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# LOCKY NEWS

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## NEW BUSH NURSING CENTRE MANAGER



**New Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Manager Sharon Moran is settling in after commencing in the role on 4 March.**

Sharon has joined the Bush Nursing staff after three years with Heathcote Health; she has been nursing for 27 years and worked for more than two decades in the Emergency Department at Bendigo Health.

She replaces former Manager Kim McDonald who has relocated to Queensland.

"I know I've got big shoes to fill," Sharon said. "It's obvious Kim was very loved and is sadly missed."

"I would have liked to work with her, but fortunately I feel I'm getting to know Kim really well through the Lockington community."

Sharon lives at Avonmore, near Elmore and said the opportunity to offer personalised care in a rural setting had drawn her to the new position.

She was keen to spend more time in a hands-on capacity treating patients and feels most comfortable working in smaller communities.

"Country people are my people," Sharon said, adding that she was enormously grateful to the LDBNC team and staff who have wrapped their arms around her and been incredibly helpful.

"I'm absolutely loving the clinical care aspect of the position and meeting all the locals; I'm challenged by the administrative side of the role but that will come in time," she said.

Sharon (pictured above) is working four days per week at the Bush Nursing Centre; those days are currently changing to enable her to get to know the staff as well as visiting professionals.

Wishing Locky News  
readers a safe &

*Happy Easter*

Our next edition will  
publish on Friday 12 April  
due to the holiday break



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# LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again everyone,

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

After an extremely dry six months, the region received good rains at the end of June 1902; nearly an inch [55 mms] was registered at Tennyson, as reported to the Elmore Standard on 28 June. However, it was followed by frosts which retarded the growth of crops and grass, and no more rain fell throughout July. On 19 July, the Standard reported that Mr George Greer's dwelling at Pine Grove had been burnt to the ground on the 10th.

Wind, hail and 16 points [4 mms] of rain marked the beginning of August but, otherwise, drought conditions persisted. There had been an outbreak of influenza at Warragamba, and dairying was faring badly as reported in the Elmore Standard on 2 August.

There was some good news, relayed in the Numurkah Leader, on 8 August, stating that the daily mail run for which the residents had petitioned, had been established; from Rochester to Bamawm, Pannooabamawm, Pannoomilloo, Diggora West, Warragamba, and Diggora.

However, not all of the news was good as the report went on to say that a number of horses and cattle in the district had died from typhoid, pneumonia and bronchial troubles, while several draught horses had succumbed to the bot fly disease.

The drought worsened through August and into September, but the local people still gathered for sports, entertainment, and to celebrate special occasions. Three hundred of them attended a Coronation picnic held in Mr Forsyth's paddock at Piavella on 9 August, and cricket was well supported, as were regular Mutual Improvement Society meetings.

Fortunately, it rained a little on 26 September, adding to the enjoyment to be had at Pine Grove's annual sports and picnic, held on 27 September. Though fewer people attended than was usual, there was still a crowd of about five hundred.

Drying winds lessened the benefit of the light rains that fell in early October, and hopes of any sort of harvest dwindled. Fellow residents in Diggora were sad to hear of the death of Mrs Eliza Penny on 15 October 1902, but at last, there came some good news – "Phenomenal" rain across the district for several days. It began with a violent thunderstorm in the Diggora region on 23 October when, according to the report in the Bendigo Independent on 28 October, "Rain came down in torrents."

In November, the Metherall Family was farewelled as they left Diggora for Gippsland; a windstorm at Milloo, caused a fire that destroyed the home of Mr William Chambers, and there were severe dust storms at Pine Grove and Rochester. The crops, which struggled to respond to October's rain, were damaged by hot winds and attacked by birds. Nevertheless, despite the unpleasant weather, a successful concert was held by the Band of Hope at Diggora on 19 November, and on that same date, Pine Grove residents took part in their annual concert and coffee supper.

This was described in the report in the Elmore Standard on 22 November 1902, as being "one of the most successful of its kind ever held at Pine Grove." On 16 December, steady rain set in across the region, with some places receiving in excess of 3 inches [75 mms]. The heaviest fall of rain in years, according to the report in the Standard on 20 December 1902, it was too late to be of any assistance to the crops, but ensured that all fears of a water famine were ended.

