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On behalf of
the Locky News team,
I would like to thank you,
our readers and contributors,
for your dedication
throughout 2019.
We wish you
a Very Merry Christmas,
and
a Safe and Happy New Year.
We look forward to
an exciting 2020.

Alison Stewart (Editor)



LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY HOTEL

TRADING TO COMMENCE

MONDAY DECEMBER 16

It would appear Christmas really has come early with the Locky pub to officially begin its new era on Monday December 16. After a couple of days settling in, the Lockington Community Hotel will be open for business on Wednesday December 18 at 4pm.

And in further good news, the LCH board is thrilled to announce Leo Franke has been appointed hotel manager. A veteran of more than 3 decades in hospitality, Leo is looking forward to beginning in the new year.

As a new exciting chapter begins, another one closes with Al and Therese Macdermid to finish at the pub on Saturday December 14. We encourage everyone to pop in and wish Al and Therese all the best for the future.

The board would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing many of you in 'your pub' on Christmas Eve.

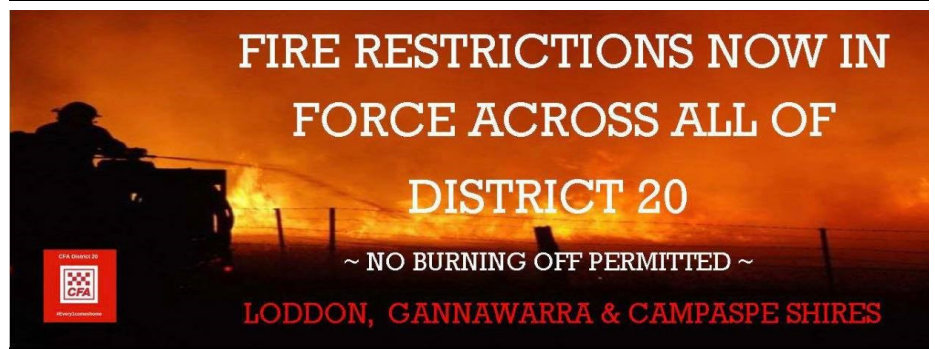
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Hello again Everyone,

After detouring away from the story of the Victorian Railways in recent weeks, we're going to have a brief look in that direction in this last issue of *Locky News* for 2019. Back in October, we shared an item for the *Williamstown Chronicle* of 13 September, 1856, which outlined the route that the proposed new Melbourne, Mount Alexander and Murray River Railway would take. Earlier that year, the Victorian Government had purchased the whole property of the Melbourne and Mount Alexander Railway Company. At the time of purchase, the company had commenced a line extending from the terminus at Melbourne to Gellibrand Point, Williamstown; the first nine miles of the great trunk line to link Melbourne with the Murray. In May, 1856, the new Government department – the Victorian Railways – called for tenders to supply tubular iron girders, rails, turntables and other equipment that would be needed in the construction of the major trunk line, with such equipment expected to be supplied from Europe. Tenders for the actual construction were opened on 30 May, 1856, but many a problem intervened and it was to be quite some time before work began.

In the meantime, the township of Echuca, where eventually the proposed line was intended to terminate, was itself seeing some progress. The following is taken from a longer report that appeared in the Melbourne *Argus* on 15 July, 1857. In 1854, a major exhibition had been organized in Melbourne, to bring together local goods that might be suitable for display internationally. Among the exhibits was "an ingenious wooden bridge, so constructed as to combine all the known principles in arches – tension, cohesion, suspension, &c"; this being the invention and entry of a Mr George Bates. "The model, when at the exhibition, did not receive the recognition it merited", but it attracted the attention of "Mr Hopwood, of the Murray." Mr Hopwood (whose name is familiar to all of us in this part of the State) engaged Mr Bates to construct ten of the bridges, each thirty-three feet in length, and seven feet in width, for the purpose of crossing the Murray at Hopwood's Punt at Echuca. The bridges, when completed and attached together, would be about four hundred feet in length, and would be placed on pontoons of iron which were made in Melbourne. The individual components would weigh one ton each, all constructed of deal, and were expected to sustain a weight of forty tons, though it was unlikely they would be subjected to a load of more than a quarter of that amount.

The news item claimed that the installation would be of great benefit to the whole district and especially to the overland traffic of stock coming from the pastoral properties of New South Wales.

