



Locky News

Lockington's Priceless Paper

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COL PEARSE CLAIMS SILVER AND BRONZE

Young Col Pearse of Bamawm has again become a local hero and proved he is amongst the best in Para swimming after competing in the recent 2023 Para World Swimming Championships held in Manchester.

For Col who commenced his secondary education at Echuca College then continued on to Saint Michaels in Melbourne, swimming has become a passion and has never let his disability stand in his way.

Col swam in three individual events at Manchester and reached the finals in all three. In the 200m Individual Medley he won a Silver medal in a personal best time of 2:13.38. In the 100m Butterfly he won a Bronze medal and the final event he was 6th in the 100m backstroke again in a personal best time of 57:18.

We all congratulate Col and wish him success as he continues to strive for the Paralympic Games to be held in Paris next year. Go Col!

Lorraine Appleby

Pictured: Col Pearse Silver Medal

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MONDAY, August 28th (Entries by 10am)

This edition prepared by Alison

DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES...

THE LOCKY NEWS IS SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE



This role is to prepare the paper on a fortnightly basis, from items submitted in various formats.

Some items are submitted ahead of time, with a final deadline of 10am every second Monday.

The print copy needs to be to the printer by the start of business Tuesdays, in order to meet our distribution deadlines.

We will endeavour to enable you to use whatever software you wish, to prepare the paper in a format of your choice.

How things HAVE been done IS NOT necessarily how they need to be done in the future.

If you have computer skills and organisation skills, and a keen interest in our community, please consider sending us your Expression of Interest.

If you would be willing to take on this role on a Voluntary basis - great, but the Committee is prepared to pay this role on a casual, part-time basis. Remuneration will be in line with the skills of the successful candidate.

Alternately we may consider using your services as a contractor.

Queries should be directed to Alison on 0417 177 807

**Please send your expressions of interest to...
secretary@lockynews.com.au**

Closing date : 5pm Friday 1st September

“Lockington - Lines in Time”

Hello again Everyone,

We have reached 1897, 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 the township of Lockington was formed. Despite seriously dry conditions early in that year, by mid-1897, the drought had eased, and it seemed likely that a good harvest would be obtained. Hopes remained high into November but, from then until the year's end, the situation deteriorated. On 22 November 1897, it was reported by the *Bendigo Advertiser* that a “fierce hot wind” was blowing “with hurricane violence,” in the vicinity of Rochester. It caused a considerable amount of damage in the township, where “the atmosphere was heavily laden with dust, and all traffic had to be suspended. Fortunately, no fatalities occurred. In many of the country districts, numerous trees were blown down, and orchards suffered severely.”

On 3 December, the *Elmore Standard* reported news from its Pine Grove correspondent: - “There is no doubt but that the crop is light and disappointing, owing to the sudden entry of high and hot winds,” but “cattle are looking well, and there is a fine supply of water throughout the district.” Also included was a report that, on Sunday, 28 November, members of the Tennyson Philharmonic Society had attended at Tennyson “en masse” for the purpose of being photographed. [Has anyone among our readers ever seen this photograph? We would love to know about it and, if possible, to see a copy, please.]

On Monday, 20 December 1897, there came another report from the Pine Grove correspondent, published in the *Elmore Standard*, on 24 December: - “Miss Vina Hutchinson, youngest daughter of Mr Hutchinson, Pine Grove, had a narrow escape from burning last Thursday. She caught on

fire, and did not discover the fact until it had burned through her dress, woollen petticoat, and almost through all her clothing. In fact, hers was a fortunate escape indeed.” It was but, just one day earlier, on 13 December, there had been a fire-related fatality at Milloo. As reported by the *Standard* on 17 December 1897, and by a number of other newspapers thereafter, on the 13th the Tonkin Family home and the Milloo West Post Office had been “levelled” by a fire, “nothing whatever being saved.” Still worse was the fact that Miss Eliza Goad, sister-in-law of Mr Tonkin, had been burned to death in the frightful incident. There had been no-one else anywhere nearby to render assistance when her clothing had caught fire as she was about to cook the family meal. Miss Goad was at the family home to help out following the death of her sister, Mrs Tonkin in March that year.

