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LOCALS CARRY THE BATON



"February 15 was a special time for three of our 'locals', Rick Ronnan, Col Pearse and Sharelle McMahon, who were carriers of the Queen's Baton, en route for the Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast, in Echuca. The relay began in Echuca South and finished at the Port of Echuca where all runners boarded the PS Adelaide bound for the Aquatic Reserve. Sharelle McMahon carried the baton on its final Victorian leg onto shore at the reserve where fun activities, music and food were provided. Des Pentreath and Beryl Marshall were privileged guests with a cruise on the PS Hero following the PS Adelaide to the reserve."

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MONDAY, March 19

Entries by 10am

(Earlier if possible please)

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This week's Locky News
was prepared by...

Alison Stewart, Marilyn Baker &
Lorraine Appleby

IN THE MAIL

As of the 13th March 2018 the Lockington Post Office is relocating to Helen's Takeaway at 11 Hopetoun Street Lockington.

Phillip and Lyn would like to thank everyone for their loyal support, fun, many laughs and jokes over the last 13 years.



We would like to wish Noel and Sherryl all the best in their new venture and hope the community support them as they did us.

Thanks,
Phillip and Lyn Cunnington



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 Website: <http://www.lockingtonvic.com.au>

Hello Everyone,

We have been reviewing the experiences of the residents of our district a century ago, when World War I was still being fought. Many local lads were involved in fighting overseas, and November, 1917, had been a terrible month with numerous reports of young soldiers having been killed or wounded. Across the district, memorial services were being held to honour those local lads who had lost their lives. These included Private Edward Jasper, whose service held at the Milloo Church of England on 18 December, 1917, had an attendance of 128 people. Thankfully, fewer casualties were reported in December, though battles continued in Europe and the Middle East. In somewhat better news, readers of the *Rochester Express* learned that Private Sergeant of Bamawm was in training on the Salisbury Plain, and Signaller A Henderson, also of Bamawm, had entirely recovered from the wound for which he had been hospitalised.

On the local scene, a meeting attended by representatives from Warragamba, Drummartin, Pannoomilloo, Tennyson and Pannoobamawm, had been held at Diggora West State School, to discuss the possibility of establishing a telephone link to Elmore. At Ballendella, a function was held to honour local resident, Mr William Yuille, who had handed over his irrigation block to his brother, Mr C Yuille, a returned serviceman, in order to take up an appointment as a Government Dairy Inspector. Across the district, a number of large snakes had been seen, and four had been killed in the grounds of the Methodist Church at Bamawm, perhaps some indication of the hot weather being experienced that summer.

Though the mouse plague was still causing concern, harvest was under way. The *Bendigo Advertiser* on 7 December, 1917, reported that the first of the season's wheat to be bagged in Tennyson was of 'Cumberland' seed, and had been harvest stripped on Mr John Steen's property the previous week. Other crops were described as being "very forward", and a good average sample was predicted across the district. A week later, the *Advertiser* reported that Mr W Dullard of Pine Grove East, had delivered the first load of wheat for the season to the Kotta Railway Station. It was of 'Bunyip' seed, and a good sample, while Mr Jas Archibald of Pannoobamawm, who delivered the first load of this season's wheat to Bamawm Railway Station (later to become Lockington), had produced 'Federation' wheat, also a good sample. This latter report came from the *Rochester Express* on 21 December.

In the period from 15 December to 25 December, 1917, the district suffered a severe heat wave when temperatures exceeded 32° Celsius (90° Fahrenheit) every day. The thermometers in Rochester registered 101°F (38°C) and, in

Tandara, a temperature of 106°F (41°C) was recorded, on 22 December. The extreme severity of the heat was responsible for the loss of five draught horses working harvesters in the Mitiemo district, whilst another four draught horses were reported to have dropped dead in similar circumstances in Pompapiel. The cool change that arrived late on Christmas Day must have been so very welcome!

Christmas in Australia might have been made a little easier that year by the lighter tone of reports coming from overseas. On 20 December, *The Bendigonian* carried a lengthy article, written by War Correspondent Keith Murdoch, in France with Australian troops, and captioned "All's Well with Our Men." Whilst acknowledging that fighting was ongoing, and that there was still considerable risk to the Australians, the report stated that a system was in place to ensure that the men at the battle front could now be readily supplied with food – sometimes even a hot meal – as well as wire, timber, clothes, iron, weapons and rainproof material. And the system was working well.

