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**41**  
yearsof community  
service in 2024

# LOCKY NEWS

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**"Through a combination of passionate commitment to their town, concern for their community and a determination to build a future for their families, Lockington has become a benchmark for regional Australia in how to not just take it on the chin but to get in the fight – and win."**

That's how Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh reflected on the 20th anniversary of the Lockington District Business Centre and local Community Bank - Elmore, Lockington and Rochester Branch.

More than 50 people came together to mark the milestone at a morning tea at the Business Centre on 27 February.

The function also featured a presentation to much-loved Community Bank staff member Wendy Wright (pictured above, right) who was celebrating 15 years with the organisation.

LDBC President Jennie Keele said it was a super turnout and reflected the community's pride in what has been achieved over the past 20 years.

She acknowledged the role the Lockington Community Bank has played in the Business Centre success story and the many volunteers who have previously and continue to give so generously of their time

**PICTURED ABOVE (left):** Peter Walsh enjoys the festivities with the three LDBC Presidents - current Jennie Keele, her predecessor Paul Byrne & inaugural Chair John Hewlett.

**PICTURED RIGHT:** Jennie Keele & Helen O'Sullivan (Community Bank Board Member at the time of establishing the Lockington Branch) cut the 20th anniversary cake.

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## LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again everyone,

We have reached January 1902, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the people of this district were faring.

Water had become very scarce, and the harvest then in full swing, was falling short of expectations, as reported to the Elmore Standard on 2 January 1902, by its Pine Grove correspondent. It was noted that "A large number of new harvesters have been introduced into the district this season, and appear to be giving general satisfaction. The old-fashioned stripper will soon be a thing of the past."

The following thoughts, expressed to the Standard by this same correspondent a week later, were probably shared by many throughout the northern plains: - "Many years ago when the late Mr Hugh M'Coll was so persistently advocating his great 'canal scheme,' many of the farmers were prone to ridicule the idea as a fad, &c., but the time has now arrived when they are forced to admit that this same 'fad,' had it only been put into practice and carried out, as it should have been, would have proved the salvation of these arid northern plains, and would have been worth hundreds of thousands of pounds to the land owners of the colony."

Interest in the scheme was now very real and, as reported in the Standard on the 16 January 1902, a well-attended public meeting was held at Mitiamo on the 9th, urging that the Government begin immediately to construct the Waranga Basin and the Goulburn Channel.

Weather-wise, the year had not begun well, and the few heavy but brief showers that fell early in January did little to help. The harvest, when completed, was light, the dams were dry and rabbit numbers were increasing.

As reported by the Elmore Standard on 9 January 1902, at Bamawm, Pannooabamawm, Panoomilloo, and Diggora, the residents were agitating for a daily mail to and from Rochester, to replace the existing tri-weekly service.

Petitions in favour of the desired alteration were forwarded to J H McColl, M.H.R., asking him to use his influence on behalf of the project. On the social scene, on 23 January, the family and friends of Miss Mollie Quinn, formerly of Diggora, were among those who gathered at the Brigidine Convent at Echuca to mark the occasion of her taking her white veil, and her name in religion - Sister Mary Anthony.

The dry weather continued throughout February and, on 19 February, the Diggora West correspondent to the Standard noted that windmills were coming into favour in that district; several having been erected on wells with a good water supply. Describing the position in the Rochester district, in its issue of 26 February 1902, the Bendigo Advertiser stated that it had been many years since there was such a general scarcity of water. Locally, hopes were maintained as residents attended thanksgiving services, held on 17 February, at Pine Grove and at the Milloo Church of England. At the Tennyson Hall, on Wednesday, 19th inst., a tea meeting and a concert were held in connection with the local Presbyterian Church.

On 1 March 1902, an article appeared in the Melbourne Leader describing the "grave state of affairs around Echuca." It stated that the parishes of Gunbower and Terricks were in a "terrible state," while the parishes of Torrumbarry, Terricks East, Pine Grove, Patho and Wharparilla were much the same. An item in the Numurkah Leader on 7 March claimed that the summer's yield of wheat in those parishes had been the lowest in the district's history.

The Elmore Standard of 27 March, noted that in the previous two years there had been a "general stampede" of farmers leaving the district. As though to bear out that statement, the Standard that month reported on functions held at Diggora to farewell the Williamson and Oliver families. Mr Oliver had lived in Diggora for thirty-two years.

