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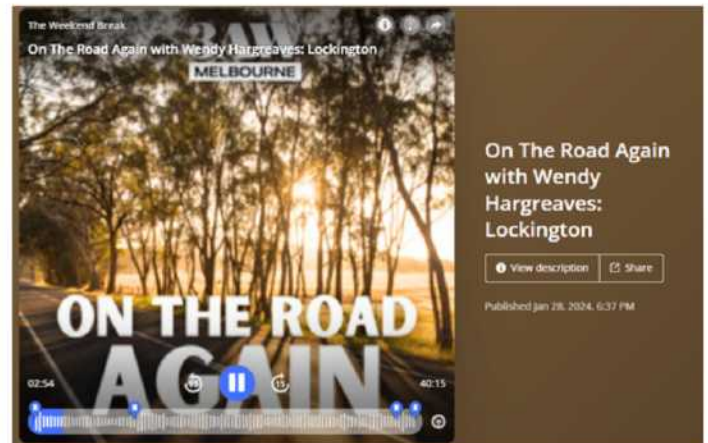
3AW SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON LOCKINGTON

How good was it to hear 'OurPub's' very own rockstar chef Simon Poynting featured on 3AW Weekend Break's popular On The Road Again Series on 28 January!

The one-hour segment was aired as a part of legendary radio announcer Peter Stubbs' afternoon program and shone the spotlight on the Lockington township and our outstanding pub grub.

Journalist Wendy Hargreaves facilitated the piece. If you missed it, or would like to listen again you can search on Google or access a podcast via the link below:-

[https://omny.fm/shows/the-weekend-break/on-the-road-again-with-wendy-hargreaves-lockington?](https://omny.fm/shows/the-weekend-break/on-the-road-again-with-wendy-hargreaves-lockington?in_playlist=on-the-road-again-with-wendy-hargreaves)
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**Australia Day**

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY



The weather was very kind on Australia Day when the Lockington Lions Club held its annual Australia Day Breakfast in the Park.

The community came out to enjoy the morning, grabbing some food and enjoying each others company.

Matilda and Jourdis Metelmann (pictured bottom right), representing the YAGers, conducted the flag raising, then the crowd moved into the hall to listen to Ms Barbara Walker (above) talk of her experiences living and working in and around Central Australia.

The members of the Lions Club would like to thank all who helped to make this event successful.



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LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again everyone,

We have reached the year 1901, as we look back at the early newspapers. By then, the people farming west of the Bendigo-Echuca Railway Line and east of the line that ran from Eaglehawk to Swan Hill, had been campaigning for more than twenty-five years for a rail service to meet their transport needs. Often their hopes had been raised only to be dashed but, in February 1901, they were campaigning once again. Late that month, Mr Trenwith, the Minister of Railways, made an inspection tour of the routes proposed for a rail service to link Cohuna with the Bendigo-Echuca line.

In his travels the Minister met with deputations at Cohuna, at Pinegrove East and at Elmore; listening to the case presented in each instance; satisfying himself as to the value of each district for agricultural, grazing and other primary production purposes; and giving consideration to engineering aspects involved in constructing a rail line on each of the routes proposed. The Bendigo Independent reported on 2 March 1901, at the completion of his tour, that Mr Trenwith made no commitment but promised to consider the merits of the rival routes, and to make recommendations upon the facts brought before him. A similar report in the Bendigo Advertiser on 4 March, added that, "though guarded" in his statement, the Minister was "sufficiently impressed with the necessity for a line to send the question of its construction to the Railway Standing Committee for report."

On 6 March 1901, the Tennyson correspondent to the Elmore Standard, wrote of a wedding of local interest, celebrated at the Presbyterian Church, Diggora. "The contracting parties were Miss Mary Steen, daughter of Mr James Steen, of Tennyson, and Mr Joseph Elliott, son of Mr William Elliott, of Milloo." One hundred and fifty guests attended what the Bendigo Advertiser of 7 March described as one of the most enjoyable occasions ever witnessed in the district. Harvest Thanksgiving Services celebrated in the Bible Christian Church on 10 March, provided another enjoyable occasion for the Diggora residents, as the Bendigo Independent reported on 22 March that year.

The much-sought rail service was not the only project then capturing local interest. On 23 March, introducing an article concerning a proposed "gigantic water scheme," a special reporter for the Bendigo Advertiser described it as being of "especial interest ... when the drought fiend [was] staring the whole state of Victoria in the face." The report continued "The scheme under notice has been talked of for years by the people of northern Victoria as the ideal scheme, which always seemed rather too big to approach. It is very easily described. The proposal is to utilise what is known as the Waranga basin, a water supply reserve, 17 square miles in area, about three miles to the north-east of Rushworth, for storage purposes.

