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Lockington's Priceless Paper



#### **GIDDINGS CAFÉ OPENS!**

It's been a busy week for everyone at Gidding's Co. with the new Giddings Café opening. You can stop in for all your usual favourites from the fridge but, now you can also sit down for a yummy cooked breakfast or one of Linda's delicious salads too! Ged and Breanna are excited about the new venture saying "We are very excited about being able to provide a great meeting place for the wonderful people in our community and all those passing through our great town". The café is open 7 days a week, 7:30am - 2pm Monday - Saturday and open for breakfast on Sunday 8am - 11am.



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This week's Locky News was prepared by... Alison, Marilyn, Bridie

#### "BERRY" NICE!

Another new local business adventure has opened its doors... this one sells strawberries to the public.

<u>"Sweet Strawberry Patch"</u> is a small hydroponic operation, located 1.6km West of the Rochester Lawn Tennis Courts, on Diggora Road.

Being a hydroponic set-up, it's ideal for the elderly... no bending over, and plenty of room in-between rows.

Look out for the <u>Sweet Strawberry Patch</u> at the Rochester Town Markets, and on Facebook or Instagram for opening times. There are no set opening



r opening times. There are no set opening times yet, partly due to the variables involved with small production, but like their page on Facebook, to get details.

Two varieties of Strawberry are grown, and I can highly recommend the "Berry" Nice Produce.

Alison Stewart (Editor)

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#### Hello again, Everyone

This week we're returning once more to the story of the Victorian Railways; particularly the project that was underway in 1860, to provide a rail link between Melbourne and Sandhurst [Bendigo]. Ultimately, the intention was to then extend the line to Echuca. This latter proposal was being strongly contested by representatives of the people of the goldmining districts northwest of Melbourne, particularly Castlemaine, Maryborough and Dunolly. These people contended that they were the major contributors to the occasion, and a grand ball was given at Woodend on Victorian economy at that time, due to the amount of gold then being produced on the various diggings. Because Castlemaine, Maryborough and Dunolly were large centres of population, there seemed much greater justification in providing for their transportation needs than could be said for the regions north of Bendigo.

Throughout 1860, a battle of words was conducted by the various regional newspapers of the day. There were public meetings and rallies, and a constant stream of delegations approached the various members of parliament to demand an adjustment to the government's plans for the Melbourne to the Murray River rail link. The *Bendigo Advertiser* took up the challenge on behalf of the people of Victoria's northern plains, and the Riverina Districts of southern New South Wales, emphasising the point that had been a major consideration of the government in its initial decision – That the riverboat trade on the Murray and its tributaries was handling most if not all of the transport needs of the people of northern Victoria and southern New South Wales, and that the economic benefits from this trade were all going to South Australia!

To quote the Advertiser of 15 November, 1860: - "The colony is asked indefinitely to postpone the realization of the idea of connecting the metropolis with the natural highway of the interior, and to allow South Australia to monopolise all its trade, and even to take from the Melbourne merchants some of that which they now look on as their own, in order that the exaggerated ideas of their own importance entertained by the people of Maryborough and its neighbours may be fully gratified!" In answer to some remarks that had been made at a recent public meeting in Maryborough, when it had been suggested that the provision of the rail extension from Sandhurst to Echuca would suffice only to meet the needs of "just a few shepherds", the Advertiser went on to make the following sarcastic retort: - "The only remark that has struck us as original is the profound observation, that Bendigo is the last place where civilization existed. It is the ultima thule--the world's end. Thus far and no farther north does the stream of civilization extend, and beyond us is a waste. It is all a fable

#### about the steamers on the Murray, and such places as Wahgunyah, Wagga Wagga, Echuca, and Deniliquin, do not exist."

On Saturday, 20 July, 1861, the Brisbane Courier reported that another portion of the Melbourne and Mount Alexander railway was officially opened that day. From the following Monday, the line would be available for general traffic from the metropolis to Woodend, a distance of nearly 50 miles. A large number of persons travelled on the line on that Monday night, in commemoration of the event. Unfortunately, this piece of good news was followed by a less satisfactory report coming from the Argus on 24 August, 1861: - "Throughout the month, the state of matters on the Melbourne and Murray River Railway works has been unsatisfactory. The opening of the line to Woodend, recorded last month, was followed almost immediately by a determination on the part of the contractors to lower the rates for day labour from 7 shillings and 8 shillings, to 5 shillings and 6 shillings. This course seemed to be justified by the forward state of the works, and by the condition of the labour market... Hundreds were willing to accept the reduced terms, and the repairers of the line between Sunbury and Woodend at once resumed work, at wages varying from 6 shillings to 8 shillings, but the turn-outs swept the whole line in force, compelled the repairers to withdraw from the works, forced the unwilling to join their ranks, threw down the travellingcranes, pitched the wagons down the embankments, assaulted two of the sub-contractors - one of them to the danger of life - and placed the township of Kyneton for a time in fear of being plundered. A strong body of Melbourne police, under the personal command of Captain Standish, proceeded to Kyneton, the centre of the disturbed district, and it was found necessary at once to place the steam stone -breaking machines, and the whole line between Sunbury Woodend, under their immediate and armed and protection... The strike still continues, but the sub-contractor on the Woodend section, Mr Randle, having offered 7 shillings and upwards per day to those who will resume work under him, the outrages, have ceased, though labour has not yet been resumed, the men demanding that work on the same terms shall be resumed simultaneously over the whole line between Sunbury and Sandhurst."

