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GOLD, GOLD, GOLD



A remarkable discovery in Victoria's Golden Triangle has seen the return of a familiar catch-cry - "gold"!

The unearthing of a 145 ounce nugget, valued at over \$250,000, which was discovered by a local hobby prospector in the south of the Golden Triangle has both professional and hobby prospectors rushing back to the area.

Prospectors and Miners Association of Victoria Central Branch president Bill Schulz said the discovery is not only life-changing for the finder, but is also set to give a boost to the local community.

"It'll create a big interest in gold prospecting," he said. "You could go out in the goldfields this weekend and next weekend with a coffee machine and a hotdog cart and you'd make a fortune," Mr Schulz said.

The precise location the nugget was unearthed is being kept secret for now, something Mr Schulz believes will benefit the entire community.

"When the area hasn't been declared publically, it benefits the entire triangle area because people scatter around it. He said.

Mr Schulz's prediction looks to be on the money with local businesses already experiencing a surge.

Coiltek sales assist Ed Derecki said the discovery had seen a fresh wave of interest in prospecting take the area.

"The phone has been ringing hot with people wanting to know more information about where the nugget was found," he said. "Whenever a big nugget is found we see a surge in business. Already we're seeing a lot of people buying machines and people out there looking for gold. "It's great for business and it'll bring a lot of tourism, especially with school holidays coming up. We're expecting to see a surge in business". Mr Derecki said.

The find is incredibly rare for a number of reasons, namely its size and the fact it was found close to the surface - a fact Mr Schulz believes kept it hidden for so long.

"Normally when we detect something like this so close to the surface, we say it's rubbish. It's typically an old piece of tin, horse shoes, or old shotgun cartridge shells," he said.

"A lot of people walk away, which is

probably why this one has been missed," he said.

After discovering the nugget, the prospector, who wishes to remain anonymous, handed his prized possession over to Dean Smith at Environmental Creations so a replica could be produced.

"I met the man who found it and I cast a mould of it. I'll be making three replicas," Mr Smith said.

"It's a long process, because you don't just spray it with gold paint, you want to make it look as realistic as possible. Until you pick it up, you typically can't tell if it's the real deal or a replica."

As for the size of the nugget, Mr Smith, who has made a career casting large nuggets and fossils, says the latest find is one of the biggest he has ever worked with.

"It's right up there. It's definitely one of the biggest I've seen." he said.

As for the lucky finder, Mr Smith said he's still in a state of shock

"He told me for days after he found the nugget he couldn't even pick up his detector and go back to check for more because he was in such shock with what he'd found," Mr Smith said.

The prospector's emotions are understandable given the enormity of the find, with Mr Schulz summing it up best; "If I found it, my wife would have to sell it to pay for my funeral because I'd have a bloody heart-attack," he said.

Story by Tate Papworth Courtesy The Maryborough Advertiser

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Rosie's Ramble

Vicki was right about the wattle in the bush - it is "so Spring" every year. The large paddocks of canola also light the landscape this time of year.

Is Barnaby taking over from Tony in the mangling of the language? The other day I heard him say that the nadia of milk prices had been reached. I think he meant the nadir (the lowest point of anything).

Do we have a more juvenile collection of politicians at Spring Street than usual? "We won't let your member be sworn in until you let our man back into Parliament." Tit for tat?

I was reading about self-drive cars in the RACV magazine the other day. Bit scary. Then I was looking at the "toys" that seem to be standard in motor vehicles these days – TV screens and all sorts of gadgets. They seem to be mobile games rooms – so it is probably just as well they will be able to drive themselves!

There is a doll advertised in one of the magazines I was looking at. The ad says you can feel her breathe, feel her heart, hear her coo. It really does look real and costs a mere \$249.95. Am I the weird one or does this seem to be really spooky?

I found myself multi-tasking the other day. All the usual stuff plus being a plumber (don't tell Rod) when the knob came off the cold water tap in the shower. Then I was doing a bit of weed clearing in the front garden when I noticed a strange-looking piece of bark. Closer inspection revealed that I had dug up a very tiny "dragon" lizard. It was still alive, but very dopey. I rang Carawah and Brenda told me it was hibernating, and to put it back just under the soil. She also told me that the large noisy cockatoo family I saw at the golf course were long-billed corellas. They are very different from the little corellas that do all the crop damage. They have bright red feathers around their eyes and on their chests, and make a lot of noise.

DOG DAYS – Treat a dog well and he is happy. If only human relationships were that simple.

Rosie



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Words in Winter at Dunolly a great success

On Saturday night, the old Scout Hall was the venue for **Words in Winter** play reading and storytelling around the bonfire. The hot chocolate and nibbles, together with great company made it a delightful evening.

Congratulations to Lynda Vater and Susan Day. It was such a fun evening.

On Sunday afternoon the fun continued with the poets Eddy Burger, David Adamson and Gail Oliver reading their work in front of the fire in the Melba Lounge at Rachel's house. Our own songstress, Shelley Di Biase, delighted the audience with her fabulous jazz renditions on the piano. What a terrific weekend of music, stories and song.

Rachel Buckley



Shelley Di Biase at the piano in the Melba Lounge

Dunolly Art Hub Words In Winter

Telling stories around a fire is surely one of the oldest forms of entertainment there is. It has become quite rare in recent decades though since the advent of television. Last Saturday night there was a revival at the Dunolly Art Hub (the old Scout Hall). A group of participants sat close to the outdoor fire while story teller Susan started the tales. By the time the tales had gone round the fire a few times they were unrecognisable. A pitiable sock-eating puppy story morphed into a gigantic opalised dinosaurbone adventure yarn. Other stories had equally unexpected twists and turns on their journeys around the fire. Inside, actors read their parts in comfort beside the Coonara. Judging from the sudden periodic eruptions of noise, they enjoyed themselves too. After all the winter words were spoken, we came together for hot chocolate and a savoury supper. Well done to Lynda and her band of helpers for organising a lovely evening.

The Art Hub itself has had a serious facelift recently and looks really good inside and out. If you would like more information on how to join up with the Dunolly Art Group and so be able to use this space regularly with likeminded people, then call Sharon Hiley at the Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre on 5468 1511 during working hours. Don't be shy, she will be very happy to talk to you.

Vicky Frizzell

Words in Winter At The Arts Hub

Thank you to all the lovely people who came out on Saturday night for the "Words in Winter" event at the Arts Hub. We had Susan Day leading a progressive storytelling circle around the bonfire, with plenty of storytellers to share the fire. Some patrons came inside to relax on comfortable couches around the fire for a read through of two plays by young Australian playwright Alex Brouns, "The Bake Off" and "The Curious Case of Rhymer McGuigan". These were great fun to perform and there were a lot of laughs. A great big thank you to Rachel Buckley for bringing her poet Eddy Burger and his friend Lou Lou along to join the festivities. Delicious hot chocolate and a cheese and antipasto supper finished off the night. Many thanks to Deb Murray, Susan Day, Joyce Vater and Gayle Haigh and The Neighbourhood Centre for all their help with the evening.

Lynda Vater

Library funding boost for Central Goldfields Shire

Maryborough Library will be able to purchase more books, deliver reading programs and improve local library spaces, under funding approved by the Andrews Government.

Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, said \$138,059 has been allocated for Central Goldfields Shire Council to spend on its library services in 2016/17.

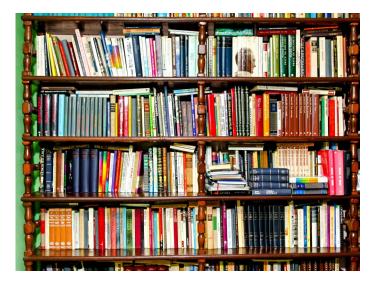
The funding is part of the Labor Government's record \$41.5 million Public Libraries Funding Program.

Ms Pulford said the funding would ensure that local libraries were able to continue their important work in the community.

"Libraries are one of the most valuable community resources we have and with record funding from the Labor Government, libraries will continue to be able provide a great service to local communities in Central Goldfields Shire," Ms Pulford said.

"I know how much local residents love their library services, so this is fantastic news for the Maryborough Library and Talbot Outreach Service," Ms Pulford said. Grants from the 2016-17 Public Libraries Funding Program are determined on population size and demand. This year's funding comes on top of the Labor Government's recent \$22 million boost to the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program and Premier's Reading Challenge Book Fund.

Jaala Pulford MP



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Last Friday a group of Dunolly Primary School students visited the Craft Shop and took lots of photos as part of their Click Project. All the children behaved very well during their visit and were a credit to themselves and the school. So it was a great pleasure for the Craft Shop when two girls and a teacher returned on Monday and presented us with a lovely Certificate of Appreciation from the grade 3-4 Dunolly students. Thank you.

The Golden Triangle Treasures Craft Shop is a not-for-profit initiative of the Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre. The aim is to provide an outlet for the work of local craft people and encourage them in their endeavours as well as generating a small additional income for them from the sale of their work. The Craft Shop sells much of the craft to tourists, which means outside money is coming into town and being redistributed to our local members. This gives our members a little more cash to spend in Dunolly businesses and hopefully provide a little more employment for local people, and so help keep a few younger people in Dunolly. If families do not have some economic opportunities in their town they have to drift away, and towns like ours slowly fade out of existence. In our own small way we are working to help Dunolly grow, not fade.



Jenny and Richard's Garden

Jenny and Richard Cain's garden overlooks the Loddon River at Laanecoorie. It is a lovely setting with river gums framing the views. The garden itself is a beautiful place. Years of tender loving care and countless hours of hard work have produced great soil and healthy plants. A cactus garden greets visitors as they come through the front gate. Beside that, under some friendly sheltering trees, is the plant nursery. Trays of happy seedlings cover almost every surface. One bench has broken pot gardens on it. These are Jenny's project and are very eye-catching as well as a great way to recycle damaged pots.

Across the drive is a more formal garden with some freshly pruned roses along the fence. Then it was through a gate to a sheltered, less formal area. But that was not all. A vegie garden was around the back and a hot house was behind that. Poultry roamed freely in this yard, and a young goat came for a visit. The friendly dog was pleased to see us and immediately found a well chewed ball which needed to be kicked - not thrown.

It was a gorgeous afternoon to sit in the sunshine, admire the views (and Richard's amazing wooden pot holder) and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea which Jenny had prepared for us. Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on Monday 19 September. Due to unavoidable circumstances it is a week earlier than usual. We will meet at the Neighbourhood Centre at 12.30pm to travel to Shelbourne to see Kathy's native garden. You do not have to have been to the Garden Club previously to be able to join us. All you need is to be interested in gardens. If you would like to come but are a little shy, then ring Sharon at the Neighbourhood Centre on 5468 1511 and she will introduce you around; we are friendly.

BEALIBA CWA UPDATE

August was another busy month for members; we continued with our electives at the Bealiba Primary School, attended Marnoo's 70th Birthday celebrations, sent delegates to the East Wimmera Group's Spring Conference in St. Arnaud and sewed up teddies (knitted by Pam Brightwell).

The guest speakers at the East Wimmera Conference were Sam and Jenny Bailey. Readers may recall Sam appearing on "Australian Story" which detailed his life after a road accident left him a quadriplegic. By adapting farm machinery he continues to farm, and is now learning to fly a helicopter. It was a very inspiring address and we were in awe of his tenacity and determination not to let his disability stand in the way of achieving his goals. The same could be said of his wife Jenny, who, as he said, saw beyond a man in a wheel chair.

The conference also saw our own member, Pam Brightwell, elected as Group Craft Secretary. Congratulations Pam, and well done for taking on this role. Congratulations also to Shirley Coburn for winning the soft toy competition with her felt kangaroo (complete with joey).

Last week saw the electives come to an end at the Bealiba Primary School. It was an experience we thoroughly enjoyed. The kids were great; engaging, interested, creative and polite – a real credit to their teachers. As we left, I thought it was lovely to see their work displayed in the entrance hallway and I'm sure the students will carry home their work with pride.

August is normally the time when we allocate funds to headquarters for a variety of causes as well as outside interests. This year members decided to support the Myer Give Registry. This is an initiative to help abused women re-establish their lives. Individuals or groups can purchase a gift from the registry, which is then delivered to the Salvation Army's Women's refuges. For every gift given, Myer will also donate a gift. As the blurb said, when women leave an abusive situation, all they often leave with is their lives.

As well, Branch Secretary Maureen and I will be delivering goods to a chapter of "Days for Girls" in Bendigo in early September. Days for Girls provides sustainable feminine hygiene kits (it's estimated girls in

third world countries can lose several months' schooling a year due to a lack of sanitary products) to girls in over 75 countries, reversing the cycle of poverty in a simple, direct and effective way. So, many thanks to all those who contributed – there is so much need - both at home and abroad.

Each year CWA has a different country of study and this year International Officer, Jenny Lovel, has been updating us on aspects of Papua/New Guinea. Jenny's Power Point presentation at our last meeting was on the Kokoda Trail. Kokoda is something that is etched deep in our psyche and our admiration for the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels and the Aussie Digger continues to grow as we view the torturous terrain, the mud and the slush they fought their way along. So thanks, Jenny for reminding us of their sacrifice.

*NB: Members please note the changes for our next meeting date – 15 September. Meeting will be in the morning, followed by our Branch Birthday Lunch at the Railway Hotel in Dunolly at 12.30pm.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 6 September Craft at St. Arnaud 10am Thursday 15 September Branch Meeting at 10.30am

Competition Winners for August

Single Bloom First: Shirley Coburn Second: Heather Davis

Multiple Bloom First: Jenny Lovel Second: Heather Davis

Competition for August Competition for September

Pam Brightwell Flower cutting to share

Heather Davis





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Cycle event to lure tourists on grand final eve

Cyclists, get your lycra and cleats ready! The Central Goldfields Business Group is holding its first annual Cycle Central Goldfields event. Taking advantage of the AFL grand final eve public holiday in Victoria on September 30, the event aims to bring tourists to the area. Two trails will be offered in the event with more experienced riders encouraged to take on the Gold Rush 116 kilometre route which visits Wareek, Rathscar, Homebush, Avoca, Amphitheatre, Lexton, Talbot, Red Lion and Craigie. A shorter course, the 46Km Welcome Stranger trail will take participants out to Dunolly and back. Chair of the Central Goldfields Business group, Bronwen Haywood, said the event came about after meeting a couple from Melbourne in Dunolly on grand final eve last year. "They couldn't believe how nice the region was to ride in. They said 'why doesn't someone organise an event on this day and take advantage of the long weekend?'," Bronwen said. Avoca's Relay for Life team will be providing morning tea to the riders, while the local Rotary club, Zonta group and Maryborough Football Netball Club will be offering lunch and coffee after the ride. "The whole idea is to try and get some tourists into our shire and it doubles as a fundraiser for community groups," Ms Haywood said. Leaving from the Maryborough Railway Station at 9am, tickets are \$25.00 for the short ride and \$55.00 for the longer course, with the opportunity to sign up available on the day. The group are expecting 200 cyclists to take part with all proceeds going back to the community groups involved in the event. Tickets are available on the EventBrite website under Cycle Central Goldfields.