Still, the year terminated on a sad note. On 24 December, James Coghlin, the 24-year-old son of Mr John Coghlin of Diggora, died at Elmore. He was well-known and popular throughout the district; "well to the fore in all athletic sports ... a good footballer, cricketer and all round athlete." He had become ill just a month earlier, rallied a little early in December, but then fell victim to a severe form of typhoid fever which led to his death. He was buried at Elmore, on Christmas Day 1902.

February 1903 brought wind and severe dust storms to the district; "the worst ever seen" in Piavella, and at Diggora West everything was "in complete darkness for several minutes," according to the reports in the Bendigo Independent, on 17 and 18 February. It was a busy month for the church communities of Diggora. Other local residents joined in when the Methodist congregation farewelled members of the Maddren Family who were leaving for Gippsland, and again when the annual social of the Diggora Presbyterian Church was held on 18 February. On 2 March, the Milloo Mutual Improvement Society led members of that district's community in a farewell to Mr and Mrs James Brook, who were leaving the district. These gatherings were reported by the Bendigo papers and by the Elmore Standard.

Good rains fell early in March and by 21 March, the Bendigo Advertiser could report that farmers in Milloo, Bamawm, Tennyson and Diggora were well advanced in sowing their crops. The Melbourne Argus reported on 31 March, that stock feed was still short in the Rochester district, and a large number of horses had died because of sand in their stomachs. A rapidly growing new weed had appeared in Pannoomilloo, Diggora and Tennyson; yet un-named, it was plentiful but the animals preferred not to eat it if other grass was available. Some rain fell in April but more was needed if there was to be a harvest. The Argus on 14 April 1903, reported that dust storms experienced earlier in the year had blocked the western portion of the irrigation channels of the Campaspe Trust. As they had yet to be cleared, farmers were unable to get a drop of water to irrigate their grass paddocks.

There'll be more of 1903 next time.

- Marg O'Brien

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### Sunday Duty Roster

24 March

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31 March

Beryl & Garry

7 April

Joe & Julie

14 April

Gordon M & Peter B

21 April

Sandra and Ian W

28 April

VINTAGE ENGINE RALLY

## DEATH NOTICES

### PALMER, Ian Geoffrey

30.09.1937 ~ 04.03.2024

Dearly loved husband of Kathleen.

Loved father, father-in-law and friend of Douglas & Chrissy; Rodney (dec); Jennifer & Brian; Stuart & Celie; Karen & Simon; Andrew & Louise.

Loving Pa of 19 grand children & 6 great-grandchildren.

At Rest.



### PALMER, Ian Geoffrey

30.09.1937 ~ 04.03.2024

The Lockington Lions Club is greatly saddened with the passing of esteemed member Ian Palmer.



Ian was a great contributor to the Club for nearly 50 years and held several positions in that time.

He was a man of the community and for the community and never said NO.

Our thoughts go out to Kath and family.

### PERKS - John David

Passed away 20 February, 2024.  
Aged 76 years.

Loved husband of Val.

Father of Jacinta and Travis and families.

Pa to 7 grand children.

Brother-in-law to Faye & Shane Fullard and families.

A quiet achiever. Cherished memories.

## CALENDAR DATES



### March

- 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)
- 27 Food Share @ Lockington Bush Nursing Centre
- 28 **School Term 1 finishes**  
Rochester Easter Twilight Market
- 29 **Good Friday/Easter**

### April

- 7 Daylight Savings Ends
- 8 **TYPING DAY - NEXT EDITION OF LOCKY NEWS**
- 27-28 Lockington Vintage Steam Engine Rally
- 30 Lockington Men's Shed Open Day

## CAMPASPE ARTISTS STUDIO TRAIL

Artists and makers in the Lockington District are encouraged to participate in a proposed Campaspe Artists Studio Trail.

The project is in the early planning stages and organisers would like to hear from talented locals who might be interested in opening their creative space to visitors.

They are also seeking suitable public buildings to host artists who either don't have a studio or are not in a position to open it to the public.

