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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



Wendy Sims (pic right) was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Rochester Australia Day Celebrations Committee for her dedication to the Lockington Community. I wish to thank the Committee for the award and acknowledge the Lockington community for working with me on projects around the town. I am very lucky to live in such a supportive, friendly and progressive community.



Lisa Milligan (pic left) was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Rochester Australia Day Celebrations for her community service during and following the floods. In addition to opening her house to many Rochester families, Lisa was successfully able to source furniture, bed & linen, cutlery, crockery, electrical and whitegoods to completely furnish a unit for one special Rochester lady. Lisa says 'I just did what anyone would do under the circumstances'.

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MONDAY, March 13 (Entries by 10am)

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

"LITTLE COMMUNITY BIG HEART"

Monday, February 20th on ABC's 7.30 report 'Our Pub' was featured.

The above comment was made by Rochester flood evacuees, when interviewed whilst dining at 'Our Pub' on December 14, and staying at our 'Travellers Rest'. They gave a great report on the support Lockington has given to them and many others.



Chef, Simon Poynting, who had to leave his job at Rochester's Shamrock Hotel because of the floods, has moved with his family to live in our town and has provided excellent meals to 'Our Pub' patrons. Lockington's gain.

The crew also interviewed Share Holder, Dustin Kemp, and some enjoying a pint at the bar.

(The program can be seen on ABC iView.)

“Lockington - Lines in Time”

Hello again Everyone,

We've been looking 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 the Elmore-Cohuna railway line was constructed and the township of Lockington was formed. We have now reached 1894, with the year beginning on a cheerful note at Pine Grove as the district celebrated the marriage of Miss Annie Hutcheson, the daughter of Mr Joseph Hutcheson, to Mr George Davies. The wedding took place on 17 January and was reported in the *Bendigo Advertiser* on 22 January. Of more general interest throughout the region was the news that the rail service, for which the residents had campaigned for the past twenty years, had once more come to the attention of the Government.

On 21 February 1894, the *Bendigo Advertiser* reported that Mr James Hiers McColl, the local Member, then holding the post of Minister of Mines and Water Supply, had met with Mr Richard Richardson, M.L.A., Minister of Railways, at Cohuna on Monday 19 February. “Their object [was] to inspect the route of the proposed railway from Cohuna to Elmore,” and farmers in the vicinity of Cohuna were given the opportunity of emphasising to the Ministers the “necessity of constructing the line, and the probability of its being a paying one.” The Ministerial Party then travelled on to Wee-wee-rup, where once again, residents were given a chance to put their case in support of the proposed rail link. As he had done at Cohuna, Mr Richardson stated that it was Government policy to settle people on the land and he concurred with the residents' claim that provision of the line through the region would enhance prospects for farming there. If funds were

available “he would have no hesitation in telling his colleagues that the Cohuna line should be made,” but there were other claims to be considered in the light of which he could make no definite promises.

The party stayed overnight at Gunbower Station and next morning, visited Gunbower township where they inspected irrigation works that were being carried out. “The party then proceeded along the line of the surveyed route of the proposed railway through the parish of Patho to Tomara, and from thence to Pine Grove East, where a halt was made at the residence of Mr F P Reigal.” Lunch was served there, and Messrs. Reigal, John Crawford, J.P., and P Allen, took their turn in speaking to the Minister about the transport difficulties that they and other local farmers encountered in the absence of adequate railway communications. The Minister said that, as a farmer himself, he sympathised with their need, but he could give no assurance that the line would be constructed. His party then paused briefly at Mr Raper's farm at Pannoomilloo, on the way to Elmore where the tour was completed. Though construction of the Cohuna -Elmore Railway Line appeared justified in every respect, no promise had been forthcoming, and the railway campaign disappeared once more from the front pages of the local news media.

Another venture was under consideration but it too, seemed to lack certainty. At Pannoomilloo, it was proposed that a local creamery be established and on 23 February 1894, the *Elmore Standard* advertised that a meeting to discuss the proposal would be held “at no distant date in the local school.” On the other hand, on 5 March, the *Bendigo Independent* published an item from Terrick Terrick East to this effect: - “The Terricks East Creamery has been closed for the last five or six weeks. The farmers have had a very unsatisfactory butter season here this year. The creamery was only open about four months, and then the price given for milk was ridiculously low. We are at a great disadvantage here for butter making through being so far from the markets.” While these articles appear to be in conflict, by 30 May that year, the McIntyre Bros., who owned and operated creameries at Diggora, Tennyson, Milloo and Terricks East, were moving forward confidently. On that date, the *Bendigo Independent* reported that Messrs McIntyre Bros. had opened a butter factory in Bendigo. Cream from their rural creameries would be sent by rail to Bendigo to be processed. Their machinery at the new factory was “of the newest description,” and “scrupulous cleanliness” was being maintained throughout the manufacturing process. It was their intention to support their local suppliers and they “confidently expect[ed] the support of the Bendigo public.” They were wished every success.

