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will still be operating on the usual days and times.

This will be reviewed fortnightly.

Locky News

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Locky News Update

The Locky News team understands the importance of our Community paper, especially while there is limited social contact. We also understand the financial impact that COVID19 is having on our local businesses.

We have therefore made the following decisions

- The Locky News will continue to be published every fortnight, in an attempt to keep our Community connected and up beat.
- Annual Advertising invoices WILL NOT be sent out in April for payment by the end of June, they will be deferred until AFTER the COVID19 pandemic is over. I am happy to announce that the charges WILL NOT continue to be accrued in the meantime.
- Advertising price increases WILL NOT be implemented until AFTER the COVID19 pandemic is over.

Alison Stewart (Editor)

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MONDAY, May 18 (Entries by 10am)

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

ANZAC DAY IN AND AROUND LOCKY

Some residents stood at their driveways at dawn, others at 11am. It was clear though, that the residents of Lockington are proud of their forbears and the sacrifices they made, so that we can live with the freedom that we have.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM... NOW AND ALWAYS

Photos shown below, from the 11am official laying of the wreath by Tony McMahon, while The Last Post was played over PA from the Lions Park (organized by Neil Taylor and Steve Wickham)



More photos on page 7 PLUS details of our Driveway at Dawn effort.



Below...
The wreaths at the Bamawm Memorial.



Below...
Jack Oliver with a wreath from the Heritage Complex.





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Hello again, Everyone,

After looking at the Rochester Tornado of 1918 in the last Locky News, we're back on the rails again in this issue. We have been recounting the story of the construction of the Melbourne to Murray Railway line, particularly, the final section which would link Sandhurst [Bendigo] to Echuca on the Murray River. Though the first contract for the line had been let in March 1863, it was not until October that year that work was properly underway. However, by January 1864, the line had almost reached Bagshot and by 8 April, the Melbourne *Herald* reported: - "At present the line is absolutely laid and ballasted nearly as far as Rochester, or say 30 miles from Sandhurst — no mean progress, considering the few months the contract has been commenced by Messrs Collier, Barry, and Co."

On 1 June 1864, the *Bendigo Advertiser* stated that the line had reached within nineteen miles of Echuca, and the contractors were praised, not just for the "speedy execution of the contract," but for the efficient way the line had been constructed so far. Several new features had been introduced into the project, and the *Advertiser* described them: - "For instance, longitudinal beams are first laid down, then the sleepers are placed on them, and the rails bolted down....the laying down of the line is considerably in advance of the party ballasting; so that no delay is caused ... [gravel] is filled in under the sleepers first, and then the latter covered afterwards. The ballast used is gravel from the White Hills, which is said to be superior to the stone metal usually used, it being firmer, at the same time affording a better spring. Another feature is that, instead of constructing permanent culverts, bridges, &c, in the first instance, huge logs are thrown across, strongly bolted and secured, in order to allow the engines to move ahead with material; and they are permanently built as opportunity subsequently offers. Instead of the old and slow method of breaking ground up by the pick, strong iron ploughs are used, drawn by four to eight powerful horses; and it is scarcely necessary to point out the immense advantage of this novel idea, in the shape of quick and economical work."

The *Age* reported on 16 June, that "The [railway] stations at Echuca have begun to be erected. They will consist of a passenger station on one side of the line, and a goods station on the other... Bricks are being made in every direction in Echuca to meet the demand for the stations ...The earthworks between the Campaspe and Echuca are in a very forward state, so that no delay need be experienced, except that of ballasting the line after the building is completed."

The last rail was laid on Saturday, 17 September 1864, "and the journey from the southern to the northern boundary of Victoria has become but a six or seven hours' trip" according to the report in the *Age*, on the following Monday. A train,

"conveying the contractors and their friends from Bendigo to Echuca, started from the Sandhurst Station shortly before ten o'clock on Saturday morning, and reached its destination on the banks of the Murray, exactly opposite the Government wharf — which by the way, is not a very imposing structure — a little before one. The train consisted of thirteen carriages, and besides the friends of the contractors, conveyed, also, a large number of the navvies to the scene, where ample preparation had been made for their refectation. Several stoppages were made on the way up, in order to allow the visitors an opportunity of inspecting the works, and also to take up numerous parties of workmen who had congregated at various portions of the line, waiting to be conveyed to take their part in the day's festivities. The bridge over the Campaspe commanded more than ordinary attention, as it is the first and only wooden one in the colony constructed on the same principle, which is known as 'Warren's patent.' At some future day it is intended to erect a permanent stone bridge in its place."

