicy with firm flesh and good flavour. A great split-resistant cherry. Ripens late December to early January. Bing ripens about one week earlier, has good flavour and sets heavy crops</td>
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<td>Stella</td>
<td>A medium to large dark red cherry. It’s a heart-shaped cherry which ripens later in the season, in good time for Christmas (mid to late December). Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Van</td>
<td>Medium to large, though a tendency to overcrop can reduce fruit size some years. Slightly flattened shape, nice firm consistency. Excellent flavour, very sweet. Ripens mid to late December. Pollinated by Early Burlat, Rainier, Bing, Sunburst.</td>
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<td>Heritage white-flesh nectarine, tender sweet fruit and a good bearer. Ripens mid January in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Fairlane</td>
<td>Late season yellow nectarine, can be very large. Clingstone, with fairly tough red skin over a mottled yellow background. Firm, sweet flesh with coarse texture and well developed flavour. Ripens late February to mid March in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Fantasia</td>
<td>Medium to large yellow flesh nectarine. Bright red skin with bright yellow background. Terrific flavour, firm and sweet freestone (which makes it great for cooking), but not so good for bottling whole because flesh tends to lose shape when cooked. One of our favourite nectarines. Ripens early to mid February in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Firebrite</td>
<td>American variety dating from the 1970s, medium to large. Yellow flesh, freestone. Ripens mid to late January. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Flavortop</td>
<td>Early yellow flesh nectarine. Red skin with tendency to russet. Sweet, good flavour, freestone. Ripens early to mid January in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Goldmine</td>
<td>Mid season heritage white flesh nectarine. Pinky red skin with white background. These nectarines taste magnificent but are not robust, having thin skin and easily bruised flesh. Sweet and juicy when ripened on the tree but don't ripen well if picked green. The crop ripens over a period of 2-3 weeks, mid-late February in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Peacharine</td>
<td>Cross between a peach and a nectarine. Ripens late January.</td>
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| Preston Prolific | Ripens Late Feb - mid March. | $22 |
| BAY TREE | Perennial, bushy tree, can grow up to 3-5 m tall. Nursery trees are approx 1.2. Slow growing at first, become more vigorous as they get older. | $22 |
| FEIJOA | Also called pineapple guava, 1.2 m tall tree | $22 |
| POMEGRANATE |  |
| PEACHES |  |
| Albatross | Early white peach, ripens late December, self-fertile. | $22 |
| Anzac | Old fashioned white flesh peach, very juicy with good flavour, ripens late December to early January. Good cropper, fruit can be small so needs thinning. Self-fertile. | $22 |
| Bendigo Beauty | Heritage white peach, ripens mid-January, self-fertile. | $22 |
| Briggs Red May | Early season white fleshed peach. Heritage variety, freestone, rich white flesh, sweet and juicy. One of the best early peach varieties. Ripens early January in Harcourt. Self-fertile. | $22 |
| Wiggins | An older variety of white peach pale pink/green skin tones, clingstone. Ripens early February. Self-fertile. | $22 |
| Coronet | Ripens early January, self-fertile. Medium to large yellow flesh peaches, skin is mostly red with yellow background. Good flavour, sweet and slightly acid. Freestone. | $22 |
| Elberta | A large, yellow fleshed freestone peach with excellent eating qualities. Used for fresh fruit, juice, drying and stewing. Ripens February in Harcourt. Self-fertile. | $22 |</p>
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<td>Medium to large fruit, reddish skin over yellow background, not very hairy. Freestone, good flavour, quite sweet. Prone to splitstone under drought conditions. Ripens early to mid-January in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>O’Henry</td>
<td>Large, red blush over dark yellow ground colour. Tough skin, rich yellow flesh. Very sweet, aromatic. Freestone. Lends itself to poaching and other rich peach desserts. Ripens early to mid-March, self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Golden Queen</td>
<td>Well known heritage variety of clingstone from New Zealand. Medium-sized fruit, deep orange skin and firm deep orange flesh. Sweet, excellent for bottling, eating, stewing. Ripens mid-late March in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Red haven</td>
<td>Yellow freestone peach, good flavour, matures mid-late January. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Tatura 204 (cling peach)</td>
