

Help preserve Dunolly history



— if we were to lose this building and hall, it would be gone to the community forever." Church membership would need to increase by 10 to 15 people to secure the building's future in the community and Ms Buckley said the church is a place open to everybody. "Everyone is so welcome here, we're very supportive of each other and are welcoming to everybody from all religions," she said. "This is a space where people can communicate so they don't feel alone or adrift; you can have your own beliefs or religion — it doesn't matter, this just brings the community together." For more information about St John's and to get involved, contact Esmé on 0419 358 724 or Rachel on 0427 275 006.

Story Riley Upton
courtesy *The Maryborough Advertiser*

St John's Anglican Church in Dunolly is more than just a church, it's a part of the town's living history which may be forever lost due to dwindling numbers. Built in the 1860s, St John's is one of the earliest surviving churches in the district along with the neighbouring hall which served as Dunolly's original school.

Church membership has dwindled over the years, with the current membership of five resolutely attending the monthly Thursday service. Among the current membership is Esmé Flett, whose ties with the church date back to her grandfather and holds a special place in her heart as the church she was married in.

"The church has really been part of my family's life since my grandfather and his brothers used to take turns pumping the blower for the organist to play the magnificent Fincham pipe organ, they even engraved their initials in the back of it," she said. "I've been a part of the church since we moved from Geelong when I was five. I remember taking my first communion there and it's also where I was married. It's devastating to see it get to this point, I want to fight for it but we need people to come and enjoy the place and be involved."

The community celebrated the 150th birthday of St John's Church in 2019, however, with maintenance, insurance and services such as power and water to be paid, keeping the church doors open on current attendance and membership is unsustainable. The alternative would be to sell the church and hall, but once privately owned it would be lost to the community according to church member Rachel Buckley.

Ms Buckley said the church is more than just a place of worship, it's part of Dunolly and district's "living history".

"I feel there's a continuation of the beginning of Dunolly's history and it's bigger than Dunolly, it's the whole district in this church," she said. "The school building was run by the church and all the gold miners had their children in the church — it's a huge part of the living history of Dunolly, with families still in existence from those days. There is a lot more than just the history and beauty of the building; there is a quiet spirituality and it wouldn't matter what religion you are, you can come here and meditate in a loving and caring place. People need to realise we would be losing something very special if this was to go

Our fabulous skies

The Milky Way over the historic Morton's Welcome Inn, south of Tarnagulla.

Clint Conn Photography said, "I have wanted to get this shot for over a year now and finally had the opportunity to get the shot I wanted."

He added that the Morton's Welcome Inn is located at Waanyarra in north central Victoria, west of Bendigo. The building was a home for the Morton's family of eight, and it was a public bar for the miners from 1866 - 1883.

ABC Central Victoria
Clint Conn Photography



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It has been a pretty quiet week in Dunolly North this week, though I did see a couple of young kangaroos in the paddock when I took the bin out last evening.

Whether you are a monarchist or republican, you have to feel sad for the Queen losing her husband of more than 70 years. He was with her longer than many people alive now can remember. There was a very interesting interview on ABC TV yesterday evening with the Duke of Edinburgh about the awards which he started 60 years ago. They have helped thousands of young people from all over the Commonwealth to reach their full potential and become outstanding citizens. He was quite a man.

The woman who was reporting from London on the death of the Duke kept saying that he had been an intricate part of the Queen's life. Maybe he was but I think she meant integral part.

When the break in program came to announce the death of the Duke, the headline that was running under the announcers was about the shock of zookeepers at the death of an old gorilla. It kept coming up all through the evening. There must be some way of stopping them. It was a disgrace — ABC.

That little bit of freezing rain we got yesterday really stirred up the local cockatoos. They started to behave like galahs — roaring around and squawking. Then they did something I haven't seen them do before — hung upside down on the top thin branches of the gum trees, but only for a few seconds, not the acrobatics the galahs indulge in. Very strange behaviour.

I have found a book of really bad elephant jokes which I intend to inflict on you. Here is the first one — Who is beautiful, grey and wears glass slippers? Cinderelephant.

OLDER BUT NOT WISER

We're not over the hill, we're only halfway up it.

Rosie



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Parklets in Dunolly

New outdoor dining spaces were installed in Dunolly prior to Easter with three more to be added to the Maryborough CBD this week.

Installed by Council's Operations team, the temporary parklets have been made possible with funding from the State Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package aimed at supporting the hospitality industry to rebuild from the economic and social impacts of the pandemic.

They follow the installation of a parklet outside the Daily Dose Café in High Street Maryborough in February.

A parklet is an extension of the footpath that allows additional space for pedestrians or businesses to use the street.

Council's Economic Development team is liaising with other local food and drink businesses interested in parklets and footpath dining. Funding is available for a limited time.

Local businesses interested in getting involved can contact Council's Economic Development Officer Brian Gould on 0419 762 793.

CGSC News



Outside the Railway Hotel, Dunolly

Stories from Cynthia

On a family visit to Melbourne last weekend to celebrate my brother's birthday I decided to have a look at *Wamba*, our erstwhile family home in Hawthorn, which I often mention in my stories. *Wamba* was built by my grandparents in 1908 and had a number of features ahead of its time, for example the toilet cistern was hidden in the wall and the flush was a big silver button on the wall to the side of the toilet when everyone else had a chain. After my grandparents died my family inherited *Wamba*, a place which my four brothers and I had always loved. Gazing at that familiar house, which was not much changed, I saw that my mother's magnolia tree was huge and thriving, and there was the big tree behind the garage which we used to climb to the top, much to our mother's anguish. There were glassed-in additions at the back and a much tidier back garden. The memories came flooding back and I thought of all my uncles and aunts living there. My grandparents had 10 children but two little girls died at birth and my young Aunt Alice, whom I can just remember, died of tuberculosis when still at school. Suddenly, another memory came to me. I was sitting on the front porch waiting for my youngest aunt, Moira, to arrive home from school, and then the gate opened and I can still see her in her grey and blue uniform with the soft grey hat, her thick brown plaits swinging, carrying her satchel, running to meet me as I tumbled down the steps. It was wonderful having a schoolgirl aunt who used to take my older brother and me to Luna Park and St Kilda beach on the weekends. The Glenferrie Road tram went all the way down there. Sometimes Moira would take us to the picture theatre, which was a first for us. *The Wizard of Oz* was my very first film and I dreamed about it for weeks after.