By 27 December, 1917, despite describing this Christmas as "the most sombre in Europe since the war began", *The Bendigonian* was able to report that, for the Australians, this fourth Christmas spent overseas, had been their best so far. "Thousands of Australians in Britain were overwhelmed with Christmas hospitality. The weather was delightful, the sunshine reminding Australians of home. Private invitations were most numerous ... There were dinners, dances, concerts and tours". Those in Training Camps celebrated, and the Red Cross Society ensured that not a single traceable hospital patient was missed as Christmas cheer was distributed among the sick and the wounded. Enormous hampers were sent to the front, enabling even the men in the front line to have an appetising dinner. Behind the lines, pantomimes, cinema displays and sports programs took place. Many Australian units organised Christmas trees and entertained French and Belgian children, and the American army "arranged similar treats on a massive scale", so that every child in its region received a gift marked with his or her name.

So 1917 came to an end. Messages coming from the battle front expressed gratitude and confidence, despite an acknowledgement that victory might require another year or two of fighting. Next time we'll see what was happening in 1918. 'Bye until then,

Marg O'Brien

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All news items will be put on website unless we're advised not to.



95th birthday invitation
 Friends and family of
 Madge Cunnington
 are invited to celebrate her
 95th birthday
 on Sunday March 18
 between 2 and 4pm
 at Lockington & District Living
 Heritage Complex.
 No presents but a plate of after-
 noon tea will be appreciated.



66th Wedding Anniversary

English (Griffin) Jack and Sue
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 Do you attend the meetings to submit a Handy Hint
 Or do you stay away and criticise and knock?
 Do you take an active part and write a Handy Hint,
 Or are you satisfied to be the kind who just belong?
 Do you ever work on committees to see there is no trick,
 Or leave the work to a few and talk about the clique?
 Come to the meetings often, help with hand and heart,
 Don't be a sitting member, take an active part.
 Come and think it over when you come along,
 Think, am I an active member and submit a Handy Hint, or do I just belong?
 Apologies to someone else.

DEATH

GLASSON Alan Raymond
 (Formerly of Bamawm)
 Passed away peacefully on 16th
 February 2018, aged 86.
 Husband of Gwenda (deceased)
 and dearly loved father of Colin,
 Graham and Heather.
*Greatly missed by all the family.
 Rest in peace with your Creator.
 Your deep love lives on in our
 hearts. Shalom to you now, sha-
 lom, my friend. May God's full
 mercies bless you, my friend. In all
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 or Edwin Keele 5484 3117

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 3rd and (if there is one) 5th Sundays of
 every month

St Joseph's, Rochester
 Sunday 10.30 am, 12 noon (Latin Mass)

Sacred Heart, Elmore
 Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm

**UNITING CHURCH
 BAMAWM**



March 11
 11.00am at St Mary's
 March 18 - 9.00am

Contacts:
 Ray Wakefield 5486 2592
 Graeme Haines 5486 2284

1 Timothy C 1 v 14. And the grace
 of our Lord was exceedingly abun-
 dant with faith and love which are in
 Christ Jesus



**MEALS ON
 WHEELS**



To be collected 11.30 am

Mar 12 - Bamawm Uniting Church
 Mar 19 - LBU Football Club
 Mar 26 - St James Eve Fellowship
 April 2 - Action Group
 April 9 - St Mary's
 April 16 - St James Lockington



SCHOOL NEWS

A busy few weeks for the school with some excursions and visitors to our school.

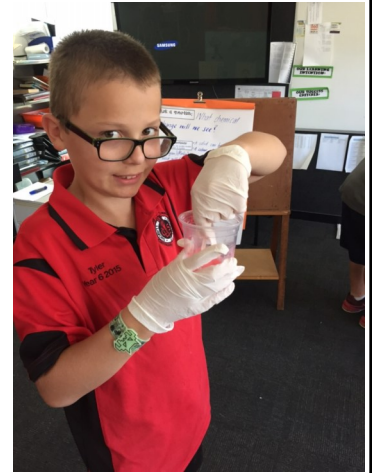
A large group of students represented our school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival in Echuca last week. The students did really well and represented our school admirably. Congratulations to Charlie Byrne who progressed to the next round. Charlie will head to Swan Hill to compete later on in the month.