The water would be sent into it from the Goulburn River during the winter flood and storm water months, and would be carried out of this huge basin by means of a channel right through to the Mallee, whence it would be distributed over that arid country through the medium of ordinary distributing channels." The plan was long advocated by the late Mr Hugh M'Coll, who spent many years persistently commending the construction of a national canal through Victoria, to supply the dry, arid areas.

Mr Alfred Deakin, who was Minister of Water Supply for a time, was also a strong advocate of the plan. However, so massive a project was beyond the imaginings of most of the people of the plains. Mr Deakin had said that, when completed the proposed "[Waranga] basin would represent one of the largest artificial sheets of water in the world." In the meantime, correspondence to the Elmore Standard late in March 1901, supported the Advertiser reporter's remarks concerning the "drought fiend." At Diggora West and at Pinegrove, water was "becoming scarce," and throughout the district, many farmers were carting water, for which they depended on deep wells, with all dams and shallow wells having "given out."

Fortunately the situation improved when steady rain commenced to fall over the district on 21 April. On 23 April, with the threat averted, the Bendigo Independent described residents' fears. From Rochester - "The outlook was most serious, and a recurrence of the disasters of a few years ago was imminent. Wells had run dry, and dams reduced to mere puddle holes;" and from Piavella - "The drought here has been the worst known. Nearly every farmer has had to cart water for stock." The Warragamba correspondent, who wrote to the Standard on 25 April 1901, had measured the rain as "about 105 points [37 mms approx.], as measured with a foot rule and a pannican." The writer then stated that some of the local farmers "would have been in sore straits ... had it not been for the plentiful supply of water in Cochrane's well. ... The daily drawings from the well totalled about 4000 gallons."

Not all the news was good. On 30 April, the Bendigo Independent told of a fire at Diggora South which caused local farmer Mr James Small to lose 150 tons of hay. Also destroyed was a chaff-cutter, owned by Mr Kortum of Elmore, then engaged to convert the hay to chaff.

In May 1901, Diggora residents were sad to learn of the death, at the Bendigo hospital on the 20th, of 44-year-old local farmer, Mr George Chisholm. Mr Chisholm left a widow and a young family. A week later, John Godfrey, the oldest son of Mr Denis Godfrey of Diggora, died at the Moama sanatorium. John, aged 26 years, had been "a fine able young man," as reported in the Bendigo Independent on 30 May, until about two years earlier when he contracted a "pulmonary affection, to which he finally succumbed." Hopefully, there'll be better news next time.

'Bye
Marg O'Brien

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

2-10 Market Street, Lockington



Photo by... Vin Jarrod, Noomlight Media

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Hire of commercial kitchen \$100
plus refundable \$100 bond
Phone Sandra 0427 030 804

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

Sunday Duty Roster

11 February	Gordon M & Peter B
18 February	Sandra & Ian W
25 February	Jack & Susan K
3 March	Lyndsay G & Don O'B
10 March	Des & Tom

MAYOR ENCOURAGES PLACED BASED PLAN COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Lockington residents are encouraged to play a pivotal role in their community's evolution by participating in the Lockington Place Based Plan Committee.

Campaspe Shire Mayor Rob Amos said the formation of this community committee signifies the first step in the development of a Place Based Plan tailored for Lockington.

"Place Based Plans focus on enhancing the fabric of our towns. This process encompasses actively involving community members, understanding their needs, and aligning the plan with their aspirations.

"As a Lockington resident, what vision do you hold for your town – its ambiance, aesthetics, and functionality?" By becoming part of the Lockington Place Based Plan Committee, residents have the opportunity to shape the town's future," he said.

The committee's responsibilities encompass fostering engagement with the wider Lockington community, keeping residents informed about plan progress, monitoring plan development, and ultimately authorising the completed plan before being presented to Council for endorsement.

"Your involvement allows you to articulate the ambitions and objectives that reflect the desires of your community and drive positive change within Lockington. We know that there is already a strong community-led planning group in Lockington, so the formation of a Place Based Planning committee for the town will complement and work with them to ensure Council support for the initiatives outlined in the future Place Based Plan.

"Members of the Lockington planning group are welcome to submit an Expression of Interest to be on the Place Based Planning committee as well," Mayor Amos noted.

For those interested, detailed information about the committee and the nomination process is available on the Council's website under the 'Now Open' tab. Nominations close at 5 pm on Friday, 23 February.

Community members who would like to find out more can also contact Council's Community Development Officers.

Lockington Place Based Plan Committee

Support the development
of your community!