That was the era of crooners and there was a rivalry between Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, or so Moira told me, and she used to play me records of Bing, instructing me that he was the one to listen to and forget Frank, and dutifully I did so. For years I doted on Bing Crosby. These days I quite like listening to Frank Sinatra. Traitor that I am.

I am glad *Wamba* still exists and looks just like my memory of our home.

Cynthia

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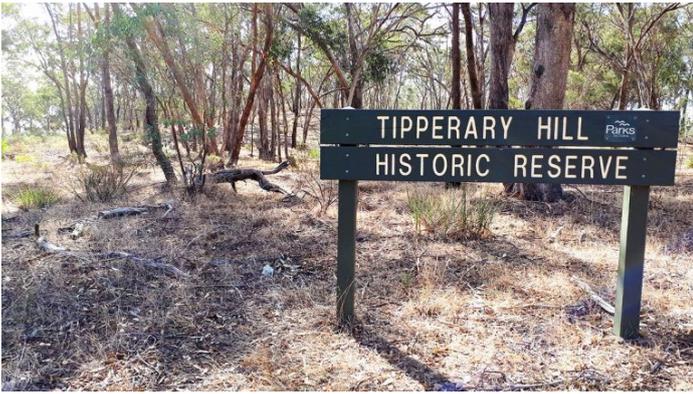
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The Welcome Record Grants Scheme is now complete for this term. New applications can be lodged on 1st July 2021.

Riots in Tipperary Hill



The now quiet Victorian town of Alma is famed as the site of the 1855 Tipperary Hill Riots, also known as the Alma Riots, which led to the formation of the Maryborough Mutual Protection Society.

In 1855 on the local goldfields, there was a dispute over ownership of a claim between a digger named John M'Crae and a group of Tipperary men. The dispute over the claim ended with "the Tips" attacking M'Crae with picks and clubs, who retaliated with a shot of his revolver, wounding one of his attackers in the face. What followed this incident was a grand movement, a general rising of the diggers in their thousands — not for war, but for justice.

"What became known as, 'the Alma Riots', started early in June 1855 as a small dispute over a claim and nearly became a racial riot. The affair began when a digger named McCrea was awarded a claim in dispute with an Irish party on the Adelaide Lead on June 16th 1855. The Irish drove him out of the claim and repeatedly knocked him down with sticks as he ran. He drew a revolver, fired three shots and wounded one of his assailants, variously known as Sweeney or Melloir. A fight between the English — also called the 'Allies' or 'True Blues' — and the Irish, took place and 14 'Tips' were rounded up and taken to the camp Governor. Hotham viewed this matter seriously, perhaps fearing the makings of another Eureka ... The situation at Adelaide Lead was tense."

(Source: <http://downsfolk.wikidot.com/mary-clements>)

Today Tipperary Hill is preserved as a small historic bushland reserve alongside the Maryborough-St Arnaud Road in Alma Victoria.

The following article was published in the *Mount Alexander Mail*, Friday 29th June 1855:

This has been an eventful week, not only for these goldfields, but for the Colony, aye and for the British empire too, as the sequel will show.

When the claim of a single digger was jumped by a section of that party, better known than liked, called the Tipperary, one of the grandest movements on record

took place in a general rising of the diggers in their thousands and tens of thousands, not for war, but for peace, for legal justice. Who that had seen the armed musters and soldierly marchings of the Union men on Saturday last, and the first days of this week, but must have felt his heart beat high at the proud thought that Britons could so arm and meet for right and peace! The poorest, digger — the most utter stranger when he reads or hears, of the case of McCrae's, will feel that in the Mutual Protection Societies, and men of Maryborough in general, he has a high court of appeal, in which the rights of property are held sacred, and upheld by the strong hand — armed for the right, and sanctioned by the law.

It is most worthy of note, that when Mr Thomas Connor, the chosen leader of the Union, and Captain Ramsay, a highly respectable digger, waited on the Resident, to enquire if there was any truth in the report that he had sent to town for reinforcements of the military, and police. Mr. Smith assured them that nothing was further from his intention as he had perfect confidence in the good feeling of the miners, and in their determination to keep the



peace. This is as it should be; and the happy issue of the meeting, on Wednesday, proves that there should be confidence reposed by the Government in the people, who may be then trusted with any amount of power.

That meeting — the diggers' meeting — placed the Resident Commissioner in the chair, and their vote of thanks to him speaks for itself. He leaves, but at his own request, and to join his family; but as it will be seen in our advertising columns that a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Campbell, Virtue, Prendergast, Norton, Kay, Armstrong, Davis, Hastie, Tysall, Barrett, and Aldwell, having waited upon this popular officer, he will be entertained at a public dinner, and at which an address will be read to him. We shall say no more at present.

Goldfields Guide





Louise Staley MP

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Tiny Towns Arts Trail



This year we have more than 20 participants spread across four shires in seven towns from 23rd to 26th April. Here in Dunolly at our wonderful Court house we will have the inaugural Dunolly Portrait Prize. We have received nearly 20 entries, a fabulous range of work.

Big appreciative thanks to the generous grant of \$200 from *The Welcome Record* for our Peoples Choice Prize.

Come and view the portraits, vote for your favourite and encourage our local artists.

Also on show will be an exhibition "Saints & Martyrs" by Inglewood Artist Greg Holland, works that pay homage to Bernini.

Also on show will be sculpture by the Art Hub, Tiny Towns Papier maché group; you can see more of their work at the Art Hub.

Plus please check out the windows on Broadway, birds, fish and more. Portraits from the Dunolly Primary School students.

Checkout the bakery for Jenny Gamble's work.

And if you fancy participating, head into the laundrette and colour a portrait for display. Again thanks to Rod and Sonya Stewart.

Have fun grab a list and map and hit the Trail.

Follow us on *Facebook* Tiny Towns Arts Trail for more secret pop ups and ideas.