The death on 29 December 1897, of Mr Robert Monahan, of Terrick Terrick, was the first of a number of bereavements experienced across the region in the New Year period. Notice of Mr Monahan's death appeared in the *Bendigo Advertiser* on 30 December, and in a number of other publications in the following days, including the *Leader* on 8 January 1898. He was a pioneer settler of the Terricks district, having taken up the first settlement block there in 1872, and he was widely known and respected. On 6 January, the *Advertiser* reported the death in Melbourne on 3 January, of Mr Walter Quinn of Diggora, a former President of the Huntly Shire. He was only 46 years of age but had been suffering for some time from cancer of the liver. He was held in high esteem and great sympathy was felt for his widow and his large family. On 7 January, a tragic dray accident at Pannoobamawm, claimed the life of Alfred Seiersen, the nineteen-year-old son of Mr Hans Peter Seiersen. The Pine Grove correspondent wrote to the *Elmore Standard* on 21 January, that the loss of its young resident had “cast a gloom over the district.” The writer also reported that Mr and Mrs Richard Lumb of Pine Grove, had suffered the loss of their only child, an infant son, on 16 January. He was interred in the Pine Grove Cemetery on 18 January. Yet another burial took place that month at the Pine Grove Cemetery. As reported by the *Elmore Standard* on 4 February 1898, Miss Jane Watson, the niece of Mr James Watson of Tennyson, died suddenly in Rochester on 29 January, and was interred at Pine Grove on 30 January.

The weather in January 1898 was extremely hot, so much so that it was reported in the *Leader* on 8 January, as having caused the death of a farmer named Amor at Terrick Terrick. The *Elmore Standard* on 4 February, stated that a young man from Milloo had only narrowly avoided the same fate. He had collapsed on the road, as he attempted to walk to Pine Grove in the heat, and was fortunate in being rescued by a passer-by. No name was released. Writing to the *Bendigo Advertiser* on 29 January, the Tennyson correspondent commented on the extreme heat, remarking on the district's good fortune in having escaped bush fires. However, in Pine Grove, as reported in the *Elmore Standard* on 21 January, Mr Chambers had a narrow escape from being burned out when a fire, which was lit to boil a billy, escaped. “After a great battle the place was saved.”

In other news, the harvest had been a surprisingly satisfactory one, though farmers and their sons needed to work particularly hard to deal with it. Strippers were busy in all directions, but few men came to the district seeking harvest work, and thrashing machines were “not very plentiful.” According to the *Elmore Standard* on 7 January 1898, stacks were to be seen everywhere, awaiting the machines' arrival in the district. More of 1898 next time. 'Bye,

Marg O'Brien.

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Tanya starts as Neighbourhood House Co-ordinator

Lockington Neighbourhood House has welcomed a new Co-ordinator.

Tanya McDermott started on 1 August, taking the reins from Terry Hately who has moved on to a new challenge after a lengthy stint in the role.

Tanya has been working in flood recovery with Rochester Community House since December last year and will continue in that position for two days per week.

She describes herself as an animal lover who enjoys spending time outdoors at her farm in Myola.

Tanya will be in Lockington every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and is looking forward to getting to know and working with the local community.

Pop in and say hello next time you're at the Business Centre.

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Every Saturday - Vigil 5:30 pm

Every Sunday - 10:00am Mass

and 12 noon Latin Mass



Water to live, grow & enjoy

08 August 2023

Community groups in Boort, Cohuna, Echuca, Gunbower, Heathcote and Lockington will have the opportunity to benefit from a series of \$5,000 rebates as part of Coliban Water's Customer and Community Rebates program.

Executive General Manager Customer and Stakeholder Experience, Lauren McLean, said the latest round of Community Rebates is being offered following a review of Coliban Water's performance during the 2022/23 financial year.

"We know things like interruptions to our customers' water supply, poor water pressure, other water quality issues, a Boil Water Advisory or sewer spill can be inconvenient – and not the standard of service we've committed to as a customer-funded organisation," Ms McLean explained.

"Our Community Rebates are designed to provide the whole community with a financial benefit through support for community-directed projects. They are a tangible way for us to acknowledge there have been occasions when we have not meet customer expectations over the past 12 months."

