



Locky News

Lockington's Priceless Paper

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LOCKINGTON PLANNING GROUP Monday 15th February 2021 7:30 pm at Lockington Community Hall



Aim: Working together to promote and develop our community facilities.

It is important that ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS and ORGANISATIONS are represented at this meeting. Thanks to those groups who have contacted me so far with the names of their reps.

Overview: This coming meeting is where each group/organisation or member from the community, puts forward projects or ideas to help Lockington develop for community members and encourage tourism to the area. There is no set criteria for the projects that we propose, but it will depend on what skills that the volunteers who come have, as to whether every project proposed can be achieved.

On the weekend of 12th March, one or two reps from each of the above groups will meet with the overall Rural Aid co-ordinator to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed ideas. I will be present at all interviews to assist with consistency.

From there the Lockington Planning group will be given a strategic plan, produced by Rural Aid, that incorporates these ideas and will be the basis for the 50 or so volunteers from all over Australia that come to our town for a week in September from the 19th to 24th. These volunteers are 'hands on' workers. The town will be responsible for providing the evening meal during this week. Four organisations will be asked to provide a meal on one night, this will be a fund raising opportunity for each organisation. The fifth meal will be at the Lockington Community Hotel.

We are given funding of \$90,000 towards materials to be used on the projects etc. We get approx \$25,000 the first year and the remainder over the next four years to ensure that projects have future funding to enable them to be completed.

WEBSITE: www.ruralaid.org.au/our-towns

Could all community groups and organisations nominate at least one representative and email or text me that they will be in attendance.

Wendy Sims 0427868307 or wendys1904@gmail.com

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(Entries by 10am)

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

WE'RE ON A WINNER!

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Hello again Everyone,

We've been looking back at the development of our district after selector settlers began to arrive here a hundred and fifty years ago. By mid-1875, east of here, the flourishing township of Rochester was taking shape on the Melbourne-to-Murray main trunk railway line, and to the west was the growing village of Mitiamo. Nevertheless, some of those early farming families must have felt very isolated, particularly as there were still virtually no made roads. In an item published by the *Melbourne Age* on 21 May 1875, the Rochester correspondent stated that "A strong feeling prevails in favour of having an independent shire established, with Rochester as its centre." Some five hundred ratepayers had already petitioned in favour of forming the separate Shire, with an extent of about 700 square miles, comprising portions of the existing Shires of Echuca and Waranga.

Nothing happened quickly but, on 11 October 1875, as reported by the *Riverine Herald* the following day, "[a] very numerous meeting was held last night at the Shamrock Hotel, Rochester, for the purpose of taking steps to separate the shire, and to form a new shire." The following resolution was unanimously passed: "That in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable to form a new shire at Rochester, consisting of portions of the Echuca and Waranga Shires, including the whole, or portion of the following parishes; Rochester West, Bonn, Nanneella, Timmering, Tongala, Koyuga, Kyabram, Echuca South, Diggera, Warragamba, Pannoomilloo, Milloo, Pannobamawm, Mitiamo, Wanurp, Bamawm, Ballendella, Corop, Carag Carag, Girgarre; and that a petition be signed in accordance with the 38th section of the Local Government [Act], in support thereof." Lengthy discussion took place before the petition was "laid upon the table, and the meeting invited to record their names. Numbers waited until a very late hour, to attach their signatures before the meeting broke up."

It is perhaps not surprising that those responsible for municipal affairs in the Echuca Shire had not taken much account of the plains to their west and south-west at that time. Another exciting prospect had come forward. The completion of the railway line to Echuca in 1864, had done much to open up the northern part of Victoria. Now interest was increasing in the Riverina country across the Murray River. The *Riverine Herald* of 19 May 1875, has an interesting report of the plans being made to extend the rail link across the river to Moama and on to Deniliquin. Construction was to be in the hands of a new company, formed principally of Victorians. It was expected that work would begin at the Moama end of the line "in the course of a few weeks," but a decision had yet to be made concerning

the width of gauge to be adopted. The line would be about forty-seven miles in length, and the cost was estimated at between £100,000 and £150,000, including rolling stock. It was anticipated that completion of the new line would take about a year.