By July, 1857, the task had been completed and the first bridge that ever connected Victoria with New South Wales was ready for its official opening. This took place on 6 July, in a very practical fashion, with a flock of 15,000 fine-woolled sheep, sold by Mr Alison of New England, crossing the river to their new owner, Dr Rowe of the Terricks and Restdown (Rochester). The whole town of Echuca turned out to watch the spectacle, along with some special visitors, among them being Dr Rowe, J.P., Captain Cadell, Mr Alison of New England, Mr Maxwell of Liverpool Plains, Mr Ricartson of Barrata, Mr Denny of Lachlan, and Mr Fenton of the Terricks. "One and all expressed themselves satisfied with the superiority of the bridge in comparison with the old-fashioned punt." And the *Argus* then went on to state that "[A]s far as the Murray is concerned, the Echuca Bridge has now entirely done away with any difficulty in crossing, and sheep have now simply 'to walk over' instead of being literally rammed, and jammed, into a punt, to the great spoliation of good mutton. It is an undertaking that deserves well of the community, so *palmas qui meruit ferat.*" (The newspapers of the day often quoted in Latin, and this statement we are told means "If You Wish To Gain Recognition, Work Hard For It".)

In November that year, another article published in the *Argus* described a visitor's impressions of the "recently formed township of Echuca". It gave more than a little praise to the enterprising Mr Hopwood and the efforts he made to urge the township forward, particularly his having "lately pushed through Parliament a bill to enable him to build a very expensive bridge to cross the Campaspe." More praise was directed to Captain Cadell, who was largely responsible for opening up hundreds of miles of inland navigation, and developing the river trade which was largely based in Echuca. By that time there were about eight riverboats conveying supplies to station properties in the Riverina, and stores to the diggings at localities on the upper Murray. Echuca was going to be more than ready to make the most of the connecting link with Melbourne – when the railway was finally completed.

Have a very Happy Christmas, and may 2020 be a good year for you,

'Bye until next time, Marg O'Brien.

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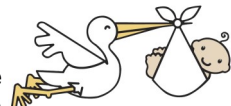
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BIRTH



Shannen Glatte and Zeik Johnston of Lockington are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Sonny Maxwell Johnston. Sonny was born at Echuca hospital on December 3, weighing 3710g (8lb 3oz). He is a grandson for Allison and Andrew Glatte of Lockington and Ian and Karen Johnston of Tasmania.

DEATH

BACON, Kenneth Allan
03.10.1935 ~ 29.10.2019
Son of George (dec) and Jean (dec) Bacon.
Cherished brother of Norman Baco, Joyce Bray, Alison Mitchell, Henry Bacon and Leslie Bacon.
Devoted husband of Beryl.
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Dearly loved great-grandfather of Kody and Charlette Davison, Matilda and Stevie Austin, Elsie and Evelyn Latter.

CROCKFORD, (nee Fiedler) Dorothy June
Passed away 26th November 2019 after a long & happy life.
Dearly loved wife of Cec (dec), loved and loving mother of Dianne Gallagher, Greg, Kerrie Burgess and Trevor. Loving mother-in-law of Des, Dianne, Ian and Leigh. Adored Nan to 10 grandchildren and 11.3 great-grandchildren.
A life well lived

LUPTON, David
Passed away peacefully at Rochester on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, aged 82 years. Loving father, friend and grandfather of Maxine and Dean; Dean and Linda; Chloe and Ryan.
Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts. We'll miss you Jock.



ANGLICAN PARISH OF ROCHESTER & LOCKINGTON

<u>St.Mary's Lockington</u> Dec 15 - 11:00 am Dec 22 - at Rochester	<u>Holy Trinity Rochester</u> Dec 15 - 9 am Dec 22 - 9 am
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No additional service times available at time of printing

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Rev. Anthony Stones
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Christmas Services

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Contacts:

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0427 865474

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Every Sunday - 10:00am Mass
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Every Sunday - 12 noon Latin Mass

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

'The Parishes of St Joseph's (Rochester & Lockington) and OLSH (Elmore) will observe the following Christmas Mass schedule:
24th Dec **Vigil Mass** 6:30pm, St Joseph's, Rochester;
25th Dec **Christmas Day** Masses 9:30 am OLSH and 11 am OLSH Latin Mass



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Sunday December 15
Bamawm 11.00am
Sunday December 22
Bamawm 11:15 am

Wednesday December 25

Christmas Day Service
Bamawm 9:00am

Sunday December 29
Parish service at Tongala 11:00am
Sunday January 5, 2020
Bamawm 9:00am
Sunday January 12
11:15am at St.Mary's, Lockington



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Isaiah 7 v 14

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January 13 - Catholic Ladies
January 20 - Bush Nursing Centre

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January 2020

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Thursday: 10am – 2pm

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over Christmas from
Tuesday 24th December
and will reopen on
Tuesday 14th January.

