

The Welcome Record

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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to all our readers**



Artwork by James Stuart

Farewell, Goodbye and Amen

This phrase will be familiar to those who watched the TV series *M*A*S*H*. And like the series I have been playing for almost nine years.

My time at *The Welcome Record* has not always been an easy one, but it has been a very rewarding one. I began as a typist and proofreader and worked through the ranks to become chief editor and committee president. There have been quite a few challenges along the way, but at each one I had a great team behind me for support. The people at the TWR were my extended family and the paper was my baby that I “put to bed” each Wednesday. I have now put my baby into the very capable hands of

Sharron Fitzgerald as editor and Jan Brock as president. They are guiding it to become a grown-up with new ideas and a fresh outlook.

I have decided it was time for me to follow a different path in my life. I have a real family to tend to, especially now with the birth of my granddaughter. I would also like to concentrate more on my writing. Who knows, one day I may finally finish my novel.

So goodbye dear readers. It has been my pleasure to serve you. May I wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful future.

Susan Anderson

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The Welcome Record aims to present the diversity of viewpoints which reflect the concerns and interests of our community. It will not print contributions which are defamatory or being used as an alternative to a personal approach in dealing with a personal issue. The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of *The Welcome Record*.

Rosie's Ramble

CK cat had another face-off with the big shingleback the other day. When I opened the door they were nose to nose. The cat took the opportunity to flee inside through the open door.

Daughter Ramble was up for a couple of days over the weekend, so we did a much needed shop in Maryborough. It's nice to have someone to push the trolley. Had a look at the market in the carpark behind the Salvos shop. There is a lot of interesting stuff in there. I bought a couple of succulents that I don't already have. I had a driver as well as a trolley pusher.

Daughter brought her small, energetic, long-haired, very cute little dog. Because of the long soft hair, it makes her a burr magnet. The back yard is a mass of them. Daisy goes out to do whatever dogs do and comes in with a fair load of prickles. It keeps her occupied pulling burrs out of the hair. She is very generous with them, shedding the loose ones on the floor. They also hurt bare human feet too.

The garden is very dry and needs watering again. The damp from the early rain is long gone.

Rosie

AGEING DISGRACEFULLY—

Don't keep chocolate in the house, except at Christmas, Easter, New Year, birthdays, Halloween, Melbourne Cup day, Labour day, and most weekends. And Wednesdays.

CATS—

Prowling his own quiet backyard or asleep by the fire, a cat is only a whisker away from the wild.



BUSHIES GUIDE TO LIFE —

Some fellas are so tight they can get three meals out of a pink galah and make soup from the bones.

Digger, Cobber



Important Notice:

The Welcome Record is closed from 15th December 2021 to 19th January 2022.

Please ensure all articles and advertising is lodged by 3pm on Tuesday 18th January.

TWR Team

A White Christmas

There's a bear in there
And a dog or two
All come together
Wishing Merry Christmas to you.

There is no snow
But there will be heat
An Aussie BBQ Christmas
Is hard to beat.

While we gather with family and friends
Remember those far away
Send a message of love and hope
For this auspicious day.

Em Goldy



Let your love be shared

When I was just a little boy near Christmas
I was shocking,
I hoped to find an elephant
Who'd lend me his stocking.
What a sorry sight it would have been
If on Christmas day,
The only boy in all the town,
with nice new games to play.

CHORUS

*Santa Claus will soon be here dressed in his suit of red,
Into each home he's sure to creep
When we are fast asleep.
And as he fills each stocking up
And tiptoes past your bed,
The gifts he leaves are gifts of love,
So let your love be shared.*

What a lucky lad I was with my stocking overflowing,
Toys and books nice things to eat,
There on Christmas morning.
But now I know much more of life,
It's such a tragedy,
Everyone in this world can't have fun,
Like you and me.

CHORUS

My one real wish for everyone
Is to have the Christmas feeling,
And pass it on to the people they meet,
Their happiness revealing.
Don't make it last just for the day,
But for all year long,
When Christmas comes around again,
Just keep it going on.

CHORUS

A song by Ivan J. Bowman

Eddington News

Eddington is holding its 20th Carols by Candlelight this year.

Two members of the original choir, initiated by Rob Jones, are still singing with us.

Our choir is now in the capable hands of the Holland family, whose musical talent is very much appreciated.

We have lost three of our good singers; Jean Richardson, who sang in the early days, Bev Hartwig, who directed and sang with us for quite a few years. Although Bev is sadly missed, her legacy lives on as we still perform the songs she taught us. Keith Baverstock, who along with his wife Fiona, were founding members. Keith passed away last year and both he and Fiona are sorely missed.

This year, we will be having a service in the Eddington Community Centre, on Sunday 19th December starting at 6.30pm. QR code check in is required, and all other protocols will be observed where possible.

This will be followed by a sausage sizzle, the arrival of Santa and a ride on a miniature train. If it is hot, a fire hose demonstration will also be held.

Gold coin donation please.

Our tin dogs have dressed for the occasion, and our hall is very comfortable. All welcome.

Val Morrison

Novelty plantings



Heather Connelly from Dunolly Bakery lives in Eddington and has set up her gardening studio to create wonderful and fun plantings of succulents. There is a good variety from her home-made pots to reusing old biscuit tins. Each is filled with plants and decorations. These were displayed at our market. A nice Christmas gift idea.

Em Goldy



Central Goldfields Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc

On 7th December 2021 we held our AGM via Zoom.

At this meeting a 14 page Transparency and Accountability report was presented which was a summary of 17 of the many issues we have had (ongoing and closed) with the Central Goldfields Shire. This document highlights more than 50 issues where we felt the council's action, or lack of action, affected the community. This report was sent to all financial members and is available to non-members on request. Please email us on cgoldratepayers@mail.com and a copy will be forwarded to you.