For further information:-  
visit <https://castrail.art> or contact  
Dey Alexander Ph (0419 556 470)  
Email [dey@deyalexander.com.au](mailto:dey@deyalexander.com.au)

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For more information or to make an appointment, please call, text or email:

Jon Watson 0481 718 824

[jon.watson@rochesterbowen.com.au](mailto:jon.watson@rochesterbowen.com.au)



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# thank you

Jim, Theresa & Trish wish to thank the Lockington Community for your hospitality during our 15 month stay, and to the Action Club for your generous donation.



## 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)

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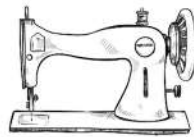


The Rural Financial Counselling Service offers free and independent financial information, options, decision-making support & referral services to farmers and small related rural businesses who are in (or at risk of) financial hardship.

To connect with your closest service, call 1300 771 774 or visit the website <https://rfcsnetwork.com.au>

### BUSH NURSING SEWING GROUP

Did you know that every Tuesday a Sewing Group meets from 10am to 3pm at Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre?



Its an informal gathering of like-minded handcraft enthusiasts and absolutely everyone is welcome to attend.

Just bring along your lunch, whatever creative project you're working on and \$10 to cover the cost of using the room.

If you would like to learn more, please contact the Bush Nursing Centre or Lyn McGillvray on 0429 862 300.



**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



### JUNIOR FOOTY IS BACK!

Come and join us at the cattery in 2024!

It's time to dust off your boots and spread the word, U12 footy is back!

Come along and join in the fun with your friends and learn some great skills whilst you are at it!

Training is held every Tuesday at the Lockington Football Club from 5-6pm.

Boy, girl, returning players or new faces. You are all welcome to come along and see if it's for you.

Looking forward to another ripper season. GO CATS!

Contact Mike Dobson or Ged Giddings for more information (0419 859 922)

### PARKINSON'S SUPPORT WALK



Echuca Moama District Parkinson's Support Group is holding A Walk in the Park and barbecue to mark World Parkinson's Day on Thursday, 11 April.

The event will commence at 10.30am at the Echuca Aquatic Reserve, adjoining the Campaspe Shire Offices in Echuca.

Anyone in the Lockington district who has been impacted by Parkinson's Disease is warmly invited to attend.

The Group also meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from 10am to 12 noon at the Echuca Neighbourhood House in Landsborough Street (formerly known as the Senior Citizens Centre).

Meetings provide an opportunity to share experiences; improve knowledge, contacts and supports; and socialise with people who understand.

For further information Ph Alex (0427 820 287), Ray (0419 337 246) or Mike (0400 726 729) or email [emdpsg4@gmail.com](mailto:emdpsg4@gmail.com)

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month.



**REMINDER**

Daylight Savings ends at 3AM on Sunday, 7 April 2024  
Remember to put your clock back one hour



# LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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



**Hands up who can identify this plant, currently growing with abundance in our Community Garden?**

It's called Okra, is best harvested when the fruit is between 5 and 10cm long and we have an abundant supply for anyone interested in trying it.

Google suggests that Okra lovers adore the veggie for its eggplant-like flavor and meaty texture.

For vegetarians, it makes a hearty anchor to meat-free main dishes; for omnivores, Okra is a versatile veggie side dish for just about any meat.

It is also a very good thickening agent for stews, curries and the like.

If you would like to give it a go, feel free to take some from the Community Garden, behind the Plumber's Shed.

Don't forget there is regularly garden produce available at the Fuel Counter at Lockington District Business Centre, free for the community.



## FREE BUNNINGS WORKSHOP



Join us in the Locky Men's Shed on

**TUESDAY 26 MARCH FROM 10AM**

when Bunnings Echuca Activities Organiser Melany Curtis will lead a Small Project Workshop suitable for all abilities.

**Morning Tea provided.**

RSVP for catering would be appreciated.  
Please contact Tanya at the Neighbourhood House.



Lockington Neighbourhood House is running a Children's Colouring In Competition for Easter.

Lockington Friendly Grocer is generously providing prizes for first, second and third in each of the age categories - Up to 7 Years; and 8-13 Years.