LOCKINGTON PLAYGROUP



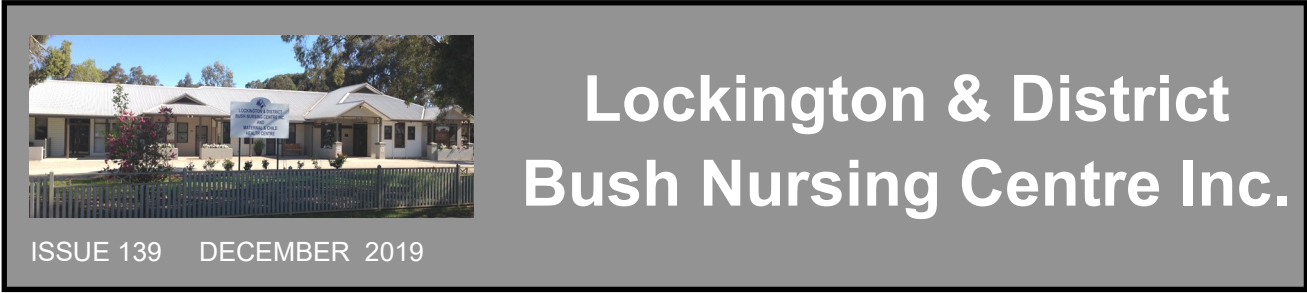
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During school terms

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Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

Pool Party

On Friday 20th December 2019 the Bush Nursing Centre will be holding a Sunsmart Pool Party at the Lockington Pool from 1.30pm-3.30pm. This will follow school breakup and there will be a sausage sizzle, zooper doopers, zinc face painting, inflatables, lifeguard safety talk, balloon relay, water bombs. There will be sunscreen available. Bring your rash vests, hats and sunsmart gear and join us poolside.

Xmas / New Year trading hours

- Tues 24th Dec - **No Dr** - early close 1pm*
 - Wed 25th Dec - Public Holiday - closed
 - Thurs 26th Dec - Public Holiday - closed
 - Friday 27th Dec - early close 1pm*
 - Mon 30th Dec - 8.30-4.30pm
 - Tues 31st Dec - **No Dr** - early close 1pm*
 - Wed 1st Jan - Public Holiday - closed
 - Thurs 2nd Jan - 8.30-4.30pm
- (*note 1pm close - no pathology service)

**No Dr services over this period.
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60th Birthday Celebrations 6/12/19



Bill Pittaway was on hand to cut the cake. Bill was one of the original Committee members from 1959. Many of the guests reflected on a special memory they had of the centre and how much it has grown.

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THE RELEVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

Christians believe that most triumphant moment in all of human history was the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. Christmas is important because it observes the moment when that divine rescue plan began. Jesus, though God, also became a man.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons (Galatians 4:4-5).

Christmas is important because it reminds us that our religious life cannot be reduced to meditation, introspection, or sentimentality. Our faith is not merely the stuff of a spiritual realm. The birth of Jesus, foretold by prophets, is God entering time and space. Christmas is history. Christmas is the divine in 3-D.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (John 1:14, 16-18).

That first Christmas escaped the world's notice, yet momentarily focused the cosmos on little Bethlehem, just as the Hebrew Tanakh had predicted:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times (Micah 5:2).

In a lonely field outside Bethlehem, only a few shepherds heard that night that the promise of the Messiah had been fulfilled. Yet its glorious announcement signaled just how important Christmas would become to planet earth.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:10-14)

Fast forward to modern times — the nativity story now widely known — and the world seemingly overlooks how the Christmas story ultimately ends. That baby's destiny was to die as a man on a cross, walk a few days later out of a tomb, and afterward ascend to heaven — but not before promising that he would be back.

[Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also (John 14:1-3).

And this is why Christmas should always be celebrated. It is our reminder that God's rescue plan, begun in humility in Bethlehem, has not yet reached its fantastic conclusion. Christ's ultimate triumph will occur when he comes again to earth to put an end to suffering and death for all who trust in him.

The best way to always celebrate Christmas, then, is to look forward to its sequel.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:1-4).

Extract from www.quora.com



OP SHOP NEWS

We sincerely thank all those who have donated, purchased, visited and supported our Op Shop during the year. Your involvement has been appreciated very much and we look forward to this continuing in the future.

The shop will be closing on Friday 13th December for our Christmas break, but opening only on Thursdays and Fridays during January – commencing on Thursday 9th January 2020 from 10am – 2.30pm. We will open full time again on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 10am.

A big thank you to those who purchased tickets for the Rochester Anglican Church raffle and congratulations Peter Cameron on winning the hamper.

We wish everyone a blessed and happy festive season, keep safe and well!

Christian blessings,

Dot Pearse, Co-ordinator

LOCKINGTON PONY CLUB

would like to thank Ciurleo's, Noel, Cheryl and Dot for their kind donations which went towards our Christmas fundraising raffle drawn December 1st.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The Senior Citizens Club Inc. wish everyone a very happy and blessed festive season; stay safe if driving and hope you all enjoy good health in the New Year. We will be in recess during January, and our first meeting for the New Year will be on Monday February 17th 2020 at 1.15pm in the Senior Citizens room at the Community Hall.

New members Welcome.

Bev Brereton, President – 0447 553 303

Dot Pearse, Secretary – 0354 832 275

*Merry
Christmas*

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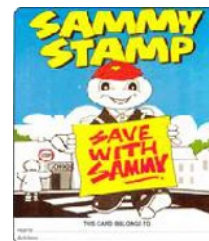
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Are you interested in preserving local history?