On 25 April 1894, the *Bendigo Advertiser* noted that “The farmers throughout the Terricks have done wonders in the way of destroying rabbits; where they were as plentiful as they could well be, scarcely one can be seen now. The principal agent used in their destruction was phosphorised wheat.” After a hot and dry start to the year, good rain fell across the region in early March and by 1 May 1894, as reported in the *Bendigo Independent* that day, the rain had “done a great amount of good to the grass and young crops.” Throughout the district, it was expected that a large area of land would be sown that season.

It appears that 1894 was quite a busy year, so there will be more about it next time. 'Bye until then,

Marg O'Brien.

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DEATH

HENDERSON, Bill
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Sacred Heart, Elmore
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 Every Sunday - 10:00am Mass
 and 12 noon Latin Mass

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Worship at Bamawm UCA begins at 10am.

March 5
 Pancake morning tea

March 12
 Face to face at Elmore

ZOOM connection is available every week.
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 Meeting ID: 826 6681 8761# Password 22#

Rev Brian Morgan 0419 933 938



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 Your word has given me life



MILLOO BRANCH CWA

The new year started with a good attendance at our February meeting. The group conference to be held on Monday March 6th at the CWA Hall in Echuca was discussed with four members hoping to attend. Discussions on which charities we would support this year. There was no International report, but the country of study this year is Namibia.

The State Creative Arts Exhibition is to be held at St. Arnaud on 28-29 July, 2023.

Information was given on the CWA Educational Grants available. There are three categories available: Those open to the general public, those available to members and their families, and those open only to members.

The date and place of the 2023 AGM and State conference is yet to be confirmed.

Competition results:

Craft: Rocks – 1st Val Read, 2nd Elaine Mitchell.

Cookery: Boston Bun from a set recipe – 1 pt. was awarded to each of the four entries.

Horticulture: Drought proof plant – 1st Margaret Fiedler, 2nd Val Read.

The next meeting is on Thursday, March 9th at 10.00am at the Milloo Hall.

Competitions will be: A flower from your garden; Craft: Eggs or Bunnies; Cookery: Savoury scones; Horticulture: A yellow flower; Miscellaneous: A jug.

Julie Chappel. Ph: 5486 2226.



Lockington Neighbourhood House

Ph: 0499 170 329 E: nhldbc@gmail.com
Terri Hateley, Coordinator

Hours

Tuesday
8.00am – 5.00pm
Wednesday
8.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday
8.00am – 5.00pm

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Please contact Neighbourhood House for a registration form. All participants must have a registration form signed by a parent/guardian



Lockington Men's Shed

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The 2023 registration forms are now available at Neighbourhood House

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LOCKINGTON SCARECROW COMPETITION

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Theme: Favourite Fictional Character

Entries open: Tuesday 28th Feb 2023

Entries Close: 1pm Wednesday 19th April 2023

Winners announced at the Vintage Tractor Rally Saturday 22nd April at 1pm

Entry forms available at Locky Fuel desk



Charlotte



Abigail



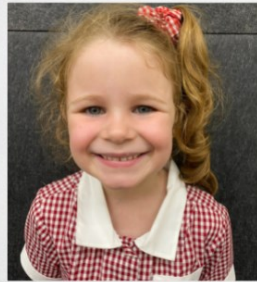
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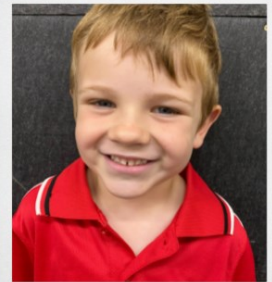
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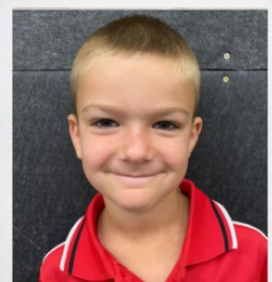
Xavier