<td>Early season clingstone from Tatura, Victoria. Medium-sized fruit, deep orange skin and firm deep orange flesh. Sweet, excellent for bottling, eating, stewing. Ripens late Jan-early Feb in Harcourt. Self-fertile.</td>
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<td>Beurre Bosc</td>
<td>A brown pear originating in Europe in the early 1800s and commonly grown throughout the world. Very sweet flavour with a characteristic slightly grainy texture. Ripens mid March in Harcourt. Pollinated by Williams, Winter Nelis, and 20th Century Nashi.</td>
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<td>Corella</td>
<td>Ripens mid to late March in Harcourt. A small to medium-sized Australian variety, Corella is an attractive piece of fruit having a red blush over a green background. Flesh is of good texture and has good fragrance and flavour, but best ripened off the tree. Pollination unknown.</td>
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<td>Josephine</td>
<td>A mid-season European pear with greenish-yellow skin. Flesh texture is good, as is the flavour. Ripens late March in Harcourt, pollinated by Packham, Winter Cole, and Winter Nelis.</td>
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<td>Multi graft- Josephine and Packham</td>
<td>An excellent way to get two pears in a small space, these varieties pollinise each other. Both are green varieties of pear that become juicy and yellow on ripening. Josephine ripen about 3 weeks after Packham.</td>
<td>$28</td>
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<td>An excellent way to get two pears in a small space, these varieties pollinise each other.</td>
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<td>Nashi</td>
<td>Also called Nijisseiki. Round, medium-sized nashi with mild flavour. Creamy white and very juicy flesh. Ripens late February in Harcourt, pollinated by Williams.</td>
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<td>Packham</td>
<td>Ripens February in Harcourt. Originating in NSW and dating to the early 1900s, Packhams are a good all-round pear. Medium to large size, pale yellow when ripe, firm white flesh and good flavour. Best picked green and chilled before ripening, to prevent flouriness. Pollinated by Josephine and Winter Nelis.</td>
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<td>William bon Cretian</td>
<td>Ripens early February in Harcourt. Developed in England about 200 years ago. A medium to large pear. Pale green skin lightens to yellow on ripening. Very sweet flavour with a firm, fine-grained flesh. One of the most widely grown pears, used for both eating fresh and canning. Pollinated by Beurre Bosc, Winter Nelis, and 20th Century Nashi.</td>
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<td>Winter Cole</td>
<td>Developed in Victoria in the late 19th century, Winter Cole is a small to medium-sized pear which ripens late in the season, and can be left to ripen on the tree very successfully. Texture a little like a nashi. Ripens early April in Harcourt. Pollinated by Williams and Beurre Bosc.</td>
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<td>Winter Nelis</td>
<td>A small brown, roundish pear originating from Europe. Fully russetted. The flesh is smooth and juicy and very sweet, can ripen on the tree. Pollinised by Packham, Winter Cole and Josephine.</td>
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Damson  Smallish roundish plum, dark purple, very sour but much prized for jam. Pollinated by any other European plum that flowers at the same time. $22  
Elephant Heart  Japanese blood plum, large heart shaped, purple red blood plum with a genuinely distinctive flavour, a bit like a cherry. Lovely juicy plum, ripens over a long period, pollinated by Mariposa. $22  
Mariposa  Japanese blood plum, good size, regular cropper. Very good flavour, keeps well. Reddish green skin, dark red flesh with clear to pink juice. Soft when ripe, lovely sweet flavour. Semi-freestone, makes beautiful jam or plum sauce. $22  
Ruby Blood  Japanese blood plum, good size, regular cropper. Very good flavour, keeps well. Reddish green skin, dark red flesh with clear to pink juice. Soft when ripe, lovely sweet flavour. Semi-freestone, makes beautiful jam or plum sauce. $22  
Santa Rosa  Japanese blood plum, small to medium. Dark red to purple mottled skin prone to blemish, firm dark red juicy flesh. Freestone, tends to be a shy cropper, slightly acid skin. Ripens late March in Harcourt. Pollinated by other Japanese plums including Mariposa. $22  
Satsuma  Heritage Californian variety (early 1900s). Medium sized fruit with dark crimson skin, yellow flesh. Good flavour, some tartness near skin. Can be slightly bitter around stone. Ripens early to mid January. Partially self-fertile, and pollinated by Narrabeen, Mariposa. $22  
Wickson  A large, heart-shaped, greenish yellow fruit that is firm and very sweet. It is very popular for fresh eating. Ripens mid to late February. Pollination unknown, but probably pollinated by other Japanese plums. $22  