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Grant to help Dunolly Field & Game grow

The Andrews Labor Government is helping Dunolly & District Field & Game upgrade its shooting range facilities. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Colin Brooks MP, visited the club's Dunolly headquarters to announce \$5,585 had been approved under the Shooting Sports Facilities Program.

"Dunolly & District Field & Game is one of 74 across the state sharing in more than \$3 million funding," Mr Brooks said.

The club plans to use the funds to replace some older traps and upgrade operational equipment.

"The Labor Government is giving clubs like Dunolly & District Field & Game the support they need to provide safe, modern facilities for people who love shooting sports," Mr Brooks said.

"Dunolly Field & Game is a great local institution that sits at the heart of the community. We're thrilled to be giving the club the upgrade it deserves," he said.

"We want our sports clubs to offer safe, modern facilities for the locals who use them every week," Mr Brooks said. "Shooting clubs aren't just a great place for people to

"Shooting clubs aren't just a great place for people to gather, they're where people learn about the safe and responsible use of firearms," he said.

Craig Wilson, Regional Media



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Fun and Female Focus for Ripon in First Funding Phase

Social sports and programs for women and girls across the Ripon electorate will be the winners in VicHealth's latest funding round.

In the first of two rounds for 2016-17, two levels of funding grants - up to \$3,000 or up to \$10,000 - are available to community sports clubs across Victoria.

Ripon MP, Louise Staley said VicHealth's Active Club Grants program has huge benefits for the communities of Ripon

"VicHealth's Active Club Grants program has been supporting local sports clubs in remote, rural, regional and metropolitan areas to get more Victorians living healthier and happier lives for nearly three decades", Ms Staley said.

"These grants aim to encourage more women to become fit and active, by making it easier for clubs to reach out to new female participants and fund items or equipment that help them to improve safety."

"With the rise of Premier league Netball, W League Soccer, female 20/20 Cricket competition and the upcoming AFL women's league, female sport has never been more popular, local clubs will need help to cater for this growth."

VicHealth is looking to fund clubs which:

- demonstrate how they will get more women and girls involved in physical activity, through new or recently-established programs, activities and opportunities
- start up a social or modified sport program which will attract more people to be regularly physically active."

VicHealth CEO Jerril Rechter said female participation in sport is still lower than male involvement, and due to a lack of time and confidence, many women and girls fail to fit the recommended 2.5 hours of moderate physical activity into their week.

"Too many people still think that being active means you have play an organised sport, run a marathon or win a trophy

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"With these grants, VicHealth wants to support a wider range of opportunities for everyone to get active – particularly those aimed at women and girls. Non-traditional, social and modified sports are becoming an increasingly popular choice," Ms Rechter said.

Social sport includes more flexible, fun and less-structured opportunities with a focus on social interaction, and less emphasis on performance, results and competition - they might be modified to increase opportunities across age, disability, skill level, fitness level, lifestyle, or location.

Special consideration will also be given to applications from clubs in areas of socioeconomic disadvantage and communities recovering from natural disasters.

All eligible clubs are encouraged to apply through the VicHealth website before Round 1 closes on Friday 23 September. Details about Round 2 will be released towards the end of the year.

For further information or to apply online, visit http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/activeclub.

Louise Staley MP

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2nd and 4th Sundays monthly at 11.30am

Catholic Church Services:

Dunolly 2nd and 4th Sundays, Mass at 8.30am

1st and 3rd Sundays - Assembly at 8.30am. **Bealiba** 5th Sunday. Mass at 8.30am

Tarnagulla No Masses in August, September and October

Uniting Church Services:

Bealiba Uniting Church

2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am

Dunolly Uniting Church

Joy Turner will lead us in our service at 9.30am

Laanecoorie Uniting Church

No service

St John's Church News

A Family Service in the form of 'Messy Mass' will be held at Christ the King Maryborough on Sunday 4 September at 10.30 am

Trina Kay

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

Luke 14:27

Catholic Church St Mary's Muse

We had the pleasure of Fr. Kevin Arundell saying Mass for us on Sunday. He left us with the thought - look at others with kind eyes- see the best in others.

Marriage week is from 11 to 17 August. There is a prayer for married couples in the Living Word this week.

Assembly at St. Mary's, Dunolly at 8.30am on Sunday 7 September.

Joke of the week (courtesy the Living Word)
Question: How does Moses make his tea?
Answer: Hebrews it.

R. Mecredy

"Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, For I am gentle and lowly in heart."

Mt. 11:29





Uniting Church News

We have our Lay Pastor Joy Turner with us for our first service of the month. Come and enjoy the service with us.

On Saturday 10 September our Car Boot sale in the Uniting Church grounds will be hosted by the RSL, so come along and help the RSL by buying from their stall. Our Op Shop will be open too.

On Friday 16 September the 'Blokes Night Out will start at 6.30pm with a BBQ tea. This is always a wonderful night out for all the men of this district. The guest speaker for the night will be Rev Ken Rookes.

Our Op Shop has its \$5.00 a bag sale on for all winter clothes, or half price if you only want one item. This is a good time to buy your next winter jumpers! We are open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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Dam failure risk increases with recent rain



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Landholders are encouraged to check their farm dam walls for cracks and other issues after recent rain has increased the risk of "failure" from leaks and bank collapses.

Agriculture Victoria farm water supply specialist Brad Costin said the risk of dam failure has increased significantly, due to a rapid rise in dam water levels following a long period of drought.

Mr Costin is encouraging landholders to inspect, check and monitor their gully dams over the next six to twelve months, looking for signs of bank subsidence, cracking and / or tunnelling.

"Gully dams are of particular concern as much of the water is stored above ground level, held back by an earthen bank," he said.

"In a good site, more than 60 per cent of the water can be stored in this manner but these earthen banks can fail when there is a rapid rise in water level following a period of drought. This failure can range from a minor leak to catastrophic failure of the entire bank."

During a period of drought, when dam water levels are low, earthen banks slowly dry out resulting in the formation of cracks.

Mr Costin said if the water level rises too rapidly, it can find its way into these cracks causing the dam to leak.

"The problem is more serious in poorly structured soils where the movement of water dislodges soil particles, creating a small tunnel," he said.Left untreated, these tunnels can enlarge rapidly, which can result in the total loss of water and bank collapse. In some older dam banks, where little compaction occurred during construction, the rapid rise of water can result in further settlement and movement of the dam bank creating new cracks through the bank."