Madison



Rachel



Tejay

Lockington Consolidated School Prep Class 2023



Banking in the Community



Lockington Youth Action Group members enjoyed a session with staff from Lockmore Financial Services, Bendigo Bank. Lauren Ross, Lily Wareham and Kerri McPhee presented all facets of Lockmore covering numbers of board members, staff, shareholders, customers and their roles within the Community Bank. They also spoke about the many banking services they provide to the community including bank accounts, credit cards, personal loans, home loans, travel payments, financial advice, superannuation and insurance. The group was interested in hearing how Lockmore support the community through sponsorship, scholarships and other special programs. The group were also given information on what information they would need to supply to start a bank account and which accounts would be the best fit for them and their circumstances.

The youth group members then had the opportunity to ask some questions and were able to utilise the online calculators to work out how much interest they would have to pay on a car loan and how much interest they would earn on a term deposit.

It was a great learning session for Lockington Youth Action Group who would like to thank Lockmore Financial Services for taking the time to come and speak with them.



LOCKY POOL SEASON IS IN FULL "SWIM"!

As the season warms up, so does our local pool. Entry is free for the entire outdoor season, from now until March. Keep an eye on the weather, via BOM and Kyabram weather forecast. If its over 25°C, the facility should be open

Operating hours

School Term:

- ◆ Weekdays from 4 - 8pm
- ◆ Weekends from 1 - 8pm

School Holidays:

- ◆ Weekdays from 1 - 8pm
- ◆ Weekends from 1 - 8pm



Many people are enjoying the new opening hours and if enough people are around, the later closing times.

Swim lessons are being conducted by Vicswim in January (16th-20th).

So if you have some keen kiddos, hit up the vic swim website as booking is through them. The website is www.vicswim.com.au also details are on the pool face book page Save Locky Pool.

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

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LOCKINGTON LANDCARE

YOUR SOIL AND THE WEATHER FIELD DAY

On Wednesday 24th February Lockington Landcare in conjunction with Agriculture Victoria and the NCCMA held a successful soil and weather field day on the Terricks. Three soil pits had been dug, one on continually cropped land, one on ground that had been cropped and flooded and the third on cropped ground about to be sown into pasture. Rebecca Mitchell spoke on the soil types and what this meant to the farmer. A very informative day, thanks to Jo Bear from NCCMA for organising the day.

Next meeting: Thursday 6th April at the Lockington Hotel at 7 pm. Meal then meeting.



1966 LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL GRADE 6 CLASS

On Saturday 18th February many of the students from the 1966 Grade 6 class got together in Bendigo for lunch. We hope to all meet again in 2026 for the 60th anniversary of the class at the Lockington Hotel.



Back L-R: Lyndsey McMinn, Donald Kornmann, Ron Mitchell, Barry Iddles, Cheryl Elliott, John Main, Rosalie Martin, Doug Watson, Peter Dobson, Ken Reichter, Gary Anderson, Donald Jenkins

Front L-R: Sue Taylor, Joyce Pickens, Wendy Bickford, Patricia Smith, Kathy Touhey, Jan Smith, Lance Collins.

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



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APPOINTS THREE NEW
BOARD MEMBERS

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria is pleased to welcome three new appointments – Hayley Hunter, Tanya O'Connor, and Mark Stokes – to its Board of Directors.

These appointments build upon the diverse backgrounds and skills within the COTA Victoria board. Our new board members will add a wealth of knowledge and experience that will prove invaluable to the ongoing work of COTA Victoria.

Hayley Hunter has over ten years of specialist legal expertise in guardianship, administration, wills and estates, and matters involving elder abuse. She also serves as a member of the Seniors Rights Victoria Advisory Committee.

Tanya O'Connor is an accomplished global executive with close to two decades of involvement in technology development and the operational leadership of clinical research. She also serves as a member of boards concentrating on aged care and dementia.

Mark Stokes PhD offers a wealth of knowledge as a researcher, academic and advocate in the fields of public health, psychological, and biomedical knowledge. He draws upon his experience in numerous local, state, national, and international not-for-profit organisations.

"We're thrilled to welcome such high-calibre and experienced professionals to our Board of Directors," said COTA Victoria President, Robert Caulfield. "We're excited about what lies ahead for COTA Victoria with a full contingent of board members, a new strategic plan, and reinvigorated vision.