Once again, that's it for now, but we are coming closer to Bendigo!

Bye until next time,

Marg O'Brien

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Tel/Fax: 5486 2515 Leave a message on answering machine if office is unattended.

Postal: 2-10 Market Street, Lockington, 3563

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Articles printed in this paper are printed in good faith and in no way reflect the views held by the 'Locky News' voluntary workers. We reserve the right to reject items deemed to be unsuitable. Any malicious information will be forwarded to the Police.

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

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# Bamawm Recreation Reserve Auction Monday 9th March

#### **10am Start**

\$20 site fee, \$10 refund if all items sold
Cash, credit card or Cheque on day of sale
20% commission on all sale items up to \$1000
Maximum \$200 commission on sales over \$1000
All items accepted apart from general waste
For item bookings please email: <a href="mailto:bamawmreserve@gmail.com">bamawmreserve@gmail.com</a>

#### Sale day Process

- Gold coin donation upon buyers registration
- Items can be delivered from Sunday 8th at 4pm
- Last item will be accepted at 9am on sale day
- Items will be auctioned, and payment will be required before items can be removed from the grounds.
- All items will need to be removed by 6pm sale day.
  - This will be an unreserved auction
    - unless otherwise organised
  - with Auction committee before sale day
- This auction will be held by the Bamawm Recreation Reserve
- in conjunction with the Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club
- and the auctioning agents will be Maddison's Livestock and Real Estate.

Thank you for your support, Bamawm Recreation Reserve

All questions about the sale please call Jo: 0400 950 046 or Nigel: 0438 862 280



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March 9 - Lions Club - Public Holiday March 16 - Catholic Ladies March 23 - Bush Nursing Centre March 30 - Bamawm Uniting Church April 6 - LBU Football Club

# **Lockington Consolidated School**

On Monday the Grade 6's travelled to Rochester to attend a GTAC Science session. 6 scientists from all over the world, including New Zealand, America, Germany and Australia lead the session. The students learnt about the concept of pollination and importance of bees. They also dissected flowers to learn the different components that are associated with pollination.

Our Grade 3-6 girls had a treat on Wednesday when members from the Echuca Moama Border Raiders came to visit and conduct a soccer skills session. We would like to thank them for their time, the girls had a terrific time.







#### KATHY'S NEW MISSION



Last year I gave you an update about "Kathy on a mission" and told you about my new mission "Crazy Crochet". And crazy it was... I received the most beautiful blankets from people out of 5 continents. Children, women and men(!) from all ages crocheted along for the good cause. The world record would have been ours but unfortunately the weather Gods decided otherwise... But the warm community and the friendships meant so much more than the record.. We raised 24.178 euros (38.988 Australian dollars) by selling a part of the blankets ifo vzw Villa Max, they give free holiday weeks to children with a life treatening illness (and their families). The other part of the blankets were given away to other charity organisations. And because Australia is still in my heart we also send a part of the blankets to Australia to support

the animal rescue teams in their effort to save as many of the wild life animals as possible. We had to make a special selection due to the strict import rules of course.

And now Crazy Crochet has finished, "mission 3" is already taking form in my head  $\Box$ . Something completely different with a little more action...a hug detective game with intriguing plots in a theatrical play...of course also as a fundraiser for a good cause that involves children.

I hope I can continue sending these updates to you and the Locky community.

I wish you all the best and I really hope I can visit Lockington again in the near future.

Kind regards,

Kathy





You could potentially save a life!

Defibrillator Awareness & Information Session

Do you know how to save a friend, family or community member? Lockington District Business Centre in cooperation with Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre are holding a Defibrillator Awareness & Information Session followed by a Devonshire afternoon tea. Thursday 2nd April 2.15pm At Lockington District Business Centre



Please call 5486 2683 to register your interest

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MONTHLY MEETINGS: 1st Wednesday - Dinner at Clubrooms 3rd Wednesday - Activity

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LOCKINGTON INC.

**President:** John Wright: 0409 259 723 **Secretary:** Tommy Eade: 0417 899 806

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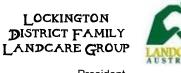
#### DISTRICT SERVICE CLUB Serving Our Community

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays Lockington Heritage Complex

President Lion: Marg Dowie 0427 795 576 Secretary Lion: Neil Haines 5486 8220



Bookings Call Bev Brereton 5486 2331 Or 0447 553 303



President John Wright 0409 259 723 Secretary Wendy Sims 0427 868 307

Meetings...7:30 pm At the Men's Shed at LDBC on the first Thursday of even months (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)





Bookings now made with Brendan Pentreath: 0428 862 200 If you cannot contact Brendan, phone Louise Murray ph 5486 5338 or 04 2886 5338

