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# Locky News

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**Lockington... Giddings Gardens**  
(photo by Helen O'Donoghue)

### LOCKINGTON PLANNING GROUP

Your town ~ Your voice

**Monday 16th March  
7.30 pm  
at the Community Hall**



(This is our three yearly major planning meeting )

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](mailto:wendys1904@gmail.com)

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**MONDAY, March 24 (Entries by 10am)**

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

### CAN YOU HELP CLEAN UP?

**When: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 1 pm**

**Where: Starting at the Kotta railway station  
then heading towards Locky, along the existing track**

**Bring: Rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows,  
chainsaw (if you have a licence)**

**Why: The inaugural "Kotta to Lockington Fun Run"  
hopes to use part of the track on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
(This is a community event, aimed at getting people to visit our town)

Your help  
in tidying up the track  
to make this event a success  
will be greatly appreciated.





## LOCKINGTON & DISTRICT LIVING HERITAGE COMPLEX

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Hello again, Everyone,

We're still following the construction of Victoria's first major railway line as it makes its way from Melbourne towards Sandhurst [Bendigo], in early 1862. On 22 February that year, the *Argus* speculated that the portion of the line between Malmesbury and Sandhurst might be ready for an official opening by July. However, the gold towns of Victoria's central west were still agitating for change, and the article went on to state that: - "A question has been raised in the country districts as to whether the balance of the railway loan fund should be expended on the extension of the Murray River line northwards from Sandhurst, or on branch lines such as that proposed between Castlemaine and Maryborough, a doubt having been expressed as to whether the amount available from the loan will be sufficient to complete the Murray River line to Echuca." That question was immediately settled, as the article continued: - "Mr O'Shanassy [then the Premier of Victoria] has stated, however, on the part of the Government, that the country is pledged to complete the line to Echuca. The gradients between Sandhurst and the Murray, it may be remarked, are of the most favourable character, the country being almost a dead level between the two points." By 23 April, 1862, the line was completed to Kyneton, nearly three months ahead of the anticipated date, but from that time forward the works were delayed.

A change in the weather had been "anxiously looked for by owners of stock and miners, dependent upon rains for their water supply," according to a report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* earlier that week. In some districts, including Sandhurst, the report stated, the puddlers had been without water "for a length of time," and some of the quartz-mills had been stopped for weeks and even months. For these people in particular, "a few days of heavy rain would bring a large quantity of gold into the market and give a fillip to the industry of the country."

However, the change in the weather was not good news for everyone. After so many delays encountered in the construction of the Melbourne to Sandhurst railway line - delays that had been caused by human intervention - which had been overcome, now the "unprecedented rains" caused a delay that was beyond anyone's control. Nevertheless, progress continued to be made and, on 25 June, 1862, the *Argus* reported that the Taradale viaduct was almost finished and the Big-Hill tunnel was "keyed-in," but work was being slowed by the severity of the weather. With the Melbourne to Ballarat rail link having been completed and opened by 10 April that year, the people of Sandhurst, at least according to the *Bendigo Advertiser*, were feeling a little hard-done-by.

An article published by the *Advertiser*, on 24 July, 1862, expressed something of their frustration. In part, it read: - "Not only has too much rain the effect of making our town look dull and miserable, but also of checking the usual gold-producing

industry of the place; a general dullness in trade of all descriptions is the result. The inclemency of the weather has had another evil result: it has delayed much longer the projected opening of the railway line. We must now be content to accept the excuse of the Government—which they will be too ready to seize on—that the wet weather will probably delay the opening of the line before another three months. That the Government, in this matter of not completing the railway sooner, have been treating the people of this district with some neglect, is the universal complaint, especially when we see the line finished so much earlier to Ballarat, a place, if as important, certainly not beyond Sandhurst as a goldfields town."

However, as the article proceeded, its tone became a little more optimistic. "The completion of the line to Melbourne, and the consequent increase of traffic between Sandhurst and that place, will no doubt greatly benefit the present rather depressed state of business in the district. The bill for the extension of the line from Sandhurst to the Murray has passed the Legislature of the colony, and the works will probably be commenced in about three months. The completion of this branch of the railway will also, it is expected, be of great advantage to Sandhurst." With the bill having been passed, the northward extension of the line was now on a secure footing and the people of Sandhurst resigned themselves to wait a further three months for their connection with Melbourne.