"The board is eager to work with the state government and our new members to further a positive ageing agenda that will deliver benefits

for older Victorians alongside a community dividend for the state," Mr Caulfield continued.

COTA Victoria CEO, Chris Potaris, said the appointments have come at a perfect time, in the midst of sweeping organisational change and a very focused strategic and operational agenda.

"These appointments follow our 2023-2024 pre-budget submission to the Victorian Government and the formation of our 2023-2025 Strategic Plan. With these positions now filled, we can focus on COTA Victoria's transformation into a resilient organisation that shows demonstrable value for those we represent," Mr Potaris said.

The new board members will commence their roles effective immediately.


About us

COTA Victoria is the leading not-for-profit organisation representing the interests and rights of people aged over 50 in Victoria. For over 70 years, we have led government, corporate and community thinking about the positive aspects of ageing in the state.

Today, our focus is on promoting opportunities for and protecting the legal rights of people 50+. We value ageing and embrace its opportunities for personal growth, contribution, and self-expression. This belief drives benefits to the nation and its states alongside communities, families, and individuals.

Seniors Rights Victoria (SRV) is a program of COTA Victoria and the key state-wide service dedicated to advancing the rights of older people and the early intervention into, or prevention of, elder abuse in our community.

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Peter Walsh MP MEMBER FOR MURRAY PLAINS
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If flood effected people would like to
participate, Beryl is planning a 'Bake off'
in Lockington's Living Heritage Complex
commercial kitchen on Wednesday 15
March from 9.00am, so speak to her if
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18 February 2023

INSURANCE INDUSTRY MUST NOT ABANDON ROCHESTER SAYS WALSH

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, will be seeking urgent insurance industry clarification about future protection for the Rochester community.

Mr Walsh says weekend reports major insurers are walking away from Rochester after the town was hit by two 'once-in-100-year floods' within 11 years are the worst possible news for the besieged community. He says Rochester's population has fought hard to try and rebuild the town, and the community, since October's devastating flooding. "I met with Insurance Council of Australia chief executive Andrew Hall at Rochester straight after the floods, and there was recognition even then the insurance industry would be seeing Rochester in a different light," Mr Walsh says. "But I will be going back to the ICA first thing next week to see what can be done to turn this around – we had a similar industry backlash in 2011 and got them to back down," he says. "However, I suspect this is going to be an even harder fight."

Both Mr Walsh and the town's community committee on flood recovery agree this latest setback makes the reconfiguration of the retaining wall of Lake Eppalock even more vital. A committee spokeswoman told Mr Walsh today the real key to the future is making sure Eppalock has the capacity for strategic releases of water to avoid disasters on the scale of 2011 and 2022. She says fixing Eppalock doesn't just protect the town, it protects bank loans, it protects businesses, and it protects the local economy. "Most insurers I have tried personally have simply said they will not cover the 3561 postcode area," she explains. "This could cripple opportunities to buy a house, because if you can't prove to the bank you are insured, you won't get a loan – and now the insurance industry says it won't provide that cover. "Eppalock is now more urgent than ever."

Mr Walsh says when all but a handful of Rochester homes were inundated in October, the small number of residents – about 3100 – felt "lost and alone" as they struggled to take on board yet another natural disaster. He says pre-flood the town worked so hard to prepare for the worst, but when predictions of the flood height proved terribly wrong, it was too late to save anything. "This isn't about any industry turning its back on this town, this is about getting the fundamentals right, this is about Eppalock and once we get that done the insurers will have no reason to play hardball with people's lives and businesses," he added. "The Victorian government must act now – if Hume and Eildon can be gated reservoirs, with the capacity to pre-release water at peak times, there is no excuse for Eppalock to keep flooding Rochester. "If the government does nothing, it will be hammering a stake right into the heart of this proud and resilient community."

19 February 2023

TRAIN PAIN IN NORTHERN VICTORIA IS RIGHT OFF THE RAILS SAYS WALSH

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says train travellers across his electorate are back on the buses for at least another two weeks.

Mr Walsh says the latest V/Line announcement, effective from February 21 to March 5, is allegedly about line 'upgrades' for both the Echuca and Swan Hill lines. Which he has described as the "longest running joke in regional Victoria". "This mockery of a state government has claimed, in media release after media release, at announcement after announcement, that the regional rail network has never been in better shape," Mr Walsh laughed. "It's in such good shape the trains – if and when they run – still have to drop to 80km/

h when they get closer to Echuca," he says. "These alleged line upgrades for the next two weeks, I wonder if they aren't connected with taking local eyes (and memories) off Jacinta Allan's 'promise' from two years ago that these lines would be getting faster, and more, train services. "Even when work isn't being done on the lines, commuters and travellers still end up being jammed onto buses because trains are suddenly cancelled, or unavailable."