Readers may have read in *Locky News* Issue #880 of 29 November, 2019 on page 5 there is an opportunity to apply for a grant to collect and preserve local stories. Is there a reader who would be interested in taking on the task? Lockington and District Living Heritage Complex committee members will welcome and support, as best possible, anybody who is prepared for the challenge. Note grant applications close 8 January, 2020. Secretary, Beryl Marshall, is unable to undertake the job, but will assist with writing the grant application. (Tel: 0428 862 353).

SAVE THE CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS

Charitable organisations, and places in crisis benefit from used stamps, which are sorted and sold overseas and to stamp collectors. Please save your stamps, trim to 3mm (1/8") around and give to Beryl Marshall, 2 Burns Street, or Anne Hutchinson at the Business Centre. Discard stamps which are heavily franked; torn or skinned; biro/pencil cancelled or covered in sticky tape. If you don't want to trim, please cut a large margin (perhaps 1/4 of the envelope), or give the whole envelope and volunteers with 'Sammy Stamp' in Melbourne will trim them. With technology postage stamps are becoming rare, so please help those less fortunate this Christmas. *Thank you.*



FOUND at the end of November

A set of caravan keys was found on the roadside west of the Bowling Green (the keys have a caravan company key tag attached)
The keys may be picked up at the Business Centre.

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AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

GET YOUR LIVESTOCK FIRE PLANS FINALISED



By Dr Jeff Cave,
District Veterinary Officer, Agriculture Victoria

Now is the time for all livestock owners to be prepared and have a clear strategy to carry out in the event of a fire emergency on their farm.

A key factor in minimising the threat to livestock during a bush fire or on extreme fire danger days is to identify safer areas on-farm where livestock can be moved to.

The area you choose will depend on the type of livestock and their expected behaviour during a fire.

Other aspects to consider include the terrain and accessibility of the area, as well as the likely behaviour of a fire.

Having a livestock fire plan that has been carefully thought through and can be quickly executed will minimise the risk to livestock and people, especially if that plan has been practised prior to an actual fire event.

On days of extreme fire danger, or on the day before, livestock should be moved into lower risk areas on-farm, or to a safer property.

Low risk areas include paddocks with green summer crops or lucerne; bare paddocks with no dry feed; or a ploughed paddock.

Low risk areas should not be next to areas of scrub or bushland and should be large enough to allow livestock to move around and away from a fire.

All low risk areas should have sufficient drinking water to enable livestock to remain in the area for extended periods of high fire risk and high temperatures, be protected by firebreaks and be free of leaf, twigs and bark build-up.

Areas where there are dams and swamps are another option to consider.

Stockyards have been known to successfully hold livestock during a fire if protected by a firebreak.

If this is your preferred option, consider using a sprinkler system to minimise heat stress.

Horses should not be locked up in small areas or stables but rather should be moved to an open paddock with minimal vegetation, so they can move freely.

Horses are good at moving themselves to safe open areas.

If equipment such as rugs, halters and flyveils remain on horses, the plastic may melt, and metal buckles can burn the animal, so consider using rope halters for easier handling and management.

It's crucial that gates remain closed that may allow livestock access to public roadways, as any animals will present a hazard to traffic in smoky conditions.

Livestock owners are urged to act early and not get caught trying to move stock as a fire approaches.

Listen to weather forecasts and observe your own environment to help you decide when to put your plan into action.

For further assistance on preparing a farm and livestock bushfire plan go to agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/emergencies or contact Agriculture Victoria on 136 186.

FARM PLAN FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE IN NORTH CENTRAL



Funding remains available for irrigators across Victoria's North Central region to develop a new whole farm plan or renew an outdated plan following modernisation across the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District.

The incentive, administered by Agriculture Victoria, can cover up to 85 per cent of the survey and design component of completing a whole farm plan.

Agriculture Victoria North Central Regional Manager Irrigation Matthew Hawken said with unprecedented changes in irrigation technology and delivery systems, the need for a whole farm plan was more relevant than ever before.

"The whole farm plan picks up on property characteristics such as topography, soil type, irrigation supply, irrigation system and environmental features," Mr Hawken said.

"Irrigators work with an independent irrigation surveyor and designer to develop a whole farm plan that documents the future development of their properties," he said.

"Working through several different design options during this planning stage ensures irrigators avoid costly mistakes in the implementation and construction phase."

Whole farm plans provide irrigators with the information they need to source independent quotes to ensure they get the best value for money from any on-farm upgrades.

The Whole Farm Plan Incentive program is funded by the Victorian Government and delivered by the North Central CMA and Agriculture Victoria.

For further information, please contact Kathy Long at Agriculture Victoria Echuca on (03) 5482 0429 or Tim Robinson at Agriculture Victoria Kerang on (03) 54730161.