The New Year's Day 1876 edition of the *Bendigo Advertiser*, carried a lengthy article describing "Agricultural Progress on the Terricks". Whilst praising the "genuine" selectors as being very industrious, having cultivated the greater portion of their land, the writer acknowledged that those on family selections, of sufficient size in total to enable them to graze a flock of sheep to subsidise the income derived from their cropping activities, were in a better position than the "poor selector with his three hundred and twenty acres." He noted that many of these were in such "reduced circumstances" that, without the little extra income they had been able to gain by agisting sheep for a nearby "boss cockie", "they would have undoubtedly to allow their holdings to be forfeited or else arrange for their disposal to squatters at the end of three years, the period for which they are compelled to hold their land."

It was felt that the 1875-76 season having been more favourable than the last, had boosted the hopes of the selectors and they were delighted with the yields they had obtained from the current crop. The only difficulty encountered had been "a scarcity of labour. However, the introduction of reaping machines has saved many a farmer his crop. Dozens of threshing machines have been hard at work during the past week or two."

The article went on to state: - "There has been no scarcity of water, and it is exceedingly fortunate for some of the selectors away from the creeks, who have not had time to form waterholes, that the season has been such a wet one. A drought would play sad havoc with the selectors' sheep, in places where water is not easily obtained or even retained after holes are excavated, through the porous nature of the ground. Well-sinking has been commenced in various localities, and, with very few exceptions, water has been struck in large quantities in the drifts at no great depths." The other great shortage was one of trees, "The scarcity of timber on the plains is a great drawback to the selectors, as they have to travel long distances to secure posts for fencing. For miles along the roads not a tree of any description is to be met with."

'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.

WANT TO HELP THE MENTAL HEALTH OF YOUR COMMUNITY?

Places for the two day Mental Health First Aid training course provided by Campaspe Primary Care Partnership will be prioritised for local community members and rural organisations that work with farming communities.

The training will take place at the Echuca Regional Health Education Hub, on Thursday 25th and Tuesday 30th March, 2021. It will be facilitated by Ruth Turpin, Mental Health First Aid Accredited Master Instructor.

The training will prove extremely beneficial for people who want to support family, friends or colleagues with mental health problems. They will be able to identify possible risk factors, recognise symptoms for these illnesses, gain knowledge around available treatments and resources, and know how to take appropriate action when crisis situations arise.

Lunch & workbook included.

Bookings are essential for this free course –please RSVP by Monday 15th March, 2021 to :

Beck Crawford –Campaspe PCP on 5484 4485

Email: administration@campaspepcp.com.au

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Northern Rivers Uniting Church Cluster extends to you a warm welcome to:

February 7 - 10.00am

Combined Cluster service in Bamawm Uniting Church.

February 14 - 10.00am

Combined Cluster service in Rochester Uniting Church.

February 21 – 10.00am

Combined Cluster service in Elmore Uniting Church.

February 28 – 10.00am

Combined Cluster service in Tongala Uniting Church.

The services will be 'Zoomed' for those who physically cannot attend. Connection is the same as during the virus, but details can be obtained from

Graeme Haines
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Or
Beryl Marshall
0428 862 353



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Lockington - 11.15am

14th February - ELMORE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Canice's, Lockington
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
8:00am Mass

St Joseph's, Rochester
Every Sunday - 10:00am Mass

Sacred Heart, Elmore
Every Saturday - Vigil 5.30 pm
Every Sunday - 12 noon Latin Mass



LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB

The re-scheduled Annual General Meeting of the Lockington Golf Club will be held on

Monday 8th February at 8pm,
at the Clubhouse.

If the meeting needs to be re-located due to hot weather, members will be notified by text message.

Any enquiries, please contact
Matt Baulch on 0400 445 582.

LOCKINGTON PLAYGROUP

Hi everyone 🙌

Just a reminder as you plan your week ahead that playgroup is on Wednesdays this year 😊

Looking forward to welcoming everyone back for our first session this coming Wednesday 3rd of February.

★ New families are always welcome! ★

UNITING CHURCH BAMAWM

Contacts:
Ray Wakefield 5486 2592
Graeme Haines 5486 2284



1John c1 v 14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth.

OVER 60? ARE YOU INTERESTED?

CARPET BOWLS, CARD GAMES, BOARD GAMES, LUNCHEONS WITH A SPEAKER OR OUTINGS TO PLACES OF INTEREST

WE would like to hear from you and see you at the meeting.

