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fortnightly.

# Locky News

Lockington's Priceless Paper

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## A PRICKLY AFFAIR

The widely acclaimed *Cactus Collection of Tennyson Local, Robert Field*, recently featured on *Gardening Australia*. Robert's collection has been generously donated to the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, for use in their redeveloped Arid Garden Display. This taken from [www.rbg.vic.gov.au/visit-melbourne/attractions/plant-collections/arid-garden](http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/visit-melbourne/attractions/plant-collections/arid-garden)

"The Arid Garden displays an extraordinary assortment of cacti, aloes, agaves and bromeliads that have unique adaptations to arid conditions. The collection is approximately 60 years old and comprises over 1,100 plants including 100 rare species. The Arid Garden is a taxonomic and evolutionary botanic collection with the following aims:

1. To display a range of plants from around the world with adaptations for survival under arid conditions
2. Support plant conservation through ex-situ cultivation of threatened taxa
3. To highlight the ornamental qualities of cacti and succulents
4. To interpret the unique morphological and physiological (function and form) adaptations of succulent plants and highlight parallel adaptations of plants from different continents

There are future plans to redevelop the Arid Garden. There will be an emphasis on telling the story of Robert Field and his collection along with the 1936-38 Harry Blossfeld expedition to South America where many of the plants were wild collected. These plants will become the core of the Arid Garden.

### Key Plants

*Yucca brevifolia* - Rare and threatened, *Euphorbia triangularis* - Aesthetic, *Dracaena draco* - Aesthetic, *Agave parviflora* - Rare and threatened. Smallest species of Agave in Arizona., *Echinocactus grusonii* - Rare and threatened in the wild, *Furcraea selloa* var. *marginata* - Aesthetic

### History

- 1987 - Cacti and succulent garden assessed. Plants in poor health, rotting, dead or had fallen over.
  - 1980s - Long-term development to convert Cacti and Succulent Garden into Arid Garden.
- Theme list drafted by Peter Lumley (Royal Botanic Gardens Botanist) and Michael Looker (Superintendent), including Australian plants, halophytes, ephemerals and xerophytic shrubs, African and American arid plants.
- Development brief was that hard landscape remains the same and above theme used.
  - Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens donated funds for new soil.
  - Soil depth increased to 30 cm, old soil dispersed, pond filled in (this area became the halophyte zone).
  - Collecting trips took place to Western Port Bay and to the Sunset Country and Mildura.
  - Specimens donated to Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne as part of this development from Collectors Corner and Robert Fields Cactus Garden.
  - 1995 - Arid Garden was mulched with crushed stone from Yarra Valley Quarries.
  - 1996 - Arid Garden mapped with AutoCAD system.
  - 1997 - Large *Pyrus pashia* removed from front right hand side of the garden due to Fireblight outbreak.
  - 2000 - *Phytophthora spp. Agavaceae* discovered, infected plants removed.
  - 2001-02 - *Cistus* rockery planted out using succulent species and mulched with crushed stone from Yarra Valley Quarries to link with Arid Garden.
  - 2013 - Around 80 per cent of the columnar cacti and succulents in the Arid Garden damaged in an act of vandalism. Due to ongoing theft in the Arid Garden, anything rare or botanically significant will not be used in the collection until security issues are sorted.
  - 2016 - Regular horticultural field trips to Robert Fields' property as part of the collection redevelopment."



