



Locky News

Lockington's Priceless Paper

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LOCAL LINK TO NEWLY OPENED "GARGARRO CAFÉ" IN GIRGARRE

Leon McAsey, ex Bamawm local, along with partner Joel Raglus, recently opened the Gargarro Café, situated in the new bespoke building in Girgarre's Gargarro Botanic Garden.

As a long term reader of The Locky News, Leon is keen to promote their new venture to our readers, encouraging you all to visit Girgarre and to spend some time relaxing at the café.

Leon grew up in Bamawm, and Joel originated from Rushworth, now residing in Kyabram, they see the value in our smaller communities supporting each other.

The cafe will be open 6 days a week (Tuesday to Sunday) offering all day breakfast, and lunch from 7.30am to 5pm (Tuesday to Thursday) and 7.30am till late (Friday to Sunday)

Schedule in a day trip to Girgarre Market (second Sunday of each month) or a visit to the Botanic Garden... but be sure to drop in to Gargarro Café for a drink and a bite to eat, in support of an ex local and a team that values community connections.

Alison Stewart



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MONDAY, April 10 (Entries by 10am)

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

Apologies to Ellen McMinn

for acknowledgement of her photo on front page of last edition #960 not being shown.

Many thanks for the use of your photo.



HAND WRITTEN ARTICLES

The majority of articles are emailed in for which we are grateful.

If you need to handwrite your article the options are:

- Drop off to Terri at Lockington Community House on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays only
- Get a family friend or relative to type and email to editor@lockynews.com.au
- Leave your article through the door at the Locky News office at the Heritage Complex and contact Alicia on 0487 649 864 who will deal with it.

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“Lockington - Lines in Time”

Hello again Everyone,

We have now reached mid-1894, 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 construction of the Elmore-Cohuna railway line was completed and the township of Lockington was established. Though he had been unwell for some time, the sudden death on 10 July 1894, of Mr William Collins, a popular and respected local schoolteacher, came as a shock to the people of the district. Mr Collins had taught at both Bamawm and Pannooamawm State Schools, and news of his death was widely reported by Bendigo, Elmore and Echuca newspapers. He was only thirty-four years old, and left a young wife and three small children. His funeral at Rochester was numerously attended, and a very long cortege of mourners followed his remains to the railway station to be taken by train to Bendigo for interment.

The year 1894 had begun hot and dry, with a good autumn break leading into bitter cold in the early winter. “A few weeks of fine weather” were then followed by “a nice steady fall of rain” according to the report from Tennyson, published by *Bendigo Advertiser* on 24 August 1894. Although the ruling price of grain that year was low, “a considerable area of land in the Diggora, Pine Grove and Tennyson districts” had been sown with wheat, and the *Bendigo Advertiser* of 17 August, described the crops as “showing vigorous growth.” Then, with their crops sown and doing well, farmers allowed themselves some recreation time. For some of them, ‘Winter cricket’ was in season, and regular matches took place between Pine Grove and Tennyson, Milloo United and Union cricket clubs. Other farmers willingly joined in the

activities of the local gun clubs, particularly as hares were numerous across the region.

Thunderstorms, with heavy rain, hail and “very vivid lightning,” were experienced across the region in late August. Correspondents from Milloo and Tennyson reported to the *Bendigo Advertiser* and the *Bendigo Independent* that more than an inch [25 mms] of rain fell. A period of warm weather followed and there was “every prospect of a good season if [the farmers] could realize a fair price for what [they sent] to markets.” As reported to the *Bendigo Independent* from Terricks East on 29 August, farmers had been unable to “get their stock off on account of low prices.” Even the local creamery was paying less per gallon than its suppliers had hoped to receive. However, occasional showers continued to fall throughout the Spring, and the *Independent* on 20 October, described the season – weather-wise – as one of the best experienced in the region for many years.

On 17 September 1894, the *Bendigo Independent* had published a report from Piavella of “a trial at Mr Clee’s, Wanurp, of the Turpin patent scoop for cleaning out dams whilst they are full of water or empty, or for making new dams. There were about 100 persons on the ground from Milloo, Wanurp, Mitiamo, Pinegrove and Terricks. The scoop gave every satisfaction, and the spectators expressed their astonishment at the way in which it did its work.” Mr Clee had purchased the scoop, and the reporter recommended that interested farmers make the effort to inspect it. At that same time, innovative research was being undertaken on the wider scene. On 22 October 1894, the *Independent* reported: - “The experiment in road-making that was tried on the main road from Bamawm to Prairie, by the utilising of the cement found in some of the marshes, has led to no practical result so far. In view of the marked success of the experiment this is surprising. Anyone travelling this road since the late rain, cannot help remarking the wonderful stability that a light coating of thin cement has to the parts where it has been tried. The cost of getting the cement cannot be very great, seeing that there is an unlimited quantity within a short distance of the road. It is to be hoped that valuable road-making material will not long be idle, when there are so many roads that could be benefitted by it.”