Nominate
Now
Closes
Friday, 23 February

Scan the QR code or visit
www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/lockington



DEATH NOTICE

THOMAS, Carmichael (03.02.1939 - 21.01.24) of Bamawm

Sad to announce his passing after a short illness after recently moving to Adelaide.

Beloved husband of Liz, loved brother of Helen (dec) & brother-in-law of Michael.

Dearly missed father to Nick, Mitchell & Ash. Very much loved Pa to Elly, Taj, Chillee & Lira.
Rest Easy HO HO

A casual wake will be held at the Locky Hotel from 3pm on 23 February, 2024.

2nd Annual Pyramid Hill Art Competition and Sales



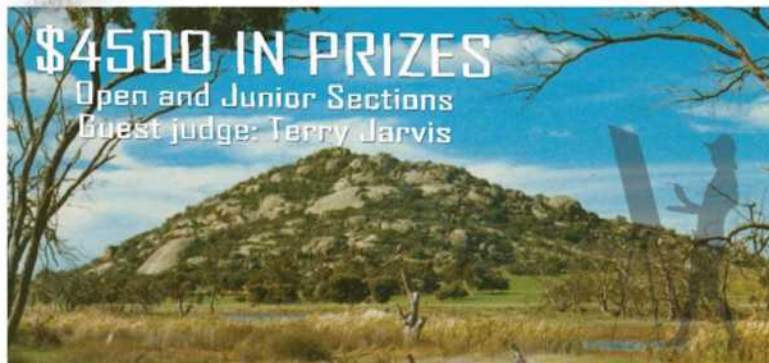
A Major's Vision

16th-22nd February 2024

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall - Kelly Street

\$4500 IN PRIZES

Open and Junior Sections
Guest judge: Terry Jarvis



Official opening Function 16th February 7pm till 10 pm. Entry \$15 includes, program, supper and music
Art show admission \$10 including light morning or afternoon tea

A PYRAMID HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INITIATIVE

Supported by



Lockington Country Music Festival

September 27, 28, 29th 2024

Lockington Community Hall



Graeme Hugo



Joe Musico



Andrew Phelan



The Hoffmans



Robyn Gleeson



The Beard Sisters



Noel Drysdale



Dj Graeme Greed

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Full band Saturday & Sunday

Specialised Dance Music Between artists

Friday 27th doors open 6pm Music From 7pm-10pm \$12.00 entry

Saturday 28th doors open 10am Music From 10.30am -10pm \$30.00 entry

Sunday 29th doors open 10am Music From 10.30am-5pm \$16.00 entry (Gospel Music 10.30-12.00)

Weekend Pass \$50.00

Meals & Drinks available at the hall all weekend

No Alcohol sold or permitted at the venue

Wind down BBQ available following the Finale

Travellers Rest is in close proximity to the venue

Phone David for enquiries or bookings 0431648738 or email handdpromotions@gmail.com

Prepaid Tickets or cash only at the door

Artists are subject to change





FARM BUSINESS RESILIENCE WORKSHOP SERIES: ROCHESTER/ELMORE

WANT TO BUILD A STRONGER, MORE PRODUCTIVE FARM BUSINESS?

Agriculture Victoria has the workshop series to help you build more resilience in your farm business.

You will leave each workshop with new skills and an action plan to achieve your business goals.

As a bonus, if you attend 3 or more workshops you will secure a one-on-one business planning session with Senior Agribusiness Consultant Jane Foster at the end of the workshop series.

The workshops are free and include lunch.

LOCATION
All 4 workshops will be held at:
Pine Grove Fire Station,
2691 Whinfield Road, Lockington

WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1 – Planning for Success
Time: 9.30 am – 12 pm Date: Friday 8 March
Join Senior Agribusiness Consultant Jane Foster, ORM Pty Ltd, for a face-to-face workshop on identifying and managing risks, strategic planning and setting business goals.

Workshop 2 – Business Success
Time: 9 am – 12.30 pm Date: Thursday 14 March
Join Farm Business Economist Sam Henty for a face-to-face workshop on financial management, budgeting and profitable decision making.

Workshop 3 – People Success
Time: 9 am – 12.30 pm Date: Thursday 21 March
Dairy Biosecurity and Business Resilience Officer, Helen Chenoweth, will deliver a face-to-face workshop on managing people on farm, succession planning and farm safety.

Workshop 4 – Climate Risk and Natural Resource Management
Time: 9 am – 12.30 pm Date: Tuesday 26 March
Seasonal Risk Agronomist, Dale Grey and Land Management Extension Officer Martin Hamilton, will deliver a face-to-face workshop on understanding and identifying climate risk and natural resource management on farm.


