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# Locky News

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## LOCKY IN LOCK DOWN

I'm guessing that none of us, in our wildest dreams, would have envisaged our current predicament.

It is, as usual, irresponsible actions of the minority, that have forced our governments to take the stand they have, effectively locking down our communities as much as possible, to reduce the effect COVID-19 has on our great country.

Have no doubt... WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS, but perhaps not without some scars to show from it.

We DO NEED to modify our behaviours, especially to practice social distancing and thorough hygiene.

We are lucky though... we live in a great Community, we have great social networks, WE HAVE EACH OTHER.

Even though we SHOULD NOT be meeting and greeting as usual, WE CAN talk to our neighbour at a distance over the fence, pick up the phone to check on friends and loved ones and use social media platforms to keep up to date with what's happening in the world.

I believe that sometimes tests are sent to make us re-focus on what's important to us. Take this time to focus on ourselves and our families, rather than the masses. We cannot control the behaviour of others, but WE CAN do what is best for ourselves.

Let's focus on the good stuff...

We will get to spend quality time with our families, during self-isolation. Please use this time to do some fun stuff at home, baking, gardening, crafts, board games, backyard sports.

We may re-learn how to be hygienic within our homes and with respect to our health.

We might realise that it's important to rely on local produce, perhaps even more of us returning to having backyard vegie patches, and a few chooks.

We will learn to plan ahead, and to actually "use" all those stocks we have in our pantries!

We should appreciate each other more, for what each of us contribute to our Communities. Just as the Doctors and Nurses, the young kids who stack our supermarket shelves have quite important roles to play... and our farmers, our truck drivers, and our cleaners, just to name a few!

Let's try to re-connect with ourselves, by focusing on health and hygiene, sleep and nutrition, and both our physical and mental wellbeing.

Let's strengthen our Community connections... I urge each and every one of us to focus on a handful of individuals, checking on them daily in regards to physical AND mental aspects.

Let's get through this by doing what we, as Aussies, do best... work together.

*Alison Stewart (Editor)*

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**MONDAY, April 6 (Entries by 10am)**

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This week's Locky News

was prepared by...

Alison, Marilyn



**The Fire Danger Period  
has now concluded  
across District 20.**

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Hello again Everyone

My computer has a bit of a glitch this week – not the coronavirus – so I can't access my story about the Sandhurst -Echuca railway line. Instead, we'll have another look back at Lockington. Before Christmas, we had a peek at 1933, with photographs. This time it's 1922, but no photos unfortunately. The description comes from the Riverine Herald on 9 October, 1922: -

"A stranger visiting Lockington for the first time would find it hard to realise the fact that the first building on the town site was only erected 12 months ago, but such is the fact. During recent months the building of business houses has gone ahead with rapid strides, and a fine little township is springing up round the railway station that taps the fertile lands in the vicinity. One of its latest acquisitions is the Memorial Hall. This building is a brick one, 80 feet in length, and has a seating capacity for 500 people. It is lofty, well ventilated, and has a fine stage, with well appointed dressing rooms. A special operating room has been included for the purposes of moving pictures, which will, no doubt, be availed of in the near future. The cost of building and furnishing the hall was 1,700 pounds, a sum that was guaranteed by 12 of the residents. This sum is being raised by the holding of entertainments and sports meetings. The ladies' committee have recently handed in the sum of 150 pounds, and at a sports meeting held at Lockington the sum of 130 pounds was added to the building fund. A crescent-shaped plantation is being laid out, and this will be planted with palms and flowering shrubs. This work, when completed, will be a fine set off to the hall.

As showing the possibilities of Lockington as a business centre in the near future, one has only to look at the vast amount of work that comes into the shop of the local blacksmith. His premises are overtaxed with farm implements, wagons, buggies, etc., that are waiting repairs. To cope with the rapid increase in business he had to have power installed to drive his huge hammer. His drilling machine, emery wheels, and forges are power driven, and a more up-to-date smithy would be hard to find. This modern village blacksmith effects repairs to vehicles of all descriptions, including motor cars, besides shoeing of horses, and it is a far cry from the blacksmith of Longfellow to this smithy of modern times.

Like many other townships that are springing up in the North, Lockington has no water supply for domestic use, except that which is drawn from the tanks. Recently, however, they have received information that a water tower will be installed, and the householders are eagerly looking forward to its installation."