If the Spring rains slowed the social life of the district, it was only by a very little. Early in the evening on 19 October 1894, as reported by the *Bendigo Independent* on 22 October, a large number of residents of Pine Grove gathered at the local school for tea, and to make a presentation as a mark of their “esteem and respect” to Mrs J H James, who was retiring after having taught at district schools for a number of years. That same issue of the *Independent* reported that, on Saturday night, 20 October, pupils of Mr A L Haslam, professor of music, gave a very enjoyable concert at the Tennyson Hall. All performed well, but a special feature of the evening was an organ solo by seven-year-old Daisy Bray, who “performed without a single mistake. Of course, the pedals had to be worked for her.” On Wednesday of the following week, 24 October 1894, the Tennyson Hall was the venue for a “variety entertainment,” presented by the Rochester “Crows” in aid of the Tennyson and Pannoomiloo Public School prize fund. Heavy rain fell throughout the evening but even so, the event was well attended. A Ball followed with dancing continuing until 3 am, to music supplied by Messrs O’Brien and Anderson, Mrs Woolcock and Miss Nankivell and other volunteers.

More of 1894 next time. ‘Bye until then,

Marg O’Brien.

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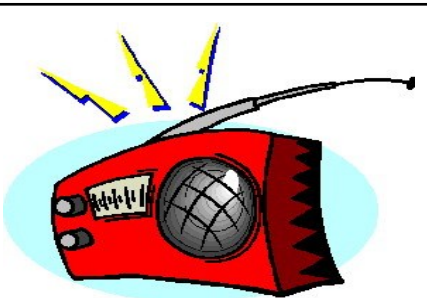


PAYNE (nee Bacon), Judi.
24.01.1958 ~ 18.03.2023
Dearly loved daughter of Norm and Margaret Bacon.
Eldest sister and sister-in-law of Gayle and Rob McConnell, Debra and Ken Brewis, Leanne and Brendan Pentreath, Beverley (dec), Colin and Narelle Bacon, Robert and Sandra Bacon, Claire and David Johnson and their families.
Our thoughts are with Gary, Reagan, Jayde and Harry and Hamish and Oscar.
Her love and kindness will be missed but never forgotten.
RIP

Much loved wife to Gary.
Loved and loving Mum to Reagan and Hamish. Granny to Oscar and Harry, and a special friend to Jayde.
Forever in our hearts.



SHEAF, Cedric Thomas.
09.02.1932 ~ 19.03.2023
Formerly of Bamawm
Loving Husband of Inie (dec).
Loving Father and father-in-law to Barbara and Peter, Glenys and Col.
Loved granddad to Gemma and Kyle, and great-grandfather to Bonnie and Evie.
Reunited with Inie.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Easter Services

**Palm Sunday Vigil
Saturday evening, 1 April**
5.30 pm Mass at OLSH, Elmore

Palm Sunday, 2 April
8 am Mass
at St Canice's, Lockington
10 am Mass at OLSH, Elmore

12 noon 'Mass of Ages'
at OLSH, Elmore

Holy Thursday, 6 April
7 pm Mass at OLSH, Elmore.

Good Friday, 7 April
3 pm 'The Passion'
at OLSH, Elmore.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, 8 April
7.30 pm Mass
at OLSH, Elmore.

Easter Sunday, 9 April
No Mass at Lockington.
10 am Mass at OLSH, Elmore.
12 noon Sung/Solemn Mass
at OLSH, Elmore



**BISCUITS FOR
PRISON FELLOWSHIP**

A BIG thank you to all the wonderful people who baked biscuits for prisoners in the two Middleton & Loddon jails (Castlemaine), and Tarrengower Ladies prison (Maldon). I was proud to deliver 859 biscuits to Bendigo where a team will package and deliver 10 biscuits to each of the inmates with a message of the true meaning of Easter. Considering many weren't able to bake because their homes had been flooded, and the sudden change of "Bake off" date, I was thrilled with the amount baked. So thank you you wonderful people.

Beryl Marshall.