Judy Meldrum

Charity Art Auction success

More than \$1000 was raised at Dunolly Easter Saturday Art Auction. \$700 was donated to Dunolly CFA and \$300 for local artists. Organiser and contributing artist, Louise "Rockabilby" Cooper would like to thank everyone who came down on the night, our wonderful auctioneer Kerri Jongebloed of Priority 1 Real Estate who did an amazing job, and the artists who contributed works for this community fundraising event. Most importantly, I'd like to thank the fireies who get out there and do the hard yards, they're the real heroes, I'm so glad that this fundraising effort was effective and I look forward to running more across the region for fireies and other good causes in the near future.

Photo; Julia Hennessy
Louise Cooper



Tiny Towns Arts Trail set to be a weekend of art and inspiration

The towns of Bridgewater on Loddon and Tarnagulla will be part of more than 20 locations for the fifth annual Tiny Towns Arts Trail to be held this month from 23rd to 26th April.

Bridgewater on Loddon will feature three locations during the arts trail — Mulwarrie Studio and Gardens, Arts of Olde and Secret Platypus.

At Tarnagulla, the Community Centre and Country Café, a studio at 87 Commercial Road (Mel Young and Mathew Bishop) and garden art space Octopus and Queen will all be featuring works. All spaces are open throughout the arts trail weekend (Friday to Monday).

Murwarrie Studio and Gardens (3 Serpentine Road) will hold two-hour personalised tours of the gardens, featuring Indigenous food and fibre plants. Open from 10am to 5pm, bookings for the tours are essential. To book, call Mulwarrie Studio and Gardens on 5437 3255.

Arts of Olde (7 Main Street) will be open from 10am to 4pm featuring the gallery, gift shop, commissions and classes.

Likewise, Secret Platypus at 19 Main Street will open from 10am to 4pm and will feature Indigenous art, clothing and books, handmade soaps and candles — as well as local gourmet foods and hampers.

The Tarnagulla Community Centre and Country Café will feature works by local artists, curated by Mary-Ann Scull and will be open from 10am to 5pm.

The studio at 87 Commercial Road with Mel Young and Mathew Bishop will open from 10am to 4pm and will exhibit improvised wall hangings, and quilts using interplay of fabric, colour and shape. Jazz drummer Mathew will be playing at different times during the day.

Octopus and Queen (89 Commercial Road) will be having its grand opening on the Friday of the arts trail weekend — featuring works by artist Yvonne Wells. It will be open from 10am to 4pm.

Tiny Towns Arts Trail organising committee member Jude Nish said the arts trail had something for everyone.

"People taking part in the arts trail will experience a range of amazing creative avenues that are being undertaken by artists across these tiny towns.

"The creativity ranges from painting, drawing, printmaking, craft, ceramics, mosaics, metalwork, music, weaving, jewellery and photography, right through to gardens, outdoor sculptures, cooking, local produce and products, and more.

"The trail is also continuing to pick up artists and we encourage people to check our social media pages as new artists continue to join the Tiny Towns Arts Trail."

"There are some fantastic artists hidden out there who want to exhibit and share what they're doing artistically. The arts trail is a way for these artists to do that and even sell some of their work," she said.

"It's also a great way to network and see what others are doing, and for people visiting the arts trail — a chance to enjoy the experience of the little towns and chat to the locals."

"Be aware and check out the fine print, and don't be afraid to contact artists. A lot of the artists' spaces are also open at other times — not just on the trail," she said.

"So there's also a good opportunity to make plans to revisit the trail in your own time, if you're unable to get to the areas during the weekend.

Maps and a list of locations on the Tiny Towns Arts Trail are also available at information centres, cafés and all arts trail venues.

Loddon Shire

**CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS
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On Tuesday 6th April we held our monthly ratepayers meeting at Dunolly CFA, Bull St Dunolly. There were 11 in attendance including Councillors Sproull and Long and nine apologies. The councillors' participation was well received. Thank you to Councillors Sproull and Long, and all in attendance.

At this meeting we discussed many items: Carisbrook levee, the Nightingale St Nurses Quarters, Dunolly Mosaics, Council not adhering to their own FOI and service charter. Council's response to minuting meetings and their lack of transparency, the Men's Shed, Airport and several other items. This coming month is six months since our newly elected councillors have been in office. Our next meeting is planned for the Maryborough Hub, Burns St in Maryborough at 7pm 4th May.

We invite all of our elected councillors to attend or send us a written summary of the following:

1. What have they individually achieved for the shire in the past six months.

2. How has the shire benefited from their actions

3. What they plan to achieve in the next six months.

Communication, speaking and listening to the community is all part of the council's Community Engagement Policy which Councillor La Vella stated in the Carisbrook Mercury March 11th 2021, page 4, Volume 21 No 9. Referring to public feedback, Cr La Vella wrote:

"With this feedback front of mind, we've made changes to the policy so it is now underpinned by the wants, need and priorities of our local community." Since adoption of this policy not one of our previous FOIs has been responded to. We have submitted another FOI and several questions to council and not one of those has been acknowledged, especially the question we posed asking council to inform us of the clauses in the Local Government Act 2020, which they used to decide to not minute or make public minutes of council meetings where discussions are made or discussed. Only since the elected councillors have been in has the mention or listing of meetings of council not been mentioned in the council's monthly meeting's minutes or made available for viewing. The reply we get is "Assembly of councils is not part of the 2020 Act, the 2020 Act is very different to the previous Act." We would like to understand how the council decided on limited transparency and what clauses of the said Act they use to make these decisions. This was raised at the Dunolly meeting.

The main issues raised in the Central Goldfields Shire Council investigation — August 2017, link to that above mentioned report. <https://www.lgi.vic.gov.au/council-investigations-and-audit-reports#central-goldfields-shire-council-investigation> plus Heading back to the 1998 Central Goldfields review post Commissioners.

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/papers/govpub/VPARL1999-2002No32.pdf>

Both highlighted the exact same issues. Transparency, record keeping, minutes and following of correct process. Our recovery and future is in each and every one of our hands. I encourage each and every one of you read both the above 2017 and 1998 reports. Big they are, but tell a lot of facts. Some of the ex-councillors state we did nothing wrong and we have not been found guilty. In the 2017 report it clearly states that the findings were not pursued in the legal arena.

Please think long and hard about that. I understand it is hard to look at our errors of the past. But we must face them and the facts to move forward.