We had a visit from the Yr 9 writing class from Rochester Secondary College who interviewed our Grade 1/2 students, in preparation to write a story based on them. The students are very excited and cannot wait to see their books when the Secondary students return and present them with their books later in the semester.



Our Grade 5/6 students had a terrific week, watching some chemical reactions as they made some slime as part of their Science studies.



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SHIRE NEWS

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Round 1 of the 2018/19 Community Grants Program is now open and all not-for-profit groups are encouraged to apply. Community grants allow

groups to deliver a wide range of locally-identified initiatives which provide new opportunities for residents to get together, get active and get involved. Grants are available as follows:

- Community support (up to \$4,000);
- Events - community (up to \$1,000), minor (up to \$3,000) and major (up to \$5,000).

Grant guidelines and application form can be downloaded from council's website and are available from customer service centres. Applications close Friday, 13 April.

DO YOU KNOW AN AMAZING VOLUNTEER?

Do you know a person or group in the community who deserves recognition for their outstanding volunteer work? If so, nominate them for a Campaspe Shire Volunteer Award, now open. The winners of the individual and young person categories will each receive a prize to the value of \$250 and the winner of the organisation category will receive a prize to the value of \$550. Applications close Friday, 20 April. For more information, visit council's website.

REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS

Under council's General Local Law No. 8, people are responsible for removing their dog's waste (poo) from any nature strip, footpath, road, park, public place and private property. Furthermore, pet owners must carry a "device suitable for the removal of any excrement" (poo bag) and produce it when requested by Local Laws Officers. Those who do not clean up after an animal in their care, can be issued with an on-the-spot fine of \$300.

HOME HOSTS SOUGHT

Would you like to host a Japanese guest in your home? Expressions of Interest are sought from families able to host a delegate from Shiroy, Japan, for three nights, arriving Friday, 11 May. As part of the sister city program, a welcome night is held with all delegates and host families, otherwise delegates will be involved in a busy program, visiting a variety of attractions in the area. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Bobbi Aitken, 5481 2206.

PERMITS TO BURN

Council is now accepting, and starting the processing of, Permit to Burn applications in advance of the safe burn period being advised. While council will accept and start the processing of applications, no permit will be issued until the CFA confirms that burning can occur. Information and application forms for permits are available on council's website

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Drop in sessions

A series of public drop in sessions are coming up where the community has the opportunity to speak with staff and provide feedback on the draft framework. Sessions are planned as follows:

Rochester - Customer service centre Tuesday, 13 March, 2.30 - 4.30pm

Echuca - Campaspe Regional Library Wednesday, 14 March, 4 - 7pm

Kyabram - Customer service centre Thursday, 15 March, 2.30 - 4.30pm

Rushworth - Customer service centre Monday, 19 March, 2.30 - 4.30pm

Copies of the Community Engagement Framework are available from customer service centres or on council's website under the 'Have your say' section.

KEEP RECYCLING

As news of China's restrictions on recycling spills into the media, Campaspe Shire Council is urging the community to continue recycling household waste as there is no current impact on its residents. Council is in a fortunate position as its waste contractor, Veolia, has a local materials recovery centre in Echuca. This means materials collected from our kerbside recycle bins are processed locally, with the majority of recovered materials ending up in local markets, and in Melbourne and Sydney. This means, Campaspe Council is not as reliant on export markets. It's business as usual and there is no need for concern. We ask our residents to continue recycling as normal and collection services will remain unchanged

Stay updated and get social

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NEED MONEY FOR YOUR ORGANISATION?



Volunteers are required for the Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc. 21st Rally on April 21 and 22, 2018.

Each shift will require 3 helpers working with a Heritage Complex Coordinator, and the Organisation represented will be paid hours of working.

Shifts involved, and to select from, are:

Wednesday 18

1pm to 4pm cleaning and helping set up the kitchen/dining area for the rally.

Saturday 21

9am to 1pm Prepare food, customer service & general cleaning.

Saturday 21

5pm to 9pm Prepare food, customer service & general cleaning.

Sunday 22

9am to 1pm Prepare food, customer service & general cleaning.

OH&S requires people entering the kitchen must wear enclosed shoes, and be a minimum age of 14.

Written Applications to:

Sandra Chappel, PO Box 213, Lockington, 3563.

