

Tiny Towns Art Trail — What a success!

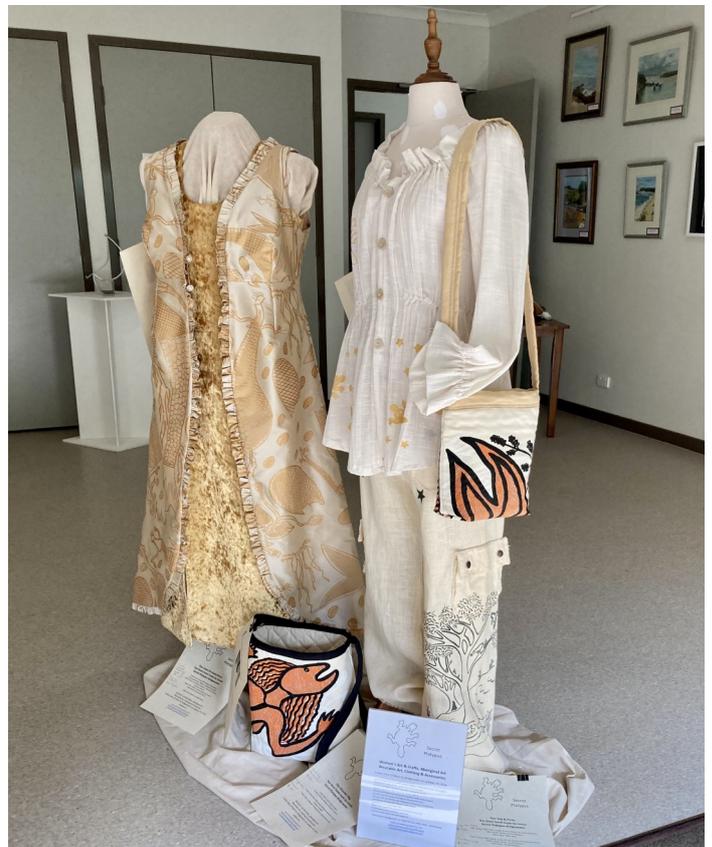
Tarnagulla was a hive of activity over these past four days, as the Tiny Towns Arts Trail got into full swing. From the launch of the vibrant and exciting new business 'Octopus and Queen' on Friday, to Mel Young's amazing quilt exhibition, followed by a diverse collection of works by artists of the Southern Loddon Region in the Tarnagulla Community Centre, it made Tarnagulla one of the not-to-be-missed places on the Trail.

A special mention should also be made to Kelly, from Tarnagulla Supply Store and Justine at Tarnagulla Country Café, for keeping visitors supplied with endless coffees and other treats.

Thanks to all who contributed to its success and believed in their vision, including the organisers, business owners, artists, curators and friends, you have all participated in helping to put Tarnagulla on the map as a quality tourist destination.
Jenny Scott



Frances and Trevor's house at Tarnagulla



Clothing display at Tarnagulla Community Centre



Mel Young's quilt exhibition display at Tarnagulla



Main Street Tarnagulla

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I really like this time of the year — the days are usually mild and the nights cool enough to have comfortable heating. The trees in the towns on the way to Bendigo are all starting to turn, all colours from green to yellow to gold. The street trees in Bendigo are lovely.

Every time I go to Bendigo I see something of interest. Yesterday was no exception. On a hill just before Newbridge I could see something near the top. There was a lot of hi-vis to be seen, so I thought it was an accident. No — there was a large double trailer grain truck almost at a standstill; in front of it, pedalling very hard was a group of bike riders. The truck could not go around them as there were double white lines. The riders could not move onto the gravel side of the road without risking life and limb. I don't know how it all turned out as I had to go on my way.

My old faithful pill box fell to bits the other morning after many years. I bought a new one, and spent time loading it up for the week. When I went to have my evening dose, I found that I had put the morning tablets in the evening side and vice-versa. Oh bother! I had a look at some of the Tiny Towns venues. What a lot of talented people live around here. The garden at Studio33 on Broadway shows what can be done with bits and pieces and a good dose of imagination. I wonder what my potted surprise will be.

I did not realise that cats were such masters of silent nagging. Mine wanted to get up on my bed — a habit I am discouraging. She prowled around the bed, went under and popped out, all the time measuring the height of the bed with her eyes. The eyes told me I am a mean person — but I am bigger than her, so might won. She tries the nagging on for other ways to get what she wants --- and it usually works.

ROSIE

OLDER BUT NOT WISER —

If I had known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself.

Cath Tate

ELEPHANT JOKE —

Q What is the difference between an elephant and a banana?

A Have you ever tried to peel an elephant

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dunolly

Sometimes seeing our town through the eyes of a stranger is a surprise. A nice surprise. We can lift the veil of negativity we might unconsciously be carrying and see it as others do; vibrant, appealing, uncluttered and friendly.

That did happen for me on Saturday during the Tiny Towns Art Trail. So many of the out-of-towners were genuinely admiring the work on display. Studio 33 was a popular stop with the gorgeous garden walk before you discovered the studio with its completed works and the very large cockatoo "dreaming" still a work in progress.

Rory Stainton's gallery had plenty of positive comments as well. Because we can admire his works every day somehow our appreciation diminishes over time. Yet there is still plenty to like in it.

The Court House and the Art Hub also had a steady stream of visitors who were really enjoying the art and craft on display. The mosaic horse at the Art Hub was very eye catching while I particularly liked the painting of the young girl reading in the Court House.

COVID restrictions have affected us all in various ways, and being almost prisoners in our own towns for much of last year has been difficult. It has left me with much deeper feelings of negativity than I expected, and I am just beginning to understand that. So the Tiny Towns Art Trail art and craft exhibition has lifted my mood marvellously and I hope it has done that for others as well. Thank you to the organisers for the unexpected gift.

Vicky Frizzell

Tiny Towns Art Trail Cynthia's experience

On Anzac Day my daughter and I went off on the Art Trail, planning a number of the closer venues, but we didn't make as many venues as planned because it was Sunday and we started late. Tarnagulla was a real eye opener; our first stop was the studio of Mel Young and Matthew Bishop, displaying beautiful and unusual quilts and then Matt offered a choice of jazz numbers he would play on his drums. I chose Gene Krupa 1950s drum solo and it was amazing, I thoroughly enjoyed it. Matt is an accomplished drummer. Next stop was the Pink Shop and garden owned by the "Queen and the Octopus" — don't ask me why. There was beautiful china and delicate retro ornaments in the shop and next door was their amazing garden, lovely blooms at the front, then down the paths to a beach with sand, a caravan filled with exotic decorations, pink flamingos all over, brightly coloured cushions, quite suited to a harem. The artefacts and oddities are too numerous to describe; they have to be seen to be believed. Our last stop was Bealiba Railway Station where Heather and Bob have restored it to its former glory. John, a member of the Historical Society, guided us around and was most informative of the history of the stations and other ones on the line, now closed down. A visit is recommended if you haven't been yet and sign the visitors book which helps them receive much needed funding for restoration of the historic building.