Mr Costin said it was important to treat cracks and other issues in farm dams as quickly as possible. Treatment options may include reducing the water level (critical at most at-risk sites), packing cracks with moist clay, and rebuilding part of the dam bank.

For more information visit the Agriculture Victoria website:

http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farmmanagement/managing-dams or phone 136 186.

September is the time to have your say and help shape the introduction of compulsory electronic identification for sheep and goats in Victoria.

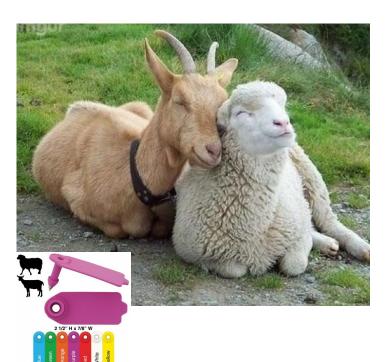
From 1 January 2017 all sheep and goats born in Victoria will require an electronic identification tag, linked to the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS), before being dispatched to a saleyard, abattoir or another property.

Minister for Agriculture, Jaala Pulford, announced last week that there will be a consultation period on both the standards, which will govern how electronic tags are used, and the composition of the transition package, that will help support the introduction.

Agriculture Victoria's Director of Market Access, Warren Straw, said the aim of the consultation was to ensure those affected by this change have the opportunity to shape how it will work and what support will be available. "It's important the phasing in of new measures works well across the supply chain and the businesses involved are best placed to provide feedback," Mr Straw said. "Funding will be available to smooth the transition. So if you are in the sheep and goats industry, please tell us where you think the government can best help out." "In addition to producers, we are keen to hear from farming groups, industry associations, stock agents, saleyards, abattoirs service providers.' and Following the confirmation of the standards, Agriculture will coordinate information sessions and workshops to help farmers understand the system and, where appropriate, to use it to enhance on-farm decisions.

This consultation will run until 30 September 2016. Feedback can be provided via the Agriculture Victoria website. There will also be face to face consultation with peak industry bodies and other industry organisations. "To obtain a copy of the draft electronic NLIS sheep and goat standards the transition package details and view

goat standards, the transition package details and view frequently asked questions, please visit www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/sheepEID."



Naturally Loddon Kamarooka Wetlands Restoration Tour 18 September

The diligent work of local people in preserving and enhancing the natural environment will be on show during an upcoming tour of the Kamarooka Wetlands south of Mitiamo. Planned for Sunday 18 September, the free day-trip will be hosted by the Loddon Plains Landcare Network (LPLN) in conjunction with the Northern United Forestry Group. It's part of the 2016 "Naturally Loddon" Spring Festival, comprising 10 family-friendly events spread across eight weeks.

This year's program also includes family weekends at Terrick Terrick National Park and Tarnagulla, a fishing competition, vintage fair, two local festivals and Boort's annual metal sculpture competition.

Loddon Plains Landcare Network facilitator, James Nelsson, is coordinating the Kamarooka Wetlands event, alongside his work on the GOANNA Project. The GOANNA Project is a landscape-scale restoration effort across the Loddon Plains, funded by the Norman Wettenhall Foundation and designed to foster action in both on-ground works and community education.

"A particular feature this year will be a celebration of the life of Bill Gallagher, called 'Bill's Big Family Day Out', incorporating a tour of the wetlands and a visit to the Kamarooka Project site," Mr Nelsson said.

The late Bill Gallagher was a valued life-member of the Northern United Forestry Group (NUFG) and a pioneer of the Kamarooka Project Education Centre, opened in 2012

"The Kamarooka Wetlands basically consist of numerous shallow depressions in the landscape where the water passes through," Mr Nelsson said. "We plan to visit about six of those on the tour, including Kow Swamp and Thunder Swamp, weather permitting. The complex is of high regional significance, covered as it is by black box and home to such local fauna as the brolga, bush stone-curlew, fat-tailed dunnart and legless lizard. Native grasslands are diminishing and many indigenous species of grasses and herbs are getting eaten by sheep or ploughed under – we're certainly losing them."

The bus leaves the Loddon Visitor Information Centre, Wedderburn, at 9.30am, but private vehicles are welcome to join in.

For enquiries or bookings, contact James Nelsson on 0490 412 430. Lunch is provided, with the Northern United Forestry Group organising a barbecue (gold coin donation welcome).

To obtain a festival brochure, phone the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 1257 or visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au

Loddon Shire Media Release





What's going on at THE DUNOLLY & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is on Wednesday 14 September at 11.30am at the Centre.

The purpose of this meeting is to declare all committee of management positions vacant and to elect new office bearers

There will be a delicious lunch to follow.

All friends and associates of the Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre Inc are welcome.

Please ring to indicate your intention to attend.

Ring 5468 1511 for more information or call in to the centre. We are the building to the right of the hospital.



Sharon Hiley Co-ordinator

Kooyoora Wildflower Show

A wet winter has raised hopes of a bigger and brighter display this year, as the Friends of Kooyoora prepare for their 10th annual Wildflower Show.

Planned for 17-18 September at Inglewood's Eucy Distillery Museum, the event features local native wildflowers, plant, book and local produce sales, a popular photographic competition, free bus tours and local environmental group displays. The show is part of the 2016 "Naturally Loddon" Spring Festival, comprising 10 family-friendly events spread across eight weeks.

The photographic competition falls into three categories – open, under 18 and under 12 – on the themes of native flora, native fauna and landscapes, with winners decided by popular vote.

Friends of Kooyoora secretary Wendy Murphy said the wet winter had been an encouragement to members. "In the past, we've been limited by having fewer flowers available, due to the dry weather, but this season is looking good," she said.

Group members hope to collect up to 170 examples of local wildflower species from local forest areas and on private land in the week before the event under permits issued by DELWP. "There are a lot of orchid species in Kooyoora State Park which are unique to the area," Ms Murphy said.

The show will be open from 9am to 4pm each day and entry costs \$5 for adults, with children under 18 free. Forms for the photographic competition can be found at www.kooyoorafriends.org.au

"To obtain a festival brochure, phone the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 1257 or visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au

Loddon Shire Media Release

SANKALPA AND ME

Catch me if you can!

There appears to be a new craze that involves people spending more time on their mobile phones. Some may think this is a bad thing but I can certainly see some good points in it. While not really interested enough to have it on my phone, I did spend some time with the kids in Geelong a few weeks ago watching them play Pokémon Go at the waterfront. It was very interesting seeing the different age groups of people going around in their own little 'herds', and although they were looking at their phones, they were outside and communicating with friends in their 'herd' as well as others around them. So while they were chasing imaginary things, they were talking and interacting with real people, outside. That's got to be a good thing, right?

Well, we went one better last weekend when the kids came up for hubby's birthday. While we were waiting for the bonfire to die down enough to toast marshmallows, (yummm) we had a real life game of Pokémon Go. Jess found a Pokémon beanie at an op shop, (that's her with it



on at the end of the night) and as she passed it to one of the kids to wear, someone shouted "Pokémon!!" and the chase was on. Whoever caught the Pokémon then had to put the hat on and - run. was lots of There and laughing some squealing as the kids all ran around until it was time to open

marshmallows. With all that fresh air and exercise, I'm happy to say they all slept very well that night.



This is Pokémon Kai, and although he is one of the smaller ones, he was so fast it was hard to get a picture because they don't like to stop and be caught.