Wayne McKail, President



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Sharon Hiley, Coordinator

A snippet

Last week a sign appeared on a house on Broadway, a small grey cottage just past the Bendigo turnoff, advertising the house was for sale. Later I discovered that this house has been unoccupied since 1971 but to the outside observer there is no sign of deterioration, curtains in the window, everything looking as though there is an occupant. Quite fascinating. Cynthia

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To get an information pack and learn more about this fantastic service please contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5494 1257.

New residents are more than welcome to volunteer – the tourism team will teach you the knowledge of our region.

Tidy Towns Awards Program entries now open

Entries are now open for the 2021 Keep Victoria Beautiful Sustainable Communities — Tidy Towns Awards Program for rural and regional areas of Victoria.

The Sustainable Communities — Tidy Towns Awards recognise, celebrate and share grassroots initiatives and positive actions taken by community groups, educational institutions, businesses and councils in rural and regional areas in Victoria.

Entries close 14th May 2021. To find out more visit <https://awardsonline.net.au/2021/tidytowns/>

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There are some people who are very generous of themselves. They give their time and energy for the betterment of their communities and end up being the president of this, the secretary of that and a life member of the other, usually because nobody else wants to take it on. In doing so they work hard for the improvement of conditions for all of us. Martin Saul was such a person. He lived on the family farm near Timor all his life and was very involved in the community life of this district.

For 54 years he was an active member of the Bowenvale CFA, being the secretary for 21 of those years. He served on the Timor School Council for 22 years. The Timor Back To Committee also saw his services. Betley Uniting Church was the Saul family church and Martin was the secretary there for quite a while before it closed and the Saul family transferred to Dunolly Uniting Church. He was a past president of the Maryborough Young Farmers, and the secretary of the Dunolly Silo Committee in 1997. In 1999 he became the president of the Bowenvale Timor Hall Committee and the associated Dance Committee, a position he held up until the end of his life. He was also the current president of the Maryborough Historical Machinery Society. His report for their AGM was due a few days after he had passed. Fortunately for that committee he had it all stored in his computer. The Timor Cemetery Trust had just re-elected him as president. He was also a Landcare member and a life member of the Victorian Farmers' Federation.

In 2000 Martin bought goats with the idea of using them to clear Chinese scrub on some unproductive land he had. It was a very successful idea. The goats did clear the Chinese scrub and the land is now able to be used for cropping and sheep grazing. He joined the Goat Breeders' Association and as a result hosted some on farm activities for those into goat husbandry.

When he was conscripted in the late 1960s Martin was able to join the CMF instead of the regular army because of the ill health of his father and the fact that Martin was the only one able to farm their land. In later years Martin was a regular at the Talbot market selling hay and a few lambs and kids. He also worked doing the Census, assisting people with their forms. Elections were another place where he worked. He found these jobs incredibly rewarding as it introduced him to so many different

people in the region.

When their children were young both Moira and Martin took their children to a great many activities in the region. Probably one of the things he is best remembered for in the Dunolly community is his connection with the Dunolly hospital and the very successful campaign waged in the 1990s to keep it open. When Dorothy Smith resigned as the chair of the Hospital Appeal Committee Martin took over the role and was instrumental in helping save the Dunolly hospital. Also in his time on the hospital committee he helped regularly with the Rheola Easter Fair popular tractor pull events as well as other things.

As if all his farming work and community activities were not enough to keep him busy he also made the effort to keep in touch with new friends he made while he and Moira were on overseas trips. In fact he organised reunions for them in Ballarat. Moira said he was a loyal and loving husband who still liked to hold her hand when they went out for evenings at the theatre or elsewhere. Daughter Narelle remembered he was a big Gilbert & Sullivan fan and every Sunday morning the children all had to listen as he played them, not that he remembered all the words. He enjoyed the Gilbert & Sullivan performances put on in Dunolly by Rachel Buckley and her team.

As Moira and Narelle shared their memories of their husband and father it was clear Martin was a man who enjoyed people and was a well liked and respected community member. More importantly he was a much loved family man who is greatly missed. Thank you Moira and Narelle for sharing your memories.

Vicky Frizzell

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Services as per Church News

Catholic Church

There was a much smaller congregation at Mass this Sunday. We had the first cuppa after Mass since the virus struck and the restrictions came in. Many thanks to Erin and Veronica for the new urn.

Father Mark sent Easter greetings to everyone. It was good to hear from him. If you still have Project Compassion boxes, they can be put on the collections at Mass.

R.Mecredy

"You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me: happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe"

John 20: 29

St John's Anglican Church

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Services are held every fourth Thursday at 10am.
 The next Service will be on Thursday, 22nd April,
 COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

Esmé Flett

*"Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,
 so that times of refreshing may come
 from the presence of the Lord."*

Acts 3.19-20



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On behalf of the Woodstock West Fire Brigade members.

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Ron was a great member and a true friend. He will be truly missed.

Secretary, Woodstock West Fire Brigade

God's Promise
 isn't that He'll keep bad things from happening; it's that He'll be there if they do.

Uniting Church

Tanya Dunbar will be leading worship on Sunday 18th April at 9.30am.

KYB will commence for Term 2

on Wednesday 21st April at 11am.

For further details contact Jan Watts on 5468 1731.

Linda Pickering



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Bush Orchids of Central Victoria

Something has been quietly happening in Central Victoria, and as it is National Orchid Day on 16th April, perhaps now would be a good time to have a look at these lovely sights in our bush.

Parsons band orchid



Eriochilus cucullate, Parson's Bands is a terrestrial orchid. The flowers are white or sometimes pink, with two large lateral sepals which grow downwards. The labellum is greenish or cream coloured. The flowers are about two centimetres across and are produced on slender stems to 25 centimetres tall, with up to five flowers on a stem.

Midge orchid



Genoplesium plumosum, are small slender orchids and flower in autumn. The flowers are green to dark purplish brown. Because of their small size and often dark flowers, they are inconspicuous.

Fringed midge orchid



Corunastylis ciliata, commonly known as the fringed midge orchid, is a small terrestrial orchid endemic to southern Australia. It has a single thin leaf fused to the flowering stem and up to 15 small, green to greenish yellow flowers with purplish markings and a reddish purple labellum.