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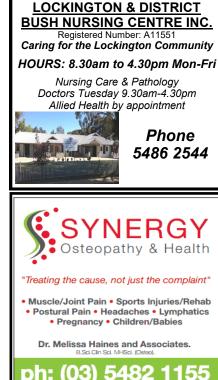
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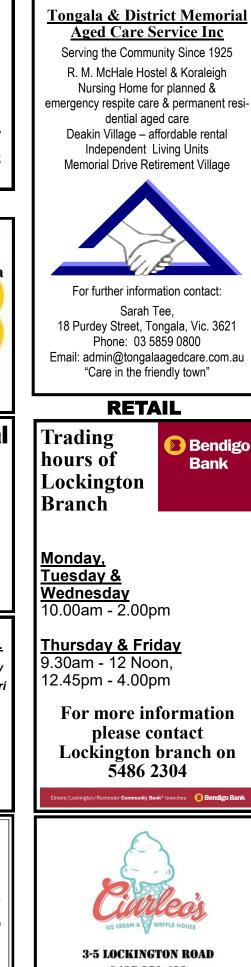
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### HEALTH

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All businesses, sporting group and community organisation are encouraged to send a representative.

This is prior to our first planning meeting with Rural Aid 10 Town rescue so please let me know who you would like to represent you at the planning meeting in April with the Rural Aid reps.

> All queries to Wendy Sims 0427 868307 or email reports to wendys1904@gmail.com

Terri Hateley, Coordinator 0499 170 329 Email: nhldbc@gmail.com

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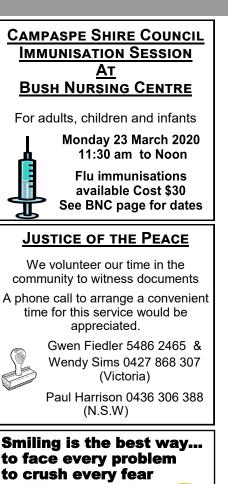
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# Date: Friday, 6th March Location: St. James Community Church Come learn how the people of Zimbabwe live and suffer. This is an ecumenical service. Time: mq00.8 Everyone is welcome to attend

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World Day of Prayer

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Pray for Zimbabwe

March 2020

Lions Club of Lockington Inc.

# <u>SWAP MEET &</u> MARKET

SHOW AND SHINE HISTORIC CARS

Sunday May 17th, 2020 at Lockington Park Commencing 7.00am 'til 1.00pm Site fee: \$10.00 (includes one adult entry) Entry fee: Adults \$5.00 Children free **ENQUIRIES:** Marg Dowie ph: 0427 795 576 Email: margdowie628@gmail.com

#### Promoted by LIONS CLUB OF LOCKINGTON

Booked sites must be taken up by 8.00am. If unable to attend, please contact Margaret Dowie on the morning of the meet.

Send entries to: Lions Club of Lockington c/o Margaret Dowie P.O. Box 608 **ECHUCA 3564** 

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**MEDIA RELEASE** 

#### Expanding the impact - Community Sponsorship Program

#### 14 February 2020

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Applications are now open for the Elmore/Lockington/Rochester Community Bank branches' 2020 Community Sponsorship Program with new criteria for this round that will expand its impact.

First established in July 2016, the Community Sponsorship Program is open to community-orientated organisations and groups situated in the Elmore, Lockington and Rochester districts twice per year.

Since 2004, the Elmore/Lockington/Rochester Community Bank branches have returned more than \$1.7 million in funding to its local communities.

Brad Drust, Chair of Lockmore Financial Services, said the Community Sponsorship Program highlights the commitment of the three Community Bank branches in assisting the development of its local communities.

"We are very excited to once again invite applications for our Community Sponsorship Program. Now in its fourth year, this eighth round of funding provides local organisations with the opportunity to access locally generated capital to support community programs, projects and events," Mr Drust said.

To expand the impact of our program, this will be a special round that focuses on groups and organisations who have not received funding of more than \$500 in the last two years. "This is a great opportunity for those who may not have considered this an option in the past and we encourage those groups to apply for funding this year", said Mr Drust.

Alex Rosaia, Branch Manager, Elmore/Lockington/Rochester Community Bank branches, is encouraging local groups and organisations to consider applying for sponsorship assistance through the Program.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for organisations across the districts to seek funding and support for projects they may be keen to get off the ground. For example, our previous round of Community Sponsorship Program funding awarded 17 different, local applicants financial support to help develop new community infrastructure such as; an electronic scoreboard for \$2,750, a community weather station at \$2,702 and \$3000 towards new solar panels" Mr Rosaia said.

"Simply put, the more our customers bank with us, the more our Community Banks can invest back into our local communities. Come talk to our staff today and learn more about how banking with Elmore/Lockington/Rochester Community Bank branches can practically help your community develop, grow and thrive," Mr Rosaia concluded.

Information on how to apply for round eight of the Community Sponsorship Program can be found online or by visiting one of our Community Bank branches today. Applications close on Thursday 26 March 2020.

Media Enquiries, Photo or Interview opportunities: Sandra Wade, 0413 417 055

bendigobank.com.au

#### Advertising Charges Being Reviewed

We love to include your adverts in our Community Newspaper, but we are a not-for-profit organisation, we are totally self funded, producing this FREE paper for our Community.

