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THANK YOU

We, the Pearse family, would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported us so generously with phone calls, text messages, on the iPad and to us personally during Col's amazing efforts in the Paralympics in Tokyo. The tremendous interest you have shown has made us feel very special, and Col will be chuffed to know this.

Also to every other Paralympian, it is amazing what can be done by these special people – big congratulations to every participant who competed – a wonderful event.

Of course we are overwhelmed with Col's dedication and resilience to train even harder when the COVID hit. He well deserved all his achievements – so brilliant! We are so proud of him!!! He's done so well for himself, his family and friends, and now for Australia.



Dot Pearse, on behalf of all the Pearse Family.

The Locky News team extends their congratulations to Col and the Pearse Family on his milestone achievement.

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

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Hello again Everyone,

We've been reading early newspaper reports to learn what life was like for the farming families who lived in our district in the 1880s. The 1881-82 season was one of extreme drought which remained fresh in the minds of the selectors throughout 1883. A writer in the *Australasian* on 8 April 1882, had conjectured that, severe as the lessons of the 'water famine' were, they might be lost when the drought conditions dissipated. This did not happen, though the rain which fell in the autumn and winter of 1882 did much to relieve the farmers' worries.

Throughout 1882-83, the quest to achieve a system of irrigation for the plains of Victoria's dry northern districts was pursued with vigour. The newspapers of the period carried lengthy articles about the ongoing campaign; reports of a seemingly endless series of meetings, conferences, petitions, and delegations. There were differences of opinion. Whereas the supply of water for stock and domestic purposes was vital, and plans to deliver this water were appreciated and were greeted with gratitude, the selector farmers were determined that only a large-scale irrigation scheme would suffice. Smaller schemes, based on pumping water from the Murray and the Loddon Rivers, were set in motion but water from these projects would not reach the farms in our particular district. These schemes were administered by local Water Trusts and Shire Councils, but the Grand North-Western Canal ideal, designed to supply irrigation to millions of acres across northern Victoria, would need to be a national scheme, administered and controlled by the Government. This was what was needed, and there were those in authority who understood and appreciated that fact, but it would be a hugely expensive undertaking and the funding was not available.

With so much of their energy directed to overcoming the water shortage problem, the farmers of the Terricks plains had necessarily shelved their campaign for railway facilities. Furthermore, the drought had meant that there had been very little grain harvested, and little need to transport it to market. However, the 1883-84 season was looking much more hopeful and the campaign for rail access came to the fore once again. On 13 September 1883, the *Argus* reported "A meeting of ratepayers of the western end of the South-west Riding of the Shire of Echuca was held on Saturday afternoon at Mr P O'Brien's, at Pannoomilloo. There was a large attendance." The object of the meeting was to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Minister of Railways, to acquaint him with the urgent need for a station on the Eaglehawk-Kerang line, between Talambe and Mitiamo. It was emphasised that this would be of great benefit to residents of this portion of the Shire of Echuca, whose

transport needs had been seriously overlooked with the shelving of the alternative proposal to route the railway line from Elmore. They felt "they were justly entitled to some consideration ... [as] they could claim to be the largest cultivated district on the northern plains ..."

The deputation duly waited on the Commissioner of Railways, Mr Gillies, on 26 September 1883, as was reported in the *Bendigo Advertiser* the following day. On hearing their request for the construction of a grain siding on the Eaglehawk-Kerang railway line at a point adjacent to Pannoomilloo, the Commissioner said he was already aware of the facts of the case, and had no doubt that "there would be a very considerable traffic" from the facility they sought. "The only difficulty was the want of available funds for the work. He hoped, however, to obtain some money from Parliament before the close of the present month when the matter should have his attention." With that the farmers had to be content, as construction of the line itself was still very much 'a work in progress.' On 7 December 1883, the *Argus* reported on an inspection of the railway line by a party led by the railway department's Engineer-in-Chief. By then the line had been opened for traffic as far as Mitiamo for some months, and rails had been laid up to Pyramid Hill, but it was not expected that the extension to Kerang would be completed for some time. The report included the comment that: - "Already the department have found it necessary to construct another station, to be named Pannoomilloo, between Dingee and Mitiamo, and it will be very soon ready for public use."