Closing date March 26, 2018.

Enquiries to Sandra Tel: 0427 030 804



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COMMUNITY

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President:

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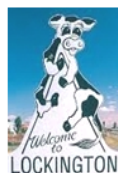
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COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FUNDING PROGRAM CLOSING SOON

The Elmore/ Lockington/ Rochester **Community Bank**® is reminding all interested organisations that applications close on Friday 9 March 2018 for the new Community Sponsorship Funding program.

The Community Sponsorship program is open to all organisations and groups in the Elmore, Lockington and Rochester districts and can offer cash or in kind services. Brad Drust, Chair of Lockmore Financial Services, wants to remind all interested parties that applications are closing soon. "We are very excited to be able to receive applications that will support local programs, projects and events. This is a demonstration of being able to invest in our communities today, so make sure your group submits their application on time"® said Mr Drust.

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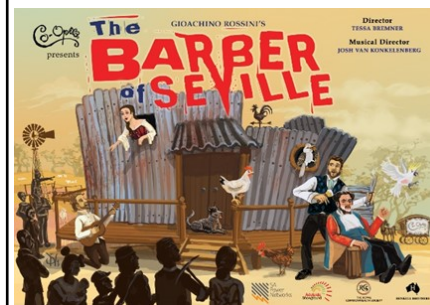
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VERY SLOW RESPONSE TO THE VERY SLOW TRAINS

Leader of the Nationals and Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh has severely criticised the Minister for

Transport Jacinta Allan for her very slow response to the even slower trains on the Bendigo Echuca service. Mr Walsh said that following a campaign of intense lobbying over the past three years by the rail commuters of Rochester and Echuca, the state Labor Government was allocated \$92 million of federal funding to upgrade the Bendigo Echuca line.

"It is now nearly 9 months since that funding was announced and the Minister has not responded to questions as to how the money will be spent," Mr Walsh said.

"The 900 signatories to the petition which called on the Labor Government to immediately upgrade the line and increase the track speed are frustrated that they cannot get a straight answer from the Minister.

"Nothing at all is happening and it begs the question whether the Minister has fudged the money allocated to the Bendigo Echuca line across to one of her city centric government's metropolitan rail infrastructure projects."

In State Parliament recently Mr Walsh asked the Transport Minister with reference to the \$91 million project to improve trains speeds on the Echuca Bendigo line –

When will the project start?

How long will the project take to construct?

What will the line speed be after the project is completed?

What will the travel time be from Echuca to Bendigo after the project is completed?

"One would have thought that if Jacinta Allan was fair dinkum about improving rail services for Echuca and Rochester commuters she might have answered the questions before now.

"The tardiness of the Minister indicates to me once again that the Melbourne Labor Government is always prepared to put the interests of Melbourne rail commuters well before those of regional and rural Victoria."

Peter Walsh



Media Statement : 1 March 2018
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ANTHRAX DETECTION NEAR SWAN HILL

Agriculture Victoria veterinarians and animal health staff are responding to a positive case of anthrax identified in a sheep on a property near Swan Hill.

Anthrax has been identified as the cause of death of one animal.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Charles Milne, said the affected property has been quarantined and biosecurity requirements have been put in place.

"We are taking the necessary steps to reduce the likelihood of this detection impacting more livestock, some local measures have been put in place and at-risk livestock are being vaccinated," Dr Milne said.

"Quarantine controls will not affect the movement of local people or vehicles, including school bus routes."

Anthrax is not a concern for the public:

- Anthrax does not spread rapidly and is not contagious.
- There is no general public health risk associated with anthrax.
- Any risk is confined to people who handle dead livestock such as farmers, veterinarians and knackery workers.
- There is no impact on local produce or food safety.

"Anthrax is caused by a naturally occurring bacteria, *Bacillus anthracis*, that is known to be present in the soil in parts of Northern Victoria."

"It is not unusual for incidents of anthrax to be detected in cattle and sheep in the region, with several farms in the Swan Hill area affected in March 2017,"

"Incidents commonly occur during the warmer months when it's drier and the cattle and sheep forage deeper into the soil when eating grass."

Local farmers, veterinarians and Agriculture Victoria are well prepared to handle these incidents. This includes strict quarantine and biosecurity arrangements, the vaccination of potentially exposed stock and the destruction of the carcasses of affected animals.