Our current pricing structure has evolved over time, and has not been truly reflective of the costs. We are now in the process of reviewing ALL advertising rates (both casual and annual adverts). As part of this process, we will also be formalising current policies concerning discounts for not-for-profit groups, and other miscellaneous content.

A meeting will be scheduled in the coming months, to discuss the new charges and the rationale behind them. Advertisers and the general public will be invited to attend this meeting, and will be given opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions, prior to the charges coming into effect.

Our pricing is by all accounts "cheap" and we intend to keep them affordable, but unfortunately "The Locky News" is not subsidised, so we must cover our costs through advertising.

We will allow ample notice, advertising in two editions, leading up to the above mentioned meeting.



Alison Stewart (Editor)

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# AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

#### <u>Water hyacinth – don't buy,</u> sell or give it away

Water hyacinth is a highly invasive weed that is choking lakes, rivers and water ways around the world and Agriculture Victoria is encouraging Victorians to report it to prevent it from taking hold in Victoria.

Water hyacinth may look pretty but has a well-deserved reputation for being the world's worst water weed.

An advertising campaign,

'Water hyacinth – don't buy, sell or give it away', targets the illegal buying or selling of the State prohibited weed - the highest category of declared noxious weeds in Victoria.

The campaign will run on social media and online advertising sites in English, Mandarin, Khmer and Vietnamese.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Manager – High Risk Invasive Plants, Angela Constantine said water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*), was very harmful in aquatic environments.

Ms Constantine said water hyacinth could rapidly affect water quality, native aquatic plants and fish, and have an impact on recreational activities such as fishing and boating.

"We are asking people, if they see water hyacinth, to contact Agriculture Victoria and we will remove it before it can spread further," Ms Constantine said.

It is illegal to buy, sell, display, propagate or transport State prohibited weeds.

Ms Constantine said in recent years Agriculture Victoria had prosecuted people for selling water hyacinth on Facebook and Gumtree.

"It's important to know what you are buying, selling, or giving away," she said.

Last financial year, Agriculture Victoria detected 21 cases of water hyacinth being traded online, and nine of these were in Victoria.

Ms Constantine said water hyacinth was easier to recognise during summer when it was flowering.

"Water hyacinth can be identified by its distinctive mauve flower and bulbous spongy stems," Ms Constantine said.

"It is often kept for its very attractive flower but owners may be unaware of the profound threat it poses.

"In just one season, a single plant can produce more than 3000 seeds that can survive for more than 20 years."

If you see or have any water hyacinth, or any other State prohibited weed, report it to the Agriculture Victoria Customer Service Centre on 136 186 or email weed.spotters@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

#### Looking after your best work-mate - dogs on utes

#### Dr Jeff Cave, District Veterinary Officer

There is no argument that working dogs are an enormous asset to farmers and it stands to reason, if your dog travels on the back of your ute, you need to take extra care to avoid exposing it to heat stress on hot days.

While it is legal to allow appropriately restrained dogs to travel on the back of utes, dogs left in the sun for long



periods can quickly dehydrate or even die from heat stress. Adequate shelter, for example a fixed canopy, needs to be provided to protect tethered dogs from extreme temperatures.

A lot of utes and tray backs these days are made of metal and will heat up quickly and could easily burn dogs' paws. It is now a requirement to ensure metal floors in utes are covered on a hot day.

Ensure dogs kept in cages have adequate ventilation, particularly when the vehicle is not moving, and ensure all dogs are given regular access to cool water.

Victoria's Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act requires dogs travelling in the back of utes, trailers or open tray trucks to be tethered or caged in a manner that prevents them from falling from the vehicle. The only exemption is when dogs are actively working livestock.

The tether should only be long enough to permit the dog to stand, lie down and move about but not so long that it could potentially let the dog fall off the vehicle and be dragged or strangled.

Tethering dogs should always be regarded as a temporary, short term method of restraint.

For further advice please contact the RSPCA, your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria veterinary or animal health officer, or in NSW your Local Land Services.



#### NLIS management workshops for livestock producers

Agriculture Victoria is holding practical, hands-on workshops in February and March for sheep, goat and cattle producers on how to use the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database.

The workshops will walk producers through their NLIS requirements and navigation, completion of movement transactions and reporting functions on the NLIS database.

Participants will also learn how to update their Property Identification Code (PIC) details.

All sheep, goats and cattle tagged with an electronic NLIS tag must be transferred on the NLIS database when they are moved between two different Victorian Property Identification Codes (PIC).

Agriculture Victoria Technical Specialist Kirstie Anderson said the aim was for producers to understand their livestock traceability requirements and how to manage their NLIS database account.

The recent bushfire events across Victoria has demonstrated just how important it is to keep PIC details up to date.

Dates and locations (all sessions run from 10 am to 3pm, with lunch provided).

• Echuca – Wednesday 25 March at Agriculture Victoria, Corner Ogilivie Ave/Annesley Street, Echuca

For further information on NLIS requirements and PICS is available at <u>agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/</u> national-livestock-identification-system

Numbers are limited so please register early at agriculturevictoriaevents.eventbrite.com.au

For more information on the workshops, or to register over the phone, please contact Kirstie Anderson at Agriculture Victoria on (03) 5761 1647.



