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BUSINESS CENTRE TO MARK 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



BEFORE



AFTER

Lockington District Business Centre is celebrating a significant milestone, marking two decades of service to the local community.

The Centre will commemorate its 20-year anniversary in conjunction with Community Bank – Elmore, Lockington and Rochester with a morning tea at 10.30am on Tuesday, 27 February. Members of the local community are warmly invited to attend.

The LBDC story started in 2002 when the local Westpac Bank shut its doors and a few residents got together to find a solution for the town.

With a view to establishing a Community Bank in partnership with Elmore, the original plan was to purchase the corner block opposite the supermarket and build a Rural Transaction Centre.

A feasibility study and business plan were completed and the morning the foundations were to be prepared, the community learned that Joe Sciotto was going to close his garage.

With no fuel available in town, there was concern that people would travel out of Lockington to also do their banking and shopping. Immediately a stop was put to building on the corner block and a community meeting was called.

It was determined the community would purchase the garage from Joe and develop the building into a Rural Transaction Centre, housing a Community Bank, launderette, church Op Shop, computer facilities and car wash.

In total \$200,000 was raised by the Community Care Committee including \$140,000 in loans from community members – these loans were paid back over the following years with bank interest rates.

RTC grant money helped to facilitate the building's transformation into Lockington District Business Centre.

Renovations started around 20 December 2003 and the project was completely largely with donated labor; volunteers continued to sell fuel while the renovations happened around them. The building was completely gutted and 10 internal rooms created.

The Centre set a mission to research community needs on a continuing basis, plan strategically, seek resources to provide safe and inclusive services including space for the Community Bank, protect the town's sole fuel outlet, provide a workshop area and accommodate a Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre.

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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 to learn how the people of this district were faring.

By mid-May that year, all was not looking well. The country was once again in the grip of a dry spell, and an epidemic of measles – in a very severe form – had prevailed for some weeks. Then, on the night of 23 May, according to reports in the Elmore Standard and the Bendigo Independent, on 29 and 30 May 1901, the Wanurp State school and residence were completely destroyed by fire. The teacher and his wife were awakened at midnight by the fire, and had only time to escape. The whole of the furniture and effects were consumed, and were not insured. For a short time classes were conducted in Mr Orchard's barn, but conditions there were not ideal. According to an item appearing in the Bendigo Independent on 8 June, there was a proposition "by the Wanurp residents to endeavour to shift the Milloo State school into Wanurp." However, the Piavella correspondent felt that this proposal would be "strongly opposed by the local residents," and it seems it was never seriously considered.

Agitation for a rail service to and through the local district had been on hold since late February 1901, when the Minister of Railways, Mr Trenwith inspected the proposed routes and referred the question of construction to the Railway Standing Committee. The project came to notice again in mid-June 1901, when Mr John Cullen, a candidate for election to the Legislative Council as Member for Gunbower, mentioned it in a campaign speech. As reported in the Riverine Herald on 13 June, Mr Cullen addressed a large audience at Irvine's West End Hotel, stating that he would endeavour to have the much-sought railway line constructed to Cohuna, "but he was not going to pledge himself to a starting point ... He intended to adopt the line which the [Railway] Standing Committee recommended." Mr Cullen was successful in the State Elections that year, but the railway project seems to have been forgotten again.

Fortunately, June brought rain to the district and, for a short time, spirits rose. On 20 June 1901, the Elmore Standard reported that the first round for the Northern District Cricket Competition Trophy commenced on 15 June, the clubs engaged being Pinegrove, Diggora, Torrumberry, and Milloo. However, as reported to the Bendigo Advertiser on 29 July, though recent rain, recorded at Tennyson as 56 points [about 14 mms], would greatly assist grass and crops, cattle were in poor condition, and many had died.

People were dying, too, with a number of sudden and unexpected deaths occurring in the district during July 1901. The first of these happened in Piavella on 1 July, when the Paul Mitchell family suffered the loss of their infant daughter after an illness of just three days. The sympathy of the district was extended to the bereaved parents. On 5 July, Mr John Stone, manager of Wharparilla Station died suddenly. He was a native of Derbyshire, aged 56 years, and had been in Australia for thirty years. For much of that time, Mr Stone managed Restdown Station and he was known and highly respected across the region. Then, on 27 July, the Pyramid Hill correspondent to the Bendigo Independent recorded the death of 19-year-old Edward James Smith of Terrick Terrick, caused by complications following a cold. However, there was good news from Diggora, where Miss Mollie Quinn, daughter of Mrs W Quinn, had decided to enter the Brigidine Convent. On 16 July 1901, family and friends gathered at the Quinn residence to make a presentation to Mollie and to bid her goodbye.