In October, 1862, the railway line from Melbourne to Sandhurst was finally completed; "the Murray River Railway had now been carried a distance of 101 miles from Melbourne." The grand opening day arrived - Two grand opening days; one for Castlemaine on 15 October, and one for Sandhurst on 20 October. "It was originally intended to make one day suffice for the rejoicings consequent on the opening of the newly-completed portion of the Murray River Railway onwards from Kyneton to Castlemaine and Sandhurst, but when preliminary arrangements for the demonstration came to be made, it was found that the two towns more immediately interested in the matter—Castlemaine and Sandhurst—were each resolved to have the lion's share in the proceedings of the opening day." At that time, Castlemaine was the larger centre, half as large again as Sandhurst was, but Sandhurst promised "to prove worthy of itself on the occasion, and to make such a demonstration as would throw that of Castlemaine into the shade", and according to the report in the *Argus* on 22 October, 1862, "the promise so made was kept to the letter." Newspapers of the time carry wonderful, and lengthy, reports of both celebrations but they would take up way too much space here.

Next time, we hope to move on to the Sandhurst-Echuca line.

'Bye until then,

Marg O'Brien

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

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Letters to the Editor, articles and reports should be typed or printed, and must show the author's name and contact details. We do not include controversial political issues or party policies unless we can give equal space to all parties or sides of the argument. (Contact details are for office use only and will only be published by request.)

**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.**

**BIRTH**

Jenna and Tom Laughlin of Echuca, are pleased to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Grace Olivia.

Grace was born at Echuca Regional Health, at 12:04am on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, weighing 3430grams (7lb 6oz). Grace is a sister for Zoe (19 months) and a granddaughter for Faye & Shane Fullard of Bamawm and Anne & David Laughlin of Barham.

**LOST**

One round gold, with tiny diamonds inserted, pierced ear ring. Lost in Lockington probably when walking between Apex Lions Park toilet block, across Kotta Road, across Southern walkway bridge, diagonally towards Deakin Street.

Reward to finder.

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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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March 22 – 9.00am

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**To be collected 11.30 am**

March 16 - Catholic Ladies

March 23 - Bush Nursing Centre

March 30 - Bamawm Uniting Church

April 6 - LBU Football Club

April 13 - St James Evening Fellowship

April 20 - Action Group



### **LOST LOCKINGTON AND SURROUNDS**

15 Hopetoun Street Lockington constructed 1922-23 believed to be one of the first buildings constructed on site in Lockington most others having been moved from mining sites around Bendigo.

August 1918 John Weller arrived at Bamawm Railway station (Renamed Lockington later) to take up the closer settlement block Allotment 16 Bamawm – abutting the east side town boundary, there was a house on the allotment but other than the railway station there was , one house in Barton street (Dycers)( and a tent (Cummins) in Burns Street. Mrs Dycer invited him in for a cup of tea.

John's wife Clara and their 9 children arrived later the family had been advised to move north from Gippsland for health reasons Ruby and Cliff both died later from tuberculosis.

By 1920 the irrigation district was developing and there were a number of itinerant workers about .Clara purchased two blocks in the township at 11 and 15 Hopetoun Street she contracted Northern Timber from Rochester to build a coffee palace at no 15 this was built with poured cement the sand coming from a pit on the farm. The building comprised of a shop front, dining room, kitchen, several bed rooms and utility rooms. As well as providing much needed accommodation this would also provide employment for her two daughters Cora and Mabel. A further weather board annexe in the back yard housed 6 sleep-outs, it was opened for business in 1924. Although the channels by then provided fresh water there of course was no drainage or sewerage the night cart made extra calls this was taken to the council sanitary depot in a paddock at the east end of the present recreation reserve attempts were

made to drain the sullage water to block 11 to grow fruit trees (The drain can still be seen) All vegetable and food scraps were taken to the farm for the pigs

A Chinese man Jimmy Goon had a vegetable patch (3 acres) on the farm in the vicinity of the present water tower and dams water tower and he kept them in vegetables.