#### On-farm drought resilience grant program now open

Victorian farmers impacted by drought and dry seasonal conditions are encouraged to apply for two grant programs offering both on-farm assistance and direct financial household relief.

The CWA of Victoria's Drought Relief Program has been All dairy farmers are provided a funding boost by the Victorian Government for the provision of household financial relief.

A grant payment of up to \$3000 per individual applicant and/ or household is available for farming families, farm workers to manage your effluent system with more ease over and contractors that are drought-affected and reliant on farming as their primary source of income.

This program is being funded through the Victorian Government's Farmers' Drought Fund - Household Financial Relief program announced on 2 October 2019.

To access an application form or to find out more go to cwaofvic.org.au or email drought@cwaofvic.org.au

The On-Farm Drought Resilience Grant Program is now available to assist eligible farm businesses to invest in onfarm drought preparedness or to seek business advice with a grant of up to \$5000.

To access the On-Farm Drought Resilience Grant farmers should contact Rural Finance direct to discuss their eligibility on 1800 260 425 or go to ruralfinance.com.au.

Both programs target farm businesses and farming families in the Wellington and East Gippsland shires, dryland farming in the Millewa region and irrigation farming in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID).

For further information on other available support and assistance contact Agriculture Victoria on 136 186, visit the website agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons or drop into the closest Agriculture Victoria office in your area.

#### **On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate**

The On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme is now available for the purchase and installation of emergency water infrastructure for livestock.

The scheme is available to eligible farm businesses in a number of local government areas, including: Campaspe, Gannawarra, Greater Bendigo, Greater Shepparton, Loddon, it unsuitable for application on germinating seedlings. Strathbogie, Swan Hill, Mildura and Buloke.

Farm businesses outside of the above local government areas can make an application if they can demonstrate a critical water need for livestock resulting from current the effluent may contain. seasonal conditions.

case basis.

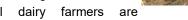
The scheme is available for water infrastructure purchased since 1 July 2018 – guidelines and application details can be obtained from Rural Finance, call 1800 260 425 or visit ruralfinance.com.au

#### Apply dairy effluent before winter

#### Sarah Clack,, Dairy Extension Officer

As winter approaches, now is the time to ensure the farm's effluent ponds are emptied before the possible wet winter months.

Using the nutrients contained in the dairy effluent can provide a boost autumn to pasture growth.



required by legislation to keep dairy effluent on-farm and out of waterways.

Ensuring your ponds are empty before winter will assist you the wet months.

Effluent systems are generally designed to have the storage ponds empty going into the wetter months of the year.

These are the months when rainfall exceeds evaporation making conditions unsuitable for effluent application due to increased risk of nutrient run off and waterlogging.

In the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District, this is generally four or five months depending on your location commencing at the start of May until the end of August or September.

Effluent is a valuable source of nutrients containing large amounts of nitrogen and potassium along with smaller concentrations of a number of other nutrients.

Ideally effluent should be tested to understand the amount of nutrient being applied.

Average figures are available, however, there is significant variation in nutrient concentration between farms and seasons.

This is due to a number of factors including herd size, milk production, amount of time spent on yards, water use in the dairy, catchment area contributing rainfall to the system and the length of time which has passed since the ponds were last cleaned out.

The nutrient contribution from the applied effluent should be factored into the farm nutrient budget and fertiliser application should be altered accordingly on paddocks where effluent has been applied.

For best response rates, effluent should be applied to actively growing pastures or crops.

Be mindful that effluent often has a high salt content making

Post application pastures should not be grazed for at least three weeks to allow the plants to utilise the available nitrogen applied and reduce the potential risk of pathogens

If possible, apply effluent to areas of the farm with lower soil These applications will be assessed on a case-by- fertility. Regularly rotate the areas where effluent is applied and undertake regular soil testing to monitor nutrient levels and avoid excessive accumulation of nutrients.

> For more information please visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/ agriculture/dairy/managing-effluent

> If you would like to discuss effluent management, please contact Sarah Clack on (03) 5824 5502 or at sarah.clack@agriculture.vic.gov.au



Young Farmers of Victoria - this is your network to talk about farm business management with other like-minded young farmers through social media, articles, online and face to face forums.

Click here to join and learn more about the Young Farmer Business Network Facebook group.





# Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

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Did you know ? We can do blood tests? Requests can be from any pathology collection centre. Ring the Centre for further info and to book a mutually suitable time with our nursing staff 54862544

#### Memberships

Memberships run for the duration of the financial year 1st July to 30th June. New memberships are welcome and can be calculated on a prorata basis to June 30. 2020 prices are as follows:

Family \$70.00with concession \$55Single \$40.00with concession \$30Please support your Centre by being a<br/>member. Many vital services and programs<br/>are held in the Centre for the health needs of<br/>the Lockington Community. Your support<br/>helps keep us here in your Community.

If you are an existing member and have changed any of your contact details - please inform staff so they can be updated ASAP.

#### Centre History book

We are still accepting stories, photos and memories for our History book, so if you have something for inclusion - please contact Carolyn or Kylie.

### **Did you know ?** about the activities & services at the Centre:

Social Activity Group for over 65's Strength & Balance Monday & Wednesday Podiatrist, Massage, Maternal Health Nurse, GP, Diabetic Educator, Well Womens Clinic Woundcare, ECG, stitch removal, Ear syringing, and much much more...