On 25 March 1902, there came a change in the weather but it was preceded by an extensive, "terrific" dust storm, with dust "so thick that for a couple of minutes everything was in total darkness," as reported in the Bendigo Independent. In the next few days, some parts of the region received almost 2 inches [50 mms] of rain; much appreciated, as it replenished the dams and meant an end to water-carting. On 27 February, the Bendigo Advertiser stated that in recent weeks, there had been so great a demand for the iron tanks used by the farmers to cart water, that a Rochester plumbing firm had been obliged to employ more workmen to cope with the orders.

Through April, the grass grew well and winter cricket provided a distraction from the local farmers' worries, but there was no follow-up rainfall. By 9 May, the Piavella correspondent to the Bendigo Independent could state that prospects there had "never been more gloomy." The only happy news came from Pine Grove East, where the marriage of John Jasper and Sarah Zealley was celebrated on 28 May 1902. On the other hand, on that same day at Diggora, Mr John Bishop's house was destroyed by fire. Drought conditions continued as winter began and, on 7 June, the Diggora West correspondent wrote to the Bendigo Independent that the northern plains were experiencing their "eighth bad year in succession." The effect in the Terricks region was described by the Melbourne Age on 9 June as being "deplorable."

They had a further ten days to wait for some relief, but we'll need to wait until the next Locky News,

Marg O'Brien

### **Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.**

2-10 Market Street, Lockington



Photo by... Vin Jarrod, Noomlight Media

**Open Sundays 1 - 4 pm**  
other times by appointment  
Phone "Jack" Oliver 0428 862 566

### **Venue available for hire...**

(weddings, parties, pretty much anything!)  
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**

10 March	Des & Tom
17 March	Jim & Therese
24 March	Bev & Les
31 March	Beryl & Garry



## MILLOO CWA REPORT

There was full attendance at the first meeting Milloo CWA meeting for 2024 when one member was celebrating their 90th birthday.

Lorrie had made a nice sponge for a birthday cake with nine candles on it and Margaret had prepared a competition on how well we knew Norma which created a lot of interest.

Delegates to the Echuca Group Conference were nominated where it was expected the future of the Echuca Group would be discussed as we are down to three branches following the closure of Bamawm Branch last year.

There was no information on the Rochester Show so it was not discussed.

### Competition Results:-

A Flower From Your Garden: 1st, Julie Chappel; 2nd Colleen Van Den Bosch.

Cookery – Sweet Or Savoury: 1st Margaret Fiedler; 2nd, Elaine Mitchell

Craft – Gift Made for Travel: 1st Maureen Rorke; equal 2nd Val Read, Colleen Van Den Bosch & Elaine Mitchell.

Horticulture – A Shoulder Spray: 1st Elaine Mitchell; 2nd Julie Chappel & Val Read.

Miscellaneous – A Supper Cloth: 1st Margaret Fiedler; 2nd Agnes Cant.

The Milloo branch's next meeting is on 14 March at 10am at the Milloo Hall.

The competitions are: A Flower From Your Garden; Craft – Something Old You Have Made; Cookery – Jar Of Tomato Relish; Horticulture – Two Flowers & Foliage; Miscellaneous – Something Beginning With M.

- Julie Chappel (54 862 226)

## DEATH NOTICES

### STEWART, Geoffrey Michael

18.08.1944 ~ 24.02.2024

Beloved husband of Yvonne.

Loved father of Deidre, Alan, Rodney & Kristine.

Father-in-law of Darren, Pauline and Matthew.

Pa of 7 and great-grandfather of 3.

His death leaves in our heart a deep wound but his example and his advice will spur us to live as he did in his faith and with his love pray so that you one day may be reunited with him in Heaven.

Passed away peacefully at BUPA, Echuca.

Beloved son of Alan & Annie Stewart, late of Tennyson and Lockington.

Loved Brother of Margaret (dec), Alan (dec), Vonnice, Dorothy, Eileen, Ian (dec) John (dec), Chris & Laurie (dec). Loved brother of Dorothy. Brother-in-law of Des.

Fun loving Uncle of Judy, Brendan, Andrea (Lizzie), Maria, Sherryn, Terry and Leigh.

Brother of Eileen Mancer.

Brother-in-law of Bluey (dec).

Uncle Geoffro of Stewart, Sue (dec), Janelle and Travis.

Great-Uncle to Kyran, Xavier (dec) and Te Maire.

### HARGREAVES, Phyllis (Formerly of Bamawm)

Born 12.12.1929. Promoted to Glory 15.02.2024.

Loving wife of John "Jack" (dec).