By 1930 Cora and Mabel had found other interests the demand for accommodation had passed and Clara was ready to retire, the premises was leased out to (the first of many), The Scott family, who ran it as a barber shop with billiard room and dining room.

Clara passed away in 1936 and in 1938 the premises and no 11 were sold to finalise her estate.

George Harrison bought both, at 11 Hopetoun st he built two shops one a café/newsagent and in part 2 Lilian Harrison and Ivy Kelly ran a baby/ childrens wear shop.

The weather board annex was removed to construct a house at 11 Mc Coll St.

*Joy Weller*

*Photos below... then and now*







### OFFICIAL OPENING

#### SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

Ron Iddles spent his early years on his parents dairy farm, on Hansen Road in Lockington, where he helped his father "Bill", milking 120 cows before school each day, and on the weekends carting hay and driving tractors. Ron attended Lockington Consolidated School, which in the day went right through to what is now year 10. When he left Lockington Consolidated School, he continued with his education at Echuca Technical School and after completing his secondary education, aged 18, became a police cadet. It is said that his interest in police work came from watching the long running local television drama series, "Homicide" (1964 – 1977).

Ron is coming to Rochester to officially open Iddles Lane and the mural focused on the Iddles families of Rochester, at 11 am at the laneway in Gillies Street opposite IGA Supermarket. Artist Tim Bowtell, federal member Damian Drum MP, Ron Iddles OAM APM and Rochester Business Network President, Glenda Nichol will all take part in the official event.

At 2.30 at the CVCC at the Rochester Secondary College Ron will give one of his last speaking events on his homicide career. Graham Willis MC will then Interview Ron and his twin Barry Iddles, well known chef. An event not to be missed. Tickets at trybooking.com, Rochester Newsagency or at the door if not sold out prior. \$32 per head includes a delicious afternoon tea served by the RSC parents club.

Iddles Lane memorabilia for sale, as well as a limited 100 signed copies of The Good Cop.

*Photo collage by Helen O'Donoghue*







## Lockington Neighbourhood House

Ph: 0499 170 329 E: nhldbc@gmail.com

Terri Hateley, Coordinator

Hours

**Tuesday**  
8.30am – 4.30pm  
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**Thursday**  
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Tickets still  
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## MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

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**WHEN: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
2020**



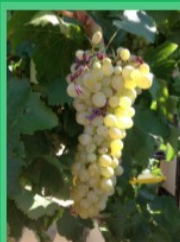
## Lockington Men's Shed

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## A ROLE TO PLAY

In rural communities such as ours, Community Groups play critical roles, not just as social gatherings of like minded people, but for way more important reasons.

Many in our community, work either on our own or in small groups, on farms or in small business, Social or Sporting Groups are often the most social interaction we get throughout our normal routines.

Our involvement in Community Groups isn't just for the benefit of the group, it is often for the benefit of ourselves... our growth as individuals. Most people want to be part of a community because there is something incredibly lovely about being a part of a group of people who share something more substantial than just geographical location.

Community Groups have the opportunity to take on quite important roles including, but certainly not limited to...

### Business Wellbeing.

Because so many of us work on our own or in small groups, we don't have a work group with whom we can brainstorm our ideas with, unless we turn to family and friends, or social contacts.

### Mental Wellbeing.

Social interaction is an important factor for the mental health and well-being of everyone, ranging from children through older adults. This is especially important for those of us who live alone or in small family units.

### Physical Wellbeing.

The physical act of getting out of our comfy chair in our lounge rooms, and getting out into the Community, for nothing more than a social outing, can be very beneficial for our physical health.

### Family Wellbeing.

It is said that "it takes a Community to raise a child", it helps for parents and families to know that we are not alone. Social interactions can help encourage good social morals and behaviours, especially in single parent families.

### Validation.

Every human needs some sort of validation, that we are worthy, and have a contribution to make.

I would like to encourage everyone in our Community to be at least part of "something". No matter how large or small, playing a part in a bigger picture can make a huge impact on our lives.

Those of you who are already involved in Social or Sporting Groups... please encourage, include and validate newcomers to your groups. Without new members any group will become stagnant and ultimately collapse.

