



Locky News

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A "CRACKING" NIGHT

As part of Lockington Community Hotel's "Family Festival" held on Thursday 12th January, Nathan Whippy Griggs put on a great show for approximately 400 patrons.

The action started at 5pm with market stalls and also included entertainment by Jaymi Clancy and a special chef's "Simon's Street Truck Kitchen" menu.

This guy who began whipping when he was 14, can crack 697 times a minute!, and can get his audience involved. In fact he had 2 boys 'have a go', and they did a 'cracking good job', with one lad having a whip in each hand! Then the stage was crowded with 'Nut bush' dancers. Great credit to Linda and her staff who served 300 dine-out meals!, plus the BBQ was busy too! A big vote of thanks to Nathan for coming to Lockington to support us and flood evacuees too, and of course thank you to all who attended.

Photo by Beryl Marshall



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Next Typing Date

MONDAY, January 30 (Entries by 10am)

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

Locky News

Will be holding a public meeting

7:30pm Wednesday 1st March
at Lockington Community Centre (Hall)

To discuss the future sustainability of the paper,
especially concerning "manpower"

Please come and support
the Locky News,
by having a say
in the paper's future.

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Hello again Everyone,

We have reached early 1893, as we look back at the newspapers of the day to learn how people fared in our district, from the Selection Era of the 1860s and 70s until Lockington became a township. There had been a satisfactory harvest, but in other respects, the early months of 1893 could have been better. Residents of Bamawm were dismayed at news of the death on 7 January, of local farmer, Mr John Edney, following emergency surgery in Bendigo for a serious infestation of hydatids. He was just 30 years of age and left a widow and two young children. Then, on 2 March, the district suffered the loss of Mr John Archibald, Snr., one of its early settlers. Mr Archibald, who died aged 79 years, had failed to regain complete health after contracting influenza eighteen months earlier. He and his wife and sons had come to the district from Barfold, near Kyneton, in 1872 and had taken up land in Bamawm.

Social events that took place early in the year, centred mainly on the local schools and churches; like the Harvest Thanksgiving at St David's, Milloo, on 12 February; the church picnic held there on 15 February; the Pine Grove State School picnic which was held in Mr C W Sims' paddock in mid-April; and the Pannoomiloo State School concert, held on 25 May 1893. The Piavella Mutual Improvement Association also held a concert on 25 May; an event that was so successful, that they planned to give another three such concerts, in Milloo East, Mitiamo and Dingee, at the end of June.

On 1 June 1893, the Milloo correspondent reported to the *Bendigo Advertiser* that the steady rain that had been falling for several days would "do a vast amount of good to the farmers and graziers, as both water and grass were scarce," and that farmers who had not yet finished sowing their crops would now be able to do so. Occasional showers fell over the ensuing weeks, limiting the attendance at the Piavella M I A's planned concerts. The weather "was not over propitious" when the Torrumbary Bachelors held their annual ball on 21 June, but they were happy with the 120 guests who braved the elements to attend, as reported by the *Riverine Herald*, on 27 June. According to a report in the *Bendigo Independent* on 8 July 1893, a very successful 'return' social was held by the young ladies of Terricks East on the 4th.

In other news, the *Independent* reported on 4 July that fresh tenders were invited for the erection of a Catholic Church in Tennyson, and many local residents had "subscribed liberally to the building fund." The local creameries had re-opened after having been closed for four months and a good supply of milk was forthcoming according to the *Independent* on 8 July. The *Kerang Times* of 18 July, noted that crops

around Piavella were growing well, and stock was generally improving. It was also reported that foxes were about, and that the district's cricket season was underway again. The next issue of that paper, on 21 July, carried the sad news that Mr Joseph Helms, of Terrick Terrick, had died suddenly on 19 July 1893. He and his family had come from the Barrabool Hills, near Geelong, and had taken up land at the Terricks in 1873.

Throughout July, showers continued to fall and at Piavella, all low-lying ground was under water and many crops were submerged. Nevertheless, regular cricket matches continued unabated, and the various Gun Clubs across the region were gathering to renew their battles with the hare and rabbit pests. At Terricks East, another type of battle seemed likely to ensue; the tri-weekly mail service between Echuca and Mitiamo had been altered, causing great inconvenience to numerous residents. A petition was being prepared, requesting that the Postmaster General renew the previous service or make some other provision to remedy the situation.