The annual election was also held and all positions were vacated. There were two nominations submitted asking all of the previous committee be kept on. As we would like to see more participation in the committee, there were no other nominations so the serving committee was thanked and the election took place as per Model Rules.

The outcome was:

President: Wayne McKail
 Vice President: John Tully
 Secretary: Judi McKail
 Treasurer: Michael Chainey
 and Committee members Sue Tully and John Wright.

Last week CGR&RAI mentioned about council replying to concerns regarding a dangerous road. Council responded in quick time on all three enquiries. They followed through on the stated temporary repairs to the road and the works were done.

We do not expect council to action every issue raised with them, but we do expect them to respond, and at least give an acceptable reply in a timely manner. Of the three issues mentioned, one was completed, the other two were explained very well. This is the professionalism we would expect from our council to every resident. We would like to thank two council staff who corresponded and acted in this case. A very positive and appreciated effort.

Of late our councillors have been broadcasting many issues — three in particular:

1. What a fantastic group of elected councillors we have — a perfect mix.
2. How fantastic the Deliberative Engagement is.
3. How well the council and councillors engage with the community and their transparency.

On 26th October 2021 at the council's meeting, items 8.5 Community Vision, Council Plan, and item 8.7 Long term Financial Plan was passed by council. On reading these plans it was noticed there was a key plan stated to being used in the formulation of all these above-mentioned plans. CGR&RAI contacted the council questioning the existence of that plan. We were informed that a plan of that name was not in use with the title stated in those plans. We then contacted Cr Meddows-Taylor for the same plan. He deflected and refused to acknowledge this plan. Transparency. Really? Deliberative Engagement was used to assist in the development of these plans as well.

So it now comes to how can the Deliberative Engagement assist in the development if a plan was stated to be used and it appears not to exist? This issue was submitted to the Ombudsman and the Ombudsman has stated they will be investigating this issue.

Deliberative Engagement — much as it is a fantastic tool and participated by very keen community minded members, if they are not given all the information then their role is only partial.

Is Deliberative Engagement used to hear representatives of the community, or an excuse for council to state we used community consultation. Which brings us to why did all the councillors vote to accept those three policies knowing the plan in question did not exist, or did they notice at all? What are the councillors being told?

With Christmas upon us CGR&RAI would like to thank everyone for their support over the past years and we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and an extremely prosperous New Year.

Our next meeting will be a casual outdoor gathering in Maryborough on 1st February 2022 at this stage. Thank you and stay safe.

Wayne McKail, President

Susie Oh — another record

Susie Oh participated in Guinness World Records "most users to complete a remote 10km run in 24 hours" on 19th September 2021.

Previous world records were 1035 participants. There were more than 100,000 participants this time. Due to the strict guidelines, there were 40,000 successful participants, but Guinness World Records only confirmed 25,523 due to strict technical requirements.

This virtual worldwide event was a unique experience and brought the running community together globally, especially during the pandemic and lockdown.

Susie Oh

Dear Participant,

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On behalf of Guinness World Records, I would like to personally congratulate you on your GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS achievement.


ALISTAIR RICHARDS
 President
 Guinness World Records

Central Goldfields Shire Council News

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

The Spirit of Christmas has arrived in the Central Goldfields. Our Christmas decorations — including some new additions — have been installed across Maryborough, Dunolly, Carisbrook, Talbot, Majorca and Bealiba. This year Council has invested a little bit extra into our Christmas display in the hope it brings cheer to our community.

Customer Service and Library closure

Customer Service and Library closure Council's Customer Service Centre and the Maryborough Library will close at 2pm on Wednesday 15th December to allow staff to attend COVID Training. It is important for our frontline workers to take part in this training to keep our community safe. Our Customer Service Centre and Library will re-open on Thursday as normal.

Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback on our Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan. We had so many great entries for our front cover photo on our *Facebook* page with Kodie Greenwood's photo the winner with 52 likes. Kodie's furry friend will feature on the front cover of our Domestic Animal Management Plan. We'll be reviewing your feedback on the Draft Plan over the coming weeks ready for the final version to be considered by Council at the December meeting.

Fire Danger Period

The CFA have declared that the Fire Danger Period commenced in the Central Goldfields Shire on Monday 13th December. For details about what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/firerestrictions

Fire Prevention Notices

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to prepare their property for the upcoming fire season.

It is so important to maintain your property for the duration of the summer months – to keep both you and the community safe. Our Municipal Fire Prevention Officer is currently assessing properties across the Shire for fire hazards. If you receive a Fire Prevention Notice, it will outline necessary works required to improve the safety of your property. If you receive a notice and you require assistance in carrying out the requested works, or would like more information on Fire Prevention Notices please contact our Customer Service team on 5461 0610.

For more information about how to prepare your property visit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property

Free green waste disposal

Council is offering free green waste disposal to residents to help prepare their properties for the upcoming fire season. Residents can drop off their green waste for free at the Carisbrook, Talbot and Dunolly transfer stations every weekend until Sunday 19 December.

For more information visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/latestnews

Slashing update

Council's roadside slashing program was completed on Friday 10th December.

Is your pool or spa compliant?

Is your pool or spa safety barrier compliant and safe? If you are unsure you can arrange for our Pool Inspector to inspect your pool for compliance.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the deadlines for you to provide your first certificate of barrier compliance to us have been extended.

For pools and spas built:

- on or before 30th June 1994 (deadline – 1st June 2022)
- between 1st July 1994 – 30th April 2010 (deadline – 1 June 2023)
- between 1st May 2010 – 31st October 2020 (deadline – 1st June 2024).