Mr Walsh says he cannot understand why the government can't just bite the bullet and get the job done – once and for all. Unless, he says, regional Victoria is once again to be left abandoned at the end of the line "while the Premier and his union cronies work out how to disguise the \$28 billion – that's billion and counting – overruns black hole in its out-of-control big build in Melbourne". "It's time for the Andrews Labor government to deliver the train services Echuca and Swan Hill should have had years ago."

26 February 2023

DUPlicitous DAN SHOTS DOWN ANOTHER VICTORIAN DUCK HUNTING SEASON: WALSH

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says once again the Andrews Labor government has elected to move its own duck hunting goalposts and belatedly announced just a five-week slot for the state's hunting season. With a daily bag limit of just four birds.

Mr Walsh says the Andrews Labor government has abandoned its commitments repeated in its Sustainable Hunting Action Plan 1 and SHAP 2 to rely on robust science to inform season setting arrangements. He says a full-length season was recommended, based on harvest modelling by waterfowl ecology and population dynamics experts, professors Marcel Klaassen and Richard Kingsford. "The arrangements for the 2023 Victorian duck season are based on analysis and the modelling of habitat and waterbird abundance surveys conducted across eastern Australia, and other data relating to game duck abundance, habitat distribution and climate," Mr Walsh says. "This isn't policy, this isn't even planning. "This is all about pandering to inner city greenies and hoping to earn brownie points to cash in for flawed legislation it can no longer ram through the Legislative Council without the crossbenches," he says. "The Andrews Labor government is so embarrassed by its own pathetic duplicity it always tries to make any information about its next duck season betrayal as low-a-profile announcement in the hope no-one will be aware to raise any kind of ruckus."

Mr Walsh says all the data shows bird habitat availability and breeding in 2022-2023 has been exceptional, but that has still ended up with the Andrews Labor government pushing duck hunting into the realm of the irrelevant. He says a full-length season was recommended based on harvest modelling by the experts, who have also maintained in their advice to the Victorian government that reducing the bag limit is a more effective way to reduce the overall harvest of game ducks rather than reducing the season length. "This government's own compliance statistics show zero hunters of the 802 who were checked in the most recent season to see if they had exceeded their daily bag limit," Mr Walsh added. "Victoria's hunting community proudly takes a leading role in the conservation of our wetlands and environments to ensure the sustainability of wetland species," he says. "Yet year after year they're punished by a Labor Government intent on stamping out a legal, legitimate recreational activity that helps generate \$356 million for our state. "The Liberals and Nationals continue to support Victoria's recreational hunters."





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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

Lockington Twilight Mixed Fours

The Lockington Ladies held a very successful Bowls tournament on Tuesday 21st February with visitors from Echuca, Rochester, Elmore, White Hills, Calivil, Serpentine, Tongala, Moama, Rich River and Lockington. The event was sponsored by Tobin Bros Funeral Directors of Echuca who have been long term supporters of our Club.

Tournament Secretary Lorraine Appleby thanked President Denise Gilmore, Kathi Maddison and the Tournament committee as well as Chris Stewart for assisting with running the Tournament. She also stated her appreciation to the men for preparing the greens, umpires Philip Cunnington and Leanne McInnes, Bev & Les Brereton plus Kath Palmer for their work in the kitchen and Pauline Humbert for organising prizes and the raffle.

There were 3 teams with 2 wins and a draw and after a countback the following results were:

Winners: Calivil - Glen Ray (Skip) Shirley Hope, John Pickles and Coral Maxted, 67 points

Runners-Up; Lockington/Tongala – Steve Pavone (Skip) Greg Higgins, Gay Higgins and Beth Vistarini on 65 points.

Third Prize: Rochester – Jenny Major (Skip) Tim Quinlin, Rod Clayton and Janice Tamburini on 64 points.



20th February

The women enjoyed ideal conditions for their Social bowls on Tuesday. The winning pair were the experienced Lorraine Appleby and the queen of skippers Phylis MacFarlane (s) in an absorbing display of bowls. Daylight second.