We didn't get very far but enjoyed our little tour which took up most of the afternoon. Will definitely start early next year.

Cynthia Lindsay

Heritage issues

I've been on for a number of years about the Central Goldfields Shire spending a lot of money on heritage studies then failing to adopt the study into their Planning Scheme.

This has left the door open for developers to make a "deal" with the shire in order to demolish a heritage building. About 20 buildings in the 2003 study are now gone.

I am not saying the current councillors are continuing this practice but they clearly have failed to close up this loophole. I contacted Chris Meddows-Taylor about this some months ago but did not get a response.

The shire claims to promote heritage but this is a mixed message that contradicts their actions. They refuse to change the Planning Scheme to protect buildings yet recently the Planning Scheme was amended to allow a heritage listed building to be demolished.

John Tully
Carisbrook

Tiny towns abuzz

If the buzz in Dunolly was an indicator of success, then the Tiny Towns Art Trail was a success.

Congratulations to Judy Meldrum and her committee for putting together a wide variety of venues, modes of art and willing towns.

From St Arnaud through Bealiba out to Bridgewater and towns in between, the vast area offered everyone a glimpse of local talent and imagination.

For me, the idea of a Tiny Towns event is a standout on the event calendar, and this year's event was grand.

There was so much to see, and limited time. Therefore my visits were local -- Dunolly and Tarnagulla.

I met happy people exploring our Old Court House, the Old Jail, the Puzzle Flat art gallery.

The artistic garden at Studio 33 and gift shops like Nik Naks and Ministry of Fun were well attended too.

Tarnagulla had a new store opened Octopus and Queen, and a garden full of wondrous bits and pieces collected and carefully laid in amongst healthy plants by Frances and Trevor. These, along with the Community Centre and Mel Young studio, added to the general busyness of the town. A bonus drum solo by Mathew Bishop in Mel Young's gallery was a delight.

I am sure Tiny Towns Art Trail will continue into the future as it offers so much for local artists, gardeners, musicians and event planners.

Marilyn Goldie

Dunolly Arts Hub

We at the Dunolly Art Hub would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, Jenny Gamble, Kerrie White, Kerry Kwestroo, Faye Arnold and Joyce Vater who helped make this weekend happen by manning the art hub for the four days of Tiny Towns Arts Trail.

Also, I would like to thank all the local artists who shared their wonderful artworks with us and the lovely folk that came and visited from all over the region.

The appreciation that was given in your comments was a wonderful inspiration to us all.

Thank you all once again.

Lynda Vater

Violet Cottage Collectables in Bealiba was part of the Tiny Towns Art Trail

The Tiny Towns Arts Trail has successfully concluded for 2021. Craig and I wish to send much love, gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the Tiny Towns Arts Trail organisation committee, who have worked so spectacularly in providing such a remarkable and beautiful platform for all the surrounding local Artisans to showcase their creative talents.

We are just so humbled to have been able to participate in something so magical, which is bigger than ourselves and positively growing.

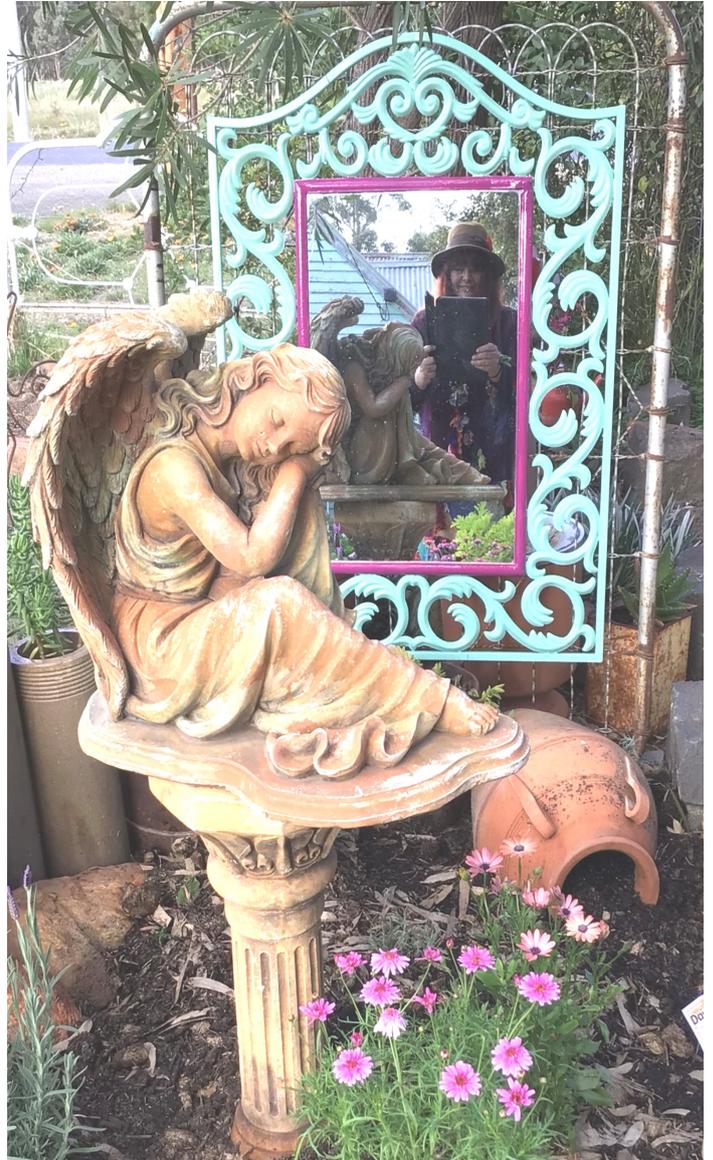
Much love and gratitude to all the other artist participants who so thoughtfully and kindly referred people to visit Violet Cottage, it was so gratefully appreciated; thank you.

We hope by sharing all the love we have for all the other amazing artists on the Tiny Towns Arts Trail, they also found their way to your door, and you all had such a positive experience as we did. Huge amounts of love and gratitude to all of you, the beautiful folks that took the time out of their days travel to drop into Violet Cottage and say hello, we are humbly blessed.

We absolutely loved meeting you all, swapping gardening tips, discussing your art, recycling, upcycling and renovation stories and sharing some of ours in our garden art space, thank you. Violet Cottage is truly a special place, not only to our family, but also to the two families before us who lived, loved and raised their families here in Violet Cottage since she was first built in 1860. Craig and I were blessed to have met over the Arts Trail event, family members from both ancestral generations of previous owners, who dwelled at Violet, passing along the love, the family stories and history of happy days spent in Violet's company.