For more information about pool and spa compliance visit:

vba.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools and

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/poolsandspas

Or, to make an appointment for our Pool Inspector to inspect your pool contact our Customer Service team on 5461 0610.

Planning an event?

It's great to see community groups planning events now that restrictions have eased.

Council's Events officer can help navigate the requirements and can be contacted directly via email alishac@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or telephone 5461 0637.

There is also a step-by-step guide to hosting events on Council's website www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planninganevent

Please note Council requires paperwork to be submitted at least six weeks prior to your event for processing.

Dunolly Community Market

“GIVING BACK”

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN

WOW what a wonderful way to end our Market year; 28 stalls all contributing to our much-needed funds.

Our Market will be back next year starting with a Twilight Market on Saturday 22nd January from 4pm until 8pm. The Twilight BBQ will be hosted by the Dunolly Football Club.

If you wish to have a stall or host a BBQ next year, please contact us on either *Facebook*, *Messenger*, or phone 0460 705 311.

The Market Committee would like to thank all the shops and cafes which opened early and remained open during the Market.

Please note that the current Committee has decided not to hold a Market during the cold winter months (July and August) therefore, all going well we can hold 10 Markets during 2022.

The Market Committee held its annual Christmas Raffle and the winners were:

1st Cheryl Renfrew. 2nd Peter Ahdore.
3rd Linda Barnard. 4th Cheryl Renfrew.

Congratulations to all and thank you to all those who purchased tickets.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the businesses which donated to the raffle especially:

The Railway Hotel and the Dunolly Pharmacy.

Just a quick reminder that our AGM will be held on January 12th at the Railway Hotel at 7pm. All Committee positions will be made vacant. If you would like to be part of our team, please come along.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay Safe.

Peter, Caryl, Mel, Cheryl and Samantha
The Market Committee



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Dunolly And District Neighbourhood Centre News

Christmas break

The Centre will be closing this week for the Christmas break, and will be re-opening on the 10th of January.

Our dancers will be taking a break as well, and they'll be returning on the 17th of January. This group is a lovely and relaxed group, and have loved being able to meet again, after all the cancellations thanks to lockdowns. We would like to encourage more community members to come along and enjoy learning these wonderful classic dances- you may just surprise yourself!

Family History

We have a small but committed group who have some real skills in the field of family tree investigation. If you have an interest in exploring your family's roots, but find the idea daunting, this may just be the group who can guide you. The Centre has Wi-Fi you can use, all you need to bring is your laptop and a few details. I'll be looking into funding to purchase a few devices next year, so please don't be deterred if you don't have the equipment.

Proof of vaccination now required

Due to the current COVID situation in Victoria, the Chief Health Officer has advised that all Neighbourhood Centres must now ask for proof of vaccination for all our activities.

Planning for next year

Over the coming few months we'll be planning for next year, so I will continue to meet with community members and find out what you would love to see happen at the Centre in the future. I'll be starting a mailing list, too, so I can keep in touch with interested community members.

Our *Whispering Weeders* have a planning day in the new year; 1pm January 17th at the Centre. Come along and help plan a year of visits to remember. This friendly group are always looking for new members, so if you would like the opportunity

to join, feel free to come along to this planning day!

\$250 Power Saving Bonus help available

I'm happy to help members of the community apply for this bonus. You'll need your latest power bill and concession card- you must receive a government payment such as a pension to be eligible. This may take around 3 weeks to happen, but once your application is successful, you'll be \$250 richer! This is a one-off payment. Call me at the Centre for an appointment.

Help with applying for disabled parking permit

I recently helped one of our local gents with his application. Unfortunately, a lot of these services are now moving to online only, so if you need help with this application (or other tricky Government forms) call me at the Centre, and I'll book you in.

What's on at the Neighbourhood Centre?

The Centre will be closing for the Christmas/New Year's break, from December 20th until January 10th.

Our *Archery group* are on hold for the time being, due to the restrictions that remain in place.

Walking groups, the wood work shed Tuesday mornings at 9am, Whispering Weeders garden club on the last Monday of the month, family history Tuesday afternoons, table tennis at the golf club (Tues 7pm-9pm; Wed 9am-12pm), old-time dancing (Mondays at St. John's), craft on Wednesday from 10am and of course our wonderful *Arts Hub* (cnr Thompson and Alice Sts), which has a talented Mosaic group meeting on Mondays at 10am. More workshops will take place in the new year.

Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for updates, or drop in to the Centre Monday- Thursday between 9am and 3.30 pm to find out more at 18 Havelock St, beside the hospital. I take my lunch around 11.30, so if I'm out of the building I won't be far.



Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator.
03 5468 1511

admin@dunnhc.com.au



Grassfires move so quickly, it's **impossible** to outrun them.

This summer, significant pasture growth in paddocks and roadsides means that fast-moving grassfires will be a serious risk across Victoria. Rural grassfires can be just as dangerous as bushfires, and can actually spread even faster, travelling at speeds of up to 25km/h. If you live close to open paddocks or grasslands, you could be at risk and need to be prepared. On high-risk Fire Danger Rated days, the safest option is to leave early.

How well do you know fire?

Plan. Act. Survive. Go to vic.gov.au/knowfire

Better facilities for Bealiba Primary School

Students in Bealiba will have better school environments to learn and succeed in, with the Andrews Labor Government funding key maintenance projects at schools right across the state.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today announced Bealiba Primary School is among 94 schools sharing in \$7.26 million of Planned Maintenance Program funding for vital improvements to classrooms and school grounds.