My other find for this week was Fae Stevens' winning poem, "As Time Goes By", which was published in the Locky News more than twenty years ago. Some of our readers might not have seen it before and others of us will enjoy remembering it: -

"In 1841, the land was called Pinegrove, with 40,000 acres far and wide.

In 1845, the settlers came to stay, and native tribes began to move aside.

Bullock teams and horses were used to do the work, with wheat and wool for profit at that time. Then, merchandised machinery began to make its way, and dairying was suited to that climate.

The crying need was water, and 1910 the year that an irrigation scheme was first proclaimed. An urgent need was people, and gradually they came, Bamawm, the first new place by them was named.

Growing fruit, the first idea, so orange trees were grown, a packing shed erected in the town. By then, the town of Lockington was growing to be sure, but floods and drought still kept the progress down.

Some settlers tried the stone fruit, and some to lucerne changed, but dairy herds were soon to prove their worth. New settlers kept on coming, from lands across the sea, upholding still the country of their birth.

In Tennyson, the country there was first known as Pannoo, the irrigation soon was on its way. The farmers out there first preferred to keep to wheat and wool, but dairy herds quite soon were there to stay.

At last, long railway lines came snaking through the bush, with Lockington the station and the name. Passenger trains each day, and goods trains now and then, the township had at last a claim to fame. It soon began to prosper, with Hotel, Post Office, School, With three cafes and other good shops too. A baker and a chemist, a fine Memorial Hall, three churches and the Bank, to name a few.

All sports are represented, and the Lion's Park is new, A new Community Centre, and many new homes too. The channels have been shaped to beautify the place, A Centre for our Heritage, that corner soon to grace. Alas! This little town, like others in the State, has lost its railway, chemist, and its Banks, but the spirit of the pioneers will never quite be lost, and for that, at least, they'll always have our thanks."

'Bye until next time

Marg O'Brien.

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



Chris Gamble and Ashlee Richmond of Bamawm would like to announce they will be married this coming Saturday 28th March 2020 at Perricoota Vines Retreat in Moama.



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Due to the Covid 19 corona virus pandemic **all our normal public services (including Easter) are suspended** until further notice.

Some ministry may continue in less formal ways and settings adhering to the governments ever changing guidelines on people meeting together.

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**ST JAMES COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Every Sunday - 10am

At this stage we are meeting weekly as normal, encouraging those from one household to sit together, but others to socially distance themselves, as per the Government guidelines.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

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**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.

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.

Alison Stewart (Editor)



Due to COVID19 implications, a meeting WILL NOT be held to discuss the new advertising rates, we will instead advertise the new rates, for the public to comment on, by a due date.

Psalm 91

'He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.'



**MEALS ON WHEELS**



**To be collected 11.30 am**

- March 30 - Bamawm Uniting Church
- April 6 - LBU Football Club
- April 13 - St James Evening Fellowship
- April 20 - Action Group
- April 27 - St Mary's
- May 4 - St James Lockington



# Lockington Consolidated School

It is hard to believe we are more than halfway through the term already. The term is proving to be a busy one with the students participating in the Echuca Swimming Carnival, Clean Up Australia Day and our Gr 5/6 students heading to our nation's Capital to explore what it has to offer.

Friday was Clean Up Australia Day which is held every year. Our students participated eagerly and were only too happy to help keep Lockington a clean, beautiful place.



Some of our Gr 4-6 students travelled to the Echuca Pool last week to represent our school in the annual swimming carnival. The students did an exceptional job and were great ambassadors for LCS. Congratulations to James Brentnall who has progressed to the next round, and will compete in Swan Hill later in the month.

Our school recently took part in National Ride to School Day. We extend our thanks to the Lockington Community Church who support this event every year by supplying the students with breakfast. We appreciate your involvement and support of our great school.



**LOCKINGTON DISTRICT PLANNING GROUP**

**Summary of the meeting:**

That the sale of town stubby holders be \$10. A new logo is needed as 'Small town, big heart' is the logo for Elmore. Suggestions to Wendy. Nigel to do five designs featuring different aspects of Lockington.

**Business from last meeting:**

Speed signs featuring school children. Wendy will submit planning permit for all four signs this week, requesting that the permit fee be waived.

To follow up again with VicRoads and Council regarding the renaming of the road north of the supermarket intersection. There has been another case of the ambulance not being able to find Waterwheel court. Suggestion: Lockington North Road

Coliban Water has given permission for the Water tower to be painted. Subject to meeting their requirements. Looking for an organisation to take on this project.