"We've been proud to support a range of local initiatives since the program's inception in 2018. Past Community Rebates have allowed us to support projects ranging from new equipment for the Malmsbury CFA, rehabilitation of the Long Gully Creek near Bendigo, and a waterwise irrigation system for the kitchen garden at Kyneton Community House."

"We know our communities are better places to live thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the much-needed programs offered by not-for-profit groups. We encourage as many community groups as possible to apply for this funding," Ms McLean said.

The Community Rebates will be awarded following an expression of interest process. Applications close on Friday 1 September. Further information and details about how to apply can be found at...

www.coliban.com.au/help-advice/customer-and-community-rebates

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Worship at Bamawm UCA begins at 10.00am zoomed to and from the following churches:

Aug 20
Elmore

Aug 27
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The link is:

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Password 22

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Meeting ID: 826 6681 8761# Password 22#

Rev Brian Morgan 0419 933 938



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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life



LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS

We had two students compete in the Regional Lion's Club Public Speaking competition held in Lockington on Sunday 6th August. Toby McLean and Olivia Hurley represented our school admirably and should be very proud of their efforts.



Yesterday we held our annual athletics carnival at school. A great day that was well attended by spectators offering lots of encouragement from the sidelines. Congratulations to not only our age champions, but to all students who took part.

Age champions:

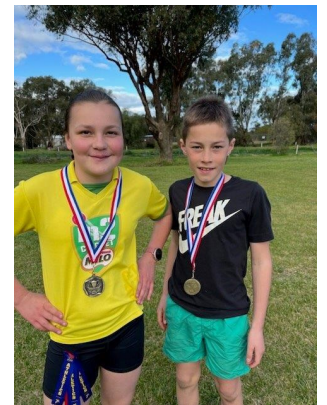
Right:
9 year old-Indi Hann and Charlie Dunham



Left:
10 year old-Chloe McIntyre and Ethan Read



Right:
11 year old-Michala Keele and Orby Giddings



Left:
12 year old-Kenzie Tyrrell and Kiefer Haines



Right:
Gold house were the overall winners on the day.



On Friday our school community dressed in jeans to support 'Jeans for Genes Day'. Students and staff were encouraged to bring a gold coin donation to raise funds for vital research into genetic conditions. We raised an incredible \$237.85! A fabulous effort by everyone.



THE LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
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Locky, Guess Who?

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THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2023
12.30PM AND 7PM

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**LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR MANAGING INVASIVE SPECIES**

Noxious weeds and pest animals affect the entire Victorian community and can cause a range of serious problems by impacting on human and animal health, biodiversity, waterways and agriculture.

Everyone has a role to play in the management of noxious weeds and pest animals. This is essential to improving Victoria's productivity, competitiveness, sustainability and natural environment.

Responsibilities of land owners and occupiers

All land owners and land occupiers (public and private) are responsible for managing noxious weeds and established pest animals on their land under the CaLP Act and any local laws.

Under section 20 of the CaLP Act, all land owners, including the Crown, public authorities and licensees of Crown lands, must, about their land, take all reasonable steps to:

- avoid causing or contributing to land degradation, which causes or may cause damage to land of another land owner
- eradicate regionally prohibited weeds
- prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds on their land
- prevent the spread of, and as far as possible, eradicate established pest animals

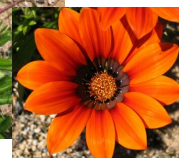
The CaLP Act also requires you to [get a permit](#) to buy, move, sell, display or transport any of these species into or within Victoria.

There are 4 [categories of noxious weeds](#) defined under the CaLP Act:

- state prohibited weeds
- regionally prohibited weeds
- regionally controlled weeds
- restricted weeds



Pictured left: Gazania, an invasive weed which is common in Lockington



There are 4 categories of pest animals defined under the [Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994](#) (CaLP Act):

- prohibited pest animals
- controlled pest animals
- regulated pest animals
- established pest animals.

Pictured right: Foxes and Rabbits, are both established pests common to the Lockington district.



Information from www.agriculture.vic.gov.au

If you're interested in understanding your responsibilities as a landholder/occupier please come along to a Landcare meeting and ask some questions.



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The State Government's Power Saving Bonus Scheme will end on 31 August. If you have not already made a claim in the latest round of bonus payments, please bring a full copy of a recent electricity bill and your bank account details into Tanya at the Neighbourhood House who will be able to complete your application.

