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# LOCKY NEWS

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## 2024 NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY



Country life at its best! Read more about the Lockington community's participation in National Ride to School Day on Page 9.

## CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

**Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex is holding its Annual Vintage Rally on 27 and 28 April and the Committee is asking for the community's help.**

Volunteers have always been the backbone of this event - in fact it could not be a success without the support of locals.

So if you have some spare time on either day and would like to help out, the organisers would be enormously grateful.

The Vintage Rally brings many visitors to Lockington which is important both for our businesses and our small town.

Please contact Sandra Chappel as soon as practical and she'll find you a job - it could be inside or outside but they're all easy!

Ph 0427 030 804 or email [sanchap.1@bigpond.com](mailto:sanchap.1@bigpond.com)

In other news, please save the date - Thursday, 16 May.

Lockington and District Living Heritage Complex will host Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council.

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*As the sun rose on 25 April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers rowed towards the shores of Gallipoli and into history.*

*Every year since, Australians have gathered to remember their legacy and that of all who have followed in their footsteps.*

*ANZAC Day is a time to reflect, and remember the service and sacrifices of all who have served gallantly for our country.*

**'LEST WE FORGET'**



# LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

**Hello again everyone,**

In April 1903, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the people of this district were faring, there had been no further progress concerning the provision of a rail service, nor was there any significant development in bringing a reliable irrigation scheme to the region.

Though seasonal conditions generally met the farmers' needs, as recorded by the Bendigo Advertiser on 13 April 1903, "disagreeable weather" marred the Bamawm Methodist Sunday School picnic on 10 April, and on 4 July, the Elmore Standard reported that rain caused the postponement of the Band of Hope concert at Diggora, which was to have been held on 1 July.

Unfortunately, though the drought of 1902 was over, its effects were still being felt. Across the district there were stock losses. Mr William G Rigby of Tennyson lost six work horses that year, thought to be mainly due to the dry feed that they were eating. At Diggora, Mr J T Penny lost a valuable draught mare, the death considered to have been due to sand in its stomach and, as stated in the Argus on 31 March, there had been other such instances in the Rochester district. In this case, it was found that the horse's stomach also contained fencing wire and boot rivets!

At Tennyson, the Martin Bros and Mr Windridge lost store cattle due to the animals having eaten wild melon. However, bot fly was blamed for the loss of another horse at Diggora South in April and, according to the Elmore Standard on 4 July 1903, this same problem caused the deaths of several more horses at Diggora and Warragamba.

In the meantime, the crops grew well and at Tennyson, a new machine – a Cultivator – was being used extensively. Birds were causing trouble; crows and native companions [brolgas] were pulling up the young wheat plants at Milloo, to such an extent that farmers there were laying poison. In June, the farmers at Diggora also resorted to poisoning the crows, magpies and galahs that attacked their wheat crops.

It was not just the grain growers who were having troubles. 'Travelling sheep' ate much of the grass at Tennyson, and the

Warragamba Creamery experienced difficulty because few cows were being milked. Farmers at Diggora South expressed concern when the local station owner planted boxthorn hedges, which they believed provided a harbour for sparrows and, at Pine Grove, eaglehawks killed eighty full-grown turkeys, reared on the family farm by Mrs Joseph Chappel.

Still, as the Elmore Standard and Bendigo's Advertiser and Independent indicated at the time, the district residents kept their small communities functioning, mainly through events organised by the various church congregations. There were also dances and socials, like those being run in Kildeas' barn at Diggora South, and in the 'Old Mill' at Pannoomilloo. Cricket and tennis clubs thrived and attracted strong support.

There were several Mutual Improvement groups in the region, conducting regular meetings and contesting debates within and between groups. In early July, a number of Pine Grove residents gathered at the local cemetery to plant forty new trees, received from the Conservator of Forests - though there was some disappointment as 160 trees had been expected. On 2 July, as published in the Advocate on 11 July 1903, friends and relatives of Miss Mary Cahill of Diggora, celebrated her reception as Sister Mary Josephine into the Convent of Mercy, at Bendigo.

As the year progressed, changes occurred in the district as the centres of population shifted; farms changed hands, and families aged, causing people to move about in the district or to move away. On 6 June 1903, the Bendigo Independent noted that the Piavella Mutual Improvement Association had disbanded, their library books being purchased by the Milloo Mutual Improvement Society.

On 5 July, the Bamawm Methodist congregation celebrated the reopening of their freshly painted church whereas, on 4 July, the Elmore Standard reported that the Presbyterian congregation at Diggora, and the other congregations involved, had agreed to move the Diggora Presbyterian Church to a position where it would be closer to worshippers at Tennyson and Warragamba.