On 26 August, the Piavella correspondent wrote to the Bendigo Independent that, though a little rain had fallen, "the season so far is the worst known here." Subsequently, a reporter from the Melbourne Argus looked in on the Northern Areas to assess the situation. His thoughts, published on 3 September, were that further rain was needed to ensure an average cereal season. He interviewed several local residents for their thoughts, among them Mr John Crawford, farmer and grazier, of Pinegrove East. Mr Crawford considered that good spring rains on the plain and timber country at Pannoobamawm might bring a yield of from 12 to 16 bushels, but he added "We have had one of the worst seasons I have known during my residence of 28 years in the district." Mr Crawford's family featured in the social column of the Elmore Standard on 19 September 1901, in a report of the marriage of his second daughter, Miss Barbara A Crawford to Private William Gamble of Pine Grove. The wedding ceremony took place at the Crawford family home on 28 August. (After being invalided home from the Boer War, Private Gamble had been selected to play a role in directing forage to the troops in Africa.) On 26 September, Pine Grove East was in the news yet again, when a youth named Norman Willows was injured in a horse-racing accident at the sports there. The incident was reported by the Melbourne Argus and the Bendigo Advertiser.

Fine weather prevailed for the local State Schools' picnic, held at the Pinegrove Recreation Reserve on 19 October 1901. However, while rain later that month gave a boost to the farmers' hopes, throughout the harvest period it was generally acknowledged that crops were light. The Warragamba correspondent wrote to the Elmore Standard on 19 December 1901: - "Dairying has also been very slack. The local creamery treated about 80,000 gallons less milk this year than last. ...Well sinking is being carried on with great vigour." On 28 December, there came sad news of the death at Diggora of Mrs Phyllis Nicholls, one of that district's early pioneer settlers. Residents across the region hoped that next year would be better.

'Bye,
Marg O'Brien

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

2-10 Market Street, Lockington



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other times by appointment
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Hire of the main room plus the side room \$100
Hire of commercial kitchen \$100
plus refundable \$100 bond
Phone Sandra 0427 030 804

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

Sunday Duty Roster

25 February	Jack & Susan K
3 March	Lyndsay G & Don O'B
10 March	Des & Tom
17 March	Jim & Therese
24 March	Bev & Les
31 March	Beryl & Garry

Members of the Quarry Hill Croquet Club with "Goldie", their new turf lawnmower that was purchased as a result of the Fosterville Community Grant they received.



Fosterville Gold Mine Community Grants – applications now open

The Community Grants Program aims to support initiatives which actively contribute to the growth of our local communities both now and into the future.

Applications open
Friday 23 February 9am
and close Monday
25 March at 5pm



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The inaugural meeting of the Lockington District Business Centre Committee of Management was held on 24 February 2004 with President John Hewlett at the helm; the Committee comprised Joy Weller, Liz Wright, Graeme Wood, Graeme Haines, Faye Haines, Louise Ross, Jim Sandercock and Phil Collins.

LDBC didn't have a formal opening, however, the newest branch of the Elmore Lockington Community Bank was officially launched on 3 March 2004. The Business Centre commenced operation five and a half days a week and was initially run exclusively by some 45 volunteers working two and a half hour shifts.

Since the Centre's inception, just shy of 50,000 volunteer working hours have been dedicated by community members at the front desk alone and an average of 35 active volunteers have supported the whole organisation each year. In the first six months of LDBC's operation, fuel sales averaged 1000 litres per day; 20 years later that figure has grown to almost 3000 litres daily.

