



# Locky News

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

## Coming early in 2021...

### Lockington Community Directory

(Proudly Sponsored by Fosterville Gold Mine Community Grants Program)

A5 (half A4) size, 20 pages, and printed in COLOUR!  
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(first preference will be given to businesses that are based within our distribution area)

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Preferably by email to lockynews@bigpond.com  
Or ph 0417 177 807

**On behalf of the Locky News team  
I would like to thank you all for your support  
during this challenging year  
and look forward to 2021 bringing bigger and better things.**



**We hope you have a very Merry Christmas  
and a Safe and Happy New Year**

Alison Stewart (Editor)



## **LOCKINGTON & DISTRICT LIVING HERITAGE COMPLEX**

Complex: 5486 2515 - Open Sunday's 1pm to 4pm or by appointment  
 President: Kevin "Jack" Oliver - Secretary: Beryl Marshall 5486 2353  
 Website: <http://www.lockingtonvic.com.au>

Hello again Everyone,

We've been reviewing the story of European settlement in our part of Victoria, particularly following the passing of the 1869 Land Act. On 21 April 1875, the *Bendigo Advertiser* published an article which read in part: - "THE TERRICKS – As most of our readers are aware, there has been, and still is, a great rush for land at the Terricks. So great has been the craze for land on the extensive plains between Raywood and Mount Hope that some of the original large runs of the squatters, who had not previously purchased their estates, have been reduced more than one half. The land in places is exceedingly rich, and suited to the growth of any cereal, and as the right class of people seems to be selecting it, there is every indication of what has been nothing but a sheep-walk heretofore being turned into a very productive agricultural area. It is said that dummyism has been practised to a very great extent, but, notwithstanding this, selectors are to be observed in every direction hard at work — some clearing their ground and erecting the necessary buildings, and others turning up the soil, for the first time, which is to provide the means for their future existence."

The word "dummyism" was in the news a lot in 1875, and some of the articles written about it in local and Melbourne papers, make very interesting reading. In most instances, the practice of "dummying" was interpreted as an attempt by pastoralists to regain some of the land they had previously held under licence. Such licences had been forfeited as part of the implementation of the most recent Land Act and, unless a pastoralist had taken the precaution of purchasing his holding outright while such a possibility existed, the land was subsequently thrown open for free selection, usually in 320 acre allotments. "Dummyism" on the part of the pastoralist is not considered to have been the case in our district, where those like Austin Mack, having claimed the 640 acre Pre-emptive Right, entitling them to land immediately surrounding their station homesteads, were friendly and even helpful to their new selector neighbours. However, there were people other than pastoralists who practised a form of "dummying."

The following passages come from an article in the *Riverine Herald* on 24 July 1875, and give some idea of what was involved. (Just as a point of interest, the early selectors were referred to as "cockies" because cockatoos scratch up the ground. One of the conditions of selection was that the selector farmers were required to plough and cultivate the land, whereas it had previously been used only for grazing.) The newspaper article said: - "A 'special reporter' from the *Age*, has, it appears, been making a tour amongst the

selections, and he makes the following observations on dummyism, which, he alleges, still exists: -

The dummyism of the Terricks *par excellence*, is what is known as the "Boss Cockie" system. A cockatoo, or "cockie", is the name by which selectors are commonly known, and a "boss cockie" is a "cockie" of some importance, a master cockie in fact, or cockie who is "boss" or master over a number of cockies in whose names an accumulation of 320 acre blocks is taken up. The "boss cockie" is sometimes the tool of an organised agency, usually a firm of stock agents, and in other cases he is an independent capitalist "boss cockying" on his own account. In either case, the boss cockie and his dummies can be easily known from the *bona fide* [genuine] selector. One central house of a superior description will be recognised, surrounded by a number of selections amounting in the aggregate to from 2000 to upwards of 4000 acres. The houses, if such they can be called, on these surrounding blocks, are miserable bare frames without an attempt at the show even of *bona fide* settlement. [Just sufficient to appear to meet the "residency" clause]. The improvements will be observed to consist of the usual sheep-proof fencing, and the ploughing is confined to the bare thirty-two acres required by the Act, and so situated as to interfere as little as possible with the future use to which the land is to be put, viz.: - the contribution of its quota to the formation of a large purchase sheep-walk. The "boss cockie" uses his dummies as labourers for fencing, and runs sheep on the combined selections, which are usually obtained all together and surveyed with as few roads as possible. The sheep are supposed to belong to the dummies of course, but they are supplied by the "boss", who also pays for all the improvements. ... The boss cockie, as soon as the three years are up, - [The Act required that selectors hold their allotments under lease for a period of not less than three years] - will offer, by means of his dummies, to complete his purchase, and if some such amendment of the Act, as say the passing of the thirteen years' clause as a *retrospective measure*, is not accomplished, the alienation of the public estate in a short time, under the 1869 Act, will dwarf into insignificance the frauds perpetrated under previous Land Acts"...

The rest of the story will have to come next time.