MORE INFO AND REGISTER
To secure your place, complete the registration form by clicking on the link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/mQVJk420m>
or scanning the QR code:



Please register for catering purposes.

For more information about the workshop series, contact Elizabeth Alsop on 0457 838 537 or email Elizabeth.alsop@agriculture.vic.gov.au

The Farm Business Resilience Program is supported through the Australian Government's Future Farming Fund and the Victorian Government's Future Agriculture Skills Capacity Fund.



Discovery Day

Come and discover what Echuca Moama has to offer you

All residents welcome - especially if you are new to the area.

There will be information provided by community groups and a showcase of social, sporting and service clubs.

It's a great opportunity to become more involved with your local community.


We look forward to seeing you.

Where
Echuca Library
310 Hare Street

When
Saturday 16 March
10am - 1pm

Free sausage sizzle
Free tea & coffee

Campaspe Library | 03 5481 2400 | www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library






Chemical Users Course

NATIONALLY RECOGNISED TRAINING

- AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals
- AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and disease

4th and 5th July 2024

Fully Funded!

meaning no cost to you.
contact us to check your eligibility today.

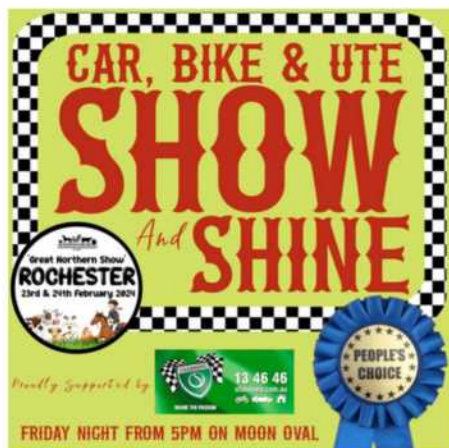
This is an essential course for all users of chemicals used in a range of environments including farms, horticultural operations, parks and gardens and related industry, including handling chemical merchandise. Participants who successfully complete this two-day course and assessment receive a Certificate of Attainment and are listed with the Farm Chemical User's Secretariat of Victoria.

- Identify the standard required to correctly maintain and use personal protective equipment (PPE) according to label
- Follow emergency procedures for chemical spillage
- Follow legislative requirements for the safe transport of chemicals
- Maintain storage area and chemical manifest
- Preparing and applying chemicals
- Define the standard required to assess the need for chemical use, comply with safety, chemical label and MSDS requirements
- Prepare an application/ spray plan
- Prepare and apply chemicals
- Calibrate application equipment and maintain chemical records

1300 843 236
www.thecentre.vic.edu.au

Full program non funded cost \$400
Chemical User Refresher course also available cost \$280

The Centre for Continuing Education Inc.



AUSTRALIA DAY FISHING COMPETITION

More than 50 children participated in Lockington Action Club's Australia Day Fishing Competition, with five fish and plenty of yabbies caught.

Special thanks to the organisers and Tackle World in Echuca who ensured every youngster took home a small prize. What a great community event!



CALENDAR DATES

February

- 9 Southern 80 Ski Race
- 13 World Day of Prayer planning meeting - 2pm
- 16-18 Riverboats Music Festival in Echuca
- 16-22 Pyramid Hill Art Competition
- 18 Gunbower Harness Racing Centenary meeting
- 19 **TYPING DAY - NEXT EDITION LOCKY NEWS**
- 20 Campaspe Shire Council Meeting
- 20 COVID vaccination clinic at LDBNC
- 23 EOI's close - Lockington Place Based Plan Committee
- 23 Great Northern Show @ Rochester

March

- 1 World Day of Prayer service 7.30pm
- 11 Labor Day Public Holiday
- 16 Elmore Tractor Pull
- 16 Echuca/Moama Discovery Day (Echuca)
- 28 School Term 1 finishes



RAIL SERVICE CHANGES



V/Line has announced service changes which may impact locals planning a trip to Melbourne via Public Transport.

Due to V/Line annual maintenance works, coaches will replace Bendigo, Echuca and Swan Hill Line trains for the entire journey from Wednesday 21 February to Sunday 3 March, 2024.

For further information visit www.vline.com.au and click on the 'Service Changes' tab.

thank you

Thank you to the kind people who have saved used stamps and sent them to me or delivered to Ann Hutchinson at the Business Centre.

The stamps are sold to collectors in various parts of the world, and the money raised helps people less fortunate than us in many and varied ways.

Please continue to save the stamps, especially when they are not used so much now due to technology.

Bless you and thank you - Beryl Marshall, 2 Burns Street, Lockington, 3563.



Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.
If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.





LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Office staffed 8.30am to 5.00pm Tues/Wed/Thurs
Ph 0499 170 329 Email nhldbc@gmail.com

GARDEN UPGRADE FUNDED

A Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit grant will enable Lockington Neighbourhood House to further develop our blossoming Community Garden.

LMPHU has allocated \$1500 under its Campaspe Community Garden Funding project to improve the allotment's watering system and develop new garden beds.

The upgrades will serve a dual purpose – significantly reducing the amount of hand watering at the site, particularly during the warmer months, while building the garden's capacity to grow healthy, fresh produce for the Lockington community.

Lockington Community Garden adjoins "The Plumber's Shed" – a multi-purpose facility used for art and community activities directly opposite the supermarket.

Its ongoing development and expansion will also further enhance this important space both from an aesthetic and practical viewpoint.

Lockington Community Garden is overseen by a passionate group of volunteers who come together every Wednesday morning to share experience and knowledge, and collaborate for the benefit of the broader community.

Equally, they enjoy time together in nature which has significant physical and mental health benefits. New volunteers are always welcome - pop in to the Neighbourhood House if you would like to learn more.

All seasonal produce is made available free of charge, but donations are always welcomed.

Lockington residents can help themselves to herbs and spices at any time or collect ready to eat vegetables and fruit from the front counter at the Lockington District Business Centre.

While a timeframe for newest garden improvements is still being finalised, all work will be completed within the current financial year.



DID YOU KNOW?

Lockington District Business Centre has a notable milestone coming up very soon.

Keep an eye on Locky News and our socials for further information.



Free Community Morning Tea Cuppa Connection

Second Thursday of the month

@ the Plumber's Shed

10am - 11.30am

Everyone Welcome!



CALLING ALL CREATIVES & SEWING ENTHUSIASTS

Would you be interested in participating in an Upcycled Clothing Workshop, learning how to sew new items from second hand men's shirts?

Please contact Neighbourhood House Co-ordinator Tanya McDermott if you would like to attend and we will look at suitable times and dates.





Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

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Mosquitoes can spread serious diseases



Apply mosquito repellent evenly to exposed skin. Pack repellent when going for walks, camping, fishing, or travelling



Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing, and closed shoes



Empty buckets of water around home to stop mosquitoes breeding

CUPPA CONNECTION

Nothing better than a cuppa & a chat

Join us at the Plumber's Shed for morning tea

Thursday, 8th February 10am—11.30am

ALL welcome.



Dr Patrick will be available at
Lockington on
Tuesday 27th February
Ring 54862544 to book an appt.

For other weekdays please call
Elmore Practice on 54326001

Pfizer Covid Vaccination Clinic

Another clinic is
planned for 20th
February, 2024

Please note: this will
also operate as an
outreach clinic so if
you can't get to the
centre a nurse can
vaccinate you at
home.

Bookings essential
as limited stock.

Appointments with the nurse

We encourage
everyone to book
ahead to reduce
waiting times.

Lunch Break

12.30-1.30pm

Please avoid
interruptions unless
it is an emergency



Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc. 31 Pannoo Road Lockington Vic 3563

Ph: 03 5486 2544 Fax: 03 5486 2662 email: admin@ldbnc.org.au





World Day of Prayer 2024

Palestine

'I beg you ... bear with one another in love'


www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

Lockington Service
St. James Community Church
1 March at 7.30pm

Elmore Library Agency Storytimes 2024

Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes.

11.30am-12pm
Elmore Athenaeum Hall
62 Michie Street

Monday 19 February
 Monday 4 March
 Monday 18 March
 Monday 15 April
 Monday 29 April
 Monday 13 May
 Monday 27 May
 Monday 24 June



For more information please phone 5449 2790
 or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/children



FROM OUR CHURCHES

Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

St. Mary's Lockington. Enquiries – Jeff Millard Ph 0493 170 250

1 Feb - 11am Archdeacon George
 18 Feb - 10am Lay Service

St James Community Church

10am Sundays. Pastor Bill Cochrane Ph 0427 865 474

Catholic Church

St Canice's Lockington - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 8am Mass.
 St Joseph's Rochester - Every Sunday 10am Mass.
 Sacred Heart Elmore - Every Saturday Vigil 5pm.

Northern Rivers Uniting Church Cluster

Worship at Bamawn UCA from 10am zoomed to and from the following churches:-

11 Feb – Bamawn worship at St. Mary's, Lockington – 11am
 18 Feb – Elmore (worship at Bamawn UCA begins at 10am zoomed from Elmore)

Zoom connection is available every week via
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/826-6681-8761> (Password 22)
 Via Phone 03 7018 2005 Meeting ID 826 6681 8761 Password 22#

Ray Wakefield Ph 5486 2592 / 0491 340 427



From the Scriptures #982

Luke ch 3 v 23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about 30 years of age.

CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

Coming Up

Tuesday, 20 February
Council meeting, 6pm
Echuca Civic Centre

Meetings can be viewed via live streaming at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

Now Open

For all projects and applications open, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen

Youth Action Group (YAG)

Young people are invited to join Council's Youth Action Group (YAG).

YAG members will provide a youth perspective on our key plans and strategies, direct youth funding towards desired programs, activities and events, and brief community groups, businesses and Council on issues that significantly impact young people in Campaspe.

To be eligible for Youth Action Group membership, you must be a resident of Campaspe Shire aged between 12 and 25 years old. If you are under 18 years, you will require parent/guardian permission.

Free Business Victoria Marketing Workshop

Are you looking to boost your marketing skills to better understand customers, competitors, branding, and your unique selling proposition? The come along to this FREE marketing workshop.

Whether you're a small business owner, community group leader, or just interested in upskilling then this workshop is for you.

Reserve your spot today by visiting the Now Open page or calling our Economic Development Team on 1300 666 535.

Expressions of Interest for Lockington Place Based Plan Committee QR is attached

Place Based Plans focus on making places better. The process involves looking at, listening to, and engaging with community members who live, work and play in a particular place to understand their needs and aspirations. Ultimately, what do you want your town to look like, to feel like? In 2024, Council will start working with the Lockington community on their first Place Based Plan.

Nominations for the Lockington Place Based Plan committee originally opened in 2022, but due to the flooding event the formation of the committee was delayed. Now, in January 2024, nominations for the committee and the subsequent community consultation to draft a Place Based Plan for Lockington is recommencing.

If you are interested in being involved in the Place Based Plan committee, you will need to complete an online Expressions of Interest form.

Expressions of Interest will be open from 15 January - 23 February.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Lockington>



Employment #campaspecareers

- Early Childhood Educator Co Worker – Casual
- Early Childhood Educator Room Leader – Casual
- Environmental Projects Officer – Conservation
- Environmental Projects Officer – Education
- Group Fitness Instructor
- Maternal & Child Health Nurse – Casual
- Planning Compliance Officer
- Planning Coordinator
- Supported Playgroup Facilitator – Casual
- Waste Services Coordinator

For all positions currently open and application details, visit Council's website or call 1300 666 535.

Active Stadiums Pilot Program

Campaspe Stadiums will begin a pilot program in February, trialling five months of daytime activities to revitalise the stadiums in Echuca, Kyabram and Tongala.

Activity sessions include:

- Pickleball for seniors
- Strength conditioning for seniors
- Bubs physical activity session
- Dodgeball for people with a disability
- Indoor soccer for people with a disability

For more information, visit Council's website

Echuca Moama Discovery Day

Local community groups are invited to "The Echuca Moama Discovery Day" at Campaspe Library, Echuca.

The day will be held on Saturday 16th March from 10am-1pm.

This is a great chance for community group representatives to promote their group to all residents of Echuca Moama, to those who have recently moved here, retired or those looking to be more involved with their community.

This is a rare opportunity for groups to have such a large volume of potential new members in one location.

The morning offers the public the chance to have an informal chat with group members and receive some information about their meetings, activities and events.

A free sausage sizzle with tea and coffee will be available on the day.

Not for profit groups and clubs based in Echuca Moama and surrounds are encouraged to bring one or two representatives along on the day, with any promotional material for their display. Interactive displays are welcome.

To register your interest, contact Campaspe Libraries on 5481 2400.



25 January 2024

WALSH SAYS 'ENOUGH'

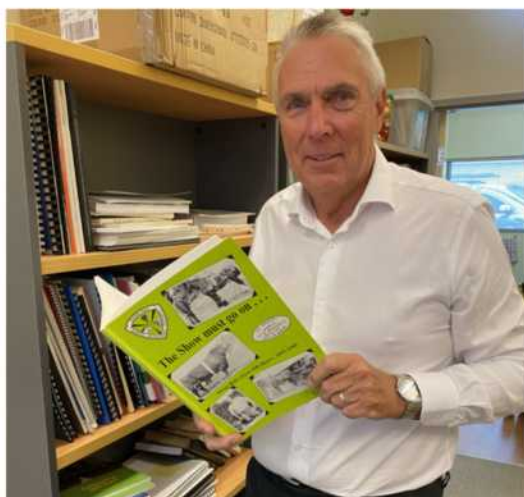
Enough! This is enough. It is also the final straw.