If you have kids, please take them to meetings, so they know how much effort and cooperation it takes for Community Groups to run smoothly and effectively. And group members, please don't ignore the kids, they need your encouragement, inclusion and validation just as much as the adults, these kids are the future of your group, so in some way, they are your most important members, as they have a lifetime of community support and involvement ahead of them.

Community Groups are true team environments, there is no room for selfish or biased views or actions. Please leave your own agendas at the door, and put your efforts behind what is good for your Community Group, or better still what's best for the Community in general.

Please consider your interests and the skills you have to offer, and throw your support behind one of our great Community Groups.

*Alison Stewart (Editor)*



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## Defibrillator Awareness & Information Session

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# AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

## 2020 fox and wild dog bounty collection schedules



The Victorian Government's fox and wild dog bounty has resumed.

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### **Bendigo collections (fox only)**

Address: Cnr Midland Hwy and Taylor St, Epsom

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Dates:

- Monday, 16 March 2020
- Monday, 14 April 2020
- Monday, 11 May 2020
- Tuesday, 9 June 2020

Please note:

No entire fox scalps or entire wild dog skin pieces will be accepted at any public counter or state government office. The sites indicated on the schedule will only accept bounty applications during designated collection times.

For full details on bounty collection times and locations, terms and conditions, and frequently asked questions, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/bounty](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/bounty) or call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186.



## NLIS management workshops for livestock producers



Agriculture Victoria is holding practical, hands-on workshops this month and next 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).

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

- Echuca – Wednesday 25 March at Agriculture Victoria, Corner Ogilvie Ave/Annesley Street, Echuca

For further information on NLIS requirements and PICS is available at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/national-livestock-identification-system](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/national-livestock-identification-system)

Numbers are limited so please register early at [agriculturevictoriaevents.eventbrite.com.au](http://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.

## Young farmer business network



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.

## Join the Young Farmers Advisory Council



Expressions of Interest are now open to join the Young Farmers Advisory Council.

The Victorian Government is seeking enthusiastic, skilled and dynamic young people, from all agricultural industries and regions, to join the Young Farmers Advisory Council. Council members represent the interests of young farmers and provide advice to government on issues and program delivery affecting young people in agriculture.

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# AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

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For more information about other drought and dry seasonal conditions support from Agriculture Victoria go to [agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons) or call 136 186.

## Strategic summer drenching

**Dr Jeff Cave**

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The majority of producers understand the value in having a strategic summer drenching program in place, but I want to reiterate to sheep producers - the possible need for a second summer drench.

Drenching is expensive and time consuming therefore pre drench faecal egg counts (FECs) should always be considered, and this will put some science and evidence into whether or not to drench.

Strategic summer drenching involves an effective drench at the beginning and end of the season.

This is to take advantage of the destruction of worm larvae on pasture by heat and lack of moisture.

The life cycle of the worm involves both your pasture and the animal.



While the drench fixes the animal problem, the hot, dry conditions of summer will help eliminate the pasture problem.

Ineffective chemicals and/or an inadequate drench procedure can reduce the effectiveness of summer drenching.

Worm resistance, particularly to the white and clear drenches, is common in North-East Victoria and unnecessary overuse and the incorrect use of drenches just adds to the problem.

After drenching, producers should try to put sheep onto low risk pastures.

These may be paddocks previously grazed by cattle, cut for hay or silage or grazed by low risk sheep such as older wethers.

Ewes rearing lambs and the lambs particularly after weaning are the most susceptible sheep in terms of worm burdens.

Large reinfestation of worms can occur in as little as three weeks if your drenching program is ineffective.

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

## Nurturing Victoria's native food industry



### Desert Quandong

The Victorian State Government will partner with the Federation of Victoria Traditional Owner Corporations to support the development of a native food and botanicals industry in Victoria and support local jobs.

Minister for Agriculture Jaclyn Symes this week launched the Djakitjuk Djanga program, which will offer Aboriginal Victorian-owned businesses and organisations grants of up to \$200,000 to help establish or expand commercial native plant production.

Djakitjuk Djanga is a Dja Dja Wurrung term that means "Country's food."

The program will help Victoria to capitalise on the strong interest in the use of Australian native plants like wattles, native greens, fruits and herbs in cooking, as well as the use of botanicals for cosmetics and personal care products.