Christmas waste collections

Wednesday waste collections will move to a Saturday across the Christmas and New Year period. Households and businesses with a Wednesday collection will move to the **Saturday after**. The changes affect parts of Echuca, Echuca Village, Wyuna (town & rural), Lockington, parts of Rochester, Nanneella and Gunbower (town & rural).

<i>Usual collection day</i>	<i>Change to</i>
Wednesday, 25 December	Saturday, 28 December
Wednesday, 1 January	Saturday, 4 January

Remember to put your bins out the night before the collection is due.

For those in Lockington Township, this applies to you. Put your bin out on the FRIDAY nights after Christmas, and after New Years Day, not on the Tuesday as normal. Bin collection returns to the regular schedule after that.

Nominate for Australia Day

Nominations for the 2020 Australia Day Awards are now open. Details and nomination forms are available from customer service centres and can be downloaded from council's website. Nominations close Friday, 6 December and must be submitted to local Australia Day committees.

Christmas Service Hours

For urgent issues over the Christmas period, call 1300 666 535. Full details of all services are available on council's website.

COMING UP

Tuesday, 28 January

Council meeting, 5pm
Echuca Civic Centre
Information: Frank Crawley

Changes to pool registration requirements

New safety laws introduced by the Victorian Government requires all landowners to now register their swimming pool and spa with their local council by 1 June 2020. Registrations can be made online through council's website, or by calling 1300 666 535. More information is available on council's website.

2020 #MyCampaspe Calendar

The free 2020 community calendar is now available at all customer service centres and Campaspe libraries. Grab yourself a copy today.

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Transfer Stations	Christmas, Boxing, New Year's Day	Open all other days
Campaspe Animal Shelter	Christmas Day	Public holidays open 10am - 12.30pm. Open all other days
EWMAC & outdoor pools	Christmas Day	Fitness classes - holiday timetable. Open all other days.
Quarries	From 4pm 20 December	6 January
Aged & Disability Request for new service Community transport Planned activity groups Strength and Balance classes	14 December 14 December 19 December 16 December	2 January 13 January 6 January 13 January
Maternal & Child Health	Public holidays	Open all other days
Childcare Centres	24 December	3 January

A REQUEST FROM OUR POSTIES

Could residents please clean up the long grass and weeds around your mail boxes.
A hot exhaust system can start fires.
Lets keep our homes safe from possible fire danger this summer.

While you're at it,
put some Christmas decorations
and/or lights on your letter box
(Editor)



MEDIA RELEASE

PETER WALSH MP

MEMBER FOR MURRAY PLAINS

Leader of The Nationals / Deputy Leader of the Coalition

THE NATIONALS
for Regional Victoria

Wednesday 4 December 2019

ANDREWS GOVERNMENT MUST KEEP ITS WORD ON RANDOM HOUSE

Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh has again pressured the State Government to finalise the sale of Rochester's iconic, but neglected, Random House.

In conversations with Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Luke Donnellan last week, the Minister gave assurances that there was just one final round of consultation to be held and, no issues arising, the property will finally be put on the market.

"The community has made it very clear in the three years we've been fighting this campaign that we want to see Random House sold to a new owner so it's cared for and restored to its former glory," Mr Walsh said.

"The Minister has given me a commitment that there's just one round of consultation left before our historic house will finally be put on the market.

"This process has dragged on too long and we'll be holding the Government to its word."

The long-awaited sale has been delayed for years with no progress since the Andrews Government promised in July that a sale was "imminent".

In recent months, Random House has been targeted by vandals and a lack of maintenance around the home means it's a serious fire risk in its current state.

"Random House is a treasured part of Rochester's history and the community deserve to see the property restored to its original splendour," Mr Walsh said.



Thursday 5 December 2019

ECHUCA TRAIN PASSENGERS CAUGHT UP IN DAN'S UGLY PAY DISPUTE

Echuca train passengers will face delays in the busy Christmas period as the Andrews Labor Government continues to war with the state's transport union.

Echuca passengers will bear the brunt of Bendigo line cancellations on December 11, after the Rail, Tram and Bus Union (RTBU) confirmed staff will walk off the job for 24 hours as a result of the Andrews Labor Government's industrial chaos.

Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh said local passengers deserved a reliable service.

"The Andrews Government has one job – to make sure the trains run on time, but every day there's a new problem that makes our trains less reliable," Mr Walsh said.

"Day after day VLine trains are cancelled or delayed due to track or carriage faults and now we are wearing the cost of Daniel Andrews' ugly pay dispute with the union.

"Country people already have no confidence the trains will run on time, but that's set to get worse over Christmas and force delays that will mean we'll spend less time with family and friends."

The cancellations come as a new timetable comes into effect this month that will see more than 270 VLine services permanently slowed down, instead of fixing the trains.

Shadow Minister for Public Transport Steph Ryan said regional train passengers were stuck in the middle of Daniel Andrews' ugly pay dispute with the union.