Much loved mother of John (dec).

Graeme, Margaret & Peter.

Loving mother-in-law of Denise, Della & Noel.

Loving Grandmother & Great-Grandmother.

Resting In God's Loving Arms.

## CALENDAR DATES



### March

- 9 Lockington Pony Club Come & Try Day 
- 11 Labor Day Public Holiday
- 14 Farm Business Resilience Workshop (2)
- 14 Community Cuppa Connection
- 16 Elmore Tractor Pull 
- 16 Echuca/Moama Discovery Day (Echuca)
- 18 TYPING DAY - NEXT EDITION LOCKY NEWS
- 18 Lockington Seniors Luncheon 
- 21 Farm Business Resilience Workshop (3)
- 23 Agnico Eagle Information Session @ Kamarooka
- 25 Fosterville Gold Mine Community Grants close
- 25 Campaspe Shire Immunisations in Lockington
- 26 Farm Business Resilience Workshop (4)
- 28 School Term 1 finishes  
Rochester Easter Twilight Market
- 29 Good Friday 




## LOCKINGTON PONY CLUB

At Lockington Pony Club, We are all about everyone enjoying their horses and ponies in a fun and safe environment. We have some amazing rallies coming up each month, so if you have a horse or pony, don't be shy. Come along to a rally and have some fun with us. Please call phone number to rsvp for the up and coming rallies.

 **9TH MARCH**  
 **FROM 8AM ARRIVAL**  
 **CNR DULLARD RD AND STRATHALLAN RD**  
 **0418694777**

**COME AND TRY**  
\$35

A man with a beard is sitting in the driver's seat of a car at night. He is holding a yellow breathalyzer device in his mouth and blowing into it. The device has a small screen and the word 'SYCOAN' is visible on it. The car's interior is dimly lit, and the background shows some blurred lights from outside.

# **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.





## WRAPPED IN WINTER PROJECT

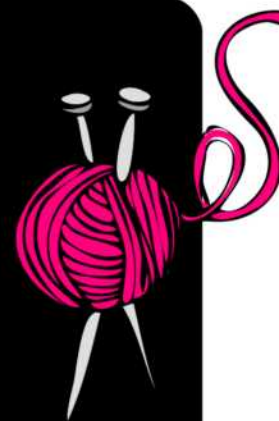
A reminder that Campaspe Library is inviting entries for its annual Wrapped for Winter community exhibition.

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.



## PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP

Are you or someone you know impacted by Parkinson's Disease?

A new Parkinson's Support Group has been launched in Echuca and the organisers have extended a warm welcome to anyone in the Lockington community who would like to attend.

The Support Group is available to people with a connection to Parkinson's Disease, whether it be as a carer, partner or family member, or someone who is living with the illness.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Echuca Senior Citizens Centre in Landsborough Street from 10am.

There is no cost to attend and the get togethers are informal. Meetings include morning tea and networking opportunities with like-minded people.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Alex Atkins (0427 820 287).

**LOCKY BLOCKS**

**Saturday  
27 April 2024**

**Lockington Community Centre  
10am - 4pm**

**Entry via Gold Coin Donation**

All proceeds to Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre  
Event co-ordinated by Lockington YAGers

 **Bringing an amazing display of LEGO® builds to Lockington for the first time**

 **Also featuring entries in a children's building competition**

This event is proudly running in conjunction with the 2024 Lockington Vintage Engine Rally

**LOCKINGTON**

*Seniors Luncheon*

**MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024**

12pm for 12.30pm meal – cold meat, salads & sweets  
Lockington Community Centre  
\$10 per person, bookings essential  
Ph Bev 0447 553 303

Featuring a Guest Speaker  
Raffles – Lucky Door Prizes – etc

**ALL SENIORS WELCOME**



## OUR PUB HAS A NEW WEBSITE!



Congratulations to Blake Humbert who has done a super job designing Lockington Hotel's sparkling new website which has officially gone live.

The site is a one-stop shop for everything you need to know about Our Pub and a great resource for both locals and visitors to the area.

It even includes a very handy online booking system which makes it easier than ever to secure a table for dinner or a room to stay in.

All online bookings should now be directed through the website - please note that if you previously messaged or commented on Facebook to make a booking, this service is no longer available.

For now, while the Pub staff get acquainted with the new system, you will only be able to book up to eight people online.

This number will be extended down the track, but in the meantime if you have a large group - or you like the old fashioned way, phone bookings are still available on 5486 2501.