Bye until then.  
 Marg O'Brien

### **LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY NEWS INC.** **CONTACT AND PUBLISHING DETAILS**

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**Deadline:** 10am on typing days, earlier if possible please. Leave items at our office at the Heritage Centre (through the slot). We welcome news, reports and personal items, photos etc. sent in via email. Please try to limit file sizes to about 1000kb (1Mb).

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

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**Reports** - a word count limit of approx. 500 words is sufficient for most reports, preference will be given to shorter reports. Due to space limitations your report may need to be edited.

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

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

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

**DEATH**

**JONES**, Ian Andrew "Acky".  
14.01.1966 ~ 29.11.2020  
Loving son of Mary and Brian Jones.  
Much loved brother of Daryl.  
*RIP Ack. You will be in our hearts forever.*



Jean **MACAULAY**, passed away at Yeppoon Hospital on 2nd December 2020, aged 81 years. Loved wife of John (dec). Mother of Peter and Ailsa. Sister of Elspeth Eastwood (dec) and Owen Howell.

**SQUIRE**, Robin Irvine - Passed away peacefully 24/11/2020 (Former herd tester and farmer in this district)



Loving husband of Ruth (dec.) and loved father and father-in-law of Phil and Cheryl, Glenda and Pete, Jeff, Andrea and Tony. Loved Papa of 12 and Grand-Papa of 7.

Loved and respected brother of Jack and Jenny, and uncle to their families.

*A limb has fallen from the family tree,  
I hear a voice that whispers "Grieve not for me".  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs,  
The good I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you,  
Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,  
Remembering all, how I was truly blessed.*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To our Editor Alison on obtaining a position in the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program for 2021. Alison has been sponsored by the Gardiner Dairy Foundation. From your Locky News Team.

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF ROCHESTER & LOCKINGTON**



**20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Rochester 9.00am  
Lockington 11.15am  
**24<sup>th</sup> December**  
Lockington 11.00pm  
**25<sup>th</sup> December**  
Rochester 9.30am  
**27<sup>th</sup> December**  
Lockington 11.15am.

Rev. Anthony Stones  
on 0437 696 561

**ST JAMES COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Every Sunday - 10.00 am

Contacts:  
Pastor Bill Cochrane  
0427 865474  
or Edwin Keele 5484 3117

**Christmas Services**

*No additional service times available at time of printing*

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**St Canice's, Lockington**  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 8:00am Mass  
Saint Canice's Church, Lockington, will have an 8.00am Mass on Christmas morning, 25 December 2020.

**St Joseph's, Rochester**  
Every Sunday - 10:00am Mass  
Every Sunday - 12 noon Latin Mass

**Sacred Heart, Elmore**  
Every Saturday - Vigil 5.30 pm

**UNITING CHURCH BAMAWM**

Bamawm Uniting Church extends a warm welcome to you all as we gradually get back to worshipping together. The following dates are services which will be held in churches. \*We hope to Zoom 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, for those unable to attend, (please refer to a recent *Locky News* for connection details):

**20<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am**  
Combined Northern Rivers Cluster service in the Rochester Church.\*  
**CHRISTMAS DAY at Bamawm: 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am**  
**27<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am** Combined Northern Rivers Cluster service in the Bamawm Church.\*



Contacts:  
Ray Wakefield 5486 2592  
Graeme Haines 5486 2284

**COLLINS - THOMPSON** Brodie Collins and Darcy Thompson were married on Saturday 5th December at Chateau Dore in Mandurang. Wedding party: Jesse Collins best man, Michael Moroney and Brad Collins. Darcy's attendants were Bronte Matheson, Ailish Archbold, Maggie Thompson and flower girl Cydie Giddings



**JOURNEY OF Faith**

**Isaiah c 9 v 6**

For unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is given And the government will be upon His shoulder And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace .





### LOCKINGTON LIONS CLUB

Wednesday 9th December was the last meeting for the Lions Club for 2020 and to celebrate the occasion, had a Christmas dinner at the Hotel with members and partners. A great night it was, with Lion Betty Mustey dressing appropriately for the occasion.

On behalf of the Lockington Lions Club, I would like to wish everyone in the community a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to serving your community in 2021.

Marg Dowie Secretary.



On Behalf from us all in the Lockington Lions Club, Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Keep well and safe, and we look forward to be able to continue to serve this community in 2021

### THE LADIES AUXILIARY

#### 2020 CHRISTMAS DINNER.

For a while it was the Million Dollar question as to when we could celebrate Christmas due to the COVID19 restrictions. Finally, on December 2, the Christmas spirit was flowing in the Locky Pub.

Therese and the staff decorated the Dining Room in the Christmas spirit and served us a delicious Christmas Dinner.

The Auxiliary Ladies were joined by Board members and the staff for the annual Christmas Dinner, which was enjoyed by all. Once again, President Betty Mustey's trivia questions were challenging and answers were hotly contested

Father Christmas made an appearance and distributed the gifts once we'd assured him that we had been good all year! He led us in singing a hearty rendition of 'Jingle Bells.' So, who was our Secret Santa?