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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB

Report February 5: The women had a good roll up for their weekly Social bowls on Tuesday. The winning rink was Mary Thomas, Ann Lowrie, Lorraine Appleby and Kath Palmer (s) in a fine display by all bowlers.

On Tuesday evening the club hosted the first Sportsmen night of a three game series. Some thirty-two players graced the green and displayed some un-tapped talent during the evening. After playing two games of six ends there were two undefeated teams. Following an exhausting countback, the team of Leon Laffy, Terry Malone, Owen "Smiley" McPhee and Ray Hanson (s) were declared the winners on two wins, plus 12 shots with 3.5%, ahead of John van Den Bosch, Graeme Wood, Dean Tibbs, Andrew Harris (s) 2 wins +12 shots with 3.4%. Two teams were unable to win a game, but this week could be another story. (No horsin' around!). The competition starts at 7.30pm. Names by 7.00pm.

The women have decided the semi-finalists for the 100 Up championship. Lorraine Appleby will play Kath Palmer while Annette Brereton will meet Leanne McInnes. McInnes survived a torrid battle against Annie Haines to win 100-98.

John van den Bosch defeated Les Brereton in a semi-final of the B Grade championship to gain a berth in the final. In the 21 Up Presidents trophy, Andy Harris defeated Ken Gibbon and Ken Main eliminated Russell Shawcross.

The club would like to welcome David and Mary Thomas into our natural environment and hope that you enjoy the future with us.

Report February 19: On the local pennant scene the club suffered losses in all divisions. In the CVBD Midweek pennant competition, our division two women lost to Mathoura 64-86 with only one rink up. (Ann Lowrie, Lorraine Appleby, Margaret Davis, Pauline Humbert (s) defeated P Lewis 31-15; Annette Brereton, Betty Mustey, Annie Haines, Kath Palmer (s) lost to J Chalmers 18-34; Joy Weller, Rae Hanson, Lois Chugg, Phylis MacFarlane (s) I.t. B Murray 15-37). After occupying fourth position on the premiership ladder for several weeks, the finals aspirations were dashed the previous week, but held some hope for a miracle that did not eventuate. However a solid season of bowls from all concerned. Best of bowling to the final contenders.

The CVBD Week-end pennant failed to register a win for either division two or division four. Division two met Rich River who were aiming for a double chance on the premiership ladder. At the end of the day Rich River had won all rinks to score a twenty shot victory 79-59. (Ken Main, Leanne McInnes, Don Isgro, Russell Shawcross (s) I.t. I Page 23-25; Frank Chugg, Ian Palmer, Ray Hanson, Graeme Turner (s) I.t. B O'Neale 15-29; Roly Head, Tom Davis, Alan Kauffman, Jim Harris (s) I.t. M Bidgood 21-25). The division four team battled hard against the ladder leaders Moama before succumbing to a 61-70 shot loss - winning just one rink. (Andrew Harris, Graeme Hyden, Les Brereton, Phil Collins (s) I.t. B Franklin 16-28; Ken Cunnington, John Van den Bosch, Stephen Peter, Neil Haines (s) I.t. B O'Connell 20-29; Calvin Stout, David Lupton, Phillip Cunnington, Bill Musgrove (s) d. P Walton 25-13). As a result of the loss, division four have slipped to fourth place on the ladder and face a must-win game against fifth placed Mathoura in the final round this week. Six points separate the two teams.

In the club competitions the women have started their 100 Up championship. First round winners - Kath Palmer defeated Bev Brereton and Leanne McInnes proved too consistent for Ann Lowrie. On the men's side of the ledger in the 21 Up Presidents Trophy, Stephen Peter defeated Phillip Cunnington to move into the next round. In the 100 Up championship first round, new bowler John Van Den Bosch upset Neil Haines and Tom Davis won a thriller against Ken Main.

The Friday evening practice /barbeque session was again well attended with Don Isgro being present to receive the lucky members draw after missing out the previous week.

The club will hold a Sportsmen night of bowls on Tuesday 27th February starting at 7.00pm. Names to be listed by 6.30pm. Members are encouraged to nominate a team of one bowler and three non-bowlers for the three week series. All sportsmen are welcome to come along and play, even if you are not named in a team.