Weather conditions throughout 1883, were favourable and, to quote the *North Melbourne Advertiser* of 2 November, farmers were "jubilant and anticipate one of the finest harvests on record." Some difficulty was expected in securing labour at harvest time, and the *Bendigo Advertiser* of 4 December, reported that "A large percentage of the grain this season will be harvested with the aid of the now popular reapers and binders (twine), of which there are a large number in this district of various makers, and all appear to give satisfaction....the general opinion of the farmers here is in favour of the M'Cormick's." With the coming of summer, the likelihood of fire caused some concern. Urging "travellers, smokers, and others [to] exercise more than ordinary caution in using matches," the Pannoomamawm correspondent of the *Advertiser* may have felt some misgivings at the paper's encouraging shooting parties, "composed of Sandhurst sporting gentlemen," to visit the plains for "excellent" snipe and quail shooting that year.

'Bye until next time,

Marg O'Brien.

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

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

DEATHS

CUNNINGTON, Elizabeth Elsie "Betty"

20.08.1942 ~ 23.09.2021

Dearly loved daughter of Robert & Lilian Cunnington (both dec.)
 Much loved sister, and sister-in-law, of Ken & Melva (dec.), Dorothy & Geoff (dec.) Vincent, Beryl & Lindsay "Joe" (dec.) Marshall. A specially loved aunt to the Cunnington and Vincent children and their families.

A lovely, lively, faithful lady who gave so much to others, including 30 years with the Leprosy Mission in Papua New Guinea, now in heaven. She will be greatly missed.

Betty's funeral will be held at 10.30am on Friday, October 1, at Redlands Presbyterian Church, Qld. It can be viewed online:

<http://redlands.org.au/live>.

To honour Betty a donation to The Leprosy Mission would be appreciated. BSB: 013225 - Account No: 297114729 – Reference: (Your surname). Email hello@leprosymission.org.au advising name, deposit date, amount, and your reference, so a tax deductible receipt can be provided. (Gifts \$2 or more are tax deductible).

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 or Edwin Keele 5484 3117

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† **October 3**
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† **October 10**

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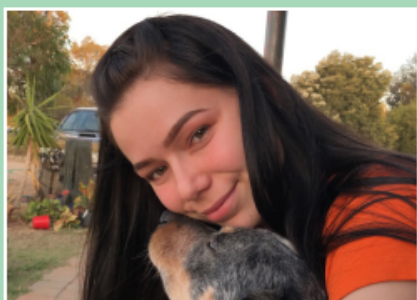
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Contacts:
 Rev Brian Morgan 0419 933 939
 or Graeme Haines 0427 862 353



Hardess, Anee Lee

25.08.2000 - 15.09.2021

Mate, Amos, you were known to so many people in so many ways. The one consistent was that you were a fun, vibrant and beautiful soul. We will always miss your spontaneous koala hugs, your precious smile, infectious laughter and the way that everything and everyone you touched became that little bit more sparkly.

May you find peace and continue to shine bright, forever and always.

Loved always daughter of Mandy and Robert.

Adored sister of Toni, Will and Jessie and families.

Sister in-law of Matt, Jessica and James.

Admired Aunty to Chazza, Flicka, Zi, Rubi, Macka.

Cherished partner of Sam.

Beloved granddaughter to Barbie Walker.

STIFF (Day), Dawn

Passed away peacefully on Monday 30th of August at Rochester Nursing Home (REDHS).

Loving wife of John Stiff (deceased) and devoted mother to Anthony, Michael and Christopher and mother in law to Sheree and dear friend Leah.

Cherished sister to Peter Day and sister in law Annette and wonderful Auntie to Annabell, Jeremy, Nicholas and Andrew.

Devoted Grandmother to David, Georgie, Timothy and Gabby and great grandmother to Olivia.

Wonderful memories of a life well lived.

Together again with John. Rest in peace.

Many thanks to caring staff at Lockington Bush Nursing Centre and REDHS



Ephesians c 6 v 18.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

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The Lockington District Business Centre now has a small household recycling station available located next to the computers. You can bring in household batteries, can tabs, bread tags and wine corks that will be recycled or used for projects. If the idea is well received and utilised, we can expand into other items. The household batteries are taken to the Campaspe Shire Resource Recovery Centre and the bread tags are given to recyclers who give donations for the tags which assists in raising the funds to provide wheelchairs. Can tabs are made from aluminium which can be melted down to make wheelchairs and prosthetic legs.



LOCAL LOCKY LEGENDS CYCLING FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

We are participating in their fourth Great Cycle Challenge and we would love your support. No matter how small your donation, it all counts towards raising money to support the Children's Medical Research Institute to continue their work into the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and finding a cure for childhood cancer. This year we are aiming to ride 400km and raise at least \$1000. Thanks to members of our community who have already kicked our 2021 fundraising efforts off.

For more information on how you can support us head to our team page <https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Teams/LockyLegends>

Thanks, Jenny and Garry Mustey.