**\$15,000 Gift from Bendigo Bank**

This was given to the community last year to recognise 15 years of banking in Lockington. It was decided to allocate these funds (subject to bank approval) towards hiring a contractor to do a clean up of the school plantation area. This will then provide a basis for groups to continue to develop this area. Future planning could include a shelter suitable for the school to hold out door classes (for Art, Science and general school activities) in this area. Carried.

**Priority List from 2014 still to be achieved:**

Storage shed (Tennis, Basketball, LBUFNC, Action) – in progress, funded by clubs & Shire

Plan for Pool for next five years

Town map on wall (discussed that a time line of the history of Lockington could be done on the south wall of the Business Centre, to include notable locals also eg. Leo Lyon's dog riding on the bonnet of his car, as well as landmark events in the development of the town/district)

Walking track extended within the town

**Priority List from 2017 still to be achieved:**

Resurfacing of netball courts

Road safety in and around Lockington

Decorating channel to help attract tourists

**Rural Aid – Town Rescue**

This has now been postponed. I will keep you informed when new planning date and project week announced.

Projects to be put forward to Rural Aid for consideration during the Rescue Week included:

Work on walking loop within the town (incorporating the plantation walking track), keeping the existing external fencing along the plantation area.

Painting Senior citizens rooms (subject to Shire approval)

Trailer maintenance, west wall replaced in club storage shed, swinging of gates and general repair work to fences at Pony Club

Internal painting at the Hotel

Maintenance and replacement (in some areas) of the fence along the proposed Rail Trail

Seating at the Tennis club that could be shared with the Netball / Basketball club

Court upgrade and maintenance of netball courts (an urgent requirement)

Help with fixing the front window (Heritage listed) at the Air BNB

Local verandah maintenance

Clean up drainage channels within the township area

Walking track along channel (need to consider how this will affect watering of lawn)

Bike education track

Clean up laneways in Lockington township - could we then become known as the Laneway garage sales town??

Facelift for the Takeaway shop

There is a need for a list of grants that could be available for community group, sporting groups and individuals to be published.

**Grants that you should watch for:**

Fonterra

ANZ

Active Australia / Victoria\

Bendigo Bank

A list of these to be published on the Community Facebook Page. If you know of any other grants let Wendy know so that they can be added to the list.

**MILLOO CWA MARCH MEETING REPORT**

President Colleen welcomed 10 members to the meeting. Delegates to the recent group conference reported on proposed group activities for the coming three months (However these have all been cancelled now due to the corona virus out break)

All members entered a bloom in the competition. Elaine Mitchell was the winner, with a beautiful lily. Eliane Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cookery, 3 savoury muffins, was won by Leanne Rankin, Joy Weller 2<sup>nd</sup>

Collen Van Den Bosch won the child's beanie, these are to be donated to charity.

The miscellaneous item of a holiday photo was a lovely sunset taken by Lorraine Mitchell.

Members please note that the State Conference to be held at Warnambool the last week in May has been cancelled.

Miloo members will be let know if the branch April meeting can be held.

*Joy Weller*

ANZAC DAY  
SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2020

**Driveway at Dawn Parade**

To all Australians,  
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# Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

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## COVID19 - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Precautionary measures are in place ensuring the safety of the community & the staff at the Centre.

**DO NOT** enter the Centre if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms.

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Breathing difficulties such as breathlessness
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fatigue or tiredness

If you need to see the nurse, phone the Centre on 5486 2544 and they can make arrangements with you. If you need advice on the COVID-19 you can call the hotline on 1800 675 398.

Seek information from reputable sources such as the World Health Organisation and Australian Government websites... not social media.

We have increased our regular standard precautions with hand hygiene and wiping over surfaces. The Centre will be closing its doors at 4pm instead of the usual 4.30pm to allow extra time to wipe over other equipment and furniture as well as catching up on paperwork. Also we ask people to avoid coming up to the Centre between 12pm and 1pm as the staff will be doing another wipe down. We have been extremely busy and appreciate your patience at these times.

**Medications:** Anyone living locally can get there medications delivered to their front door rather than coming into the Centre. Anyone out of town can do a drive through service if they phone ahead we can meet you at the door. Those that pay on collection can phone the Centre or the pharmacy to discuss payment options.

The ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus are to:

Wash hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.

Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.