Bealiba Primary School has been allocated a total of \$105,000. This includes:

- \$65,000 for high priority maintenance works on the school's *Shelter in Place* building. These works will be delivered by the Victorian School Building Authority on behalf of the school.
- \$5,000 to address high priority maintenance tasks identified in the school's Rolling Facilities Evaluation, including external surface revarnishing, fascia repainting and seating replacement.
- \$35,000 for high priority maintenance tasks identified in the school's Specialist Assessment to address the school's roof issues.

The Planned Maintenance Program works address priority maintenance issues identified by the Labor Government's ongoing evaluation of all school facilities – with work including fixing roofs and windows, repainting walls, resurfacing floors and replacing windows, pathways and stairs.

Almost \$1 million of the funding will go towards maintenance to Shelter-in-Place buildings at 10 schools, which provide temporary accommodation to staff and students during a bushfire until emergency services

arrive, or as a shelter of last resort.

The announcement brings the amount of Planned Maintenance funding the Labor Government has provided to schools in the 2021 school year to more than \$47 million. This fund makes sure all existing buildings at Victoria's 1,500 government schools are safe, modern and properly maintained to ensure students and staff are comfortable and safe at school.

In the past seven years, the Labor Government has invested more than \$10.9 billion in building new schools and more than 1,700 school upgrades, creating more than 13,500 jobs in construction and associated industries.

With 62 schools opening between 2019 and 2024, the Government is well ahead in its work to open 100 new schools by 2026, ensuring every Victorian child has access to a great local school.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford

"We're making schools safe and comfortable - giving students the best possible settings to learn and thrive in," said Ms Pulford.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"This program is about ensuring that every Victorian school is well maintained and safe to provide the best possible environment for students to learn in."

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Jaala Pulford MP

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Church News

Catholic Church

There will be Assembly at St Mary's Dunolly on Sunday, 19th December at 8.30am. There will be Mass at St Mary's on Christmas Day at 8.30am, and again on Boxing Day.

We welcomed Deacon Matthew Restall to Dunolly. He will be in the Parish for a year.

R. Mecredy

*The Lord is the strength of his people,
the saving refuge of his anointed.*

Psalm 28 : 8

Uniting Church

Service on Sunday 19th December at 9.30am will be led by Pastor Miriam Darlow.

Carols at the Church 16th December at 1.30pm. Everyone is invited to join residents of the Nursing Home and our congregation for Christmas carols and afternoon tea.

The Op Shop will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week and \$5 bag sale will continue. The shop will close at the end of this week and reopen in mid January.

Christmas Day service will be at 9am.

There will not be a service on Sunday December 26th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and stay safe.

Linda Pickering

St John's Anglican Church, Dunolly

Rev Canon Heather Blackman
Parish Office, Nightingale Street,
Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964

Services are held every fourth Thursday at 10am
The next Service will be Thursday, 23rd December
COVID restrictions permitting.

The first Service for 2022 will be Thursday, 27th
January.

Esmé Flett

*"Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love."*

Zephaniah 3.16-17



Colin Sullivan's many contributions to Bealiba

Shallow creeks, gurgle, chatter and froth on their way. Deep waters flow quietly and steadily. Colin Sullivan's historic research was deep waters.

How we will miss the lights he shone into our past. Long remembered and treasured was his remarkable research and presentations for many special Bealiba historic celebrations.

The history for the 150th anniversary celebration of the Primary School, was really challenging. So many original documents had been destroyed or lost. Yet Colin managed to piece together a rich and most interesting history. He presented this body of work in an accessible manner for any of the visitors who had come to Bealiba for that special weekend.

Colin was able to hold in his memory different geographical areas alongside a wide range of periods of time, and then piece them together. Many Bealiba organisations were the recipients of this clever transposing of place and time.

Colin would pass on an article about our Historic Station which he discovered whilst searching for an entirely different matter. The CWA, churches, the school and particularly the Cemetery Trust, all received information from him after he had trawled through newspaper archives, data bases and all the other "tools" used by knowledgeable investigators.

Bealiba Historical Society enjoyed one of its proudest moments thanks to Colin's excellent work. BHS has received a "letter" from Britain regarding family tree information. In due course, a family travelled halfway around the world arriving in tiny Bealiba. Colin arrived at the BHS meeting with a box full of their history. He had newspaper articles, christening records, service records, school records and could you believe it ... a cousin (by marriage) – in person!

This Progress Association was able to use Colin's services from the time he first arrived in Bealiba. His home was directly opposite to the Community Hall. So he became the hall key keeper, often helping with set-up and clean-up duties, when the frequently used hall held occasions and activities both large and small.

ANZAC displays, "back to" celebrations, photographic competitions, Colin was there to help.

He was an office bearer for many years, supporting town clean-up Australia days, reservoir and cemetery activities. Friends of Bealiba was a special activity inspired by Nola McClelland. Colin undertook trips to Bendigo with Nola to secure funding and information for the project. The results are there for all to see in the Main Road. Where there had been a dirty weed-ridden drain, there is now a stretch of parkland surrounded by native trees.

Colin left this world too young, and he will be sadly missed.

He expanded the fields of history for the whole district through his creativity in research. He reliably undertook responsibilities for Bealiba village management. He worked in the pub and could befriend all comers. A quiet, gracious and lovely man now lies at rest in Bealiba Cemetery.

Heather Cooper





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Dunolly chosen to trial an outdoor promotional program

Dunolly has been chosen to trial a new program whose aim it is to boost the local economy and support retailers and creative workers by expanding outdoors.

On Saturday 18th December the pilot program, funded by the Victorian State Government and part of a larger COVIDsafe Outdoor Activation Fund, will be launched in Dunolly.