In an emergency, call triple 000 or for expert health advice phone -Nurse-on-call 1300-60-60-24 (24hours a day—7 days a week) Don't forget to have your residence clearly identified so it can be located quickly in the case of an emergency.

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Economic Development

# VISA AND LABOR SCHEME OPTIONS

GREATER SHEPPARTON, MOIRA AND CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCILS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS ARE HOLDING FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR EMPLOYERS IN RELATION TO VISA AND LABOUR SCHEME OPTIONS, WHERE POSITIONS CANNOT BE FILLED BY AUSTRALIAN WORKERS.

Shepparton workshops; Friday, 13 March 9:30am Health, Transport, Manufacturing and other industry Friday, 13 March 12:30pm Horticulture, Agriculture Industry Register your attendance by 10 March 2020

Moira workshops; Thursday, 12 March 12:30pm Health, Transport, Manufacturing and other industry Thursday, 12 March 7:00pm Horticulture, Agriculture Industry Register your attendance by 10 March 2020



## **GET CREATIVE WITH THE CREATIVE VICTORIA ACTIVATION FUND**



Do you have an artistic idea that can draw a crowd with the potential to become a cultural tourist attraction? Applications for funding between \$40,000 and \$300,000 are now open, prioritising projects that:

- ARE LED BY VICTORIAN FIRST PEOPLES CREATIVE PRACTITIONERS OR ORGANISATIONS
- Align with local priorities of the area in which they are located
- Occur in regional Victoria
- REFLECT THE CULTURE AND DIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
- ARE DEVELOPED THROUGH NEW CREATIVE COLLABORATIONS, INCLUDING INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL

Applications open now open via the Creative Victoria Grants Portal, closing 19 March 2020 for activity commencing after 1 July 2020.



#### <u>A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE</u> <u>"50 YEARS AGO, JANUARY 16, 1970"</u>

A Queen Competition being conducted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lockington Swimming Pool is now in full swing and the Auxiliary has been thrilled by the outstanding response. The Tennyson Queen, Beverley Elliott, commenced with a slide evening, held at the home of Mr. Fenton Phillips, Tennyson. The slides were most enjoyable, being taken during a visit to New Zealand. During the evening, those present were also entertained by choral items rendered by Mesdames Sue McLean, Jean Brophy and Elaine Ayres. (*This article was in the Riverine Herald 17 January, 2020*)



#### LOCKINGTON **BOWLS CLUB REPORT**

The women enjoyed fine conditions for a game of Triples on Tuesday. The winning trio comprised Trish Jones, bowlers on song.

In the CVBD Pennant the overall results did not flatter the clubs intentions. The women played Rich River away and returned home a little worse for wear with no winning rinks in the 33-99 loss. (Lois Chugg lost to J Hocken 7-44; Margaret Davis I.t. P Stiles 16-25; Lorraine Appleby I.t.

#### V Noar 10-30).

In the Week-end round of pennant the club hosted the division two and division four teams from Moama. Division Two kept pace against their stronger opponents for a majority of the game but failed to take advantage on a couple of ends towards the finish of the games. The final result was a 50-68 loss to Moama. (Jim Harris I.t.

G Thornley 16-22; Ian Johnson I.t. N Varcoe 19-20; Graham Turner I.t. R Young 15-25). The Division Four teams battled gamely in their clash against Moama in an effort to hold down their position in the top four. However it was not to be as their opponents applied the pressure after the break to win the match 73-60 and left us with a half a rink win. (Geoff Shawcross drew S Sutton 20-all; Bill Musgrove I.t. P Walton 19-27; Steve Peter I.t. K Hewitt from Elmore, Calivil, City of Echuca, Moama, Tongala, 21-26). With this loss, we have plummeted to fifth spot on Rich River, Finley, Rochester along with several the premiership ladder and ten points behind Mathoura members. At the completion of the three games of 9 ends who collected maximum points and shots up against Rochester. With just one round remaining, our season Points system, very little separated the teams with the may lie in the "lap of the gods" as we play top team Rich River.

Last Tuesday evening the final night of the three games series of Sports people bowls was played. With an increased field of 42 players the general play was competitive as there was four two-game winners. On the night the team of Phillip Cunnington, Wayne Thomas (Mitiamo) and Micheal Lyons (s) were victorious ahead of Ian Scurrah, Nigel Riordan and Joe Holloway (s).

Due to the popularity of the series another three-night series has been organised for February 25th, March 3rd and March 10th. Everyone welcome. Flat sole shoes or Brereton were acknowledged for their effort in preparing barefoot and bowls are available.

Several teams played the Sixty & Over Anniversary day The CVBD Pennant round resulted in a few positives for competition at Moama on Wednesday. Two members in the club with Division two scoring a tremendous victory Phillip Cunnington and Les Brereton were judged Best over Rich River while division four just failed to defeat Lead and Skipper on the day.

There was a fine gathering for the Friday evening Cold meat and salad/practice session with Phillip Cunnington winning the lucky members jackpot draw.