Check out the website at [www.lockingtonhotel.com.au](http://www.lockingtonhotel.com.au)

## GUN SAFETY COURSE

**Pinegrove Gun Club will host a Gun Safety Course on Thursday, 21 March from 7.30pm.**

The cost is \$30 per person, with juniors aged under-18 years free.

Payment for the course will be via cash on the night and participants are asked to please bring along the correct money.

There is a cap on the number of participants and therefore bookings are essential. Please call Julian 0428 844 489 to secure a place.

## Author Visits

Coming to Campaspe in March  
Put these dates in your diary

 <b>International Women's Day</b> 2 Inspiring Speakers - Hazel Edwards OAM & Karen Mills Echuca Library, Friday 8 March 2pm	 <b>Rachel Syers</b> Biographer Echuca Library, Friday 15 March 11.30am	 <b>Fiona Lowe</b> Award winning Australian author Kyabram Library, Monday 18 March 10.30am
 <b>Glenna Thomson</b> Australian author Echuca Library, Thursday 21 March 12.30pm	<p><b>Where</b> Campaspe Library Echuca &amp; Kyabram</p> <p><b>Cost</b> Free!</p> <p><b>Bookings required please</b> Books available for sale courtesy Collins Booksellers</p>	

Campaspe Library | 03 5481 2400 | [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library)



**Would you like to be part of a Prison Fellowship Australia challenge to provide 71,000 homemade biscuits, delivered in packs of 10, to every prisoner in Victoria?**

This Easter the Fellowship is encouraging participation in the cooking project to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a practical expression of God's love

For further information about the local arm of the project or to deliver your biscuits contact Beryl on 0428 862 353 (2 Burns Street, Lockington). Biscuits are required by 17 March.

### Cooking criteria:-

- 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
- Gluten Free Biscuits needed as well



There's nothing better than a cuppa & a chat

Join us at the Plumber's Shed  
(opposite the Supermarket) for

**Morning Tea**

**THURSDAY 14 MARCH**

**10am - 11.30am**

A community wellbeing initiative proudly presented  
in partnership by Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre  
& Lockington Neighbourhood House  
with the support of Bendigo Health - Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit

Cuppa Connection is held on the Second Thursday  
of every month - all welcome







With thanks to  
Garry Butcher

Community Bank  
Elmore, Lockington and  
Rochester

 Bendigo Bank





# THE GRAZING WITH THE LOCALS BIT



Blaze a trail and graze your way through  
gastronomic delights across Victoria.  
There's serious belly-business to be had,  
and locals to be met.

Wine and dine at places like King Valley's  
Prosecco Road.

[VISITVICTORIA.COM](http://VISITVICTORIA.COM)

**VICTORIA** EVERY BIT  
DIFFERENT





## LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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

**A heartfelt thank you to Bunnings Echuca for donating a market umbrella and stand to support our Cuppa Connection project.**

This generous gift will enhance the comfort of those attending our monthly get togethers outside the Plumbers Shed.

We were pleased to have Bunnings Echuca Activities Organiser Melany Curtis (pictured, right) visit to deliver the umbrella to Business Centre President Jennie Keele and Neighbourhood House Co-ordinator Tanya McDermott.

Cuppa Connection is held on the second Thursday of every month from 10.30am; it is a joint venture in partnership with Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre.

Our next event is on 14 March. All welcome.



**Home At Last is a free housing information and support service for older people.**

It provides confidential advice, support and advocacy for people aged 50 years and older to assist them to find housing.

Home At Last is available to any older Victorian on a low income and operates under the auspices of House for the Aged Action Group.

Services include information about affordable housing options; support for people at risk of homelessness to obtain social house; advice and advocacy for people living in retirement housing; and assistance to register for aged care support and system navigation.

For further information call 1300 765 178 or pop into the Community House and we can put you in touch with the local HAL workers.

**Lockington Youth Action Group (YAGers) members are embarking on a special fundraising project for 2024.**

The YAGers will be co-ordinating a series of events in coming months which will benefit Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre.

Over the course of the year, the group has set itself a fundraising target of \$2500.

This money will enable the Bush Nursing Centre to replace a mobile defibrillation unit in its staff vehicle which is in need of upgrading.

The first fundraiser will be a display at the Lockington Community Centre on Saturday, 27 April this year.

Titled "Lucky Blocks" the event will feature projects exhibited by members of the Bendigo LEGO® User Group.

A competition for local children is also planned. Stay tuned for further details.

