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Dunolly Chosen for Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships



How good are the forests around Dunolly? Well, the answer to that is "Wonderful". In fact the forests, with their network of tracks and paths, has seen Dunolly chosen for one of the Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championship events which was held this past weekend.

Up to 150 competitors from around Australia, New Zealand and Europe arrived in Dunolly to take up the challenge of navigating and riding as fast as they could through the complex network of tracks in the wonderful forests located around our area.

From MTBO Facebook Page

Donation: 50c



Flynn of Moliagul Event

Several months ago, at a museum meeting, Rachel Buckley said a new \$20 note was going to be issued. The Rev. John Flynn, who was born at Moliagul, would still be on the new note. What could we do to mark the occasion?

When thinking of John Flynn and the RFDS, people tend to visualise doctors and aeroplanes; they are very tangible. There is a third part of the story that is not so obvious and that is radio, so we decided to raise the profile of radio.

The Bendigo Amateur Radio and Electronics Club were enthusiastic as they are very aware that David Wyles, Harry Kauper and George Towns were important

people in the background who led to Alfred Traeger and his pedal wireless. The radio experiments of these people, including Flynn, advanced radio technology from filling an entire building to being compact and portable. It is a fact that these efforts globally advanced radio development. We now take for granted the reality of Flynn's vision of aviation and radio that must have looked like science fiction.

There is another part of this story, the misleadingly named amateur radio. Firstly, right through the history of radio the number of 'amateurs' who are at, or involved with, the leading edge of communications technology development is astounding and not publicly known. Secondly, as disasters unfold that cause communications to

fail, the most likely first responders are the 'amateur' community. As shown at Moliagul, a radio station can be set up easily that does not require internet, landlines, power-grid or any such system that can fail. Modern amateur radios and antennas will run off a vehicle battery, small generator or solar panel and can be set up in minutes and require no other infrastructure. These HF (short wave) radios will find contacts when all else fails. When a disaster occurs it makes the news, but the amateurs do not. You can test this by internet searching 'amateur radio' and whatever disaster is occurring. Did you know that Central Goldfields Shire has amateur radio in its emergency management plan?

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I do hate cruelty towards anything, but \$25 million for retired racehorses when I keep getting pleas for donations to feed people. I know there is no connection — I'm just saying.

It is a bit of a give-away when one answers the phone and there is silence on the other end, then one hears voices off asking things like "Do you have solar panels?" Time to hang up.

Seen on a tradie's truck in Maryborough — Zombie Response Team. Wonder what they do after dark? Are there a lot of Zombies in the district? Don't answer that! I've been wondering if the wax in Wash and Wax car detergent is the reason my car windows are very difficult to clean.

Re Coles insurance ad on TV — the one with two men stuck in their car by other cars parked too close. Were they "parked in" after they left their car? If not, how did they get into the vehicle when there is about ten centimetres between cars?

I have been given a copy of *The Welcome Record* from 1981 when it had a yellow cover. One of the thank you notices was from the matron of the Dunolly Hospital thanking people for giving the inserts from wine and five litre orange juice casks. Speculation among ladies at the fashion parade was rife — had the nurses been brewing moonshine and putting it in the inserts? Mystery solved when we asked Marg Price — they were inflated and used to put under patients' heels to prevent pressure sores.

There was a joke too. After many years of hard work, a scientist had perfected a serum that restored life to inanimate objects. After a few drinks one night, he crept into the local park and injected the serum into the statue of a soldier. The statue slowly began to move and climbed down from its base. "Success at last", yelled the scientist, "What are you going to do now?"

The soldier whipped his rifle off his back and growled,

" I'm going to shoot a million *****pigeons ".

Rosie



PS: Seagulls do the same thing. Stock photo

Defibrillators available at —

SES, CFA, DFNC, Dunolly Bowls Club, Doctor's Office and Dunolly Town Hall.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Art Matters

What is art? What's "good art" and what isn't? These questions remain unresolved, as they have been for millennia. Beauty (art) is in the eye of the beholder. Neville Callow (TWR last issue) thinks he knows what's good and what isn't, describing existing and proposed installations as "totally out of character", "Sesame Street mosaics", "eyesores" and "hideous". This is opinion presented as fact, denigrating and negatively labelling works that others admire, enjoy even. There's nothing wrong with any opinions, including those that incorporate the kind of language proffered by Mr Callow, but they should be prefaced by "I think...", or "My opinion is...". No one is the final arbiter of taste when it comes to any art form.

To the best of my knowledge, the only monies spent on the Daly building by any heritage/preservation organisation followed a partial wall collapse immediately behind the freshly-rendered footpath section. Repeated requests for restoration assistance prior to that subsidence were unmet and, despite recognition of the whole Bendigo Hotel complex as historically significant, little inclination to restore it has been shown by any preservation body, including the National Trust, of which I'm a member. I do agree that this, along with our roofless, deteriorating railway goods shed, is a disgrace.

I don't agree that placement of any of the sculptures will impede photography (there are available angles that will exclude items that may offend), nor do I think (note that I'm offering an opinion, not stating a fact) that the aesthetics of the streetscape will be ruined, since there are many examples (the Louvre glass pyramids for instance), where the modern and the traditional coexist harmoniously. I also live in Dunolly (have done since 1980) and my reasons for doing so are broader than the aesthetic appearance of the historic architecture, 'though I do appreciate it and support its conservation.

The sculptures have involved a great deal of community work and cooperation, as residents of long and more recent standing have endeavoured to establish Dunolly as a rural, hands-on art hub. The "eyesore" adjacent to the Court House is by Deborah Halpern, highly regarded (by people who know much more about art than me) as a multi-media artist who has also "moved and invested here". She has exhibited in many galleries, including at Montsalvat, from whence this sculpture came. I believe that the Council is aware of, and supports the project — slabs couldn't be poured without its approval.

As for a children's playground being a more suitable placement, I refer to the opening paragraph - opinions are fine (there's stuff I don't like, but that doesn't make it an eyesore, hideous or rubbish), but we should only speak for ourselves and not pejoratively define what to others, is worthwhile and admirable.