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**MONDAY, June 15 (Entries by 10am)**

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

*I look forward to visiting the redeveloped Arid Garden to see Robert's collection.*  
Alison Stewart (Editor)



## LOCKINGTON & DISTRICT LIVING HERITAGE COMPLEX

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Hello again Everybody,

With the rail link between Melbourne and Echuca having reached completion in September, 1864, it seemed that more extensive settlement on the northern plains of Victoria would quickly follow. However, at least as far as the region west of the Campaspe was concerned, that didn't happen. One suggestion advanced as having impeded selection in that area was Mr Henry Hopwood's Campaspe Bridge, at Echuca, on which he was authorised to impose an "excessive" toll. The bridge was central to the municipality and was seen as "the key of these extensive pastoral districts, lying westward of the Campaspe River", according to a contributor to the Melbourne newspaper, the *Australasian*, in its edition of 29 July, 1865. The writer stated: - "There is now an additional reason [for development of the region to proceed], in that a survey has been ordered of lands on the west bank of the Campaspe, and of the adjoining country abutting on the Murray, in order to bring these forward for sale as farms and vineyards, and for villa residences within the municipality. Giving all credit to the projector of this bridge for his foresight in investing a large sum of money to provide for a pressing want and advantage a township in which he was deeply interested, it must be admitted the time has now fully arrived, when Government should step in and put an end to this monopoly of toll, throw the bridge open free of charge, and thereby link the municipality together, encourage settlement on the first-class land west of the Campaspe, and do away with an irritating impediment on one of the best approaches to the railway terminus."

The obstacle of the bridge may not have been the only factor discouraging prospective settlers. Until mid-July, 1865, drought conditions had prevailed throughout most of Victoria and the Riverina. Some relief in mid-July was unsustainable and, on 31 August, 1865, the Echuca and Moama Stock Report, as relayed by the *Bendigo Advertiser*, included: - "In all parts of the Northern country the continued drought has been very severely felt, and most distressing accounts of the losses that have been incurred, and of the condition of the stock, pour in from every quarter." Some rain fell in September, but relief was again short-lived and by late October, early summer heat was being felt. News from Echuca in early November stated that there were "no signs of any cessation of the drought," and on 4 November, 1865, the *Bendigo Advertiser* reported as follows: - "THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT. - We hear that the effects of the drought on the crops about Goornong and in some portions of the

Campaspe district have been almost ruinous. Some of the best watered lands near the Campaspe, which in former very dry seasons withstood the drought, are now in a very bad condition. The corn crop in several instances has suffered most, and on many farms the cattle have been turned into the fields to feed."

Unfortunately, though some cooler weather was experienced in December, 1865, the drought continued unabated into the New Year. A very little rain fell in February, 1866, and again a little in April. There were reports of wells being sunk, some being quite successful in finding water at depths of about 100 feet. Articles appeared in the newspapers advocating that there be more research into making greater use of native grasses that might better adapt to recurring dry conditions. The Government was urged to look to the possibility of providing large water storage facilities across the regional areas. Fortunately, there were some better falls of rain in parts of the Riverina, particularly in northern regions, so that there was water coming down such rivers as the Darling and the Lachlan, and rural Victorians maintained their hopes that they might yet experience a convincing end to the drought. On 28 April, 1866, a *Bendigo Advertiser* report was encouraging. It read: - "The Young Grass.— At Runnymede, where the plains were scorched by the sun during the drought until not a blade of grass or drop of water were to be seen for miles, compelling the farmers to send their cattle to more favoured localities, the late rains have had a most beneficial effect. The grass is springing up rapidly, and the earth is beginning to appear in "verdure clad."

Though no heavy rain came in the winter months of 1866, there continued to be "some rainy weather" and on 27 August, 1866, the *Bendigo Advertiser* stated that "Crops can almost be seen growing." There followed a report on the land selections at Lake Cooper, which was part of the Echuca land district: — "Some time ago we noticed the fact that several of the fortunate selectors of land in the vicinity of Lake Cooper had commenced fencing-in their land and making other preparations for cultivation. We have been informed by a gentleman, who was travelling in that direction the other day, that on some of the lots, crops have been sown and present every appearance of turning out remarkably well."