"The weather on Saturday was most auspicious, and the excursion appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone... The train, which was not inappropriately drawn by 'The Echuca,' the first locomotive constructed in the colony, and which was built by Mr Enoch Chambers, having arrived at its destination, the passengers rapidly dispersed about Echuca, the great majority also crossing the pontoon bridge and visiting the colony of New South Wales...The arrangements having been previously made, the [final] rail was at once laid, and, the last key having been put in by Mr Higginbotham, the Engineer-in-Chief, the great work of railway communication between the metropolis of Victoria and the Murray was completed. Mr Higginbotham paid a high compliment to the contractors for the unwearied energy and perseverance which they had manifested in pushing forward their operations, and expressed the most complete satisfaction at the manner in which the work had been performed. Mr Collier, on behalf of the contractors, gracefully acknowledged the compliment, three hearty cheers were given, and the ceremony was over."

There followed a Monster Picnic at the Murray, given by the contractors in celebration of the opening. Nearly a hundred invitations were issued to friends and supporters from Melbourne and Sandhurst, and recognising the work crews who played a major role in the formation of the line, a large number of the navvies were "feted," too. The completion of the rail line made Victoria's northern plains more accessible, and next time we'll see what was next required to bring settlers to our part of the State.

'Bye until then,

Marg O'Brien.

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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.

DEATH

WRIGHT. — Edward James (Ted) At Golden Oaks Nursing Home, Golden Square on April 19, 2020. Aged 91 years.

Loved eldest Son of Eddie and Jean (both dec.). Loving Brother and Brother-in-Law of Gwen and Bill (dec.) Brentnall, Melva (dec.) and David Mew, Avis and Jack (dec.) Rowe, Don (dec.) and Robert (dec.). Proud Uncle of Tom, Robert; Tony, Michael, Jeanette; John, Elizabeth, Margaret, Rosie and their families. 'Safe Home.'

The Lockington Lions Club were saddened to here of the death of a Life member in Ted Wright. A great supporter of the club for many years and will be sadly missed even though he hadn't been an active member for the passed 4 years. Our thoughts are with the family

Regards
Marg Dowie
President
Locky Lions



DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Avis and Max Simmons who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, in a quiet way, on April 16.

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COVID19 AND CHURCHES

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John 3:18

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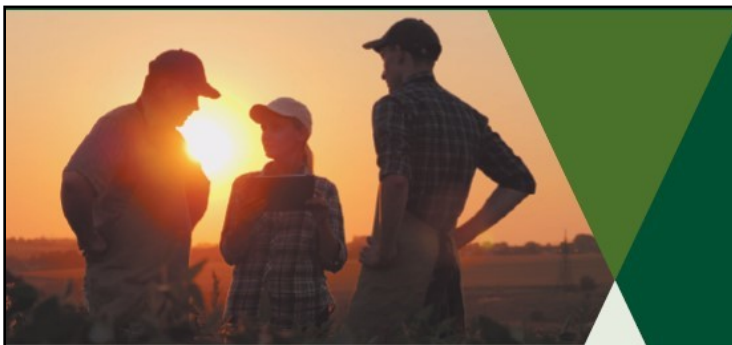
MEALS ON WHEELS



To be collected
11.30 am

May 11 - Lions Club
May 18 - Catholic Ladies
May 25 - Bush Nursing Centre
June 1 - Bamawm Uniting Church
June 8 - LBU Football
June 15 - St James Evening Fellowship

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For more information about the program and other available drought support visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons or call 136 186.



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are served with Soup of the Day**

Monday

Beef Rissoles, Onion and Gravy
Mash Potato, Mixed Vegetables
Pavlova/Mixed Berries

Tuesday

Chicken Schnitzel & Gravy
Scalloped Potato, Onion,
Zucchini
Bread & Butter Pudding

Wednesday

Roast Beef or Roast Chicken
Roast Potato, Roast Pumpkin,
Roast Carrot
Caul/Broccoli & Cheese sauce
Fruit Salad & Custard

Thursday

Lambs Fry, Onion, Bacon and
Gravy
Mashed Potato, Honey Carrots,
Peas & Corn
Apple Pie & Custard

Friday

Battered Flat Head Tails, Lemon/
Tartar Sauce
Chips and steamed mixed veg
Peach crumble & cream