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Youth Action Group meets Wednesday from 4.00 to 5.30pm during school terms. YAGers is open to all secondary-aged students. Activities include arts and craft and cooking. For a Registration Form or further information, please contact Neighbourhood House. No cost.



Lockington Play Group
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Applications open
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and close Monday
25 September at 5pm



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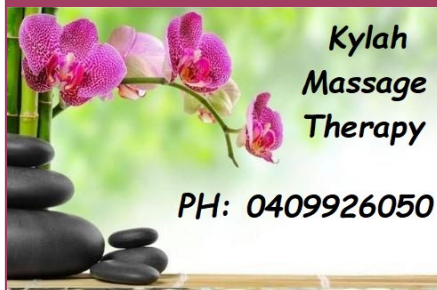
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Show off what you love about where you live, work or visit and feature in the 2024 Campaspe Shire Calendar. All photos need to be taken in Campaspe Shire, must be in landscape orientation and high quality, up to 10mb. Each winning entry will receive \$50 and a month's coverage in the calendar. Entries close Friday, 25 September.

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| Industry sector | Location | Date | Time |
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| | Online | 23 August | 5 - 6pm |
| Professional Services | Kyabram | 17 August | 1 - 3pm |
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| Industry & Manufacturing | Tongala | 17 August | 9 - 11am |
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| Agriculture | Lockington | 18 August | 9 - 11am |
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To register your attendance at a forum please visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/edts or contact Council on 1300 666 535.

Poolpod arrives at Campaspe Aquatics

Campaspe Shire Council is thrilled to announce the installation of a multi-award-winning swimming pool lift known as the Poolpod at the Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre. The Poolpod is a device which provides safe all-abilities pool access.

The Poolpod has been installed to provide access to swimming experiences for wheelchair users and people with reduced mobility. Pool users will be able to choose to use the Poolpod with its supplementary submersible wheelchair, or alternatively remain standing while they are safely lowered into the water. Aquatics staff have been trained to ensure they are well-versed in operating and supporting the Poolpod's use.





Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Peter WALSH
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6 August 2023

**Don't be shocked, but the \$250
Power Saving Bonus is about to close**

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says the deadline for the current \$250 Power Saving Bonus is just weeks away.

Mr Walsh is warning constituents they only have until August 31 to submit their applications for the relief payment for electricity bills.

He says anyone who doesn't have theirs in by then will almost certainly miss out.

"People are really struggling at the moment, energy bills – electricity and gas – are skyrocketing," Mr Walsh says.

"At the same time the overall cost-of-living is through the roof, so for every one of us every cent counts," he says.

"And I would not hold any great hopes for another round of funding, the Andrews Labor government is simply running out of cash because it has wasted billions and billions of dollars, botching virtually every major project it has touched.

"Now, on behalf of the state's taxpayers, he is about to blow another billion dollars backing away from all his big talk and empty promises about staging the Commonwealth Games – the man's incompetence is simply never ending."

Mr Walsh says if you haven't applied, and have problems using the online process, there is help at hand.

He says you can go to your local Neighbourhood House, or even the local library, or turn to family and friends for support.

"I really encourage everyone who hasn't already applied for this round of funding to get in now while you still can," Mr Walsh added.

"If you can't get to one of those options and still need a hand with your application, the team at my office will be able to help you out," he says.

"This fourth round of the PSB opened in March but I suspect there are still plenty of people out there who have not put in their applications.

"So as I said, if you are lost for support, find your way to my electoral office at 496 High St Echuca."



6 August 2023

**Walsh says survey will give Victorians
a voice against our soaring cost of living**

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says he wants to give you a voice to have your say about how our worsening cost-of-living crisis is biting regional Victorian households and business budgets.

And Mr Walsh says he is running a 'cost-of-living survey' to build a clear picture of what you think about what's happening in your life, your family, your town and your job.

He says the simple survey is a series of short questions to help The Nationals learn more about the plight of hardworking regional Victorians "to help us help you".

"As families and businesses across my electorate of Murray Plains continue to be slugged by the Andrews Labor government's growing list of taxes, many are struggling to make ends meet," Mr Walsh explains.