Central Goldfields Shire Council is delivering this project in collaboration with award winning agencies Hello City (urban and retail strategy) and Grosz Co Lab (marketing and branding).

Dunolly was chosen as the site for the pilot program because of the strength of the existing main street and cultural offer, and because the organisers believe they can be of help to realise some of the brilliant ideas which are already being worked on.

The pilot is all about bringing the inside outside and showcasing and sharing the best of what Dunolly and Goldfields has to offer. It's about the undiscovered gold in the antique and bric-a-brac stores, the community newspapers, country bakeries, the living history. It's about the historic facades and buildings, but most of all it's about the stories, energy and spirit of the local community.

The businesses selected to participate will be provided with a marketing package including signage and display elements which reflect the business, e.g. a pedlars cart filled with baked goods, a planter box with signage, or a vintage wheelbarrow full of antiques.

The program begins on Saturday 18th December and will continue through to the end of January with an option to extend.

If successful, the elements of this pilot will be rolled out as part of a broader marketing and advertising campaign across the Central Goldfields Shire and benefit all businesses in the region, encouraging visitation, tourism and shopping local.

Susan Anderson

Excerpts from promotional material from Hello City



Dunolly Nik Naks & Gallery

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Snake catcher to the rescue

Serving as a timely warning to Dunolly residents to be aware that snakes are out and about, last Saturday a slippery intruder was discovered inside one of our public buildings. By chance, our Dunolly Historic Precinct secretary, Kath Ryan observed it near the lower double doors of the Town Hall, where it had entered from Rene Fox Gardens. A possible escapee from one of the many grain trucks, or maybe having slithered away from its mother lurking not far away, this venomous 30cm baby Eastern Brown snake was a potential threat to all in its path, especially if it had disappeared into other parts of the Town Hall.

Exhibiting a calm demeanour, not like others who may have panicked, Kath bravely stood guard over the slippery suspect and made a call to the local snake catcher, all the time keeping it under her watchful eye. Although having to travel quite some distance, Gianni Hodgson promptly came to the rescue and expertly undertook the capture, much to Kath's relief. Gianni later relocated it to a waterway and in the video footage he shared on social media it could be seen exploring its new surroundings, thankfully a long way from here. Thanks to both Gianni and Kath for the calm and professional manner in which they dealt with the situation, we are all extremely grateful.

Jenny Scott

Photos: Kath Ryan



Above: Gianni Hodgson with his snake-catching equipment.
 Left: The snake — not two-headed, just a reflection.



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Loddon Shire Mayoral Column

Startup Central Victoria 2022 Accelerator Program

Expressions of interest have opened for round two of Startup Central Victoria's next Accelerator Program, which starts in early February 2022.

The Accelerator Program, which has 15 places available, is open to aspiring and emerging entrepreneurs aged 18 years-plus (individuals and teams) from central Victoria who are looking to startup or scale up a business idea.

Entry to the program is open to early-stage founders through to those wishing to scale up to national and international markets.

The program includes 12 free hybrid evening sessions with three tailored learning streams and is supported by experts, coaches and mentors.

The three tailored streams are Discovery – early-stage founders; Development – creation, testing and validation; and Advanced – scaling-up nationally and internationally.

The sessions start from the second week of February to the end of May and will be delivered by La Trobe Innovation and Entrepreneurship and their international partners. For more information and to submit an EOI, visit <https://startupcv.com.au/> The EOI closes Monday 24th January 2022. Startup Central Victoria is a City of Greater Bendigo-led initiative in collaboration with neighbouring shires, including Loddon Shire Council.

Local History Grants Program applications open

Applications are now open for the 2021-2022 Round of the Local History Grants Program.

The Local History Grants Program encourages and fosters community activities that preserve, record and share the local, social and community history of Victoria and Victorians. For more information and to apply go to:

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/local-history-grants-program>

Applications close midnight, Monday 24th January 2022.

Goldfields World Heritage listing bid

I'd like to thank Cr Wendy Murphy who attended an

event in Clunes last week on Council's behalf.

The partnership of 13 councils and Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive is aiming to raise the profile of the Central Victorian Goldfields.

World Heritage listing aims to share the Central Victorian Goldfields story with people from across the globe and hopes to create social, cultural and economic opportunities for communities and individuals across the region.

Council is looking forward to receiving a full briefing in the New Year about what the World Heritage listing will mean for our Shire.

Loddon Valley – the place to be these holidays

I'd like to take the opportunity this week to highlight all the wonderful things our Loddon Valley has to offer these summer holidays. If you're looking for a getaway a bit closer to home these holidays, then our beautiful Loddon Valley is the place to be.

We're lucky to have such a fantastic array of things to do and see right on our doorstep. This includes a range of water sports on our wealth of lakes and waterways, idyllic shady fishing spots and great places to camp.

Our state and national parks offer a number of rewarding lookouts, easy bushwalks, bird watching and pleasant picnic areas to relax and unwind.

You can immerse yourself in our region's rich history – including exploring the character and charm of our region's towns, as well as visit one of our many local businesses.

If you haven't had the chance to explore our Loddon Valley in a long time (or have never had the opportunity) – the holidays are the perfect time to do so.

To find out more about what to see and do in the Loddon Valley these holidays, visit:

www.visitloddonvalley.com.au or call the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5494 3489.

You can also drop by the Visitor Information Centre at 24 Wilson Street, Wedderburn.

Loddon Shire News 14th December 2021

When it rains, it paws for CFA Oscar1 Brigade



A specialist CFA brigade has been called out to two incidents within a week, both involving the rescue of a dog from a mine shaft.