As the current caretakers of Violet Cottage, Craig and I both hope, in all that we do here, we are honouring and respecting those that lived and loved Violet before us, we are humbled by the knowledge that has been passed onto us, and are blessed to be just a few threads of the rich tapestry of the fabric of Violet's woven history which eventually, overtime, will be passed along to her next generations of guardians. Craig and I both feel inspired and energised, and have plans to extend Violet's Garden Art Space, and look very much forward to participating in the 2022 Tiny Towns Arts Trail. Thankyou once again to everyone involved, who truly made the last four days such a positive, happy and beautiful experience. With much love and gratitude, from all of us here at Violet Cottage.

Adele Fredricksen



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ANZAC Day

Thank you Dunolly for your support to your RSL during this trying time of coping with a Pandemic, keeping people well and safe was most important, but still giving our Veterans and Past Diggers the respect they all deserve was also essential and you all did that in so many different ways.

Again, many homes in the community did their driveway reflections, Thank you all.

A small group of about 50 people did turn up at the Cenotaph although there was no Traditional Service. Piper Callum Liddicoat played "Amazing Grace" as wreaths were laid by Councillor Liesbeth Long, RSL Members and the Dunolly Primary School Captains. Arthur Lacey recited the "ode", Last Post, one minute silence then Reveille as Flag raised to half mast by Brenton Martin, National Anthem sung by all.

President thanked those attending and hoped next year would be back to full traditional services at dawn and 11am.

Lynne Graham from Melbourne attended, presented a handmade patchwork wall hanging to the Dunolly/Bealiba RSL in honour of her two Great Great uncles lives, Wilfred Rokahr, Walter Rokahr, both enlisted in Dunolly both killed in action WW1 within months of each other.

Would also like to comment on the wonderful poppy with silhouette soldier banner, displayed beside the Post Office by the Neighbourhood Centre group.

Photos supplied by Margaret Rainbow and Lyn Gale



Lighting up Cenotaph



President Rick Gale accepting the wall hanging



Community poppy display

**CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS
RATEPAYERS AND
RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.**

Another report in the next few weeks is going to be extremely interesting. With The Planning Minister publishing an amendment C36cgo1 which will allow the nurses' quarters to go ahead and an Objection sitting in VCAT on the same issue. Watch this space. The levee is hotting up. It's now crunch time any decision from now will be pretty permanent. The honeymoon stage is over, so thank you for your support.

**Central Goldfields Ratepayers & Residents Assoc
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On ANZAC Day for 2021 last week end, It was fantastic to see the community remember, participate and reflect on an extremely important part in our history. Thank you to those who organised, participated in and reflected on our past heroes.

Friday 30th April will be the nurses' quarters VCAT administrative hearing to give the developer an opportunity to present the Cultural Heritage Management Plan. This CHMP should have been presented before the application was approved by council administrators. Also this hearing will decide if the terms of the State Planning Minister's Amendment C36cgo1 will have an effect on the VCAT hearing which is set for 25th October 2021. All that has been asked by the objectors was to incorporate the use design which is sympathetic to the heritage of the area. Both requests have been refused by the applicant, and it appears most of the councillors also have no wish to support the request for heritage incorporation into the design either. Possibly we will know the outcome within three weeks. How have our council been going with their transparency and accountability, and following their own service charter? It appears an automated response to most emails is being generated by the council. This is a big improvement — well done. At the election we had five FOI requests and one Ombudsman complaint active.

Just last week we received a response to one of those FOIs. Thanks to the Ombudsman for escalating that complaint which appeared to obtain a result. Nothing on the other four or the Ombudsman's complaints, and CGR&RAI has filed another two FOIs since October 2020.

One of our complaints we have been pursuing for nearly two years, so we will keep you informed on the progress. The new policies seem to be accepted by councillors, yet appear not implemented into council's structure. Several of our concerns were being handled by the Governance Officer. There have been four different officers in three and a half years. Our concerns have been active from six to 18 months. Excuses from most officers have been "we are new and it will take a while to get up to speed, please be patient." At a meeting we had with the council on 11th February 2021, concerns were raised regarding information and files being kept up to date, also concerns about handing those files over with new replacement staff. This appears to be a problem.

CGR&RAI also raised with the council back in November 2018 planning concerns, and still these issues seem very real. We do hope the shire eventually realises there are significant management and process issues which will have to be addressed at some stage.

We believe putting on more staff is not the answer; we believe a working efficient system would drop the cost and increase the production. Simply management and process. CGR&RAI is happy to talk to council about these concerns.

The Carisbrook flood levee is still a very alive issue, and we believe far from off the notice board.

This issue will continue to be debated for some time yet. Again easily resolved with community consultation and open discussion, however this seems a bit elusive at this stage. Looking forward to a quick and easy resolution. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th May at the Maryborough Hub 7pm to 9pm. Hopefully we will be able to answer most of these questions posed in this report.

You do not have to be a member to attend, and all are welcome. We invite all our councillors to attend the May meeting and present their report on what they have achieved over the past six months, how they feel their efforts have benefited the community and their goals for our next six months.

Wayne McKail President.



Whole town garage sales

This event is on Saturday 22nd May. We need at least 20 houses involved to make it worthwhile. So, if you are thinking of having a garage sale register with us and be a part of a fantastic day!

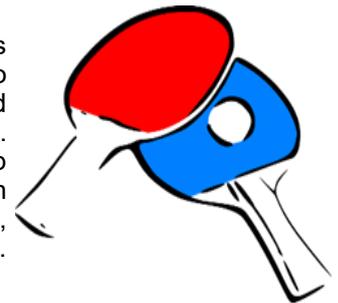


The cost is \$10, we do all advertising, and you will get a garage sale kit consisting of signs, ribbon and tips. Maps with all the sales addresses will be available here and there.

For those already registered you can pick up your kit between Monday and Wednesday next week (afternoons before 3pm are good).

Table tennis

You can play table tennis three times a week if you so wish. Mondays 10am and Wednesdays 10am and 7pm. At the Dunolly Golf Club rooms. Table tennis is a fun way to get some exercise, Meet people and get involved. \$3 per person per session.

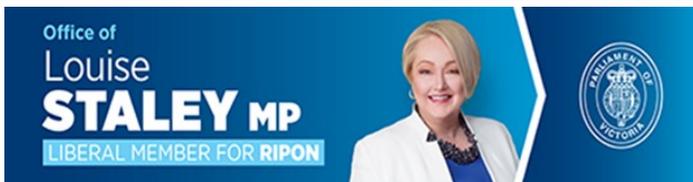


Tai-Chi

If you need something a bit more gentle but just as effective, try Tai-Chi. Also at the Dunolly Golf Club rooms on Tuesdays at 9-30am. Jason a Tai-Chi master will take you through the movements. Tai-Chi is a gentle way to exercise, relaxing the mind and body. \$8 per person per session. Want more information? Just Ring 54681 511 or email: admin@dunnhc.com.au



Sharon Hiley
Coordinator



Feedback invited on 2021/22 Proposed Budget

The Central Goldfields Shire Council 2021/22 Proposed Budget is now available for community feedback following endorsement at the April Council Meeting last night (27/04/2021).