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John Wright: 0409 259 723

Secretary:

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COMMUNITY



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Lockington District Business Centre has been busy with the park, landscaping and renovating areas. We will shortly be installing a new mulch pit and have all of the materials to get started. If you are interested in volunteering for short timeframes or projects and willing to use some muscle, please leave your name and phone number at the front fuel counter. Even if it is only an hour or two you have spare, we would love to hear from you! There are also other upcoming projects that we will be putting together to benefit the community.

Volunteering is a great way to feel connected to the community, combatting social isolation and making new friends! Of course if you would like to volunteer for more hours, you are more than welcome.

You can also call the Business Centre on (03) 5486 2683 to register your interest if you can't make it in.

Lockington & District Business Centre

Annual General Meeting

Will be held

Monday 11th October at 7.30 pm

At the Lockington Business Centre.

For Information call Jennie Keele 0427 862690

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Will be held

7:00 pm Tuesday 19th October

At the Lockington Community Centre

Alison Stewart (President/Editor) 0417 177 807

Lockmore FSL 2021 AGM

Virtual meeting
Thursday 28 October, 7pm

Register attendance:
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Subject to change
Re: Covid19 updates

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Thursday 14th October 2021
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*pending Covid restrictions

A special resolution
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as proposed by the Board.

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**80TH
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Thank you to everyone for your best wishes
on my 80th birthday.

I was disappointed I could not officially
celebrate with my Family and Friends, instead
just had to settle with a zoom call to them all.
However, my Locky News colleagues sent
some lovely flowers and my Bowling Friends
would not let the day pass without some sort
of celebration, so I did the honours of blowing
out the candles on a cake. There were cards,
flowers, phone calls and text messages from
so many people far and wide.

I feel very blessed to have so many friends
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Thank you,
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Thursday:
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CLAY SCULPTING



When: Monday 18th October
Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm
Payment and registration at the fuel counter
Cost: \$30 per person (must pay to confirm your place)
Where: Lockington District Business Centre Plumbers Shed

Small class numbers apply (up to 8 people)



LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB

Report: September 19

The women graced the greens on Tuesday looking resplendent in club colours for their first venture into Practice (under strict Covid-19 Rules). The standard of bowling on display promised a great start to the forthcoming Pennant season. The women will commence their Pennant season on Friday 15th October in Division Two; all being well with the current State conditions.

Members have been busy working on the installation of new ditches on the big green. Several working bees have been well attended with the old adage “Many hands make light work” very evident.

The tournament dates have been lodged with an alteration to the date of the proposed Waterwheel Classic Fours changed to Sunday 7th November starting at 9.30am. The original date (October 24th) clashed with the BCG Region State Mixed Pairs event in Bendigo Area.

The club Friday evening practice/barbeque will commence in the near future along with Social activities when allowed.

Past and present members were saddened to learn of the passing of past Club President Jack English (1982-83, 1983-84). English also played A grade pennant for several years. A true gentleman. Condolences to Dennis, Diane, Pauline and families on their sad loss.

All bowlers will be waiting with bated breath on the details of the Victorian Government decisions re. the Road Map from Covid-19 this week.

Good bowling to all kindred clubs and let us all take care and support each other

GIDDINGS SUPPORT BOWLING CLUB

Last Tuesday, Lockington Ladies had the pleasure of a visit from Ged and Brianna Giddings from Giddings Supermarket, who presented the Club with their weekly vouchers used as a prize for the club raffle.

Years gone by, the original Supermarket owned by Pentreath’s always gave a weekly voucher to be used as a raffle prize, and Giddings have continued this trend. We are very grateful for the support we receive from Giddings who also support many other organisations in the district.



LOCKINGTON LADIES BOWLS

Social bowls has commenced each Tuesday. Names to be in by 10.45am for 11am start. Bring your own lunch. Non-members and beginners are welcome. Come along and enjoy a social get together.

SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT

We had a lovely event recently when we posted our annual soup and sandwich day. We entertained 35 people - some from the public. Grace was said prior to the dining. Bev welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. During the course of the day, lucky tickets were drawn.

- Lucky bowl (name under soup bowl) – Les Forster
- Sandwich plate (name under plate) – Neil Haines
- Lucky doors - Norm Bacon, Donna Tink, Joy Lyons, Jack Oliver.
- Fuel Voucher – Anne Shawcross
- Ciurleo’s - Marg Wayland
- Giddings - Alan Kauffman

Very interesting and informative talks were given by the Bush Nursing Centre.
 Leanne – explaining the Nurse on Call Duties.
 Kim - the availability of Services at the Bush Nursing Centre.