TOTAL
Switched on to savings
A free barbecue and information session at Newbridge this Saturday, 11 May will celebrate the completion of a remarkable community project. Seven public halls in Loddon Shire have wiped out their electricity bills with a joint effort to install 90 solar panels between them. Carried out under the Shire’s Community Planning Program, it’s the first time a group of hall committees has come together for a development of this type. Not only do they no longer pay for power, but the committees can happily look forward to cost savings which can contribute to their running and maintenance costs and support other projects in the future.

The halls involved are in Arnold, Laanecoorie, Woodstock, Eddington, Bridgewater and Newbridge, plus the Tarnagulla Community Centre. The idea for the $44,000 upgrade came from Arnold resident Mary-Ann Scull, secretary of the local hall committee and a member of the Newbridge and District Community Planning Group.

“The idea of the evening is to bring all the communities together to discuss how things are working,” Mary-Ann says.

Guest speaker at the meeting will be Michael Reeves, from Elphinstone, owner of Goldfields Home Energy Assessment Services and a partner in Alchemy Living and Learning, the consultant currently working with Council to shape the Shire’s Sustainability Strategy for 2013/18.

“I will be bringing a presentation designed to introduce people to solar systems – how they work, types of panels, power yields, siting and more,” Michael says.

“The installer involved in the project, True Value Solar, will also be there with information on the costs of their various systems.”

The barbecue, which has been funded by Council, starts at 6pm at the Newbridge Hall. For more details on the evening, please phone Mary-Ann on 5438 7304.

Newbridge celebrates
Yesterday’s official opening of the new multi-purpose pavilion at Newbridge was a wonderful occasion, celebrating a town’s triumph over the awful aftermath of the devastating floods of January 2011. The short ceremony – led by Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty – highlighted the combined efforts of government, Council and the people of Newbridge in rebuilding the facilities they had lost.

I was privileged to be part of the official party, alongside football club president Ron Trimble and Council chief executive officer John McLinden. MLC for Northern Victoria Region Damian Drum was also there.

We sincerely thank the Victorian Government, which, through its Flood Recovery for Community Infrastructure Fund, approved funding of $2,275,619 for the project. Council provided $100,000 from its Community Planning budget and a further $453,000 from its insurance claim over the facilities, as well as contributing significantly to project management.

The Newbridge Football Netball Club, in conjunction with the reserve’s committee of management and local residents, put in countless hours cleaning up the site and establishing temporary facilities. The local community’s input involved a total cash contribution of almost $170,000 in cash and in-kind labour, and materials valued at more than $175,000.

Funding news a boost
Three generous funding announcements from the Victorian Government over the past fortnight have given Loddon Shire a major boost. Member for Swan Hill Peter Walsh visited Inglewood and Wedderburn to give us the good news. With $400,000 for the Inglewood town hall and community hub, $198,000 to help create the new Inglewood industrial estate and $500,000 towards the Wedderburn streetscape improvement, some major projects have received a big green light!

We are most grateful to the government for its support and thank the Council staff and community members who have invested a great deal of energy and time into seeing these projects go forward.

The restoration effort at the town hall will be the first stage in a $2 million redevelopment which will also see the construction of a three-tier extension encompassing training rooms, toilets, community centre facilities and business space, plus an upgrade to the kitchen facilities. Council will contribute another $500,000 from its strategic planning fund, while the local Bendigo Bank community branch is putting in $100,000.

The $1.5 million Wedderburn streetscape project will focus on the redevelopment of Wedderburn’s entries and intersections along the Calder Highway within the town boundaries. It will include beautification works such as tree planting, signage, footpath and walkway development and new garden beds.

The government grant towards the development of the first industrial estate in Inglewood will be matched by Council to enable the $397,000 project to go ahead immediately. The two-hectare site, to be made up of five lots of 4000

Continued on next page
square metres, is expected to be completed by mid-2014.

Get your comments in
Council is pushing ahead with work on its Sustainability Strategy for 2013/18 in conjunction with Daylesford consultant Alchemy Living and Learning. An online survey designed to gather residents’ opinions has now closed after a strong response, but paper copies of the survey should be returned as soon as possible if they are to be considered. The consultant asks that these be posted back this week to the address given on the form.

Old stories retold
Peep into the past: that’s the invitation from the East Loddon and District Historical Society to its next evening of old-time stories about the Campbell’s Forest and Yarraberb areas. Planned for Campbell’s Forest Hall this Thursday (9 May), the event will see John Forbes interviewing guests Marj Broadbent, Ian Cattanach, Fred Shea and Don Wilson. Doors open at 7.30pm and entry is $5. For more details, phone secretary Elizabeth McGauchie on 5436 8371.

On their toes
Two local hospitals have special events coming up this week – one for dialogue, one for dancing. The Inglewood and District Health Service is holding its annual “Goal Setting Days” to gather ideas from residents of the southern part of the Shire on what the service’s priorities should be over the next 12 months.

The opening session will be held at Inglewood on Wednesday, 8 May from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. On Thursday, there are three meetings – at Korong Vale from 10am to noon, Wedderburn from 2pm to 4pm and Tarnagulla from 6pm to 8pm. For more details, or to RSVP, phone Isabell Marshall on 5431 7000.

On Friday, 10 May, from 6:30pm, the second Boort District Health Debutante Ball will be held at the Boort Memorial Hall. Entry charge of $15 for adults ($10 students and concession) includes the presentation, dancing and supper. Guest speaker this year is the service’s new chief executive officer, Vikki Poxon. For more details, phone Boort District Health on 5451 5200.

Cr Geoff Curnow

QUOTE
I don’t believe in just ordering people to do things. You have to sort of grab an oar and row with them.

Harold Green

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24 May
Something for Kate at The Theatre Royal, Castlemaine.