We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Campaspe Shire to cover the event



## CORNER BLOCK ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALISATION.

Brendan and Leanne Pentreath generously donated the corner block to the Lockington District Business Centre Inc to provide an area for the community to get together and meet. They also envisaged an area that would provide something for the youth of the district to engage in.



Charlie McIntyre, Orby Giddings and Mitchell Scurrah were available to christen the track and give it the stamp of approval. Landscaping around the track and the remainder of the block is the next project to be undertaken.



**Children are welcome to come and use the track on their scooters, skate boards and push bikes. All users enter and participate at their own risk. Please respect other users and the equipment provided while it is being completed.**

### ST MARY'S OP SHOP

We are very pleased to at long last be open again and start putting the COVID virus behind us.

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and shopping support given to us during the last 12 months, even though it was a very short 12 months for us all.

As this year comes to an end, so does my time as Co-ordinator. I feel it is time I handed over to someone else, and am very pleased to say Carmel Twyford-White has expressed interest in taking on this role.

As well as the Volunteers and the Church, Parish Council and Business Centre, I have had excellent support which has made my role quite easy, and I am very grateful for that. I have made many new friends there who I value. I know you will give the same support to Carmel.

With many thanks and appreciation to all. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Dot Pearse  
Co-ordinator,  
St Mary's Op-Shop  
Lockington

**We will be opening on 7<sup>th</sup> January for 4 weeks on Thursday and Friday only from 10am to 2.30pm**





## **CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS**

### **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR**

As Christmas fast approaches, many of us are preparing for a break, to spend some time with family or friends.

While community events and celebrations usually dominate our calendar at this time of year, the ongoing pandemic has impacted many planned activities. Our retail and tourism sector is gearing up for a busy period, with many people expected to travel to enjoy what our shire and regional Victoria, has to offer.

Our service centres will close at 3pm on Thursday, 24 December and will reopen on Monday, 4 January. This year, there are no changes to waste collection services due to public holidays. For urgent after hours service, call 1300 666 535.

On behalf of Councillors and staff, I wish Locky News readers a Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

*Cr Chrissy Weller  
Mayor*

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICE HOURS**

Service centres and libraries close from 3pm on Thursday, 24 December and reopen on Monday, 4 January.

There are **no changes** to waste (red bin), recycling (yellow bin) and garden / food (green bin) collections across the Christmas / New Year holiday period. Please remember to put your bins out the night before collection.

For urgent requests, please call 5481 2200 and follow the prompts.

### **NEWSLETTER - OUT NOW**

This month's Campaspe Times community newsletter has been delivered to residents and businesses across the shire. It can also be viewed online at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/newsletter](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/newsletter)

### **2021 #MYCAMPASPE CALENDAR**

The free 2021 community calendar featuring the winning photos from the #MyCampaspe photo competition is now out. The calendar is available from service centres, libraries and a number of service areas across the shire.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The following Community Grants were approved by Council in the recent funding round:

\$3,000 Lockington Bowls Club Inc, main switchboard upgrade

\$2,399 Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club Inc, purchase of a motorised pitch cylinder mower

### **IMMUNISATION SESSIONS**

The 2021 program is now available on Council's website.

#### **Immunisations**

Campaspe Shire Council Immunisation Session

#### **By appointment only**

Ph: 1300 666 535

Monday, 18 January

11.30am – 12noon

Lockington Bush Nursing Centre

Vaccines for children & adults

Refer to Council website for more info.

### **Lockington**

### **Swimming Pool**

### **Now Open**

**3pm - 7pm**

**Daily**

(Closed Christmas Day)

Eftpos is available at all outdoor pools and offers a contactless payment option.

#### **Season ticket fees**

Family	\$150.00
Adult	\$86.00
Concession / child	\$65.00

#### **Casual fees**

Family	\$17.20
Adult	\$5.30
Concession / child	\$4.30

### **WORDS OF WISDOM?**

*Quote from "Then the Water-Wheel Turned", A history of Lockington and District 1867 – 1967, by Fae Stevens and Elizabeth O'Brien.*

"It will be noticed throughout this book that the coverage is anything but uniform. The reason for this being that so many good people have helped in the gathering of material. Some have gone into great detail and others have only supplied the bare facts; some have delved deep into the past and others have been content with the present. With all this material we have contrived to produce a readable history, and hope that this information will help future historians. May we appeal to the people of today to record and preserve an account of all events of note in your district. In another hundred years your descendants will want to know what you were doing today."

*(Beryl Marshall added: Perhaps not just events in your district, but in your lives?)*

**Do you enjoy reading  
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\$1 per paper to produce.**

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### **Donation Tins...**

Giddings \$57.75  
Helen's Takeaway \$20.05  
Business Centre \$28.20



Donation received from Shelly Gniel



## LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS

Our graduating grade 6 students.