Murray Hall

Modern Art Sculptures

In support of Neville Callow's letter to the Editor (TWR 23/10/2019) I would like to add my concerns of the "modern mosaic sculptures" being placed around Dunolly. My family and I moved here about five years ago, and part of the attraction was the aesthetic street scape. Such beautiful and heritage-listed buildings should not be vandalised with such 'art work'. As Neville said, these would be better placed in a park area or even a school playground, but definitely not where they prevent locals and visitors alike from getting their photos or just looking and admiring the building.

Marilyn Rowe

Garish Sculptures

I read with interest and agreeance the article written by Neville Callow in last week's *Welcome Record* in relation to the mosaic items being erected on Broadway and include the ones at the Court House. We moved to Dunolly as we associate with its history, its old buildings, antiquities and uniqueness. The erection of the mosaics would be more suited to a playground or similar children's area. It is a shame that these "modern"

structures are being erected on Broadway and amongst buildings with great historical value and interest. In my opinion they certainly detract from the town streetscape and also remove the ideal photographic opportunities associated with historical buildings. I did not hear about a local meeting that decided the positioning; perhaps I was away. While a lot of people will disagree and criticise my comments, I believe there is a whole lot more who will agree. My "sense of place" is Dunolly as it is, without garish sculptures on its Broadway!

Artwork in Dunolly

Having been a regular traveller through Dunolly for more than fifty years and a resident for over 17 years, I have some sympathy for the views expressed by Neville in his letter to The Welcome Record last week. He stated he was not enamoured of the artwork currently displayed in front of the Court House. I too feel this piece has outlived its welcome in Dunolly. Its continued presence here makes me feel uneasy about the new artwork we are about to get in Broadway. There are large goldfields relics at the back of the Dunolly Museum which would make a great street display. After all we are a goldfields town. Several years ago while visiting the Perth Mint, I saw there were more Dunolly gold nuggets on display than nuggets from anywhere else in Australia. This town has some lovely old buildings created from this gold which are still appreciated by residents today. Ultimately it will be Dunolly residents who decide the future of the so-called new artworks about to be installed here. Anthony Dunn

Wrong place for Artwork

Like my neighbours, I too think that the placement of modern mosaic covered artworks in the historical section of Broadway is, by any measure inappropriate and inconsistent with the historic streetscape. To place one in front of the Bendigo Hotel and opposite the Imperial Bank and the sign which explains the historical significance of the Bendigo Hotel makes no sense at all — surely we can find a more appropriate site? Likewise the neglected mosaic planter boxes which have been in Broadway for some years.

I am in two minds about the placement of the sculpture in the Court House precinct, but it is at the very least "sensitively placed" when compared with the proposed Broadway placement. When the footpaths were redone a few of years ago, Council appears to have gone to considerable trouble to design something serviceable, yet appropriate to the historic environment, and also chose appropriate street furniture that is consistent with the historic buildings and overall environment; this sculpture will "scream" at them.

In my view, the two or three main blocks of Broadway are a "heritage treasure" and should be protected for all to see.

The mosaic works I have seen clearly have artistic merit as well as community worth, but could be much more appropriately placed elsewhere by agreement; perhaps by the skate park, the playground, at the pool, near the kindergarten, at Deledio oval, the caravan park, an appropriate spot in Bealiba or even at the entrances to the towns or along the Tarnagulla or Bealiba roads where they won't detract from the surrounding historic streetscape.

Additionally, it is worth noting that the mounting plinth which has been recently constructed near the Bendigo Hotel is, by its form and location, a tripping hazard and in my experience would clearly fail to satisfy any 21st century Environmental Health and Safety Test, so I do hope that it is going to be completely fenced out, and/or that the owners of the sculpture and/or Council have plenty of Public Liability insurance cover.

Steve Marsden, Broadway

More concerns about Art

I support Mr Callow in his concerns about 'art'. In this matter and also what is in the Rene Fox Gardens I feel 'used' by people stating these works were intended to present history and story telling. I can assure the community that having been fooled twice I will not be silent should a similar situation arise.

Bet Bet School 1661: Information sought

Did you, your relatives or friends attend the Bet Bet School while it was in operation between 1912 and 1948? Information is sought about former students and teachers, as well as the buildings and the school grounds, including the school garden located at the front of the school. The site of the school garden was recently identified, with the layout of the garden beds visible even after 100 years. Any memorabilia to do with the school would be very welcome and could include:

- photographs of students and the school surrounds;
- school certificates and posters;
- newspaper articles (not currently available on Trove);
- stories passed down through families, and
- artefacts from the school.

Material would be used to construct a brief history of the school as well as build a case for inclusion of the school gardens in the Heritage overlay for the Central Goldfields Shire (the school building itself is currently listed in the Overlay). Any memorabilia would be photographed, scanned and returned to owners in the case of photographs and documents. In the case of stories, these would be recorded, transcribed and attributed to contributors.

If you think you have some information about the school, you can contact Rhonda Hallett via phone (0412 265 712) or email (rhondahallett@gmail.com) to arrange a meeting.

Rhonda Hallett





Bag Ban

This official plastic bag ban takes effect this Friday 1st November 2019.

All single use plastic bags will be obsolete and you will be required to bring your own shopping bag to ALL shops. This includes our very own Dunolly Bakery.

Do your bit to help save the environment.

Susan Anderson

Solar Homes delivers clean energy and savings to Western Victoria

The Victorian Government's Solar Homes program is continuing to drive Victoria's transition to more affordable household energy, with 46,000 installations of solar PV, solar hot water and solar batteries completed across Victoria since the program's launch.

Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today released new data showing more than 800 households in the Lowan and Ripon electorates have had solar systems installed.

Solar Homes is delivering a pipeline of cleaner, cheaper energy in every corner of the state, with more than 62,000 applications for solar panels, solar hot water and solar batteries so far secured by Victorian households.

Victorians living in regional and rural Victoria are embracing the transition to renewables, with figures showing 42% of rebate applications secured by households outside of Melbourne.

In Ripon electorate, 501 households have had solar installed with another 337 in Lowan.

Ms Pulford said Solar Homes is reducing energy bills for families most in need of relief, with 69 per cent of solar rebates going to households with incomes of less than \$104,000.