Bendigo-based Oscar1 Brigade helped rescue Bruno the Bull-Arab on Sunday 5th December after he'd fallen down a mine shaft at Castlemaine Diggings National Park.

Captain Daniel McMahon said it was quite unusual and surprising to receive another call less than six days later, this time to rescue Terry the Kelpie-cross from a mine shaft at Woodend.

"The owner said they were camping and the dog just went for a

run, but as it was night and you can't see these mine shafts at the best of times, he just fell down the hole," said Captain McMahon.

"The Woodend team did a great job in securing the scene because one of the biggest risks at a job like this is the owners trying to communicate with their loved animal and ending up falling into the shaft as well.

"It was a 15-metre shaft but we thought it may have been a false floor, meaning there could have been another 10 or 20 metres below if the floor had collapsed.

"Terry was in surprisingly good nick though with no injuries, so we hooked him up to the ropes and Woodend brigade helped pull him up.

"The owner was ecstatic when they were reunited."

Captain McMahon said it was great to have a good result from both incidents in Castlemaine Diggings National Park and Woodend.

"We hadn't been called out to a rescue in quite a while, so to have two similar jobs in a week was quite surprising.

"Rescuing a dog in a mineshaft is a serious job, but for us it also doubles as a real-world experience in case we are called to a community member in the same unfortunate situation.

"In both scenarios it's a multi-agency effort, there's crowd control required and there's a very concerned person pushing us to rescue their loved one."

Oscar1 Brigade trains for a variety of rescue situations including grain silos, tower rescues, and mines.

CFA Media Release

Santa supports My Health Record

Santa has joined the Australian Digital Health Agency this year to urge Australians to give themselves the gift of better health care by using their My Health Record.

"I've been using mine for years now and encourage the elves to do the same," Santa said.

"Like making a list and getting it right, having your health information in one place means you don't forget the important things."

"I travel a lot at this time of year and if I do get sick, I don't need to tell my health story over and over again," Santa said. "It's all in my digital record including my vaccination status. Besides, there simply isn't enough room in the sleigh for more paper. With digital records, I don't need to carry around physical documents."

Agency Chief Clinical Adviser Dr Steve Hambleton said "Santa knows the last thing we want is for him to suffer an adverse reaction because any new medication interacts with what he is already taking."

"If you're taking medications that help you have better health, it's important all your healthcare providers know the name and dose of those medications. This is particularly important if you're admitted to emergency or unable to remember details. Plus, Santa's regular GP can be updated online, for when he returns home. Surface mail takes too long, especially at this time of year."

Santa suggested that for anyone not connected with their digital record, the Christmas holiday break could be a great time to get connected.

"Most Australians already have a record but they aren't always taking full advantage of it," he said. "While many Australians have 'gone digital' to adapt to COVID-19 check-in requirements, not all have yet recognised the full benefits of their own digital health record – which generally contains a health summary and COVID-19 pathology results as well as the digital immunisation certificate. If the record doesn't have all a person's health records, a quick chat with their regular doctor can sort that out."

Santa said better health was the perfect Christmas gift, so Australians should talk to their friends and family over the holidays, to make sure their loved ones are also using their digital records so that their health information is available as and when they need it.

"Follow up your health checks, don't put your health on hold," Santa said. "Good health is like the gift you unwrap throughout your life."

Australian Digital Health Agency Media Release



Stories from Cynthia

Chronological age is considered irrelevant to many of us because we are the ones who believe that the way you feel and behave determines how old you are. I never feel old so therefore I am not old, despite my 80th birthday looming on the horizon. I liken myself to the Queen who was nominated as the oldest working body in the UK. She declined the title and her response was that she didn't qualify because a person is only as old as they feel. Obviously the Queen at 95 doesn't feel old.

A friend of mine recently lost his mother. She was 106 when she died and right up until the end she could read, crochet and knit, watch TV, and she remembered all the authors she had read, knew the names of everyone and needed almost no medication. Another person I knew sadly lost her 25-year-old son in a car accident when she was in her 60s. Overnight she turned into an old lady because her grief robbed her of all the pleasures in life. She started to shuffle along, bent over, decided she couldn't walk the distance to the shops, lost her ability to cook for herself and generally lost the will to live.

Long ago I modelled myself on my Aunt Frances staying with her in England when I was in my early 20s. We were in Brighton and my aunt decided to go with me for a swim at the sea baths. To my shame I was a bit embarrassed accompanying her in her moth eaten old bathers but arriving at the baths I saw lots of older people in old fashioned togs splashing about. I was ashamed of myself.

On the way home we walked through a children's playpark and my aunt told me that the only thing that stopped her having a swing or going on the slide was that she would probably get laughed at because of her age, but that didn't deter her from wanting to have a swing. That really surprised me and has become my mantra.

Her mother, my Grandmamma, was always full of life and when she died at age 99 she thwarted the *London Times* which had prepared an article for her 100th birthday, but she died a week before.

I plan to invite you all to my 100th.

Cynthia Lindsay

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Around school this week

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Thank you everyone who braved the cold to enjoy our first community event in a long time. We were thrilled to be able to host this event and it was wonderful to see the enjoyment had by the students.

COUNTDOWN IS ON !

The final week of 2021went like this

Monday 13th – Senior Christmas Luncheon (no cost)

Tuesday 14th – Presentation Assembly 9am

Junior Christmas Luncheon (no cost)

Wednesday 15th - Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 16th – Whole school pool party at Dunolly Outdoor Pool

Friday 17th – Yr 6 versus Staff water fight

End of term – 1.30pm finish

Student reports will also go home next week.