By August the weather had improved, and the roads were drying up nicely. The next concert given by the Piavella M I A, at Milloo, was very successful, and the group then began preparations for a debate – "Which is better for the country? Mining or Farming?" On the cricketing scene, a rather novel cricket match took place on 12 August 1893, when the Tennyson Cricket Club played against a Yeaman Family team. The Yeamans, with a score of 69 runs, were only narrowly defeated when Tennyson scored 71. Reporting the event to the *Bendigo Advertiser* in its issue of 18 August, the Rochester correspondent commented, "It is not often that a single family can produce a whole team of cricketers."

On 18 August 1893, the bachelors of Tennyson, Pannoomiloo, and Pannoombamawm, hosted a dance at the 'Old Mill,' with an attendance of ninety-five couples, according to the report published on 24 August by the *Bendigo Independent*. The arrangements were excellent, and the event was a great success. Also high on the local social calendar that year, was the Looney-Lyons Wedding, which took place at St Luke's Catholic Church at Terrick Terrick, on 9 August, as reported by the *Melbourne Punch* on 17 August 1893. The bride, Miss Ellen (Nellie) Lyons was the daughter of Mr Laurence C Lyons of 'Lignum View,' Terricks East, and the groom, Mr Thomas Looney of Parkes NSW. A large marquee was erected at the Bride's family residence, twelve miles distant from the church, to accommodate guests who enjoyed the "dejeuner" which followed the wedding ceremony.

'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.

DEATHS



McCREADY, Dan

It is with deep sadness that we no longer have Dan in our midst. Dan, along with Grace, has been a wonderful member of Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex and Dan particularly enjoyed receiving visitors to the Complex who, we know, paid compliments on the attention and information they received. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Grace and the family.



TRIMBY, Raymond (Ray) "Razor".

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*Gone but not forgotten.
 Rest easy Ray, Dad, Gramps.*



VICK, Geoffrey Alan

16.06.1937 ~ 06.01.2023
 Loved twin brother of Maurice, brother-in-law of Helen. Uncle of Rosemary and Scott,
 Great uncle of Rylee, Kate, Ebony, Marnie and Alanna.
Rest in Peace.



OP SHOP NEWS

We are very happy to inform you that St. Mary's Op Shop will open again on Monday 30th January 2023.

Trading hours – Mondays and Wednesdays.... 10am – 2pm.
 The Staff of our Op Shop hope you all had a blessed and Merry Christmas with family and friends and we wish you every happiness and good health through 2023, Also we have a few items of Lockington School uniforms to hand should you wish to inspect.

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January 29
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GARDEN ART

AT OUR 25TH RALLY

A 'Garden Art' competition/display will be a feature at this year's Lockington's 25th Vintage Rally, April 22 & 23.

We're letting you know now so you may like to begin your creations to bring along.

Items used must be 25 years or older, but the creator can be younger ☺.



Ps 119 v 105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.



DOREEN ARCHIBALD'S LIFE STORY

Doreen Archibald, known to many through her involvement in a great variety of community groups, passed away at Illoura on November 10. She had been an active member of Emmanuel Uniting Church and was farewelled there on Wednesday November 16, 2022.

Doreen was born at Mitiamo on the 5 November 1933 to Ernest and Minnie Aird as the younger sister to Phyllis and Harold. It was the time of the Great Depression followed by World War II and there were many hardships, but they all loved the farming life. Doreen had to ride four miles along terrible dirt roads to a single-roomed classroom and said there was a steady stream of raw teachers who found the rural isolation difficult. She left school aged 13 to work on the family farm. In 1951, she was among the first group of women to attend Dookie Agricultural College for a farming course and she was secretary of the first Young Farmers Club which was formed in Lockington in 1952.

Doreen married Jim Archibald in 1953 and they worked on several dairy farms in the Lockington district before buying their own dairy farm in 1963. Doreen worked hard on the farm, including milking 100 cows by hand as well as the household duties and raising their three children, Ron, Peter, and Christine. She also served for four years as Cub leader in the Lockington Scout Group, taught Sunday school at the Presbyterian Church, and joined the choir.