In addition to raising funds for the Bush Nursing Centre via a gold coin donation for entry, Lucky Blocks will also complement the 2024 Lockington Vintage Engine Rally which is scheduled for the weekend of 27 & 28 April.



Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell has raised a looming shortfall in Neighbourhood House Co-ordination Funding in State Parliament.

The potential shortfall would threaten the ongoing viability of Neighbourhood Houses across the State.

She has asked the relevant Minister to commit to delivering a Neighbourhood Houses Victoria request for an additional \$2.5 million in the upcoming State Budget.

There are over 400 neighbourhood houses in Victoria, providing a vital service particularly in rural and regional areas.



## Do You Have An Idea?

Lockington Neighbourhood House is always happy to hear your ideas about activities, events or courses that we could co-ordinate or offer. If you have an idea, please feel free to email nhldbc@gmail.com or pop into the office and have a chat with our Co-ordinator Tanya. She'd love to hear from you!





## Community Information Session Kamarooka – 23rd March 2024

### Roadside Exploration Drilling in the Kamarooka and Milloo areas

Fosterville Gold Mine invites local community members to attend a pop-up community information session.

**Come and have a BBQ on us!**

The session will provide community members with the opportunity to find out more about FGM's exploration drilling program planned to commence within public road reserves in Kamarooka, Kamarooka North and Milloo in April 2024.

#### DATE:

Saturday 23rd March  
9am - 12pm

#### WHERE:

Kamarooka Recreation Reserve  
Bendigo-Tennyson Rd,  
Kamarooka

#### For additional information

Call (03) 5439 9000 or  
Email [fgm.community@agnicoeagle.com](mailto:fgm.community@agnicoeagle.com)



### See you there!

*If you can't make the session, please call or check our website*

[fgmcommunity.com.au](http://fgmcommunity.com.au)





## Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

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**Closed - Public Holiday Monday 11th March 2024**

### LADIES AUXILIARY AGM

**Wednesday 6th March ,1pm**

All welcome to come along to the centre.

### Pfizer Covid Vaccination

Pfizer vaccinations are still available at the centre, for those aged 5 and over. Bookings are essential as stock is limited.

## CUPPA CONNECTION

Nothing better than a cuppa & a chat

Join us at the Plumber's Shed for morning tea

**Thursday 14th March,**

10am—11.30am



### 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, contraception or womens health.

### 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.



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](mailto:admin@ldbnc.org.au)





# REDHS News

## REBUILD FUN FACTS

### 1 CONTRACTORS

Our Carpenters, Electricians and Plumbers are locals from Rochester, Elmore and Echuca

1

### WASTE

1.3 tonnes of waste is removed from the site each fortnight

2

### CLADDING

850 square metres of cladding will be installed on the building's external walls



## Hospital Rebuild

Installation of the external cladding is now underway, with the black plastic coming down in stages (pictured below) as the cladding sheets are fitted.

The program of works is under review, which may see some of the staging reshuffled. However, the final completion date remains unchanged for December 2024.

A big grand re-opening is planned for the end of this year and members of the community will be invited to come along and inspect our refurbished hospital.

## The March Charge

REDHS is participating in the Cancer Council's March Charge. A month-long fitness challenge to raise funds for world-class cancer research, prevention programs and support services.

This year in Australia an estimated 162,000 people will hear the words "you have cancer". Our staff are doing their part to change this by getting active and fundraising for people impacted by cancer.

If you would like to support our team, please click on the link below. Every dollar raised will help support the Cancer Council's life-saving cancer research, prevention programs and support services.



[www.themarchcharge.com.au/fundraisers/rochesterandelmoredistricthealthservice](http://www.themarchcharge.com.au/fundraisers/rochesterandelmoredistricthealthservice)

SUPPORT OUR MARCH CHARGE TO END CANCER

**DONATE NOW**



## Men's Cooking Classes

Our Men's Cooking classes are underway.

Under the expert guidance of Anthony, our Catering Team Leader, participants are learning how to make delicious recipes such as Chicken Schnitzels, Avocado Salsa and Potato Salad.

Our free men's cooking classes are made possible with funding from the Murray PHN, with classes held weekly over six weeks.

If you are interested in joining, please call our Health Promotions Officer on 03 5484 4400, or scan the QR code below.



## Urgent Care

is temporarily 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](http://www.redhs.com.au)**

## FROM OUR CHURCHES

### Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

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

8 March - 6.30pm Commissioning Service for Samuel Kelly at Rochester Holy Trinity.

10 March - 11am with Samuel

17 March - 11am

### 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:-

10 Mar - Rochester

17 Mar - 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



### Local Easter Catholic Services

**Palm Sunday Vigil**, Saturday 23 March

5.30 pm Mass at OLSH, Elmore.