Large Autumn Greenhood



The Large Autumn Greenhood, recently given its own species name, *Pterostylis ampliata*, (formerly *sp. aff. revoluta*) This orchid has large distinguished flowers with long curved petals and sepals ending with a long slender point and a sharply pointed, protruding labellum which extends from the V-shaped frontal opening. Flowering specimens do not have a rosette, while non-flowering plants form a ground-hugging rosette.

The Field Naturalist Ballarat
 Angair inc
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 Castlemaine Flora
<https://castlemaine flora.org.au/pic/c/corun/corun.htm>
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Surfacing for gold in the Victorian Goldfields

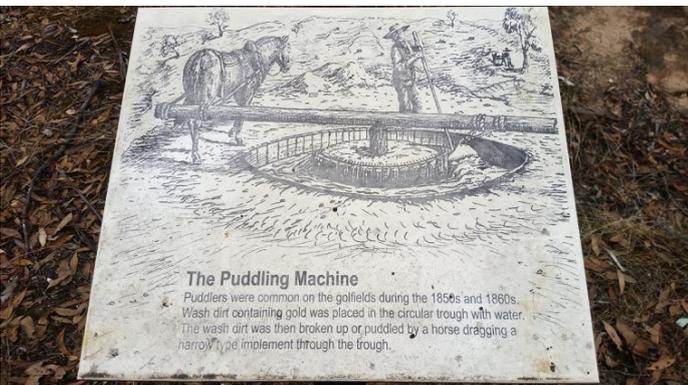


GOLD PUDDLING MACHINES OF THE VICTORIAN GOLDFIELDS

During the gold rush, miners stripped large areas of shallow gold-rich ground down to the bedrock and processed the earth they removed using equipment such as tubs, cradles, puddling machines and sluices. This method of mining is known as "surfacing" and evidence of it can be found in abundance throughout the Victorian Goldfields.

These areas were excavated by hand, a remarkable testament to the sheer determination of the diggers. Due to the labour involved in removing and washing such large quantities of earth, the ground here had to be rich enough in gold to make the effort and processing costs worth while. Surfaced areas are of interest to modern day gold prospectors for this reason - there was gold here, and lots of it.

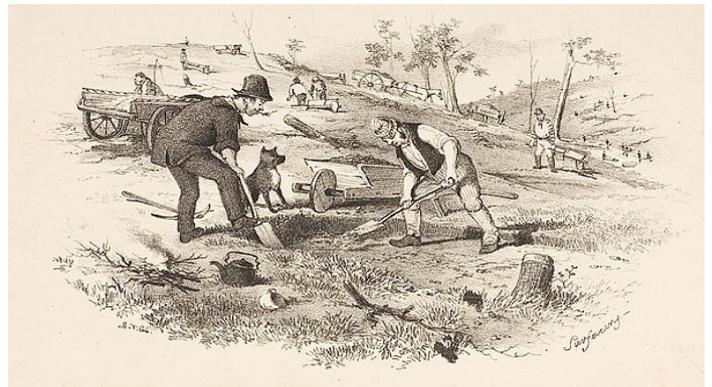
"150 to 200 persons are busily engaged surfacing. Some very excellent finds have taken place, several having already arrived at pounds weight. The depth is not more than two feet, and most of the ground is taken up. There can be no doubt but that many such patches still exist.



Wednesday 28th May, 1856 (Source: Trove)
 Surfacing near Ballarat was described enthusiastically in 1853: "The last few days have witnessed the opening and successful working of the largest and richest field of surfacing ever found in this district, the sinking is from three to six feet in depth, with plenty of water. The gold is found from the surface to the bottom, but, of course, the nearer to the latter, the more abundant it is. It is rather patchy, but everybody is getting something, and to my certain knowledge upwards of 100 ounces have been taken from one claim less than four feet deep, and yesterday 19 ounces were washed from two tubs from another." (Source: Trove)
 Many miners during the gold rush would readily abandon their diggings in favour of the next area being rushed, and not necessarily because their current claim had been completely worked out.

A surfacing field at Stoney Creek was prematurely abandoned in 1856 due to "water becoming scarce, and the gold not lying about quite so plentiful as potatoes in a field" (source: Trove). That particular ground actually turned out to be very rich and was soon picked back up by another rush, but it certainly illustrates the haste with which the miners would abandon an area in favour of a richer or easier field nearby.

This was a time when gold nuggets weighing several ounces were considered small. On her journey to the diggings in 1852, Ellen Clacy wrote that her shipmates found three "small" nuggets weighing two to four ounces each! (Source: A Lady's Visit to the Gold Diggings of Australia, 1852-53). Many of the diggings which were considered unfavourable back then would be celebrated by any recreational prospector today. (Source: Trove)



Surfacing, S.T. Gill, 1852. Source: National Gallery of Australia.

Although they have been worked, reworked, and gone over by modern prospectors, the ground around the edges of the surfaced areas can still contain plenty of gold. These edges are usually very distinct and easily recognised, as seen in the image above.

You may pick up gold using detectors in the shallow ground surrounding the surfacing, or if you feel like putting some work in with a shovel there is usually plenty of fine gold to be recovered through sluicing. Many surfaced areas will have a dam and old puddling site close by, so water for highbankers may be available. The old timers used puddlers in these areas for a reason though - you will need to break the clay up before running it through a sluice or a lot of gold will remain trapped in clumps of clay and be washed away. You could slurry it up in a tub of water before running it through your sluice, or use a trommel with angle iron attached inside the barrel to help break up the clay as it washes through.





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Police are urging the community to be aware of a bitumen driveway resurfacing scam.

There have been a number of reports of males wearing hi-visibility work wear attending at random locations in the Goldfields Police Service Area, offering to resurface bitumen driveways at a reduced price.

However, the product is poor quality and disintegrates within days.

There have also been reports of intimidation – changing the scope of the job and demanding more money than what was initially agreed upon.

If members of the community are approached by persons claiming to provide bitumen services, they should ask for references from previous customers, or a written quotation prior to any agreement to commence works.

If you suspect these types of offenders have attended your home, you can contact your local police station to report the matter <https://bit.ly/3mxJqHD>

If you feel unsafe, or if offenders might still be in the area, call Triple Zero (000) for immediate police assistance

Eyewatch — Goldfields Police Service Area



Officers from the Goldfields Police Service area stumbled upon a goat walking out of the bushes during a patrol at Mount Tarrengower early in the morning.