Bev thanked Kim and Leanne for their excellent presentations of their topics.
 Then Bev gave an outline of the “workings” of the Senior Citizens Club and welcomed any new members.
 A very enjoyable day was held by all.

Dot Pearse (Secretary)



THE EDITOR'S SNAPSHOT

FARM TRAFFIC



At this time of year, farmers are doing silage, soon to be hay and then followed soon after by harvest.

Farm traffic is always likely to be on the road, but even more so at these busy times.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Peter WALSH
MEMBER FOR MURRAY PLAINS | LEADER OF THE NATIONALS

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WALSH SAYS REGIONAL VICTORIA IS BEING CRIPPLED BY MELBOURNE SLOW VAX RATES

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says if 70 per cent or 80 per cent vaccination is the Andrews Labor Government's get out of jail free benchmark then regional Victoria is good to go – now.

Mr Walsh said as usual, regional Victoria is leading the way, showing the Andrews Labor Government how it should be done in Melbourne – and to get the job done.

He said Melbourne has a first jab rate of 59.2 per cent and full vaccination rate of just 30.5 per cent.

"In my electorate of Murray Plains; Gannawarra Shire has 83.4 per cent and full vaccination of 50.2 per cent," Mr Walsh said.

"Campaspe Shire has 83.1 per cent and 50.2 per cent while Swan Hill is at 82 per cent and 47.7 per cent – with our opening-up milestones based on vaccination rates, I am demanding the regions (which are well ahead on these rates) to have restrictions eased earlier when we hit these benchmarks earlier," he said.

"Or are we to remain shackled to the failures of the Andrews Government to deliver on all their big talk with their vaccination rollout in Melbourne?"

"Those rates in my electorate are reflected across regional Victoria, for example, East Gippsland has 57 per cent fully vaccinated (81 per cent first dose) and this is increasing significantly each day, but in the city LGAs Hume (31 per cent), Melton (33 per cent), Dandenong (33 per cent), Whittlesea (34 per cent), Brimbank (35 per cent) and Wyndham (36 per cent)".

Mr Walsh said on the current trajectories, these big councils in metro areas will hold the state average back weeks after the regions have hit the targets to open.

He said without changing the agreed benchmarks; and keeping travel restrictions in place for the hot spots, there is a strong argument here to get the regions open earlier and this is something I will be asking the government to deliver when Parliament resumes after the school holidays," he said.

"When we do hit 70 and 80 per cent statewide, the higher rates in the country will be compensating for the lower rates in the problem inner city councils where cases are out of control, meaning they will open up not having achieved the required rates locally.

City and country are under different levels of restriction now and have been for some time.

"I don't see why we should have more weeks of pain, treading water waiting for the city to catch up, after we've exceeded our benchmarks."

**Editors note: The 70%-80% benchmark is for fully vaccinated people, not single dose as implied in the opening paragraph.*

WALSH OFFERS PLAN FOR COMMUNITY SPORT TO JUMP-START PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, is calling for the immediate delivery of a \$10 million fund to get community sport back on its feet.

Mr Walsh said after "seemingly endless" yo-yo lockdowns, grassroots sporting clubs across regional Victoria have suffered 18 months of cancellations, ripping the soul out of much-loved outlets for communities.

He said participant and volunteer bases have been eroded and facilities and equipment left unused and gathering dust – which is why the Victorian Liberal Nationals have come up with the club level program.

"Many sporting clubs now face significant financial pressures and need additional support to restart in time for the coming summer season and beyond," Mr Walsh explained.

"Under this new funding program, individual sporting clubs could apply for up to \$50,000 in funding towards kick-starting operations and supporting ongoing financial viability," he added.

"Local clubs significantly contribute to the physical and mental health of hundreds of thousands of sportspeople, volunteers and families across the state and most of them have lost significant revenue through sponsorship, gate takings and fundraisers.

"As Victoria continues towards National Cabinet vaccination thresholds, it's obvious we need this plan to save local sport and get communities back together."

Mr Walsh said sport is a pillar of local communities, its benefits on physical and mental wellbeing are enormous.

He said Victorians need hope; "so let's act now" to have a COVID-Safe summer season of local sport.

"This funding will be an important step to support local sporting organisations to get back on their feet," Mr Walsh said.

"Our local sporting clubs bind communities together and must not be another COVID casualty; with many clubs across the state already on their knees and needing urgent support to restart in time for summer.

"What better way to move on from COVID than to get local sporting clubs back up and running?"