ON SITE VISITORS

Please note the update to the Operational Guidelines state all visitors on school grounds whether indoors or outdoors must show proof of double vaccination or medical exemption. This is at anytime. Please respect staff as they need to enforce these guidelines.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – William Young

Year 2/3 – Chevy Lay

Year 4/5 – Jack Condie

Year 5/6 – to be announced

Principal's – Harrison Smith, Tylan

Waddington, Jayda Payne

LAST WEEK'S



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole School Pool Party

Thursday December 16th

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That's a wrap for the community vaccination program

With community vaccination rates above Victoria's double dose target, Maryborough District Health Service will soon close the Community Vaccination Hub on Friday 17th December.

Now is your final chance to make an appointment at the hub if you haven't received the COVID-19 vaccine or if your booster is due.

If it's less than six months since your last dose, boosters will be available from GPs clinics and pharmacies moving forward.

According to Wendy Giddings, Director of Clinical and Quality Services at MDHS, the COVID-19 vaccination program has been a good example of everyone working together to protect the community from COVID-19.

"The Communication Vaccination Hub was set up by MDHS in March, in partnership with Central Goldfields Shire Council and local GPs, to roll out the local COVID-19 vaccination program smoothly," said Ms Giddings.

"Since then we've seen people of all ages roll up their sleeves to receive the vaccine as they became eligible, including a keen response from young people aged 12 years and over.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped our community in the Central Goldfields and Pyrenees Shires exceed a 95% double dose vaccination rate by the end of November.

"We've seen amazing teamwork from staff from areas such as nursing, infection control, pharmacy, administration and customer experience to keep the clinic running smoothly and with the greatest care, while managing the demand with available vaccine supply," she said.

A number of nurses put their hand up to return to the workforce to help manage the demand, while the Community Services Team conducted outreach clinics in smaller towns for vulnerable clients.

"Over the past week, members of the MDHS vaccination team have jumped on board a bus to give booster shots to clients in our residential care facilities in Avoca and Dunolly, as well as Wattle Rise,," said Ms Giddings.

"It's nice for us to end the vaccination program back where we started, in looking after the safety of our older more vulnerable community members," she said.

Ms Giddings urged anyone who can get vaccinated to make an appointment to help protect those with a medical exemption and younger community members.

To book your place before the hub closes, call 5461 0300 between 8.30am and 5pm weekdays.

Health services are still awaiting more information on the rollout of the vaccination program for children aged 5 to 11 years. The program is expected to start from January 2022 pending advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation.

Katie Perry MDHS

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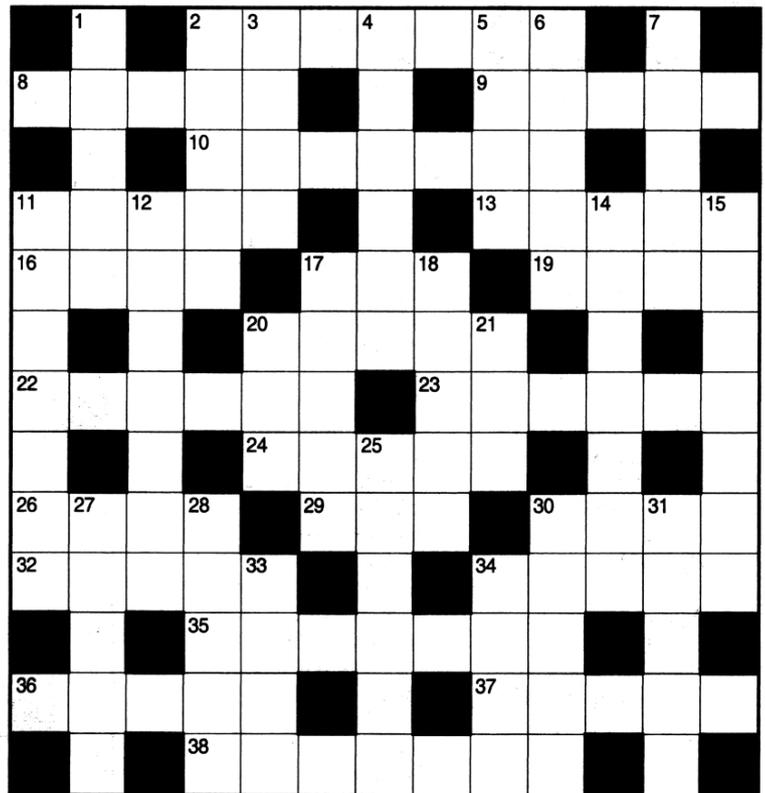
Across

- 2. Surrender (to temptation, eg.)
- 8. To slide open toothed fastener
- 9. Two-fifths of 20
- 10. Feed receptacle for horse
- 11. Pretend
- 13. Something serving as a representation
- 16. Border of surface
- 17. To drain of energy
- 19. Edible tuber
- 20. Tube for drinking
- 22. Religious system of Haiti and nearby regions
- 23. Fleece-cutting scissors
- 24. Cleverly amusing
- 26. Invalid, ____ and void
- 29. Weep

Down

- 1. Drew to a conclusion
- 2. Burn superficially
- 3. Located on
- 4. Roman general, Julius ____
- 5. Innocent party in conflict, ____ in the sandwich
- 6. One intolerant to other views
- 7. Shout of encouragement
- 11. Very passionate (as in 'a ____ desire')
- 12. Of mean or immoral character
- 14. Pakistani city on Arabian Sea
- 15. Designed to improve traction (of surface)
- 17. One who represses emotion

- 18. Meat and vegetables in a pastry case
- 20. Female pig
- 21. For what cause
- 25. Feed container (for cows, eg.)
- 27. Person insisting on action
- 28. German type of beer
- 30. Money found hidden, treasure-____
- 31. Any of a number of compounds which form proteins, ____ acid
- 33. Woody plant
- 34. To cut with sharp blow



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Dunolly Post Office Closing Times

Besides Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's
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Monday 27th December 2021

Tuesday 28th December 2021

Monday 3rd January 2022

Business as usual from Tuesday 4th January 2022.