"Victoria has been driven to bankruptcy by the outrageous incompetence of Daniel Andrews and now the man who stood on a platform of no tax increases is about to smash Victorians with the 50th new tax of his government," he says.

"Taxes purely for his benefit, to try and hide as long as possible any understanding of the financial black hole into which he has tipped the Victorian economy and generations of Victorians to come.

"Our financially broken state is now reeling under a blitz of hip-pocket pain as fees and charges continue to soar.

"In a nutshell it is becoming more difficult to put food on the table for everyone, with the average Victorian family grocery bill now \$1565 higher than last year – and climbing."

Mr Walsh says that doesn't take into account electricity, gas, petrol and almost every other cost this failed government can get its hands on.

He says it leaves regional Victorians continuing to pay more in taxes and charges – and in exchange you get poor government services, a crumbling road network and growing medical waiting lists.

"Regional Victorians continue to be punished by Labor's incompetence, and they have had enough, much more than enough," Mr Walsh says.

"So now is the time for the true impact of Daniel Andrews' mismanagement to be pushed at State Parliament," he says.

"I am strongly urging families and businesses to complete the survey, which will only take a few minutes of your time, at <https://vicn.at/costofliving>

"Victorians are asking for cost of living relief, but the Andrews Labor government is instead making life harder.

"The Nationals want to understand how the cost of living crisis is affecting you, so please take a moment to complete our survey.

"Your responses will help us show the government what solutions are needed to support hardworking Victorian families."

The cost of a thing is the amount of what I will call life which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.

-Henry David Thoreau

MEDIA RELEASE

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7 August 2023

**Our broken ambulance service
is now on life-support says Walsh**

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says ambulance times across his electorate are going from bad to almost terminal as people increasingly face life-threatening delays.

Mr Walsh says in the few response categories which have improved, the changes are minimal, and they were already at “totally unacceptable” levels.

He says the latest data shows ambulance response times in both Swan Hill Rural City and Campaspe Shire are now beyond manageable for people facing everything from heart attacks or car crashes to sporting injuries or severe or sudden illness.

“In Campaspe, response times for life-threatening, the highest ranked call, rose three minutes to 24.73 minutes and in Swan Hill that jumped more than four minutes to 18.88 minutes,” he says.

“If you are having a heart attack or a stroke in those communities this sort of catastrophic failure to perform could literally be a death sentence.”

Mr Walsh says in the next most urgent response codes, Campaspe saw marginal improvements, measured in seconds, not minutes, taking ‘time critical’ and ‘lights and sirens’ to a staggering 31.93 and 31.88 minutes respectively. He says in Swan Hill both those categories jumped more than two minutes.

“I get we are in regional Victoria, but the areas our hard-working ambos are now being asked to cover are ridiculous,” Mr Walsh added.

“One of my Echuca constituents, a 73-year-old woman, had collapsed in extreme pain at her home, and could not be raised from the floor by her husband, who does not drive. They live 1km from the hospital and had to wait more than 80 minutes for an ambulance to arrive – from Bendigo,” he says. “Thanks heavens she survived, despite the absolute breakdown of the system and its failure to protect the people of Victoria.”

7 August 2023

**Walsh calls for urgent reopening
of our firewood collection points**

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, is urgently calling for an immediate reopening of the domestic firewood collection season.

Mr Walsh says with the late and protracted winter – combined with the punitive energy taxes introduced by Daniel Andrews to shore up his bankrupt government – too many people in regional Victoria are going cold because they cannot afford to heat their homes.

He says The Nationals have written to the government outlining the present shortage of firewood supply, which for many in our community, is their sole source of heating this winter.

And when it is reopened there need to be sites within reach of every regional Victorian.

“There is a range of factors causing the shortage, but the most damaging has to be the shutdown of the timber industry due to legal action,” Mr Walsh added.

“This has restricted access to commercial supplies for the many residents who rely on these providers,” he says.

“As a result, commercial operators who can get access to timber are doing so through other avenues, with a lot of them heading into NSW. Our commercial contractors need more support. This ridiculous situation has also created a thriving black market in illegal wood.

“This has all driven up costs considerably, putting the resource financially out of reach for even those who can access a supply.”