The 2021/22 Proposed Budget is available to view at www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay from today, Wednesday 28th April with feedback invited until 5pm, Friday 28th May.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said the 2021/22 Proposed Budget was focused on implementing the key objectives of the 2017-2021 Council Plan as well as Council's commitment to deliver more than 40 services for the community.

"With consideration of the impact of COVID and continuing uncertainty around its lasting consequences, this Budget will not only see Council deliver on a number of key projects that will have long-term benefit to the community but will also help stimulate the local economy.

"We've been successful in attracting in excess of \$10 million in grant funding, and so together with Council funding, our Capital Works program will exceed \$18 million.

"A rate rise of 1.5% in line with the Victorian Government determined rate cap is also proposed as well as a 3% increase for waste charges to meet the increasing costs of managing waste.

"Preparing our Annual Budget is one of Council's most important strategic responsibilities and so it's important we get it right. For the first time this year, we'll host a series of information sessions on the Budget in each of our townships.

"I encourage community members to come along and have a chat to Councillors and Council staff about the Budget and provide feedback that they'd like to see Council consider before final adoption of the Budget at the June Council Meeting."

Feedback is invited via:

Email: mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or by post: Council Budget, PO BOX 194, Maryborough, VIC, 3465

In person: Community Information Sessions

⇒ Dunolly: Thursday 13th May, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Dunolly Town Hall

⇒ Carisbrook: Monday 17th May, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall

⇒ Maryborough: Wednesday 19 May, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Maryborough Community Hub - Room 7

⇒ Talbot: Monday 24th May, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Talbot ANA Hall

The Budget will go to the June Council Meeting to be considered for adoption.

Other key projects:

- New Council Plan development
- Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Review of heritage controls in Maryborough
- Planning and design for a splash park
- Completion of a Cultural Management Plan for the Princes Park Grandstand
- Continuing the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan
- Next stage in the activation of the Maryborough Railway Station
- Development of a Climate Action Plan
- Planning and design for new toilets in Rene Fox Gardens Dunolly Growing Victoria works at Philips Gardens
- Development of a waste water plan for Talbot

Ripon small businesses to benefit from Liberal Nationals Local Business Action Plan

Jobs will be the centrepiece of an elected O'Brien Liberal Nationals Government with the announcement of the most significant reform to payroll tax in a generation.

Under the Liberal Nationals Local Business Action Plan, around 15,000 Victorian small businesses will be removed from the payroll tax system – a system that is a tax on jobs.

Small businesses in Ripon pay too much tax – and the bigger they grow, the more Victorians they employ, the more they pay. The Local Business Action Plan means a saving of up to \$43,650 each year on payroll tax for small business.

Member for Ripon, Louise Staley, said that after the events of the last 12 months, support for small business was more important than ever.

"As we emerge from the health crisis caused by COVID-19, small business must be at the forefront of the recovery, and this plan is all about supporting small businesses," Ms Staley said.

"Payroll tax is a tax on jobs, and the Liberal Nationals will cut this tax to create more Victorian jobs.

"Under Labor, Victoria has the worst small business payroll tax in the country. The Liberal Nationals will turn this around and make this state the best place to start and grow a small business.

"Our local small businesses are fundamental to keeping Ripon strong and supporting our local economy. They hate payroll tax as it's a tax and handbrake on employing people."

Under the plan, an O'Brien Liberal Nationals Government will increase the threshold at which a business is liable to pay payroll tax to \$1.6 million.

The current payroll tax threshold in Victoria (\$650,000, scheduled to increase to \$700,000 in 2022-23) is the worst of any Australian state or territory. Our reform will make Victoria the most competitive state for small business payroll tax.

The Liberal Nationals payroll tax reform plan ensures:

1. Businesses won't pay a cent of payroll tax until their wages bill is greater than \$1.6 million This takes approximately 15,000 businesses out of the payroll tax system entirely.

2. No business will pay the full rate (4.85%) of payroll tax until their wages bill reaches \$2 million Payroll tax would be phased in gradually between \$1.6 million and \$2 million – ensuring no business is hit with a sudden tax hike as they employ more Victorians.

3. All businesses, regardless of their total wages bill, subtract \$800,000 from their assessable payroll when determining tax liability All Victorian businesses will have certainty that under a Liberal Nationals government, they will pay less payroll tax.

While the Andrews Labor Government has no plan for small business recovery, the Victorian Liberal Nationals will remove tax, reduce fees and rally behind small business.

Ms Staley said this was part of a commitment to small business by the Liberal Nationals.

"We will continue to fight for small businesses in Ripon and will be relentless in creating the most attractive state in our country for small business to start up, grow and employ Victorians."

Louise Staley MP

CGSC News

Hon Jaala Pulford MP

MEMBER FOR WESTERN VICTORIA

Media Release



Active schools grants to help kids moving in the Central Goldfields Shire

Schools in Central Goldfields Shire will receive a funding boost to help get kids moving as they return to school for Term 2, thanks to the Victorian Government.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today congratulated Talbot and Timor primary schools that are among 96 schools across the state to receive a \$30,000 funding boost under the Active Schools initiative to help introduce a whole-school approach to physical activity.

Talbot Primary School will build a new sensory and Indigenous garden learning area, upgrade existing play equipment, implementation of a new bike education program, and be able to provide active recreation opportunities such as Pilates, yoga and surfing lessons.

Timor Primary School will develop a "de-escalation" sensory play area for trauma-affected students including equipment for climbing, heavy lifting and compression.

The cash boost is part of the \$24.2 million Active Schools initiative, which is delivering more opportunities for physical activity, sport and active recreation for Victorian students, helping them develop healthy lifelong habits.

As part of the wider Active Schools package: all schools will have access to a new Active Schools Toolkit, which will include tips and tricks on how to make their school and their kids more active.

A new team of physical education leaders will provide on-the-ground advice and support to more than 800 schools to improve their approach to sport, physical education and physical activity.

A number of new and innovative approaches to increasing activity will be trialled through several partnerships, including working with the start-up community to explore how technology can get teens moving and adapting Deakin University's Transform-Us! Program for secondary schools to get adolescents moving more and sitting less a state-wide communications campaign designed to encourage children and their families to be more active and promote the importance of physical activity. In November, Minister for Education James Merlino also released a joint ministerial statement with Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence and Minister for Health Martin Foley, which outlines a new strategy to create active schools, kids and communities.

The Labor Government is committed to meeting the Education State target of increasing the proportion of students taking part in physical activity five times a week to help them be happier, healthier and more resilient.

"Sport and recreation are central to our way of life. These grants will help make sure more young people in Talbot and Timor can get the best start in life with an education linked to active and healthy lifestyles," Ms Pulford said.

Jaala Pulford MP

Put These On Your Calendar for 2021

Dunolly CWA hosting a Blumes Fashion Parade at the Senior Citizens Hall 7th May 2pm

Mothers' Day events - 9th of May

Market in Broadway Dunolly 8am until 1pm

Breakfast Banquet at All Day on Broadway - 8am and 10am sittings.