Saturday

Tuna or Salmon Patties
Mash Sweet Potato
Steamed Silverbeet/cabbage
Upside down Pineapple Cake &
Custard

Sunday

Roast Pork & Chicken
Roast potato, Pumpkin, Parsnip
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Banana Cream Pie

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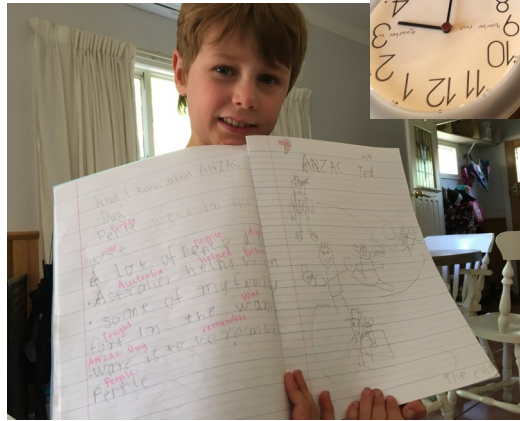
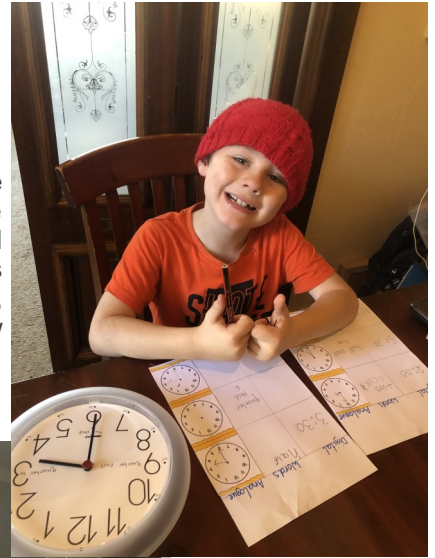
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SCHOOL NEWS

We have certainly had an interesting start to Term 2. No one could have predicted that our students (and staff) would be introduced to remote learning over the Easter holiday period. An enormous thanks to our wonderful school community for the way everyone has embraced this new lifestyle. It has certainly been a massive learning curve for staff, students and parents. All in all, the transition to learning from home has been fairly smooth, with just a few hiccups along the way.



Although we were unable to take part in the traditional ANZAC Day march, our students embraced the ANZAC Day commemorations, and we are proud to show you some of their efforts.



As part of their learning, students are taking part in Physical Education sessions at home. We are getting great feedback on different ways the students are staying active.





Mona & John Hewlett
Platinum Wedding Anniversary
70 Years.

Mona Fisher & John Hewlett were married on Saturday May 6th, 1950 at 12.30pm St. Pauls Anglican Cathedral Bendigo. The Wedding Breakfast was held afterwards at Favaloro's Bendigo. They travelled by train to Melbourne prior to flying to Hobart for their Honeymoon in Tasmania.

Mona the daughter & only child of Dora & Alex Fisher, attended school at Goornong & Barnadown prior to her family's move to Bamawm in 1938, where she continued her schooling at Bamawm Estate & then Echuca Technical College. Mona was well known as a skilled horsewoman, and successfully competed in many events. She became a member of the Bamawm golf club, & introduced John to the game.

John the son of Hilda and John Hewlett of Bamawm, had older and younger sisters, Helen Osmond, and Ruth Ure. He attended Bamawm Central School, and later Echuca Technical College, travelling on the "Rio" bus, as did Mona. John's family were active community members including local Anglican church. He was also a member of the Boy Scouts.

The first function Mona & John's attended together was the Military Ball in 1948, held at the Rochester Shire Hall. It attracted a huge crowd and included supper which was held over three sittings at the nearby Strand Theatre. The theatre seating having been removed to accommodate the attendees.

After their marriage Mona & John settled on a Dairy farming property close to Lockington. They were active members of many Lockington organisations including St Mary's Anglican Church and the Golf Club. Mona attended Mothers Union, and played the organ at St. Mary's, was Captain of Lockington Golf Club Associates and is a life member of Lockington Golf Club. John held many positions in organisations including the Church, Lockington Consolidated School, Victorian Dairyfarmers, Herd Test Association, and was a Charter member of the Lockington Lions Club. He is especially remembered as a very committed chairman of Murray Goulburn Co-operative for many years, and was awarded an OAM in 2002, in recognition of his contribution to the community, especially the dairy industry.