*Photo courtesy of Vin Jarrod of Noomlight media*

The students enjoyed a fun night celebrating with each other, along with their parents/carers at the Lockington Recreation reserve. We wish them all the best for the coming years.

In other school news the students have been busy over the last 2 weeks participating in an intensive swimming program at the Lockington pool. The weather was not particularly kind to us, with the students shivering through some lessons, but they soldiered on! The students also took part in some water safety classes when it was too cold to swim. We will be holding our annual swimming Grade 3-6 swimming carnival this Wednesday.



We would like to take the opportunity to thank the local community for their continued support of our great school this year!

MEDIA RELEASE

**Peter WALSH**

MEMBER FOR MURRAY PLAINS | LEADER OF THE NATIONALS

**A better deal**  
for Murray Plains  
**THE NATIONALS**  
for Regional Victoria

## **THE NATIONALS GUARANTEE TO REBUILD CFA'S INDEPENDENCE**

THE Nationals Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, said the appointment of Jack Rush QC as chairman of the party's CFA advisory committee confirms its determination to rebuild the volunteer firefighting force.

Mr Walsh said few people understand the issue better than Mr Rush, who was counsel assisting the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

He said Mr Rush will be joined on the committee by Craig Lapsley (former Victorian Emergency Management Commissioner), John Peberdy (former member and acting-chair of the CFA Board), Ev Duke (former member of the SES board) and Adam Barnett (chief executive of Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria).

"This is the ultimate A team to rescue the CFA and its thousands of regionally based volunteers and restore their independence," Mr Walsh said.

"The Victorian government has literally pulled apart generations of regional commitment as a sop to its union cronies in the Melbourne-centric United Firefighters Union," he said.

"The committee will play a critical role in helping shape the CFA as a truly independent, volunteer-based organisation.

"It will seek and review CFA volunteer and key stakeholder feedback, before ultimately providing recommendations to us on the CFA's redevelopment."

Mr Walsh added the formation of the committee is built on the consultation he has already started with CFA brigades and volunteers through the [Rebuild the CFA website](#), where volunteers have the opportunity to provide direct feedback on the reforms.

Mr Rush said the process provided "a critical opportunity to promote the interests of a most precious resource, volunteer firefighters; and to ensure the future of the state's largest fire agency – the CFA."

Mr Walsh said a prime example of why the CFA needs to be rescued is the Victorian government's total disinterest in spending money on regional services.

He said the CFA fleet of pumpers and tankers will now get even older after the government's 2020 State Budget fell short of meeting their replacement target.

"Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria management has showed the CFA needs to replace almost 120 trucks a year – every year – to ensure no vehicle in the CFA's fleet of 2406 tankers and pumpers is more than 20 years old," Mr Walsh explained.

"But many, too many, are already beyond their use-by date with no sign they will be replaced any time soon. The government's Melbourne-first, Melbourne-always thinking might not understand it; but bushfires are called that for a reason – they start in the bush.

"And it will be the CFA, not the unions, who will be putting their lives on the line – with substandard equipment. There are tankers out there now going into their fourth decade on the frontline and that's inexcusable.

The *Weekly Times* reported that earlier this year, then CFA chief officer Steve Warrington called on the Government for an extra \$200 million to upgrade the CFA tanker fleet.

Victoria, like other states, once had a 20-year CFA truck replacement policy.

The *Weekly Times* also said the shortfall in CFA truck funding sits in stark contrast to the government's investment

in the newly formed career-only Fire Rescue Victoria Service, set to cost Victorian taxpayers more than \$1 billion a year to run.

## **IT'S TIME TO PROTEST ABOUT LABOR'S PERMITS FOR PROTESTS SAYS WALSH**

THE Victorian Government, with its dictatorial emergency powers rule, now wants to restrict public protests to a permit-only proposition according to the Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh.

Permits he said will be approved, or disapproved, by the Victorian Government – even if the protest was about the government.

"The right to protest, your right to protest, is a cornerstone of democracy," Mr Walsh protested.

"Australian history has been changed, and changed for the better, by protest," he said.

"Just think back a couple of years, when the Victorian Government tried a backdoor shuffle to gut Cohuna hospital of its maternity facilities and put the future of what would be left on notice.

"But an immediate public backlash, and a massive crowd gathered near the hospital to protest the proposed cuts, won the day and this week the hospital got a multi-million dollar grant for further improvements – I was proud to be part of that fight and if the people had kept quiet; done as they were told, the hospital may well be closed by now; rather than expanding."

Mr Walsh said if you look back through time to some of the major protests in our history you don't have to go very far to see their importance.

He said you could start with the Vietnam moratorium marches in the early 1970s – the largest public demonstrations in Australia's history at the time.

"To stop people killing, and being killed, in a war without end. And they did," Mr Walsh added.

"The famous Wave Hill walk-off was a protest that lasted seven years before Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam brought it to an end, going to Wave Hill to return more than 3000 square kilometres of land to the Gurindji people, pouring a symbolic handful of red soil as the deed to the title," he said.