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Dunolly Pharmacy Christmas Hours



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Closed: Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December

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Open: Thursday 30th December 9am to 5.30pm
Open: Friday 31st December 9am to 5.30pm

Closed: New Year's Day 1st January 2022

Closed: Sunday 2nd January

Closed: Monday 3rd January

Business reopens as usual on Tuesday 4th January 2022

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Dunolly Football Netball Club

Last Wednesday we held our AGM at Deledio rec reserve. Despite lots happening around town that night, we ended up with a decent turnout and even had some sponsors along.

It was a great opportunity for our hard-working team to show off what we have achieved despite a tough season. It was fantastic to hear from our newly-appointed Football manager and Netball Co-ordinator what is coming up for next season.

I am very proud of what we achieved in 2021 despite the hurdles and cannot wait to see what this new committee can do; I am confident they will help continue to build what we have been working towards for the last few years.

We have had some changes to our committee this time with some familiar faces taking a break and a little bit of a shuffle. Thank you to our outgoing committee members. Your help and dedication to the club has been very appreciated. I would also like to say thank you to Ash Lierich who has decided to step down from the executive this year. Ash has worked very hard as part of the executive for a while now and as many know it's not an easy task. Thanks Ash for all you have done.

I am so grateful to have been re-elected for another year. It was a tough year wearing many hats as well as juggling COVID's ever changing rules, so it is fantastic to see some of those hats have found great heads to be on now. Thank you to those people (you know who you are) who helped when I was running round doing 20 things at once. Without you guys I wouldn't have been able to function.

I can't wait to be back by the court and field and cheer on our guys and girls to some wins with crowds back again. In the new year we will get our fixture out for everyone to pencil in their diaries.

So without further ado I would like to introduce our committee for 2022.

President: Sam Wakeman
 Vice President: Ric Lang
 Treasurer: Mel Freemantle
 Secretary: Karina Colquhoun
 Football Manager: Jamie Townsend
 Netball Co-ordinator: Mel Schodde
 General Committee: Ash Lierich, Billie Goodwin, Natalie Conlin, Dylan Bray, Corey Bray, Callum Liddicoat, Greg Crumpton.

We are taking a break from training for Christmas and New Year but will see everyone on the court and field in the new year. Keep your eyes out for when we are back and our juniors kick off.

From everyone at Dunolly Football Netball Club we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sam Wakeman, President



Dunolly Bowling Club

Results for Tuesday 7th December

Dunolly Blue 81 defeated Carisbrook 34.
 MHS Tartan 103 defeated Dunolly Gold 38.

Results for Saturday 11th December.

Dunolly Blue 76 defeated Avoca Red 64.
 MHS White 64 defeated Dunolly Green 53.
 Dunolly Gold 53 drew with Avoca Gold 53.

Please check the noticeboard for tournaments coming up. Saturday 18th December, is our Club's Christmas Breakup. Thank you to all bowlers who have put their names down to attend; it was so very encouraging to see a near full list. It will be a entertaining night, with much merriment. A surprise raffle; all the male bowlers names are going into a hat. If you are one of the lucky five and your name is called, you have the honour of doing the dishes and cleaning. You won't get your bowling attire too dirty, there are aprons in all sizes and rubber gloves for your delicate hands.

Hannah Delconte

Mid-Week Pennant Teams

21st December 2021

Dunolly Blue at Dunolly V MHS Gold

Heather Freemantle	Robyn Fox	Marg Davies
Greg Dobbin	Chris Williams	Tony Galofaro
Karen Stephens	Terry Long	Peter Freemantle
Alan Weir	Raeleen Mebbrey	Alice Raven
Manager:	Robyn Fox	

If unavailable ring manager Robyn 0419 595 521

Dunolly Gold at Carisbrook V Carisbrook

Marilyn Mortlock	Jennifer Verhoef	Jill Morse
Barry Mortlock	Wayne Stephens	Nancy Pike
Doris Spiteri	Sandra Caldecoat	Hannah Delconte
Karen Waters	Catherine Gordon	Heather Davies
Manager:	Marilyn Mortlock	

Emergency: Keith Elliot

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Saturday Pennant Teams

18th December 2021

Dunolly Blue at Talbot Brown - Cars seconds leave 12.30

Greg Dobbin	Alan Weir	Chris Williams
Peter Waters	Tony Galofaro	Terry Long
Aaron Britten	Alan Parkes	Geoff Davies
Steve Wintle	Alan Miles	Bernie Lanfranchie
Manager:	Peter Waters	

Dunolly Gold at Dunolly V Carisbrook

Jim Smith	Peter Freemantle	Barry Mortlock
Robyn Fox	Frank Mifsud	Evan Weir
Keith McKenzie	Ian Flett	Matthew Potter
Andrew Mebbrey	Jill Morse	Emmet Smith
Manager:	Peter Freemantle	

Dunolly Green at Dunolly V Golf Gold

Keith Elliot	Jennifer Verhoef	Arthur Deason
Wayne Stephens	David Price	Paul Chase
Don Coe	Jim Haig	John Reid
Raeleen Mebbrey	Graham Cain	Fabio Delconte
Manager:	Paul Chase	
Emergency:	K Stephens	



Dunolly Primary School Transition Day