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF ROCHESTER
& LOCKINGTON**

April 2 Palm Sunday: 10am
(daylight saving finished)
April 6 Maundy Thursday: 7pm
April 7 Good Friday: 10am
April 9 Easter Sunday: 10am
Reverend Bertram

Enquiries:
Jeff Millard ph 0493 170 250



ST JAMES COMMUNITY CHURCH

10am Sundays

Prayer meetings every Tuesday @ 10 am
Good Friday 7th April 7pm Bring & Share
Casserole dinner, followed by 8pm Service
Resurrection Sunday 9th April 10am

Pastor Bill Cochrane
0427 865474

*Photo by Vin,
Noonlight Media*



CATHOLIC CHURCH



St Canice's, Lockington
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 8:00am Mass
St Joseph's, Rochester
No mass until further notice
Sacred Heart, Elmore
Every Saturday - Vigil 6:30 pm
Every Sunday - 10:00am Mass
and 12 noon Latin Mass

**NORTHERN RIVERS
UNITING CHURCH
CLUSTER**



April 2
10.00am - Bamawm.
April 6 'Maundy Thursday'
7.30pm - Bamawm
April 7 'Good Friday'
9.30am - Rochester.
Zoomed only to homes.
April 9 'Easter Sunday'
11.15am with St. Mary's Anglican,
Lockington
OR 10.00am - Rochester.
ZOOM connection is available every week.
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Password 22
Via phone: 03 7018 2005.
Meeting ID: 826 6681 8761# Password 22#

Rev Brian Morgan 0419 933 938



Luke c22 v 42

Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done



LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS

On Friday we celebrated National Ride to School Day, along with taking Part in Purple Day to raise awareness of Epilepsy. The school was a hive of activity as students turned up to school via many different modes of transport! We had bikes, scooters, rollerblades and even a Harley! We must extend a huge thanks and our appreciation to the Lockington Community Church who once again supplied breakfast for all the students.



PLAYGROUND OPENING

On Friday 24th March, the School held a Grand opening of it's playground which the Lions Club donated and installed concrete edging. It was a great project to be involved in. Thanks go to the school for acknowledging our involvement and be able to cut the ribbon.



Pictured far left : Pres. Stephen Peter cutting the ribbon.



Pictured left: Members who attend the opening

MARGARET O'BRIEN HONOURED.

At a morning tea held at Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex on March 20 Margaret O'Brien was presented with an 'Honorary Membership' in recognition of her valuable contribution for her involvement with the Complex from its beginning, for compiling the books, with Louise Ross,; "In the Pursuit of Excellence – Life & Career of Kevin Sarre", and "Bark Huts to Better Times – History of Schools in Lockington district 1874 – 2003", and for her regular history column in the *Locky News*, which we are aware her column is very much appreciated.

Margaret said she was very grateful for the honour, but expressed what she did was a work of love.

Beryl Marshall



MADGE IS A CENTENARIAN

On March 22 Madge Cunningham celebrated her 100th birthday, and on Sunday 26th she celebrated with over 110 relatives and friends at the Lockington Bowling Club, where she spent many years of her life bowling, along with her late husband Gib and sons Phillip and Steven.

Many dignitaries sent congratulatory greetings which were displayed, one being from King Charles & Consort Camilla. (Although it was said Madge would have preferred to have received the message from the Queen!).

Prior to the lavish afternoon tea the family presented "This is Your Life" where the story of her 100 years was told. Her childhood, working life, meeting and marrying Gib and having a family and being a farmer, and being heavily involved in this local community was related.

Madge showed her 'youthful' 100 years when she eloquently expressed her gratitude to her family and to all who came to her celebration.





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Terri Hateley, Coordinator

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Morning tea and
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morning from
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*The 2023 registration forms
are now available at
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terms**

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LOCKINGTON TOWN



**Saturday 22nd April from
9.00am**

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10am – 5.00 pm
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Bring your own projects and
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Mondays
10am—12pm

In the Plumbers Shed



Gold coin
donation

First Aid Training
Wednesday 26th April
**At Lockington District
Business Centre**

6pm—8.00pm
CPR \$75.00
Full Course \$150.00

**Call into the fuel counter
to register**

**LOCKINGTON
SCARECROW
COMPETITION**



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**Locky Dollars
to be won**

**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

PLAYGROUP FUN

Easter crafts have been in full swing at playgroup the last 2 weeks!

The kids have enjoyed making some little Easter chick's, and doing some beautiful sand art pictures.

There has also been lots of great playing together, with some great sharing of toys happening.

We have one final Easter craft this week, then we will be closed for 3 weeks over the school holidays and will be back on the 28th April, see you all then!



SOME LOCKY NEWS REMINDERS...

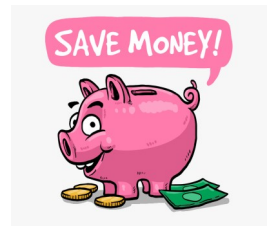
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Many thanks,
Alison Stewart (Editor)

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When: Tuesday 9th May

Time: 10.00am

Cost: Free

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Uniting AgeWell



MILLOO C.W.A REPORT

There was a good attendance at our March meeting.