On Tuesday evening the Barefoot bowls attracted a field of 20 players. There were three - two game winners to compete for the prizes. The outcome favored Kim Ray and Steve Pavone (s) 2 wins plus 34 shots. An inquiry pending? In second place was the combination of Terril Westwood and Leon Laffy (s) 2 wins +21 shots in front of Jenny Fisher and John Fisher (s) 2 wins +12 shots. Being St. Valentine's Day there were a few matched up couples in action with Red Roses.

The semi-finals of the Campaspe Area Pennant competition were held on Saturday at various locations. Our Division Three bowlers tackled top sided Moama Steamers at the Echuca Bowling Club. Pleasant conditions were on offer as the two sides began the battle for Grand final rites. Our three teams settled in well scoring across the board in the early stanza. However the strong Moama Steamers were in for the battle and slowly gained the initiative to lead all three rinks with the scoreline showing a 60-41 lead. Despite a late revival our Lockington bowlers had to lower their colors to lose the semi-final 51-63 by twelve shots and all rinks down. Several members had a problem judging the pace of the green and this is where Moama Steamers gained the break. Final scores Moama Steamers 63 to Lockington 51. (Steve Pavone lost to B Cuttriss 17-18 on the final end. Leanne McInnes l.t. B Harper 16-21 and Graham Turner l.t. K Awty 18-24). Division Three will meet Rochester in the preliminary final at Echuca on Saturday. Best of bowling.

In the club competitions there were some highlights to witness. In the B Grade championship John Fisher defeated Owen McPhee and will play Ian Staig next. Brian Kinnane d. Rhayne Dennis, John Dowie d. Shane Felmingham in a real nailbiter after Felmingham led 10-5 in the early stages. Lloyd Buchanan d. John Whiteside. The 21 Up Presidents trophy is progressing well. Buchanan d. Calvin Stout, Bill Musgrove d. Dave Thomas, Steev Pavone d. Graham Turner, Russell Shawcross d. John Whiteside while John Fisher will meet Ken Main in a quarter final.

On Sunday several members played the prestigious Campaspe Classic Fours at Rochester. The Ken Main rink comprising Mal MacRaild, Dave Thomas and Phillip Cunnington won three of the four games. Steve Pavone played with the Wayne Cowley rink from Tongala and won all four games but unfortunately lost the first play-off. Brian Kinnane, Dennis Smith, Andy Harris and Russell Shawcross enjoyed the hospitality and won the odd game.

The club will be holding the annual Echuca Toyota Open Fours on Sunday 19th March commencing at 9.30am. Entries to Russell Shawcross 0428 862468 or Ray Hanson 0435 991 865.

Photo 1

Winners Calivil - l to r. Shirley Hope, Coral Maxted, Glen Ray (Skip) and John Pickles

Photo 2

Runner-up l to r. Steve Pavone (Skip) Greg Higgins, Gay Higgins and Beth Vistareni.

Photo 3

Third - Rochester l to r. Jenny Major (Skip), Rob Clayton, Janice Tamburini and Tim Quinlin.



LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

27th February

In the Campaspe Area Week-end Pennant on Saturday, our Division Three teams combined to win the preliminary final against a gallant Rochester combination. The encounter resulted in a convincing victory scoring 85 shots to Rochester 42. The Steve Pavone rink comprising Ken Main, Bill Musgrove and Ian Johnson were on fire to storm to a 41-9 win against the Jenny Major rink that set up the overall victory. Two rinks were up as the teams were poised to try and go for back-to-back premierships. Leanne McInnes skipped the rink of Brian Kinnane, Phillip Cunnington and Russell Shawcross to a 27-11 win over David Murray while the Graham Turner team of Ray Hanson, Andrew Harris and Jim Harris lowered their colors to Kevin Hall and lost 17-22. Division Three now line up against the strong Moama Streamers combination in the Grand final on Saturday, to be played at the Mathoura Bowling Club. Best of bowling to all bowlers.

Congratulations to the Echuca Bowls Club for their kind hospitality and well presented greens. The afternoon tea was enjoyable.

Last Tuesday Evening the women staged the annual Twilight Fours which attracted 72 bowlers from several District clubs. Lady President Denise Gilmore and Tournament Secretary Lorraine Appleby welcomed all bowlers and thanked all for their support. The sponsors were Tobin Brothers (Echuca). The winners in a three way countback were the Calivil rink including Coral Maxted, John Pickles, Shirley Hope, Glen Ray (s) with 68 points ahead of the composite Tongala/Lockington rink of Gay Higgins, Greg Higgins, Beth Vistirini and Steve Pavone (s) on 64 points. Third place went to the Rochester rink of Janice Tamburini, Robert Clayton, Jenny Major, Tim Quinlan (s) with 62 points. There were several novelty prizes on offer.