Whole of Town Garage Sale on Saturday 22nd May

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Church News

Catholic Church

We had an ANZAC theme at Mass on Sunday. "The Last Post" was played before Mass, the Australian flag was on the wall and the last hymn was "Lest we forget". We didn't have a cuppa due to someone (who shall remain unnamed) not turning on the urn in time. But we did have ANZAC biscuits.

We are going to start seriously planning for the 150th. If you have photos or anything of interest from the past, they would be welcome.

R Mcreedy

Uniting Church

Rev. Chris Venning will lead worship and Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd May at 9.30am.

KYB has recommenced for Term 2 and is held on Wednesdays at 11am.

UCAF will meet on Thursday 6th May at 1.30pm.

The very popular Op Shop fashion parade, usually held in May, has been postponed until later in the year due to COVID regulations.

Linda Pickering



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

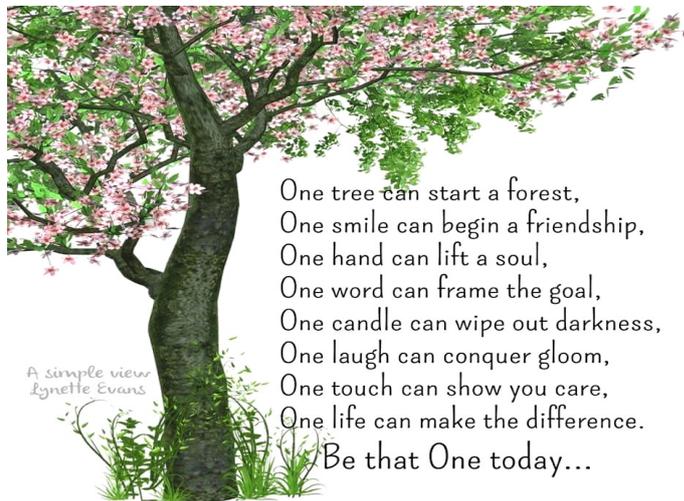
Stories from Cynthia

This week I am going to write about Hazel Neale, unfortunately the late Hazel Neale. Hazel had been residing at the Dunolly Hospital for the last two or three years following the onset of dementia. I visited her regularly and although sometimes forgetful, was quite lucid and remembered all the past events. One day I joined her in a puzzle game in the day room and Hazel did pretty well.

I met Hazel more than 30 years ago when Mike and I bought the licensed grocer, now owned by Peter. Hazel became our weekend assistant and remained with us until Mike died and I had to sell the business. Hazel was the most capable, loyal, hard working and conscientious person anyone would have been lucky enough to employ and have as a friend. Most of us had seen Hazel's skilled craft work when she spun wool from her alpacas and made lovely things; then she learned felt making and excelled at that. She once made a beanie for Mike from Paddy's dog hair. One Easter she invited my small grandchildren to her farmlet for an Easter egg hunt and to view the new baby chicks. So goodbye dear Hazel, you are not forgotten. The reason I am writing this is to inform Hazel's many friends and people who knew Hazel that she died a few months ago at the hospital unknown to me and very few others. There were no death notices and apparently the family decided to bury Hazel in Melbourne next to her first husband, Bob Edwards.

I had been unable to visit Hazel due to the COVID regulations, so I discovered only a week ago by making enquiries as to when I could visit again that I discovered Hazel was no longer with us. Imagine how devastated I was not knowing the sad news for months afterwards.

Cynthia



A simple view
Lynette Evans

One tree can start a forest,
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New mining equipment to be installed at Dunolly site



Leviathan Gold exploration manager Keith Whitehouse, Member for Ripon Louise Staley and Wombanna Pty Ltd Sydenham Hill mine site at Dunolly.

A new plant and equipment is set to be installed at Dunolly's Sydenham Hill mine site as a \$2 million investment into the previously dilapidated facility will create jobs and be a shot in the arm for the local economy.

The site, which has been in a state of disrepair for several years, has been cleared of old and derelict equipment with the hopes of installing a new plant to process gold at the site.

The site itself is some 780 acres in size and Wombanna Pty Ltd agent Doug Cahill said the process of securing a new plant is underway.

"The plant there was derelict so we've removed that equipment and got some investors coming in to put a new plant up," he said.

"The idea is to get a plant up and running at Dunolly to do two things; the first is to treat all bodies on site and we also know there are a swag of people in the district who urgently need places to treat their dirt.

"The good news about the one at Dunolly is that it's always been there, we're just putting the plant and equipment back that was there in the first place."

Mr Cahill said an investment of around \$2 million will be made to get the site back up and running, which he hopes to see done by the end of the year, and will create local jobs.

"When the plant is up and running, it should employ at least four to five people," he said.

"If the site is very successful and really gets going, we might double the site and put a second plant right beside the existing one.

"This is an employment factor and with the area being the size it is,

there's plenty of scope for work — in Victoria's mining terms, this is a big mining licence."

Member for Ripon Louise Staley said the project is an exciting one for Dunolly and has offered her support in getting the site operational.

"I think it's really quite exciting to have a commercial sized project like this for Dunolly," she said.

"It's a significant investment into the region which will create jobs in the immediate local area and also bring an economic benefit.

"It's a very rich gold mining area that hasn't really been mined in the last 30 years, there have only been fairly small scale mining operations in the past and with the new technology that's available, I would say there's plenty of gold to be found.

"I have also offered to provide assistance if there are regulatory problems."

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Written by Riley Upton



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Vale John Piccoli

Together with Council, I would like to extend my condolences to Sonia Piccoli and family on the very sad loss of John.

Also known as the Spanner Man, much has been written about John and his incredible artistic talent. Together with his wife Sonia, John was responsible for the growth of tourism and coach tours to our northern part of the Shire with people coming to see his amazing spanner sculptures and enjoy the beautiful gardens at their home.

John, who was in a wheelchair since childhood, was an inspiration to so many, including to other people with a disability. John never let his disability stop him – whether it was working the farm, creating his magnificent sculptures, giving tours, or helping promote local tourism in our Shire.

Very much loved by the Boort community, visitors and our wider community (along with Sonia), John’s artistic work, his knowledge of the region and his friendship will be sadly missed.

Mayoral Column
27th April 2021



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The countdown is on — only two weeks now till the East Wimmera Exhibition. We have all been busy working on our entries and members have produced some exquisite work. Members are reminded that their entries are to be delivered to the Town Hall between 9am and 11am for judging on Thursday 6th May and can be collected after 2.30pm on May 8th. The post exhibition will take place on May 19th in St Arnaud starting 9.30am.

I do encourage our readers to come along to the exhibition which will be held in the St. Arnaud Town Hall on 7th May 10am to 4pm and 8th May 10am to 2pm. Exhibition opening times Admission price is \$10 but this does include morning or afternoon tea. So, hope to see you there. Bealiba will be manning the door between 11.am & 12.30pm on the 8th.