The delegates reported on the February Conference which was held in Echuca. The State Conference will be held on the 16th and 17th June in the Victoria Pavilion at the Melbourne Show Grounds.

A craft day will be held on the 27th March at the C.W.A. Hall in Echuca, bring any unfinished articles you might have. Three members received disaster payments for flood relief, from C.W.A. Victoria. The Best Secretary's Report was won by Echuca Murray Branch.

The August Conference will be held at Milloo at a date to be fixed.

International Officer Norma gave her usual interesting report. Our country of study is Namibia which takes its name from the Namibia Desert. Namibia has a population of 2.6 million. Namibia's modern international borders were established when Germany annexed the territory as South West Africa in 1890. South Africa took control of the territory in 1915 during the First World War. Namibia finally became independent in 1990 after 25 years of armed struggle.

Competition Results:

A flower from your garden

1st – Elaine Mitchell 2nd – Margaret Fiedler

Cooking: Savoury Scones

There were 4 entries and as all four were voted for each entry was awarded 1 point.

Craft: Eggs or Bunnies

Equal 1st – Maureen Rorke and Elaine Mitchell

Horticulture: A yellow flower

1st – Val Read 2nd – Julie Chappel

The next meeting will be held on April 13th at 10.00am at the Milloo Hall.

Competitions are:

A flower from your garden

Craft – An unfinished article

Cookery – 4 pieces of uncooked slice

Horticulture – A native leaf

Miscellaneous – A brooch or badge

Julie Chappel

LOCKINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT

Our Senior Citizens hosted a very enjoyable luncheon recently of a meat and salad meal. Grace was said by Dot Pearse to the 50 folk attending and we were blessed with a very interesting and informative talk from John and Veronica Grout representing the Squirrel Gliders Sanctuary in Strathallan! We had our usual raffles with winners as follows:

Dinner plate spot – Gwen Dunstan

Dessert plate spot – Harry Bacon

Lucky spot in Hall – Phil Collins

Lucky Door winners – Joe Chappel – plant.

Barry & Jan Bickley, Donna Tink and Neil Haines – Easter eggs

Phyllis Macfarlane – Cake

Henry Bacon – Euro peeler

Kerri Wick & John Grout – chocolates

\$20 Voucher winners:

Giddings supermarket – Faye Gibbons

Lockington Hotel – Pam Roberts

Business Centre – Paul White.

President Bev Breerton thanked everyone who participated and to Giddings for supplying our meat and to Narelle Betts for her invaluable help in the kitchen. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did having you.

*Dot Pearse
Secretary
Senior Citizens*

Above right : Veronica & John displaying a stuffed squirrel which was part of the story they told



COMMUNITY**ACTION CLUB OF
LOCKINGTON****MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

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A big thank you to the Bendigo Community Bank, Lockington Lions Club and Lockington Action Club for their ongoing support for this vital service.

Pictured right is Lauren Ross representing the Bendigo Bank, below left Stephen Peter representing Lockington Lions Club and below right Warren Jones representing Lockington Action Club.



Doctor service

Dr Patrick will not be at the Centre on Tuesday 11th April 2023.

Reminders...

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WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY
SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023

In recent years, major progress has been made in increasing awareness and acceptance of autism, not least thanks to the many amazing autistic advocates who have worked tirelessly to bring the lived experience of autistic people to the wider world. Additionally, medical professionals, researchers and academics in many countries are now incorporating the neurodiversity paradigm, coined by sociologist Judy Singer in the late 1990s, in their work.

Transforming the narrative

We are moving away from the narrative of curing or converting autistic people and instead focusing on accepting, supporting and including autistic people, and advocating for their rights. This is a major transformation for all autistic people, their allies, the wider neurodiversity community and the world at large. It enables autistic people to claim their dignity and self-esteem, and to become fully integrated as valued members of their families and societies.

It also makes it possible to focus attention on the contributions that autistic people make to the world, as this year's World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) observance will do.

Autistic people do, nevertheless, still face discrimination and other challenges. As with all populations, autistic people have a wide range of talents and challenges that are often not recognized by the world they are born into. In addition, the levels of awareness and acceptance vary dramatically from country to country. We must also recognize that autistic

people are especially vulnerable to the major upheavals to routines and daily lives that we witness all around us, such as pandemics, wars and natural disasters.

The 2023 World Autism Awareness Day Observance

This year, WAAD will be observed with a virtual event on Sunday, 2 April, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST.