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says a call by the Victorian government, through the website of its Respect Victoria initiative, to decolonise your reading, your bookshelves, is an outrage beyond description.

Mr Walsh says Respect Victoria, and Jacinta Allan, by virtue of the buck stopping at her desk, "dared try and tell you, me, all of us, what should, and should not, be in our libraries.

He says it is "frighteningly close" to some of the most horrifying incidents in human history.

"If Respect Victoria had asked for the 'wrong' books to be burnt, the descent into the abyss created by a decade of depraved leftist ideology would have been complete," Mr Walsh says.



"As I read the Victorian government's position of 'cleansing' our libraries to make space for government 'approved' reading I can think of some of the most shameful moments in time," he says.

"The Bonfire of the Vanities, in Florence, 1497, the then art and culture capital of the world, saw the messianic Dominican priest Girolamo Savonarola convince his followers to burn books, art and decadent objects he believed threatened the Catholic church.

"In May 1933 we all know what the Nazis did with books across that country, as a student-led campaign for 'Action against the Un-German Spirit' destroyed irreplaceable works.

"Does it all sound a little like this government claim: 'The negative implications of colonisation continue to affect all of us...'?"

"Governments do not tell people what to read, and what not to read, let alone what to think. That's what happens in dictatorships, not in Victoria in 2024."

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News Reports

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29 January

It was a big night for the weekly Barefoot Bowls event.

Thirty-six bowlers graced the green in aid of charity and some of bowlers certainly dressed to impress!

The competition was played in a friendly manner and was quite refreshing for all. At the completion of the two games of eight ends - 2 Bowl Triples, there were three - two games winners.

The winners were the talented trio of Ian Dennis, Steve "Knockers" Nolan, Ashley Dobell (s) 2 wins plus 17 shots ahead of John Dowie, Peter Egan, Poss Andrea (s) 2 wins +13. Third place went to Peter Eade, Shane Hanratty, John Andrea (s) 2 wins +7 shots.

The evening was sponsored by Fonterra and the Club was pleased to welcome rep Tim Hancock who is a rather talented bowler in his own right having won the Goulburn Valley State Singles title in 2022.

Co-ordinator Cindy Felmingham thanked Fonterra for their support and also acknowledged the contribution of Jenny Fisher, Mary Thomas, barmen Dave Thomas and Phillip Cunningham and the green staff.

Spider winner: Sparkles. Ditch: Steve Pavone. Encouragement Award: Allison Stewart, Ash Cunningham, Sparkles (s) 2 losses minus 15 shots to just tip out the Terrill Westwood team 2 losses minus 14 shots.

Novelty prizes: Shane Hanratty (scantily dressed), Jeff Carnie, Davin Francis. Raffle winners: Graeme Wood, Anthony Westwood, Ivy Francis, Terrill Westwood.

Overall a brilliant night celebrated and \$429 raised for The Wellness Centre - Echuca.

The Pennant round failed to produce winning highlights with all Divisions going down and only three rinks up overall.



In the Midweek pennant the women lost to Moama Black 29-62. (Denise Gilmore lost to L Quinton 10-37; Phyllis MacFarlane l.t. P Bell 19-25).

It was a similarly unfruitful weekend Pennant. Division Three played Rich River at home and lost 52-64 with just one rink in front. (Leanne McInnes lost to G Edgar 15-22; Phillip Cunningham l.t. J Stuart 11-22; Jim Harris d. B Cox 26-20). Division Four travelled to Moama and returned home a little overawed after losing the games 41-74 with one rink up. (Kalvin Stout d. W Witney 22-20; Denise Gilmore l.t. B Curnow 9-28; Dave Thomas l.t. T Thomson 10-26).

Division Five failed by 10 shots in the match against Moama Green 34-44 winning only one rink. (Les Brereton d. W Wadge 23-21; Neil Haines l.t. K Black 11-23).

The path to the finals has hit a roadblock with just two to three weeks remaining and several shots to make up. However we will ride out the season and give someone a fright!

Members have attended tournaments at Calivil, Tongala, Elmore and Echuca. Notable performers were Kym Ray and Russell Shacross winning the Elmore Twilight Pairs. John van den Bosch, Dave Thomas and Ken Main (s) were runners Up at the Calivil Triples.

A reminder the annual Twilight Mixed Fours will be held on Thursday 29 February starting at 5pm.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DECIDED

There was a bowls flurry locally over the past week.

The Club Championship had to be completed to enable the winner to challenge for the Campaspe Area State Champion of Champions at Moama Bowling Club.