"As you can see by the pictures it hasn't had a haircut for some time," reads a statement from Eyewatch — Goldfields Police Service Area. "Goat Police whisperers eventually talked the goat into the rear of the van"

"The goat had a tag on it and the breeder was contacted who advised Police that she had sold two goats to a lady over in Newstead some 16-18 months ago and a short time later they had got out of the paddock and vanished." The breeder has since supplied Police with the owner's address and phone number, with the goat being safely returned.

"Thank you to the two Castlemaine members who took the time to make sure the animal was OK and to reunite the goat with its owner," concludes the statement.

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Progress in Dunolly

Maree and Ronny from *We're Fired Up* Mobile Pizza were ecstatic this evening to see the preparations for the extra seating in Rene Fox Gardens, as they and many others in town had been pleading with Council for this for some years!

Many successful Pizza in the Park evenings have been held in the past three or four years, but the single table and bench seating has meant that only one group at a time was able to use it, with others having to wait or bring their own.

Now, weather permitting, more people can look forward to sitting in the Gardens on a Monday evening and enjoying the various food options available.

It will also make it more attractive for tourist groups to use as a rest area and enjoy the well-maintained gardens.

Photos: Visit Dunolly Facebook page and Debra Sealey Visit Dunolly Facebook page



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Across

- 1. Raise (a subject) for discussion
- 6. Does not need to be considered, is of no _____
- 11. Grandeur
- 12. One taking another by force
- 14. Prepare eaten food for easy absorption by the body
- 16. Be mistaken
- 18. Rough husk around plant seed
- 19. Animal hunted by another
- 21. Rendezvoused
- 23. Brass musical instrument with bass pitch
- 24. Bean used to make brown sauce
- 25. Frozen water
- 26. Second-hand
- 27. Officer of army
- 28. Curved bony structure (of foot, eg.)

- 30. Biblical mother of Cain and Abel
- 31. Colourful plant
- 34. Sleeved garment
- 35. Change from liquid to solid
- 36. Former world no. 1 (tennis), _____ Sampras
- 37. Summit
- 40. Legendary Spanish nobleman, _____ Juan
- 41. Ideal state described in Sir Thomas More's book of the same name
- 44. Aust. painter, _____ Namatjira
- 46. U.S. playwright, _____ Williams
- 47. Scope for freedom
- 48. Synonym of the adjective 'becoming'

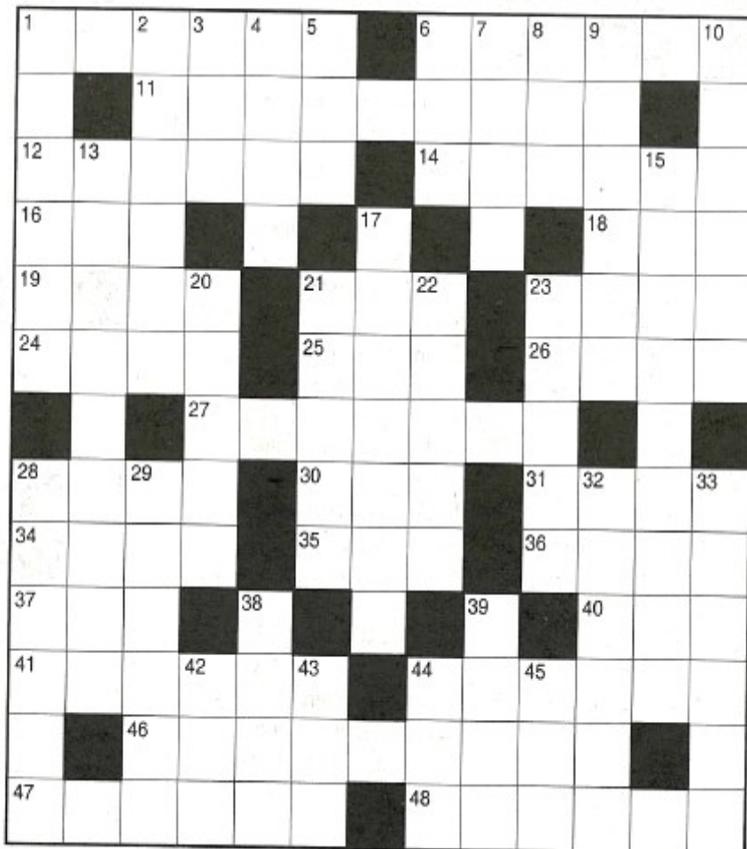
Down

- 1. Arm muscle
- 2. Large hawk found worldwide
- 3. Having a tendency (to)
- 4. Soft thick mass
- 5. That girl's
- 6. Unusual
- 7. To bubble from heat
- 8. Vessel for holding liquids
- 9. Volcanic peak of Antarctica, Mount _____
- 10. Set of four
- 13. Plain starchy biscuit
- 15. Checker of newspaper text

- 17. Get well
- 20. Sailing vessel
- 21. Female Aust. novelist, _____ Franklin
- 22. Doctrine
- 23. Cup-shaped flower
- 28. Genuine

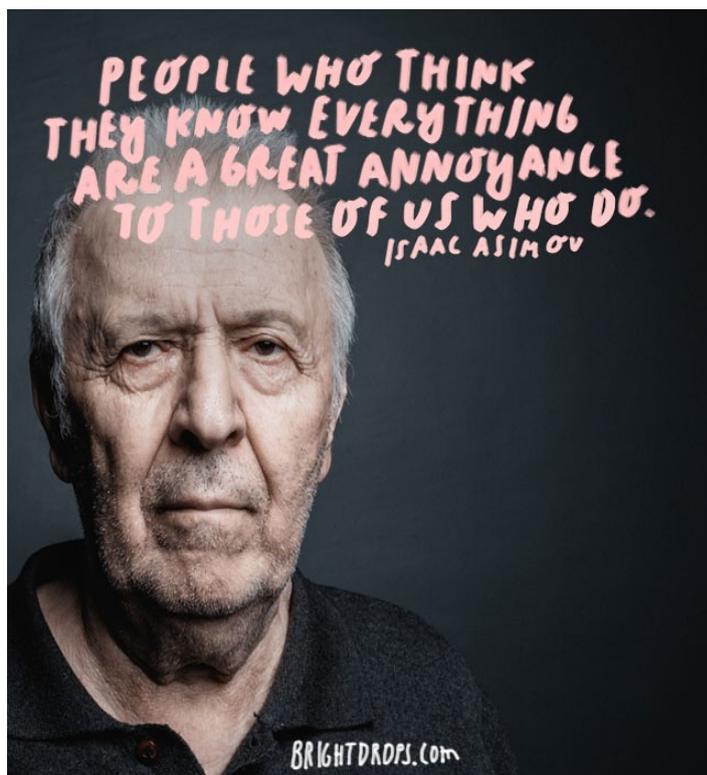
- 29. Author of *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, Truman _____
- 32. Convert into cash
- 33. Soldier keeping guard
- 38. Currency unit of PNG
- 39. If not, or _____