Mr Walsh says with many senior residents relying on solid fuel heating, he is hearing of an increasing number of cases where they are shivering through the nights due to firewood either not being accessible at all or being too costly to purchase.

And adds even for those with an alternate power heating source, electricity prices are making it unaffordable, so pensioners and low-income households are not using this alternative.

“This is socioeconomic targeting, even Daniel Andrews can surely understand the damage this is doing to some of the more vulnerable parts of our communities, but he doesn’t seem to give a damn if it guarantees him support from inner-city greens,” Mr Walsh says.

“Public firewood collection is closed in winter each year, due to concerns about potential damage being caused during wet periods, but there is far more damage being done behind the closed doors of far too many homes and an immediate reopening of the season would provide a solution for many in this predicament,” he says.

**BAMAWM GOLF CLUB REPORT****6th August**

There were 16 players on course on Sunday to compete in a stroke competition and privilege cup.

Winner of the ladies was Jackie Newth with 100-19-81 from runner up Kath Connors 109-26-83.

Winner of the men’s competition was Neville Vicary with a fantastic score of 88-22- 66 on a countback from Shane Wolfe 90-24-66.

NTP 2nd shot 4/13- Andrew Cochrane

NTP 3rd shot 5/14- Kath Connors

NTP 7/16- Kath Connors and Steve Holt

Longest Drive- Kath Connors (ladies), Steve Holt (0-17), Rick Connors (18+)

13th August

There was a great field of 19 around 20 players on course on Sunday for a Stableford Round.

Winner of the ladies competition was Kathy Connors. Winner of the men’s competition was Adam Sims with a great score of 39 points, with Leon Laffy and Geoff Crossman runners up on 37 points.

NTP 2nd Shot 4/13- Greg Reynoldson

NTP 3rd Shot- Kathy Connors

NTP 7/16- Geoff Crossman and Kathy Connors

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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB REPORT

6th August

Club members and guests enjoyed the most ideal conditions for the Scrounge games this week. Both Wednesday and Saturday attracted quality fields with scoring to the hilt.

On Wednesday the best score on the day belonged to Russell Shawcross who was in brilliant form to amass day-high 69 points to take the rink win. Club champion Graham Turner bowled really well to win rink two after a Taylor made 67 points while Terrill Westwood claimed the final rink on a solid 54 points.

Saturday was a day of unreal sunny weather and the greens were rolling well. Four rinks were in operation with scoring in the low fifties. On rink one the winner was the mercurial Owen "Smiley" McPhee with his emblazoned "CFC" Logo on his bowls, waltzed to an honourable victory with 52 points ahead of the consistent Lorraine Appleby tallying 48 points. On the next rink John van den Bosch was again in splendid touch to amass 50 points to win by one shot from Lady President Denise Gilmore 49 – (not her age)!. Ian Staig gained an overdue rink after scoring a healthy tally of 50 points to outstay the persistent John Dowie on 45. On the final rink the ever reliable John Andrea collected the chocolates with a sensational tally of 45 points and win narrowly from Lois Chugg 42 points while Frank Chugg managed a meagre 19 points – may have been all the sunshine!

Scrounge will continue while the sun shines and play commences at 1.00pm on both Wednesday and Saturday. Weather permitting.

Nearing the Pennant season and tournament time. The women have a tournament – 3 bowl Triples on Wednesday 20th September while the Sixty and Over competition will commence in late August.

The club wish to acknowledge the input from Kevin Humbert in his work on the preparation of the greens and general commitment to the future of the club over the past thirty years, and the Committee and members are appreciative of his voluntary services. Thanks Kevin.

Pennant practice and Friday evening barbeques will commence shortly.

14th August

The game of Scrounge attracted a quality field on Wednesday with several high scores being a feature of the day's play. On rink one the elusive Frank Chugg had to visit the swabbing stall after amassing a mammoth 64 points following his meagre 19 points the week before. John van den Bosch had to lower his colors behind Chugg with 43 points. There was a great battle on the next door rink with Lorraine Appleby and Bruce Haines (Echuca) finishing, both locked together on 32 points to share the spoils. Graham Turner turned in another fine performance to win his rink on 48 points ahead of Lady President Denise Gilmore on 46. Terrill Westwood crushed the opposition on rink four with a splendid display of draw bowling to tally 63 points with Geoff Shawcross back on 37 points. The final rink belonged to Steve Peter with an effortless 60 points while John Andrea missed a few opportunities to score 39 points.