Peace, love and happiness from Sankalpa

Fundraising is Brent's main train of thought

Train enthusiast Brent Freeman is opening up his home model railway track to the community to support a cause close to his heart.

The Maryborough resident is hosting two open days at his home, 29 Victoria Street, next month, to raise funds for the Heart Foundation.

After a recent health scare which required services from the Heart Foundation, Mr Freeman will let the public view his extensive model display on Father's Day, Sunday 4 September, and then on Sunday 18 September from 8am to 3.30pm.

Admission is a gold coin donation, which will go to the Heart Foundation.

The model railway is located in Mr Freeman's back garden, which he hopes will be in full flower in time for the two special days.

Mr Freeman has based his homemade model railway on two American railway lines in Colorado - the Denver-Rio Grande and Florence and Cripple Creek - which Mr Freeman has accurately recreated through photos in books. The train enthusiast has also visited the Colorado railway lines several times.

"I've come back and built a smaller version here," Mr Freeman said. "It's built with a lot of rocks because where it's based is high in the mountains."

Mr Freeman's radio-controlled trains are imported from America and run on battery packs, which minimise potential issues.

"I have no problem with them. I just put them on the track and away they go. The only thing that stops them is when the battery runs out," Mr Freeman said.

Currently, the railway line, which is complemented by Colorado-styled buildings, is a length of approximately 30 metres, but there are plans for it to be doubled in size before the first open day on 4 September.

"At the moment we're building an extension which I'm hoping to be open by the first weekend. Currently there's about 100 feet of track and with the extension it could be close to 200 feet," Mr Freeman said.

It has taken Mr Freeman about 18 months to build the track from scratch.

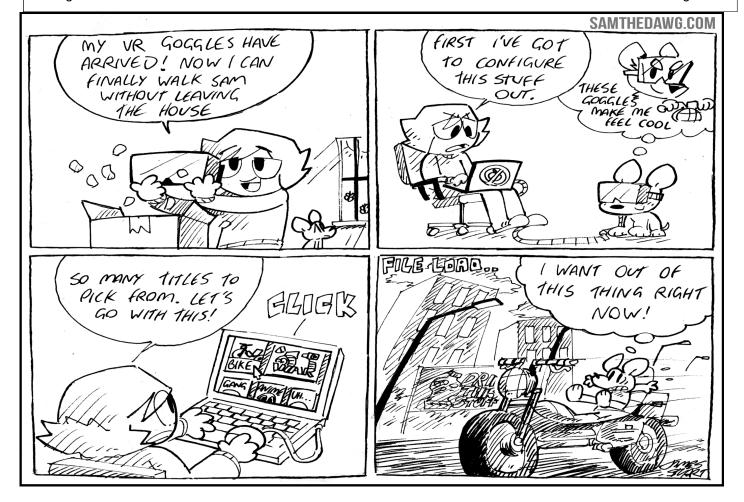
"The buildings can take anywhere from one to two months to build," Mr Freeman said. "It's come up well. I've loved trains since I was a kid. If I enjoy it, then there must be others who enjoy it as well. It will be a fun day for the whole family. It's something you don't see every day," he said.

"We've had quite a few people come round and say we should have had an open day. Plus it helps to raise a bit of money for the Heart Foundation. It's for kids of all ages as well as adults.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Story by Lachy Steed Courtesy The Maryborough Advertiser







Central Goldfields Shire Council elections Your Council, Your Vote



Vote by post this October

Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the Central Goldfields Shire Council elections from Tuesday 4 October 2016. Your completed ballot material must be in the mail or hand delivered to the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday 21 October.



If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday 26 August, your ballot pack can be redirected by writing to:

Returning Officer Central Goldfields Shire Council elections c/- Victorian Electoral Commission Level 11, 530 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000

Please include the address for redirection.

Alternatively, you can fax your request to (03) 9620 1568 or scan and email it to redirections@vec.vic.gov.au.

Each voter requesting redirection must sign their request. Requests for redirection must be received by Thursday 15 September.

Large print and braille ballot papers

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for blind and low vision voters who register by Tuesday 13 September. To register, call (03) 8620 1122 during business hours.

How to nominate as a candidate

To nominate as a candidate you must complete a nomination form and lodge it, together with the \$250 nomination fee, in person with the Returning Officer. Nomination forms can be lodged during business hours from Thursday 15 September until 12 noon on Tuesday 20 September at:

Community Hub Rooms 1-3, 12-22 Nolan Street, Maryborough

To help reduce waiting time while nominations are processed, visit vec.vic.gov.au and pre-complete your nomination form using the Candidate Helper. The Candidate Helper will be available from Thursday 1 September. Print your pre-completed form, sign it and lodge it with the Returning Officer along with the \$250 nomination fee.

Call the Returning Officer from Wednesday 14 September on 1300 591 299 to make a nomination appointment.

Candidate information session

When: 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13 September Where: Community Hub, Shire Offices, 12-22 Nolan Street, Maryborough

Candidate Information Kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available at this session.

Robyn Walker Returning Officer

Nominations close 12 noon Tuesday 20 September

Register for SMS and email alerts at vec.vic.gov.au

For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service:

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Dunolly Primary School Outing

The 5/6 students at Dunolly Primary School have had a busy year so far, investigating different topics. Currently, the students are investigating The Vietnam War and Australian involvement during that time. As part of their investigations, the students had an opportunity to go down to The Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne for the 50th Anniversary of The Battle of Long Tan. The Victorian Government offered rural schools a subsidy to travel down for the day so that we could witness a once-in-a-lifetime event. This also was a scheme to enable the legacy of the Veterans to be remembered by a younger generation and generations to come.

The students witnessed two cannons being blasted that brought us all to attention and then the Vietnam Veterans Parade, led by the 6RAR, marched in honour of the 50th Anniversary of The Battle of Long Tan. The Victorian Governor, The Honourable Linda Dessau, opened the ceremony, speaking candidly about the Australian troops' effort during the conflict, and then

the Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews, followed on, apologising on behalf of the government of the day for the treatment of Veterans when they returned home. This struck a point of interest with the students as we hadn't discussed what happened after the war in class yet. They were all under the impression that all Veterans are treated with respect and held in high regard. The students can't image ever treating a former soldier in such a way, so this is a great reflection on how they think serving men and women should be treated. During the ceremony Victorian school children were represented by the 101 flag-bearers. There was also a band of drummers and a choir.

Afterwards, the students were invited to stay and look through the Galleries of Remembrance. It was a unique experience to reflect on Australia's involvement, not only in the Vietnam War, but other conflicts. Studying such topics as The Vietnam War is an interesting way to discuss communism, oppression, foreign policy and conscription.

Miss Erin Holding 5/6 Classroom teacher





Entries open for Premier's Spirit of Anzac prize

Labor MP Jaala Pulford is encouraging students across Western Victoria to submit entries to the 2017 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize.

The Prize is open to students in Year 9 and 10 and gives students the opportunity to learn and appreciate the service and sacrifices of our veterans' community.

Twenty two recipients from across Victoria will be selected to travel on an overseas study during the March/April 2017 school holidays to visit key sites to Australia's wartime history.

Twenty regional finalists will participate in a study tour of significant sites in Canberra, including the Australian War Memorial in June/July 2017.