Mona & John became members of Rich River Golf Club early in its formation, John as a golfer, later also playing Lawn Bowls, and Mona, Association Croquet player and umpire. John was President of Rich River for several years, and was awarded a life membership of Rich River. They retired to Moama in 2006, and continued their close association with Rich River and Christ Church, Echuca. John is also a life member of the Echuca Lions Club.

Several overseas trips have been enjoyed over the years, including visiting the Twin Towers in New York. Favourite destinations have included the Scandinavian countries, and Japan. They also enjoy spending winters on the Gold Coast, playing golf, and more recently croquet and lawn bowls. They drove up on their first trip in 1956.

John and Mona had three children, Elaine (David) Lees, Diggora, John (Ann Maree) and Jennifer (Russell) Fox, Cobram, are the proud grandparents of eight, and great grandparents currently of sixteen. They enjoy a close relationship with all, especially their grandchildren, and take an active interest in their various pursuits.

A wonderful extended family & friends celebration planned for May, is currently on hold, as Mona & John reminis on their lives, and although the current Covid-19 experience is unlike anything previous, they do reflect on their memories of restrictions during the Polio outbreaks and WWII.



Congratulations on your 70th Wedding Anniversary





LATICIA
LIGHTS
UP
LOCKY
FOR
ANZAC
DAY

grade 2, her Grandfather Doug Morison, who has played since he was a young boy, started teaching her to play the cornet. He was the conductor of the Echuca Federal brass band for 26 years. Laticia started having lessons with her Grandfather once a week, she picked it up very quickly, and became a very accomplished cornet player. One year later she joined the Echuca Federal brass band and was attending band rehearsal once a week. She then started doing layouts with the band and loved it.

In grade 6 Laticia played the Last Post at her school (St Marys) for Anzac Day. The woman who usually plays the Last Post for the Echuca dawn service was unwell the day before Anzac Day last year, so she played at that dawn service in Echuca, also for the very first time, in front of thousands of people.

Laticia has a great love for music and started piano lessons about 18 months ago with June Edwards in Echuca and continues to attend them each week. She also goes to Bupa every Wednesday and plays for the residents to give them some entertainment.

Starting high school this year, Laticia began singing lessons and will continue them when she is able to go back to school.

She loves learning her instruments, and practices daily to ensure she continues to improve. Laticia was given her very own cornet for Christmas a couple of years ago, she cherishes it very much, and takes very exceptional care of it, as it is her pride and joy. She now wants to save up so she can buy herself her very own piano.

Well done Laticia, thank you for the beautiful tribute.

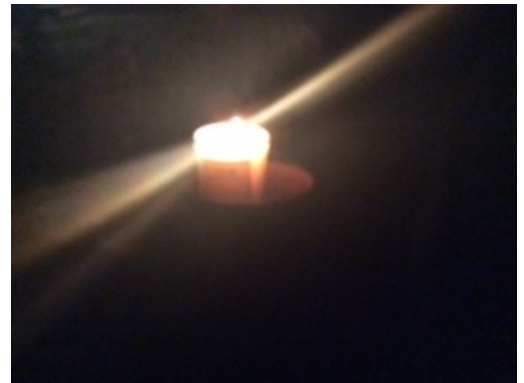
This year, the Anzac Day ceremony was going to be like never before, with the COVID19 virus restrictions not allowing gatherings, which meant the usual congregation of people at the local shrine was not allowed.

At 6am on Anzac Day, lots of people in Lockington stood out the front of their homes or went down to their driveways with candles, lights or torches to honour those who served our country.

At that time, the sound of a cornet filtered through the air playing The Last Post. It was beautiful, very touching and would bring a tear to your eye.

This was being played by Letitia Tomkinson standing in her family yard with a light at her feet. After playing The Last Post there was a minute's silence, then the Reveille completed the rendition. It was such a lovely tribute and able to be shared by so many around Lockington who were privileged to hear the music.

Laticia is 12 years old and attends Echuca St Mary's College in year 7. She comes from a very musical family, and her Grandfather, Aunties, Uncle and Cousins all play brass instruments, so it runs in her blood and she always wanted to learn. She had to wait for her adult front teeth to come in before she could learn to play. When she was in



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THEIR RESPECT
ON ANZAC DAY



Photos thanks to Bridie

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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.



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



'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.

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We would like to acknowledge some wonderful volunteers that have helped our community lately.

We would like to thank Rhonda Hann, Deb and Neil Taylor for assisting with the deliveries of the Giddings and Co meals initiative.