Entries are available from Locky Supermarket or the Business Centre Fuel Counter. Please place completed forms in the box provided at the Business Centre by 5pm on Tuesday, 26 March.

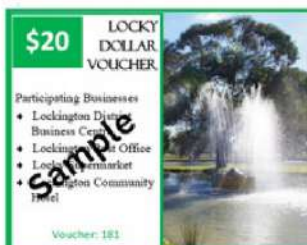
Winners will be announced on Thursday, 28 March.



**Keep an eye out on our socials for details if you or your children would like to be an exhibitor at Locky Blocks.**

The event, at Lockington Community Centre on Saturday, 27 April this year, will have opportunities for adult exhibitors as well as a children's building competition.

More information soon!



**Have you been gifted a Locky Dollars Voucher that's still sitting in your car, on the kitchen bench or in your wallet?**

It would be a great help for our record keeping if you were able to redeem the voucher as soon as practical.

Locky Dollars can be spent at the Lockington District Business Centre, Lockington Post Office, Lockington Supermarket or the Lockington Community Hotel.

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

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**WEDNESDAY**  
27<sup>th</sup> March, 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 Days are held monthly 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.**

**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,

**Pfizer Covid Vaccination**

Please contact the centre if you are requiring a covid vaccination, as we have some stock available.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Re GASTROENTERITIS**

As per Department of Health, please isolate for 48 hours after symptoms resolve, to limit the spread of this contagious disease in our community.

**Upcoming Public Holiday Closures:**

**Good Friday            29th March**  
**Easter Monday        1st April**

- ◆ 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

## REBUILD FUN FACTS

- FLOORING**  
7,040 square metres of flooring is being replaced
- DOORS**  
Local suppliers are used as much as possible. Rochester Mitre 10 has supplied all of our doors and hardware
- ELECTRICS**  
1,400 metres of cabling will be installed



## Hospital Rebuild

We know everyone is keen to hear how the building works are progressing.

We have navigated quite a few hurdles and delays so far, but great progress is now being made. However, everyone of us will be disappointed to learn that our return to site is likely to be a little later than originally anticipated. The original Program had us returning in stages, with Aged Care and the Acute Hospital scheduled to be first to occupy the site in June/July this year.

As work has progressed it has become increasingly clear that it is not as easy as we had hoped to separate the areas out from each other and occupy one or two wings while work continued in others. To ensure that essential services such as power, IT, fire services etc. are all linked up across the site, we need to keep those services intact and continuous throughout the entire building. If we were to separate the zones from each other it would require these services to be separated also, which would increase the cost of the work as well as cause further delays and disruption.

While we are still working to return to site by the end of the year, a revised Program of Works has the majority of the building works scheduled to be completed by the end of October. Then we need to have all of the occupancy and safety inspections completed and signed off, and all of the furniture and equipment reinstated, before we can return residents to the site and re-commence our clinical services.

Based on all of these factors, we hope to reinstate all of our services on site at the same time which, at this stage, is looking like November 2024.

We will continue to work hard to ensure we are all back in REDHS by Christmas. We are already planning a Grand Re-Opening celebration to welcome the community and our residents back to Rochester.

*Karen Laing, Chief Executive Officer*

## District Nursing

Our team of District Nurses can provide nursing care to people in the comfort of their own home to help prevent disease, maintain health and treat existing health problems.



District Nursing is available to people living in the communities of Rochester, Elmore, Nanneella and surrounds and is available to people of all ages.

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- Medication supervision
- Wound care and management
- Monitoring and support of chronic illness
- Nursing care after a hospital stay
- Palliative care nursing, for people who have a life-limiting illness and require support to stay at home
- Hospital In The Home' (HITH) services, providing hospital-type care outside of the hospital where appropriate
- Remote Patient Monitoring
- Hygiene assessment and assistance
- Assessment and referral to other service providers

For bookings and to find out more information contact our friendly team on 03 5484 4400.