However, a proposal to merge the State Schools at Milloo, Milloo East, Wanurp and Tennyson, put forward in August by the Education Department, met with a very different reception. On 24 August 1903, as published in the Bendigo Independent on the 27th, a 'Monster Indignation Meeting' was held at Milloo, resulting in a document of protest being sent to the Department. [The schools were not merged.] On 1 September, the Piavella Post Office was relocated to the local school, and the Milloo Post Office closed.

On the social scene, the Diggora West school concert was a great success, as was the St David's Sunday School Picnic, which took place on 19 August in Mr Forsyth's paddock at Milloo. Then, on 10-11 September 1903, the district experienced a new form of entertainment, when a "Lantern Service" was presented at the Bamawm and Diggora Methodist Churches.

As Spring approached there was a beautiful show of wildflowers. At Warragamba, the supply of milk to the Creamery improved, and Pine Grove, according to the Bendigo Advertiser on 21 August, enjoyed the "best dairying season for many years." A record harvest was anticipated, but October brought oppressive weather, followed by severe and widespread thunderstorms – 'the most violent ever' at Warragamba, according to the Elmore Standard on 17 October 1903. On a brighter note, on 27 October, the Warragamba school children enjoyed a picnic in a paddock near the Creamery, followed by a dance in Kildeas' barn for the young people of the district. And, on 28 October, the Diggora folk celebrated the marriage of Miss Annie I O'Brien of Diggora, and Mr Jack Hanley of Rochester. The harvest will wait until next time. 'Bye until then,

- Marg O'Brien

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

2-10 Market Street, Lockington



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

### Sunday Duty Roster

14 April	Gordon M & Peter B
21 April	Sandra and Ian W
<b>28 April</b>	<b>VINTAGE RALLY</b>
5 May	Jack & Susan K
12 May	Lyndsay G & Don O'B
19 May	Des & Tom
26 May	Jim & Therese





# Lockington Vintage Rally



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Corner Pannoo Road & Market Street, Lockington, Victoria

**ANZAC Weekend**

**Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 April**

**9am to 4pm daily**

**Entry \$10 \***

\* Includes entry to Living Heritage Complex  
Free entry to Exhibitors & Primary School aged children  
when accompanied by an adult

**Vintage & Steam Engines**

**Tractors & Farm Machinery**

**Trucks, Cars and Motorcycles**

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11am and 2pm daily

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7:30pm in Brick Room  
(gold coin donation)



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## Also in town...

**Locky Blocks**



**Saturday 27th**  
10am to 4pm  
At Community Centre

**Art Display**  
Saturday & Sunday  
In The Plumbers Shed



**Show N Shine**

9am to 1pm Sunday

People's Choice & Shannons Choice  
Trophies

**Food** 🌀 **Drinks** 🌀 **EFTPOS**

**ENQUIRIES :**

General : Jack Oliver 0428 862 566

Stallholders : Beryl Marshall 0428 862 353

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## MARIE'S CORNER SIGNED

**It's not quite a statue in her honour, but possibly the next best thing?**

Long-time local resident Marie O'Brien has been recognised with her own special sign on the corner of Panoo and Dullard Roads.

Marie (nee McIntyre) was born at Tennyson and married Frank O'Brien who lived just up the road; together they had eight wonderful children - four boys and four girls.

She lived at the same property with her family for some 40 years before retiring to Echuca.

*Pictured left: Marie was snapped alongside 'her sign' when she popped back into town recently to attend the Lockington Seniors Luncheon.*

### Are you part of a community group?

Do you have an upcoming event to promote, or a news item or photograph you would like to contribute to Locky News?

You can:-

- 1 - Email [editor@lockynews.com.au](mailto:editor@lockynews.com.au),
- 2 - Leave it in the box at the Lockington District Business Centre
- 3 - Pop in to see Tanya McDermott at Lockington Neighbourhood House (Tues/Wed/Thurs).

Locky News is YOUR community newspaper.

## CALENDAR DATES



### April

- 21 Lockington Bowls Club Presentation Evening
- 22 **TYPING DAY - NEXT EDITION OF LOCKY NEWS**
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 27 Locky Blocks
- 27-28 Lockington Vintage Rally  
Art Display in the Plumber's Shed
- 30 Lockington Men's Shed Open Day

### May

- 2 First Aid/CPR Training
- 4 LBU FNC Past Players Reunion
- 6 **TYPING DAY - LOCKY NEWS**
- 12 Proposed Community Mother's Day Walk
- 16 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea @ Heritage Centre
- 19 Lockington Swap Meet
- 31 LBU Debutante Ball