Heather Lyons for brightening up the chair outside the Centre. The new cover looks fantastic. Also thank you to Parson's Rochester for the donation of the zips.

Sally Bogie and Lynette Brown for making gowns for the staff, as PPE stocks have become very low. Patterns provided by gowns for doctors initiative.

Finally, we would like to thank YOU, our community, through these unprecedented times - for your understanding, co-operation and patience.



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Tuesday, 19 May

Council meeting, 5pm

Echuca Civic Centre

Due to current coronavirus pandemic, the meeting is closed to the public. The meeting can be viewed via live streaming on Council's website

www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

2021 Kindergarten registrations

Registrations are now open for three and four year old funded kindergarten programs at Echuca Central, Echuca East, Echuca South, Colbinabbin, Rochester, Lockington, Tongala, Gunbower, Stanhope, Berrimba, Pink & Blue and Goodstart Early Learning. Online applications are available on Council's website. Hard copy applications can be accessed by downloading from the website or by calling 1300 666 535. Applications for first round offers close Friday, 31 July.

COVID financial support

Financial support options to assist ratepayers, residents, businesses and community groups in response to the coronavirus pandemic are available on Council's website via dedicated webpage

www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/covidfinance.

Now Open

Have your say via Council's website

2020/21 Proposed Budget

Council's proposed Budget is now open for submissions, closing Wednesday, 27 May. Due to the current coronavirus pandemic and closure of customer service centres, the budget can only be viewed online at Council's website. Alternatively, a copy can be emailed by calling customer service 1300 666 535.

WickED Survey

Campaspe Shire and Moama residents, groups, businesses and schools are invited to provide feedback on waste and the environment through the annual WickED (Waste in Campaspe – know, educate, do) online survey. Comments close Monday, 1 June.

Immunisation sessions – by appointment only

To book an appointment, please call Council on 1300 666 535.

Limited stock of the flu vaccine is available by appointment only at a cost of \$30. Flu vaccinations are free for people over 65 and individuals in the high risk category. For more information about people at risk or to keep up to date with Council immunisations, visit our dedicated webpage www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/covidimmunisations

Monday, 25 May

Lockington Community Centre, Barton Street

2.30pm – 3.30pm

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN LATELY?



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EULOGY

EDWARD JAMES (TED) WRIGHT

Edward James (Ted) WRIGHT was born at 10am on the 14th of March, 1929 to Eddie & Jean WRIGHT at Torrington, a small maternity hospital in the centre of Rochester. He weighed 8 pounds - a big healthy boy. His proud parents and big sister Gwen would later welcome Melva, Avis, Don & Robert home to the farm at Diggora West. Ted was somewhat relieved to have two little brothers come along!

Ted attended Diggora West State School - riding his bike with his siblings each day from the farm. There were only a handful of children from the district: 4 WRIGHTS, 3 HONEYS, Merv MURNANE & little Billy GRAHAM.

Ted & his school friends enjoyed heating homemade pies over the open fire in the school, with a little help from the teacher. A little smokey in flavour, but a delicious treat with home made sauce. Every Friday Ted & the other boys had the job of emptying the toilets. While they were out busily digging holes, the girls threaded string through torn up pieces of newspaper for convenience. Ted said he didn't mind toilet duties - it meant missing a bit of classroom time.

One day Ted & Merv MURNANE wagged school to go rabbiting. It was a well-planned mission. Tall crops provided plenty of cover for the boys and one of the farm dogs. Things went somewhat awry when the dog helped himself to their lunches. Hungry bellies are no good for a day of rabbiting so the long row of wheats bags in the paddock seemed appealing. After helping themselves Ted & Merv set off again with the trusty canine in tow. Now, rabbiting on a hot day made the lads thirsty, so the next dam they came across they lay down on their bellies & had a good long drink.

When the end of the school day arrived, Ted re-joined his siblings for the ride home to ensure his parents were none the wiser. Ted ate his dinner that night & all seemed well until the belly full of swollen wheat took its toll. Melva & Avis heard an awful wailing noise coming from the bedroom & ran in to find Ted leaning against the wall expelling his lunch. There would be no lectures or punishment from his parents - that lesson had well & truly been learned.

Early memories of life at Diggora West were of a big, happily family. There were no fights, no mod-cons and at times, the basics were scarce - particularly during the war years. There was no shortage of love and the children never went without. Ted recalled seeing the search lights in the distance during the war, and the headlights of the family's Dodge had to be blackened out for concealment.