On Saturday the overnight rain and local tournaments had an effect on the turn up for bowls and the competition was not held. However the game of Scrounge will continue until the Sixty and Over competition begins. There will be Social bowls on a Saturday - 1.00pm start.

The club will hold the official Opening day on Sunday 27th August starting at 1.00pm. A game of ten ends will be played followed by the popular Pig-on-Spit. Barefoot bowlers and social players are welcome. The official Opening ceremony will follow. Names to be listed for catering.

On Sunday 17th September the club will stage a 3-bowl Memorial Mixed Triples tournament starting at 1.00pm. Contact Neil Haines 5486 8220 or Russell Shawcross 5486 2468 for details.

The women have a 3 bowl Triples event on Wednesday 27th September commencing at 10.00am. This is a change of date from the original 20th September. Contact Katthi Maddison for entries.

The club members were saddened to learn of the death of Roley Head. Head was a popular figure and competent Pennant player and enjoyed the Sixty & Over competition.





LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB
AUGUST 14

05/08 – Par

Numbers were up, it was terrific to have visitors from Rochester and Bamawm in the field.

Ash Portwine's excellent form continued as he returned the day's best score of +2 to win the Privilege Cup as well as the Lockington Community Hotel Player of the Day voucher.

Ash also won A Grade, with Bamawm visitor Mick Giorgianni runner-up, square with the card. Next best was Rochester visitor Brad Major with a solid -2. B Grade honours went to Darren Carnie (-4), while Brad Wakefield won C Grade with -4.

Nearest the pins: 7th – Ash Portwine; 2nd shot 12th – Grant Humbert; 2nd shot 18th for the 6-pack smack – Grant Humbert. Spike's Longest Drive on the 15th – Ash Portwine (A), Darren Carnie (B), Mark Lyons (C). Neither the Echuca CIH eagles nest on the 3rd, nor Captain Bricka's yardstick on the 7th was won.

Three Handicap Matchplay Championships quarter finals have been played. Stuart Newton prevailed over Andrew Glatte 4 and 3 in a war of attrition, while Ash Portwine was in good form to beat Mark Lyons 6 and 5. Tony Brooke was 3-up after 9 against Grant Humbert but Grant fought back to win 3 and 2.

11/08 – Stableford

The ladies played a 9-holes event on Friday. Sherryl Jones was the winner, with Phyll Macfarlane and Marg Eade the tied runners-up. Sherryl capped off a good day by winning the nearest the pin as well.

12/08 – Stroke. Despite the grey skies at the start of the day, a quality field contested Saturday's comp. The Monthly Medal, the Giddings Co Player of the Day voucher was won by B Grade winner Darren Carnie with his score of 87-20-67.

A Grade honours went to Brett Stone with a solid 76-5-71, his round highlighted by an eagle on the 5th. Tom Scurrah won C Grade with 109-27-82. Gartside Cup qualifiers: Brett Stone, Jeff Carnie, Steve Holt; standby – Tom Scurrah.

Nearest the pins: 17th – Steve Holt; 2nd shot 13th – Grant Humbert (A), Jeff Carnie (B), Tom Scurrah (C); 2nd shot 18th for the 6-pack smack – Tom Scurrah.

Spike's Longest Drive on the 8th – Steve Holt (A), Darren Carnie (B), Tom Scurrah (C). Neither the Echuca CIH eagles nest on the 3rd, nor Captain Bricka's yardstick on the 7th was won, the yardstick has built up to \$75, a nice prize for a good shot.

Congratulations to JD Wright on being selected to play for Team Victoria in the Special Olympics National Golf Tournament, to be played on the Gold Coast in October 2023. Well done JD – a mighty achievement!

A number of Locky golfers travelled to Pyramid Hill to play in Friday's tournament fourball event and enjoyed the course in terrific condition. Tom Scurrah and Darren Carnie combined well to score 46 points and finish third in Division 2, Tom was in great form, scoring on 12 holes.