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

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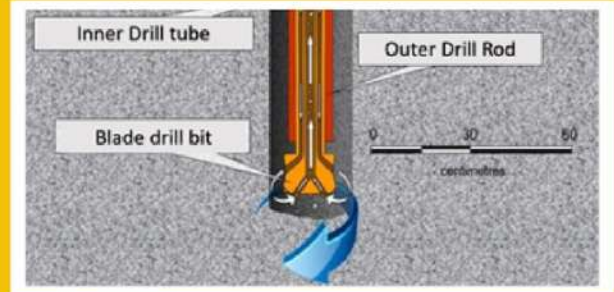
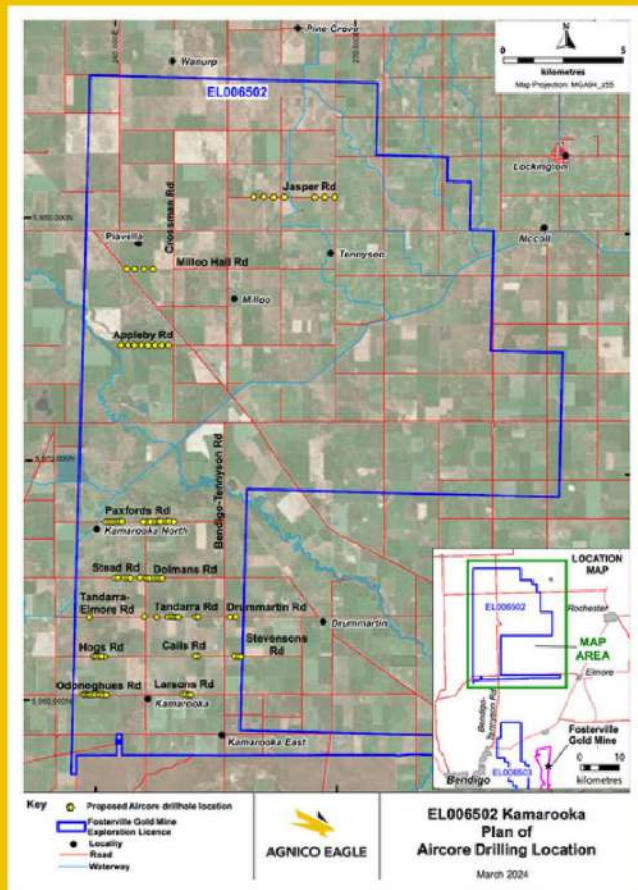
**Air Core Drilling Program**

In the coming weeks, Fosterville Gold Mine will commence an Air Core Drilling program within public road reserves in the Kamarooka and Milloo areas.

**What is Air Core Drilling?**

Air Core (AC) drilling is a rotary type of drilling, in which broken rock from the cutting face passes to the surface inside a separate tube within the drill stem using compressed air.

**Where will the Air Core drilling program take place?**



Air Core Drilling.

**Why use AC drilling?**

It is a relatively quick method of drilling where holes can be completed in less than one day reducing the period of disruption and potential impacts for land users and landholders. AC drilling utilises a smaller footprint and faster processes than alternative exploration drilling methods (eg diamond or reverse circulation).

**What's involved in the survey?**

You may see two trucks, one with a mounted drill rig and two light vehicles with up to eight people in highly visible clothing working along roadsides, within council reserves. The soil and rock chips are collected and removed from the site, and multiple holes may be drilled in rapid succession. The drilling footprint will be approximately 10m x 40m. Upon completion, the drill hole will be grouted to 1m below the surface and then backfilled with soil. The rehabilitation of all drill sites will be monitored in accordance with the Victorian Code of Practice for Mineral Exploration.

**When will the program take place?**

The Air Core program will commence in early April 2024 and will take approximately 2 months to complete.



Scan the QR code to see an AC drill rig operating.

**How do I find out more?**

Please send through further enquires to us via email: [fgm.community@agnicoeagle.com](mailto:fgm.community@agnicoeagle.com) or by calling us on 03 5439 9000.



# LOCKINGTON SENIORS LUNCHEON



Sixty four people, including locals and a number of past residents of the district gathered at the Community Centre just before Easter for a delicious cold meat and salad luncheon hosted by Lockington Seniors.

It was a very happy reunion for many and much enjoyed by all who attended. Michael Lyons filled a last minute void as guest speaker and thoroughly entertained the crowd with tales of his shearing day escapades working for large contractors at all ends of Australia. The next Locky Seniors Luncheon will be the annual Pie Day in June. Keep an eye out for further information.



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# LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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Ph 0499 170 329 Email nhldbc@gmail.com

## ANZAC DAY

by Jenny Healey

*The old man sat there  
A tear trickled down his face  
As he saw his mates  
Standing in line  
Ready for the march.*

*How proud they were  
In their suits and uniforms  
With their medals  
Shining in the sun.*

*Some stood straight and tall  
Others stooped with age  
Needing a friend  
To lean on.*

*Hair now grey  
Bodies frail  
They spoke  
As if yesterday  
The war had just been won*



*They spoke of those  
Who had gone before  
Of meeting them  
Once more.*

Lockington and surrounding district locals are invited to challenge their creativity and develop an entry for the upcoming Locky Blocks LEGO building exhibition.