"Or the environmental stand that was Tasmania's Franklin Blockade in 1982, to save the Franklin River from disappearing under a massive dam project.

"Thousands descended on the site to protest the development, more than 1200 would be arrested, but they won.

"It sparked our environmentalist movement and was the cradle of the Greens Party."

On July 24 in 1978 – marching with a permit – thousands packed Sydney's Oxford St to protest gay and lesbian rights in Australia.

Even though their protest was 'legal', bigoted police of the day launched a violent attack on the marchers and arrested 53.

But the protest was dubbed a 'mardi gras' and the rest is history.

"We need fewer permits, not more," Mr Walsh insisted.

"And no government should be allowed to define what is an approved protest; such a system is open to incredible misuse and abuse," he said.

"People should start protesting about protests now, before they need a permit to even think about it."



**GOING, GOING... GONE**

The original Footy Club Rooms building today stands where it was built, back in the 1920's. That hasn't always been the case though.

Timber framed, unlined, clad in miniorb (small profile corrugated iron) and with a rather decorative verandah... that was the origin of this building. With these clubrooms situated quite a distance from the Footy Ground the players either had a long walk of honour after winning a game, or what must have seemed to be an even longer walk of shame if they lost.

At some point in time these club rooms were moved to where the grandstand/coaches box is now located, and then at some stage it was lined with masonite, quite a luxury after having no lining at all.

In 1986, after the new (and current) clubrooms were built, a group of dedicated locals moved it once more, back to its original site, to live out the rest of its days as the Action Club Rooms.

The team who helped move these clubrooms... the second time, was led by Andy Rankin, and included locals the likes of Sims' and Ian Maddison.



Pictured above is the clubrooms being moved for the second time (Photos courtesy of Lockington Action Club)

Pictured right is this same building, back where it started life, but now empty and ready for demolition.



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**LODDON-MALLEE RAPID RESPONSE TESTING TEAM**  
**BENDIGO HEALTH POP-UP, COVID-19 TESTING**

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain suppression of the Covid-19 virus in the Loddon-Mallee region, pop-up testing sites are being set up around the region on a regular basis. These sites are run by the Loddon-Mallee Rapid Response Testing Team (RRTT). This is a DHHS initiative but entirely staffed by nurses from Bendigo Health.

These sites will enable access for those who are concerned and would like to be tested as well as anyone with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 to present for testing. These pop-up sites are in addition to the fixed testing sites listed on the DHHS website including Bendigo Health's testing site for drive through and walk in presentations at the old Stewart St Emergency Department.

Take the opportunity to chat to the team when they are in town. They are happy to answer any questions as well as complete Covid-19 swabs in a professional and caring manner.

If you have any concerns or questions, please email or call Daniel Sheard (Operations Manager, Loddon-Mallee RRTT) on the contacts below:

Dan Sheard  
 Email: [rrtt@bendigohealth.org.au](mailto:rrtt@bendigohealth.org.au)  
 Phone: (03) 5454 6537

**LOCKINGTON FREE COVID-19 TESTING**

Plantation Reserve, Hopetoun Street,  
 Lockington

**3pm—4pm**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**COMMUNITY**

**ACTION CLUB OF LOCKINGTON**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

1st Wednesday - Dinner at Clubrooms  
3rd Wednesday - Activity

**President:**

John Wright: 0409 259 723

**Secretary:**

Tommy Eade: 0417 899 806



**COMMUNITY**

**LOCKINGTON RECREATION RESERVE**

Bookings now made with  
Brendan Pentreath:  
0428 862 200

If you cannot contact Brendan,  
phone Louise Murray  
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"The secret of life is this: The cow does not give milk." "What are you saying?" Asked the boy incredulously. "As you hear it, son: The cow does not give milk, you have to milk it. You have to get up at 4 in the morning, go to the field, walk through the corral full of excrement, tie the tail and legs of the cow, sit on the bench, place the bucket and do the work your self..

"That is the secret of life, the cow does not give milk. You milk her or you don't get milk." There is this generation that thinks that cows GIVE milk. That things are automatic and free: their mentality is that if " I wish, I ask, and I obtain."

They have been accustomed to get what ever they want the easy way...But No, life is not a matter of wishing, asking and obtaining. The things that one receives are the effort of what one does. Happiness is the result of effort. Lack of effort creates frustration.

So, remember to share with your children, from a young age, the secret of life. So they don't grow with mentality that the government, their parents, or their cute little faces is going to give them everything they need in life. NO.