Isolate yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies, but please DON'T hoard these.

Phone your doctor (GP) first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.

Continue healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.

Don't wear a face mask if you are well.

Get the flu shot (available April).

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Buy an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol. Although supplies are scarce, hot water and soap will be fine.

Avoid shaking hands and practice social distancing of 1.5 metres

How to self-isolate:

**STAY AT HOME!!!**- This means **no** work or quick trips to the shops and **no** visitors.

**Get essentials delivered**- or get help from family or friends. Supplies should be left at the door to avoid contact with others. The local supermarket can assist with this.

**Avoid sharing rooms**- Where possible stay in a well ventilated room away from other housemates or family members. Remember social distancing

**Don't share household items**- this includes towels and toiletries, high touched surfaces like doorknobs and remote controls. They should not be shared be cleaned at least once a day.

### **Flu Vaccination clinic at the Centre**

We are waiting for advice about stock availability to determine the dates for our annual flu clinics. We do not expect to hold these until at least April. We are compiling a list of people and will endeavour to keep the community informed via noticeboards , facebook page, phone or verbal contact when dates are scheduled.

### **Campaspe Shire Immunisations**

Immunisation team will commence their flu vaccination program in May at a cost of \$30. They will come out to Lockington on 25th May - with a commencement time of 11.30am.

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**In an emergency, call triple 000**

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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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Subject to change according to Department of Health updates.

**COMMUNITY**

**ACTION CLUB OF LOCKINGTON**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

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## Media release



Thursday 12 March 2020

Application to change a registered political party's name  
The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has received an application to change the name and logo of a registered political party in accordance with the Electoral Act 2002 (the Act).

Current name of party: Sustainable Australia (VIC)  
Current abbreviation: Sustainable Australia  
Current logo:



Proposed name: Sustainable Australia – Stop overdevelopment. Stop corruption.

Proposed abbreviation: Sustainable Australia  
Proposed logo:



The application is signed by the Secretary of the party.

Objections to the proposed change must be submitted to the VEC in writing no later than the close of business on Monday 13 April 2020

Written objections should consider whether the proposed name is allowable under section 47 of the Act and whether the proposed logo is allowable under section 47A of the Act.

Objections can be emailed or posted to the VEC, Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC, 3000.

Details of any objections will be made available to the applicant.

### ROCHESTER MOTORING CLUB



Unfortunately we have made a decision to follow many other car clubs and cancel the meetings for April and May - we will review it after that date. Brian has already notified everyone of the cancellation of Club runs.

Either Ray or Ken will be available **OUTSIDE THE CLUBROOMS BETWEEN 7:30 - 8:00pm ON THE SCHEDULED MEETING NIGHTS** to renew registrations.



### 'No Rally in April.'

Unfortunately due to current COVID19 health regulations the Lockington Vintage Rally will not be held.

The Lockington and District Living Heritage Complex committee know our community fully understands, and to all who had intentions of helping with the running of the event we thank you.

### LOCKY LIONS



The Lockington Lions club will cease all activities immediately due to the virus threat to our community. We are postponing all meetings until further notice!

Lockington Lions club executive and its members wish all the community members all the best over this troubling time and stay healthy and look after each other!

The next round of youth of the year public speaking was to held in Echuca, Sunday 22nd March, due to the current virus, this event was cancelled. Emily Mitchell was amongst one of these contestants and I would like to thank her for getting to the next round.

Regards *Marg Dowie*, Lockington Lions

## WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT!

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*Dot Pearse, Co-ordinator*

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# AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

## Don't misdiagnose eye cancer

**Dr Jeff Cave, District Veterinary Officer**

There are several eye conditions that cattle can suffer from and one of the most common seen in Hereford or Poll Hereford cattle or white-faced Friesians is eye cancer.

Eye cancer, a tumour on the eyelid or eyeball, is the most common form of cancer in cattle, and in the early stages, can be misidentified as pink-eye.

Eye cancers may cause losses for producers due to condemnation at the abattoir and loss of potential production of affected stock.

The tumour begins as a tiny growth and steadily increases in size and will cause suffering if left unchecked. It may invade surrounding tissues and spread to other parts of the body.

The severity of eye cancers can be reduced by the early identification of growths and prompt action by either seeking veterinary treatment or culling.

The incidence can be reduced by genetic selection by selecting animals with pigmentation in the sclera 'white' of the eye and the eyelid.