The Cunnington Cup 2x4x2 Mixed Pairs will be held on Saturday 17th March starting at 1.00pm. Contact Kath Palmer 5486 2314 or Chris Stewart 5486 2607.

Congratulations to the CVBD Representatives in the Bendigo/Campaspe Regional play-offs on Sunday. The men's and ladies Singles and Pairs were contested. In the ladies Singles Sandra Connally (CVBD) met Sharon Koch (Bendigo). Both bowlers figured in a real test of strength in the early ends before Koch drew away with some consistent draw bowling to lead 16-9. Connally gradually bridged the gap to trail 19-21, then trailed the kitty into the ditch to claim two shots and draw level at 21 all. Once again Koch picked up shots to lead 24-22 as Connally who had been battling illness during the week made a last ditch effort to draw level at 24 all, then drew the winning shot win the game 25-24 and earn the right to represent the Region at the Bowls Vic State Championships to be held at Bendigo East Bowling Club in April.

With Connally finally succumbing to the illness after a brave effort in winning the Singles title, a substitute was required to replace Connally in the Pairs match. Marilyn Rehe partnered Marilyn Stephenson to challenge Brooke Davies and Sue Howes (Bendigo). After a steady beginning from both teams it was the Kangaroo Flat duo that gained the early break and went from strength to strength to open a match winning break of 16-5 before the Moama pair made a late challenge. The Bendigo representatives bowled well for a comfortable victory.

In the mens' Singles, Steven Cunnington (City of Echuca) represented the CVBD against John Berry (Kangaroo Flat) for BDBD. This game provided some of the best draw bowling witnessed for ages. Berry gained the early ascendancy and never gave his opponent much opportunity to make up lost ground. Cunnington was valiant in trying to bridge the gap, but Berry always reduced numbers to a single or take the shot even if Cunnington had a resting toucher. Eventually Cunnington picked up shots to finish up 13-25 in a devastating loss.

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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB (cont.)

The final of the Pairs resulted in a victory for CVBD as Lindsay Franklin and Shane Laing (s) from Deniliquin defeated John Carter and Simon Carter (s) from Eaglehawk (BDBD) following a great game of bowls. The Deniliquin pair were leading 14-6 at one stage before the Carter clan made in-roads to trail 15-17. After fifteen ends of the 18 end contest it was Franklin who trailed the jack from an near-impossible angle to make it possible for the CVBD pair to pick up five shots and present a little leeway - leading 22-17. The team were able to withstand any further challenge to win the game 23-18 and will now trek down to the State Championships. Well done to all competitors and a thank you to Rich River for the excellent greens.

Report February 26:

Last Tuesday evening the women conducted a successful Twilight Mixed Fours tournament which attracted 64 bowlers to enjoy the event. Local district clubs represented including Bendigo, Elmore, Rochester, Calivil, Moama, City of Echuca, Gunbower, Rich River plus several members. After the completion of the three games of nine ends, there were four undefeated teams. The winners were decided on a points system and the winning composite team comprised R Gallagher, J Harris, L Roney, B Davie (s) from City of Echuca, Lockington and Moama scoring 78 points plus 23 shots on a count-back from the Moama rink of K Brennan, J Hogan, D Hogan, K Brennan (s) 78 points plus 17 shots.

Consolation prize to the Bendigo rink in J Ovenden, B Overden, B Bodinnar, J Cassidy (s) on 77 points. The Tom Davis rink scored 76 points to just miss out on the chocolates. Lady President Pauline Humbert thanked the sponsors - Tobin Brothers, Nichol Trading and Rochester Veterinary Supplies for their continued support. Fonterra and Echuca-Moama RSL supplied the prizes for the raffles. Tournament Secretary Kath Palmer was acknowledged for the effort in assembling the field. Special competition winners were Bev Brereton, Russell Shawcross and Peter Broom.

In the CVBD Pennant competition the final round resulted in both division two and division four losing their respective matches.

Division two played City of Echuca and won just the one rink in the 53-97 defeat. (Ken Main d. J Brown 30-25; G Turner l.t. J Thomas 5-36; J Harris l.t. T Egan 18-36). Division four travelled to Mathoura to try and retain their fourth position in the final four, leading Mathoura by six points on the premierships ladder. However, the opposition had different ideas and inflicted a damaging 68-88 defeat which cost our division four the opportunity to defend the premierships title, that we had won the previous year. The team had one winning rink on the day. Best of luck to all finalists for season 2017-2018.