Both Club Championship semi-finals followed a similar pattern with the competitors sharing ends until the eventual winners gained the break.

Bill Musgrove defeated John Fisher in a high standard match as Fisher opened up proceedings with a couple of doubles before Musgrove reeled off the following five ends to lead 10-4.

Fisher struck back to pick up successive triples to draw level at 10 all then grabbed two shots to lead 12-10.

Not to be denied, Musgrove won successive ends to balloon the lead out to 23-12 with victory in sight.

The bowling was indeed a treat to watch as the proficient marker was kept busy. Musgrove won 25-13.

The other semi-final matched Phillip Cunningham against three-time Club Champion Ray Hanson.

Cunningham grabbed the ascendancy early to lead clearly 13-5. Hanson was having problems in gaining the pace of the green as Cunningham was in total control to eventually win his way into the final 25-10.

In the final the two combatants served up some impressive bowls that had the large crowd waiting in anticipation.

But Musgrove stole the march with some extraordinary draw bowling - the "golden arm" to win his first Club Championship 25-12.

LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB

..... Continued

He then represented the Club in the Champion of Champions against Echuca legend Phillip Thorn.

Musgrove battled to stay in the contest but found his opposition far too consistent, going down 11-25.

Thorn went on to play Kevin Anderson (Moama) in the quarter final, before losing the game 25-10.

Bowlers to compete in the semi-finals next Sunday at Moama are Kevin Anderson versus Richard Feuk (Rochester) and Peter Tinning (Tongala) pitted against Peter Nesbitt (Rich River).

Good bowling to all players.

Back at Lockington, there were 30 players who attended last week's popular Tuesday evening Barefoot Bowls.

At the completion of the two games of eight ends, three teams remained undefeated.

The eventual winners were Shane Felmingham, Peter Egan, John Andrea (s) 2 wins plus 10 shots ahead of Ian Scurrah, Clinton McKee, Steve Pavone (s) 2 wins +7 shots on a countback from Mary Thomas, Sarah Littlejohn, Ian Haines (s) 2 wins +7.

The round of Campaspe Area Pennant did not favor the club apart from Division Three (Weekend pennant) scoring an upset win against third placed Elmore.

Final scores Lockington 64 d Elmore 58. (Leanne McInnes d. N Dobell 23-13; Phillip Cunningham d. G Williams 25-23; Jim Harris lost to Raymond Williams 16-22).

Division Four lost the game against Stanhope 50-74 with one rink up. (Kalvin Stout d. M Summers 24-23; Denise Gilmore l.t. P Harris 18-21; Graham Turner l.t. K Hoppner 8-30).

Division Five had an ordinary day at Moama where they played Moama Black 6 and lost the game 28-54. At the halfway mark scores were close before the opposition played like their position on the ladder indicated. (Les Brereton l.t. B Barbary 18-22; Geoff Shawcross l.t. M Daly 10-18).

In the Midweek pennant our women lost the game against Echuca 29-42. (Denise Gilmore d. J Young 19-14; Phyllis MacFarlane l.t. M Bennett 10-28).

Members have attended local tournaments during the week.

Over at the Calivil Fours, Pauline Humbert and Sue Harris won the Bowl to the Ditch awards.

The Twilight Legends 2 bowl Triples attracted a quality field of 24 teams. Results next edition!

The club will hold the annual Mixed Pairs on Sunday 11 February commencing at 1pm.

Contact Ray Hanson 0235 991865 or Lloyd Buchanan for entries.

The annual Twilight Mixed Fours will be held on Thursday 29 February starting at 5pm.

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Pictured (from left): Bill Musgrove, Lockington Bowls Club 2024 Champion; John Van Den Bosch, marker; and Phillip Cunningham, runner-up.

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6.30 for 7pm start: Barefoot Bowls @ Locky Bowls Club

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Wednesday

9am: Strength & Balance Class @ Bush Nursing Centre

9.30am – 12 noon: Community Garden Group

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Thursday

10am: Social Activity Day @ Bush Nursing Centre

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Friday

10am - Ladies Social Bowls @ Lockington Bowls Club

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Saturday

7.15pm: Bingo @ St Joseph's Hall, Rochester

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Sunday

Pine Grove Gun Club - Simulated Field & Game

Wednesday

Action Club Dinner - 7.30pm at Club Rooms

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Landcare Meeting - 7pm Locky Business Centre (even months)

SECOND WEEK

Monday

Heritage Complex Meeting - 7.30pm at the Complex (not January)

Wednesday

Lions Club Dinner Meeting - 7.30pm Lockington Hotel

Thursday

Milloo CWA - 10am - Milloo Hall (not December or January)

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Friday

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Saturday

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