The course of action that should be followed depends largely upon the size and severity of the cancer.

Small eye cancers may be readily cured by prompt veterinary treatment.

However, if the owner elects to cull the affected animal, the following guidelines should be used:

- If the cancer is smaller than a five-cent piece, clean, and not flyblown, the animal can be sold through a saleyard for slaughter only.
  - If the cancer is sized between a five and 20-cent piece, clean, and not flyblown, the animal can be sold directly to an abattoir only.
  - If the cancer is bleeding, infected, flyblown or larger than a 20-cent piece, the animal should be immediately disposed of on-farm or via a knackery.
- Owners who fail to take reasonable action to prevent suffering in their animals may be considered for prosecution under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986.

A photographic guide regarding the course of action that should be followed for different sized eye cancers is available on our website at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/home](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/home) and search 'eye cancer in cattle'.

For further information please contact your local veterinarian or an Agriculture Victoria veterinary or animal health officer.



## 2020 fox and wild dog bounty collection schedules

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

Effective fox and wild dog management requires an integrated approach using all available management practices including poison baiting, trapping, exclusion fencing, fumigation and appropriate animal husbandry.

Hunting can play an important role in supporting an integrated management approach.

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

Address: Cnr Midland Hwy and Taylor St, Epsom  
Collection type: Fox only

Time: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

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.



# AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

The Program is open to Landcare and land management groups, industry groups, farming systems groups, farming discussion groups and not for profit and community organisations in Victoria. Groups in the Millewa, East Gippsland and the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District are particularly encouraged to apply.

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This can include, but is not limited to the following technical themes:

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Livestock management, including animal nutrition, health, feed and water budgeting

Crop, pasture and grazing establishment and management

Land and soil management

Stock containment area use and management

Whole farm and business planning

Climate adaptation

Other targeted themes will be considered on a case by case basis.

Applications will close on April 1, 2020 at 11.59 pm.

**A broad range of delivery options will be considered including activities delivered by teleconference, webinar, e-learning, podcast or other technology that can bring groups together.**

You can review program guidelines and submit an online application here <https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/farming-and-community-group-drought-funding>

For more information please contact [drought.support@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:drought.support@agriculture.vic.gov.au)



## **NO DUCKING HEFTY PENALTIES FOR HUNTING WITHOUT LICENCES**

Two men have been forced to pay \$5,000 each and have had their firearms seized and destroyed for committing a number of hunting and firearm offences in northern Victoria.

Both men recently pleaded guilty in Shepparton Magistrates Court to, using toxic shot and being in possession of a firearm while hunting game ducks without a Firearm or Game Licence, in March 2019.

Game Management Authority (GMA) Director of Compliance and Intelligence Paul Stevens said authorised officers from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) intercepted the men in their vehicle off Guy Road in Wanalta South west of Shepparton.

“Officers conducting a routine patrol intercepted the vehicle and on inspection found seven shot ducks, two shotguns and a leather gun belt holding ammunition,” Mr Stevens said.

“When questioned, the men admitted to hunting without a Firearm or Game Licence.”

“Further infield testing of the shotshells also showed they had been illegally using lead (toxic) shot for duck hunting, which is prohibited in Victoria.”

Mr Stevens said people who hunt game duck in Victoria need to make sure that they hold a valid Game Licence, are familiar with the laws and are not hunting illegally.

“Those who break the law may face significant fines and penalties, be prosecuted, have their equipment confiscated and lose their Game and Firearms Licences,” Mr Stevens said

The GMA works closely with its partner agencies to regularly conduct enforcement and compliance operations across Victoria.

Hunters and the public are urged to report illegal hunting to the GMA through its website [www.gma.vic.gov.au](http://www.gma.vic.gov.au) or the Customer Contact Centre on 136 186, or by contacting Victoria Police.

For more information on game hunting in Victoria, visit [www.gma.vic.gov.au](http://www.gma.vic.gov.au)





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## **PORT OF ECHUCA DISCOVERY CENTRE** **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **PORT OF ECHUCA EASTER SPECTACULAR CANCELLED**

Due to the recent State of Emergency in Victoria over COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the annual Port of Echuca Easter Spectacular will unfortunately not take place this year.

The State of Emergency includes banning non-essential mass gatherings of over 500 people such as cultural events, sporting events or conferences.