## Urgent Care

is temporarily located at  
40-44 Moore Street, Rochester  
8:30am - 5:00pm  
Monday to Friday  
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**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

24 March – 10am Lockington

29 March Good Friday – 10am Lockington

31 March Easter Sunday – 10am Combined Service at Holy Trinity Rochester

### 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:-

24 March - Tongala Respect Aged Care

29 March - Good Friday - Bamawm 7.30pm followed by Hot Cross Buns supper. Zoom to homes only.

31 March - Easter Sunday - Rochester - cluster service followed by morning tea/lunch. No service at Bamawm.

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, 23 April  
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)

### Project Update



Works on the Colbinabbin, Toolleen and Lockington Resource Recovery Centres will be taking place from March to May, upgrading key areas of the facility to make it safer and easier for the community to use.

The three sites, Colbinabbin, Toolleen and Lockington (pictured above) will all be operational during the works.

There may be some delays and detours at each of the sites, but they will still be open.

Works have already begun at Colbinabbin, with Toolleen expected to start late March and Lockington early April.

### Now Open

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

### Lake Eppalock Technical Assessment

The Lake Eppalock Technical Assessment investigated options for changing Lake Eppalock's infrastructure and operating arrangements to improve protection for downstream communities from future flooding.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is currently seeking feedback to better understand the benefits and negative impacts of the options investigated as part of the Lake Eppalock Technical Assessment.

Members of the community including Traditional Owners, irrigators, downstream residents, recreational water users and upstream landholders are encouraged to read the report and provide feedback via <https://engage.vic.gov.au/lake-eppalock-technical-assessment>



### Community Grants

Round One of the 2024/25 Community Grants program is now open.

The program offers up to \$4000 of financial support for community groups, organisations and associations with a broad range of projects to encourage participation in communities.

Applications close 5pm, Friday, 12 April.

Scan the QR code for more information or visit the Now Open page.



### Library Youth Take Over

The Library Youth Take Over program is happening on alternate Wednesdays in Kyabram and Echuca, beginning on 27 March in Kyabram.

The libraries will transform into hang out spaces for high school aged young people to provide a safe space for youth, encourage connection and relationship building amongst participants.



For more information, scan the QR code, visit our website or call 1300 666 535.

### Employment #campaspecareers

- Coordinator Engineering Services
- Early Childhood Educator Co Worker - Casual
- Early Childhood Educator Room Leader – Casual
- Group Fitness Instructor
- Immunisation Nurse
- Learn To Swim Teacher
- Maternal & Child Health Nurse – Casual

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

### Immunisation Sessions

By Appointment Only. To register scan the QR code or visit <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au/>

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

Monday, 26 March  
11.30am – 12noon  
Lockington Bush Nursing Centre

Having difficulty making an appointment? Please call Council on 1300 666 535.





## FIRST FARMER BATTLE WON SAYS WALSH

**The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says a two-year battle to protect Victorian farmers and their private property from radical fringe animal activists has been won following the recent passage of the Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Bill 2024.**

Mr Walsh says it has been the tireless work of every member of The Nationals across regional Victoria which has pushed this Bill through Parliament.

“We have been pressuring the reluctant Allan Labor Government every step of the way to adopt measures imposing tougher penalties for trespassing on agricultural premises, effectively doubling them to a maximum of \$23,077 for individuals and \$115,386 for organisations,” he added.

“Two years ago, an Impact of Animal Activism Inquiry, led by The Nationals, revealed shortfalls in the existing trespass laws and revealed instances of justice system failures. Despite this, the Labor Government initially ignored our recommendation of harsher penalties for individuals trespassing on, and causing damage to producer’s homes and businesses.”

Mr Walsh condemned Labor’s political games, which left primary producers paying the price for the Allan government’s inability to listen and act on the needs of the industry. He added the two-year delay by Labor has also meant more justice denied for our hardworking farmers, who were impacted by trespassing and damage to their premises.

“But despite this recent win, the fight is not over. The next battle is to ensure Labor does not destroy our state’s agricultural sector with its amendments to the Animal Care and Protection Bill, currently open for public submissions.”