"Solar Homes is helping local families in Western Victoria to take control of their energy bills and save hundreds each year," she said.

"The latest figures show that Solar Homes has been very popular in Western Victoria, which also means our region is playing a part in Victoria's efforts to reduce emissions and tackle climate change," Ms Pulford said.

Since July 1st, the Solar Homes program has been speedily converting solar PV rebate applications into installations with most applications approved and installations completed within the month they are allocated to the customer.

Solar Homes is driving a 46% increase in the uptake of solar PV across the state, with residential installations in 2019 on track to deliver solar panels to 60,000 households, compared to about 41,000 installations in 2018.

Electorates in Western Victoria have all embraced the program including:

Wendouree 726.
Buninyong 524
Ripon 501.
South West Coast 424.
Polwarth 366.
Lowan 337.

From the office of Jaala Pulford MP







A Sense of Place

We are in the final stages. Footings are poured, installation team prepare and excited. Installation will commence this week.

It has been a long two-year journey led by internationally renowned artist, Deborah Halpern, and a local team of artists.

Participation was by the entire population of our primary school, pre school, mums and bubs, plus more than 300 community members.

More than 400 pieces were hand-painted by our townsfolk in response to their "sense of place", Dunolly.

The sculptures tell their stories of place, not only visually, but also QR codes that will link to website and recordings. The whole process has been documented and will form a visual record for both our own community and others who wish to follow our process and benefit from our learning.

This has been a significant piece of work of community art to build these sculptures. Both a challenge and fantastic learning with an outcome to be proud of.

Supported by Federal, State and Local Government, and built by us!

Judy Meldrum

COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS STILL ALIVE

After the devastating loss of all he owns, local Ric Moore and his dog are close to returning to his land. The SES informed me that a water tank, toilet facilities, a few garden items and a fence for some privacy are still needed.

In order to help raise some more dollars to send his way, a music day is again being planned out at our wonderful venue at the Dunolly Golf Club on Saturday 9th November. The very entertaining 'JANESAW' and her band 'Calf Muscle' will be putting on a great show. Entry is a gold coin donation. The bar opens at 1pm and a BBQ is being cooked by the CFA/SES volunteers. Ongoing thanks must be extended to the Golf Club, the Railway Hotel, the musicians and other caring members of our community.

Please come and support this very worthwhile cause for one of our townsfolk who gives his time tirelessly to service groups and the community garden. Your help is appreciated.

Jan Brock



JANESAW and her band will perform at this event.



A Place I Know

There is a place I know
That's very far away.
It takes a while to get there,
Much more than a day;
Sometimes a week, a month, a year.
Yet some will never get there
And that's their biggest fear.

There's quite a lot of obstacles
That litter the path;
Hurdles that can be conquered
With a shrug or a laugh.
Whenever you see one coming,
Push it out the way;
Sweep that roadway clear of blocks
And soon you'll be OK

Because those obstructions
Are merely figments of your mind,
They have no power to hurt you
If you leave them all behind.

Create your world the way you want it to be,
Don't conform to the mores of society.
Not saying to be a hoon,
But be yourself and soon,
That place I speak of, you will find,
It's called "Peace of Mind".



Susan Anderson



Your Community 2030 – drop-in sessions

Funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund, Central Goldfields Shire Council is working with residents to develop 10 year community plans which reflect the uniqueness and priorities of the eight communities and districts of

Maryborough, Bealiba, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Talbot, Majorca, Bet Bet and Timor.

Throughout the months of October to December, Council is inviting feedback from the community on what is needed to make their community a great place to live – now and into the future.

Your Community 2030 drop-in sessions are open to everyone of all ages. It will be a relaxed setting where you can read more about the project and talk one-on-one with project staff and share your ideas.

A series of drop-in sessions will be held during November and December 2019:

	,	2.30pm to 6.30pm	Talbot Town Hall		
		9am to 12noon	Kmart Shopping Centre		
	,		Carisbrook Recreation Reserve		
Bealiba & District		2.30pm to 6.30pm	Bealiba Town Hall		
Dunolly & District		2.30pm to 6.30pm	Dunolly Town Hall		
, ,	,	2.30pm to 6.30pm	Community Hub		
Bet Bet & District	Thursday 28 November, 2019		Betley Mechanics Institute Hall		
	Monday 2 December, 2019	4pm to 6pm	Majorca Town Hall		
	mor & District Tuesday 3 December, 2019		Timor Town Hall		

Residents can also share their ideas by completing an online survey. For more information and access to the survey, visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Council has engaged Local Logic Place to work on this project. For further information on Central Goldfields – Your Community 2030, contact Lisa McCoy on 0428 644 070 or email lisa@locallogicplace.com.au

Recreation and Open Space Strategy

Central Goldfields Shire Council is developing the Central Goldfields Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2020–2029 with funding support from Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund Recreation Planning Grant.

The Strategy will guide Council and the community in the provision of, investment in, and delivery of open space, sport and active recreation spaces, facilities, services and opportunities in the Central Goldfields Shire. The strategy will aim to increase the participation of people living in the Shire in sport, recreation and physical activity.

Recreation and Open Space Strategy drop-in sessions are a great opportunity to provide your thoughts and ideas.

Upcoming dates and locations are:

Wednesday 30 October, 2019 2pm to 3pm

Maryborough Visitor Information Centre

at 91 Nolan Street, Maryborough

ANA Hall at 15 Ballarat Street, Talbot 4pm to 7pm

Residents can also share their ideas by completing an online survey. For more information and access to the survey, visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Free stuff for kids and families

Every week from Monday to Friday, there are lots of fun things for you and your children to enjoy, including

Supported Playgroup, music sessions, Story Time and Toddler Time, Maryborough Regional Library, toy libraries and much more.

Central Goldfields Shire Council is proud to support many of these activities, as we recognise how important play is to your child's fundamental learning, development, confidence and wellbeing.

A calendar of this term's free children's activities is available for you to view and download at:

https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/freestuffforkids

Nominate now for 2020 Australia Day Awards

Do you know a community-minded citizen, a special young person, or a community activity you would like to be officially recognised for making a positive contribution to the Central Goldfields Shire community?