"Western Victoria has a proud wartime history and this is a great chance for our students and future leaders to experience for themselves the decisive moments in our nation's history," Ms Pulford said. This year, students have the opportunity to select from one of two topics, one of which focuses on the experiences and impact on women, the community and most of all on the expectations and responsibilities of young people during the Great War. The second topic, more broadly, asks students to research the experiences of the ANZACs during World War One using four primary sources of evidence.

"We want all Victorian students to cherish the legacy of our Anzac veterans, because it's our duty to preserve their memories," Ms Pulford said.

Secondary School teachers are also welcome to apply to be chaperones on the study tour. Further details and how to apply for a teacher chaperone position are available at:

www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/premiers-spirit-of-anzac-prize/teacher-chaperone-positions.

Applications close on 23 September 2016. Further details about the Prize and how to apply are available at www.dpc.vic.gov.au/soap.

Jaala Pulford MP

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Colds and flu are a seasonal hazard, but more and more Australians are looking to non-chemical remedies and Loddon Shire is uniquely positioned to take a lead.

Natural pharmaceuticals producer, Bosisto's Eucalyptus, has recently teamed with the Shire to inject more resources into promoting eucalyptus oil and its medicinal benefits.

The Blue Mallee (*Eucalyptus Polybractea*) is native to the Inglewood-Wedderburn region and is especially high in cineole, the oil's main healing component.

Executive director Tegan Abbott said there were several ways the oil could be helpful for cold and flu sufferers.

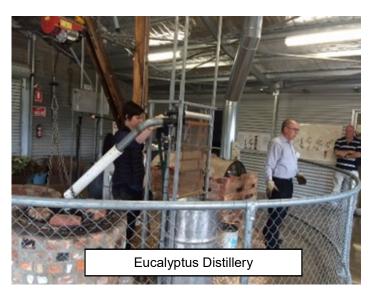
"Eucalyptus oil has the ability to open up the nasal passages and make it easier to breathe, so ways people would commonly use it would be a couple of drops on a handkerchief or inhaling it in hot water," Ms Abbott said.

"Another favourite is spraying the base of the shower in the morning, so when the hot water starts you get a eucalyptus hit for the day."

Diluted oil can be used on the skin to help with inflammations, cuts and scrapes or other injuries, and sinusitis may be helped with inhalations.

Oil can be sprinkled on a pillow or sprayed to disinfect a sick room.

"It's also beneficial for aches and pains in winter, or arthritis and inflammations – just rub it on or add a little to your bath," Ms Abbott said.



Inglewood's Eucalyptus Distillery Museum tells the stories of the eucalyptus oil industry through historic artefacts, videos, static displays and a working model distillery.

A retail area offers a café, books, souvenirs and natural products for sale.

Another place to see how eucalyptus oil is processed is the working stew pot in Hard Hill Reserve, Wedderburn. For more information, contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 1257 or visit

www.loddon.vic.gov.au



Chris Pike pride in his work

We have a local man, Chris Pike, who takes extreme pride in his work as a bricklayer, and rightly so!

Chris has been hired to restore various buildings in Dunolly, including the courthouse, the town hall, the jail

and the horse stables. His story was featured last week in the Weekend section of the Herald Sun when an expoliceman was visiting Dunolly's Historic Precinct and saw Chris up a ladder laying bricks at the former jail. The ex-copper wanted to shake the hand of a man who took so much pride in his work.

Chris admits to taking pride in the fact that he goes the extra mile when restoring old buildings. He researches the methods used at the time of construction - 1862-1884 and then copies them to great effect. Getting the colour of the mortar is the tricky part and he uses the correct mixture, like in the old days, to get the right shade so that the new bricks blend in with the old.

He also goes searching various areas nearby looking for old bricks. He recalls digging in ditches and being in knee -deep water looking for buried bricks. His search was successful. He found the right style of bricks that were slightly lighter in colour, but he could soon dirty them up to blend in.

Chris has always wanted to be a bricklayer and began his career in a two week work-experience with a local builder and stayed two years. Later he approached another builder for two weeks' work-experience and stayed for 9½ years before venturing out on his own.

Chris is in demand in Dunolly and surrounding areas, as bricks in old buildings erode with the wind and weather conditions

He will continue to take pride in his work and do the best job he can - as he said - when he finishes a job he thinks it will last for another 100 years.

Susan Anderson Photo by Rob Leeson



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Bealiba CWA

Meetings 1pm Bealiba Hall, 3rd Thursday of month Bealiba Playgroup meets every Friday from 10am to 11am in the Primary School during school terms

Bealiba Progress Association meeting, 2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm Bealiba Hall **Bealiba Bingo** 1.30pm in the Bealiba Hall 2nd Monday each month

Community Bus – every Friday to Maryborough and back. RTC 5468 1205

Dunolly Community Garden at Pre-school: Wednesdays 2pm AEST/5.00pm Summer **Dunolly CWA** meetings 1.30pm SES rooms 1st Wednesday each month

Dunolly Day Support Tuesday and Thursdays 10.30am to 2.30pm Phone 5468 2907

Dunolly District Auxiliary

1st Monday each month at 10am Hospital Day Room

Dunolly Community Market

2nd Sunday each month 8am to 1pm- Broadway

Dunolly Field and Game meeting

1st Wednesday each month 7.30pm at 147 Broadway

Dunolly Fire Brigade meeting

1st Monday each month 7.30pm Fire Station

Dunolly Karate Club -Pee Wee/Junior/Senior (7+ years) Mondays 5.30-6.30pm and 6.30-7.30pm Dunolly RSL hall

Dunolly Ninjas Program - (4 to 6 years old) Mondays from 5pm Dunolly RSL hall

Dunolly & District Lions Club meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month 6.30pm

Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch meeting 3rd Wednesday each month 10.30am Bakery

Dunolly Supported Playgroup meets Wednesday

9.30am to 11.30am Dunolly Preschool

Dunolly & District Probus Club meeting

3 Thursday each month 10am Senior Citizens Hall

Dunolly Museum meeting

3rd Monday each month 2pm 75 Broadway

Dunolly St George Lodge 4th Saturday each month **Dunolly Social Cyclists**

Meet fortnightly. Call Neville for info: 5468 7295

Dunolly Historic Precinct Committee 4th Monday each month 1pm Town Hall

MDHS Community Conversation Monday 5

Dunolly Campus 11am

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 10 Uniting Church Car Boot Sale Sunday 11 **Dunolly Community Market** Monday 12 The Welcome Record AGM 2pm

Wednesday 14 Neighbourhood Centre AGM 11.30am

Wednesday 21 Bealiba District AGM -Bealiba Hall 7.30pm

OCTOBER

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9

Dunolly Primary School Click! Photography Exhibition Dunolly Town Hall

Dunolly Unit Vic SES meeting 6.30pm

3rd Tuesday each month.

Training every other Tuesday

Dunolly Uniting Church Messy Church

4th Wednesday each month 4.30pm to 6pm

Golden Triangle Archers

4th Sunday each month 10am behind Deledio Reserve Ladies Only General Exercise Class Thursdays 5.15pm Dunolly RSL hall.

Ladies only Self Defence Class Thursday 6pm Dunolly

Maryborough Lions Club Tourist Market

1st Sunday of every month - 8.am - 2pm

At the Maryborough Harness Racing Complex.