Lockington District Senior Citizens Meeting will be held at the Community Centre Monday February 15th at 1.15pm Bev Brereton President

RALLY OR NOT THIS YEAR?

People are beginning to ask if Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex are holding a rally on April 24 & 25.

The Committee will meet on Monday, February 15 when we hope we can be more positive as to whether it should go ahead or not. The decision will be published as soon as a definite decision is made.

MEALS ON WHEELS



Currently being delivered by Intereach Aged Care Services

Diamond Anniversary (60 years)

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THANK YOU GWEN

The Lockington Community would like to extend it's thanks to Gwen Fiedler for her work as a Justice of the Peace in Victoria over the last 37 years.

Gwen retired as a JP this month. Gwen was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace in September 1983 in Echuca. Since that time Gwen has served her community in a professional yet personal manner.

When asked what being a JP meant to her, Gwen replied: 'meeting so many friendly people from a variety of different cultures and backgrounds over the years. It has been a very rewarding job, demanding at times, but the overall satisfaction of helping in the community has made it worthwhile.'

The needs of the community have changed over the years. In the beginning, for community events to have a liquor licence, they first had to have a permit signed by a JP. Gwen travelled to the homes of elderly or incapacitated people when they were unable to drive to Lockington to meet her. We thank Gwen for her service to the Lockington Community.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

We were pleased with the entries received for our first year of having a Christmas Lights Competition. There were some great displays around town and in fact the wider district area.

Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you to all who entered and voted. We look forward to running this competition again next year, so start planning your lights displays now!

Our winning entries were...

First (right)
Winning \$100 Locky Dollars
AND
a photo shoot with Vin Jarrod
(Noomlight Media)
Toni Hardess



Second (left)
Winning \$50 Locky Dollars
Leanne Pentreath

Third (right)
Winning \$30 Locky Dollars
Leanne and Max McInnes



COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

PHOTO COMPETITION

We had a great response to our photo competition, photos that represent life in and around Lockington. We received 87 photo entries, and it wasn't an easy job deciding on a winner, which will grace the front page of our New Community Directory.

Our judges...

Former Lockington local and media personality, **Brad McEwan**

Long time (extended area) local and photographer, **Sam Shotton**

Former Lockington resident and current Campaspe Shire Mayor, **Chrissy Weller**

We would like to thank everyone who sent in photos, as well as our three judges.



The winning photo was from Bridie Boyle, a reasonably new local, who loves taking photos of her new home town and sharing with our local community and her Facebook connections. Bridie has contributed photos to The Locky News on a few occasions already, and we look forward to seeing more from her.

Keep taking your wonderful photos, and sharing your love of the great community in which we live. More of this year's competition entries will be published in our next edition, and we will hopefully be getting some calendars printed with "the best of..."

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When:

Thursday 25th and Tuesday 30th March 2021
9:30am - 4pm

Cost:

FREE - Funded by Victoria Government DHHS
Lunch & Workbook included

Places have been set aside and prioritised for local community members and rural organisations that work with farming communities

This course teaches you:

- How to help people under extreme stress or with mental health problems
- What the symptoms could look like
- What the cause could be
- How to take action in crisis

RSVP Monday 15th March 2021

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Presenter: Ruth Turpin

After many years teaching, Ruth worked in the public health area supporting drought and then flood affected communities with a variety of outreach work and mental and wellbeing initiatives for individuals, groups and communities. She has been facilitating MHFA courses for over 13 years and takes a practical, interactive and holistic approach to the delivery of the MHFA workshops.





CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

Community satisfaction survey

The annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey started on 28 January and will continue into March. Randomly selected households may receive a call during this time from an independent market research agency, National Field Services. The official survey has been designed to assess the performance of Campaspe Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improved or more effective service delivery to residents. Individual details and responses are confidential. We appreciate residents taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback.

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

Creative Active Recovery Grant

This one-off grant program is now open, providing a maximum of \$5,000 to support businesses, community groups or individuals delivery activities or projects before 30 June to support COVID-19 recovery. Full details at webpage www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/covidgrant

Street tree planting

Council's Street Tree Planting Program will see a number of new trees planted in nature strips, parks and gardens across the shire. Expressions of interest are now open and will close at the end of February. To request a new street tree, or to replace an existing tree, lodge an online application through Council's website, visit a customer service centre or call 1300 666 535.

Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

Young people aged 12 to 25 from across the Campaspe Shire are invited to apply to join the current YAG. The group provides young people with opportunities to work closely with staff and councillors, advocate for youth affairs, add their input to projects and developments and provide a youth voice for young people across Campaspe. Applications are available on Council's website and close Friday 26 February. For further information, contact Community Programs Officer, Ben Hearn on 54 812200 or yag@campaspe.vic.gov.au

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Did you know that by ordering a green bin service in township areas, you receive a reduced charge for your kerbside waste bin? If you have the medium (140 litre) red bin, ordering a green bin means you will pay \$10 LESS on your annual waste charges. If you have the smallest (80 litre) red bin, ordering a green bin means you will only pay \$5 more on your annual waste charges. To order a green bin and get a choice of free food scrap caddy, visit Council's website www.campaspe.vic.gov.au or call 1300 666 535.

Immunisations

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By appointment only
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Left - Billy has been growing his hair for over 12months for the shave. He's all set for the chop on the 12th March.

Please donate via www.leukaemiafoundation.org.au
And donate to William Forster

COMMUNITY

ACTION CLUB OF LOCKINGTON

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

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

President:

John Wright: 0409 259 723

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COMMUNITY



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President

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LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Our local and district youth are encouraged to enter this quest.

If you are currently in years 10, 11 or 12 and are under 19 years of age as at 30th June 2021, you are eligible

It is a great opportunity to improve your general status and skills base.

Local level club judging will be conducted in February 2021

on a date yet to be fixed.

Please give it a go, and express your intention to compete ASAP.

Contacts:

Margaret Dowie 0427 795 576
David Hammond 0438 868 216
Bill Roberts Co-ordinator



Go for Gold in a Marigold



Similar to saffron, marigolds are often used to add bright colour and decoration to food and are often referred to as the “poor man’s saffron”. They generally have a mild citrusy or subtle spicy taste. The petals are often used in salads, stir fries or quiche and also brighten ice cubes and go well in smoothies. In Pakistan, marigolds are used to dye cloth and are used for harvest festivals in garlands.



Now is the time for another Property Clean Up



District 20 - #every1comeshome



With recent rain, and some cooler weather forecast for the next few days across District 20, why not take the opportunity to have another clean up around your property. Look for items that may have dried out during the hotter days, and could now pose a fire risk to your home or business.

Well Womens Clinic

**Next visit date
Tuesday 16th February**



For appts/enquiries
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Subject to change
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VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT MUST PAY TO HELP MURRAY RIVER RENAISSANCE DEMANDS WALSH

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, said the end of the “bridge blockade insanity” has finally reunited twin towns the length of the Murray River.

Mr Walsh said that means the devastated tourism industry can now launch an urgent Murray River renaissance to try and repair the extensive damage caused by the Andrews Labor government’s kneejerk border closure on New Year’s Eve.

He said you could not have orchestrated a better campaign to more totally damage the regional river economy than to cause a blind panic on New Year’s Eve and then stretch it out to the end of the tourism industry’s peak summer period.

“Daniel Andrews did not even have the guts to front up to those TV cameras he loves so much and let regional Victoria know it was back in business and that its paralysing bridge blockades had been shut down,” Mr Walsh said.

“No, we had to pick all that up second hand,” he said.

“In the end I went out to one of the roadblocks myself and asked the officers on duty did they know if anything was happening and they were able to tell me what time the roadblocks would end; and the dismantling would begin.

“It was a slap in the face for the Victorians paying the biggest price for the Daniel Andrews style of mismanagement.”

Mr Walsh said communities along the river were now working around the clock to introduce emergency recovery plans to repair the damage.

“So long as Melbourne was up and running; Daniel Andrews seemed content to leave river communities cut in half,” Mr Walsh said.

“Now we face the long road back; and in many cases, both sides of the river, much of what has been lost will be almost impossible to replace,” he said.

“It was good of the Premier to wait until the last days of the peak season for the regional tourism industry to finally decide enough was enough and bring the blockade farce to a closure.”

Mr Walsh said now the urgency is getting the message out to people the twin towns along the river are good to go; and to try and rebuild confidence in the region as a destination.