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day Awards. Awards will be presented in the following three categories:

- · Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- · Community Award of the Year

Nomination forms are available at the Central Goldfields Shire website:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/2020australiadayawards

Alternatively, residents can pick up hard copies from Council's Customer Service Centre located at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough. Nominations are open until 5pm on Wednesday 4th December, 2019.

The Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day Awards will be presented at Council's Australia Day celebration at the Station Domain on Sunday 26 January, 2020.

CGSC News





Central Goldfields Shire Council is working with residents to develop 10 year community plans that reflect the uniqueness and priorities of the eight communities and districts of: Maryborough, Bealiba, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Talbot, Majorca, Bet Bet, and Timor.

DUNOLLY & DISTRICT

Tuesday, 19 November, 2.30pm - 6.30pm • Dunolly Town Hall

We want to hear from everyone!

Come along to our Dunolly and district drop-in session. You can arrive at any time and stay for as long as you like.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY PLAN?

A community plan sets out a community's vision for the future. Developed and owned by the community, the plan captures the community's voice for what is most important for them.

HOW WILL THE DROP-IN SESSION RUN? The drop-in session in your community is open to

everyone of all ages. It is a relaxed setting where you can read more about the project and talk one-on-one with project staff and share your ideas.

TO FILL IN AN ONLINE SURVEY OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

PROJECT TIMELINE

OCTOBER 2019 - FEBRUARY 2020

Community consultation through surveys, listening posts, postcards, drawing activities, drop-in sessions and community workshops.

MARCH 2020

Community feedback sought on Draft community plans.

MARCH 2020

Draft findings presented to Council for feedback.

APRIL 2020

Finalised community plans presented to Central Goldfields Shire Council for adoption.





Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre



2019 ART & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

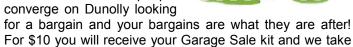
Don't forget to call in and be amazed at the fabulous talent on show at the Arts Hub, Thompson St. on Saturday & Sunday from 10am

Grand opening by *The Welcome Record* editor Susan Anderson, 12noon!

WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE

If you're thinking of having a Garage Sale, be a part of the Dunolly Whole Town Garage Sale on Saturday 23rd November, 2019

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Want more information? Call in for a cuppa and a chat or Ring 54681511 Monday to Thursday or simply email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley Coordinator







This weekend is the Annual Dunolly Photography and Art Show. This year we have two local sponsors: our local CWA and *The Welcome Record*.

The Photography and Art Show will run all weekend from 10am until 4pm. The opening ceremony on Saturday will be at midday and we welcome the editor of *The Welcome Record*, Susan Anderson, to open the proceedings. We will also be welcoming the Dunolly

primary school students who will be exhibiting their photographs. This is something they have studied in the last term. We have some very eclectic entries this year which really showcase the artistic talents of the goldfields.

The judging will be on Friday. Over the weekend there will be a raffle and a door prize. You can vote for your favourite entry in the People's Choice prize. Afternoon tea will be available. All this for a gold coin entry. We hope to see you all there supporting local and community events.

Our next event to look forward to will be the Dunolly Town Garage sale on 23rd November. Time to clear out your cupboards. Make a little Christmas money by selling a few things. We have garage sale kits at the Neighbourhood Centre ready for you to pick up when you register your garage sale; cost is \$10. Last time we had the town garage sale it was a very successful day and everybody made some money. So start clearing out the shed then pop up to the Neighbourhood Centre, register your sale and we will have a great day. For any queries please ring the Neighbourhood Centre and have a chat with Sharon who will fill you in with all the details. Don't forget, we still have all normal programs on at the hub. Mosaics on Monday, Tai Chi on Tuesday and the art group gathers on Wednesday if you want to come and join.

Lynda

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MAYORAL COLUMN

Citizenship congratulations

Last week I had the pleasure of presenting citizenship certificates to our newest Australian citizens. Suwattana Chulakathappa, formerly from Thailand, along with Esther Noemi Jacob Domingo and her son Von Marco Domingo Fernandez from the Philippines made the Australian Citizenship Pledge during a ceremony at the Council Chambers last Tuesday.

Changes to the Bridgewater dump point

Patrons at the Bridgewater Public Caravan Park will no longer have to leave the park to dispose of their waste after the installation of a dump point for their use within the Caravan Park. The dump point at the Bridgewater Recreation Reserve has been decommissioned. The dump point suffered consistent vandalism and misuse, as well as issues with the pressure flow and fall of the sewage line. The new dump point at the Caravan Park has improved pressure for flushing and blackflow prevention and will be monitored by park staff. Due to public liability and legal requirements, the new dump point is only available to park patrons. This means that the township of Bridgewater will lose its RV Friendly status.

Regenerative Communities Forum

Recently I had the opportunity to address the Regenerative Communities Forum in Mildura on the subject of economic migration – inviting diversity. The session covered a lot of relevant and interesting issues such as how we are injecting new life into our communities by embracing migrants. Pyramid Hill is an example of how a declining small town with an ageing population has been transformed in just over ten years by skilled migration. More than 100 Filipinos now call the town home; boosting the primary school, filling crucial roles in the emergency services and even hosting a vibrant cultural festival. Another topic of discussion at the forum was the importance of local produce; how we can all help boost our local economy by buying food which is produced and sold locally, and is in season. The forum offered a unique opportunity for us to learn from the experiences of other towns

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and see what is being done elsewhere to rejuvenate local economies and communities.

Clean up your property

The CFA reminds us that everyone in Victoria needs to prepare their property for bushfire, not just those who live on rural properties. There are many blocks and properties around our towns that look untidy and pose a fire risk as the weather warms up. The CFA recommends removal of flammables from close to the house, keeping grass to less than 10cm, pruning trees and shrubs near buildings, keeping rooftops and gutters clear of leaf litter and keeping woodpiles tidy and away from houses. As I have mentioned in previous Mayoral Columns, long grass and rubbish on your property can also attract vermin and snakes. There have already been a number of sightings of snakes in built-up areas this spring. If your property is unsightly I would urge you rectify that immediately. Residents who fail to keep their property safe and well maintained not only aggravate their neighbours, but may receive a formal notice to comply with the local law to tidy their properties. If you have any questions please contact Council on 5494 1200. Taking pride in where we live and work makes Loddon Shire a more vibrant and liveable place to call home.