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Hospital Rebuild

Stages of our re-build are:

→ **Stage 1 - Community Care Wing**

**anticipated completion date Christmas 2023*

Community Care, Allied Health, GP Clinic, Function Room, Administration, Reception, IT Server Rooms

→ **Stage 2 - Corporate Services Wing**

**anticipated completion date Christmas 2023*

Kitchen, Stores, Laundry

→ **Stage 3 - Acute & Urgent Care Wing**

**anticipated completion date June 2024*

→ **Stage 4 - Aged Care Wing**

**anticipated completion date December 2024*

*(*assuming no major delays/interruptions)*

Remote Patient Monitoring

This is a new service available to people with conditions such as diabetes, COPD and heart failure. Call 03 5484 4421 for more information.

Candidates must have access to a smart phone/ device, internet access, an email address, and be able to complete the monitoring requirements.

Could Remote Patient Monitoring be for you?

RPM allows you to

- Measure your own vital signs
- Share them with your healthcare team
- Avoid extra trips to the hospital
- Avoid waiting room queues



Tel: 03 5484 4421

- Blood pressure
- Oxygen levels
- Weight
- Temperature
- Heart rate
- Blood glucose



Want to know how our rebuild is progressing, or find out about our services?

Join us for our next



Community Chat

Wednesday, 9 August
10am - 12pm

Rochester Café, 61 Mackay Street

URGENT CARE

is temporarily located at
40-44 Moore Street
Rochester

8:30am - 5:00pm
Monday to Friday



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



AUGUST

Friday 18th

Lockington Lions
50th Anniversary Dinner
7:00pm for 7:30 start—Lockington Hall

Saturday 19th

Round 18 - HDFNL
Mount Pleasant v LBU

Sunday 20th

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

Wednesday 23rd

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting
7.30 pm at Heritage Centre.

Saturday 26th

HDFNL
Qualifying Finals

Sunday 27th

Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm
On Duty - Des & Tom

HDFNL

Elimination Final

Monday 28th

Bamawm C.W.A.
10.00 am at Locky Business Centre

Senior Citizens Lunch

Heritage Complex Meeting
7.30pm at the Complex

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 2nd

HDFNL
1st Semi-Final

Sunday 3rd

Pine Grove Gun Club
Simulated Field & Game

Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm
On Duty - Jim & Therese

HDFNL

2nd Semi-Final

Wednesday 6th

Action Club Dinner
7.30 pm at Club Rooms

Thursday 7th

Landcare Meeting
7:00pm at Lockington Hotel

Friday 8th

Social Indoor Bowls
7.30 pm at Bamawm Extension Hall.

Saturday 9th

Lockington Pony Club Rally
10.00 am - Scurrah Reserve
(Contact Christine Buckley 0400 576 767)

HDFNL

Preliminary Finals

Sunday 10th

Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm
On Duty - Bev & Les

Monday 11th

Heritage Complex Meeting
7.30pm at the Complex

Wednesday 13th

Lions Club Dinner Meeting
7.30 pm at Lockington Hotel

Thursday 14th

Milloo CWA
10.00 am - Milloo Hall

Locky, Guess Who? (School Production)
12:30pm and 7:00pm at Locky Hall

Saturday 16th

HDFNL
Grand Final

Sunday 17th

Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm
On Duty - Beryl & Garry

Sunday 24th

Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm
On Duty - Joe & Julie

Weekly Activities

MONDAYS

- Strength & Balance Class
9:00 am - Bush Nursing Centre
- Nicole Hocking Podiatrist
9:30 am - 4:30 pm - 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

WEDNESDAYS

- Strength & Balance Class
9.00 am - Bush Nursing Centre.
- Scrounge Social Bowls
Names in by 12:45 pm for 1:00 pm start

THURSDAYS

- Social Activity Day
10:00 am - Bush Nursing Centre
Phone: 1300 488 226
- Ladies Social Badminton
9:30 am - Bamawm Sports Centre.
Enquiries: 0458 548 622

FRIDAYS

- Lockington Playgroup
9:30 am - 11:30 am, St. James Church Hall.
(not during school holidays)
Enquiries: Tegan: 0400 754 116
- Bowls practice 4.30 pm BBQ tea to follow.

SATURDAYS

- Social Casual Bowls
1:00 pm
- Bingo
7:15 pm - St. Joseph's Hall, Rochester.

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