The event is organized in close collaboration with autistic people and will feature autistic people from around the world discussing how the transformation in the narrative around neurodiversity can continue to be furthered in order to overcome barriers and improve the lives of autistic people. It will also address the contributions that autistic people make – and can make – to society, and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The 2023 World Autism Awareness Day observance is organized by the United Nations Department of Global Communications and Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the Institute of Neurodiversity (ION), an organization established and run by neurodivergent people for neurodivergent people and allies. ION is based in Switzerland and currently has a presence in 14 countries. ION is working to help create a world where neurodivergent individuals feel accepted, represented, included, empowered and heard.

The event will be streamed on the UN's YouTube and Twitter channels, and on UN WebTV.

Information taken from...
www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day



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WHO's 75th anniversary year is an opportunity to look back at public health successes that have improved quality of life during the last seven decades. It is also an opportunity to motivate action to tackle the health challenges of today – and tomorrow.

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LOCAL LASS, ARIELLE, PROCEEDS TO STATE FINAL

The Lions Club was fortunate to have a winner at the Club Final, Arielle Dolan, who then progressed to District Final, which was held on Sunday 19th March in Lavington NSW.

Arielle was successful in winning the round of finals and now goes on to the State Final, which is being held in Wangaratta on Saturday 1st April.

The Lockington Lions club is very proud to be her sponsor and wish her all the best in the State Final.

The winner of the state final will then go on to the Australian Convention being held in the Gold Coast in May.

This is the second consecutive year that the Locky Lions Club have had students go onto the State Final.

Marg Dowie



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**GET \$250 FROM THE POWER SAVING BONUS
TO OFFSET YOUR SOARING COSTS SAYS WALSH**

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says with Victoria's power bills set to surge as much as 30 per cent, it is important locals take up the latest Power Saving Bonus.

Mr Walsh says the next round of the \$250 Power Saving Bonus (PSB4) opens on Friday, March 24, and eligible households, including those which received payments under previous rounds, are encouraged to apply.

He says both electricity and gas bills will soar during 2023 and "families, pensioners and small businesses are bracing for much bigger bills".

"So I urge everyone eligible to take advantage of the Power Saving Bonus," Mr Walsh says.

"Our costs of living continue to spiral out of control, and a \$250 saving can mean the difference between putting food on the table or going hungry in some cases," he says.

"While this is by no means a cure-all for the hip-pocket pain people right across my electorate – and the state – are enduring, it is cash back at a time when people need it most."

Those who haven't yet applied for the current round of the Power Saving Bonus (PSB3) can do so until midnight on Thursday, March 23.

For further information, eligibility criteria and to apply, visit the Victorian Energy Compare website at

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26 March 2023

**TRANSPORT RURAL PATIENTS INTO THE REAL WORLD
– AND AT A FAIR PRICE SAYS WALSH**

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, is afraid the failing Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS) will be a victim of the coming May Budget black hole.

Mr Walsh says the scheme is meant to reimburse travel and accommodation costs incurred by rural and regional Victorians who have to travel more than 100km one way for specialist medical treatment.

But he says the system seems to be breaking down and payments – which officially should be made within six-to-eight weeks – are now dragging the chain badly and he is aware of some people still waiting after seven months.

"The current payments are a pittance and typical of the contempt with which the Andrews Labor government holds regional Victorians – you get 21 cents per kilometre for your private car. Even the Australian Tax Office allows

claims of 72 cents," Mr Walsh says. "And \$45 per night for accommodation wouldn't even match a day's parking costs anywhere in Melbourne, let alone a bed for the night.

"We know the Labor government has steered Victoria's health system into a crisis, but one element the Andrews Labor Government could move quickly to fix is VPTAS," he says.

"It is widely used by many Murray Plains residents who must travel to Melbourne and other locations to receive the specialist treatment they require.

"But if Daniel Andrews Inc is about to confess it has gone broke, wasting billions of dollars of our money on its stalled big build projects, you can rest assured his 'savings cuts' will cut deepest in regional Victoria."

Mr Walsh says he has talked with other Nationals members around the state and the story is the same everywhere.

He says one constituent reported contacting VPTAS about a lack of payment for a claim she had lodged, was advised because of a different system introduced last year, claims are now processed in Melbourne.

"The constituent used to post her claim to a regional office, where it was acknowledged a few days later and paid within a week," Mr Walsh added.

"This couple say they have had to postpone necessary treatment in Melbourne many times because of the travel and accommodation costs involved and not having the money to pay for them," he says.

"Obtaining a specialist appointment is hard enough at the present time, but then having to fork out the upfront costs and be made to wait months to be reimbursed is just not good enough, it's insulting and it's confirmation regional Victorians are seen as second-class citizens.