"Regional train passengers already put up with constant delays and cancellations to services, but it's set to get a whole lot worse because of the industrial chaos under Daniel Andrews," Ms Ryan said.

"Regional rail has become a disaster under Daniel Andrews and his embattled Public Transport Minister Melissa Horne."

Overtime bans and rolling stop work action across all regional rail lines will take place from December 11 to December 20, including 24 hour stoppages that will see all train services cancelled.

*Love is what is in the room with you at Christmas,
If you stop opening presents,
And open your heart*

DUNG BEETLES AND LOCKINGTON LANDCARE

On Sunday 8th December 16 colonies of dung beetles were collected from John Feehan, Mr Dung Beetle expert of Australia based in Canberra. The transfer took place at Gundagai. These colonies consisted of two varieties, Alexis and Pecuaris, that have been bred especially for the climate around the Lockington district. Each colony had 850 dung beetles. John, pictured (right) with beetles.

16 farmers agreed to cover the cost of these beetles and then to release their given colony onto one cattle paddock on their farm. This will give a wide infestation of these summer dung beetles in our area. Instructions on the release and care of the beetles was provided. The colonies will be monitored over the next three years to

establish how they thrive in this area. It is hoped that they will multiply over this time, providing a natural means of taking dung deep into the soil. Aeration of the soil from the tunnelling system together with buried dung creates microbial activity which in turn stores massive amounts of carbon. The dung beetles relocates nitrogen and phosphorous in the dung to the grass root zone providing habitat and a food supply for earthworms. An added benefit is that when it rains, water penetrations and ground water retention is improved. Wendy Sims meets Rodney Bacon (left) to begin the distribution of the dung beetle colonies. Corey Mitchell (below right) providing a new home for his beetle colony.

The best benefit to our district will be the reduction in flies - no dung means less source of food for flies!!

It is hoped that the Lockington Landcare group will obtain funding in the future to enable more dung beetles to be purchased at a subsidised cost. Lockington Landcare aims to purchase Dung beetles suited for winter conditions in 2020. If you would like to be part of this programme, please contact Wendy Sims for further information.



THE LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS DINNER.

On November 27th, the Christmas spirit was flowing in the Lockington and District Bush Nursing Centre. The hard working Auxiliary elves had transformed the Activity room into a Christmas celebration.

The Auxiliary Ladies were joined by Board members and the staff for the annual Christmas Dinner, which was enjoyed by all. Once again, President Betty Mustey's trivia questions were challenging and answers were hotly contested.

Father Christmas made an appearance and distributed the gifts once we'd assured him that we had been good all year! He led us in singing a hearty rendition of 'We wish You A Merry Christmas'

Our wonderful helpers were assisted by two backpackers who were working on a local farm. Mommo, from Germany and Fox, who hailed from Canada joined in the festive spirit.



The raffle was drawn and the results are as follows:

- 3rd Place was Eddie Diss
- 2nd Place went to Kaye Cochran
- 1st Place was Jenny Keele who took home the Hamper
- Lucky Door Prize: Maureen Jansen

DECEMBER AT THE POOL!

The weather has definitely proven challenging this season, with the wild winds, and ever changing temperatures. Pool management use Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) for their weather reports, and if as unfortunately the start of the season has show, there has been a few closed days.

On a brighter note, the Kinder have ran swim lessons and the whole school has another week with Splash'n'learn to Swim teachers.

EWMAC are running their Learn to Swim holiday program again. Its on from the 13th Jan to 17th Jan, 5 x 30 minute sessions, at \$75.50 for the week. Call EWMAC on 03 54839698 for enrolment details or speak to the lifeguards.

On Wednesday 18th Dec, Locky Consolidated school are holding their annual swim carnival. Come along, support our kids and have a snag (snags are a gold coin donation).



**End of School party !
At the Pool from
1.30 pm onwards
Friday 20th December**

**Come, cool off and
have some fun with the
Locky Bush Nursing Centre
showing us how to be
safe in the sun!**



**January School Holiday
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Lockington Outdoor Pool
Monday , 13 January to Friday , 17 January
1.00pm-5.00pm**

Venue:	Lockington Outdoor Pool
Program cost:	\$75.50
Age:	3 years and above
Program:	30 minute session daily for 5 days
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Its hard to believe the school year is nearly over. The kids finish on Friday 20th at 1.30pm. The pool will be opening early to have our pool party and also this year, have a Sun smart health promotion, run by the Lockington District Bush Nursing Centre. It should lots of fun, as well as reinforce being safe in the sun! More details later on the community page, as well as Save Locky Pool fb page.

**Bamawm Lockington
United Cricket Club
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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

December 2

The Social bowls on Tuesday was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The latest round of CVBD Midweek pennant resulted in a 50-75 loss to Rochester on Friday. (Margaret Davis lost to S Sholl 15-28; Kath Palmer l.t. C Anderson 17-27; Phylis MacFarlane l.t. A Fiedler 18-20). This week they travel to Moama.