**Palm Sunday**, 24 March

NO MASS at St Canice's, Lockington.

10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's, Rochester.

**Holy Thursday**, 28 March

7.30 pm Mass at St Joseph's, Rochester.

**Good Friday**, 29 March

3.00 pm 'The Passion' at OLSH, Elmore.

**Easter Vigil**, Saturday, 30 March

7.30 pm Mass at OLSH, Elmore.

**Easter Sunday**, 31 March

8.00 am Mass at St Canice's, Lockington.

10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's, Rochester.



## 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](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming)

### Now Open

For all projects and applications open, visit [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen)

### Campaspe Kerbside & 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. Scan the QR code or visit our website to complete the survey today. Survey closes 5pm on Friday, 8 March.

### 2024-25 Fees & Charges Open For Submission

The community is invited to provide feedback on the proposed fees and charges for the 2024-25 Council budget.

Complete a submission online or visit our Service Centres or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 666 535 for a hard copy of the Fees and Charges submission form.

### Community Grants Program

Council's Community Grants Program, offers financial support to not-for-profit community organisations, groups and associations for projects, exhibitions and/or performances that contribute to the municipality and support Council's vision.

The maximum grant amount is \$4,000. Applications close 5pm on Friday, 12 April. If you require assistance with your application, contact our Community Partnerships Team on 1300 666 535.

### Animal Shelter Temporary Reduced Adoption Fees

Campaspe Animal Shelter will be reducing adoption fees until 14 March.

There's a range of kittens, puppies, cats and dogs looking to find forever homes.

Take a look at the animals available on our website and direct any enquiries to the Animal Shelter on 5480 3005, visit [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Adoptananimal](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Adoptananimal) or scan the QR code.



### Immunisation Sessions (by Appointment Only)

If you are feeling unwell or have any cold or flu like symptoms, you must cancel or reschedule your appointment.

Monday, 25 March (11.30am – 12noon)  
Lockington Bush Nursing Centre

Please call Council on 1300 666 535 to make a booking.



### 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.

### Echuca Moama Discovery Day

Campaspe Libraries will be hosting the Echuca Moama Discovery Day on Saturday, 16 March between 10am – 1pm outside the Echuca Library.

The day provides an opportunity for community organisations, sports clubs, service clubs, volunteer groups and not-for-profit groups to promote their activities and endeavours. It's an excellent opportunity for residents to discover and connect with community groups.

### Weeds, Waste & Invasive Species Info Sessions

Campaspe Shire Flood Recovery & 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:

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- Pippa Kay – Grants available in the region

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### Electoral Boundaries & Election Date Changes

The Victorian Minister for Local Government has announced changes to the electoral structure of Campaspe Shire ahead of the 2024 local government elections.

From the 2024 election, Campaspe Shire will change from the existing five ward structure (Echuca, Western, Rochester, Kyabram-Deakin and Waranga) to an unsubdivided structure with all nine elected members representing the whole municipality.

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These young player have improved so much over the season and we are very proud of them all. The team consisted of Kiefer Haines, Brooklyn Humbert, Xavier Johnson, Taya Tambllyn and Ziah Haines.

Our A grade junior team - LBU 3 - won its way into the Grand Final, which will be played at 9am on on 16 March at Rochester against Tongala.

The team was part of a very competitive game against Elmore, ultimately winning by six games.

James Brentnall and Nicholas Mitchell played to a very high standard to win their first doubles 6-3.

James and Charlie both won their singles, Nicholas and Chelsea came very close. The final score was 38-32.

The team has had an excellent year with all four players performing very consistently. We wish them all the very best of luck in the Grand Final.

LBU 2 Section 2 Senior Team played in the semi-final also but unfortunately couldn't come away with the win, going down by 11.

Young guns James Brentnall and Nicholas Mitchell had an excellent afternoon winning their sets.

Stuart Newton, Ash and Simon Portwine contributed to the men's dominance, but the women only won one set for the day courtesy of Meagan Brentnall and Monica Brereton who triumphed 6-4.

Cindy Portwine, Fiona and daughter Chelsea Newton fought hard all day. Finishing off with a family combination in the mixed sets was fun but not a winning strength.

It was a great season for this social family team.