On that hopeful note, I'll say '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.**

**DEATH**

PARSONS. — Thomas Lewis  
 05.9.1922 - 18.5.2020  
 (Formerly of Lockington)  
 Passed away peacefully at Prom  
 Aged Care, Foster, gone to be  
 with Hazel.  
 A life well lived, WW2 pilot, grocer  
 and marriage celebrant.  
 Family and friends regret the  
 passing of this very proud and  
 caring man.  
 "Lest we Forget"



*Tom was a regular reader of The  
 Locky News, in fact when we went  
 digital, he requested a copy to be  
 emailed to him every fortnight. I feel  
 blessed to have had a conversation  
 with him not that long ago, about  
 how Locky is still thriving.*

*Alison Stewart (Editor)*

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 OF  
 Faith**

John c16 v 7

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 will send Him to you."

**MEALS ON WHEELS**



*To be collected  
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- June 8 - LBU Football
- June 15 - St James Evening Fellowship
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- June 29 - Catholic Ladies
- July 6 - Bush Nursing Centre
- July 13 - Bamawm Uniting Church



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## EULOGY OF THOMAS LEWIS PARSONS 05.9.1922 - 18.5.2020

*Thank you to Tom's family for sharing this with the Lockington community.*

'Dad (Tom) was the fourth generation of Thomas Parsons born 5<sup>th</sup> September 1922.

He was the first born to Thomas and Eva Parsons and brother to Merle, Cecil and Eva Lois. *He did not like being called Thomas because that was what his mother called him when she was angry, he liked Tom.*

His youth was spent in Rochester in Mackay Street across the road from the Campaspe River and his life revolved around his father's drapery and grocery shop, with Sundays at church or Sunday school.

Music was an important part in his life, his mother played the piano giving him his first lesson at 4 years old of age and he continued playing organ or piano for the rest of his life.

After school and Saturday morning there were potatoes, pollard, wheat and shell-grit to be weighed and bagged also orders to be delivered on the carrier bike

Reverend Metcalf arrived in 1934 and his son Jack was a wizard with things electric, so it wasn't long before 2 wires were set up between the houses where messages in Morse code were sent. This benefited dad later in the RAAF

In 1935 he joined the scouts and was lucky enough to attend the Corroboree in Adelaide 1937 and after stayed with the Lewis family where he met relations and saw more of the area. He continued this interest in scouts at Lockington where he was District Commissioner when his father retired.

Dad had an old Vauxhall which he polished and fiddled with until it went. On Saturdays, while the local policeman was at the football, he had self-taught driving lessons on the back roads. His mother made him take a bike in the back in case it broke down.

After completing his Intermediate he was given the chance to board at Wesley College for one year, board and fees £150-0-0. He loved every minute of it and participated in everything possible while maintaining his piano at the same time. After he had successfully completed his leaving he secured a job at Myers.

He went from college boy to office messenger. Soon he was promoted to sales assistant in 'Silks and Velvets' and then Carlton Dispatch to learn delivery and COD. While travelling to work he met Dorothy on the train and they

became friends, although his father did not approve. He continued with his music by becoming district organist for Eastern Melbourne Order of Knights, a men's organization of the church.

After 18 months, in 1940, after the war had broken out, and at 17 year and 7 months he was required back in Rochester to help in the family business. When he turned 18 dad joined the 17<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment and after 6 months the chance came to transfer to the air force. It was also at this time dad joined the Masonic Lodge. His father, his uncle and his grandfather had been members and were involved with the state team.

It took until 1941 for dad to begin his air force training aged 19. The initial training was 3 month, then, those chosen as pilots were off to Benalla for flight training in old Tiger Moths. In 1942 there was training for twin engine aircraft, a quick trip to Melbourne to propose to Dorothy before going overseas. He received his wings and rank, Sergeant Pilot, then on a slow boat to England where he was chosen for advanced flying school and then flying instructor. After 2 years as an instructor he began training for heavy bombers but then was changed to Mosquitos learning the details required in the Path-Finders.

Up until dad joined the Path-Finders he kept diaries but they ceased at this point because he was so busy flying that there was only time to rest and eat between missions.