Keep in touch van

Yesterday was a wonderful day at the Wedderburn Splatter Run which was held in partnership with Wedderburn College and Inglewood and Districts Health Services. Now in its second year, the Splatter Run, is a unique event in the Loddon Shire that celebrates healthiness, happiness and encourages the youth of the area to be more active in the community. In an exciting initiative, the Keep In Touch Van (KIT Van) was launched at the event. The KIT Van is a mobile youth mental health resource which has been created to provide information for the 12-25-year age group and can be accessed for community events.

This roving service has been co-designed and co-led by young people, alongside local government and state government services. The KIT Van promotes a positive mental health message and works in conjunction with other local services providers and the youth crew.

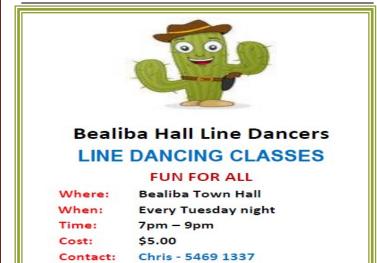
Did you know

Applications are currently open for Loddon Mallee farmers and communities facing drought and dry conditions to gain funding under the Look Over the Farm Gate program.

Look Over the Farm Gate events let farmers take a break from the farm, reconnect, access professional support and participate in mental health training. The program encourages community groups to come up with a creative single event or series of events to most effectively support farmers in their region.

The program is managed by the VFF in partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the Country Women's Association, the Country Fire Authority, and The National Centre for Farmer Health. For more information about eligibility and how to apply, visit the website https://lookoverthefarmgate.org.au/.

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Dunolly Christian Churches

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Anglican Church Services:

St John's Dunolly

Thursday 31st October — No Service

Emu

5.30pm, 4th Sunday of the month

Bealiba St. David's

8.00am Mass 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

Catholic Church Services:

Dunolly, St. Mary's

8.30 Assembly, 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

8.30 Mass, 2nd & 4thSunday of the month

Bealiba, St. Patrick's

8.30am Mass, 5th Sunday of the month

Uniting Church Services:

Dunolly

9.30am Sunday, Rev Gordon Wild, Holy Communion

St John's Church

Thursday 31st October. No Service

The parish will be holding a cake and produce stall held at the Lions Market in Maryborough on Sunday 3rd November.

Trina Kay

SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Will he delay long in helping them?

Luke 18: 17

St John's Anglican Church 150th Anniversary



As the celebrations are fast approaching on Sunday, 15th December, readers are reminded this is an opportunity to share photos and memorabilia of important family occasions at St John's. We already have one wedding dress to display and hope a few

more brides of yesteryear will be prepared to show off their special dress, too. We have devised a way in which items can be safely hung for viewing on the day in the church hall.

If you wish, individual photos can be copied at the RTC at no cost. Otherwise, you may be prepared to share a family album over lunch after the service. The Dunolly Museum has already uncovered some very early and important photographs and records of St John's, including the church's construction, and these will be displayed.

If you have any questions, please call me on 0428 322 208 or Trina Kay on 0497 936 387.

Fiona Lindsay

Catholic Church

There is an invitation to a 'hymnfest " at St. Andrew's Uniting Church Maryborough on Sunday, 10th November at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea and an offering for the upkeep of the organ. Anyone who would like to come on or off the ministries roster, please contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul is having an appeal for non-perishable goods — these can be left at St. Augustine's.

Mass at St. Mary's, Dunolly on Sunday, 3rd November at 8.30am.

Friday, 1st November is All Saint's Day —12 noon Mass at St. Augustine's.

Saturday, 2nd November is All Soul's Day- 9.30am Mass at St. Augustine's.

R Mecredy

Today create happiness.
Happiness is created, never just by chance.

Helen Steiner Rice

Uniting Church

On 3rd November, Rev Gordon Wild will lead us in Holy Communion at 9.30am. Come to this service with an open heart and enjoy praising God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is very welcome.

On 7th November, UCAF will meet at 11am in the Church grounds to carpool to go to Newstead CWA for lunch with cocktails. Entry \$15. Wear best hat and garb.

Saturday 9th November, Car Boot Sale in the Church grounds. Hosts Bealiba CWA. Our Op Shop will be open too

Thursday 14th November, we are holding a carol service for anyone who would like to come to the Dunolly Hospital after lunch.

Our Op Shop is full of summer clothes and Christmas things. Books and little pieces of china would make small Christmas gifts to fill up that stocking. There is also a large range of furniture at bargain prices.

Come in and browse to your heart's content.

Jean Richardson



The Op Shop is open on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 2pm
Thursdays and Fridays
from 10am to 4pm



DUNOLLY CWA UPDATE

Our AGM is on Wednesday, 6th November at 1.30pm. Our monthly meeting is at 10am to give us plenty of time to prepare. Please bring lunch to share — and something nice for afternoon tea (very important!).

Please remember your subs in an envelope with your name on it. Subs are \$80.50 this year.

Please think about the agenda for next year, and bring your ideas along. Anyone interested in finding out about CWA is very welcome to attend the meeting at the SES shed.

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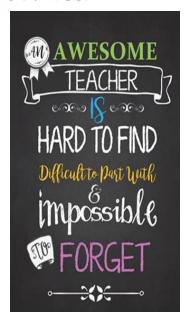
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Around school this week

Teacher Appreciation Day!

How do you know we have THE BEST TEACHERS EVER?If you are on our Facebook group you would have seen a post shared from a parent who had a child attend our school many years ago. She was reminiscing about her son's time at Dunolly PS and wanted to say thank you all these years later. She commented on how every staff member knew her kids personally and were so professional and made them feel at home. Our teachers go above and beyond in their roles in many unseen ways and for this I encourage you to write a note to your child's teacher, or have your child write a letter to express your gratitude for the work they do. We will be celebrating this day over the next week on a day when all teachers are at school, so keep the notes coming in.