In 1967, Doreen left the marriage and moved to Bright to raise the children on her own with little to no support. She worked various jobs including tying tobacco, cleaning, cooking, waitressing and working at the TAB. They didn't have much but Doreen provided a happy home full of love and laughter. Doreen moved the family to Wangaratta in 1971, where she was a member of several church groups and also joined Parents without Partners where she held office and did welfare for the organisation.

With her dad's encouragement, Doreen traced his relations in Scotland and was able to visit them.

She helped many others with tracing their family history and was one of the inaugural members of the Wangaratta Family History Society. As well as her love of music and dancing, Doreen was a great fan of Peter Brock and car racing. She often attended races at Winton or the Hume Weir and was thrilled to buy her own Orange Holden Torana in 1974 which she still drove right up until a few years ago.

Doreen was accomplished in many arts and crafts. She did oil landscape paintings, China painting and also learnt the art of bark painting.

She sewed and repaired many garments for her family, and also enjoyed knitting, crocheting and embroidery. Doreen was self-taught at playing the guitar and piano, and was a member of the Wangaratta Ukulele Band. She was part of the Sing Australia choir and loved singing with the choir at Carols by Candlelight.

Doreen enjoyed her garden and was always repotting plants from cuttings that she would kindly bestow upon her visitors. Unfortunately, she broke her back when she fell off a ladder in the early 60s, so was unable to do the heavy lifting in the garden, but she usually found a way around attending to most tasks.

Doreen met Peter Ham in 1984 and he brought much happiness and love to her life. They both just enjoyed the simple things in life, family gatherings, meals out together, travelling, going to air shows, and most of all, each other's company. He was patient, kind and caring to Doreen in the early stages of her dementia, and cared for her right up to his sudden death from cancer in September 2019.

Doreen's greatest love and joy was her family and she was thrilled to become a grandma to Nicole, Lisa, Daniel, Jarrod, Melissa and Sally, and then later a great grandma to Hayden, Ella, Lucy, Ivy, Zachary, Adele, Xavier and Lucas. They have many wonderful memories of visiting Grandma, playing in the garden or in the cubbyhouse under the kitchen table, dress-ups or shops, making shanghais and bow and arrows, or riding on the hand-crafted rocking horses made by Peter Ham.

Doreen was a volunteer with palliative care for 21 years and followed her interest in alternative healing therapies to study hypnotherapy and also become a reiki master, sharing her healing gifts with many in need. Whenever you met Doreen, you were sure of a smiling face and a quick hug, whether in her home or up the street. When you felt down or had worries, Doreen was the one who always listened.

She had the gift to make people feel comfortable in her company and it is that gift that made her so easy to talk to. She was the listening ear and confidante to many. She had a heart of gold and was a truly remarkable woman.



A “CRACKING” NIGHT

More photos from the Lockington Community Hotel’s packed out Family Festival held Thursday 12th January

Photos by Alicia



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The Centre is closed for the Australia Day Public holiday, Thursday 26th January.



Reminders...

- * We encourage everyone to phone ahead or book an appointment to see the nurse .
- * **12:30-1:30pm** daily is staff lunchbreak. Please avoid interruptions unless it is an emergency.
- * Please don't forget to wear your mask when you visit the centre



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**Australia Day
In & Around Locky**



**Australia Day
Breaky In The
Park**

The Lockington Lions Club
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to come along for the

**Australia Day Breakfast in the Park
on 26th January 2023.**

**Breakfast begins at 8 am
with a gold coin donation,
followed by a Flag raising ceremony
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Our guest speaker will be...
Grant Sims
(Soil Health)

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- What skills would I like to build on?
- What are my interests?
- Which organisations need help?
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The Lockington community has a history of being very proactive, but that doesn't happen without volunteers.

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Alison Stewart (Editor)



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The old adage, use it or lose it definitely applies this season, so enjoy the pool.



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ROUGH RIDE ON REGIONAL ROADS GETTING DANGEROUS SAYS WALSH

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says travelling across his electorate doesn't require driving skills as much as it demands being an expert slalom skier.

Mr Walsh says so many roads are badly damaged and degraded, the Andrews Labor government's decision to not deal with the failure of the system is now coming home to roost and the safety of country drivers and passengers is increasingly at risk.

And that, he says, does not begin to take into account the growing cost of damage to cars – especially tyres and wheels.