Ted left school after Grade 8 at the age of 12 to work on the farm. He enjoyed rabbiting & yabbing. There wasn't a lot of formally organised sport - particularly through the war years, but picnic race days were a chance for families to have an outing. There wasn't a lot in the way of proper sports clothes either, but everyone had a lot of fun. Ted & the other boys would compete in the running events with their long pants rolled up, and bare feet. He enjoyed playing tennis & of course going to the dances at Lockington & Hunter.

Ted was among a group of young men from around the district to help build the Lockington Hotel. Whilst Ted, like many of the other lads, had no formal building skills they came together as communities did in those days to get the job done. Working bees were how churches and halls were built. Ted was thrilled to hear recently that a group of locals once again had banded together to save the Locky Pub from financial difficulties.

Ted also enjoyed going fox hunting with the Jack McDONALD & the HONEYS. Over the years Ted's in-laws, nieces & nephews would also come along on the hunting adventures. Freezing nights in the back of the ute, or Saturday afternoons in winter. The highlight for Ted was undoubtedly the company, and the gathering in the kitchen at the farm afterwards. Jean would make sure everyone had a warm drink to thaw out by the fire. Hot pies - "Nelly Blies" or "Nellies" as Ted would call them - were still by far his favourite treat. He said the best ones were from Favaloro's Bakery. Ted would stock up at Favs whenever there was a trip to Bendigo.

Another favourite treat was a cup of black tea and Gingernut biscuits. Eddy & Jean always had a large tin in the kitchen - "Bingernuts" Ted would call them when he was little. There a many in the family who still enjoy Uncle Teddy's staple.

When the nieces & nephews honed their hunting skills, Ted would grin from ear-to-ear with pride. Then would come the lessons in the delicate art of skinning a pelt. Ted was also a patient driving instructor. The old Holden Ute, a cushion to prop up the learner driver and the wide open spaces of the Diggora paddocks were the perfect setting.

His enjoyment of hunting aside, Ted loved animals & would never tolerate cruelty. Cats were a constant fixture at the farm. The famous "Honeybunch" - a stray British Blue kitten Eddy brought home from a church meeting at Milloo - was followed by generations of cats. Most of them didn't have names, but to Ted they were "Darlin Old Puss". Ted also loved the farm dogs. There were the hunters (the greyhounds & staghounds) & the working sheepdogs. Ripper, Jock, Rover - Ted loved them all. Ted even had a soft spot for local wild life. He would keep up a supply of carrots and Malt-O-Milk biscuits to the possums who had taken up residence in the un-used chimneys and the smithy.

EULOGY
EDWARD JAMES (TED) WRIGHT
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Ted remained at the farm with Robert and Donny as their sisters moved away gradually for work and to start families. Teams of Clydesdale horses were replaced by tractors & machinery. Robert's unexpected passing in 1968 was a time of terrible sadness for the family. Eddy passed away in 1977 & Donny only 6 weeks after, leaving Ted to run the farm. Nana (Jean) and Ted at the farm - that's how it would be for many years to come. The friendship and support of Neil, Peter and the extended WRIGHT family; the HONEYs, FIEDLERS, Colin HOLLAND and many others meant so much to Nana and Ted.

Gwen, Melva & Avis were always unwavering in their support and their families have many cherished memories of weekends at the farm. It was a wonderful place for the family to gather and always felt like home. Nana and Ted made sure of that. Horses, bikes, animals, hunting and driving the ute - a magical place for a child. In the days when the train still ran on the Diggora line, the driver would make a special stop at the front gate where Ted would meet the excited passengers. One of Nana's magnificent roasts in the wood fired oven would often await. The train was eventually replaced by a bus & Ted would wait for his passengers up on the Locky Road corner in the Kingswood. Trips to Locky for fish and chips were also a favourite treat.

Family visits would always end the same way - a gathering of WRIGHTs at the front of the house. Ted would be in the background smiling - his arm raised & finger pointed upwards. "Safe Home" he would say. If the family drove slowly enough out the gates, Ted would make his way over to the gap in the pepper trees. "Safe Home" was the call again through the car windows.