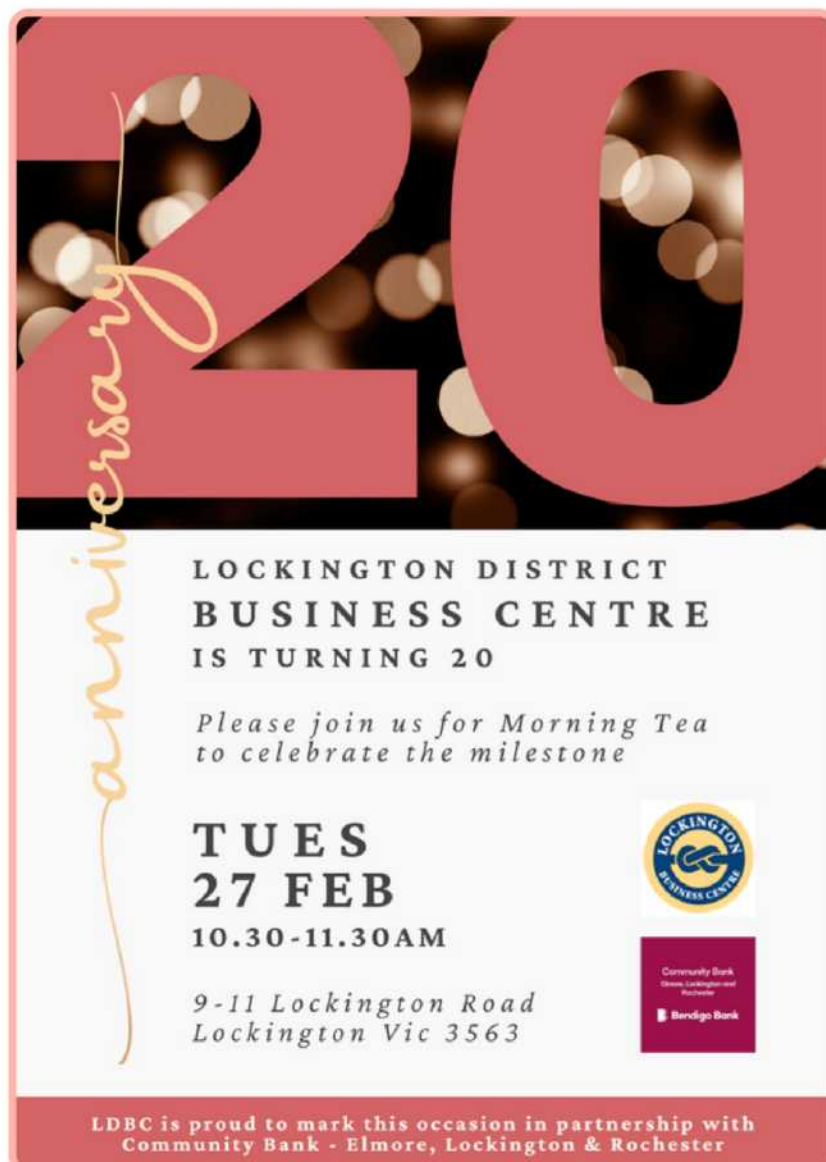
In 2007, Federal and Local Government grants of \$80,000 were obtained to replace the existing underground fuel tanks with much larger ones to enable bulk fuel purchases. The bowsers were also shifted to the north side of the building.

In 2005 LDBC received the Tidy Towns "Spirit of Australia Award" for the north-east region, progressing to a State Final.

In 2006, a Neighbourhood House was formally launched, to build on volunteer-run projects already underway in the district. This work was undertaken voluntarily until DHHS funding was provided for six hours per week. The funding was extended to 10 hours in July 2009 and slowly increased over the following 12 years to 25 hours.

A wide range of programs have subsequently been co-ordinated including a Women's Pamper Day, Feast for the Senses Festivals and community dance programs. In 2008 LDBC hosted the Victorian Small Towns summit in conjunction with Campaspe Shire and in 2008 the Centre worked with ACME to produce a series of films on Lockington and district.

The workshop space at the rear of the building was initially rented out to a local business; when it moved to bigger premises funding was sought and secured for a Men's Shed which opened on 15 April 2010 with 25 keen members.