However, with only a small number of Australia's edible and botanical plants in commercial production, the industry remains in its early stages.

Funding under the Djakitjuk Djanga program can be used to hire staff, build technical expertise, or invest in stock, seeds and equipment.

The program will also promote the industry, support future research and help people involved in Native food production share their ideas with people interested in getting involved.

The program guidelines are now available, with applications open from Wednesday 4 March.

For more information, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au)





# Soils Field Day



**Date:** Tuesday 24th March

**Location:** Craig and Helen Reynolds  
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**Time:** 10am to 12pm

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**To register contact:**

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## **LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT**

**March 8:** The women enjoyed fine conditions for their weekly Social bowls on Tuesday. Ann Lowrie and Heather Cheatley (s) a visitor from Finley were declared the winners after a solid performance on the green.

No pennant, no wins and no losses. The CVBD Midweek and Week-end Pennant Preliminary finals will be held this week.

Last Tuesday evening the club attracted 30 players in the Sports-night bowls with a lot of hidden talent on display. The winning team included some new faces as Finn Palmer, Peter Eade and Jeff Carnie (s) greeted the winners circle on 2 wins plus 10 shots. In second place was a trio of promising bowlers with Pat Millard, David Healy and Andrew Cochrane (s) 2 wins +9 shots. The final night of the series will be held this week.

On Saturday the game of Scrounge attracted a dozen bowlers to do battle. The individual winners were Neil Haines, Ian Johnson and Andrew Harris. The previous week, two left-handers in Russell Shawcross and Frank Chugg dominated.

In the club competitions Phillip Cunnington defeated Bill Musgrove in a quarter-final of the Presidents trophy 21 Up championship and claimed a berth in a semi-final. The 100 Up championship matches are a little behind, so members have a week to catch-up, otherwise a black pen may appear!

The B Grade championship is underway with Brian Kinnane accounting for a gallant Dave Thomas in a see-sawing match-up. Kinnane is a finalist and will wait for the top half of the draw to be completed. Les Brereton is to play Leon Laffy and the winner of that game will meet David Blackburn in the semi-final.

The women have the 100 Up championship draw on display and the first round is to be completed soon.

The club will hold the annual Echuca Toyota Open Fours on Sunday 22nd March, commencing at 9.30am. Contact Chris Stewart 5486 2607 to enter. Spots are limited.

On Friday 27th March the women will conduct a Ladies Medley Fours starting at 10.00am. Contact Annie Haines 5486 8220 with entries.

Members are reminded to list names for the Saturday 4th April to play the visiting Vermont South Bowling Club members. Arrival at 12 noon for a 12.30pm game of bowls.



## **SHIRE NEWS**

### **Tuesday, 17 March**

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

### **Changes to pool registration requirements**

New safety laws introduced by the Victorian Government require 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.

### **Community Grants**

Not for profit groups are encouraged to apply for round 1 of the 2020/21 Community Grants Program. Grants allow community groups to run programs and local events. Grants are available as follows:  
Community Support (up to \$4,000)  
Community Event (up to \$1,000) and Significant Event (up to \$5,000)  
Guidelines and applications are available on Council's website and will close Friday, 17 April.

### **Immunisation sessions**

The 2020 immunisation scheduled is available on Council's website under the 'Live' tab.

### **Monday, 23 March**

Lockington Bush Nursing Centre  
11.30 – 12 noon

### **Volunteer Awards**

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Volunteer Awards which formally recognise individuals and groups within our community who work tirelessly to benefit others.

Awards are presented in the following categories:

**Individual:** outstanding voluntary contribution and achievement by an individual person

**Young person:** outstanding voluntary contribution and achievement by a person aged under 25 years

**Organisation:** an outstanding contribution and achievement by a not-for-profit organisation for supporting its volunteers.

Winners of the Individual and Young Person categories will each receive a prize to the value of \$250 and the winner of the Organisation category will receive a prize to the value of \$550.

The awards coincide with National Volunteer Week, 18 – 24 May, and will be presented at a special ceremony to be held on 21 May.

**The closing date for 2020 Volunteer Award nominations is Friday, 17 April.**

Nomination forms are available on Council's website or from customer service centres.

**NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020  
VOLUNTEER  
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.  
CHANGING LIVES. WEEK**



## **LOCKINGTON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

A great season is wrapped up for another year. Thanks to all the coaches, umpires, scorers, BBQ helpers because without you the competition would not run.

Congratulations to the 72 children who played on a successful season & to the award winners.

### **Results for Season 2019/2020**

#### **Under 12's**



Lakers 26 (coach Dean Mitchell) def Aussies 8 (coaches Rickus family, Versis family & Will Hardess )

Best in Grand Final : Campbell Keele

Most Valuable player: Patrick Keele

Runner Up : Charlie McIntyre

Best in Defence : Hannah Harbour

Best Team Players: Hannah Gibbs McDonald & Ayden Versis

Girl Highest Goal Score: Sakuyra Versis

Boys Highest Goal Scorer : Patrick Keele



#### **Under 14's**

Blaze 30 (coach Emily Mitchell) def Aces 16 (coach Greg Hann)

Best in Grand Final : Nicholas Mitchell

Most Valuable Player : Nicholas Mitchell

Runner Up : Tye Cox

Best in Defence : Will Hann

Bet Team Players : Jessie Hall & Harrison Keele

Girl Highest Goal Scorer: Bridie Lloyd

Boys Highest Goal Scorer : Nicholas Mitchell



#### **Under 16's** (in double overtime!)



Cannons 49 (coach Andrew Palmer) def Devils 45 (coach Brett Stone)

Best in Grand Final : Bowden Stone

Most Valuable Player : Dylan Verhey

Runner Up : Cooper Mitchell & Bowden Stone

Best in Defence : Cody Baker

Bet Team Player : Noah Condliffe

Girl Highest Goal Scorer: Milly Haines

Boys Highest Goal Scorer : Dylan Verhey





## MARCH

### Friday 13

Social Indoor Bowls 7:30pm  
Bamawm Extension Hall

### Sunday 15

Iddles Lane Official Opening  
11:00 am followed at 2:30 pm by Ron Iddles  
Interview

Heritage Complex Open

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

On Duty: Dan & Grace

Kotta Clean Up

1:00 pm at Kotta Railway Station

### Monday 16

Meals on Wheels:

Catholic Ladies

### Major Planning Meeting

7:30pm at Community Hall

### Tuesday 17

Campaspe Shire Council Meeting

5:00 pm at Echuca Civic Centre

### Wednesday 18

Action Club Activity Night at Club Rooms

### Saturday 21

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

### Monday 23

Locky News typing

10:00 am deadline for articles

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

### Thursday 25

Melbourne International Flower Show

Bus Trip

### Saturday 28

Kotta - Lockington Rail Trail Fun Run

10:00 am Kotta Railway Station

### Sunday 29

Heritage Complex Open

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

On Duty: Fenton & Les

### Monday 30

Meals on Wheels:

Bamawm Uniting Church

## APRIL

### Wednesday 1

Action Club Dinner 7:30pm Club Rooms

### Thursday 2

Defibrillator Information Session

2:15pm at Lockington District Business Centre

### Saturday 4

HDFNL Rnd 1: Huntly v LBU

### Sunday 5

Pine Grove Gun Club Simulated Field & Game

Heritage Complex Open

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

On Duty: Joe & Julie

### Monday 6

Meals on Wheels:

LBU Football Club

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls 1:15pm

### Wednesday 8

Lions Club Dinner Meeting

7:30pm Heritage Centre

### Thursday 9

Milloo CWA 10:00am

Milloo Hall

### Friday 10

HDFNL Rnd 2: White Hills v LBU

Social Indoor Bowls 7:30pm

Bamawm Extension Hall

### Sunday 12

Heritage Complex Open

1:00pm - 4:00pm

On Duty: Gordon M & Beryl

### Monday 13

Meals on Wheels:

St. James Evening Fellowship

Heritage Complex Meeting

7:30pm at the Complex

### Saturday 18

HDFNL Rnd 3: LBU v Colbinabbin

## 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.  
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.

### 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

### ST. MARY'S OP SHOP

Mon, Wed, 10am to 2pm

Thurs Fri, 10am to 2:30pm

### 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