Mobile Library every Thursday 2pm to 5pm outside Dunolly Town Hall

Mother Goose Program - every Friday during school

term at Dunolly Primary School - 9.30-10.30am

Newbridge CWA meeting Newbridge Hall

3rd Tuesday each month 1.30pm

Old Time Dancing 7.30pm Mondays Anglican Hall Barkly Street Dunolly

Red Hat Society - Gorgeous Goldfields Gals

2nd Thursday Ripples On The Res 11.30am

RSL meeting 7pm RSL Hall Dunolly

2nd Tuesday each month - 7pm

Senior Citizens meeting

1st Monday each month 10am

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls each Monday 1.30pm

Senior Citizens Luncheon

3rd Wednesday/month 12.30pm

Senior Citizens Card Playing

Each Tuesday at 1.30pm

Talbot Farmers Market

3rd Sunday /month 9am to 1pm

Tarnagulla Playgroup Thursday 10.30am to 12 noon behind the hall

Tarnagulla Action Group - Community Centre

3rd Monday each month 7.30pm - (*note new time*)

Tarnagulla Senior Citizens - Victoria Hall

1st and 3rd Monday of the month - 11.30am-3.30pm

Welcome Record Committee

2nd Monday each month - 2pm in the office



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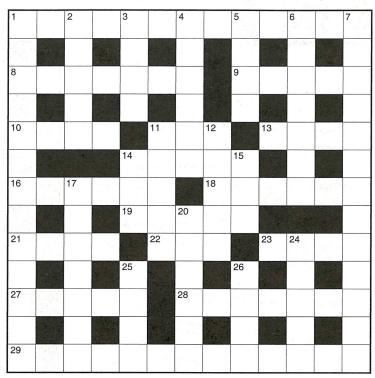
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- 14. Of low price
- 16. Tree of willow family
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- 21. Make as profit
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- One giving written testimony about job applicant's ability
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- Of the process of growing or maturing (of child, eg.)
- 2. Father Christmas
- 3. Force out (from competition, eg.)
- 4. Not transparent or translucent
- 5. To meander
- 6. Bewitch
- Amusement provided to audience, eg.

- 11. Strip torn off
- 12. Large parrot
- 14. To place an upper limit on
- 15. Shallow metal dish
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Solutions: Crossword 125 and Sudoku 19

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Wanted to Buy

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Ph: 0407 720 355

Wanted to Buy

1800/1900s Jewellery, including LOCKET, pocket/FOB watch, sovereign case. Dolls and teddy bears and bric-abrac. Please note: Buyer is leaving Dunolly area on 4 September and will not be able to purchase after that.

Ph: 0407 720 355

Op Shop \$5 Bag Sale

Dunolly Uniting Church Op Shop "End of Winter Sale" Commencing Thursday 25 August. All winter clothing will be half price or \$5 per bag. The racks are full, bargains galore. Don't miss out!

Car Boot Sale

The next Dunolly Uniting Church Car Boot Sale will be on 10 September, hosted by the Dunolly RSL. As hosts, the RSL will have the cake and produce stall, sausage sizzle, and raffle to be drawn on the day. The Op Shop is open featuring their \$5.00 bag winter sale. Other stalls \$2.00. Come along and get a bargain and support your local RSL.





DFNC Mini Lotto

26 August 2016 Drawn: Numbers: 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 No winner: Jackpot \$1,100

Five numbers out of 15. \$1 per entry.

Drawn at Bowling Club on Friday at approximately 7pm.

Two's unlucky in semi. Talbot 8.5, Dunolly 8.3

Notice is Given of AGM

The Welcome Record will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 12 September 2016 at 2pm at the Dunolly Town Hall.

All positons will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to and on the day.

For any further information or nomination forms, please call The Welcome Record on Tuesday or Wednesday on 5468 1054 or email: welcomerecords@iinet.net.au.

The Welcome Record Committee

Blokes Night Out

You are invited to a "Blokes Night Out" on Friday 16 September at the Dunolly Uniting Church, commencing

This is a Dunolly Uniting Church initiative to enable local blokes to get together for an informal barbeque, followed by a topical, informative speaker.

The format will be the same, a barbeque commencing at 6.30pm followed by a guest speaker. The guest speaker this time will be the Reverend Ken Rookes who will speak on his recent trip to the Northern Territory.

This is an open night, so if you have a friend, or know someone who would like to come, do not hesitate to invite them.

To assist with catering, please reply by Tuesday 13 September.

Jim McKenzie - Ph: 5468 7246

Maryborough District Health Service

This is a reminder that the September Community Conversation is to be held at the Dunolly Campus on Monday, 5 September 2016 at 11am.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tara Cramer **MDHS**

Bealiba AGM

AGM will be conducted at the Bealiba Community Hall on Wednesday 21 September at 7.30pm. All residents of Bealiba and District are invited. Please bring a plate of supper to share after the meeting.

John Richards, Secretary



Sunday 11 September

Club opening day and we have the Keith Mottram dedication of our north green at 1.00pm, bowls commencing at 1.30pm. We normally ask members to bring a plate for late afternoon coffee or tea.

The dress code is club uniform.





Extracts from the newsletter of the Goldfields Historical and Arts Society Inc

ANNIE KERR AGAIN

In Tailings last year there was a story about Annie Kerr. She was an unmarried mother from Goldsborough who took Isaac Wilson to court for maintenance. Her main witness was her employer and current lover, Jeremiah D Walsh, licensee of the Imperial Hotel at Goldsborough. Jeremiah AKA John D Walsh owned the Imperial Hotel, then the Goldsborough Railway Hotel and at the time of the court case was back at the Imperial Hotel. He was about 48 whilst Annie was 19. There was conflicting evidence and doubt that Jeremiah Walsh was a credible witness. Annie lost the court case.

Last year's story finished off with Annie giving birth to another illegitimate child but this time she did not take anyone to court for maintenance. The continuation of this story comes from an unlikely source.

Soon after the court case Jeremiah Walsh closed the Imperial Hotel but Annie continued on there as a 'servant'. In 1888 Jeremiah applied to reopen the hotel and it was at the licence hearing that the story unravelled. The licensing inspector accused Walsh of harbouring a young woman who was an immoral character and had borne two illegitimate children at the hotel. Walsh declined to answer if he was the parent but later admitted to being the father of the second child. The inspector said a permit for a hotel would be a permit for a brothel. The bench decided that Jeremiah Walsh was not a fit and proper person and refused the licence application

Jeremiah Walsh tried twice more to get a licence but was refused. He died at the former hotel in 1896 aged 60.

Annie Kerr had an argument with Jeremiah and left a few days before the licence application. She went to live with her sister in Maryborough. She started calling herself Euphemia, which was her second given name. Euphemia Kerr never married. In 1903 she was living at Inkerman probably in the house of her deceased parents. At Inkerman she was a housekeeper. A few years later she moved on. Annie Euphemia Kerr died in Melbourne in 1952 aged 86.

AMA MEDALLION



An unusual silver medallion has recently been donated to the Dunolly Museum. It is dated 1889 and was presented by the Dunolly branch of the Amalgamated Miners Association to A Taylor. This would be Alfred Taylor who lived at Bromley and was an engine driver, probably at the Burnt Creek Mine. The circumstances whereby he was presented this medallion are unknown.