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**Barefoot Bowls continues to attract good numbers - on 20 February there were 32 players on the green.**

After the two games of 8 ends - 3 Bowl Pairs, there remained three undefeated teams - the judge awarding top honors to Ian Staig - Steve Pavone (s) with 2 wins plus 21 shots ahead of Ashley Cunington - Ashley Dobell (s) 2 wins +18 shots.

Ray Hanson - Leanne McInnes (s) had 2 wins +6 shots. Spider: Steve Pasvone. Long Spider: Peter Standl.

Another fine evening of bowls played to a high standard - the Club acknowledges the input from Leanne McInnes, Mary Thomas, Jenny Fisher, Cindy Felmingham as well as barman Dave Thomas.

During the week there has been a catch-up in the outstanding Club competitions.

In the 21 Up Presidents Trophy Jenny Fisher played really cool bowls to eliminate three times club champion Ray Hanson 21-19 in a high standard match.

John Van den Bosch proved too consistent for the improving Graeme Wood to win the game 21-18. Wood displayed some raw talent to keep in touch and draw level with his opponent at 17 all, before Van den Bosch won the final four ends.

In the clash of the titans between Lloyd Buchanan and lady champion Leanne McInnes, it was Buchaanan that stole the march and proceeded to a convincing victory. McInnes could not overcome the brilliance of her opponent's display and aggressive bowling.

The 100 Up match between Neil Haines and John Dowie provided some highlights with both bowlers trading ends before Haines gained the break over the final six ends to win the game 100-80.

The B grade championship is progressing with Shane Felmingham and Ian Staig providing some excellent draw bowling in their game, with the match going down to the wire.

After twelve ends the score was level at 9-all. Felmingham picked up six shots to lead 16-12 and moved away to be 20-16 at 22 ends.

Staig was trying to keep in touch and picked up a double to trail 18-20 and was holding four shots when Felmingham let loose with a perfect up shot to kill the end. Felmingham grabbed a triple to lead 23-18 after 24 ends.

Suddenly Staig took centre stage and reeled off five shots over the following two ends to level at 23 - all. Match on. Staig was able to keep his composure and draw two shots to win the contest 25-23 after the jack was moved on two occasions. Both bowlers were applauded as they left the green.

The Club Social Committee has been active during the past weeks and presented a fine tea after the final round of Pennant consisting of several cuts of different meats plus salads. This was in addition to the several tournaments and fun nights - to Cindy Felmingham, Leanne McInnes, Lloyd Buchanan, Jenny & John Fisher, Shane Felmingham and Mary Thomas plus any other members - job well done.





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Over the past 20 weeks there has been a "Lotto" competition judged on the first Supplementary Number drawn on a Saturday evening.

The weekly winners were: C Felmingham, J Carnie, J & J Fisher, A & S Harris, A Cochrane, A Kauffman, Crazy Farms Syn., J Carnie, B Kinnane, Nat McLaughlin & Peter Egan, Steve Pavone, Chris Stewart, K Ray, R Hanson, J Whiteside, B & L Brereton, J & G Felmingham, Jenny Johnson, L Neville, Ash Cunnington & Brooke Coghill. The club congratulates all winners and special thanks to the organisers.

The Club will hold the inaugural CMS Refrigeration & Electrical (Elmore) sponsored Open Fours on Sunday 17 March 2024 starting at 9.30am. Contact Ray Hanson 0425 991865 or Lloyd Buchanan for entries.

### Smaller numbers attended Tuesday evening Barefoot Bowls with twenty competitors enjoying the ideal conditions.

Three Bowl Pairs was the name of the game and at the completion of the two games of eight ends there were only two teams to fight for the chocolates.

The winning pair was Steve McKee and Leon Laffy (s) in a polished display to score 2 wins plus 14 shots and take home the major trophies ahead of Terrill Westwood - Jeff Carnie (s) 2 wins +8 shots in second place. Barefoot Bowls will continue on a Tuesday evening while the good weather lasts.

The Club competitions are drawing to a close with some really close games being completed during the week.

In the Presidents Trophy 21 Up competition, Jenny Fisher keeps on winning after eliminating Club President Neil Haines 21-12. John Fisher was in brilliant form to defeat Graeme Wood, however was eliminated by John Van den Bosch in the quarter final.

The 100 Up Championship is nearing completion with Bill Musgrove showing dazzling form to defeat Dave Thomas and proceed to the next round. Other winners were John Fisher defeating Lloyd Buchanan and Phillip Cunningham proved too consistent for Shane Felmingham.