The popular Barefoot bowls will return this week.

The club competitions are almost finished. In B Grade John Fisher is to play Ian Staig with the winner to meet Brian Kinnane while John Dowie will meet Lloyd Buchanan in one semi-final. In the 21 Up Presidents trophy the games to play are Neil Haines .v. Brian Kinnane and John Fisher to meet Ken Main. The 100 Up championship is almost completed with John Fisher to play John Dowie with the winner to play Steve Pavone. Other matches to be completed involve Bill Musgrove .v. Graham Turner, Ken Main .v. Russell Shawcross, Ray Hanson .v. Buchanan and Neil Haines to meet Steve Peter. Time is running out for these games to be played.

The women are playing the 100 Up championship with the first round winners including Lorraine Appleby defeating Cindy Frelmingham in a close contest.

During the week teams travelled to Stanhope for the Triples event. Brian Kinnane, Ray Hanson and Russell Shawcross (s) won their four games but just missed out on the trophies by one point. The Friday evening barbeque and practice session was again well attended with the missing member Margaret Davis not in

attendance to collect the lucky members draw. Margaret was apparently preparing for Hip surgery on Saturday morning.

Bowling enthusiasts were treated to some sensational bowling at the Moama Bowling Club on Sunday where the Bendigo-Campaspe-Goldfields Regional State Singles, State Pairs, State Sixty and Over Singles and the State Pairs were played. The Mathoura pairing of Micheal Humphries and Mark Quor (s) defeated their Bendigo opponents in the State Pairs 15-6. In the 60 and Over State Singles (Women) Kay Rowe (Eaglehawk) defeated Marilyn Stephenson (Moama) with the final bowl to trail the kitty for three shots and win 21-19. The State Singles title match was a real promoter's dream between Kevin Anderson (Moama) and Brad Holland (South Bendigo) and what a game it was. Both bowlers had won their earlier match against the Goldfields Matty Vinar (Talbot) in a couple of close matches. The final provided all facets of bowls. In the early stanza Holland drew out to a 7-nil lead before Anderson gradually opened up his account. As the game progressed Anderson eventually gained the lead of 16-11 as he settled into his normal condition of play. However Holland was equal to the occasion and won a couple of ends to draw level at 16-all. In a sensational final witnessed, Anderson gained another break to win the epic battle 25-23. Both bowlers were applauded as they left the green.

The other results were not to hand.



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Action Club Activity Night
At Club Rooms

Sunday 19th

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

Monday 20

Senior Citizens Luncheon
12:00pm at Community Centre

Wednesday 22

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting
7:30pm at Heritage Complex

Sunday 26

Kamarooka Recreation Reserve
BBQ Lunch
Midday at Kamarooka Recreation Reserve

Heritage Complex Open

1:00 - 4:00pm
On Duty - Lyndsay G & Don O'B

Monday 27

Locky News Typing Day
10am deadline (earlier if possible)

Bamawm CWA
10:30am at Lockington Business Centre

Immunisation Session
11:30am to noon
at Lockington Bush Nursing Centre
Ph 1300 666 535 for bookings

Heritage Complex Meeting
7:30pm at Complex

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 for appointment

TUESDAYS

- Men's Shed
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Dr. Patrick Nzegwu
9.30 am - 5.00 pm - Bush Nursing Centre
Phone: 5486 2544 for appointment
- Ladies Social Bowls.
Names by 10:45am for 11:00am start
- Barefoot Bowls
Names by 6:45pm for 7:00pm start

WEDNESDAYS

- Strength & Balance Class
9.00 am - Bush Nursing Centre.
- Lockington Playgroup
10:00am - 1:00pm - St. James Church Hall.
(not during school holidays)
Enquiries: Tegan: 0400 754 116

THURSDAYS

- Social Activity Day
10am - Bush Nursing Centre
Phone: 1300 488 226
- Ladies Social Badminton
9:30am - Bamawm Sports Centre.
Enquiries: 0458 548 622

FRIDAYS

- Bowls practice 4.30pm BBQ tea to follow.

SATURDAYS

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

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