26 May
Fund raiser gig at the Rifle Brigade Hotel in Bendigo. Starts around lunchtime. Oozin Blues at 3.30pm.

1 June
The Bon Scott Story at The Theatre Royal, Castlemaine.

8 June
Oozin Blues at The St Andrews Hotel Melbourne
Wild Turkey at The Royal Dunolly.

9 June
Oozin Blues at The Railway Hotel Dunolly
For any gig updates please email jan@capindustries.com.au

Jan Stephenson

SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT WORKS
Coliban Water will be replacing two sections of sewer main which have been subject to repeated bursts during the past 12 months. Approximately 800 metres of sewer main will be replaced in total. There will be no impact to services as a result of these works. All town sewage is collected at the Thompson Street Sewer Pump Station and then travels along this sewer main to the Dunolly Water Reclamation Plant.

To ensure the system continues to operate effectively and with no interruption to customers, we will be by-passing this pump station and using suction trucks to transfer sewage to the Water Reclamation Plant. You may notice a number of trucks in the area as a result, but we will be keeping their operation to a minimum and between the hours of 7.30am – 5.30pm on weekdays.

Traffic management will be in place along Thompson Street and the Dunolly-Timor Road during the project to coordinate the movement of the trucks and construction works in the road reserve.

We anticipate works to be complete by the end of May 2013. If you have any questions, please contact 1300 363 200.

Coliban Water Media Release

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There are things you can do such as switch stations on your TV during an ad break but you will notice that ads will be on most commercial stations at the same time; Coincidence? Perhaps but it would seem more likely that the stations all bandy together to fit commercials into exact time slots.

YouTube used to be great before advertising began to slowly creep in. You could be watching just the first ten seconds of a YouTube clip then decide it’s not what you wanted so you will switch to a different one and be forced to endure another painful ad. Although most are 5 – 15 seconds long they do seem to be increasing and extra-long clips stop halfway through to bring you another word from our sponsor.

In the case of internet advertising there is something you can do. Adblock is a free download that stops advertising in its tracks. Open Hotmail (now Outlook.com) and you will see the advertisements that normally appear down the right hand side (assuming you are using the free version) have totally disappeared as well as the video ads at the start of YouTube clips. There is of course a small price to pay as your browser will slow down ever so slightly. In the case of a fast internet connection and high end computer you will not notice any difference. Download the free installation of Adblock by doing a web search for Softpedia Adblock. Softpedia is a safe web site for downloading apps and utilities.

As usual I would like to advise people to exercise care in acting on any advice given here. I will not be held responsible for problems arising from having taken said advice, however I can offer free phone support if the need arises.

Paul Nugent,
Maryborough PCs
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Maryborough
0428 963 015
NGTA members are invited to recommend priorities for the group to address over the next year and are always welcome to attend and contribute to our bi-monthly meetings.

Fiona Lindsay, Convenor

BACK TO THE BOW
(PART 2)

In the United States one recent estimate claimed there were 10 million archers; the majority of the hunters! Deer shooting by archers is permitted in some states. (It’s not legal in Australia) Americans developed Field Archery as an organized method of practice for hunting. In international circles they are probably the strongest body competing, but the English do well enough; although there are only about 17,000 Field Archers shooting regularly. (In 1979 archery did not feature in the Olympic Games).

In England the modern sport of Field Archery derives from the original “Roving” and there has been little change in the basic idea of small parties wandering across country seeking targets. A Set-Piece Contest involves shooting round a range of 28 targets (now 25). These vary in size from six inches to two feet marked off for scoring purposes with rings. Some have just an aiming mark in the middle, and targets of silhouettes for animals are used. (Today they are all size animals, even up to the biggest). The distance from which marks are engaged vary from 25 feet to 80 yards, setting a premium on accurate range estimation. Usually each contestant releases four arrows at different distances at each target. (Today only two or three arrows). So that a full round involves a total of 112 shots. (If your bow has a pulling weight of say, 60lbs this equals 10,080lbs for the day).

Over the centuries equipment has changed from the one piece yew long bow, through to the fibre glass laminated bow, to the compound bow. (This is modern engineering). It incorporates a series of pulleys to reduce the holding weight of the bow and develop more power. Such a bow, toned to maximum performance, releases an arrow at a speed of 80 yards a second. The slightest deviation or error on the part of the archer when using a fully toned bow will result in a miss.

Competitions are divided into different classes according to the type of equipment being used. (Continued next week).

If you have any questions about archery or would like to have a go, The Golden Triangle Archers meet on the second Sunday of every month at their range behind the Dunolly Oval at 10am. Phone 5468 1511 or 5468 1003 for details.

Mike Hiley
REDUCING STREET LIGHTING ENERGY & MAINTENANCE COSTS

Sixteen local governments across north, west and central Victoria, have joined forces to develop a combined submission to the Federal Government to upgrade 23,000 streetlights with energy efficient technology, which is expected to save over $40 million in electricity and maintenance costs over the next 20 years.