WALSH SAYS LATEST RESEARCH SHOWS OUR SCHOOL KIDS MUST BE ALLOWED TO GO BACK

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says regional Victorian students – especially those at smaller schools – will be left at a significant disadvantage under the Andrews Labor Government's staggered return to school plan.

Mr Walsh said The Nationals raised the issue from the floor of the Parliament this week, explaining the problems.

He said the Government was told the decision to allow only some year levels to return to onsite learning did not go far enough.

Research released on Wednesday by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute found lockdowns and school closures – not COVID – are the main risks to children and adolescent health in this pandemic.

"The government must urgently outline a plan to return all year levels to school," Mr Walsh said.

"The Premier can no longer ignore the significant harm of school closures and lockdowns on the mental health of our youngest Victorians."

Mr Walsh said once again the city-centric one-size-fits-all approach adopted by Labor was nonsensical in country communities.

"The return of year 12s, for example, in bigger sites such as Swan Hill, Kerang or Echuca, can mean more than 100 students on site," he said.

"Meanwhile, our smallest primary schools in rural communities across my electorate and the state, cannot have their students back at school – and we are talking whole-of-school numbers starting at just two."

Mr Walsh said he had an example of six schools combined with a total of just 91 students.

"These restrictions are incredibly unfair and divisive, particularly for families with kids across multiple year levels."

He said some Victorian students had lost over 150 days of face-to-face learning because of lockdowns.

"Parents are contacting me at their wits' end, because their kids just want to get back to school – they want to learn from their teachers, and they want to see their friends," Mr Walsh said.

"The government can't keep hiding behind health advice it won't even release to the public.

"It's time Daniel Andrews gave us a workable plan."





Shire Council News

COMING UP

Wednesday, 20 October

Council meeting, 6pm

The meeting can be viewed via live streaming at campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

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Draft Campaspe Tomorrow 2040

Following an extensive engagement program from February to May this year, Council has released a draft of the long-term strategic plan, Campaspe Tomorrow 2040. The plan highlights six key themes, then documents the priorities for each theme.

Full details are available on Council's website, with comments closing Friday, 8 October.

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RATE INSTALMENT - Due soon

Ratepayers who pay their rates in instalments are reminded the first instalment for 2021/22 is due on Thursday, 30 September.

Council has endorsed renewed financial measures to assist ratepayers in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Full details are available on Council's website.

For rate payments, Council has waived interest on any rates debt for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. Any ratepayer facing genuine financial hardship in paying their rates is urged to contact Council as soon as possible to discuss their individual circumstances.

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Heritage Complex Open
1:00pm - 4:00pm
On Duty: Gordon W & Lindsay G

Wednesday 6

Action Club Dinner
7:30pm Club Rooms

Friday 8

Social Indoor Bowls 7:30pm
Bamawm Extension Hall

Saturday 9

Lockington Pony Club Rally
10:00am Scurrah Reserve
(Contact Christine Buckley
0400 576 767)

Sunday 10

Heritage Complex Open
1:00pm - 4:00pm
On Duty: Colin & Cherrill

Monday 11

Locky News Typing
Entries by 10:00 am please

Lockington & District Business Centre AGM
7:30pm at the Business Centre

Heritage Complex Meeting
7:30pm at the Complex

Wednesday 13

Lions Club Dinner Meeting
7:30pm Heritage Centre

Thursday 14

Milloo CWA 10:00am
Milloo Hall

Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre
AGM
2:00pm at Lockington Community Hall

Sunday 17

Heritage Complex Open
1:00pm - 4:00pm
On Duty: Dan & Grace

Tuesday 19

Locky News AGM
7:00 pm at Lockington Community Centre

Wednesday 20

Action Club Activity Night at Club Rooms
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Sunday 24

Heritage Complex Open
1:00pm - 4:00pm
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Monday 25

Bamawm CWA
10:30am at Locky Business Centre

Heritage Complex Meeting
7:30pm at the Complex

Thursday 28

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Weekly Activities

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- Strength & Balance Class
9.00 am - Bush Nursing Centre
- Nicole Hocking Podiatrist
9.30 - 4.30. - Bush Nursing Centre.
Phone: 5486 2544.

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 to be in by 10.45am
for 11am start

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- Strength & Balance Class
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- Tai Chi
5:30- 6:30 pm Bush Nursing Centre
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- Lockington Playgroup
9:30am - 11:30am
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St. James Church Hall.
Enquiries: Bethany: 0429 636 578
- Social Scrounge Men's & Ladies
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THURSDAYS

- Social Activity Day
10am - Bush Nursing Centre
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- Men's Shed
By appointment
Phone: 0499 170 329
- Ladies Social Badminton
9:30am - Bamawm Sports Centre.
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