Adults can participate in the main exhibition while juniors can compete in three age categories:-

- Section 1 – 18 years and under;
- Section 2 – 13 years and under; and
- Section 3 – 7 years and under.

There is no cost to enter. Children will present a model made from LEGO or similar, no larger than 50cm x 50cm, and presented on a solid base. The theme is Agriculture.

An Entry Form must be submitted no later than Monday, 22 April, 2024, in person to Lockington Neighbourhood House or via email to nhldbc@gmail.com

Judging will take place at Lockington Community Centre at 12 noon on Saturday 27 April 2024 and first, second and third placings will be awarded in each age category.

The three overall winners will each receive a Certificate and LEGO set generously donated by the Bendigo LEGO User Group.

Locky Blocks is a Lockington Youth Action Group initiative and will be staged at Lockington Community Centre from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, 27 April.

Entry is via gold coin donation with all proceeds to benefit Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre.

For all inquiries, please contact Lockington Neighbourhood House on 0499 170 329 or email nhldbc@gmail.com

## FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Full First Aid  
\$150 per person

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Maximum of 25  
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Thursday 2 May  
6.30pm to 8.30pm

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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

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**SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024**

**7AM TO 1PM AT LOCKINGTON PARK (PANNOO ROAD)**



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Marg Dowie P 0427 795 576 or E [margdownie628@gmail.com](mailto:margdownie628@gmail.com)

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### NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 22 March was National Ride to School Day; it was fantastic seeing Lockington Consolidated School students take the opportunity to ride, skate, or scooter to school alongside friends and family who joined in for the morning.

A special thanks goes out to the Lockington Community Church for their generous donation of sausages, Milo, and juice, as well as their time spent cooking breakfast for everyone. What a great way to start the day!

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# 2024 DEBUTANTE BALL

*A Night Under the Stars*

FRIDAY **31** 7:00PM  
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**People aged 65 years and older can now access a new shingles vaccine through the National Immunisation Program.**

Shingles is a painful blistering rash caused by reactivation of the same virus that causes chickenpox.

Speak to Lockington Bush Nursing Centre for further information.

Lockington Men's Shed



# OPEN DAY



Warmly inviting old & prospective new members (men and women) to learn more about our shed & the array of woodworking opportunities it can offer in 2024

**Tues 30 April | 10am - 1pm**  
**Free BBQ Lunch**  
**Lockington Business Centre Building**

**FEATURING A WOOD TURNING DEMONSTRATION BY DON MAIN**

For further information contact:-  
Lockington Neighbourhood House Ph 0499 170 329

**Congratulations & best wishes to this year's debs:-**

Audrey Giorgianni (partner Harrison Jenkins); Remea Christian (Jake Scragg); Matilda Peat (Mitchell Scurrah); Chelsea Newton (Lachlan Basham); Maia Allen (Charlie Bryne); Evie Ritchie (Nicholas Mitchell); Sienna Varcoe (Ky Henson); Ava Brown (Chaz Regan); Flowergirl - Milla Dobson; Pageboy - Charlie Eade.



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**Flu vaccinations**


The nurses will be available to give flu vaccinations on the following days:

**Tuesday 16th April & Tuesday 23rd April.**

Please ring the centre on 54862544 to book a time.

You will need to bring your current medicare card. There will be a \$20 fee to cover the cost of the vaccine unless you are eligible for the free government dose.

**Covid boosters** also available - advise staff if you are eligible.



**Dr Patrick** will be at Lockington on Tuesday 14th May.  
Ring 54862544 to book an appt.  
For other weekdays, please call Elmore on 54326001.

**ROCHESTER BOWEN THERAPY** will be back in the centre, every Monday, starting from 15th April. Ring the centre for a Bowen session with Jon.

**Upcoming Public Holiday Closure - Anzac Day - Thursday 25th**

**CUPPA CONNECTION**

Come to the Plumber’s Shed for a cuppa, morning tea & a chat.

This Thursday, the 11th April, from 10am—11.30am.



- ◆ Please phone ahead to 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

## Revised Rebuild Timeframe

Building works due to be completed by November 2024

- **Aged Care, Acute Hospital, Urgent Care**
- **Support Services** - Kitchen, Stores, Laundry
- **Community Care Wing** - Allied Health, Home Care, GP Clinic, SSG Function Room, Administration, Reception



## Rochester Exercise Classes

Weekly **Fitness for Older Persons** and **Strength and Balance** exercises classes are now available in Rochester at the 4R's corner Diggora Road and Northern Highway.



Class timetable:

- Fitness for Older Persons - 9:00am -10:00am
- Strength and Balance - 10:30am - 11:30am

**Cardiac Rehabilitation** classes are also available at the Rochy Gym, Wednesdays, 1:00pm -2:30pm.

To register and find out more please information please call 03 5484 4400

## REDHS Services

Services continue to be provided to eligible clients in the Rochester, Elmore and surrounding communities for the following services:



### District Nursing

### Home Care Services

### Social Support Group

### Allied Health Services

Services are available at our Jeffrey Street, Elmore site, Rushworth and Lockington for:

- Dietetics
- Exercise physiology
- Exercise programs
- Occupational therapy
- Podiatry
- Social Work

RFDS Community Transport is available for appointments.