"Rural and regional Victorians are already significantly disadvantaged in terms of access to health care.

"The Minister for Health needs to act immediately and allocate the resources necessary to ensure these applications are processed in a reasonable timeframe to help these people access the health services that they need and are entitled to."

Full VPTAS details are available at

www.health.vic.gov.au/rural-health/victorian-patient-transport-assistance-scheme-vptas





14 March 2023

ROCHESTER LOCAL TAKES THE LEAD

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service (REDHS) has welcomed in a new Board of Director Executive team with former Rochester local, Christopher White taking on the position of Board Chair.

Other appointments include Elmore local, Bradley Drust to the position of Deputy Chair, and Benjamin Devanny from Bendigo, as Treasurer.

Chris has been a REDHS Board Director for over four years and has previously held the position of Treasurer and Chair of the Corporate Governance committee.

“As a Rochester local, I am immensely proud to lead Rochester and Elmore District Health Service, especially through this extremely challenging time in the rebuild of our facility that was severely impacted during the devastating floods in October 2022. stated Chris White, Board Chair.

“My family lives in Rochester, and I have a keen interest in ensuring REDHS continues to provide services that best meet the needs of our community.” he added.

Chris has held several senior leadership positions over the past 15 years at Bendigo Health, including Business Director of Clinical Operations, Business Director of Psychiatric Services and Non-Clinical Divisions. He currently holds the position of Director – Cancer Centre at Bendigo Health.

Outgoing Chair, David Rosaia will remain on the Board of Directors and looks forward to supporting Chris through his transition.

REDHS will also welcome some new Board directors in July with Carol McKinstry and Kate Lemon both concluding their terms.



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Second Front Row L-R: Laurence Lyons, Rowland Green, Paul Rasmussen, Tony Nash, John Main, Shane O'Brien, Ron Oliver, Christopher Cobbet

Front Row L-R: Maureen Windridge, Wendy Bickford, Ann Watts, Joanne Tonkin, Julie Holt, Kerrie Anderson, Linda Gamble, Shirley Pickens, Julie Gray

Apologies: last issue Ron Iddles (not twin Barry) Daniel Watson (not Doug)

If you know any of the missing names could you please contact Jan Bateman (Smith) on 0419 529 729 or email jb.bateman13@gmail.com as we would like to invite all to our 60th reunion of Grade 6 in February 2026.





LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

20 March

The club held a successful annual Toyota Open Fours on Sunday attracting 96 bowlers from several local and interstate clubs including Echuca, Elmore, Kerang, Ky Valley View, Lockington, Mathoura, Moama, Mooropna, Rich River, Rochester, Stanhope, Trentham and Tongala. Club President Neil Haines welcomed all bowlers and trusted that they enjoyed the ideal greens and hospitality. At the completion of the four games of ten ends, there were three - four game winners to contend for the major prizes. This was after being five - three game winners. The winners were decided on a points system with the composite Lockington - Tongala rink comprising Brian Kinnane, Lloyd Buchanan, Steve Usher and Phil Cooper (s) scoring 108 points plus 29 shots to take home the main trophies. A countback was required to decide the Runners Up and the local Lockington team of Ray Hanson, Kevin Humbert, Andrew Harris, Ian Johnson (s) amassed 105 points plus 31 shots to claim second placing ahead of the Mathoura rink of Ray Cassar, Bob Dunwoodie, David Murray, Beryl Murray (s) 105 points +19 shots in third place. Special competition winners included Teena Harris (Stanhope), Ron Payne (Echuca), Kim Ray, Sue Harris, Phil Brock (Elmore) and Shane Felmingham. The club thanked all who had assisted in making the day a success. The catering committee were acknowledged for the magnificent meals, the green staff Kevin Humbert and Les Brereton for preparing the excellent greens, Pauline Humbert for the raffle and presentation envelopes. Tournament Secretary Chris Stewart gave sincere thanks to Russell Shawcross, Ray Hanson, Brian Kinnane and Ken Main for organising the field and Lorraine Appleby for her assistance in the tournament format. Dave Thomas and Phillip Cunnington conducted the Bar in good fashion. The sponsors Echuca Toyota Sales, Hammer Graphics - Bamawm and Giddings Co - Supermarket - Lockington were acknowledged for their generosity.

Last Tuesday the women played a game of Pairs and the winning duo were Lorraine Appleby and Phyllis MacFarlane (s) to take home the trophies in the "MacFarlane Pairs" competition.