The war ended and they went out to celebrate. Home in Australia was very hard to settle down, things did not work with Dorothy but he met Hazel at a dance in Elmore in 1946. June 15<sup>th</sup> 1946 they married and went to live at Lockington.

Poppa wrote:

***"On the Saturday, May 4th, at 12.00 noon, the doors were closed on Fiedler Bros for the last time. They had been trading since 1918, and this was the end of an era for them. Lockington was 15 miles from Rochester where my Father, Tom, was trading and 21 miles from Elmore where Uncle Cyril was trading. All had started from Grandpa Parsons in Elmore way back in the early 1900's.***

***Cecil was in New Guinea with the RAAF and I was in England with the RAAF when Dad obtained an option from Fiedler's to buy their store "after the war".***

***When Cecil and I finally got home the decision was made to go on with the option in 1946. John Crow had survived the dreadful perils associated with POW at Changhi prison camp and after he recovered, Cecil, John and I joined the staff at Rochester and were taught the skills of running a Grocery Store, Buying, selling, maintaining, and staff control etc. etc.***

***Sunday was move-in day. The house at the back of the shop was very very basic and needed a lot of work to be done on it. The kitchen was a lean-to with the floor sloping about 3 inches due to rot! Faulty foundations. There was a black wood stove one end. No sink. One tap through the wall from a ground-level tank. Washing up was done in a large tin dish, We sat on folding chairs and boxes from the back shed. We had a table for my sister Merle to cook on and try to prepare meals.***

***Merle stayed with us until Hazel and I were married in mid June, then poor Hazel was thrown to the wolves!! Your turn Girl!!! No electric light! No pressure water.***

***Toilet down the back corner of the yard, and the laundry consisted of a side shed with a wood fired copper that had to be replaced and old floor boards that were not too stable.***

***Merle couldn't get out of the place quick enough!!"***

**EULOGY OF THOMAS LEWIS PARSONS**

**05.9.1922 - 18.5.2020**

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Before long and many renovations, the house became a home. Along came Elaine, Sue and Jeff with long hours working to make ends meet. Keown's moved next door, friends for life.

Dad continued with scouts and was invited to be one of the Sub-Camp chiefs at the 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Jamboree.

Dad built a speed boat 'Hi-Ho', beginning in the middle of the lounge and our boating days began, Corop, skiing on the Murray for 10 years.

Dad, as secretary had involvement with the development of the swimming pool at Lockington, no more swimming in the irrigation channel next to the main street, a wonderful asset to the country town.

Flying also returned to dad's life when he became a member of the Kyabram Flying Club and took part in some flying safaris.

Great holidays and wonderful times in Lockington. Many stories but in the end no one wanted to run a shop so it was sold in 1974 and dad along with mum moved to Echuca to semi-retire, well sort of, as he worked as a Community Development Officer for 3 years then becoming a marriage celebrant.

Much to our delight in 1980 they moved to South Gippsland to be close to the family in Dumbalk, Buffalo and Melbourne. Dad was in his element and the softer side of him slowly appeared. He helped Sue build her mud brick home.

Dad and mum became members of Probus when it first began in Leongatha. They attended all meetings and

enjoyed the special dinners. Dad held positions on the committee and received his 25 year membership.

Playing the organ for church continued and he received a 25 year certificate before he eventually decided the time had come to retire.

He had a heart of gold ... yes he wanted to fly again and did in his 80's but he quickly realized that his legs were still too long and the cockpits were still too small!

After mum died he found Dorothy again, her husband had also passed, and they shared their lives until she also passed.

The grandchildren and great grand-children, oh how he loved to see them and find out what was happening in their lives. This larger than life man he was jelly in their hands.

Dad you have done us all proud what a wonderful life you led, rest in peace finally with your Hazel.'



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Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc. wish to advise the Complex will not be open to the public for the month of June. There are reasons which have bought on the decision, mainly health, and hope the public will understand.

**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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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*,  
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### **Sport Survival Grants available for clubs and associations**

Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh is urging local sports clubs and associations to apply for COVID-19 survival grants to help with operational costs.

The Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package is available to assist community sporting clubs and associations.

"The suspension of community sporting competitions due to the coronavirus has left a hole in the finances of many regional grassroots sporting organisations," Mr Walsh said.

"Our grassroots clubs and associations rely on the weekly raffle, gate takings and canteen sales to sustain their bottom line, pay bills and support the development of players.

"With half a season gone and no play and no spectators, community sporting clubs have lost the ability to generate much needed revenue to keep the lights on their club or association."

The Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package provides grants to assist the operational viability of community sport and active recreation organisations who have been impacted by COVID-19 in Victoria. Funding is available in four tiers:

1. Grants of up to \$350,000 available for large state sporting associations.
2. Grants of up to \$200,000 available to smaller state sporting associations; regional sports assemblies and academies and other state sport and recreational bodies.
3. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for associations and leagues.

Grants of \$1000 are available for individual clubs.

"Community sport enriches the lives of so many people, socially and physically; their ongoing survival beyond the coronavirus pandemic is paramount," Mr Walsh said.

"With only three weeks to go before these community sporting grants close, I encourage all clubs, leagues and associations within the electorate to put in an application." For information on grant guidelines and applications go to [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package](http://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package)

Applications close on 15 June 2020.



### **Campaspe Shire Council**

#### **Tuesday, 23 June**

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](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming)

#### **Service update**

Customer service centres and library branches re-opened to the community from Monday, 1 June. In line with government directions, restrictions are in place limiting the number of people, recording of names as well as social distancing.

Other service updates include:

Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre – open from Wednesday, 1 July

Playgrounds, skateparks, outdoor gym equipment – open with a limit of no more than 20 people

Port of Echuca Discovery Centre & Echuca Paddlesteamers – open from Friday, 5 June. Initially for four days (Friday to Monday), then continuing four days per week moving to Thursday to Sunday. For more information, visit council's dedicated webpage [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/covid19](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/covid19)

#### **Roads for harvest**

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#### **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.

#### **Pool and spa registrations extended**

The Victorian Government has extended the deadline for the mandatory registration of private pools and spas due to the impacts of coronavirus. All private pools and spas must now be registered with Council by 1 November 2020. Registrations can be made online through Council's website, or by calling 1300 666 535. Failure to register can result in a fine. More information is available on Council's website

#### **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](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/covidfinance).



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For more information about the program and other available drought support visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons) or call 136 186.





## Lockington Bowls Club Report June 1

With the Introduction of the Stage 2 of the COVID-19 Restrictions by the Victorian Government, bowlers are allowed to resume bowling on the Greens, but still adhering to the new Restrictions that are in place.

The Club will resume their Social bowling with a game of Scrounge on Wednesday starting at 1.00pm. Names to be listed prior to 12.45pm.

Players are requested to observe the conditions of play under the Restrictions as to:

1. Social Distancing 1.5 metres apart.

2. Twenty players per Green with four players per Rink.
  3. Club Toilets and Clubhouse (20 people) are to open with Social Distancing to be adhered to.
  4. Hands are to be washed before play.
  5. Mats and Jacks are to be washed before use.
  6. Players are to Use Hand Sanitizer at Club.
  7. Any player not feeling well, should not attend the Club under any circumstances.
  8. Do not pick up or touch another players bowl.
  9. Use your feet to place the Jack.
  10. No Shaking hands or "high fives".
- Play safe and look after each other.



## LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB REPORT - June 1

**23/05:** The weather wasn't as nice as the previous Saturday but it was still great to be out having a hit a Lockington on Saturday for a par event. Visitor Jason Verbeek showed the locals how to play the game with a super score of +5 to win the McColls Milk Player of the Day award.

Stuart Newton played some excellent golf to finish with +4 to win both the Privilege Cup and A Grade honours. Gary Milligan's good form continued with another solid round of +1 to finish runner-up in A Grade.