Port of Echuca Discovery Centre Exhibits and Operations Manager, Mesh Thomson, says, "Although we are all very disappointed the event won't be going ahead this year, the whole team here are committed to making sure the public remains safe from exposure to the Coronavirus".

For more information around the State of Emergency, head to: <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au>

#### **To coordinate an interview or seek further information, please contact:**

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### **PORT OF ECHUCA WILDLIFE FUNDRAISER**

The Port of Echuca Discovery Centre are using their gift shop space to raise funds to provide support after the horrible bushfire season. For the months of March, April & May, \$1.00 from every Koala-themed gift shop purchase will be donated to Wildlife Victoria.

Functions & Retail Officer, Lauren Dolan, says, "Our gift shop sales have grown a lot over the past 2 years, so we're excited to be able to give something back and make a positive impact. We have loads of products included in the fundraiser, including mugs, baby clothes, bibs, teddies and so much more".

The total of the donation will depend on the amount of sales made, but the team have set their sights on quite a generous goal.

Exhibits & Operations Manager, Mesh Thomson, says, "We would love to be able to donate \$1000.00 or more from the fundraising efforts – so we're encouraging all of our locals and visitors to come down and take a look at our fun Koala-themed products".

Purchases can be made in store or over the phone. Orders can be posted to anywhere within Australia, upon payment of appropriate postage fees.

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## LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

### March 2

On Tuesday the women played Pairs and the winning duo was Joy Weller and Denise Gilmore (s) in a crowd pleasing display. Daylight was second.

Last Tuesday evening the club entertained 24 players in the Sports night of bowls. After the completion of the scheduled two games of ten ends the winners were the consistent trio of Ian Haines, Jacob Haines and Momme Weiher (s) with 2 wins and plus 14 shots. In second place was the impressive team of Neville Sims, Dean Tibbs and Andrew Palmer (s) plus 10. Another successful night with two more of the the three game series to be completed.

In the club competitions, Steve Peter proved too strong for Brian Kinnane in a round of the Presidents trophy 21 Up Championship while Leon Laffy again proved the giant -killer in toppling Graham Turner to progress to the next round. Several games are to be completed in the 100 Up championship.

Several members played the annual "Gold Watch" Fours at Ky Valley View on Sunday. The best performed rink was Brian Kinnane, Steve Peter, John van Den Bosch and Bill Musgrove (s) winning three games out of the four played and losing the other game to the eventual winning Tongala team. The other teams reportedly had ordinary days at the office.

The Friday evening meal and practice was again well attended with the absent Phylis MacFarlanes' name being drawn in the lucky members draw.

The club was proud to host the first semi-finals of the CVBD Midweek pennant - division two and three. The overall praise on the excellent condition of the green was encouraging.

On Sunday the Bendigo/Campaspe Regional finals of the State Champion of Champions and the State Mixed Pairs was held at the picturesque Rich River complex on a true running green. The overall result of the respective matches favoured the Bendigo District winning all matches. In the Champion of Champions for the women Melissa Roberts (Moama) was pitted against Taylah Marron (Bendigo East). This match-up was a game of top quality bowling from both contestants as they traded ends before Marron was able to establish a five shot buffer midway through the contest. Roberts was trying desperately to stay in the match and suddenly found the green and began to reduce the deficit to trail 14-16. Once more Marron fought back to move out to a 21-17 lead before Roberts won consecutive ends to trail and be within striking distance. With the game in the balance and Marron leading Roberts 24-23 and the final two bowls to decide the outcome. There was some conjecture as to who had the shot as Marron had the final bowl. The final was decided on a measure which favoured Taylah Marron to win the title and progress to the State Championships to be held at Bendigo and Bendigo East Bowling Clubs in April. Melissa Roberts was far from disgraced and should be congratulated on her fine effort. The men's Champion of Champions had Richard "Dick" Fuek (Rochester) up against the youthful Lawrence Brookes (Bendigo). The Bendigo bowler was on song from the start to open up a 15-5 lead in the early stanza. Fuek was trying to stem the tide and began to make inroads as he obtained the mat and lengthened the ends to score on consecutive ends to trail 14-21. Holding two close shots, the eighty old Fuek was slightly shattered as his opponent played a brilliant running shot to drive the jack into the ditch for one shot. Brookes continued to play special bowls to take out the title 25-15. Following her win in the Champion of Champions, Taylah Marron had to back up for the final of the State Mixed Pairs championship with Lee Schraner (Bendigo East) as skipper. The pair challenged the City of Echuca husband and wife team of Lee and Geoff

Beattie (s). Both teams started with some brilliant draw bowling and heads were littered with close bowls. The Bendigo East pair opened up a slender 9-5 lead before picking up five shots to lead 14-9. This advantage was able to be sustained as the Beattie pairing tried really hard to stay in touch. Marron and Schraner eventually winning the match 20-10.