The CVBD Week-end pennant competition resumes this after a break during the successful World Challenge held at the Moama Bowling Club on the week-end. Both division Two and Four visit Rich River on Saturday.

The club championship for the men has been decided with Ray Hanson defeating Bill Musgrove to claim his third title in succession. Unfortunately the final did not produce the thrilling one shot victories claimed by both Hanson and Musgrove in their respective semi-finals against Phillip Cunnington and Russell Shawcross. From the outset in the final, Hanson was on song to quickly run out to a 20-4 lead after 12 ends. The display of precision draw bowling from Hanson had Musgrove under immense pressure and the fact that Musgrove appeared to be stressed from a back complaint did not make the task any easier for him. However, nothing should detract from the performance by Hanson in taking out the title 25-6 and he will represent the club in the CVBD Champion of Champions on Saturday 5th January 2020.

Several games in the Club competitions were completed on the week-end. In the 21 Up Presidents trophy Tom Davis defeated Ray Hanson, Graham Turner d. Dave Thomas and Leon Laffy upset Phillip Cunnington in the first round. The 100 Up championship resulted in some close encounters. Andrew Harris d. Brian Kinnane, Ray Hanson d. John van den Boasch, Tom Davis d. David Blackburn, Don Isgro d. Calvin Stout and Alan Kauffman d. Russell Shawcross. Shawcross may be able gain revenge, as the pair face off in the 21 Up championship first round.

The women have reached semi-final stage with Denise Gilmore defeating Margaret Davis in a real cliff-hanger 25-20 after the scores were level on several occasions. Gilmore was holding game at 21-19 when Davis managed to draw the absolute, before the leading left-handed Gilmore was able to close out the game by picking up the required shots to move into the semi-final against Ann Lowrie. The other semi-final will match up Annette Brereton against Phylis MacFarlane.

Last Wednesday the Sixty & Over competition was held at Rich River. The best performed local rink included Bill Musgrove, Les Brereton, Brian Kinnane and Steve Peter (s) in winning all three games. However, a close measure went against them in the roll-off for the chooks!

During the week a couple of members attended the CVBD Super Veteran Badge presentations. Geoff Shawcross and Kath Palmer received their badges in recognition.

On Friday evening the barbeque and practice session was well attended with Dave Thomas the happy recipient of the lucky members draw. Members also enjoyed a brief visit from the local footballers during their 7 kilometre training run.

Bowlers are reminded of the Moama Bowling Club supported Open Fours tournament to be held on Thursday 2nd January 2020, starting at 9.30am. Contact Chris Stewart 5486 2607 for details.

LADIES BOWLS

Last Tuesday 17th December –

Recommences Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 10am.

Mid-week Pennant commences Friday 10th January 2020.

December 9

The women enjoyed a day of Social bowls at Rich River to celebrate the Christmas break. The games resulted in some quite hectic laughs and giggles. A fun day for all.

In the Midweek pennant competition, our women battled gamely against the stronger Moama teams before succumbing to a 44-109 loss. (Kath Palmer lost to B Trengove 11-32; Phylis MacFarlane l.t. M Young 13-37; Margaret Davis l.t. E Bennett 20-40).

The Week-end pennant results gave the club a 50-50 win/loss ratio as division Four toppled the top side Rich River to register a 78-70 victory and keep their finals chances alive, while the division Two teams won two rinks but suffered an eight shot loss to Rich River 66-74 after trailing 42-64 late in the match. Division Two details: (Russell Shawcross defeated D Wood 27-21; Graham Turner l.t. T Noar 13-36; Jim Harris d. R Bentley 26-17). Division Four results: (Bill Musgrove d. R Ritchie 29-21; Steve Peter d. J Stuart 23-21; Geoff Shawcross l.t. G Edgar 26-28). The club extend a warm welcome to David Blackburn.

In the Club Championship for the women, the semi-finals were played on Sunday morning with all bowlers enjoying true paced greens. Annette Brereton played Phylis MacFarlane with the game providing an endless supply of quality bowling from both combatants. MacFarlane was quick out of the blocks to lead 13-5 after twelve ends. Brereton fought back to trail 20-22 on the 25th end before MacFarlane closed the game out to win 25-21 and book a spot in the final. The other semi-final produced similar quality bowls from both Denise Gilmore and Ann Lowrie. Gilmore was the first to gain the advantage with precision draw bowling to race out to a 13-3 lead. Lowrie was far from finished as she grabbed a four and a triple to reduce the margin and trail 10-15. However, Gilmore was steady in the crisis and restricted Lowrie to singles before winning the game 25-16.

Gilmore was happy with her game and will move into the final against MacFarlane in a positive mood. Congratulations to all bowlers on the fine display of bowls.