Captain Mark Lyons won B Grade with a fine score of +1, on a countback from Steve Holt, thanks to a better inward-9. Tony Brooke romped to victory in C Grade with a terrific +2, well clear of runner up Tom Scurrah (-2).

Nearest the pins: 17<sup>th</sup> – Grant Humbert; 2<sup>nd</sup> shot 11<sup>th</sup> – Grant Humbert (A), Ray Brereton (B); 2<sup>nd</sup> shot 18<sup>th</sup> for the 8-pack smack – Steve Holt.

Spike's Longest Drive on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, sponsored by Hot 'n' Cold Plumbing – Grant Humbert (A), Blake Humbert (B – two weeks in a row), Matt Higgins (C).

Neither the Echuca CIH eagles nest on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, nor Captain Bricka's yardstick prize on the 16<sup>th</sup> was won.

**27/05:** Last Wednesday there was a very pleasing turnout for a stableford round. It was lovely to see Pam Pollock, Pat Schramm and Yvonne Stansfield out for a hit, as well as Campaspe visitor Denise Pappin.

A Grade winner was Annette Brereton with 35 points, ahead of Jenny Holt (33 – a fine return). Marg Eade won B Grade with 28, on a countback from Helen Hayes. Nearest the pin: A Grade – Sue Harris; B Grade – Kathy Connors. The bullseyes competition is back up and running for the 2020 season, with Helen Hayes, Jenny Holt and Marg Eade all to the fore with 2 each.

**30/05:** It was a super Saturday at Lockington, with 40 players in the comp, the biggest field in many years. Bowden Stone returned the terrific score of 89-26-63 to be best on course and win the Giddings Co Player of the Day voucher (pizza for tea?). He also blitzed his C Grade rivals, with Matt Higgins (94-24-70) next best, followed by Graeme Hodgens (106-34-72).

Kevin Humbert (80-11-69) won A Grade in a tight finish from Brett Stone (76-7-70) and Travis Mancner (84-14-70). Brett's last 3 holes were forgettable, but his eagle on the 11<sup>th</sup> after driving the hole and sinking his putt was a highlight.

In a very close finish, Ian Haines won B Grade with a solid 83-15-68, ahead of Jeff Carnie (87-18-69), Blake Humbert (89-20-69) and Andy Freemantle (86-16-70).

Gartside Cup Qualifiers: Bowden Stone, Ian Haines, Jeff Carnie; standby – Kevin Humbert. Nearest the pins: 7<sup>th</sup> – Jono McAsey; 2<sup>nd</sup> shot 12<sup>th</sup> – Grant Humbert (A), Jeff Carnie (B), Rob Hardess (C); 2<sup>nd</sup> shot 18<sup>th</sup> for the 8-pack smack – Colin Bacon.

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Saturday's round was also the first preliminary round of the Club Championships - scratch leaderboards: A Grade – Grant Humbert 73, Brett Stone 76, Mat Dennis 80, Kevin Humbert 80. B Grade – Ian Haines 83, Jeff Carnie 87, Blake Humbert 89, Ray Brereton 91. C Grade – Bowden Stone 89, Matt Higgins 94, Tom Scurrah 96, Jayden Wright 101, Des Pentreath 101.

Upcoming events: **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Stroke – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prelim. Rnd. Club Championships – St Andrews Trophy. Duty: Travis Mancner, Jason Wakefield.



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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.**

As restrictions ease, and life begins to return to some sense of "normal", please ensure that you send us updates for the paper

We rely totally on YOU telling US what's happening, what's open, what's not, and if you are working at reduced hours.

We can accommodate your changes, but can only do so on your advice.

Alison Stewart (Editor)

**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. Joseph's Hall Campaspe St, Rochester. **Cancelled until further notice**

**LOCKINGTON LIBRARY HOURS:**

Tues- 10.00 day  
2.00 am - pm  
**Closed until further notice**  
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**ST. MARY'S OP SHOP**

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