**LOCKINGTON DISTRICT
BUSINESS CENTRE
IS TURNING 20**

*Please join us for Morning Tea
to celebrate the milestone*

**TUES
27 FEB
10.30-11.30AM**

*9-11 Lockington Road
Lockington Vic 3563*

LOCKINGTON
BUSINESS CENTRE

Community Bank
Elmore Lockington
Rochester

Bendigo Bank

LDBC is proud to mark this occasion in partnership with
Community Bank - Elmore, Lockington & Rochester

The Men's Shed was set up to improve the health and wellbeing of community members (particularly men) by giving them a safe space to make friends, share meaningful activities, talk and access health information and resources.

In 2017 Campaspe Shire Council offered LDBC the contract for the Lockington Library Depot - a room was converted and once again volunteers were found to man the office. Lockington Library is open three days a week, for four hours each day.

In 2017 LDBC purchased the adjoining Plumber's Shed precinct which has been developed into an appealing community space comprising a multi-purpose meeting room and community garden.

In the same year, the LDBC volunteer team was recognised, winning a 2017 Campaspe Community Volunteer Award.

In 2021 the corner block was turned into a pump track, complemented by a garden area and murals along the fence line. This project was made possible thanks to the generosity of Leanne and Brendan Pentreath who donated the land.

It's hard to imagine where Locky might be today, without the foresight of the Lockington Community Care Committee members who identified the need to fiercely protect the town's fuel and financial services when both were in danger of being permanently lost early in the new millennium.

The Lockington District Business Centre Committee would like to thank all present and past volunteers and the broader community for supporting this venture from the very beginning.

LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS



The year got off to a great start as we welcomed 23 new prep students to Lockington Consolidated School along with several new families and students to our school community.

Our Annual School Swimming Program saw all students participate in lessons at the Lockington Pool.

The lesson program was followed by our Annual Swimming Carnival allowing students in Grades 3 to 6 to consolidate their newly acquired skills. Big congratulations to our Age Champions:-

Pictured Below Right: Nine Years - Archie Hearn (boys); Tully Sharp (girls).
 Pictured Below Left: Ten Years - Logan Portwine (boys); Indi Hann (girls).

Pictured Above Left: Eleven Years - Hunter Sims (boys); Emily Coonerty (girls).
 Pictured Above Right: Twelve Years - Harry Dunham (boys); Marley Carnegie (girls)



All students put in a great effort, and it was fantastic to hear and see lots of encouragement for their peers.



LOCKY UKERS HOST WORKSHOP



On Sunday 11 February the Lockington Ukelele Group was joined by ukelele enthusiasts from Gunbower, Echuca, Bendigo, Girgarre, Numurkah, Cobram, Tocumwal and Yarrawonga at Lockington District Living Heritage Complex.

The occasion was a ukelele masterclass by music teacher Kim Burns from Golden Square on strum, timing and rhythm styles.

A special shout out to FRRR who provided a grant for the fabulous new air conditioning units in the 'brick room' which tempered the heat nicely ensuring maximum comfort for the 29 workshop attendees.

CAR, BIKE & UTE SHOW AND SHINE
Great Northern Show ROCHESTER
23rd & 24th February 2024
PEOPLE'S CHOICE
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FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 5PM ON MOON OVAL

AEROBATIC AIRSHOW DISPLAY
Great Northern Show ROCHESTER
23rd & 24th February 2024
Friday Night 23rd February 2024 - Before our FIREWORKS!
SCREAMING DIAMONDS

CALENDAR DATES



February

- 23 EOI's close - Lockington Place Based Plan Committee
- 23 & 24 Great Northern Show @ Rochester 
- 27 Lockington Business Centre 20th Anniversary
- 28 East Loddon Food Share @ Locky Bush Nursing

March

- 1 World Day of Prayer service 7.30pm
- 3 Clean Up Australia Day
- 4 **TYPING DAY - NEXT EDITION LOCKY NEWS**
- 8 Farm Business Resilience Workshop (1)
- 9 Lockington Pony Club Come & Try Day 
- 11 **Labor Day Public Holiday**
- 14 Farm Business Resilience Workshop (2)
- 16 Elmore Tractor Pull 
- 16 Echuca/Moama Discovery Day (Echuca)
- 21 Farm Business Resilience Workshop (3)
- 26 Farm Business Resilience Workshop (4)
- 28 **School Term 1 finishes**
Rochester Easter Twilight Market
- 29 **Good Friday** 



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.