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep – Jack Johnson & Oakley Hinds
Year 1/2 – Grace Freemantle
Year 3/4 H – Jacob Soulsby
Year 3/4 M – Will Smith
Year 5/6 – Tyson Hoban
& Mackenzie Meyer
Principal's – Billy Crumpton
Auslan – Darcy Hoban & Kyzer Lawton

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Family Fun Day
Melbourne Cup Themed
Monday November 4th
Starting at: 12.30pm
Parents, Grandparents, Aunts,
Uncles
& Family Friends are all
invited to come and join in
the fun.
Bring a picnic lunch to share
with your child.





Community
Building responsible
citizens

Bike Ed Program – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Bike Ed will commence on Monday November 4th and will be run every day over the following two weeks, concluding on Friday November 15th with the On Road Test for the year 6 students.

All students need to bring their bike and helmet to school for a safety check during the week before from Monday October 28th to Friday November 1st.

The program consists of classroom activities and cycling activities, completed in the school grounds and on footpaths. Only the year 6 students will ride around the streets of Dunolly once they have competently completed the road safety activities at school.









Letters to the Editor, The Welcome Record

Dear Editor,

I'm pleased to report to *The Welcome Record* readers that the Andrews Government is taking action to lift the standard of meals in Victorian public hospitals and aged care centres, with a food audit now underway.

Members of the public have a chance to provide their views, experiences and ideas on ways food can be healthier, tastier and more diverse for patients and aged care residents.

The food audit will consider the nutritional value of food and drinks served, and how public hospitals and aged care facility menus cater to the diverse needs of modern diets,

It will also assess the taste and variety of meals currently on offer and look at ways to source food from local Victorian farmers and producers.

We all know that a balanced, nutritious diet is essential for patients to recover from their injury or illness.

Healthy eating can help prevent chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, many cancers and even mental health conditions.

After the audit, all public hospitals and aged care facilities will be required to follow the revised nutrition standards and guidelines.

I would encourage residents of Central Goldfields Shire to contribute to the survey by 25th November by visiting engage.vic.gov.au/food-public-hospitals-and-aged-care.

Our hospitals and aged care facilities already do a great job feeding their patients and residents. Now we're working together to lift the bar and provide even better meals than ever before.

> Jaala Pulford MP Labor Member for Western Victoria

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This week has been a very active week for the community, and us.

We have had three major issues present themselves with two of the three going in the way of the community. The two outstanding billboard matters:

1: Madmans Lane Flagstaff which the applicant took to VCAT on 30th August 2019. The decision was to uphold the council's decision to reject the application 2: The applicant for the proposed illuminated billboard on the Chicken Maryland wall also took the council's decision to refuse the planning permit application to VCAT. The applicant withdrew their application and the council's decision remained.

Members of the community worked to support all council decisions at the VCAT hearings and were ready to support the council on the third VCAT hearing when it was withdrawn. The input of local knowledge showed its value – without that these results would not have been achieved. The value of community contributions should never be underestimated.

The other major item was the council's decision to withdraw the Maryborough Aerodrome CASA Accreditation and revert to an Aircraft Landing Area. This issue was brought to a head with a meeting organized by CGR&RAI with administration over their decision. There were 24 people in attendance at that meeting, which was quite animated at times. The Council agreed to consider concerns raised, assess their decision and informed they would advise of their decision on Tuesday 29th October. Other options are being looked into by the objectors as a back stop.

With twelve months to go before council election we, the community, need to stand up and take responsibility and do our part on our recovery. Thank you for your time and we look forward to your support. Please attend our 12th November meeting at Carisbrook's Senior Citizens Hall commencing at 7.30pm or contact us for more information.

CGR&RAI



Supplied courtesy: The Puzzle Wizard



Across

- 2. Mild seasoning made from sweet red peppers
- Middle Eastern city known as 'Venice of the Gulf'
- 9. Inactive person
- 10. Difficult matter
- 11. Lane behind buildings
- 13. Cap's peak
- 16. Sweet rounded juicy fruit
- 17. Aquatic bird
- 19. Docile
- 20. Aust. squash great,
 ____Fitz-Gerald
- 22. Alcoholic drink served hot or cold
- 23. Greet
- 24. Period preceding dawn

- 26. Object indicated
- 29. Small low island of coral or sand
- 30. Container for valuables
- 32. Swiss singing style
- 34. Period of time
- 35. Form of energy produced in reactor
- 36. Lower surface of room
- 37. Begin again (acquaintance, eg.)
- 38. Annul

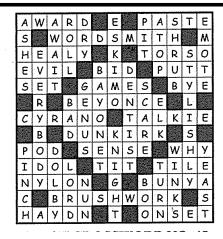
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- Dressmaker's thin net material
- 2. Writing material
- 3. Uncluttered
- 4. Eraser
- 5. Ukraine's capital
- Acknowledge wrongdoing
- 7. Animal's poison
- 11. In abundance
- 12. Lacking energy
- 14. Warrior of Japan
- 15. To officiate (at rugby match, eg.)

- 17. Sleight of hand as entertainment
- 18. Weak, wishy-____
- Daughter's husband,in-law
- 21. Humbly, ____ in hand
- 25. Pungent bulb used in cooking
- 27. Vehemently
- 28. Spanish title of address
- 30. To cut (vegetable, eg.) into long thin pieces
- 31. Travels by air
- 33. Bait of fisherman
- 34. Notify of danger

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Put These On Your Calendar for November 2019

Wednesday 6th Dunolly CWA AGM SES Shed 1.30pm

Saturday 9th Music afternoon with JANESAW Dunolly Golf Club from 1pm

Tuesday 12th CGR&RAI Meeting Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th Dunolly Golf Club AGM Golf Club Rooms 7.30pm

Tuesday 19th Your Community 2030 Drop-in Session Dunolly Town Hall 2.30pm to 6.30pm

Stories from Cynthia

Quite recently I wrote about disasters and dramas in my colourful life. Yesterday I had another one but the disastrous part was only short lived. At least it provided me with something to write about. I think that was a joke, Every Monday morning I go to aquarobics Maryborough and I have a streamlined routine in order to leave on time. While the jug and toaster are on I go out the back door and walk up the side of the house to collect the mail, paper and bin. At present I have my granddaughter, Holly, staying and while she was feeding her baby I went off to do my collecting. Walking down the side path with the bin, my foot caught in some overlapping shrubbery and next thing I am sprawled out on the path. Now that I have two knee replacements I am unable to kneel so it is impossible to get up after a fall unless there is something solid nearby to hang on to. Of course there wasn't, so I started calling out for Holly, to no avail because she was in the kitchen at the back of the house and I was at the front. All was not lost because I was recently given a security button and it was around my neck. After I pressed it the phone rang and Holly answered it and the security lady asked her where

Cynthia was. Holly said "She's here". Answer "Where?" "Outside, getting the bin". Then she was told to go and look while the caller hung on. Imagine Holly's shock to find her darling Gran sprawled out on the path!.