Get well wishes are extended to Kath Palmer who is Chugg I.t. B Johns 17-38). In the Week-end pennant our recovering from surgery.

On Sunday the Bendigo/Campaspe Regional Sixty & Over Singles and Pairs finals were played at Moama Bowling Club on a true running green. The Bendigo Division ruled supreme as they made a clean sweep of all matches. In the ladies State Singles, Susan Howes from Kangaroo Flat proved too consistent for Marrilyn Stephenson to win the game 21-12. Stephenson battled gamely to stay in the game but her opponent was able to thwart any challenge.

In the Mens' State Singles Ivan Hicks (City of Echuca) was pitted against Phil Godkin (Eaglehawk) and this game was similar to the ladies singles match. Godkin managed to open a slender lead in the early stanza while Hicks had some close bowls but could not manage to score any multiples. Godkin eventually won the clash 21-12.

The ladies State Pairs resulted in a 15-11 victory for the Bendigo East pair in Judy Davies and Helen Clough (s) Annette Brereton and Lorraine Appleby (s) with all against the Deniliquin pair of Fay Munnerley and Jill Grimshaw (s). This game was even with good bowling from all concerned as they went end for end, before the Bendigo East pair won consecutive ends to open up an 11 -5 lead which they were able to maintain and win the game.

> The Mens' State Pairs was held after the lunch break as Ivan Hicks was to combine with Phillip Thorn (s) City of Echuca and do battle against the Inglewood pairing of Geoff Wilson and Lindsay Kelly (s) representing Bendigo Division. This game produced some excellent bowling as both teams traded ends. The pair from Inglewood were able to eventually break the shackles and move out to a 12-4 lead. Hicks and Thorn suddenly won a couple of consecutive ends to trail 11-15 on the final end. They managed to pick up a single to finish up losing the contest 12-15. All winners will travel to the BowlsVic State Championships in April to be held at the Bendigo and Bendigo East Bowling Clubs.

#### February 24

The women conducted a successful Twilight Mixed Fours tournament on Tuesday evening attracting 80 bowlers there was three undefeated teams. Based on a Wins and local players dominating the overall result. The rink comprising Pauline Humbert, Max Williams, Ann Williams and Kevin Humbert (s) from Elmore/Lockington were declared the winners on 80 points ahead of Leon Laffy, Annette Brereton, Russell Shaw cross, Leanne McInnes (s) 79 points. In third place was Phylis MacFralane, Ray Hanson, Heather Cheatley, Graham Turner (s) (Lockington/Finley) scoring 78 points. Special competition winners included Graham Turner, Ruth Lenny, Tricia Jones, Betty Ozols and Wes Bertouch. A well organised event and congratulations to Tournament Secretary Annie Haines and her committee. Kevin Humbert and Les the excellent green.

Rich River with two rinks up. The women lost a thriller to City of Echuca by two shots. The women lost to City of Echuca by two shots 75-77 with only one rink up but another losing by a slender 2 shots. (Phylis MacFarlane d. M Malone 39-18; Margaret Davis I.t. J Breen 19-21; Lois Division two teams won all three rinks in a brilliant display of teamwork to win 109-66. (Graham Turner d. R King 36-25; Jim Harris d. R Berryman 41-16; Ian Johnson d. T Noar 32-25). Division four were gallant in defeat in their clash against top of the table Rich River, losing by 7 shots 67-74 with two rinks up. (K Stout, B Kinnane, A Harris, N Haines (s) d. J Stuart 23-17; C Stewart, D Thomas, J van Den Bosch, B Musgrove (s) d. K Robertson 28-19; G Hyden, O Mc Phee, G Shawcross, S Peter (s) I.t. V Woods 16-38).



#### LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT (CONTINUED)

In the club competitions the Presidents trophy - 21 Up is slowly reaching semi-final stage. Kalvin Stout defeated John van Den Bosch to make a semi-final berth. Other games to be completed include B Kinnane v. S Peter, T Davis v. I Johnson and A Kauffman to play the winner of the G Turner - L Laffy match. The 100 Up championship has Andrew Harris in a semi-final after eliminating Neil Haines. B Musgrove v. P Cunnington and T Davis v. R Hanson. The B Grade championship round was a Brian Kinnane victory over Owen "Smiley" McPhee.

Several teams played the weekly Sixty & Over competition at Ky Valley View on Wednesday. No "chooks", but Geoff Shawcross, Don Isgro and Dave Thomas featured in the novelties.

Another fine roll up for the popular Friday evening Cold encounter 25-14. The State Pairs was another game that resulted in blow-out proportions as Ron Bunting - Vern Rehe (s) (Moama) came up against Brad Marron and

The club offers good bowling and success to all clubs involved in the CVBD Pennant finals.

Lockington will host the Mid-week Division Two and Three first semi-finals on Friday.