The Lighting the Regions project is a joint effort between the Central Goldfields, Hepburn, Pyrenees, Loddon, Swan Hill, Gannawarra, Mount Alexander, Greater Bendigo, Buloke, Ararat, Northern Grampians, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Yarriambiack, West Wimmera and Mildura councils; the Central Victoria Greenhouse; and Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliances.

Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance Chair Karen Corr said upgrading streetlights to date has been a challenging process. Lighting the Regions is about local governments taking on this challenge and combining resources to reduce energy costs.

“The proposed project would run over three years and will see streetlight globes and fittings upgraded to new models that require up to 68% less electricity to run.

“For years people across these regions have been replacing lights in their homes with energy efficient bulbs to save money, but every night in streets and parks they see thousands of old, inefficient, street lights switched on.

“We have put forward the strongest case possible for what we believe will be the largest regional street light changeover project in Australian history.

“Street lighting currently costs the region $2.2 million each year in electricity and maintenance. Given increases in energy and maintenance costs, this will increase to $6 million per year by 2032; a total cost of $73.23 million over that period.

“A successful outcome for this application would see reduced costs for these regional and small rural shires in the order of $41 million, freeing up much needed funds for other important infrastructure works.

“The participating local governments cover almost half of Victoria and we are pleased that we have been able to submit an application to the Federal Government through the Community Energy Efficiency Program to assist with funds for this $9 million project,” said Ms Corr. She said the project will provide direct benefits back to our communities, some that have been hard hit by drought, floods and fire over the last ten years.

Councillor Barry Rinaldi, Mayor of Central Goldfields Shire, said the shire is always looking for ways to reduce energy costs to get the best value for ratepayers.

“Participating in the Lighting the Regions project would provide us with an opportunity to change our streetlights and create significant savings that may not have been possible on our own.

“Central Goldfields Shire has approximately 900 streetlights suitable for upgrade which currently incur significant, ongoing electricity and maintenance costs every year.

“This application would fulfil on a key aspect of Council’s street lighting strategy. The regional nature of the application means that we are in a position to achieve the most cost effective outcome possible for our ratepayers.

“Potential savings from a project such as this can expect to save Central Goldfields Shire in the order of $1.2 million over 20 years. These are savings that will directly benefit ratepayers and the broader community and can be used for other local purposes,” said Cr Rinaldi.

Ms Corr said Lighting the Regions is an opportunity to implement a once-in-a-generation change to street lighting that will save local governments significantly, allowing them to provide better, cost effective services to our communities.

“We are looking forward to the application being well received by the Federal Government,” said Ms Corr.

She said a successful Lighting the Regions application will require the sixteen participating local governments to approve and allocate $3 million collectively over three years to implement the project.

CGSC Media Release
NO DRY ARGUMENT WITH FIT TO LOAD RULES

Ensure your stock are fit to load before transporting them to market. With dry conditions throughout much of Victoria, livestock producers are being reminded not to transport any weak stock in poor body condition. Feed across some parts of Victoria is becoming scarce and many farmers will be providing their animals with supplementary feeds.

Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) Animal Health Officer Veronica Campbell said it was important for farmers to seek advice and follow drought feeding guides available for various classes of livestock in order to preserve paddock feed and maintain stock health.

“If farmers are considering selling their stock it is important to make sure that the stock are in a good body condition and are strong enough to travel to ensure that they are not at risk of going down during transport” Miss Campbell said.

“Livestock producers should look at condition scoring animals before sending them on a truck, remembering that some animals such as sheep must be physically checked, as visual inspection can be unreliable.

“Farmers also need to take into account the time that the stock will be kept off feed and water and the distance of the journey,” she said. Livestock that are too weak to travel should be destroyed humanely on farm or professional advice should be sought in order to ascertain how to treat them.”

Fit to Load guides and drought feeding guides are available from Department of Environment and Primary Industries offices across the state. For more information on drought feeding or transport of livestock please contact the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and ask to speak to your local DEPI Animal Health Officer on 136 186.

DEPI Media Release

SAVERPLUS PLANS

Maryborough Community Information has information of a Saverplus Plan to help those on health care cards or pensioners with school age children. The plan was developed by the Brotherhood or St Laurence to help low income families save for school expenses.

The ANZ bank has a Progress Saver account. Families make regular deposits and the Saverplus matches dollar for dollar up to $500. This is a great way to prepare for school bills, also for those starting school next year.

Hilary Hunt, President

BEE KEEPERS MEET TO ‘PACK DOWN’ FOR WINTER MONTHS

Local apiarists recently attended an autumn “pack down” workshop to protect their bees from the colder weather. The Victorian Apiarists’ Association and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) joined together for an autumn “pack down” workshop. The event catered for those with a general interest in beekeeping and for new beekeepers wanting to learn new skills.