Ted was active in the Lockington community. He rarely missed a Sunday service at St. Mary's Church and would participate in working bees. He was proud to be a life-member of the Lions Club which opened the door to many wonderful experiences & friendships. Ted was also a member of the Lockington Bowls Club & particularly enjoyed "lemon time" referring to afternoon tea. This was a term used by football commentator Dick Turner to describe the 3 quarter time break. Ted was no football fanatic, but followed Melbourne as local lad Hugh MURNANE had played for them. Ted didn't mind watching them "put the slipper into it" as he would say.

Ted always had an interest in aircraft & travelling. His knowledge of world history and geography fuelled his interest & he enjoyed a number of overseas trips. In 1978 Ted visited Russia, considered an adventurous

destination for Australians as it was still under the rule of the Soviet Union at that time. It was a world away from Diggora West. Ted inadvertently left the country with a quantity of Rubles in his luggage. He often mused that the consequences could have been dire had this been detected!

Ted also travelled to Japan, and in later years enjoyed a trips to America. It was here that he formed wonderful, lasting friendships with some of his hosts which he cherished. They would remain in contact until the very last. A trip to Central Australia was also a highlight & Ted was thrilled when he took a flight which landed right beside Ayres Rock. Ted loved to talk about his travels & had many amazing stories to tell. Ted enjoyed Country & Western music. He could sometimes be found stretched out on the rug on the lounge room floor by the record player. Tammy Wynette and Johnny Cash were favourites, but Ted also loved listening to yodelling!

Ted had incredible local knowledge & a memory to match. He could tell you about a particular piece of land, how many points it rained when it was sown, and how many "bags it went" (or how much it yielded) in any given year. Gwen, Melva & Avis were always amazed at Ted's memory about local families & their respective history.

Ted was a gentleman & a gentle man. He had unwavering morals, he was honest and asked for nothing. He rarely had a bad word to say about anyone, and it was rare that anyone can recall him raising his voice. He rarely swore. If a person or an animal was frail, injured or otherwise downtrodden Ted would say "poor boog." Ted was also extremely generous. He never asked, nor expected, much in return for a good deed. He also had a good sense of humour & would start to giggle uncontrollably when telling a funny story. The giggles would turn into belly laughs & often the story could not be finished. It was impossible not to laugh along with him.

In 2011 Ted moved into a unit in Lockington. The Locky community spirit still at the fore, he was embraced by his neighbours and the church. There was no shortage of companionship & hot meals to share.

In 2016 Ted moved to Golden Oaks Aged Care in Golden Square. He instantly endeared himself to the other residents & staff with his gentle ways. His incredible memories intact, everyone loved hearing Ted's stories of early days at Diggora West & of his travels. The family are very grateful for the wonderful care Ted received during his time at Golden Oaks. The love for him was evident when he passed away last Sunday. "A wonderful man with a wonderful heart" one of the nursing staff said unprompted. "Ted, we all just loved Ted" said another through tears.

Ted was dearly loved by his family and will be so sadly missed by everyone who knew him. At 91 years of age he has earned his rest. "SAFE HOME TEDDY."

A reminder to stay home, and stay safe.
Even once some COVID19 restrictions are lifted, we won't be straight back to "normal"
We will need to continue with a lot of the distancing rules for some time yet.
This is not a bad thing, it will even reduce the number
of regular coronavirus cases within our community.
Please continue to keep yourselves and others safe, by your actions.

Alison Stewart (Editor)

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Monitor your farm business performance

Agriculture Victoria is offering sheep and beef producers the opportunity to participate in the Victorian Livestock Farm Monitor Project (LFMP). The LFMP has been collecting detailed physical and financial farm information from producers for fifty years and providing them with a thorough and independent report of their farm's performance. Participants have said they use the report's data for such things as obtaining or extending loans or to make short, medium and long-term business decisions. Farm Business Economist Sam Henty said for a farm business to achieve its goals it must first establish whether it can pay the bills, understand how efficiently it uses its resources and determine whether the owner is increasing their net worth. "The Livestock Farm Monitor Project provides producers and decision makers with this information," Mr Henty said. "It's a good opportunity to step back and look at your figures and input costs and review these elements." Participating producers will receive an annual individualised report with graphs and data from the reporting year. "A participating farm

business can use the results from this report to compare its performance over time and help identify the critical variables to inform and provide confidence for on-farm decision making." Data collection occurs in July and August each year, to coincide with the availability of data from the previous financial year. Data collected includes farm income and costs for the financial year, trading and breeding details, feed input and production, fertiliser and labour inputs and a complete stock, feed, land and farm machinery inventory, including all farm assets and liabilities. Limited places are available for individual farms and farm discussion groups across Victoria to participate in the 2019–20 LFMP. There is no cost for participants, and all information is treated as strictly confidential. Previous reports are available on the Agriculture Victoria website

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Support for Victorian farmers continues

Agriculture Victoria remains available to assist Victorian farmers. We want to reassure farmers, particularly those impacted by bushfires and drought, that we will continue to provide support services to you and your farming business. However, the way we are doing this during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has changed.