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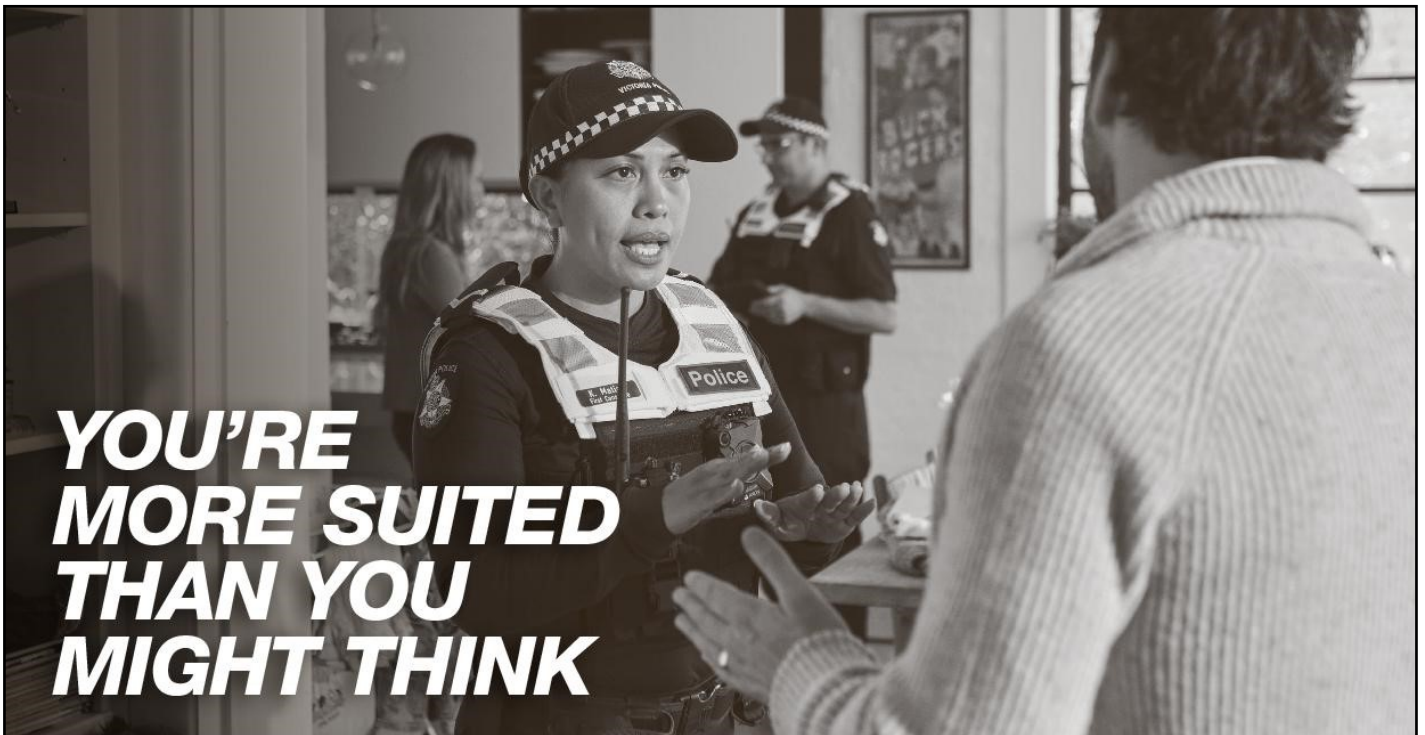
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**Vice President:** Ian Haines,

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## **Memberships**

We are pleased to announce that the membership contribution will be unchanged for the following financial year . Family \$70 (concession \$55) Single \$40 (concession \$30).

## **Trading Hours Xmas - New Year**

Thursday 24th December - early closure at 1pm (No Pathology)

Friday 25th December & Monday 28th December - **closed for public holidays**

Tuesday 29th December - 4pm closure.

Wednesday 30th December - 4pm closure.

Thursday 31st December - 4pm closure.

Friday 1st January 2021 - **closed for public holiday**

Monday 4th January - normal trading hours resume.



## **Staff lunchbreak**

In order for staff to recharge their batteries and have a much deserved lunchbreak - we will be closed from 12.30 to 1.30 each trading day. Unless you have an emergency or a prearranged appointment please schedule your visit or phonecall either side of this time. Thank you.

## **Elmore Medical Practice - Xmas closure 25th December -1st January**

Please note that Dr Patricks last Tuesday before Christmas in Lockington will be Tuesday 22nd December. Please check your scripts and plan accordingly to avoid running out of medication over the Xmas break. Elmore will close at 4pm on Thursday 24th December 2020 for their Xmas break.

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## LOCKINGTON BOWLS REPORT

**December 12:** On a very fine and calm Tuesday morning, the women enjoyed the ideal conditions for their Social Triples. The winning team comprised Trish Jones, Denise Gilmore and Annette Brereton (s), all combining with a special brand of bowling.

At the weekly game of Scrounge, the rink winners included Ray Hanson 59 points on rink 1, Brian Kinnane collected rink 2 scoring 57 points while the evergreen Phil Collins was brilliant in form claiming rink 3 on 57 points. Scrounge will continue on a Tuesday afternoon starting at 2.00pm.