The Challenge: 71,000 homemade biscuits, delivered in packs of 10, to every prisoner in Victoria

The Cause: To promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a practical expression of God's love

This Easter we would love for you and your community to partner with Prison Fellowship to show Victorian prisoners that the Christian community has not forgotten them.

This is a real, practical, and simple way to give a profound message of love and hope.

Each prisoner will receive a packet of biscuits containing a card that speaks of God's love and Jesus' death and resurrection.

BISCUITS MUST BE:-

- Homemade
- Crisp not moist or crumbly
- Nut free (no peanut butter, almond flour/meal, sesame seeds or nuts)
- In sealed, disposable containers
- Clearly labelled with ingredients
- Labelled with the number of biscuits in each container
- Delivered by the due date please
- Gluten Free Biscuits needed as well

For more information & delivery contact Beryl on 0428 862 353, 2 Burns Street, Lockington.

Biscuits required by: 17 March. Thank you.



GOSPEL MEETINGS

Feel free to attend a series of public meetings in the

Community House
Computer Room
45 Mackay Street, ROCHESTER
Sundays 3pm - 4pm

These WEEKLY meetings are all about Jesus - told freely & simply. ALL WELCOME

For inquiries: 0458 008 557



LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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



Campaspe Shire Council has a new Community Engagement team.

We were pleased to welcome Youth Community Development Officer Kane Stewart (pictured above - left) and Community Development Officers Jacinta Addamo & Qader Karimi when they visited Lockington Neighbourhood House recently.

Kane also attended our Youth Action Group program on 14 February and discussed exciting plans for a youth-led project in Lockington in October.

The Halloween-themed event will be funded by Campaspe Shire through the State Government's FReeZA initiative.

Keep an eye out for further details as planning progresses - any young people who would like to be a part of the organising committee are welcome to join in.

Campaspe Library is inviting entries for its annual Wrapped for Winter community exhibition.

The free event is open to anyone who enjoys being creative and will feature a display of handmade shawls, scarves, beanies and gloves.

Exhibits can be crocheted, knitted, felted or sewn – the only restriction is your imagination.

Items will be displayed at Campaspe Libraries across the Shire throughout May, June and July and at the conclusion of the event, exhibitors will have the option of donating their project to the Echuca Moama Community Projects Winter Coat & Blanket Drive.

For further information or an entry form, pop into the Library at Lockington District Business Centre.

Entries close on Monday 6 May, 2024.



LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY
CUPPA CONNECTION

We are absolutely delighted with the community response to **Cuppa Connection** - we topped 20 visitors for the first time in February!

Join us on **Thursday 14 March from 10am** for a cuppa, morning tea & a catch up at the Plumber's Shed.

Everyone welcome, no cost to attend - with thanks to Neighbourhood House and Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre.

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/m0VJ8i426m>

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@deeca.vic.gov.au



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Get curious at cultural institutions like Bendigo Art Gallery.


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**Lockington & District
Bush Nursing Centre Inc.**

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**WEDNESDAY
28th February, 2024
From 11.00pm – 1.00pm**

SUPPORTED BY




**LOCKINGTON BUSH
NURSING CENTRE**



**BRING A GROCERY
BAG AND A SMALL
DONATION OF \$5
(TAX DEDUCTABLE)
TO HELP KEEP US
GOING.**

**The East Loddon Food
Share Collection Day at
Lockington Bush Nursing
Centre.**

**It is open to everyone and
anyone that would like to
come along a fill a bag of
groceries for \$5 donation
(tax deductible receipt
provided).**

**We will have fresh
fruit/veggies, bread, cold
and frozen food and dry
staples. Look forward to
seeing you all for a chat
and friendly smile.**

Closed - Public Holiday Monday 11th March 2024

Sexual Health & Well Womens Clinic

On Wed 27th March 2024 from 12.30- 4.15pm.

Bookings are essential .

Please call for an appointment. Cilla and Dr Vinita Rane (via Zoom) will be available to discuss any issues relating to sexual health, pregnancy,



*Dr Vinita Rane is a sexual health/general physician and medical educator. She is the Deputy Director of Medical Education for the Northern Clinical School at the University of Melbourne
Featured image: Dr Rane with her daughter.*

**Pfizer Covid Vaccination
Clinic**

We are running a clinic on
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 stock is
limited.