On Thursday, 20th May the branch will be celebrating International Day with the focus being on Indigenous Australians. COVID 19 restrictions have seen a change to our usual arrangements. We will now have our general meeting at 10.30am BYO lunch, then the formal presentations and awards in the afternoon. This will be followed by an afternoon tea with our guests. It was also decided that the branch would organise a group outing to the Mary Quant Exhibition in Bendigo sometime in June.

April Competition Winners

Single Bloom

First: Chandra Dutt

Second: Alice Pike

Multiple Bloom

First: Alice Pike

Second:; Jenny Lovel

Competition — A pin cushion.

First :Heather Davis

Second: Barbara Douglass

May Competition — Mother's Day Card

Dates for the Diary:

East Wimmera Craft Exhibition — Friday 7th and Saturday 8th May

General Meeting — Thursday 20th May at 10.30am

International Day Celebrations — Thursday 20th May 1.30pm
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Monday 24th May to Wednesday 26th May

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The PFA has generously decided to assist with the cost of camp by providing the bus and also reducing the cost of the camp by \$10 each of our students attending. Thanks to the PFA the cost for our students attending the camp is \$275 each.

Parents can begin paying off the \$275 for camp now if they wish (students in receipt of the CSEF can use this towards the cost of the camp).

Around school this week

It is fantastic to be back and I have loved catching up with everyone after a fantastic break last term. As usual there is lots happening on the learning front here at school.

Tutor Program



Mrs P and Mrs Britten are continuing their great work with students who have been identified to participate in the DET Tutor initiative. This includes an element of tasks to do at home too which maximises the students' progress during this time on the program.

Please ensure you are completing these tasks with your child as a vital part of the home school partnership.

Book Club

Issue 3 Book Club has been sent home today. Orders close Wednesday 5th May

Reading

Mrs P has been putting some great information about reading and how to help at home. Routine is the best way to form a habit. Does your child prefer to read straight after; while you're cooking tea; just before bed or first thing in the morning? Whatever works best create a time and stick to it.



Year 6 to 7 Transition Information Pack
Students in Year 6 have been given the Year 6 – 7 Transition Information packs today. It is important that you read the information and fill in the application form and return it to our school by Friday 14th May

Clothing



With the cooler weather in the mornings warming up during the day, children are taking jumpers and jackets off. Please name all clothing and encourage your child to put their items in their bags once they take them off.

Students of the week

Prep/1 – Matilda Lee
Year 2/3 – Blake Baxter
Year 4/5 – Jayden Soulsby
Year 5/6 – Annabel Fitt-Gloury and Corey Parker
Principal's – Mia Schodde

PFA



A huge thank you to Melanie Schodde who has taken on the role of PFA president again this year. The PFA is a friendly group of parents and friends who assist with different events and activities around the school. We would love to hear from any parents/friends who would be willing to assist with tasks and/or be a part of the PFA.

Activities include: cooking sausage sizzles, helping with mothers day/fathers day stall (helping children select gifts and wrapping them), helping organise the Colour Fun Run, special lunch days etc., Even if you aren't able to be a part of the PFA but would be happy to assist with one off activities please keep an eye on the Facebook page. Children love seeing their parents/carers at school helping on special days.

Uniforms

This term's uniform order form has been sent home today.

Orders close Thursday 6th May .

Please name all uniform items.

We have a student who has misplaced their **named** school jacket, please check that your child has not accidentally come home with the wrong jacket.

Dunolly Housing Group and Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary overview

The Dunolly community and surrounding district has expressed a need for purpose built independent units for older people for more than 20 years. Residents, many of whom are physically and socially isolated and living in insecure or unsafe housing, have expressed a need for continuity of housing and accessible healthcare. In 2018 the Dunolly Auxiliary decided to employ a consultant to undertake a feasibility study to explore this expressed need. Christine Nunn, Director of Project Partnerships, was appointed to undertake the research and consultation. The Maryborough District Health Service [MDHS] was actively supportive from the outset.

- MDHS funded the Feasibility Study and preparation of the report.
- MDHS commissioned a site concept plan for up to 18 Independent Living units [ILUs] on the Dunolly District Hospital site.
- The Deputy Director of Finance represented the MDHS on the project working group, the Dunolly Housing Group.
- MDHS has lobbied State and Federal local MPs and relevant Ministers at every opportunity.

In summary, the Feasibility Report confirms there is a gap in housing provision for older rural low and middle-income people who are not eligible for public housing nor for residential aged care.

Benefits of the housing project

The following summarises the Feasibility Report's survey of potential benefits for housing quality and for improved social, health, economic and demographic sustainability outcomes.

The Auxiliary concludes that 12 units would adequately meet the changing housing needs for older local people after analysing the patterns of movement over the past three years.

The construction cost per unit has risen from approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000, on the advice of Community Housing Limited.

Pre-requisites for moving from planning to implementation

A suitable site

The Dunolly and District Hospital campus is a suitable site. The Housing group has spoken with the CEO of MDHS who has established that MDHS has the authority to decide land use for the remainder of the site. A usual practice is to negotiate a minimal long-term lease with the confirmed community housing provider, say for 40 years.

A viable number of units

Twelve units would be the minimum number of new units required to make the project viable. Transferring current public housing stock (20 units in Dunolly) and linking with other social housing in the Shire would increase viability. For example, there are two units in Talbot owned by CGSC and the Isabella Wharton units owned by the Maryborough Ladies Benevolent Trust that have potential to be linked for management and service provision.

Partner with a community housing provider

There are 40 registered social housing providers in Victoria and they offer many different types of service, from real estate management to specialist housing and intensive support for specific groups. The common thread is that Victorian Government policy requires that a minimum of 75% of all vacancies is offered to Priority Access applicants. Extensive consultation was undertaken with three long-established Registered Housing Providers who are either already active in the region or are interested to enter the rural community housing field. These are: Haven Home, Bendigo; Wintringham, Melbourne [and Maryborough]; Community Housing Limited, Melbourne [and Bendigo].

All services understand the housing affordability gap that exists in Dunolly and throughout rural communities and they appreciate the individual and community benefit that would follow the Independent Living Units initiative.

However, all are cautious that a small, stand-alone project would generate sufficient rental income to adequately cover

necessary maintenance costs and service provision over the life of the Project, say, 40 years.

Community Housing Limited [CHL] did make a commitment in January 2021 to take on the project if there is written confirmation of two conditions:

- That the proposed site is available for lease or purchase on a "peppercorn" basis;
- That Council actively supports planning approval and facilitates building approval for the site. It should be noted that Spatial Economics has offered pro bono assistance with gaining planning permission.

These two actions are important for CHL to have continued confidence in the project.

Confirm a preferred housing model

The Auxiliary originally proposed that the ILU Project operates on a mixed rental and buy-in basis to enable it to respond appropriately to the target population and to potentially generate some capital for implementation and maintenance. However, the advice from CHL is they prefer to work on a rental basis with residents and so conform with the government's Social housing guidelines.