He said there is no question the brand has been damaged but added there was a lot of work being done urgently behind the scenes; and there was still plenty of optimism and determination to correct the damage done.

“Tourism and business groups have already put together powerful marketing campaigns and my office is working with other segments of the tourism industry to try and raise even more funds – but to give the Murray River renaissance the biggest bang for its bucks really needs the Victorian government that caused all the trouble in the first place to now put its hand in its seemingly bottomless hip pocket and invest in the industry’s future.”

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The centre will be closed from 12.30 to 1.30 each trading day for Staff to have a lunchbreak. Unless you have an emergency or a prearranged appointment please schedule your visit or phonecall either side of this time. Many thanks.

Labour Day Closure

The Centre will be closed Monday 8th March 2021 for the Public Holiday.

2021 Campaspe Shire Immunisation Sessions -

Monday 22nd March 2021

Monday 24th May 2021

Monday 26th July 2021

Monday 27th September 2021

Monday 22nd November 2021

Next Well Women's Clinic - Tuesday 16th February 2021 with Marg Fuller.

Memberships

The cost of the annual membership contribution for July 2021 - June 2022 will remain unchanged. Family \$70 (concession \$55) Single \$40 (concession \$30). If you are new to the town please consider joining - New members are charged pro-rata for the year.

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Rochester to Host!

The Rochester Basketball Challenge has officially been launched. The event will take place on 13th & 14th February. Matches will be held in Rochester, Echuca and Kyabram.

In as far back as the history books go there is no record of Rocky conducting a basketball tournament. "It's always something the big towns have done", said President Michael Haisman.

With many tournaments cancelled and other associations not able to organise for different reasons, the Rocky team decided to take it into their own hands. "Why don't we conduct a tournament, set a date, get some teams and work from there" was the suggestion by Vice President Carly Powles and that is what the team has gone about and done.

"We have teams coming from Wagga Wagga, Deniliquin, Echuca, Euroa and Cobram. Not to mention our seven teams", said Carly. "Our players and coaches work hard and we wanted them to be able to play more than one tournament", she said.

Rochester teams participated in the Bendigo 'Fur Life Vet' Junior Classic last weekend. "We were really happy with the way our teams participated. We are excited now for our home tournament", said Luke Carnegie squad coordinator.

With 35 teams registered for the event we will see over 500 people come into the region including coaches, managers, referees, players and families. "Anything we can do to support our region, whilst showcasing our great assets like the silos and the Rochester Sports Museum we are excited about," said Michael. "We are also excited to give our volunteers an insight into the challenges and successes involved with conducting a tournament. But by far there will be no better sight than seeing our kids on court!"

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Cooper & Nick Mitchell with Will Hann.

(Other Rocky reps include

Ela & Jed Carnegie, Kasey Stone)





LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB

Report: January 21.

There has been action aplenty on the greens this past week. Social bowls, Barefoot bowls, Intra-club pennant and CVBD Pennant.

At the Tuesday social bowls the women played Triples with a good roll-up. The winning trio included Mary Thomas, Lois Chugg and Phyllis MacFarlane (s) in a combined effort.

On Tuesday the club held the first of a three week series of Barefoot Bowls. This event attracted 42 players with some hidden talent emerging from the night. The winning team comprised John van den Bosch, Marcus DiAngri, Graeme Wood (s) 2 wins plus 12 shots on a countback from Phillip Cunnington, Richard Lyons, Warren Jones (s) +12 shots. Other two game winners were Jeff Carnie (s), Tom Scurrah and John Alexander (the great) +11; Bill Musgrove (s) Lincoln and Tyson Brothers +10 along with Leon Laffy, Terry Malone, John "Lefty" Wright (s) +5. A tremendous night and thanks to Bev Brereton and Joy Weller for organising the cards along with Russell Shawcross and Brian Kinnane for manning the barbeque - a delight to eat.

Teams travelled to Elmore for the weekly Sixty & Over competition. Three local teams won all three games to make the Roll to the Yardstick. Graham Turner, Kevin Humbert, Ian Johnson and Andy Harris finished with 5 in the area to be Runners Up to the Tongala rink with 6 in the yardstick.