Reminders...

Please phone ahead or book an
appointment to see the nurse .
Our lunchbreak is **12:30-1:30pm**
daily, please avoid interruptions
unless it is an emergency.

REDHS News

Hospital Rebuild

Revised stages of our re-build are:

→ Stage 1

**anticipated completion date June 2024*

- **Aged Care Stage 1**
30 beds
- **Acute Hospital & Urgent Care**
- **Support Services**
Kitchen, Stores, Laundry

→ Stage 2

**anticipated completion date October 2024*

- **Community Care**
Home Care, Allied Health, GP Clinic, SSG Function Room, Administration, Reception

→ Stage 3

**anticipated completion date December 2024*

- **Aged Care Stage 2**

*(*assuming no major delays/interruptions)*

REBUILD FUN FACTS

- 1 PAINT**
450 litres of paint have been used so far.
- 2 CONTRACTORS**
Up to 38 contractors are on site each day including carpenters, painters, plasterers, electricians, plumbers, and steel workers.
- 3 PLASTER & CEMENT SHEETING**
7,000 plaster and cement sheets have been used.
- 4 DOORS**
250 doors have been replaced.
- 5 SNAKES**
Three snake sightings this summer.
- 6 TIMBER**
6072 lineal metres of timber has been used which is closely equal to... the approximate number of pubs in Australia.

Exercise Physiology

Did you know that Exercise Physiologists (EPs) can support you managing the symptoms of chronic illness and injuries?

This may include cardiac (heart) disease, diabetes, respiratory (lung / breathing) issues, strokes, autoimmune diseases, falls risks, chronic pain symptoms and many more.

EP's can also work to prevent the prevalence of secondary diseases and can have a positive impact on physical and mental wellbeing.

EP's work with clients to assess their current fitness level and find an exercise program that is appropriate for that individual. Our EP's are qualified and understand how to care for clients with complex needs and how medications interact when you exercise.

Treatment options include:

- Individualised exercise rehabilitation programs
- Assessments for specific group exercise classes
- Mobility/ walking aid recommendations

REDHS Exercise Physiology Services are available at Elmore and Rushworth.

For appointments and more information please call 03 5484 4400.



Urgent Care

located at 40-44 Moore Street
Rochester, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Monday to Friday
Call 0428 358 892



Rochester & Elmore District Health Service

03 5484 4400

www.redhs.com.au

FROM OUR CHURCHES

Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

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

- 25 February - 10am combined service at Holy Trinity Rochester
- 1 March (Fri) - 7.30pm World Day Prayer 2024 St James Community Church
- 3 March - 10am Combined service at Bamawm Uniting Church
- 8 March (Fri) - Holy Trinity Rochester (time to be advised) Commissioning Service for Samuel Kelly

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 Bamawm UCA from 10am zoomed to and from the following churches:-

- 25 Feb - Bamawm
- 3 Mar - Bamawm (joined by St. Mary's Lockington)

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 #983

Luke ch4 v 1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for 40 days by the devil.

CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

Coming Up

Tuesday, 19 March
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.

Campaspe Kerbside and Resource Recovery Survey

Council's waste team is conducting a survey of residents to find out about their recycling and waste disposal habits.

The survey will form baseline data for some exciting upcoming projects, and those who complete the survey will go in the running to win a \$100 prepaid voucher.

Survey closes 5pm on Friday, 8 March. Survey link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJSK3CK

Employment #campaspecareers

- Customer Service Officer
- Community Partnerships Manager
- Early Childhood Educator Co Worker – Casual
- Early Childhood Educator Room Leader – Casual
- Group Fitness Instructor
- Maternal & Child Health Nurse – Casual
- Supported Playgroup Facilitator – Casual

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

Echuca Moama Discovery Day

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

The event will be held on Saturday 16 March from 10am to 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.

Weeds, Waste & Invasive Species Information Sessions

Campaspe Shire Flood Recovery and Waste and Environment Departments are hosting the Weeds, Waste and Invasive Species Information Sessions in Gunbower, Rushworth, Toolleen and Tongala in March. The sessions will feature a range of guest speakers, including:

- Jim Castles – weed presentation and Q&A
- Nick Hunter – rabbit control and community programs
- Shenandoah Bruce – NCCMA One for One control program
- Elizabeth Alsop – Agriculture Recovery Officer AgVic
- Pippa Kay – grants available in the region

The sessions are free, however bookings are required for catering requirements. Scan the QR code to register.



Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is happening on Sunday, 3 March.

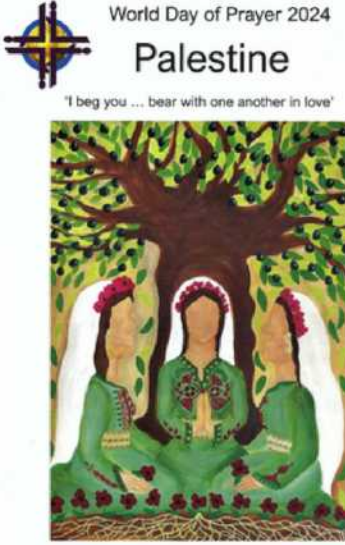
Across Campaspe there are a range of clean up events to keep public spaces clean and rubbish out of bushlands and waterways.

To find a clean up event or sign up for your own event, visit www.register.cleanup.org.au/join-a-clean-up.

Planning Drop-in Visits

Council's Planning team will be trialling a new drop-in service from March until June. Each Thursday, from 10am – 1pm, a member of the planning team will be available at the Echuca offices for dedicated face-to-face sessions with community.

Drop in for any planning enquiries, no bookings are required. As always, Council's planning team can be contacted on 1300 666 535 for verbal or written enquiries and to organise dedicated face-to-face meetings.



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

REMINDER - RAIL SERVICE CHANGES

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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB

12 FEBRUARY

Another hectic bowls week in Lockington - tournaments, barefoot bowls, pennant and good fun had by all!

The first function on the agenda was the inaugural Legends Twilight 2 Bowl Triples. Twenty-four teams graced the greens and played three games of eight ends.

The evening was dedicated to our local legends and it was pleasing to have Roy Perks attend and meet the bowlers.

Vice President John van den Bosch spoke at length about Roy's achievements spanning some 58 years - Life Member; 28-times Club Champion plus several Club Championships including 21 Up and 100 Up competitions; represented the Group 5 Sides Championship on several occasions and won the Campaspe Valley Bowls Association Champion of Champions three times.

Roy was also involved in the construction of the extended Club Social Room; was President for two years and featured in many local and Interstate tournaments, including the Australian Fours Championship held in Tasmania alongside Doug Phillips, Ian Evans and Vin van Every who reached the last four.

Numerous tournament victories ensued over the years with success in the Moama Bowling Club May Carnival Mixed Pairs with Ollie Vicary. Roy thanked the Club for the honor and wished all bowlers further success.



On the green the bowling was a treat to watch and we finished up with four - three game winners.

The trio of John van den Bosch, Brooke Coghill and Brian Kinnane (s) (Pictured Above) collected the major prizes scoring 81 points. In second place was the Pat Duffy trio including John Andrea and Calvin Stout on 80 points on a countback from the Rhonda Gallagher team on 80 points. Gayle Kerr won the three games and scored 78 points.

Several Clubs were represented on the night. Convenor Cindy Felmingham expressed sincere thanks to sponsor Petstock - Echuca for generous support.

Barefoot Bowls attracted 30 players in ideal conditions. The winning team was John Andrea, Shane Felmingham, Anthony Westwood (s) 2 wins plus 7 shots ahead of Davin Francis, Ashley Cunningham, Brooke Coghill (s) 2 wins + 6 shots.



The Pennant round produced only one victory overall. Division Four shook off the cobwebs to score an amazing 73 shots win over an undermanned Tongala combination. End result was Lockington 103 to Tongala 30. (Kalvin Stout d. E Hosking 32-10; Neil Haines d. E Vistarini 42-11; Steve Peter d. R Hosking 29-9).

Division Three challenged the strong Deniliquin R.S.L. squad and were defeated by the slender margin of four shots 56-60. (Russell Shawcross lost to N Austin 18-21; Leanne McInnes l.t. T King 9-23; Phillip Cunningham d. J Jennings 29-16). In Division Five the local teams travelled to Rochester and lost the games 36-50. (Les Brereton drew G Prince 18 all; Geoff Shawcross l.t. Y Smolenaars 18-32).