### March 16

The women played a game of Triples at their weekly Social bowls on Tuesday. The prizes were generously donated by Heather Tabe from Finley. The winners on the day were Chris Cleary, Lois Chugg and Phyllis MacFarlane (s) in a brilliant display from all bowlers. The Giddings Voucher winner was MacFarlane while Lois Chugg collected the extra prize.

On the Tuesday evening the final night of the Sports-bowls was held with another fine field. The winning team comprised John van Den Bosch, Denise Gilmore and John Gilmore (s) 2 wins plus 8 shots ahead of the Runners Up trio of Ron Butcher, Peter Eade and Jacob Haines (s) 2 wins +6 shots. The series was very well organised and the club thanked Bev Brereton, Joy Weller, Denise Gilmore and Mary Thomas for a splendid effort over the six weeks period. It was gratifying to notice the improvement from all of the participants each night.

In the club championships, the women have commenced the 100 Up championship rounds. Early winners include Pauline Humbert with a win against Joy Weller in a cliff-hanger as both bowlers were in a position to win on the last end. Ann Lowrie defeated Leanne McInnes in another close match.

The men have reached near semi-final stage in both the 100 Up and the Presidents trophy 21 Up championships. In the 100 Up round Steve Peter defeated Graham Turner while Tom Davis overcome a gallant Ray Hanson to win by a narrow margin. The Presidents trophy 21 Up rounds provided some close results. Alan Kauffman defeated Leon Laffy in a swing-around game as Laffy was leading 16-6 before Kauffman managed to reduce the deficit and win the last eight ends and win 21-16. Ian Johnson and Tom Davis played a rain interrupted match that finished on Saturday. Johnson was able to catch up and defeat Davis by two shots in a fine display.

Several teams travelled to Mathoura last Wednesday for the weekly Sixty and Over competition. The polished rink of Ian Johnson, Leon Laffy, Graham Turner and Kevin Humbert (s) were successful in bringing home another "chook". Members played in the Elmore 2 bowl Triples on Sunday. Excellent hospitality and fine greens, but not much luck in the results.

At the Friday evening barbeque and practice session, the members lucky draw favoured an absent Don Isgro. The draw will now jackpot to immense proportions.

On Sunday the club will hold the annual Echuca Toyota Open Fours tournament starting at 9.30am. Contact Chris Stewart 5486 2607 for entries. The field is filling fast!

The women will stage an Invitation Medley Fours event on Friday 27th March 2020 starting at 10.00am. Contact Annie Haines 5486 8220 for details.

The club will host a party of bowlers from the Vermont South Bowling Club on Saturday 4th April. Members are requested to list names to play the visitors. Be there by noon for a 12.30pm start.

Good bowling and good luck to all the participating teams in the Grand finals of the CVBD Midweek and Week-end Pennant competitions to be held on Friday and Saturday.





## LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

### March 21

The women played on Tuesday with a small field in attendance. The winning pair were Betty Mustey and Annie Haines (s) after surviving a thrilling play-off against Mary Thomas and Pauline Humbert (s).

In club competitions, the Presidents Trophy 21 Up championship has reached semi-final stage with Calvin Stout to play Ian Johnson whilst Alan Kauffman will meet Steven Peter in the other semi-final.

The 100 Up championship is waiting on a couple of games to be completed.

In the B Grade championship, David Blackburn defeated Les Brereton in the semi-final and will now challenge Brian Kinnane in the final.

The women have almost decided the 100 Up championship with Annette Brereton and Lorraine Appleby figuring in an almost flawless display of bowling from both contestants before Brereton won the match 100-85. On an adjoining rink Ann Lowrie and Annie Haines were testing each others mettle as they produced some memorable bowls. Lowrie appeared to have the upper hand before Haines in her usual manner, displayed that never-say-die attitude to force her way back into calculations, however Lowrie was able to withstand the pressure and win the game 100-88 to move into the semi-final where her opponent will be Phyllis MacFarlane. The game between Margaret Davis and Pauline Humbert will determine the opponent to play Annette Brereton in the other semi-final.