"The numbers are very plain here – there's more than 70,000km of roads across regional Victoria that need to be maintained and there's nowhere near enough money being made available to get the job done," Mr Walsh says.

"Apart from a few half-baked repairs, the best solution this bankrupt government can come up with to try and cut costs is to lower the speed limit anywhere and everywhere there is a potential traffic hazard – and there are plenty of those," he says.

"When you think about the billions and billions of taxpayer dollars being blown on cost overruns and failed deadlines for the much-hyped Andrews 'big build' anyone could be forgiven if they thought this government does not give a damn about their safety and wellbeing.

"I drove the Prairie-Rochester Rd the other day – and I have driven down a lot of fairly ordinary country roads over the years – and on this occasion you could be taking your life in your own hands. It is in appalling shape and there are some stretches that are genuinely scary and some with absolutely no warning."

Mr Walsh says you can chart the impotence of the 'quick fix' of the majority of running repairs on some roads, with

bitumen waves on the sides of roads everywhere, as increasingly heavy traffic, particularly B-doubles and heavy farm machinery, quickly destroys shoddy repair work.

He says if contractors in the real world delivered such shabby results, they would get sacked and sued.

But because it is the government, the issues are being hidden behind media spin, the endemic secrecy which has become the signature feature of the Andrews government and, as a last resort, blame shifting.

"Daniel Andrews has once again fooled the people of Victoria. He keeps promising to repair the messes he is making – and never does," Mr Walsh added.

"He promised he would fix our healthcare crisis – now all of a sudden it is Canberra's fault, Medicare's fault," he says.

"He promised he would fix the teaching crisis but there is no sign of the magical hundreds of extra teachers promised.

"Even as he axed our Country Roads and Bridges Program, he promised he would ensure the quality of our country roads and now look where that's landed us."

CAPTION:

"This isn't a pothole; this is a tank trap." Standing on the Mitiamo-Echuca Rd, west of Kotta, is a classic example of just how dangerous country roads have become as lack of maintenance and repairs create life-threatening situations.





LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

December 27

In the lead-up to the Christmas break, bowls spectators have been treated to some brilliant bowling from all the contestants in the quarter finals and semi-finals of the respective Club Championships. In the championship played by the women the quarter final results were Denise Gilmore d. Sue Harris, Leanne McInnes d. Kim Ray, Katthi Maddison d. Lorraine Appleby and Jenny Fisher d. Phylis MacFarlane. The semi-final between McInnes and Gilmore provided several ends of quality bowling from both bowlers with little separating the score-line. Eventually the current club champion McInnes was able to break the shackles and win a berth in the final winning 25-21. The other semi-final played between Jenny Fisher and Kathi Maddison also provided many highlights as both bowlers traded ends while the heads were always close. Fisher was able to pick up a valuable four shots on one end to break away to lead 18-12 then edging further ahead before reaching a 23-14 advantage. Maddison fought back and tried to get back into the contest by winning three ends in a row to trail 17-23 when Fisher was able to secure the two shots for a 25-17 victory and will now meet Leanne McInnes in the final. Congratulations to both bowlers on a wonderful game of bowls from two relatively new bowlers.

In the men's section the quarter finals were headed with Graham Turner defeating Ray Hanson in a real pearly with precision bowling by both contestants. Ken Main defeated Russell Shawcross while Phillip Cunnington d. Neil Haines. In the remaining match club Secretary Steve Peter defeated John Whiteside in another classic battle going down to the wire to win 25-24. In the following semi-final Peter proved to strong for Cunnington in a match that provided several highlights. Peter trailing 7-15 at one stage, before gaining the mat an changed the complexion of the game. Peter keeping the persistent Cunnington at bay to win 25-19. The other semi-final will be played out between Turner and Ken Main to decide the club championship.

The club held a successful Christmas Hamper competition that was well patronised. The prize winners included – 1st Steve Wickham; 2nd Grace McCreedy; 3rd Ray Brereton. Voucher winners were Jen Johnson, Julie Thomas and Anne Shawcross. The club wish to thank all the people for supporting this annual event.