**Meanwhile Mr Walsh has demanded Treasurer Tim Pallas “explain, let alone justify” radical and punitive changes to the state’s land tax charges.**

Mr Walsh took his fight to the floor of the Parliament, asking Mr Pallas to “explain to my constituents why the government has changed the criteria to force thousands of them to pay a land tax for the first time”.

He says “like my constituents, I look forward to seeing how the Treasurer will justify this latest blatant tax grab”.

“Labor’s decision to slash the tax-free threshold from \$300,000 to \$50,000, while also slapping an additional flat tax up to \$975 on Victorian households is daylight robbery,” Mr Walsh says.

“Treasurer Tim Pallas has tried to soften the blow by claiming his land tax hike will cost the average Victorian household an additional \$1300 every year – but we are hearing reports of much greater damage to the bottom lines of ordinary Victorians trying to get ahead,” he says.

“These changes will punish and divide homeowners and renters across Victoria and is just the latest of many examples of Labor punishing Victorians for its own economic mismanagement.

“This new Labor tax – one of more than 50 it has introduced despite promises there would be no new taxes for Victorians – must lead to increased pressure on households, increased costs to running a business and increased rents and impact some of Victoria’s most vulnerable community members.”

Mr Walsh says with typical Allan Labor government timing, these land tax changes come at a time when Victorians can least afford them.

He says The Nationals and Liberals are giving a promise to undertake a wholesale review of Victoria’s taxation system – and legislate a cap on our State’s out-of-control debt – when elected.

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# LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB



## 11 MARCH

**Lockington Bowls Club has been really active this past week with all competitions attracting good numbers.**

The Tuesday evening Barefoot Bowls had 28 bowlers on the green and the standard of play was impressive. Bowlers were full of praise for the small green, following intensive rehabilitation.

Results favored the elusive Peter Eade making a comeback to the winners circle with Ashley Dobell (s) scoring 2 wins plus 11 shots to take home the chocolates. In second place was Steve McKee and Club President Neil Haines (s) 2 wins +9 while Ashley Cunningham and Ian Haines (s) finished third on 2 wins +8.

Mary Thomas and Leanne McInnes attended the cards and draw while Jenny Fisher and Cindy Felmingham directed Lloyd Buchanan and John Fisher on the barbeque.

On 27 February the women held their Presidents Day which was well attended with past and present members while in the club competitions the end is drawing near.

The Presidents Trophy 21 Up Championship is almost down to the semi-final stage. Jenny Fisher accounted for Phillip Cunningham to earn a place in a semi-final while Ian Staig maintained his good form to eliminate John van den Bosch and seal a semi-final berth where he will meet Fisher. In the bottom half of the draw Lloyd Buchanan is waiting anxiously for a semi-final opponent. Andy Harris is to play John Dowie and the winner will play John Fisher to decide the other semi-finalist.

The 100 Up Championship is in a similar position with one game to be completed to decide the semi-finalists. Ray Hanson is to play Ian Staig with the winner to meet Bill Musgrove for a semi-final berth. Phillip Cunningham is waiting to play in the semi-final. The B Grade championship is down to the semi-finals. In a promoter's dream the finalists are John Fisher to meet Lloyd Buchanan while Ian Staig will play John Dowie.

The women are midway through their 100 Up Championship with some close results coming to the fore. Pauline Humbert defeated Natalie McLaughlan. Kathi Maddison defeated Margaret Dowie in a real thriller with scores locked together on several occasions before Maddison claimed victory on the final end. In other games Denise Gilmore d. Poss Andrea, Lorraine Appleby d. Kym Ray by two shots and Cindy Felmingham d. Sue Harris. Leanne McInnes is to play Terrill Westwood to confirm the quarter finalists.

Members have been busy visiting local club tournaments at Barham, Tongala, Rich River and Serpentine. Not much to report re: success, but the friendship and catering was hard to surpass.

The Lockington Bowls Club President, Committee and Members were saddened to learn of the passing of Ian Palmer. Ian was a popular member and served on the Committee for several years including two terms as President in 2000-02.

A committed family man, Ian was always pleasant company on the green where he displayed a lot of talent in playing the pennant competition. He was also very committed to serving many organisations throughout the district, especially the Lockington Lions Club. Sincere condolences to Kath and family.