The men have completed further rounds in the 100Up and the Presidents trophy 21 Up competitions. In the 100 Up, Ian Johnson defeated Dave Thomas and Don Isgro d. Calvin Stout. John van den Bosch was in brilliant form to defeat Andrew Harris in a round of the 21 Up.

The Lockington Bowls Club members are mourning the passing of David Lupton, who died on Tuesday. Lupton was Club President 2006-07 and 2007-08. On the greens Lupton enjoyed premiership success in 1989-90 and gained much more success in local tournaments as well as club competitions. He also contributed to the club in many ways - Bar manager and licensee, attending several working-bees. Lupton also participated in the Sixty & Over competition, being President of the Group in 2010-11 and 2011-12. The Sixty & over players paid tribute to Lupton with a minutes silence at Mathoura on the Wednesday.

The club will hold the annual Moama Bowling Club supported Open Fours tournament on Thursday 2nd January 2020, commencing at 9.30am. Contact Chris Stewart 5486 2607 for details.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



DECEMBER

Friday 13

Social Indoor Bowls 7:30pm
Bamawm Extension Hall

Sunday 15

Heritage Complex Open
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
On Duty: Gordon & Joy

Sunday 14

Cricket: A Grade Rnd 8: BLU v Fire Brigade
B Grade Rnd 10: BLU v Echuca South
C Grade Rnd 9: Girgarre v BLU
D Grade Rnd 9: BLU v Moama

Monday 16

Meals on Wheels:
St. James Evening Fellowship

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls
10:00 am followed by meeting

Wednesday 18

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

Saturday 21

Lockington Pony Club Rally 10:00 am
Scurrah Reserve (Contact Christine Buckley
0400 576 767)

Cicket A Grade Rnd 9: BLU v Echuca South

Sunday 22

Heritage Centre CLOSED

Monday 23

Meals on Wheels:
Action Group

Bamawm CWA 10:00 am
Bamawm Community Social Centre

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls 10:00am

Wednesday 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Merry Christmas to all our readers

Monday 30

Meals on Wheels:
St. Mary's

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Saturday 4

Cricket: A Grade Rnd 10: BLU v Echuca

SUNDAY 5

Pine Grove Gun Club Simulated
Field & Game

Heritage Complex Open

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
On Duty: Colin & Cherrill

MONDAY 6

Meals on Wheels:
Lions Club

Saturday 11

Cricket A Grade Rnd 11: Tongala v BLU
B Grade Rnd 11: BLU v Tongala
C Grade Rnd 10: BLU v Rushworth
D Grade Rnd 10: Rushworth v BLU

Sunday 12

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

Monday 13

LOCKY NEWS TYPING DAY

Closing time for articles/adverts
10:00am (earlier if possible)

Meals on Wheels:

Catholic Ladies

Saturday 18

Cricket A Grade Rnd 11: Tongala v BLU
B Grade Rnd 12: BLU v Rochester Gold
C Grade Rnd 11: BLU v Echuca Green
D Grade Rnd 11: BLU v Fire Brigade

Sunday 19

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

Weekly Activities

MONDAYS

- Strength & Balance Class
9.00 am - Bush Nursing Centre
- Nicole Hocking Podiatrist
9.30 - 4.30. - Bush Nursing Centre.
Phone: 5486 2544.
- Lockington & District T.O.W.N Club
6.30 pm - Bush Nursing Centre
(Activities Room)

TUESDAYS

- Men's Shed
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Phone 0499 170 329
- Dr. Patrick Nzegwu
9.30 am - 5.00 pm
Bush Nursing Centre
Phone: 5486 2544.
- Lockington Playgroup
10.00am - 9:30 to 11:30am
St. James Church Hall.
Enquiries: Tammy Norman 0411 056 765
- Ladies Social Bowls in recess 17 Dec to
7 Jan 2020

WEDNESDAYS

- Strength & Balance Class
9.00 am - Bush Nursing Centre.
- Massage with Anita.
Phone 5486 2544 for appointment.
- Tai Chi
5:30- 6:30 pm Bush Nursing Centre
\$8 per session, with Fay Sizeland
- * Men's & Ladies Social Scrounge 1:00pm

THURSDAYS

- Social Activity Day
10am - Bush Nursing Centre
Phone: 5480 6701
- Men's Shed
By appointment
Phone: 0499 170 329
- Ladies Social Badminton
9:30am - Bamawm Sports Centre.
Enquiries: 0458 548 622

FRIDAYS

- Locky Bowls Men's Practice 4:30pm
followed by BBQ

SATURDAYS

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

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



LOCKINGTON LIBRARY HOURS:

Tuesday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
and 3 pm – 5 pm
Thursday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

The library will close for Christmas
on Tuesday December 24, and will
reopen on Tuesday January 14.

ST. MARY'S OP SHOP

Mon, Wed, 10am to 2pm
Thurs Fri, 10am to 2:30pm
Closed from Friday December 13.

Reopens on Thursday Jan 9.
Only Open on Thursdays and
Fridays during January.