Several members played in the annual Bendigo Country Week of bowls and enjoyed some success. Russell Shawcross and Tom Davis were able to win the section but lost the first play-off round. Andrew Harris and Ray Hanson were able to win the odd game but will be better for the experience.

With the current outbreak of the Coronavirus COVID 19, it has created havoc within the bowling fraternity, resulting in many tournaments and other bowling fixtures being cancelled. Our club annual Echuca Toyota Open Fours event scheduled for last Sunday had to be cancelled plus the women had arranged an Invitation Medley Fours for this coming Friday and will not be played. The proposed Vermont South Bowling Club visit for Saturday 4th April has been cancelled as they will be staying home. Somewhat a little strange to witness other codes of Football, Soccer, Rugby being played in mostly contact sports whereas the rather genteel sport of Bowls is in limbo!

The CVBD Grand finals are in limbo at the moment. A decision will be made in due course, however with time restraints it may be a case of the higher placed team on the premiership ladder being awarded the Pennant shield. Hopefully the Bendigo/Campaspe Pennant winners will be able to decide a contestant for the (again) hopefully, the BowsVic State Pennant championships to be held at the Moama Bowling Club in May.

The club did not have a barbeque/practice evening on Friday but will resume this activity in the near future.

The Presentation night will be held on Friday 1st May at 6.00pm. Names to be listed for catering purposes.



## OUR TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Pictured right is LBU's Goulburn Murray 3 team which played off in the grand final at Tatura on the 21st of March. Tatura were the better team all year and finished the year off with a 19 game victory.

Back row Mel Haines, Lois Toohey, Narelle Bacon, Katie Condliffe, Faye Bail  
Front row Stanley Brentnall, Jeremy Mundie, Paul (Milo) Condliffe, Grant Humbert, Daryl Squires



Pictured below is LBU 3 junior B grade team who played a brilliant grand final last Saturday morning but came out 3 games short to a much bigger and older Colbinabbin combination. This talented team of young boys will hold our club in good stead for the future.

L to R ; Tye Cox, James Brentnall, Charlie Byrne, Cody Betts and Nicholas Mitchell



Pictured right is the junior A grade aggregate winner's. LBUs Jacob Haines and Echuca Lawns Annie Byrne.





**MARCH**

**Sunday 29**

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

**Monday 30**

Meals on Wheels:  
Bamawm Uniting Church

**APRIL**

**Sunday 5**

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

**Monday 6**

**Locky News typing day**  
Entries by 10am please

Meals on Wheels:  
LBU Football Club

**Sunday 12**

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

**Monday 13**

Meals on Wheels:  
St. James Evening Fellowship

**Sunday 19**

Heritage Complex Open  
1:00pm - 4:00pm  
On Duty: Giles & Philippa

**Monday 20**

**Locky News typing day**  
Entries by 10am please

Meals on Wheels:  
Action Group

**Please send us snippets of what you get up to during the next few weeks/months, so we can all share our coping strategies and what we do to fill in all our newly found spare time.**

**The following regular activities have been cancelled until further notice...**

- Strength & Balance Class - BNC
- Lockington TOWN Club - BNC
- Senior Citizens
- Lockington Bowls
- Tai Chi - BNC
- Social Activity Day - BNC
- ALL Church Services
- Lions Club meetings and activities
- Lockington Family Landcare meetings
- Pine Grove fire brigade barbies
- Rochester Motoring Club meetings and outings.

**The following MAJOR functions/events have been cancelled/postponed...**

- Kotta to Lockington Fun Run
- Lockington Tractor Rally
- Lockington Swap Meet

The Locky News has made every effort to provide updates in this edition, as to the currency of events and functions.

Due to the timely nature of recent events concerning COVID-19, we unfortunately cannot guarantee that things will not change before you receive this edition.

Please check details wherever possible, and use your best common sense when it comes to going out into the community.

**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



**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

Cancelled until further notice

**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  
(not during school holidays)  
St. James Church Hall.  
Enquiries: Tammy Norman 0411 056 765
- Ladies Social Bowls names by 9:45am  
start 10:00 am

Cancelled until further notice

**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

Cancelled until further notice

**FRIDAYS**

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

Cancelled until further notice

**SATURDAYS**

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

Cancelled until further notice

**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, 10am Closed until further notice Wed, to 2pm