On Tuesday evening the Barefoot bowls attracted 28 bowlers to grace the greens. The winning team in the three bowl Pairs were Cindy Felmingham and Ian Haines (s) 2 wins +21 shots to finish in top spot ahead of Ian Staig - John Fisher (s) 2 wins +12. Third place went to

Anthony Westwood - Leon Laffy (s) 2 wins +11 and Amanda Furness - Phillip Cunnington (s) 2 wins +5 shots. The club competitions are nearing completion with the women almost down to the semi-final stage. Sue Harris defeated Lorraine Appleby in a high standard game of bowls and will meet Jenny Fisher in the semi-final. In the lower half of the draw the Kath and Kym game displayed a lot of promise where Kim Ray defeated Kathi Maddison in a close encounter and will play Annette Brereton while Leanne McInnes will meet Phyllis MacFarlane to decide a semi-finalist.

In the Men's section the B Grade championship, Lloyd Buchanan defeated John Dowie and John Fisher survived a close match against Ian Staig and will play Brian Kinnane.

The 100 Up championship Brian Kinnane was in top form to beat Lloyd Buchanan.

On Saturday 1st April (no joking?) the club will host a visit from the Vermont South bowling club. Bowls will commence at 12 noon and two games of eight ends will be played before an enjoyable afternoon tea.

Lady Presidents Day at Lockington Bowls Club

Lady President Denise Gilmore welcomed twenty players and visitors to join in a social game of bowls and luncheon as part of the Club's annual Ladies President's Day. It is always a great to catch up and was lovely to see former members from Echuca, Rich River and Bendigo partake in the day. A lovely lunch was provided by the lady members and during the day there were lots of novelty events.

Roll to the Spider – Marie Davey

Roll to the Ditch – Lorraine Appleby

Lucky Chair x 2 - Sue Harris and Anne Lowrie

Lucky Plate – Lorraine Appleby

Lucky Cup – Phyllis Macfarlane

Lucky Door x 2 - Rhonda Gallagher and Phyllis Macfarlane

At the end of the days play lucky cards were drawn to decide the winners.

Winners:

Lead – Cindy Felmingham

Third – Anne Lowrie

Skip – Rhonda Gallagher

Runners-up:

Lead – Sue Harris

Third – Kathi Maddison

Skip – Denise Gilmore

Thanks to Pauline, Betty and Kath for helping to organise the day.

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Left - Winners: Tongala/Lockington
L to r Steve Usher, Phil Cooper, Lloyd Buchanan
and Brian Kinnane

Right - Runner-up: Lockington
Ian Johnson, Andrew Harris, Kevin Humbert
and Ray Hanson.



Left - Winners:
left to right : Anne Lowrie, Rhonda Gallagher,
Cindy Felmingham
Right - Runners-up
left to right : Kathi Maddison, Sue Harris,
Denise Gilmore.



LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

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27 March

The women held the Presidents Day last Tuesday with a large field of bowlers and former bowlers and members. Lady President Denise Gilmore welcomed all in attendance and trusted that they enjoy the day of bowls and friendship. On the green the winning trio included Cindy Felmingham, Anne Lowrie and Rhonda Gallagher (s). Runners Up team was Katthi Maddison, Sue Harris and Denise Gilmore (s). Past Presidents and former members included Joan Luke, Gwen Haines, Julie Chappell, Kath Palmer, Rhonda Gallagher and Anne Lowrie. There were several novelty prizes that were claimed by the many people in attendance.

On Tuesday evening, the Barefoot bowls attracted a field of twenty players. At the end of the two games of eight ends the winning pair were Denise Gilmore and Phillip Cunnington (s) - stand in team scoring 2 wins plus 5 shots ahead of Tiffany Wood and Graeme Wood (s) 1 win 1 loss +4 shots with Kyle Cunnington and Peter Eade (s) 1 win 1 loss +2 shots in third place on a countback from Ian Staig and Shane Felmingham (s) 1 win 1 loss +2 shots. The club thanked the workers - Denise Gilmore - cards, Dave Thomas - bar and Neil Haines - barbeque.

A team comprising Ray Hanson, Andrew Harris, Brian Kinnane and Russell Shawcross competed in the annual Bendigo Country Week of bowls last week. Playing Pairs on Monday and Tuesday and then combining in the Fours on Wednesday and Thursday at the Eaglehawk Bowling Club. The overall results showed a similar pattern over the four days of bowling. A few more losses than wins. However they all enjoyed the greens and hospitality.

Unfortunately the women had to cancel their Medley Fours tournament on Friday due to lack of entries.

Congratulations to the Moama Steamers on winning the Regional Midweek Pennant championship held at Moama Bowling Club during the past week. They accounted for the strong South Bendigo combination and the Dunolly Bowling Club teams.