## 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

## FROM OUR CHURCHES

### Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

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

- 14 April - 11am combined Service at Lockington with Bamawm.
- 21 April - 11am at Lockington
- 28 April - 10am Combined Service at Lockington with 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:-

- 14 April - Bamawm will attend St. Mary's, Lockington - 11.00am, A service will also be held in Rochester UCA - 10.00am.
- 21 April - Elmore

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

Ray Wakefield Ph 5486 2592 / 0491 340 427



### From The Scriptures 986

Acts c 17 v 2. As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on the 3 Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah"



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

### Now Open

For all projects and applications open, visit [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen) or call Council on 1300 666 535 for more information.

### Free Disaster Waste Disposal

The Victorian Government is providing free disaster waste to Campaspe Shire residents until 30 April.

Residents who were impacted by disaster, including fires, storms and energy emergencies from 13 February onwards are able to dispose of their excess disaster waste at any of the eight Resource Recovery Centres in the shire.

### Council Newsletter Survey

Each edition of our newsletter 'Campaspe Times' is delivered to approximately 17,000 households in the Campaspe Shire and is also available from libraries, service centres and on our website.

We are undertaking a short survey to find out more about how you access our newsletter and what kind of information you enjoy reading.

Participants will go in the draw to win one of three \$100 Visa gift cards. Head to the Now Open page on our website to learn more or call our Customer Service Team if you would like assistance in completing the survey.

### Job Skills Grants

Council's Job Skills Grants are now open.

The grant program involving a one off payment of up to \$250 is designed to assist 16 to 25 year olds completing short courses and qualifications. Applications will close when the funding allocation is exhausted.

### Economic Development & Tourism Strategy Online Industry Workshop

Council is hosting an online industry workshop seek further feedback and comments to inform our Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

The Online workshop will be held at 5.30 pm, Tuesday 16 April. Visit the Now Open page for more information and link to the workshop.

### Expressions of Interest Rochester Flood Study Reference Committee

A Flood Study Reference Committee (FSRC) is to be established as an advisory committee to act as a sounding board in support of the flood study and development of the associated floodplain risk management plan.

### Psychological First Aid Sessions

Our Recovery Team in partnership with Phoenix Australia present Psychological First Aid Sessions which provide practical, flexible, and recommended approach to help people affected by trauma.



Visit the Now Open page to read more and register via the link below for any of the ten sessions being held in Echuca, Lockington and Rochester between 22 April and 22 May.

For more information or assistance, please contact the Recovery Hub on 1300 666 535 press option 2.

### Library Youth Take Over

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

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 visit our website or call 1300 666 535.



### Employment #campaspecareers

- Asset Analyst
- Building Inspector
- Customer Experience Coordinator
- Customer Service Officers - Aquatics
- Early Childhood Educator Co Worker - Casual
- Early Childhood Educator Room Leader – Casual
- Group Fitness Instructor
- Learn To Swim Teacher
- Maternal & Child Health Nurse – Casual
- Risk Management and Insurance Officer
- School Crossing Supervisor
- Various Engineering positions

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

### Immunisation Sessions by Appointment Only

For more information or to register for an appointment visit, [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/immunisations](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/immunisations).

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

Wednesday, 17 April  
9 – 9.45am  
Kyabram Senior Citizens Centre

Thursday, 18 April  
5.30 – 6.30pm  
Echuca Library

Monday, 22 April  
9 – 9.45am  
Tongala Service Centre

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





## VICTORIAN BUDGET CRISIS: WALSH SAYS LIVES ARE ON THE LINE

The Nationals leader and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, says the Allan Labor government’s crippling record debt is now putting lives on the line.

And Mr Walsh says if Premier Jacinta Allan’s latest plan to rip countless millions of dollars out of the regional hospital system goes ahead people will end up paying a very high price.

He says when Labor won power in 2014 it inherited a strong balance sheet, with a “easily managed” debt of \$22.3 billion.

“Victoria is now facing a staggering debt of \$178 billion by 2027 and that will only keep climbing because Ms Allan and her incompetent Cabinet have not got a clue about managing money let alone a whole economy,” Mr Walsh says.

“Regional and rural health services across Victoria are facing forced amalgamations, service cuts and closures as the Allan Labor government slashes millions in health funding in a desperate bid to shore up our collapsing economy,” he says.

“Weeks ahead of the upcoming State Budget, reports have indicated Labor is forcing unrealistic savings targets on all of Victoria’s 76 health services, which will collectively see millions cut over coming years.

“These funding cuts follow confirmation more than a dozen regional health services suffered operating losses across 2022-23, with projections that by June this year, more than half Victoria’s health services face negative daily cash balances.”