In the club competitions the women have almost completed the second round of the 100 Up competition. Winners to date include Lorraine Appleby defeating Margaret Davis while Kath Palmer eliminated Phylis MacFarlane in a close game. Annette Brereton defeated Joy Weller.

Leanne McInnes is to play Annie Haines for a semi-final berth. On the men's side of the ledger Graeme Turner defeated Andrew Harris in a round of the 100 Up whilst in the 21 Up Presidents trophy Russell Shawcross defeated John van Den Bosch.

Congratulations to the CVBD representatives in the Bendigo/Campaspe Regional Champion of Champions and Mixed Pairs championships played at Moama on Sunday. Lyn Smith - CVBD (Deniliquin) defeated Nancy Tate - BDB (Marong) 25-21 in the ladies Champion of Champions while Phillip Thorn - CVBD (City of Echuca) was clinical in defeating Greg Podesta - BDB (Castlemaine) 25-4.

In the Mixed Pairs championship the Moama husband and wife pair in Margot and Barry Brennan defeated their Bendigo opponents Brad Marron - P Taylor 20-16 to earn a place in the State Champions week at Bendigo East Bowling Club in April. Earlier in the day the Brennan pair defeated fellow Moama members Melissa Roberts and Matt Liverton 22-11.

The club will hold the annual Cunnington Cup 2x4x2 Mixed Pairs on Saturday 17th March commencing at 1.00pm. Entries to Kath Palmer 5486 2314 or Chris Stewart 5486 2607.

On Sunday 25th March the club will stage the Echuca Toyota Open Fours starting at 9.30am. Contact Chris Stewart 5486 2607 for details.

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SATURDAYS

- Bingo 7:15 pm - St. Joseph's Hall, Campaspe St, Rochester.

LOCKINGTON LIBRARY HOURS:

Tuesday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
 Wednesday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
 and 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm
 Thursday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

ST. MARY'S OP SHOP

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri, 10am to 2pm

MARCH 2018

Friday 9

Social Indoor Bowls 7:30 pm
 Bamawm Extension Hall

Sunday 11

Lockington Pony Club Rally
 10:00 am Scurrah Reserve.
 Contact Sherrin Harbour
 0418 112 292

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 On Duty: Dan & Grace

Monday 12

Meals on Wheels:
 Bamawm Uniting Church

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls
 1:15 pm

Heritage Complex Meeting 7:30 pm
 At the Complex

Tuesday 13

"Try Bowls" 7:00 pm
 See bowls report for details

Wednesday 14

Lions Club Dinner Meeting
 7:30 pm - Heritage Centre

Sunday 18

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 On Duty: Des & Dorothy

Monday 19

LOCKY NEWS TYPING DAY
 Closing time for articles/adverts
 10:00 am (earlier if possible please)

Meals on Wheels:
 LBU Football Club

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls
 10:00 am followed by meeting

Wednesday 21

Action Club Activity Night at Club
 Rooms. Ph: 0428 844 489 or
 0409 259 723 for details

Sunday 25

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 On Duty: Lorrie & Les

Lockington Pony Club Rally
 10:00 am Scurrah Reserve. Contact
 Sherrin Harbour 0418 112 292

Monday 26

Meals on Wheels:
 St. James Evening Fellowship

Bamawm CWA 10:00 am Bamawm
 Community Social Centre

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls
 1:15 pm

Immunisation Session
 Bush Nursing Centre
 10:00 - 10:30 am By appointment
 Phone: 5486 2544

Heritage Complex Meeting
 7:30 pm at the Complex

APRIL 2018

Sunday 1

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 On Duty: Fenton & Lindsay

Monday 2

Meals on Wheels:
 Action Group

Sunday 8

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 On Duty: Joe & Julie

Monday 9

Meals on Wheels:
 St. Marys

Tuesday 10

Well Women's Clinic at Bush Nursing
 Centre. Phone 5486 2544 for appt.

Sunday 15

Barber of Seville
 Elmore Memorial Hall
 See advert. For details

Saturday 21

Home Grown Talent Concert
 Lockington Heritage Complex
 See advert. For details

Bank Trading Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
 Thursdays & Fridays - 9.30 am to 12 noon, 12.45 pm to 4.00 pm