It should be noted that from October 2020 there is potentially more flexibility in housing project guidelines, though of course, priority will continue to go to projects that conform with strict social housing criteria. A small mixed buy-in and rental housing project in a regional location has been approved for women escaping domestic violence and may offer a relevant precedent.

Support from the Department of Housing

Video: Philip Ashton and Fiona Lindsay, made a short video in 2020 that was widely distributed and is available on *YouTube*. Prospective residents of the Dunolly ILU Project spoke directly about why the project is important to them. It is a very powerful endorsement of the project and a great voluntary contribution from Philip Ashton.

FRRR: Recent discussions with Karlie Smith-Whelan [formerly EO of Maldon Community Bank] suggests potential assistance through FRRR and their links with private benefactors.

Maldon Community Bank: Potential major community grant for the Project in 2021.

Future Actions

1: Auxiliary

1.1: Immediately prepare submission for Community Grant from Maldon Community Bank.

1.2: Get listing on FRRR website as a community organisation seeking private philanthropy. FRRR can collect and hold money on behalf of the Auxiliary.

1.3: Continue to identify and explore funding options, especially in co-ordination with local government.

1.4: Keep the Project on the community and political agenda: Continue to pursue government funding through all possible channels, including maintaining political pressure on the Minister for Housing from local MPs and the Minister for Regional Development.

Central Goldfields Shire Council

The following strategies were also suggested:

- Make the Dunolly ILU Project a Priority Project for an application from the Infrastructure Fund.
- Co-ordinate the five Councils in the Loddon Mallee Region to submit a joint proposal for rural housing as a Budget Bid: for this year's Victorian Budget.

The recommended scope is for \$100m over five years; ie. \$20m for each Council over five years.

This would be a once-off opportunity for a variety of housing projects in each Council of the Region to address the differential needs across the Region.

Fiona Lindsay OAM and Marion Da Costa
On behalf of Dunolly Housing Group
and Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary

(An extract from the full report presented to Dunolly Housing Group on April 20th 2021)

Supplied courtesy : The Puzzle Wizard

QUICK CROSSWORD 62

Across

- 1. Extensive treeless region of the Arctic
- 5. To slow the development of
- 9. Angry
- 10. An Inuit
- 11. Element essential to life
- 12. Mature male
- 14. Fish eggs
- 16. Aust. tennis star, ___ Dellacqua
- 18. Hold as property
- 20. Insincere persuasive talk
- 22. 2³
- 24. Conforming to the exact meaning
- 25. German folklorists, ___ Brothers
- 27. Lizard with smooth scales

- 30. Moved with quick gait
- 31. Attack from all sides
- 34. Inland body of water
- 35. Annoy
- 36. Consider to be equivalent
- 38. To assault
- 40. Slanting, at an ___
- 41. Dessert
- 42. Fibrous tissue in body

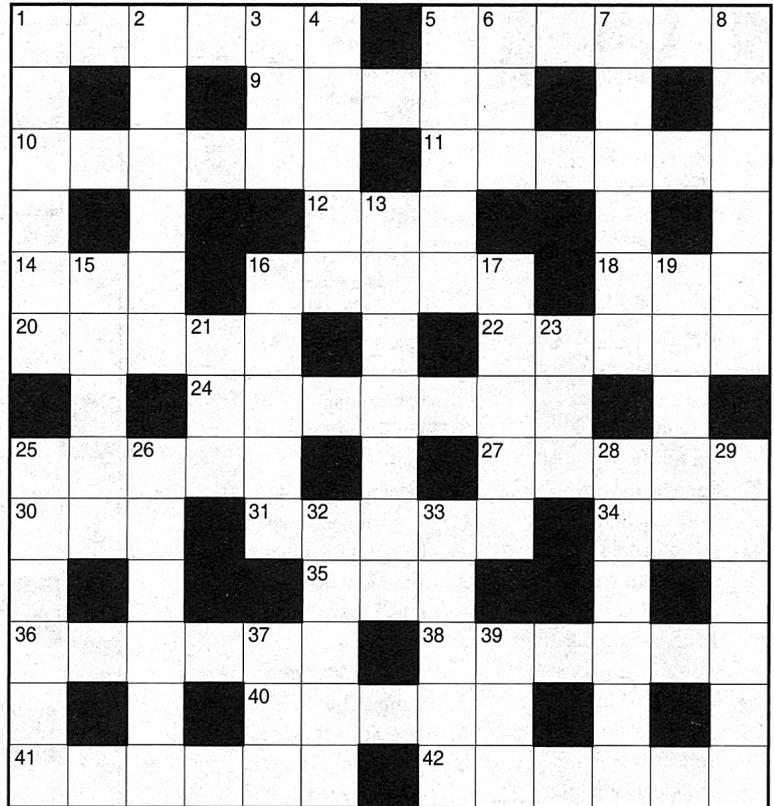
Down

- 1. Belonging to that group
- 2. Index used by Tokyo stock exchange
- 3. Hoop from which net hangs (basketball)
- 4. Sweet odour
- 5. Make amends
- 6. Title used in documents after the name of a king
- 7. Drink containing milk and a spirit
- 8. One renting from landlord
- 13. Attack reputation of
- 15. Famous landmark, Sydney ___ House

- 16. Ascend (stairs, eg.)
- 17. Brewing substance
- 19. Complain in melancholy way
- 21. Hard durable wood

- 23. Class or kind
- 25. Leafy food items
- 26. Cause harm to
- 28. Land mass in sea
- 29. Fine clay used in ceramics

- 32. Roulette bet (on numbers 2, 4, 6, etc.)
- 33. Raise in rank
- 37. Act of retaliation, tit for ___
- 39. Comprehend



Solution 61



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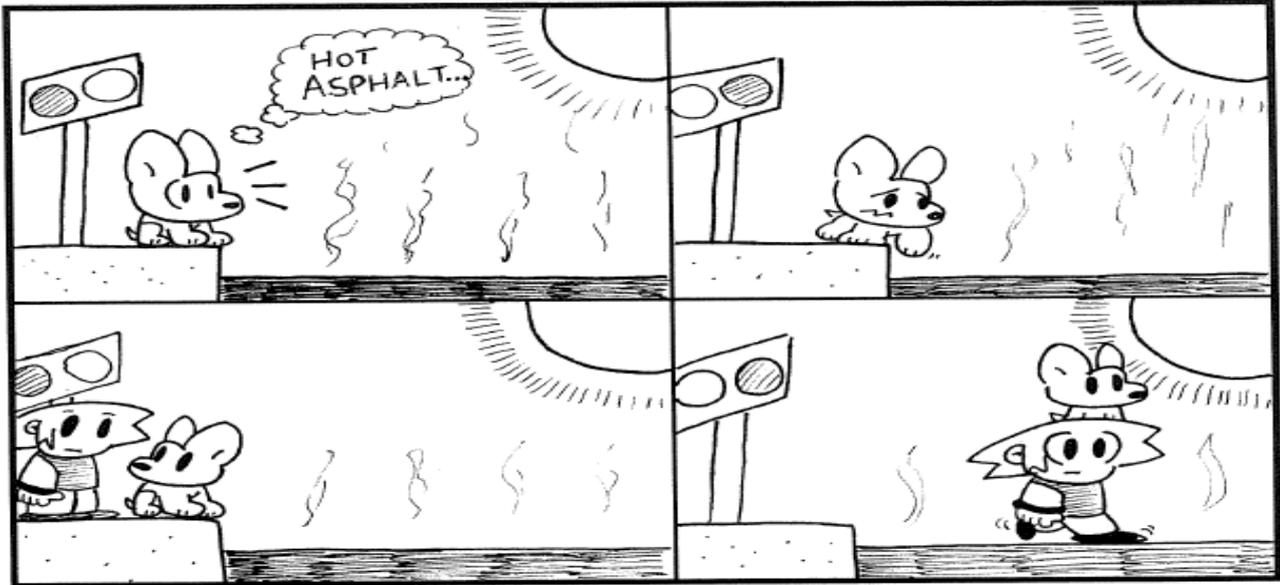
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DUNOLLY BOWLS