Mr Walsh says leaked internal briefings reveal bosses at multiple country health services have warned the forced “unrealistic” savings targets are unsustainable.

He says some reported multimillion-dollar deficits last financial year and now say there is no way to cut costs without impacting frontline services.

The directive to slash costs came from the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance to all 76 health services and had individual targets across the next three financial years, under what are called Financial Management Improvement Plans.

“Victoria’s massive debt equals \$70,000 for every Victorian household,” Mr Walsh added. “Our grandchildren, and generations beyond, will be paying for this catastrophic financial failure by the Premier and Labor’s fantasyland where the more it spends the less people will want to check the bottom line.

“Victorians should make no mistake, these are not changes to improve efficiency, but desperate and savage cuts triggered by Labor’s financial mismanagement,” he says.

“Under the Allan Labor Government, regional and rural communities across the state will be stripped of their voice in local health services as this latest round of funding cuts by stealth is the real-world consequence of Labor’s financial mismanagement and it is patients across rural and regional Victoria who will suffer.

“Under Labor, Victorians are already struggling to access basic healthcare and are waiting longer for vital treatments, just look at this week’s reports of seriously ill people waiting hours in ambulances outside hospital because there is no bed available for them.

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Awards/Best On: S. Taylor (Hip Pocket), T. Phillips (Tysons Reef), J. Gardiner (Lockington Pub), C. Hinks (National Hotel), B. Holman (Lockington Pub), T. Leech (Echuca Meats).

**Reserves: LBU 15.11.101 def Leitchville Gunbower 1.8.14**

Goals: B. Phillips 9, L. Thompson 2, H. Quincey, J. Maddison, J. Felmingham, J. Jenson 1.

Awards/Best On: J. Felmingham (Hip Pocket), J. Yosiffidis (Lockington Pub), J. Butler (National Hotel), K. Baker (Caledonian Hotel), M. Cartwright (National Hotel), B. Phillips (Echuca Meats).

**18 & Under: LBU 11.7.73 def Leitchville Gunbower 3.3.21**

Goals: J. Brentnall 5, H. Keele, P. Keele, J. McAsey, C. Betts, R. Carr, W. Hann 1.

Awards/Best On: J. Brentnall (Morans Water), B. Hull (Intersport Bennett's), H. Keele (Roma), C. Betts (Lockington Supermarket), J. Haines (Towel), M. Scurrah.

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**A Grade: LBU: 24 - Leitchville Gunbower: 66**  
Awards: J. Davidson (Tyson Reef), G. McGowan (Echuca Meats).

**A Reserve: LBU: 47 - Leitchville Gunbower: 46**  
Awards: D. Laffy (Echuca Meats), M. Combridge (National Hotel).

**B Grade: LBU: 37 - Leitchville Gunbower: 53**  
Awards: C. Fry-Smith (Lockington Pub), C. Jones (Lockington Supermarket).

**B Reserve: LBU: 38 - Leitchville Gunbower: 24**  
Awards: O. Stone (Caledonian Hotel), B. Baker (Lockington Supermarket).

**17 & Under: LBU: 49 - Leitchville Gunbower: 20**  
Awards: A. Giorgianni (Blossom & Co), E. Ritchie (Intersport Bennett's).

**15 & Under: LBU: 43 - Leitchville Gunbower: 17**  
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### 7 APRIL

The Lockington Golf Club season kicked off with its Opening Day event on Saturday, a 4-person Ambrose.

Despite the gloomy morning skies and rain, a pleasing field of 27 golfers participated, including visitors from Rich River and Mitiamo.

There were lots of positive comments about the condition of the course, a reflection of the hard work put in by all those involved and a delicious afternoon tea at the end of golf was a great way to finish the day.

The day's best score was a terrific 64-7.75-56.25, returned by the team of Ash Portwine, Andrew Glatte, Mark Lyons and Terry Thomas (back-to-back winner, he was also a member of last year's winning team). Mark Lyons Fencing was the generous event sponsor so it was fitting that Mark was successful.

Runners-up were Paul Condliffe (Mitiamo), Simon Portwine, Stuart Newton and Grant Humbert with a very fine score of 64-5.75-58.25; next best were Jan Clymo, Pauline Humbert, Kevin Humbert and Darren Carnie with a solid 73-11.375-61.625.

Nearest the Pin: 7th – Lyn Kingston (Rich River), Jeff Carnie; 17th – Annette Brereton, Grant Humbert; 2nd shot 18th – Grant Humbert. Spike's Longest Drive on the 15th, sponsored by Hot 'n' Cold Plumbing – Grant Humbert (0-18); Jeff Carnie (19+); Pauline Humbert.