Bob McDonald from the Victorian Apiarists’ Association hosted the day at his Castlemaine property.

“There were lots of experienced keepers there who were ready and willing to provide tips and plenty of opportunities for hands-on learning,” Mr McDonald said.

“In addition to the practical knowledge available it was a great social day; beekeeping by its nature can be something of a solitary undertaking, so it’s important to create opportunities where we meet, share ideas and enjoy the fellowship this wonderful industry provides.”

DEPI Senior Apiary Inspector Joe Riordan, who attended the event along with DEPI’s Bendigo-based Apiary Inspector, Daniel Martin, said the gathering underscored the close way in which the department and industry are working together to ensure the health of bee colonies.

“The story underlying the day for me is the remarkable wealth of knowledge and experience in the industry and the way that forms a solid base for the ongoing health of the bee colonies that are so crucial to our agricultural sector and environment — not to mention producing the most wonderful honey,” Mr Riordan said.

“We provided an update on the way beekeepers are taking increasing responsibility for the management of endemic disease. Addressing the challenge of American Foulbrood (AFB) was a particular focus on the day.”

DEPI Media Release
BUILDING NORTHERN NATIVE 
FISHERIES

This project aims to improve fishing opportunities for native fish such as Murray cod and golden perch, through northern Victoria. The three year project is funded by your recreational fishing licence fees and the State Government’s $16 million Recreational Fishing Initiative. The project will improve freshwater access, for boating anglers and those casting a line from the shore, within the Campaspe, Loddon and Gunbower systems.

Better boating access is planned for these locations with more to come:
- Serpentine Bridge (Loddon River)
- Koondrook Track (Gunbower Creek)
- Spences Bridge (Gunbower Creek)
- Caeli Bridge (Murray River)
- Fish Point Bridge (Little Murray River)
- Brooks lane (Murray River)
- Box Creek Bridge (Kow Swamp)

Better land based access for anglers is envisaged within the Campaspe, Gannawarra and Loddon Shires.

Fish stocking

Existing populations of native fish will be boosted by releasing more than 1.2 million extra Murray cod (MC) and golden perch (GP) fingerlings over three years.

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FLOODSAFE WEEK

Victorians are being reminded of the dangers of entering floodwaters as part of FloodSafe Week, an initiative from the Victoria State Emergency Service (SES). Launching the campaign today, Minister for Police and Emergency Services Kim Wells encouraged Victorians to get involved in FloodSafe Week events in their community and plan how to protect themselves against the threat of floods.

"Victoria has experienced nine episodes of major flooding since September 2010, causing some $2 billion in damage," Mr Wells said.

"The number one cause of death, illness and injury during floods is due to people entering floodwater. FloodSafe Week reminds us that many of those losses are completely avoidable."

The 2013 FloodSafe Week campaign, which runs from 6 May to 13 May, focuses on the dangers of entering floodwaters.

The key messages during FloodSafe Week include:
- If you knew what was in it, you wouldn’t go in it;
- Playing in floodwater exposes you to more than the risk of drowning;
- Prepare an emergency kit and formulate an emergency plan; and
- Never swim, play or walk in floodwater.

Mr Wells said, throughout the week, the campaign would highlight the hidden dangers lurking in floodwaters, targeting two distinct audiences – children and young men.

"Playing or swimming in floodwaters is dangerous and is the number one cause of child and teenage deaths during floods. Nearly three-quarters of fatalities in floods involve young men aged 10 to 29," Mr Wells said.

Mr Wells said irresponsible behaviour during floods was often posted on video-sharing sites, raising concerns over the community’s understanding of the dangers of entering floodwater.

"Alarmingly, during the last three major flood events the SES responded to 265 flood rescues, so it’s obvious that our behaviour and attitude to floodwaters needs to change," Mr Wells said.

"Floodwaters can be toxic. They can be filled with broken glass and debris, along with animal waste and industrial chemicals. If you knew what was in it, you wouldn’t go in it."

Mr Wells urged Victorians to remember the dangers of driving, riding or walking through floodwaters and reminded parents that floodwaters were not a safe place for children.

Police and Emergency Service Media Release
NO MORE A PRODIGAL
A patch of blue above my head, beyond the towering trees,
The brown and green beneath my feet; the birds, the frogs, the bees.
Perhaps this doesn’t seem so great; these things are seen each day,
I know, I’ve seen these sights so oft’, when I’ve been far away!
But they were different then, you know, and though they still were nice,
In far off places I’d look once, but hardly ever twice.