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But Holly insisted and grasped me under the arms and pulled me up. Amazing!! My lovely, strong granddaughter. I will recommend her for a medal. That was another joke.

Cynthia Lindsay



Market Day

What: 50 stalls – crafts, bric-a-brac, plants,

clothing, historic signage

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"TARNAGULLA & DISTRICT GOLF CLUB "THREE CLUB MONTY" REPORT:

Thank you to the many wonderful golfers, their families and friends who all attended the "Three Club Monty" on Sunday 20th October 2019.

Despite expecting average weather, we were treated to sun and blue sky. It was a delight! What a lovely afternoon! This was our last formal event for this year and it had a fantastic turnout. Participants were only allowed to use three golf clubs for the nine holes. This resulted in some very innovative and resourceful shots. Many omitting a putter and instead were seen putting with a 'driver'.

The advantage of the 'Three Club Monty' event is it helps even the most seasoned golfers fully explore their golf clubs and skills, such as exploring the advantages of chip and run golf with a five iron. However, despite being limited to three clubs, many reported that they in fact played the course better with only three golf clubs.

Thank you to Pixie McNamee who ran the raffle and did a sterling job and thank you to Anne Smith who made us all so welcome at the afternoon tea. Once again, the talk, the laughter, the great spirits filled the clubhouse. There were lots of stories, lots of fun and a scrumptious afternoon tea. People explaining their choices of three clubs! What a great bunch of friendly people!

We've already started planning next year's events and dates. We cannot wait for another year of golfing events; however; the golf course is open for you all to play on every day of the year. It's a wonderful, yet tricky, course for teaching new golfers, young and old, the delights of the game. Just come along and play. No need to book.

First Place DAVID VANSTONE
Second Place: SHARON COGHILL
Nearest the Pin: DAVID VANSTONE
Longest Drive: JAMES COGHILL

Thank you to all the marvellous people who have helped the Club throughout the year. Every bit helps and it's clear that this is indeed a Community club.

Bravo to you all!

Mary McNamee Secretary

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What's happened?

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How it works

The Emotet malware appears as a normal or useful file attachment in emails (.doc, .docx, .PDF), but includes hidden code which allows cybercriminals to access and control your devices or computer systems. It can also appear as a website hyperlink in emails.

Emotet malware infects devices or computers if users click on links or open files in these emails, which are sent as phishing emails to make them look like they come from someone you know, or an organisation you deal with. Once a user account is infected, the malware forwards itself to all the users' email contacts, increasing the likelihood of further infection.

Here is an example of one of these emails, but it can come in many different formats.

How do I stay safe?

Always use caution before opening emails and attachments, and clicking on links. To prevent malware infection, the ACSC recommends you take the following steps immediately: Disable Microsoft Office macros. (Macros are small programs used to automate simple tasks in Microsoft Office documents but can be used maliciously – visit the Microsoft website for information on disabling macros in your version of Office).

Maintain firewalls

Make sure you have an offline backup of your information. If you run a business, we recommend you also alert your staff to be aware of any emails that look unusual or suspicious. Refer to ACSC advice: https://www.cyber.gov.au/advice/improving-staff-awareness

The ACSC has also issued advice to help organisations protect systems and customer data.

Organisations that require further assistance or advice about Emotet malware can contact the ACSC by emailing ASD.Assist@defence.gov.au

More information

Stay Smart Online has more advice on how to protect yourself from malware, and if you run a business, developing an incident response plan.

The information provided here is of a general nature. Everyone's circumstances are different. If you require specific advice you should contact your local technical support provider.

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AGM

The Dunolly Golf Club Inc will hold its AGM on Wednesday 13th November at 7pm at the club rooms.

Cheryl Lovel, Secretary

Dunolly Ladies Celebrate 70 years

In 1949 the Dunolly Ladies Bowling Club was formed and more than 70 years on, the club is still going strong. The Ladies Club has now merged into the Dunolly Bowls Club and last weekend they celebrated the milestone with both current and past players enjoying a game of bowls and afternoon tea together.

Marilyn Mortlock, Secretary



PMAV AGM in Dunolly

Last Saturday 26th October 2019, more than 100 people attended the Prospectors' and Miners' Association of Victoria Annual General Meeting in Dunolly Town Hall. A successful auction of big-ticket items was also part of the day. Thanks to PMAV for choosing to use one of our local community groups for their catering and also for their patronage of local businesses.

Jenny Scott





Drawn: 25th October 2019
Numbers: 4, 5, 7, 10, 14
No winner: Jackpot: \$1,025

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Have a go! Envelopes in local shops.

Good luck! Terry Long

Harvest off the Tracks

While the grain harvest is just starting in Victoria, Victorians can expect to see bigger and more trucks on the road network and this will directly impact on the cost to move product to export.

The Murray Basin Rail Project, heralded as a game changer, increasing prosperity to the regions and removing 20,000 truck movements from the road network and increasing Victoria's global competitive advantage is now a complete shambles.

The project scope said it would:

- Upgrade the lines in the Murray Basin from broad gauge to standard gauge
- Restore and upgrade the existing standard gauge line between Ararat and Maryborough
- Upgrade the lines in the Murray Basin from 19 tonnes per axle to 21 tonnes per axle
- Upgrade the broad gauge line from Geelong to Ballarat to dual gauge
- Upgrade the Ouyen to Murrayville line from broad gauge to standard gauge with axle loadings of 19 tonnes per axle.

The failings in this project are nothing short of catastrophic. The capacity of the lines has been reduced as the increased tonnage on the line promised by the government has not been achieved and line speeds are significantly slower.