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<b>APRIL 6</b> Colbinabbin v Elmore (N) LBU v Leitch/Gun Mount Pleasant v Heathcote Huntly v White Hills BYE North Bendigo	<b>APRIL 13</b> Elmore v North Bendigo Leitch/Gun v Colbinabbin (G) Heathcote v LBU White Hills v Mount Pleasant (N) BYE Huntly	<b>APRIL 20</b> North Bendigo v Leitch/Gun Colbinabbin v Heathcote LBU v White Hills Mount Pleasant v Huntly BYE Elmore	<b>APRIL 27</b> Heathcote v North Bendigo White Hills v Colbinabbin Huntly v LBU Leitch/Gun v Elmore (G) BYE Mount Pleasant
<b>ROUND 5</b>	<b>ROUND 6</b>	<b>ROUND 7</b>	<b>ROUND 8</b>
<b>MAY 4</b> North Bendigo v White Hills Colbinabbin v Huntly LBU v Mount Pleasant Elmore v Heathcote BYE Leitch/Gun	<b>MAY 11</b> Huntly v North Bendigo Mount Pleasant v Colbinabbin White Hills v Elmore Heathcote v Leitch/Gun BYE LBU	<b>MAY 18</b> North Bendigo v Mount Pleasant Colbinabbin v LBU Elmore v Huntly Leitch/Gun v White Hills (G) BYE Heathcote	<b>MAY 25</b> LBU v North Bendigo Mount Pleasant v Elmore Huntly v Leitch/Gun White Hills v Heathcote BYE Colbinabbin
<b>ROUND 9</b>	<b>BYE</b>	<b>ROUND 10</b>	<b>ROUND 11</b>
<b>JUNE 1</b> North Bendigo v Colbinabbin Elmore v LBU Leitch/Gun v Mount Pleasant (G) Heathcote v Huntly BYE White Hills	<b>KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND</b>	<b>JUNE 15</b> Leitch/Gun v North Bendigo (L) Heathcote v Colbinabbin White Hills v LBU Huntly v Mount Pleasant BYE Elmore	<b>JUNE 22</b> North Bendigo v Elmore Colbinabbin v Leitch/Gun LBU v Heathcote Mount Pleasant v White Hills BYE Huntly
<b>ROUND 12</b>	<b>ROUND 13</b>	<b>ROUND 14</b>	<b>ROUND 15</b>
<b>JUNE 29</b> Elmore v Colbinabbin Leitch/Gun v LBU (L) Heathcote v Mount Pleasant White Hills v Huntly BYE North Bendigo	<b>JULY 6</b> North Bendigo v Heathcote Colbinabbin v White Hills Elmore v Leitch/Gun LBU v Huntly BYE Mount Pleasant	<b>JULY 13</b> White Hills v North Bendigo Huntly v Colbinabbin Mount Pleasant v LBU Heathcote v Elmore BYE Leitch/Gun	<b>JULY 20</b> North Bendigo v Huntly Colbinabbin v Mount Pleasant Elmore v White Hills Leitch/Gun v Heathcote (L) BYE LBU
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<b>JULY 27</b> Mount Pleasant v North Bendigo LBU v Colbinabbin Huntly v Elmore White Hills v Leitch/Gun BYE Heathcote	<b>AUGUST 3</b> North Bendigo v LBU Elmore v Mount Pleasant Leitch/Gun v Huntly (L) Heathcote v White Hills BYE Colbinabbin	<b>AUGUST 10</b> Colbinabbin v North Bendigo LBU v Elmore Mount Pleasant v Leitch/Gun Huntly v Heathcote BYE White Hills	<b>(N) - NIGHT GAME</b> <b>(L) - LEITCHVILLE</b> <b>(G) - GUNBOWER</b> <b>LBU - LOCKINGTON BARAMAH UNITED</b>

### FINALS SERIES

<b>QUALIFYING FINAL</b>	<b>ELIMINATION FINAL</b>	<b>1ST &amp; 2ND SEMI FINALS</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY FINAL</b>	<b>GRAND FINAL</b>
<b>AUGUST 17</b>	<b>AUGUST 18</b>	<b>AUGUST 24 &amp; 25</b>	<b>AUGUST 31</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>

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**LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB****24 MARCH**

**The Lockington Bowls Club women enjoyed a fine day for their weekly Social bowls.**

The game on the day was rinks with the combination of Kathi Maddison, Annie Haines, Sue Harris and Phyllis MacFarlane (s) proving far too strong for the opposition.

Tuesday evening Barefoot Bowls attracted a quality field of 28 players to play 3-bowl Pairs. At the completion of the two games of eight ends there were four teams undefeated.

The cream rose to the top as Steve "Knockers" Nolan and Anthony Westwood (s) scored two wins plus 12 shots to carry home the major prizes ahead of Ryan Chapple - Ray Hanson (s) 2 wins +7 on a countback from Ian Staig - Jeff Carnie (s) 2 wins +7. In fourth place was Davin Francis - Shane Felmingham (s) 2 wins +6.