However, I am home again, no more (I hope) to stray,
Beyond the shores of this dear land, I’m back and here I’ll stay!
So join me as I look around, forgive my misty eyes,
For here I find the nearest I can get to paradise.
Of course the sky is different, a brighter shade of blue,
Even the frogs croak happier, the birds sound better too.
The timid duck-bill platypus, the pink and grey galah,
Our graceful wedge-tailed eagle, so near and yet so far.
They’re free! And so is this great land or ours. So now, with flair
Let us declare forever more, “Advance Australia Fair”.

John O’Brien

MY MUM
I’m so glad it’s Mothers’ Day
There’s so much I want to say
To you my Mum my very best friend
Someone on whom I can always depend.

I love you Mum so very much
I love your soft and gentle touch
I love it when you smile at me
That’s how I like it to be.

You always dress me real cool
And very modern as a rule
You feed me my tea every day
My only wish is you could stay.

We go for lots of walks together
Especially in the nice sunny weather
I love the feel of the wind in my hair
And also just having you there.

You tell me lots of little jokes
Not like the ones told by the blokes
You paint my fingernails a nice bright pink
You are terrific that’s what I think.

To all out there who have a mother
 Spoil her as there won’t be another
And thank you Mum for all you do
And for the love you give me too.

Elizabeth Rickards

SPARROWS
They do not soar majestically, like eagles on the breeze,
Or whistle like canaries in their cages, or in trees.
I haven’t heard one talking like a parrot, ceaselessly,
And they never cackle like the chooks that lay the eggs for me,
But they can rob the fowl house of expensive poultry food,
Then fly right through the chicken wire when e’re they’re in the mood,
They’re sparrows, but there’s one that won’t annoy me anymore,
For the cat looks so contented at the feathers by the door.

John O’Brien

WORD PYRAMID
1. Solve the word pyramid—18
--- Morning dampness (3)
----- Dong, Dell (4)
------- Broadway musical (5)
--------- University (var) (6)

2. Unscramble the 18 letters to reveal:
Lady Luck smiles here (7,11)

Solution to last week’s puzzle:
1. YA/LIL/FILE/TOGAS
2. LIFE IS ALL YA GOT
FOR SALE
Ten wooden pallets large termite proofed $5 or near offer. Phone 5468 7232.

NOVELTY BAND-AIDS FOR KIDS WITH CANCER
On behalf of the KOALA KIDS Foundation Caryl & I would like to take the opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of those who donated the 2000 Novelty Band-Aids.
A very special thanks to Karen, Anthony, Mumsie and the Staff of the Royal Hotel for collecting Band–Aids and the generous donations from the Karaoke night.
We will continue to collect donations which can be made to the Caravan Park or The Royal Hotel. Thanks again to all.
Peter and Caryl Mcfadden

FOR SALE
Large bird cage 6 feet high, 5 feet wide, 4 feet deep. Steel frame. $50. Please phone 5468 1352.

MISSING
Would the person or persons who inadvertently removed or borrowed:
One set of metal kitchen steps(2 steps).
Three wooden chopping boards (as new).
One extension lead and 2 bottles of cleaning fluid, from the Senior Citizens kitchen please return as soon as possible.
Joan Watts President.

DUNOLLY COMMUNITY GARDEN
Are having their ‘Pizza Day’ Come to the Dunolly Community Garden on Sunday, 26 May at 1pm to 4pm. We will be making pizzas, bring a topping to add and have a walk around the garden.
Everyone is welcome. The garden is at 94 Maude Street Dunolly.

THANK YOU
To everyone who has offered support and assistance during my recent illness. I greatly appreciated your concern. I discovered in the pamphlet from the chemist that for those who are over 50 years and who have had chicken pox, that there is a vaccine for shingles. I recommend you see your doctor and ask about it. MDC

MARYBOROUGH COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE
Motor Neurone Disease week is on 6-10th May. Publications on this difficult and terminal disease are available from the centre. If diagnosed promptly tablets can hold back the symptoms for a longer period. Hours of operation at the centre 9-3 30pm.
Hilary Hunt President/Co-ordinator.

CARBOOT SALE
The monthly community Car-boot Sale will be held in the Dunolly Uniting Church grounds on Saturday, 11 May commencing at 8.00am. Stalls $2. Sausage sizzle, community cake and produce stall. The Op-Shop is also open. The hosts are the Dunolly Anglican Church.

BLOKES NIGHT OUT
The next ‘Blokes Night Out’ will be held in the Dunolly Uniting Church on Friday, 17 May commencing at 6pm. The guest speaker this month is Doug Small who has recently retired to Dunolly and will speak on his time in Thailand. Barbeque tea, fellowship, all men are welcome RSVP 13 May Jim McKenzie 5468 7246, Heiner Bauch 5461 2579.

LATE HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HILDA PARKER
To our wonderful Mum, Nan and Great Nan hoping you had a very Happy 88th Birthday. Thank you for being the Best Mum ever. All our love always. From Charles, Raymond, Keith, Daryl Margaret, Barry and Families.