The women returned to the intra-club Pennant on Friday with some near perfect bowling on display. The results were Waratah (Annette Brereton (s) d. Banksia (Pauline Humbert (s) 19-17 in a tight contest. The other game was a clear-cut victory for Bottle Brush (Phyllis MacFarlane (s) d. Grevillea (Lois Chugg (s) 22-12). The ladder positions have Waratah 20pts +11 shots ahead of Bottle Brush 12, +6 followed by Grevillia 12, +5 and Banksia 12, minus 19). Two rounds remaining before the final play-off.

In the latest round of CVBD Week-end Pennant we had both division Three and Four record victories. Division Three accounted for the visiting Elmore combination for the early 9.00am start to beat the heat! All rinks were up to score a 59-41 win. (Ian Johnson d. K Brooks 20-14; Ray Hanson d. W Goodear 22-11; Russell Shawcross d. C Williams 17-16). In the Division Four match against City of Echuca the result was in doubt right up until the final bowl. With two rinks finished and scores level, the Ken Main - John Simpson game resulted in a real heart - stopper. Main was fortunate to pick up two shots on the second last end to lead 19-17. On the final end there were at least eight bowls within the yardstick and there was some doubt as to which team held the shot? When the final bowl was delivered it was revealed that Lockington held the one shot to win the game 20-17 and the overall result was a closely fought 58-55 win. (Ken Main d. J Simpson 20-17; Frank Chugg d. G Kerr 21-18; Calvin Stout lost to J Blair 17-20). Division Three are holding down third position on the CVBD Pennant ladder while Division Four are in fourth position and only three rounds remaining.

In the CVBD Midweek Pennant the results were Tongala d. City of Echuca Blue 58-47; Mathoura Blue d. Ky Valley View 79-39; Moama Green d. Elmore 77-58; Moama Red d. City of Echuca White 79-39; Mathoura Red d. Rich River 65-47).

The Friday night barbeque and practice session was well attended with Russell Shawcross winning the lucky members draw.

The club will hold the popular Cunnington Cup 2x4x2 Mixed Pairs tournament on Sunday 7th February to start at 1.00pm. Contact Chris Sewart 5486 2607 or Lorraine Appleby 0427 802 569 for details. The field is filling fast!

On Tuesday 16th February the club will hold the annual Twilight Mixed Fours commencing at 5.00pm. Contact Lorraine Appleby 0427 802 569 or Annie Haines 5486 8220 for entries.



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Weekly Activities

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 4TH

Landcare Meeting
7:00pm at Lockington Hotel

SUNDAY 7TH

Pine Grove Gun Club
Simulated Field & Game

MONDAY 8TH

Lockington Golf Club AGM
8:00 pm at the Clubhouse

WEDNESDAY 10TH

Lions Club Dinner Meeting
7:30pm at Heritage Complex

THURSDAY 11TH

Milloo CWA
10:00am at Milloo Hall

FRIDAY 12TH

Social Indoor Bowls
7:30pm at Bamawm Extension Hall

SATURDAY 13TH

Lockington Pony Club rally
Contact Christine Buckley
for Information 0400 576 767

MONDAY 15TH

LOCKY NEWS TYPING DAY
Closing time for articles/adverts
10:00 am (earlier if possible please)

Community Planning Meeting

7:30pm at Lockington Community Hall

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls
1:15pm at Community Centre

Heritage Complex meeting
7:30pm at the complex

TUESDAY 16TH

Well women's clinic
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Wednesday 17th

Action Club Activity Night
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Monday 22

Bamawm CWA 10:00am
Bamawm Community Social Centre

Wednesday 24th

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting
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MARCH

Monday 1

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FRIDAY 12TH

"Billy" Forster's Head Shave
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SATURDAY 13

Lockington Pony Club AGM
2pm at the Scurrah Recreation
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MONDAY 22ND

Immunisation Session
11:30am to 12 noon at Bush Nursing Centre
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for all groups.
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Alison (Editor)**

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- Strength & Balance Class
9.00 am - Bush Nursing Centre
- Nicole Hocking Podiatrist
9.30 - 4.30. - Bush Nursing Centre.
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- Lockington & District T.O.W.N Club
6.30 pm - Bush Nursing Centre
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- Senior Citizens Games 10:00 am
Bowls and Cards

TUESDAYS

- Men's Shed
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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9.30 am - 5.00 pm
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- Ladies Social Bowls
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- Men's Social Scrounge 1pm

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