During the week members attended local tournaments at Calivil, Echuca, Rich River and Elmore.

In the club competitions the finals are beginning to take shape. The Presidents Trophy 21 Up championship has Jenny Fisher in the final after defeating Ian Staig. John Fisher d. Graham Turner while John Dowie caused a minor upset to eliminate Andy Harris. Harris was trailing by one shot before Dowie crowded the jack to score a four on the final end as Harris tried desperately to upset the head with a couple of up shots but to no avail. Dowie will proceed to the quarter final and meet John Fisher, with the winner to tackle Lloyd Buchanan in the semi-final.

The 100 Up championship is down to the final two with John van den Bosch to play Phillip Cunningham. Van den Bosch defeated Andy Harris while Cunningham accounted for a weary Ray Hanson in the semi-finals.

The Friday evening barbecue and practice had a small crowd with the lucky members draw was missed by an absent Alan Kauffman. The draw will jackpot to enormous proportions in a fortnight due to the building of a new lid on the clubhouse.

**31 MARCH**

Barefoot Bowls had 26 players and the competition standard was high; the winning Pair was Ian Haines and Steve Pavone (s) 2 wins plus 30 shots ahead of Ashley Cunningham - John Andrea (s) 2 wins +21. Next best was Brooke Coghill - Mel Pearse (s) 2 wins +16 while Peter Egan - Leanne McInnes (s) managed 2 wins +9.

The Club Competitions are almost completed. The 100 Up Championship has been run and won. Phillip Cunningham defeated John van den Bosch in a see-sawing affair that was close all of the way. The crowd was treated to an amazing display of bowling from the two left-handers in action.

Club members extend sincere condolences to Leanne McInnes and family on the sad passing of Leanne's father Eric Nichol at age 93.

Our Club Presentation Evening is on Sunday 21 at April starting at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm meal. Names to be listed for catering purposes and the cost will be \$27.00 per head.

The game of Scrounge is just around the corner - keep watching for details.

**7 APRIL**

**A much quieter time on the bowling green this past week.**

The Barefoot Bowls action continues to astound with another fine group of players in action.

Twenty four players enjoyed the excellent conditions and the superb barbeque meal on offer.

The game of 3 Bowl Pairs was the order of the day and the action was very competitive.

After the two games of eight ends there were four undefeated teams with the father and son of Ian Haines and young Keifer Haines winning the major trophies donated by our sponsors, scoring 2 wins plus 20 shots ahead of Peter Standl - John Andrea (s) 2 wins +13 (-6) on a countback from Natalie McLaughlin - Steve Pavone (s) 2 wins +13 (-8).

Next best was the combination of Shane Felmingham - Graeme Wood (s) 2 wins +11 shots.

During the week members supported the Kyvalley View Ladies Triples.

The gun trio composing Nat McLaughlin, Cindy Felmingham, Kim Ray (s) combined brilliantly to gain the runners up trophies - well done!

The Club Competitions are nearly done and dusted with only a couple of games in the 100 Up Championship to be completed and the B Grade Championship semi-finals are to be finalised.

The women are in a similar position with their 100 Up Championship.

Congratulations to the local Moama bowlers on their recent success at the Victorian Open Championships held at Traralgon.

Local talent was also to the fore in the City versus Country Bowls Championship held at the Bendigo East Bowling Club on the week-ends.

Cameron Keenan, Olivia Cartwright, Emma Simmons and Cassandra Millerick bowled well.

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## MEDLEY FOURS WINNERS

The Lockington Bowls Club ladies held a successful Medley Fours Tournament, attracting entries from Moama, Mathoura, Echuca, Rich River, Tongala, Elmore, Rochester, Calivil plus local members.

Vice President Margaret Dowie welcomed all present and offered good bowling on the day. Tournament Secretary Kathi Maddison acknowledged the strong support from our sponsors Ray White Real Estate - Rochester and Golconda - Swan Hill.

Very much appreciated by the club.

On the green there was plenty of action together with some extraordinary bowling; three teams won three out of the four disciplines and fought out for the winners purse under a Points and Shot Up system.

The Rochester team of Janice Tamburini, Jane McCallum, Helen Holzer and Kaye Barker was successful with 81 points. Runners-up were Echuca four of Sheryl Campion, June Clifford, Belinda Chong and Bernie Johns with 80 points while third went to the Rich River team of Maree Arthurson, Cheryl Cargill, Rita Moresco and Judy White on 79 points.

Special competition winners included Lyn Lister (Calivil), Poss Andrea and Pat Sehesdt (Rich River).

*Pictured left (top) Lockington Bowls Club Medley Fours winners Jane McCallum, Janice Tamburini, Helen Holzer & Kay Barker (Rochester).*

*Pictured left (bottom): Runners-up Bernie Johns, Sheryl Campion, June Clifford & Belinda Chang (Echuca).*



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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.