On Wednesday 27 March the women are holding the annual Medley Fours commencing at 9.30am. Contact Kathi Maddison 0428 862347 for details.

Best of bowling to all clubs and teams competing in the Campaspe Area Grand Finals on Saturday.

### On Thursday evening 29 February the Club conducted the Annual Twilight Mixed Fours which attracted 18 teams from Echuca, Rochester, Pyramid Hill, Elmore, Hill Top, Kyabram, Lockington, Rich River and Tongala.

Lady President Denise Gilmore and Assistant Tournament Secretary Lorraine Appleby welcomed all bowlers and wished them good luck on the night. The greens were in superb condition and the weather was really pleasant.

After the three games of nine ends there remained two undefeated teams.

The overall winners were decided on a Points and Shots Up basis, with a local Lockington rink featuring Phyllis MacFarlane, Bill Musgrove, Denise Gilmore, Ray Hanson (s) scoring 78 points to collect the major prizes.

In second place was another local rink including Russell Shawcross, Kim Ray, Lloyd Buchanan, Leanne McInnes (s) amassing 75.5 points (see photos following page).

Special competition winners included Margaret Dowie (dairy products donated by Fonterra); Kevin Humbert (meat tray); Pos Andrea (chocolates); Rhonda Woodcock - Kyabram (chocolates); Ken Wills - Elmore (chocolates); Les Grylls - Kyabram (plant); Terry Strobaus - Pyramid Hill (wine); and Leanne McInnes (wine).

The event is generously sponsored by Tobin Brothers Echuca on an annual basis. Lorraine Appleby thanked the sponsors along with the kitchen hands for a great meal, bar staff and Chris Stewart for the score-board management..

Les Brereton and Lloyd Buchanan were acknowledged for their super job on the greens preparation.

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**Kathi Maddison Phone or text 0428 862 347**





**PICTURED ABOVE: Lockington Bowls Club Annual Twilight Mixed Fours Winners - Lockington (from left) Denise Gilmore, Phyllis MacFarlane, Bill Musgrove, Ray Hanson (s)**

**PICTURED RIGHT: Runners-Up - Lockington (from left) Russell Shawcross, Lloyd Buchanan, Leanne McInnes (s), Kim Ray.**



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## WHAT'S ON *Weekly*

### Monday

9am: Strength & Balance Class @ Bush Nursing Centre

10am: Casual Art Class @ The Plumber's Shed

9.30am - 4.30pm: Podiatrist Nicole Hocking @ Bush Nursing Centre Ph 54 86 2544 to book.

4.30pm – 5.30pm: Tai Chi @ Bush Nursing Centre

### Tuesday

10am - Ladies Social Bowls @ Lockington Bowls Club

10am – 12 noon: Men's Shed @ Business Centre Complex

9.30am – 11.30am: Lockington Play Group @ St James Church Hall (school terms). Ph Tegan 0400 754 116

9.30am – 4.30pm: Dr Patrick Nzegwu @ Bush Nursing Centre. Ph 54 86 2544 for availability & dates.

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

6.30pm – 8.30pm: Ukulele Group @ The Plumbers Shed

### Wednesday

9am: Strength & Balance Class @ Bush Nursing Centre

9.30am – 12 noon: Community Garden Group

4pm – 5.30pm: Youth Action Group @ The Plumbers Shed

### Thursday

10am: Social Activity Day @ Bush Nursing Centre

9.30am: Ladies Social Badminton @ Bamawm Sports Centre. Ph 0458 548 622.

### Friday

4.30pm: Practice @ Lockington Bowls Club followed by BBQ tea

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

1pm - 4pm: Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex open

## WHAT'S ON *Monthly*

### FIRST WEEK

#### Sunday

Pine Grove Gun Club - Simulated Field & Game

#### Wednesday

Action Club Dinner - 7.30pm at Club Rooms

#### Thursday

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)

Cuppa Connection at The Plumber's Shed - 10am to 11.30am.

#### Friday

Social Indoor Bowls - 7.30pm Bamawm Extension Hall.

#### Saturday

Lockington Pony Club Rally - 10am - Scurrah Reserve (Mands Scurrah ph 0418 694 777)

### THIRD WEEK

#### Monday

Lockington Senior Citizens (3rd Monday of the month) - 10.15am at Club Rooms.

#### Wednesday

Action Club Activity Night at Club Rooms - Ph 0417 899 806 or 0409 259 723 for details.

### FOURTH WEEK

#### Monday

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

#### Wednesday

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting - 7.30pm Heritage Centre.