The Sixty and Over competition was held at Mathoura on Wednesday where bowlers enjoyed fine greens to play on. The "fab-four" collected the "chooks" in a back-to-back fashion. The reigning champions Bill Musgrove, Steve Peter, Brian Kinnane, Phillip Cunnington (s) won the day with one bowl in the Yardstick - apparently they had the closer bowl?

Club championship games continue to be played out. During the week, Club President and current club champion Ray Hanson defeated Frank Chugg in the first round 25-15 in a high standard display from both bowlers. Chugg recovered some lost ground after trailing 1-14 after eight ends. Russell Shawcross kept his hopes up for another championship title after defeating his elder brother Geoff Shawcross 25-18, recovering from a 1-10 trail after 6 ends. The match-up between Brian Kinnane and Alan Kauffman resulted in a clear-cut victory to Kinnane following his clinical exhibition to win the game 25-12. Kauffman tried desperately to stem the tide, however the tsunami proved too great.

In the women's section Annette Brereton defeated Lorraine Appleby in the first round 25-13.

The CVBD Week-end pennant resulted in rain-shortened games with some matches rained out. Not a really good day for bowls - gale force winds, dust, rain and the occasional ray of sunshine. Division three played Rochester Red away and returned home with a thrilling one shot victory 34-33. (R Shawcross d. T Scott 16-10; R Hanson lost to R Turner 6-14; I Johnson d. G Chambers 12-9). Division Four journeyed to Mathoura and were virtually blown off the green and suffered a 34-45 loss. (F Chugg d. J Dean 15-11; K Stout l.t. P Cowley 8-16; K Main l.t. B Brander 11-18).

In the CVBD Midweek pennant, there were some close results in most games. (Mathoura Blue d. Tongala 60-53; Moama Red d. Moama Green 83-39; Mathoura Red d. City of Echuca White 56-45; City of Echuca Blue d. Ky Valley View 85-45; Rich River d. Elmore 55-51).

The Friday morning intra-club Pennant provided a couple of upsets. Bluebottles - Phyllis MacFarlane (s) beat Waratahs - Annette Brereton (s) by four shots in a close encounter while Grevillias - Lois Chugg (s) smashed Banksia - Pauline Humbert (s) by a considerable 35 shots.

During the week some forty members and guests enjoyed a fine meal at the Caledonian Hotel in Echuca. The club is very thankful for the strong sponsorship from the Caledonian Hotel and all members endeavoured to show their gratitude. Brian Kinnane was acknowledged for his contribution towards the night.

The Lockington Bowling Club Presidents and members extend sincere condolences to Brian and Mary Jones on the recent sad loss of son Ian "Acky" Jones. Both Brian and Mary were associated with our club in being consistent pennant players as well as holding the position of Club President.

The weekly Friday evening barbeque and practice session was well attended with Phillip Cunnington being absent and not being able to claim the lucky members draw.

The club will hold the annual Moama Bowling Club supported Open Fours on Thursday 31st December commencing at 9.30am. Being on New Year's eve, there is an early start with an earlier finish. Contact Chris Stewart 5486 2607 for details.

Club members are reminded of the Christmas Break-up on Friday 18th December at 6.30pm. All Hamper raffle tickets to be sold and returned prior.

**December 14:** The women showed out in force on Tuesday for the weekly Social bowls. On the day the game was Triples and the competition was really hot. Overall winners were Kathi Maddison, Margaret Dowie, Annie Haines (s) in a near flawless display.

On Tuesday afternoon the game of Scrounge attracted a small field with Alan Kauffman and Terry Malone showing good form.

In the club championship, Don Isgro proved too experienced for the gallant Leon Laffy and will now proceed to the next round to play Dave Thomas.

The women have completed the first round of the championship. Phyllis MacFarlane defeated Anne Lowrie, Annette Brereton d. Lorraine Appleby, Leanne McInnes beat Pauline Humbert and the "new-kid-on-the-block" Margaret Dowie defeated defending champion Denise Gilmore in a great display of draw bowling. The semi-finals will match up MacFarlane to play Brereton while McInnes will meet Dowie.

The round of CVBD Week-end Pennant resulted in both our division Three and Four winning their respective matches against City of Echuca and Elmore. Division Three had two rinks up in their 62-48 victory against City of Echuca. (Ray Hanson d. M Bennett 24-11; Ian Johnson d. G Clymo 19-16; Russell Shawcross lost to Pat Schram 19-21). This win places the team in second position on the Premiership ladder. Division Four returned home with a six shot 51-45 victory against Elmore. A day of really high standard bowling from all concerned and the scoreboard details were neck-and-neck all day. Lockington had only one rink up and two ties. (Frank Chugg drew S Ayson 15 all; Calvin Stout drew A Muscat 18 all; Ken Main d. M Williams 18-12).

The CVBD Midweek Pennant results showed Elmore beating Mathoura Blue 82-47; Rich River d. Ky Valley View 72-51; Moama Green d. City of Echuca Blue 80-38; Mathoura Red drew Moama Red 59 all; City of Echuca White d. Tongala 102-38).