- 42. Church seat
- 43. Irrespective of circumstances, in _____ case
- 44. Long-eared mammal
- 45. Homophone of 2nd letter of alphabet



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Solution 59



Laanecoorie Dunolly Cricket Club



Congratulations to our new Life Member. Jamie Polinelli. Well done Jamie thoroughly deserved. Congratulations also to Kaye Polinelli receiving a 50 year service award! Kaye really is a huge part of the club. All four members of the Polinelli family are now life members of our great club.

A fantastic family achievement!

Also well done to all our trophy winners last night:

A Grade champion Ben Gunn

A Reserve champion Joe Eddy

Under 16 champion Josh Hunt

Great to see a big turnout to celebrate a great night.

Laanecoorie Dunolly Cricket Club Facebook page



DFNC NEWS

Around the club

This Saturday saw our intra-club matches for our seniors at Football and Netball.

Football-wise we saw good numbers showing lots of promise for our boys this year and we made it through the six quarters relatively in one piece. It was good to see the boys on the field and cars watching around the ground.

Our netballers had a good turnout too, with all three senior sides putting in promising numbers for the season ahead. Lots of laughs and great teamwork was shown by all.

Special mention goes to the junior Eagles who stepped up and gave it a red-hot go, including running water (thank you Grace and Addison). Lachie and Isaac (Lachie is from our 14.5s and Isaac from netball) both took the footy field and did amazing starting playing against each other, but before long getting amongst the action tackling and marking. And to our junior girls who stepped on the court (from 11s and 13s) you made us proud and held your own too. Keep up the great work (I know my Miss said she wants to get out there again — she had a great time).

Saturday night we held our first function, our \$1000 draw. Lots of fun was had by everyone; the night made a great start to our season. It was wonderful to see our usual crowd but also a lot of new faces. Thank you everyone for your support.

Congratulations to our winner, Ned.

Our next event is our Trivia Night this Saturday 7pm at the clubrooms. If you want to come along let me know (my number is 0476 773 513) or come see me at the rooms Thursday night. \$80 for a table of eight. BYO food and drinks at bar prices.

Sadly we don't get to participate in round one due to Campbells Creek Football Netball Club going in to recess. Our round two game is against Newstead in Newstead. See you around the club.

Sam Wakeman, President



TARNAGULLA & DISTRICT GOLF CLUB

Easter Cup Report

The sun was shining brightly on Saturday 3rd April 2021, for the Tarnagulla & District Golf Club's annual Easter Cup.

The Easter Cup is a three-ball Ambrose format, where teams of up to three players tee-off and then the best shot is selected, and all other players pick up their ball and hit from the same spot. This continues for the subsequent shots until the ball is in the hole; an ideal format for social golf. It is also a fun way to ease into the golfing season at Tarnagulla as golfers need not worry about any of their own poor shots, rather they can work as a team to play the golf course.

The golf course was looking impeccable and very green thanks to the work of the Club's many volunteers and recent rains.

Due to the high number of players multiple tee-off times were required. This meant that the sounds of laughter, "hoots" of delight and gentle ribbing between the golfers could be heard all day across the golf course. The multiple tee-off times, also, ensured for a socially distant event. In all, 20 teams competed on the day, with many teams having friends and families supporting and following them as they played the nine holes. Some even followed on bikes or looked on from the clubhouse enjoying a fantastic array of refreshments. Fancy dress was not required but spectators thoroughly enjoyed the Beattie brothers' colourful ensemble.

The golfing was very competitive with little separating the top teams. Once the scorecards had been tallied, the winners of the Easter Cup for 2021 were Jacob Mason, Andrea Kirby and Justin Kirby. A big congratulation must go to Andrea, who managed to squeeze in the round, and winning score, before attending her own baby shower later in the afternoon.

Close behind in second, were Garry Harwood, Meredith Harwood and Leigh Fotheringham. The trio thoroughly enjoyed their round and spent the afternoon recounting their play at the local pub.

The longest drive competition was won by Will McNamee. Will hit a mammoth drive on the fifth hole that, despite the many attempts by others, could not be beat.

The Nearest to the Pin was won by Dave Shay. His drive on the third hole was deftly placed on the green.

The Easter Cup 2021 Results:

1st: Jacob Mason, Andrea Kirby & Justin Kirby

2nd: Garry Harwood, Meredith Harwood & Leigh Fotheringham

The Longest Drive: Will McNamee

Nearest to the Pin: Dave Shay

The club must thank all of the volunteers, members, players and spectators who all made the Easter Cup such a lovely day.

The next event is the Kangaroo Caddy on 15th May. We hope to see you there.

Regards Liam Radich

President of the Tarnagulla & District Golf Club Inc.

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Our Bowlers had a very busy weekend of bowling.

Saturday 10th April 2021

The Goldfields Division Premiers, Dunolly Blue, travelled to Sebastopol to play in the Regional finals against the team from Lancefield, representing the Central Highlands Division and the team from Victoria Club representing the Ballarat Bowls Division. The games were played in very cold conditions. Dunolly bowlers beat Victoria Club in the first game by two shots. The only rink to win was skippered by Chris Williams winning by a big margin. Dunolly lost the other game against Lancefield which gave them one win each. Lancefield then won on the day with more shots up and will go on to play State Finals.

Sunday 11th April 2021

The mid week Premiers Dunolly Blue made the trip to Gisborne, where they met Gisborne in the first game, again in very cold conditions and were beaten in all rinks. Gisborne was representing the Central Highlands Division. In the second game they were beaten by Central Wendouree, representing the Ballarat Bowls Division. Gisborne and Central Wendouree then went on to play the final. The winner of the game will go on to the State Finals at Moama Bowling Club.