What are we doing differently?

We are moving from our usual face-to-face client contact to other alternatives. This means we might call you on the phone, send you information via post or email, invite you to a video or teleconference, or even a webinar.

Rural Finance is administering many grants programs for drought and bushfire impacted farmers. Give them a call on 1800 260 425 or access online anytime at ruralfinance.com.au

Dairy support

The Dedicated Dairy Support Program is available to dairy farmers in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District who are considering structural or significant changes to their business.

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One-year game hunting licence extension for 2021

Victoria's 50,000-plus recreational game hunters will be compensated for lost hunting opportunities with the Victorian Government set to extend all current game licences by one year.

In recognition of the unprecedented impact on Victoria's game hunters caused by mandatory social distancing measures, the expiry date of all current game licences administered by the Game Management Authority will be extended by 12 months, allowing hunters to get full value of their one- or three-year licence fee.

Health directives and restrictions as a result of the coronavirus pandemic have already impacted game hunting seasons for hog and sambar deer, stubble quail and gamebirds.

In response to public health advice, the GMA has also postponed all waterfowl identification tests and hound hunting tests until further notice. Anyone who has already

booked a test will have their booking fee refunded.

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has advised that to help slow the spread of coronavirus, people must not leave their property to go hunting.

Current State of Emergency measures to slow the spread of coronavirus remain in place until 11 May.

Duck hunting season opens on 2 May.

From that time, duck hunting other than on a property that you live on will not be able to be conducted until relevant restrictions are lifted.



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, 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 seasonal conditions.

These applications will be assessed on a case-by-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.

LOCKY'S TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

*If you go down to Locky today
You're sure of a big surprise
If you go down to Locky today
You'll find some in disguise*

*For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain
Because April's the month the
Teddy Bears have their picnic*

*Picnic time for Teddy Bears
The little teddy bears are having a lovely time this month
Spot them, count them unawares
And see them picnic while we isolate*

*Spot them on your daily walk,
Around the lovely town
That we all call home
Until COVID lockdown rules
Are over we will count
And share them with all of our friends*

*Every kid and adult who looks
Is sure of some fun today, there's lots of marvelous bears to see
While with our friends we cannot play
Behind the curtains, where nobody sees
They'll hide and seek, until you agree
That Locky's the place to spend your isolation!*



PS. You really need to sing it for best effect 😊



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



WE'RE STILL GOING ON A BEAR HUNT!

So many bears out which is great to see!
Feel free to change things up and add bears to new places around your house or in town.

This was to be the last week of the Bear Hunt around our local streets so let's take it up a notch and give the kids and home schooling parents something to look forward to on their daily walks.
Let's keep this going until all this is over!



TEA AT THREE



An idea for checking on our neighbours,
And keeping up the Community Spirit
Whilst observing social distancing

Every day at 3pm sit down for a cuppa
At the front window or verandah of your house
Or somewhere where you can see your neighbours and them see you
So you then know that those around you are OK



Light Up Locky

For the duration of the COVID19 pandemic, Let's brighten our lives and light up our night sky with our Christmas lights.

Let's hope things get back to some sense of normal soon... in the meantime, please send us some photos and some stories as to what YOU are doing to try to keep sane

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 **Cancelled until further notice**
- 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) **Cancelled until further notice**
- 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 **Closed until further notice**
- 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 **Cancelled until further notice**
- Massage with Anita. Phone 5486 2544 for appointment.
- Tai Chi 5:30- 6:30 pm Bush Nursing Centre \$8 per session, with Fay Sizeland **Cancelled until further notice**

THURSDAYS

- Social Activity Day 10am - Bush Nursing Centre Phone: 5480 6701 **Cancelled until further notice**
- Men's Shed By appointment Phone: 0499 170 329 **Closed until further notice**
- 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. Josephs Hall Campaspe St, Rochester. **Cancelled until further notice**

LOCKINGTON LIBRARY HOURS:

Tues- 10.00 day am -
2.00 pm
Closed until further notice
Wednes-

ST. MARY'S OP SHOP

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