MUSEUM FACADE SIGN

We are indebted to Phil Vernon who installed the sign on the facade of the Dunolly Museum. This was done quickly and efficiently and looks good.

GOLDSBOROUGH MINE

This is the earliest known photograph of the Goldsborough Mine and dates from 1866. The Goldsborough Gold Mining Co commenced in 1865 on the Bealiba Reef. At the time it was an out-of-the-way place on Bealiba Creek which originates in the Bealiba Range. It was one kilometre south of Old Dunolly. Once the mine started production a settlement started around it and became known as Goldsborough. It has been supposed that the lease was named after Richard Goldsborough of Goldsborough Mort & Co who at the time had the squatting rights to Dunolly Station.

Although the photo is undated, there are several clues. This is early on in the development of the mine. The poppet-head has been erected to replace a whip. The short elevated tramline has no stone dumped at the end of it. Perhaps they were about to add a ramp and use this tramline to dump into carts. At this early stage stone was being carted nine kilometres to Kirk's crushing mill at Bromley. A 12 horse-power engine for winding is recorded as having been purchased in November 1865. By March the winder-house was completed and operational. The winder-house is in the photo. The stone was rich. By July 1866 they had saved enough to erect their own 10 head battery on site. The photo predates this.



One of the main shareholders, Captain Henry Evans Baker is seen in the dark coat and hat standing in front of one of the poppet head legs. The other main shareholders, although not identified in the photo, were Robert Dodd, William McLeish, Samuel Crozier and William Hayes. In 1877 the Goldsborough Gold Mining Co was taken over by the neighbouring Queens Birthday Gold Mining Co.

John Tully



Celebrate Father's Day at Spring Festival launch

The Naturally Loddon Spring Festival Calendar kicks off with a special Father's Day event at Piccoli's Star Spanner Sculpture Gardens on Sunday 4 September.

This year's Spring Festival Calendar is brimming with a wonderful array of family friendly events hosted throughout Loddon Shire until the end of October.

I'm looking forward to officially launching The Naturally Loddon Spring Festival Calendar at the Piccoli's stunning Star Spanner Sculpture Gardens. Recently appointed Loddon Shire CEO, Phil Pinyon, is guest speaker at the event and will take the opportunity to mingle among community members.

Formalities aside, Sunday simply presents an opportunity for families to enjoy a relaxing day out together.

A jumping castle and face painting will keep the kids happy, while a barbecue and other refreshments will be available to recharge the batteries after exploring the gardens.

Father's Day at Piccoli's Star Spanner Sculpture Gardens runs between 11am and 4pm, with the official launch to take place at 2pm. Entry is \$5 per adult and free for children under 16.

For further information on the complete Naturally Loddon Spring Festival Calendar of events on offer between Sunday 4 September and Sunday 30 October, visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au or phone the Loddon Visitor Information centre on 5494 3489.

Mental Health First Aid a priority

Loddon Shire Council recently received silver recognition from Mental Health First Aid Australia for being a Mental Health First Aid Skilled Workforce. This is good news for Loddon Shire staff but also for the broader community.

By maintaining a ratio of at least five per cent of staff with a Mental Health First Aid Certificate, we are equipping people with skills they can use outside business hours to assist others.

Mental Health First Aid is the help given to someone developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. This may be a work-mate, but is just as likely to be a family-member, neighbour, team-mate or parent at the school gate. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

Let's hope Council's investment in mental health helps us to have greater confidence assisting those in need, reducing stigma, and in doing so, strengthening our rural communities.

Private driveway repair costs

In recent weeks we've received a spate of queries from residents seeking Council assistance to repair their private driveway. I would like to remind residents that it's the property owner's responsibility to maintain, and where necessary, repair private driveways up to the point where it meets the roadway.

Driveway damage most commonly occurs though wear and tear of ageing driveways or heavy vehicle usage such as trucks.

Council is happy to assist residents with technical advice on the best way to repair or upgrade their driveway to suit current requirements, but is not responsible for any repair work.

Do you want to pass the business reins over?

Small business owners considering selling their business may benefit from attending a workshop to be held at the Wedderburn Community Centre in Wilson Street on Tuesday 4 October.

Small Business Victoria, in conjunction with Loddon Shire Council, is hosting the workshop designed to maximise the value of an existing business with owners wishing to pass over the reins. Participants will learn how to improve the perceived value of their business in the eyes of potential buyers, and put steps in place to set new owners up for continued success.

Cost is \$20 per person including a light meal and cuppa. Bookings can be secured by phoning Sandra Steel on 5494 1257 or emailing ssteel@loddon.vic.gov.au

Cr Neil Beattie

Gagging Liberal MPs will not end CFA dispute

Ripon MP, Louise Staley, has warned the Andrews Government that stopping local MPs from speaking at CFA functions will not end the State Government's dispute with the CFA.

After forcing out a Minister, sacking the board and CEO and banning volunteer firefighters from protesting in uniform, Daniel Andrews' hand-picked management has now written to local CFA brigades, forbidding them from involving their local opposition MP from any functions or events.

This includes medal presentations, station openings, truck handovers and brigade dinners.

Ms. Staley, who has been a regular fixture at local CFA brigade events across the seat of Ripon, said 'Dictator Dan' had gone too far, and this latest desperate move prevents her from fulfilling her role as a Member of Parliament.

"CFA brigades are entitled to have their local MP speak at their functions and events no matter which party they belong to. Daniel Andrews is ignoring this and is trying to freeze out all who oppose him with this EBA." Ms. Staley said

"I was selected by the voters to represent all people and groups across the Ripon electorate. Daniel Andrews needs to let me get on with my job.

"There are over 90 all-volunteer CFA brigades protecting Ripon's communities; they deserve our thanks, and it is wrong that Daniel Andrews is now stopping me from thanking them on behalf of the Parliament and the community.

"Some of my brigades are over 100 years old and have had decades of MPs from all political persuasions attending their events. Banning Liberal MPs goes against our democratic values and must be opposed.

"Silencing me for sticking up for the CFA is undemocratic. Local brigades deserve access to their local MPs."

Louise Staley MP



Dunolly Primary School Click Project!

Grade 3/4 students from Dunolly Primary School have been out and about in our local community taking photographs that represent our school values. This week we were very fortunate to be able to visit the Dunolly Fire Brigade, Dunolly Bowling Club, Dunolly Craft Shop and Dunolly Lions Book Shop. Each of these local organisations provided many opportunities for our eager and excited photographers to snap pictures that demonstrate community, resilience, respect and achievement.

We would like to sincerely thank the following people for giving up their time to show us through their organisation and allowing us to learn more about our community, whilst capturing images at the same time:



- •lan from Dunolly Bowling Club
- •Marion from Dunolly Craft Shop
- •Cheryl and Gary from the CFA
- •Jean from the Lions Book Shop

We are very grateful to have so many local people willing to give up their time to assist us with our learning. Thank you all very much!

Dunolly Primary School will be holding a special photography exhibition at the **Dunolly Town Hall** on **Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October** (times to be announced). We would love to see as many people as possible at our exhibition and hope that you can make it to see all of the wonderful photos that our students have been taking. Everyone welcome!

Carla Scholes