December 31

TRIPLE TREAT FOR MCINNES. The club staged the final of the Club Championship for the women on Saturday morning. The two bowlers involved were reigning champion Leanne McInnes pitted against new bowler Jenny Fisher. Both bowlers were in fine form as they defeated strong opposition in the lead up to the final. McInnes accounted for Kim Ray while Fisher won a thrilling encounter against Katthi Maddison in the respective semi-finals. The championship provided all facets of the game of Lawn Bowls from the beginning to the end of the match. In the early stanza it was McInnes who exploded out of the blocks to lead 9 to nil. Fisher was bowling well, but her opponent was able to take the shot on countless occasions and keep the pressure on. Fisher was able to eventually grab the mat and rolled out three quarter length ends to score on several ends to trail 20-13. Holding the possible four shots and able to reduce the lead to 17-20, it was the mercurial McInnes who had the ability to play a well weighted bowl into the head and rest the kitty and lead 21-13. Fisher was not done with yet as she played some brilliant bowls but was restricted to singles and the odd double. With the scoreline reading 24-18 in favor of McInnes it was Fisher holding two shots before the club champion McInnes was able to win the end after a measure and collect her fourth championship title and make it three on

end. Congratulations to both bowlers on their fine sportsmanship and superb bowling. Fisher would have to be satisfied with her performance as the actual scores did not indicate the closeness of the heads throughout the game. Both bowlers were applauded by the large crowd as they left the green.

The men's Club Championship is on standby with Graeme Turner to play Ken Main in the semi-final. Club Secretary Steve Peter earned a berth in the final after accounting for Phillip Cunnington in a high standard semi-final. Cunnington opened proceedings by racing out to lead 15-7. Peter eventually won the mat and threw longer ends that seemed to have an effect on his opponent. Peter gradually scored on several ends to reduce the leeway before winning the game 25-19. It was a great comeback from the spirited Peter as he waved the magic bowling arm.

January 9

There was a large crowd of members and supporters to witness the final of the club championship played on Saturday morning. The two bowlers to battle out the final was the left-handed Graeme Turner pitted against the polished right handed Steve Peter - Club Secretary. The game commenced in ideal conditions with a true running 15-16 second green. Turner was the first to gain the advantage picking up a maximum four shots on the fourth end and continued to apply pressure on his opponent Peter. The lead suddenly ballooned out with Turner leading 13-3. Eventually Peter gained the pace of the green and began to make inroads to reduce the deficit, picking up a four to trail 13-18. Ends were traded before Turner was able to increase his lead. On the 21st end the display of bowling was evident when both bowlers surrounded the jack with six bowls within centimeters of the jack. Peter gained the shot in a close measure and moved to within four shots and trail 17-21. However Turner was able to gain the extra shots required for victory and win the title 25-17. Both bowlers were congratulated on the fine display of bowls and sportsmanship they left the green. Peter would have been a little disappointed in having to make up lost ground in the initial stages, but made every endeavour to get back into the game. Turner was very consistent throughout the match and fully deserved his first club championship. In the semifinals Peter accounted for Phillip Cunnington 25-19 while Turner triumphed over the reigning champion Ken Main 25-21.

On Tuesday evening the Barefoot bowls had a small field in attendance, however the precision bowling was a treat to watch. The game was rinks with respective skippers Jeff Carnie and Shane Felmingham guiding their teams from the head. Rhayne Dennis and Cindy Felmingham both produced some excellent bowls

Members have been supporting local tournaments at Dingee, Echuca, Mathoura and the Moama supported Bowls day for the Rochester Bowling Club on Friday. Friday was a big day with several clubs supporting the event. It was a great effort from the staff at the Moama Bowling Club for such a cause.

The club hosted the Sixty and Over competition on Wednesday with 96 bowlers on the greens. The Owen "Smiley" McPhee rink was the best performing local rink, however could only manage one shot in the Yardstick. The women performed well with the excellent lunch. Thanks to John van den Bosch and Neil Haines for organising the event.



LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT
(continued)

January 16

The women had ideal conditions for their Social bowls last week. The name of the game was rinks and the stand-out bowlers included Phylis MacFarlane, Margaret Dowie and Lorraine Appleby.

On Tuesday evening the Barefoot bowls attracted 21 players and all bowled well during the night. The winning team were Jenny Fisher, Ian Haines and Lloyd Buchanan (s) in a superb performance to score 2 wins plus 11 shots while Cindy Felmingham and Andy Harris (s) finished second on 2 wins +4 shots. Thanks to Steve Peter for the barbeque and Phillip Cunnington behind the bar.