Wednesday 21st April 2021 Monthly Triples

Dunolly Bowling Club hosted the last monthly triples for the season. For various reasons the numbers were down this time. It was a perfect day to be out on the greens. Due to a misunderstanding we were a team short. Barry Cann was desperately ringing all the bowlers to see if he was still able to fill a side. As the game was about to begin at 9.30, Greg Dobbin made an announcement to inform all the bowlers what was happening and the bowlers were all understanding. Finally Barry was able to arrange for three bowlers to fill a side. Terry Long was able to be there within a few minutes. Greg and I helped field a side until Heather Freemantle and David Price arrived. Thank you Heather, David and Terry for your support.

The winners on the day were 1st Greg Shay's team, 2nd Geoff Davis's team, congratulations to all.

Thank you Sandra Caldecoat who helped me with preparing the afternoon tea for the past monthly triples.

Sunday 25th April 2021

On ANZAC Day we observed a minute's silence to mark our respect to all our ANZAC. Greg Dobbins welcomed Alan and Wendy Miles to our club.

We were able to raise \$165. Money raised goes to the RSL Legacy.

Congratulations to Tony Galofaro, Alan Miles and Sandra Caldecoat winners on the day. Thank you to all who assisted with afternoon tea.

Wednesday 5th May 2021

The club's Winter Jackpot Pairs will begin. Barry Cann can be contacted via text or email if you would like to enter a team.

Sunday 30th May 2021 BBQ, Presentation and AGM

The Club is organising a BBQ lunch to be held 2pm to celebrate the club's three Premierships along with a presentation. This will be followed by the AGM.

A list will be posted in the clubroom for numbers or you can txt or email Barry Cann. Further reminders will be posted in *The Welcome Record*.

Reminder: Bowlers if you have written your name down to play in a event, should unforeseen circumstances arise where you are not able to attend, a text message or a phone call to Barry Cann will make it so much easier when trying to work out the fixture for the day.

Hannah Delconte



TARNAGULLA & DISTRICT GOLF CLUB

Hi to all the Tarnagulla & District Golf Club members, supporters and friends.

Our next event to mark in your calendar is the Kangaroo Caddy which is being held on Saturday 15th May 2021.

Tee-off is anytime that suits you between 9am and 10.30 am. Scorecards to be handed in by 12.30pm.

This is a fun golfing event whereby you are allowed to replay a certain number of — how many shots depends on your handicap. This format was invented by the Tarnagulla Club and has proven to be a very popular format over the years. Each player keeps their own score. Come by yourself, with friends, family and/or supporters. Come and have a lovely Saturday morning. There are Women's and Men's categories.

Entry is \$15 or free to Members. Prize winners to be notified after the event.

Please register at lraad@mail.com or on 0481 008 006 or just come along.

Mary, Club Secretary



DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Last Saturday saw our first official competition for 2021. Conditions were perfect, if a little dry due to the continuing lack of rain. Eighteen players turned out, including two debutantes, Sheila Hodgson and Thang Nguyen. Both had very good days, and we look forward to seeing them enjoy their golf and improve week by week.

Big hitting Josh Britten took out the Men's event with 41 points, whilst evergreen Cheryl Lovel was the Ladies' winner with 28 points. Nearest the pin on the 16th went to Ian Arnold, and Craig Burn was nearest on the 18th.

This week sees our first Monthly Medal round for the year, a stroke event over 18 holes.

In addition, any newer players who don't want to play in the medal competition will be catered for by means of an alternative event. Coaching and advice will be provided for any juniors or beginners who require it.

Dunolly Golf Club is a friendly and welcoming club, so please come along if you would like to be a part of an enjoyable and social club which caters for all ages and all ability levels. Play begins at 12.30pm each Saturday.

Ian Arnold

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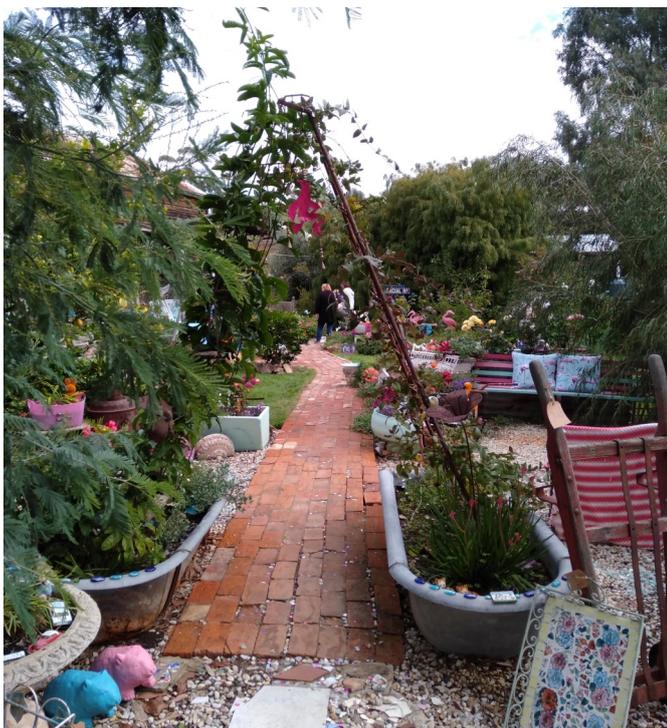
Whispering Weeders visit Vicki's garden

Ten intrepid members from Whispering Weeders turned out on this blue sky day in April, to visit Vicki's garden on Broadway. It was great to wander the paths of Vicki's garden discovering treasures along the way. Salvias, Leucehadrom, Thryptemine, Blood Lilly, Emu bush and the Dusty miller were the highlights for many of the ladies. Keep the last Monday of the month free for garden club; the next visit will be to Stoney Creek near Talbot, a historical garden. Please RSVP. Meet at the community centre.

Marilyn Goldie



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Trevor and Frances' Tarnagulla eclectic garden