On Sunday a large gathering of family, relatives, friends and several past and present bowlers attended the special occasion to celebrate the 100th birthday of Madge Cunnington at the Lockington Bowls Club. Several friends and associates spoke of many happy times enjoying the company of Madge and paid tribute to her involvement in many local organisations. Madge responded and thanked all of the friends attending and spoke highly of her children Phillip, Faye and Stephen in good terms and some naughty times. An amazing lady that spoke with such clarity about everything that has happened during her 100 years. Madge Cunnington was President of the Associates in 1983/84, 1984/85.

On Saturday the club will host the visit from the Vermont South Bowling Club. Bowls will commence at 12 noon and there will be two games of eight ends before an enjoyable afternoon tea. Names to be listed.

On Wednesday 19th April the club will host the annual Super Veterans day starting at 1.00pm.

The game of Scrounge will begin on Wednesday 26th April at 1.00pm. Names to be listed prior to 12.45pm.



LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB REPORT

Sunday 26th March

The 2023 golf season at Lockington will commence with a 4-person ambrose event on Saturday 8th April. Hit off is from 11am – 12pm, and social golfers are welcome. Enquiries to Mark Lyons (0427 862 590) or Pauline Humbert (0409 038 554).

There's been a lot of work done since last season finished, tidying up lots of fallen trees and limbs. In addition, a new western boundary fence has been put up, a great job done by Mark Lyons and the team. Thanks to all the workers for their time and work, a super effort.

Office bearers for the 2023 season are: President – Trav Mancer; Captain – Mark Lyons; Handicapper – Grant Humbert; Treasurer – Andrew Glatte; Secretary – Darren Carnie.

Members are grateful for the 16 years of dedication and outstanding contribution to the Club by Kevin Humbert as the Club's Treasurer since 2006. A nice change for Kevin, he doesn't have to bring his briefcase to committee meetings anymore. It's really pleasing to see Andrew Glatte take on the Treasurer's role.

Phyll Macfarlane will continue as the Ladies' President, ably supported by the team of Pauline Humbert (Captain), Sue Harris (Secretary/Treasurer) and Annette Brereton (Handicapper).



***When the winds of change blow,
some people build walls,
others build windmills***

Chinese Proverb

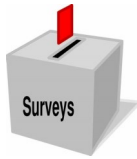
UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



MARCH

Friday 31st
LOCKY NEWS SURVEYS
RETURN BY DATE



APRIL

Sunday 2nd
 Pine Grove Gun Club
 Simulated Field & Game

Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 - 4:00pm, On Duty - TBA

Wednesday 5th
 Action Club Dinner
 7:30pm at Club Rooms

Thursday 6th
 Landcare Meeting
 7:00pm at Lockington Hotel

Saturday 8th
 Lockington Pony Club Rally
 10:00am at Scurrah reserve
 Contact Christine Buckley 0400 576 767

Lockington Golf Club Opening Day
 4 person ambrose.
 Hit off 11am - 12 noon.

Sunday 9th
 Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 - 4:00pm, On Duty - Des & Tom

Monday 10th
LOCKY NEWS TYPING DAY
 10am deadline (earlier if possible)

Heritage Complex Meeting
 7:30pm at the Complex

Tuesday 11th
 Well Womens Clinic at Bush Nursing Centre
 For appointments ring 5486 2544

Wednesday 12th
 Lions Club Dinner Meeting
 7:30pm at Heritage Complex

Thursday 13th
 Milloo CWA
 10:00am at Milloo Hall

Friday 14th
 Social Indoor Bowls
 7:30pm at Bamawm Extension Hall

Saturday 15th
 Round 1 - HDFNL
 LBU - Bye

Sunday 16th
 Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 - 4:00pm, On Duty - Jim & Therese

Wednesday 19th
 Action Club Activity Night at Club Rooms.
 Phone 0417 899 806 or 0409 259 723 for details.

Saturday 22nd
Lockington Vintage Rally
9:00am to 4:00pm

Round 2 - HDFNL
 LBU v North Bendigo

Sunday 23rd
Lockington Vintage Rally
9:00am to 4:00pm

Monday 24th
 Bamawm C.W.A.
 10.00 am at Locky Business Centre

Heritage Complex Meeting
 7.30pm at the Complex

Wednesday 26th
 Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting
 7.30 pm at Heritage Centre.

Saturday 29th
 Round 3 - HDFNL
 Huntly v LBU

Sunday 30th
 Heritage Complex Open
 1:00 - 4:00pm, On Duty - Bev & Les

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.

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

- Lockington Playgroup
10:00am - 1:00pm - St. James Church Hall.
(not during school holidays)
Enquiries: Tegan: 0400 754 116
- Bowls practice 4.30pm BBQ tea to follow.

SATURDAYS

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

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