It was a big week-end of bowls for the club with all Pennant teams playing at home.

On Friday the women turned up to play bowls and defeated the visiting Rich River teams with a scoreline of 39 shots to 25 and both rinks up. (Annette Brereton d. B Mills 20-11; Phylis MacFarlane d. B Cox 19-14) and moved into third spot on the premiership ladder. Keep up the good work.

In the Weekend Pennant we had two wins and a loss. Division Three defeated a gallant Elmore 64-56 after scores were level at 55 all with three ends to play. (Graham Turner d. M Malone 30-20; Phillip Cunnington d. RC Williams 21-14; Leanne McInnes lost to K Brooks 13-22). Division Three now occupy second spot on the ladder. Division Four lowered their colors to top of the table Rich River 27-42 with both rinks down. (Dave Thomas l.t. R Ritchie 16-25; Neil Haines l.t. K Rowan 11-17). Division Five had all eight cylinders working to defeat the unbeaten Kyabram combination 47-30. All members contributed to the impressive performance and now sit in fifth place on the Premiership ladder. (John Whiteside d. B McIntosh 22-12; L Buchanan d. J Fanning 25-18).

The BowlsVic State Singles was played at the Moama Bowling Club on Sunday. Ken Main represented the club and won his first game 25-14 against K Black (Moama), but lost the second game 18-25 against Barry Tinning (Tongala). There were plenty of exciting games played during the course of the day with several scores of 25-24 being recorded. Young Jacob Brighton (Moama) lost to Rob Wastell (Moama) 24-25 in the quarter final while Steve Cunnington (Echuca) lost to Peter Campbell (Moama) 23-25. Another tight match was the clash between two Rich River skippers Peter Nesbitt and Jason McCloy with McCloy advancing to the semi-finals winning 25-24. Kevin Anderson (Moama) was in superb form to win a place in the semi-finals after defeating Brian Davie (Moama), Brad Tinning (Tongala) 25-22 and Barry Tinning (Tongala) 25-10. The semi-finalists are Mc Cloy to play Peter Campbell and Rob Wastell will tackle Anderson. The women also had some stand-out games with Marilyn Spenson and Cassandra Milleriock advancing to the semi-finals along with Joan Moss and Estelle Bennett.

Birthday wishes to our hard-working Lady Secretary Bev Brereton. Edging closer to the century.

The Sixty and Over competition was held at the Echuca Bowling Club on Wednesday. In the final analysis, two Lockington teams were successful - no names!

On Friday evening there was a small number at the barbeque/practice session. The lucky members' draw favoured the missing Jim Harris.



Men's Championship (Left to Right)
Winner Graham Turner with Neil Haines Marker,
and Runner Up Stephen Peter



Ladies Open Championship (Left to Right)
Winner
Leanne McInnes, with Denise Gilmore Marker
and Runner Up Jen Fisher

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JANUARY

Sunday 22

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Monday 23

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Bamawm CWA
 10:30am at Locky Business Centre

Wednesday 25

Vaccination Clinic by Bendigo Health
 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Bush Nursing Centre
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Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting
 7:30 pm at Heritage Centre

Thursday 26

Australia Day
 Breaky in The Park
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Kids Fishing Competition
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Sunday 29

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 - 4:00pm
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Monday 30

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 10:00am (earlier if possible)

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1

Action Club Dinner
 7:30pm at Club Rooms

Thursday 2

Landcare Meeting
 7:00pm at Lockington Hotel

Sunday 5

Pine Grove Gun Club
 Simulated Field & Game

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 - 4:00pm
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Wednesday 8

Lions Club Dinner Meeting
 7:30pm at Heritage Centre

Thursday 9

Milloo CWA
 10:00am at Milloo Hall

Friday 10

Social Indoor Bowls
 7:30pm at Bamawm Extension Hall

Saturday 11

Lockington Pony Club Rally
 10:00 am at Scurrah Reserve
 (Contact Christine Buckley 0400 576 7670)

Sunday 12

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 - 4:00pm
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Lions Youth Of The Year
 Club Level Judging

Monday 13

Heritage Complex Meeting
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Wednesday 15

Action Club Activity Night at Club Rooms
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Tuesday 21

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 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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