On Sunday the Moama Bowling Club hosted the Bendigo/ Campaspe Regional finals in the State Singles and State

Pairs. Both Bendigo and Campaspe Divisions shared the honors with a win in both Singles and Pairs. The Campaspe women won both Singles and Pairs as Pat Schram (City of Echuca) completely dominated her game against Helen Clough (Bendigo East) before winning 25-8. Schram was absolutely brilliant in a first class display holding four shots. The final bowl from Schram trailed the kitty through for three shots and game. In the State Pairs Terry Thompson and Mary-Anne Spizer (s) (Moama) White (Bendigo) 24-9. Both Moama bowlers were on song the State Singles and State Pairs for the men, Merv Harvey (Moama) was pitted against the talented Lee Schraner (Bendigo East) in the Singles. Harvey tried valiantly to keep pace with his opponent as Schraner appeared to have the jack on radar and continually had Harvey under pressure. Schraner eventually won the encounter 25-14. The State Pairs was another game that Rehe (s) (Moama) came up against Brad Marron and Schraner (s) (Bendigo East). The Moama bowlers did their best in the early stages of the final, but their opponents were bowling in brilliant fashion and combining well to open up a considerable 18-3 lead after 13 ends of the 18 end final. In the closing stages the Bendigo East team-mates were able to win the game 26-5.

# LIONS Cout f he Year

#### LOCKINGTON LIONS CLUB "YOUTH THE YEAR"

The Lockington Lions Club held the annual "Youth Of The Year" Quest on Sunday 23rd Feb where three local youth made some very engaging presentations. The 3 competitors were Joni Grundy, Vanity Conroy and Emily Mitchell. They made their presentations before our three Judges, Darren Carnie, Jennie Keele and Bernie McManus.

Joni spoke on involvement with the army cadets and the personal growth and confidence that she has gained from becoming a cadet. Joni has risen up the ranks and is now in charge of The Echuca branch of Army Cadets.

Vanity made her presentation on Pro Choice where she put forward a very strong argument supporting the rights of the individual to make the choice without the threats of abuse, and stigma attached to the subject.

Emily chose the subject of her life changing travel to Timor where she found the heartbreaking poverty, frailty of the

population and the ability of the individual to be able to make a difference. She said that had she given into the willingness to stay in her comfort zone, she would never have experienced such a life changing event and she now intends to take up Medicine at University to enable her to be able make a difference to these societies.

The judges were very impressed with the very high standard of presentations and awarded the public speaking award and overall winner to Emily Mitchell. On behalf of the Lockington Lions Club, we would like to congratulate the 3 contestants on taking up the Quest and wish them all the success in their very bright futures.

Emily will now go on to represent Lockington Lions Club in the Regional Final held on 22 March in Echuca.



Joni Grundy, Emily Mitchell and Vanity Conroy



#### **FEBRUARY**

<u>Saturday 29</u> Cricket A Grade Semi Finals B Grade Semi Finals

#### MARCH

<u>Sunday 1</u> Pine Grove Gun Club Simulated Field & Game

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

Cricket B Grade Preliminary Final

<u>Monday 2</u> Meals on Wheels: St James Lockington

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls 1:15pm

<u>Wednesday 4</u> Action Club Dinner 7:30pm Club Rooms

<u>Friday 6</u> World Day of Prayer 8pm at St James Community Church

Saturday 7 Cricket A & B Grade Finals

Sunday 8 Heritage Complex Open 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm On Duty: Colin & Cherrill

Monday 9 Bamawm Rec Reserve Auction 10am at Bamawm Rec Reserve

Meals on Wheels: Lions Club

Heritage Complex Meeting 7:30pm At the Complex

Wednesday 11 Lions Club Dinner Meeting 7:30pm Heritage Centre

<u>Thursday 12</u> Milloo CWA 10:00 am Milloo Hall

<u>Friday 13</u> Social Indoor Bowls 7:30pm Bamawm Extension Hall

Sunday 15 Heritage Complex Open 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm On Duty: Dan & Grace

#### 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

Monday 16 Meals on Wheels:

Catholic Ladies Major Planning Meeting

7:30pm at Community Hall

<u>Wednesday 18</u> Action Club Activity Night at Club Rooms

<u>Saturday 21</u> Lockington Pony Club Rally 10:00am Scurrah Reserve (Contact Christine Buckley 0400 576 767)

Sunday 22 Heritage Complex Open 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm On Duty: Des & Dorothy

<u>Monday 23</u> Meals on Wheels: Bush Nursing Centre

Immunisation Session Bush Nursing Centre 11:30 - Noon

Bamawm CWA 10:00 am Bamawm Community Social Centre

Heritage Complex Meeting 7:30pm at the Complex

Wednesday 25 Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting 7:30pm Heritage Centre

<u>Thursday 25</u> Melbourne International Flower Show Bus Trip

<u>Saturday 28</u> Kotta – Lockington Rail Trail Fun Run

Sunday 29 Heritage Complex Open 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm On Duty: Fenton & Les

<u>Monday 30</u> Meals on Wheels: Bamawm Uniting Church

### <u>APRIL</u>

<u>Thursday 2</u> Defibrillator Information Session 2:15pm at Lockington District Business Centre

<u>Sunday 5</u> Pine Grove Gun Club Simulated Field & Game

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

# 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)
- Senior Citizens Games 10:00 am Bowls and Cards

#### 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 names by 9:45am start 10:00 am

#### 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

#### 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. Enguiries: 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.

#### 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

### <u>St. Mary's Op Shop</u>

Mon, Wed, 10am to 2pm Thurs Fri, 10am to 2:30pm