On Wednesday 27 March the women have scheduled a Medley Fours Tournament starting at 9.30am. Contact Kathi Maddison 0428 862347 for details.

Congratulations to all premiers in the Campaspe Area Pennant Championships held at Echuca Bowling Club on 2 March: Division One - Mathoura; Division Two - Moama Steamers; Division Three - Moama Steamers; Division Four - Deniliquin RSL; and Division Five - Moama Steamers 5. Well done to the Echuca Bowling Club.

## 18 MARCH

**The Club held a successful CMS Refrigeration & Electrical Open Fours on 17 March, drawing competitors from Echuca, Elmore, Lockington, Mathoura, Moama, Rich River, Rochester, Serpentine, Stanhope and Tongala.**

The bowling was a pleasure to watch - at the completion of game four there remained only two teams unbeaten.

The result was based on a Points and Shot Up system with the composite rink of Bill Musgrove, Shane Rudkins, Frank Maher, Ken Wills (s) from Locky/Serp & Elmore claiming the major spoils, scoring 109 points ahead of another composite rink of Alan Cook, Stuart Sutton, Evan Berryman, Norm Hodge (s) from Echuca - Moama with a tally of 107 points.

Special competition winners included Les Brereton, Stuart Sutton, Lloyd Buchanan, Leanne McInnes and Natalie McLaughlan.

The 12 March Barefoot Bowls attracted 24 players and the bowling was really impressive. After the two games of eight ends there were three teams undefeated. The winning pair were Pat Duffy and Ian Staig (s) 2 wins plus 27 shots. In second place was Peter Eade, Ashley Dobell, John "Lefty" Wright (s) 2 wins +23 shots while Leon Laffy and Ian Haines (s) finished in third spot on 2 wins +22 shots.

On 13 March Lockington hosted the weekly Sixty and Over competition with a field of 112 bowlers enjoying the conditions - a cool day for a change.

In the Club competitions Jenny Fisher continued her winning ways to make the final of the Presidents 21 Up Championship after defeating Ian Staig. Bill Musgrove and Ray Hanson figured in a sensational game in the 100 Up Championship before Hanson was able to win and proceed to the semi-final.

The women will hold the annual Medley Fours tournament on Wednesday 27 March commencing at 9.30am. Contact Kathi Maddison 0428 862347 for details.

The Friday evening practice and barbeque has been well attended over the past weeks with the lucky members growing in dollars.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Lockington Bowls Club 2024 CMS Refrigeration & Electrical Open Fours winners - Elmore/Lockington combined.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Lockington Bowls Club Ladies President's Day winners (from left): Sue Harris (skip), Annie Haines (3rd) & Joan Luke (lead)



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Competition runners-up (from left): Phyl MacFarlane (skip), Kathi Maddison (3rd) & Lorraine Appleby (lead)

## LADY BOWLERS GATHER FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

Lady President Denise Gilmore welcomed 16 players including new player Carmel Rankin, and visitors who joined in a social game of bowls and luncheon as part of Lockington Bowls Club's annual Ladies President's Day.

It is always a great to catch up and lovely to see former members Joan Luke, Gwen Haines, Julie Chappel, Lorrie Foster attend, with apologies from Mary Thomas, Gwenda Coghill, Kath Palmer and Heather Tabe.

A lovely lunch was provided by the lady members and during the day there were lots of novelty events: Lucky Draw x 2 – Annie Haines and Julie Chappel; Lucky Chair – Julie Chappel; Lucky Plate – Bev Brereton; Roll to the Spider – Denise Gilmore; Roll to the Ditch – Cindy Felmingham

At day's end lucky cards were drawn to decide the results: Joan Luke, Annie Haines & Sue Harris (winners); Lorraine Appleby, Kathi Maddison & Phyl Macfarlane (runners-up).

Special thanks to Pauline Humbert and Bev Brereton for helping to organise the day and Betty Mustey who supplied the lovely flowers. We also acknowledge the prizes which were personally made by our President Denise.

Sincere condolences to past President Kath Palmer on the passing of Ian.

- Lorraine Appleby



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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.