During the week bowlers converged on Tongala for the Sixty & Over competition. Two local teams scooped the pool with the Frank Chugg rink of Don Smith, John van den Bosch and Neil Haines winning first prize with four in the Yardstick. The raging favorite team comprising Bill Musgrove, Steve Peter, Brian Kinnane, Phillip Cunnington (s) had to settle for second place after scoring the regulation one bowl (the skipper) in the area. The rink was attempting to claim the "Golden-Chook" trophy - winning three weeks in a row!

A rink played in the J McGowan Open Fours at Mathoura on Thursday. Andy Harris, Brian Kinnaen, Ray Hanson, Russell Shawcross (s) won two games out of three - not bad!

The CVBD State Singles was held at Rich River on Sunday. (Women) M Brennan d. K Norris, J Campbell d. L Beattie, M Stephenson d. K Wastell, S Connolly d. L Roney. Semi-final results: J Campbell d. M Brennan, S Connolly d. M Stephenson. In the Men's section M Harvey d. L Vallance, P Nesbitt d. G Dorward, I Hicks d. R Wastell, T Nagorcka d. B Tinning, B Brennan d. J McGowan, K Brennan d. T Mansbridge, S Cunnington d. B Campbell, P Clear d. R Jackson. In the quarter finals P Nesbitt d. M Harvey, P Clear d. B Brennan, S Cunnington d. K Brennan, T Nagorcka d. I Hicks. Semi-final results: T Nagorcka d. P Nesbitt, S Cunnington d. P Clear. The finals will be played on Sunday 14th February. S Connolly versus J Campbell and S Cunnington will meet T Nagorcka.

The club will hold the annual Moama Bowling Club supported Open Fours on Thursday 31st December 2020, commencing at 9.30am. Limited spots - contact Chris Stewart 5486 2607.

On Friday evening the club will hold our Christmas break-up at 6.30pm. Members are to return all sold tickets in the mighty Xmas Hamper plus donated goods.

Last Friday evening Bill Musgrove collected the lucky members' draw of substantial dollars!



# LOCKINGTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Set up your lights, then send the BEST photo of your house to [lockynews@bigpond.com](mailto:lockynews@bigpond.com) by December 15th.

All photo's will be uploaded to the Lockington Community Facebook page and the photo's with the most likes win! Winners to be announced December 20th.

1st Prize \$100 Locky Dollars  
2nd Prize \$50 Locky Dollars  
3rd Prize \$30 Locky Dollars

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Vote on Facebook for the winning photos.



(Like your favourite photo)

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Second Prize \$50 Locky Dollars  
Third Prize \$30 Locky Dollars

Voting Closes midnight December 19



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



## DECEMBER

### SUNDAY 20TH

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

### SUNDAY 27TH

Heritage Complex CLOSED

### THURSDAY 31ST

Closing Date for...  
Community Directory Listings  
Community Directory Photo Competition

## JANUARY

### FRIDAY 1ST

Happy New Year!

### SUNDAY 3RD

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

### SUNDAY 10TH

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

### SUNDAY 17TH

Heritage Complex Open  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
On Duty: Jack & Sandra

### SUNDAY 24TH

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

### TUESDAY 26TH

Breaky in The Park (To be confirmed)  
7:30am at Lions Park  
  
Kids Fishing Competition  
1-3pm at the Rotunda on the Channel  
  
Arvo at the Pool  
3-7pm  
  
Milloo Dinner and Speaker  
7pm at Milloo Hall

#### LOCKINGTON LIBRARY HOURS:

Tuesday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm  
Wednesday 10.00 am – 5 pm  
Thursday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

## Locky News

### Typing Dates 2021

(Mondays)

January 18  
February 1  
February 15  
March 1  
March 15  
March 29  
April 12  
April 26  
May 10  
May 24  
June 7  
June 21  
July 5  
July 19  
August 2  
August 16  
August 30  
September 13  
September 27  
October 11  
October 25  
November 8  
November 22  
December 6  
December 20

#### ST. MARY'S OP SHOP

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

## 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) *Still on break*
- Senior Citizens Games 10:00 am  
Bowls and Cards

### TUESDAYS

- Men's Shed  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Phone 0499 170 329
- Dr. Patrick Nzegwu  
9.30 am - 5.00 pm  
Bush Nursing Centre  
Phone: 5486 2544.
- Ladies Social Bowls  
Names by 9.45 am - start 10.00 am
- Men's Social Scrounge 1pm
- Lockington Playgroup  
10.00am - 9.30 to 11:30am  
(not during school holidays)  
St. James Church Hall.  
Enquiries: Tammy Norman 0411 056 765

### 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 *Still on break*
- Men's Shed  
By appointment  
Phone: 0499 170 329
- Ladies Social Badminton  
9:30am - Bamawm Sports Centre.  
Enquiries: 0458 548 622

### FRIDAYS

- Men's Bowls practice 4:30pm  
BBQ Tea to follow

### SATURDAYS

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

## 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