PAINTER
TRENFIELD COATINGS
Call 0401 795 913 or j.trenfield@hotmail.com

DUNOLLY FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB
MINILOTTO
Friday’s lucky numbers were: 4, 5, 12, 13, 15
Jackpot is now $500.
Select 5 numbers out of 20. Be in it to win it Mini lotto is drawn at the Dunolly Bowls Club.
STATE PAIRS BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP
Dunolly Bowling Club members, Greg Dobbin and Keith Howard achieved runners up in the State Pairs Championship last Wednesday, 17 April at Bendigo. Our congratulations to them for an excellent performance and achievement. The Dunolly Bowling Club is proud of their success and it reflects the spirit and high standards of the Club. Well done Greg and Keith.

MID WEEK COMPETITION
Once again good representation from many clubs saw four 3 game winners last Wednesday, 17 April.

The event was the final for this season and was kindly sponsored by Maryborough Golf Club. Our thanks to all supporters, sponsors and to the Welcome Record and Maryborough Advertiser for the kind support throughout the season.

This event was won by team skipped by Brian (Nipper) Dowling from Inglewood; Runners up were team skipped by Bill Mennon of MHS.

Congratulations to the winners and all participants.

CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT
At the Club dinner and presentation night trophies for the season were presented:

Ladies Club Champion
- Jenny McHugh
- R/up Loretta Parker

B Grade Champion
- Marilyn Mortlock,

President’s Trophy
- Jenny McHugh

Handicap Singles
- Val Mortlock

Club Pairs
- Stella Deason, Marian Webb.

Club Triples
- Loretta Parker, Mavis Shay, Eunice Milley,

Champion Pairs
- Marg Davies, Loretta Parker.

Men’s Winners
Club Champion
- Greg Dobbin

B Grade
- Paul Chase

President’s Trophy
- Keith McKenzie

Club Pairs
- Greg Dobbin, Keith Howard,

Handicap Pairs
- Jim Haigh, Geoff Davies,

Handicap Singles
- Greg Dobbin.

Tim Farmer won the coloured bowls raffle.

John Christie the Dunolly Bowling Club

CFA – VFBV (VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADES VICTORIA) STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT WERRIBEE PARK
On the 6 April, Dunolly Fire Brigade Senior A and B teams participated in the 57th Senior State Championship. The A team were in the B Division and the B team in the C Division.

Congratulations to the Dunolly B team who placed first in the Low Down Pump and Ladder event, First in the Wet Hose and Ladder and third in the Tanker – Drawing Water from Tank event gaining them overall runner up aggregate points and coming home with a trophy.

The A team were very competitive with clear runs throughout the six events.

Sunday, 7 April saw the junior teams participate in the 35th Junior State Championship at the same venue. Dunolly had one team in the 11-13 age groups and one team in the 11-15 age groups. Both teams conducted themselves exceptionally well displaying great sportsmanship and enjoyed themselves during the weekend.

Special mention for Stephany Renfrew, who is to be commended for running with the Raywood 11-15 teams, enabling them to form a team to participate in the championships. Well done Stephany, the Raywood team really appreciated your help.

Maree Gale

DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Last Saturday a stroke competition was played. Winners for the Dunolly Quality Meats vouchers and other great prizes were:

NTP
- 5th Jamie Polinelli
- 13th Craig Bellenger
- 16th Arthur Deason

Ladies
- Linda Pickering 84 -30 -54

Men
- Arthur Deason 88-25-63

This Saturday sees the ladies play for the Monthly Brooch whilst the men play for the Monthly Medal. This day is sponsored by The Maryborough Highland Society throughout the year. Remember the 12.30pm hit off.

JP
**CROSSWORD NO 114**
*Supplied courtesy: Puzzle People, Mentone*

**ACROSS**
2 Teeth filling mixture  
6 Santa's laugh (2,2)  
8 Movie part  
9 Blood-sucking insects  
10 Timid rodents  
11 Secreted  
13 Victory sign  
16 Lengthen  
19 Permanent fitting  
20 Tried out  
21 Restricted  
24 Infectious disease  
26 Dairy food  
27 Quick curtsey  
29 Marry  
31 Land measure  
32 Car for hire  
33 Former West Germany capital  
34 Naked  
35 Melodious

**DOWN**
1 Golly!  
3 Breathtaking  
4 Cavorts  
5 Floating ice sheet  
7 Not young  
8 Gun engine  
12 Wild goat  
14 Member of the gentry  
15 Lucerne  
16 Chickens and Turkeys, e.g.  
17 Wet weather shoe  
18 Fire ......  
22 Not stereo  
23 World War 1 Aussie soldiers  
24 Astringent  
25 Brink  
27 Novel  
28 Forbid  
29 Triumph  
30 Mums and ....

*Solution to Crossword No 113*

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A M T A R B E L V A I N G E E C R E D I T U S K
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