The travel time from Mildura to Melbourne now increased to 17 hours; the project that promised so much has fallen far short.

- Manangatang to Geelong and on to Melbourne is 11 hours 45 minutes
- Sea Lake to Geelong and on to Melbourne is 11 hours
- Merbein (Near Mildura) to Geelong; 16 hours 15 minutes; and
- Merbein to Appleton Dock (Port of Melbourne); 17 Hours and 25 minutes

What does this mean for the coming harvest from the west of Victoria?

- Not all the Sunraysia harvest will make it to export; fruit will be left on the ground as the capacity to freight the product is now significantly reduced.
- Grain growers will pay an additional \$5/tonne as capacity has reduced from the rail system.
- An increase in truck movements, to compensate for the current state of the project.



Alice Raven



Pennant Teams Saturday 2nd November 2019

Dunolly Blue versus Talbot at Talbot

Greg Dobbin Alan Weir Barry Cann
Peter Waters Tony Galofaro Alan Parkes
Chris Williams Jenny McHugh Loretta Parker
Wayne Stephens Sheryl Howard Jim Smith

Manager: Chris Williams Cars Third Leave 12.30pm

Dunolly Gold versus MHS Tartan at Dunolly

Terry Long Bernie Lanfranchie Barry Mortlock
Aaron Britten Roy Pickering Geoff Davies
Evan Weir Ian Flett Peter Harrison

Karen Stephens Keith Elliott Nancy Pike

Manager: Roy Pickering

Dunolly Green versus Golf Green at Dunolly

Keith McKenzie Jim Haigh Arthur Deason

Marg Davies David Price Paul Chase

Heather Freemantle John Pinkard Peter Freemantle

Don Coe Joe Lacey Richard Cain

Manager: Paul Chase

Dunolly Red versus MHS Black at MHS

Sandra Chaplin Don Mortlock Heather Weir Heather Cooper Marilyn Mortlock John Moir Fred Watts Doris Spiteri Graham Cain Sandra Caldecoat Bob Mortlock Rob Weir

Manager: Sandra Chaplin

Emergency: Paul Zahra, Jill Morse, Fabio Delconte

Mid-Week Pennant Teams Tuesday 6th November 2019

Dunolly Blueversus Golf Blue at DunollyLoretta ParkerHeather FreemantleMarg DaviesNancy PikeSandra ChaplinMarilyn MortlockRoy PickeringGreg DobbinTony Galofaro

Emergency: Terry Long
Set Up: Terry Long
Loretta Parker

Alan Weir

Dunolly Gold versus Avoca at Dunolly

Barry Cann

Sheryl Howard Heather Weir Jenny McHugh
Karen Stephens Pam Harrison Doris Spiteri
Jim Haig Mavis Shay Terry Long
Wayne Stephens Hannah Delcomte Heather Davis

Manager. Jenny Mc Hugh Emergency: Terry long

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At the Bealiba Hall

Teams of Shirley Coburn, Pam Brightwell, Ian Lovel and Joe Battisson, Malcolm Campbell, Geraldine Delgado had two wins. The other two teams had one win each. Cumulative scores are close, especially second and third places.

Pam Brightwell

Murray River Group Urges MDBA to Heed Socio-economic message

The Murray River Group of Councils is calling on Federal Minister for Water Resources, David Littleproud and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to hear the messages coming from the independent review into the socioeconomic conditions in the Basin.

"The Murray River Group of Councils welcomed Minister Littleproud's actions in commissioning more independent work to better understand the socio-economic conditions in our irrigation communities," Murray River Group of Council Chair, Cr Lorraine Learmonth said.

"If Ministers are genuine about ensuring that any further water recovery will have no negative socio-economic impact then they will make sure that the work of this current review doesn't just sit on a shelf but is heard and understood," Cr Learmonth said.

"Communities here are suffering. They have given up 800 gigalitres of water for the environment under the Basin Plan and many are wondering if it has been worth the pain.

"This year alone we have lost something like 50 dairy farms.

What are those people going to do now? We are seeing food manufacturers close too. This is what our economy relies on here and the flow on effect to our communities is huge.

"Our councils have been saying to the MDBA for years now that when the next dry comes the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District will be pushed over the edge and industries will collapse. Well, here we are in the next dry period. Dairy is teetering on the brink and with water at nearly \$800 a megalitre, things aren't looking great for horticulture either. And look, we haven't been making this up. We listen to our farmers and our businesses. We hear it and we see it on the ground every day; and we have read the independent reports. We think the work Robbie Sefton and her panel is doing is really important. The more information and data we have about the impact of the Basin Plan on people and people's lives, the better.

"The important thing is we need the MDBA and DAWR to pay attention to it, to hear and better understand what is going on in our communities and to change the implementation of the Basin Plan to make it fairer and more balanced."

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News from the Dojo



On Sunday 27th October, competitors from our Dunolly and Maryborough Dojo attended the National All Styles State Championships in Reservoir (Melbourne).

They all did a terrific job, as you can see from the following results.

Leah McCoy - 1st Place, gold medallist and State Champion in Girls individual Kata.

Susie - 1st Place, gold medallist and State Champion in female Kata.

Tyson - 2nd Place, just missing out on first place by only 0.07 point In the boys individual Kata.

Peter - 3rd Place, bronze medallist in Veterans Kata.

Troy - 5th Place in a tough field,

The Men's black belt open.

Peter - 2nd Place, silver medallist in weapons Troy - 3rd Place, bronze medallist in weapons Zachary - top 7 finalist.

A great effort by all!

All of the above competitors are off to Nationals on Saturday 30th November/Sunday 1st December, which fortunately are held in Melbourne this year!

We are lucky that Victoria is hosting the NAS Nationals this year, as it means all competitors and their families can attend, without the added stress of organising flights, accommodation, etc.

Everyone is very excited and looking forward to it!

We would also like to say a huge thanks to our sponsors for the State Championships.

Central Highlands Water who generously covered the entry fees for all competitors.

Tasco Petroleum, kindly donated fuel vouchers to get everyone there!

It's amazing when businesses get behind our competitors and back them, because they head into a tournament not only wanting to do themselves proud, but also they do it to make their community and sponsors proud too.

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