The Midweek Pennant ended for our women with a 20 shot loss to Deniliquin 27-47. (Denise Gilmore l.t. A Hardcastle 14-23; Phyllis MacFarlane l.t. M Law 13-24).

The Club held a successful Mixed Pairs 2x4x2 Tournament, generously sponsored by the Caledonian Hotel - Echuca. Twenty teams competed with several Clubs represented. At the completion of the three games, there were three - three game winners.

The overall winners following a close scrutiny of the cards was the husband and wife team of Anne and Max Williams from Elmore with 80 points ahead of second placed Jenny and John Fisher scoring 77 points while Cindy and Shane Felmingham placed third on 76 points.

Special competition winners were Bob Dennis (Rochester), Annie Haines, Fay Wolfe (Rochester), Phil Brock (Elmore) and Corrie Holmberg (Elmore). Club President Neil Haines acknowledged the input from the greens staff, kitchen staff, barman Dave Thomas and the Caledonian Hotel - Echuca.

The Club thanked all members and supporters for the contribution to the recent Charity Round. A total of \$1045.25 was raised for the respective charities - Wellness Centre Echuca and the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

The women will be holding the annual Twilight Mixed Fours Tournament on Thursday 29 February 2024 commencing at 5pm. Contact Katthi Maddison 0428 862 347 for details.

18 FEBRUARY

The week began with a smaller field for Tuesday night Barefoot Bowls - a probable cause may have been the torrential rainfall mid-afternoon.

Sixteen players rolled up to enjoy the occasion and played 3 Bowl Pairs which resulted in three / two game winners.

Following a close scrutiny of the cards, the talented duo of Ian Haines and Jeff Carnie (s) reigned supreme scoring two wins plus 17 shots and collected the main chocolates.

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In second place was Shane Felmingham and Ray Hanson (s) 2 wins +8 shots ahead of Natalie McLaughlin - Rod Fielder (s) 2 wins +6 shots. Barefoot Bowls continues each Tuesday evening.

The final curtain has been lowered for the Club in the Campaspe Area Weekend Pennant. Lockington finished the season on a bit of a high with two out of three Divisions winning - not bad!

Division Three travelled to Stanhope to do battle and failed to win a rink on the day going down 51-73. (Phillip Cunnington lost to J Crilly 19-20; Leanne McInnes l.t. C Evans 16-24; Russell Shawcross l.t. A Morris 16-29).

Division Four returned home from Ky Valley View in a happy mood after winning the match 59-46 and two rinks in front. (Kalvin Stout l.t. R Donohue 14-17; Neil Haines d. K Hastie 24-12; rookie skip John Andrea d. L Busch 21-17).

Division Five hosted the Echuca combination at home and won both rinks to score a 10 shot upset victory 40-30. (Les Brereton d. R Tooley 22-15; Geoff Shawcross d. D Smith 18-15).

A special highlight of the day was the battle between Alan Kauffman and Kevin McAsey leading on rink five. Both gentlemen started their bowling careers at Lockington back in the mid 1980s and shared plenty of good bowling times, winning several tournaments along with Don Igsro and Tom Davis.

The spirit and goodwill shown on Saturday was a credit to both bowlers and goes to prove that lawn bowls is a treasured and friendly sport. Good bowling to all Clubs competing in the final series.

Club competitions are to be completed in due course. The women have their draw listed for the 100 Up Championship.

The Club will accept entries for the CMS Engineering sponsored Open Fours on Sunday 17 March 2024 (St. Patrick's Day) starting at 9.30am. Contact Ray Hanson 0235 9911865 or Lloyd Buchanan.



PICTURED ABOVE (top): Lockington Bowls Club Caledonian Mixed Pairs winners Max & Ann Williams and runners-up John & Jen Fisher.

PICTURED BELOW: Lockington Bowls Club Legends Triples runners-up Kalvin Stout and Steve Peter with sponsor Terrill Westwood of Petstock Echuca. Pat Duffy is absent from the photo.





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Wednesday

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Saturday

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FOURTH WEEK

Monday

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

Wednesday

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting - 7.30pm Heritage Centre.