Dunolly Bowling Club held their Annual Medley Day. The weather certainly was not kind to our bowlers; it was a cold drizzling day. When I arrived at the clubrooms at 7am, our greenkeeper, Greg Dobbin, was already busy preparing the greens for the day's event. Greg later came into the clubroom — he was one frozen greenkeeper! Thank you Greg for the many hours you put in each week to make our greens as good as can be. (Also Jim Haigh who helps Greg when needed). Barry Cann arrived to attend to the draw fixtures and to any enquires which occurred before the start of play. During the week I did what I thought was helpful; I organised the raffle tickets, but got carried away with it and made up more tickets than we would have been able to sell. All was good; Terry Long sat there patiently amending my eagerness. Alan Parks was kept busy during the day's events and attended to what ever was needed to be done.

The bowlers started to arrive. Usually they come inside to pay the dues, then all meet outside to catch up with one another, who they haven't seen for some time. Our club room was abuzz with bowlers, enjoying the hot beverages and hot cross buns which awaited them upon arrival. While the bowlers were enjoying the game outside, the ladies were busy in the kitchen preparing the midday meal and afternoon tea. Nancy with her trusty potato peeler peeled 160 potatoes, Heather and Robyn attended to the 160 sausages, which were cooked in two fry pans. Each time I looked across, they were happy little sausage fryers. Marilyn was on gravy duty and in charge of the stove operations; we don't often see our stove get a workout. All the club's pots were filled with vegetables happily cooking away and the cooked sausages were tucked away in foil trays in the oven ready for the meal service. Linda arrived to help with meal service and afternoon tea. We all worked like a well-oiled machine. Our bowlers began to arrive for lunch, all looking like the frozen peas that had been happily bubbling away in the pot. The dining room was silent, the bowlers enjoying the hot sit-down meal and delicious cheesecake for dessert. With a full tummy and slightly defrosted, they once again ventured outside for the last game. Now it was the ladies turn to sit down to enjoy the fruits of their labours and to take a well-earned rest

before afternoon tea service. We all worked together to wash the many dishes and tidy the kitchen before afternoon tea. The game of bowls was slowly coming to an end. Now the sun decided to shine and the sky was blue, the bowlers once again ventured into the clubroom for afternoon tea. They all enjoyed the delicious sandwiches, cheese, cabana, grapes and dry biscuits. The raffles were drawn, presentations were made to the winners. Congratulations to all of the winners. Thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who helped make our Annual Medley Day a success. Thank you Andy and Raeleen who collected the mats and kitty, and crockery which was left around the green. We all know events like these can only be a success by bowlers and partners giving freely and willingly of their time.

Coming Events

Wednesday 21st April 2021

Dunolly's last hosting of the Monthly Triples for this season. Bowlers organise your team for the last one at Dunolly. The list is up in the clubrooms, or you can ring or text Barry on 0407 509 650. Come and enjoy a great day of bowls.

Sunday 25th April 2021

ANZAC Day (club uniform). I know you are all probably bowled out, but before you enjoy your few months of no bowling, come along to the club's last event.

Names down by 12.30pm. Game begins at 1pm. Cost is \$5. It will be either a BYO plate, or the catering staff can organise a BBQ (at a small cost). Please put your name down for your preference. List is on the club's notice board, or ring Hannah by the 21st April.

Wednesday 5th May 2021

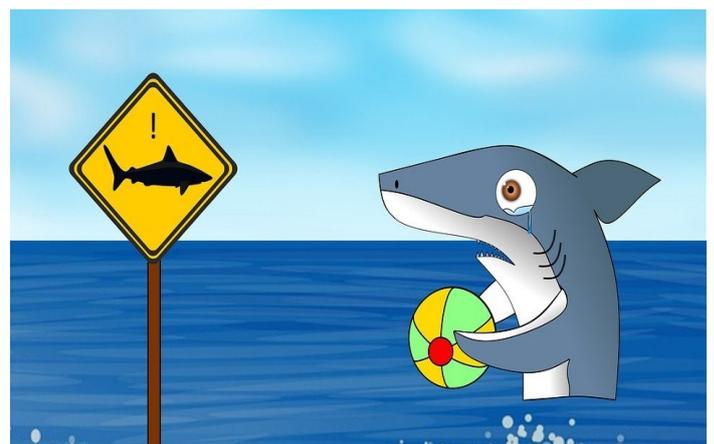
Is the start of the Winter Jackpot Pairs. After the weather we endured over the weekend, we can survive whatever comes our way this winter. Just remember, while out playing bowls awaiting you in the clubrooms after the games will be a hot beverage and finger food (the finger food will be sold at a small cost). List is up in the clubroom or you can ring or text Barry.

Did you know (According to the history of bowls) **1846** — saw the first attempt to layout rules of the game in written form. A Scottish merchant published the Manual of Bowls Playing. This manual formed the basis of the rules of the game which has remained fairly unchanged right through to the modern game.

1864 — the oldest existing bowls club in Victoria is the Melbourne Bowls Club founded in 1864. The club has been based at Union Street, Windsor on a continuous basis since formation.

Hannah Delconte.

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Dunolly Community Market



The April market was somewhat of a success as 22 stallholders and shops participated and welcomed visitors from all over who came to enjoy all the goods on offer. The market again showed pleasing signs of how working together we can all be COVID Safe. Many of the people who attended the market again exercised social distancing and used the sanitizer provided, with a lot either signing in or using the QR Code. Unfortunately, there was no BBQ held at this market, but the CFA will be hosting the BBQ at the next market which will be held on Sunday 9th May, starting at 8am. If your group would like to host a BBQ, please contact market committee on 0460 705 311 or Facebook. Yes, our next market will be on Mother's Day and the market committee will be holding a Mother's Day raffle with lots of wonderful prizes donated by our local shops and businesses. The market committee would like to extend a big thank you to all the stallholders, shop owners and businesses which helped make the market a success. A special thanks to those shops which opened early, All Day on Broadway, The Country Kitchen, The Railway Hotel and of course The Dunolly Bakery. Please come along to the next market and help support your community.

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