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# **LOCKY NEWS**

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### **LOCKINGTON VINTAGE RALLY - THIS WEEKEND!**

Lockington will come alive with the sights and sounds of yesteryear this weekend.

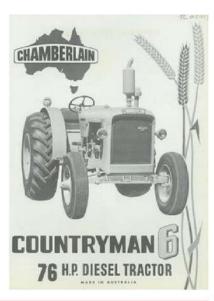
The 26th Annual Lockington Vintage Rally takes place from 9am to 4pm over two days and showcases an array of old-time vehicles, machinery and engines including tractors, farm equipment, trucks, cars and motorcycles.

This year's rally will shine a spotlight on Chamberlain, an iconic Australian tractor manufacturer celebrating it's 75th anniversary in 2024.

There will be a Grand Parade at 11am and 2pm daily, and a feature Show N Shine from 9am to 1pm on Sunday offering an array of prizes for participants.

The celebrations extend beyond the rally grounds too, with the Locky Blocks LEGO Display (gold coin donation) at the Lockington Community Centre from 10am to 4pm on Saturday - including a build area and LEGO for sale.

There is a Ukulele Concert at the Living Heritage Complex at 7.30pm on Saturday night (gold coin donation) and a free Art Display in the Plumber's Shed on both Saturday and Sunday.



FREE



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### **LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME**

Hello again everyone,

We have reached November 1903, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the people of this district were faring.

It had been a year which saw a number of the region's earliest selector settlers pass away, among them Mrs Catherine Joyce of Pannoobamawm, who died aged 93 years, in April 1903. Mr Ely B Lumb of Pine Grove, a resident of that district for thirty years, also died in April, and Mr Thomas Hymers of Wanurp, who had taken up his selection there in 1875, passed away in May.

Later that month, Mr Daniel Hogarth, formerly of Milloo, died at Bendigo. Mrs Mary O'Gorman, who with her late husband had lived for many years at the Terricks, died at Rochester on 18 July. Mr Matthew Pollock, one of the oldest residents of Terricks East, died suddenly at his home on 1 August 1903, and on 7 September, Miss Janet H Henderson of Pannoobamawm, passed away, aged just 29 years. In mid-September, Diggora lost Mr James Buchanan, and his death was followed by that of his wife, Mary, in November 1903.

Earlier in the year, there had been high hopes of a record harvest in the region, but storms in October brought damaging hail giving cause for concern. Furthermore, on 7 November 1903, the Elmore Standard reported that across the district, rust was being detected in the wheat crops and 'dead heads' were found to be more common in crops than usual. However, there was abundant grass, and hay returns were 'quite up to expectations', according to an item in the Argus on 25 November 1903. Caterpillars appeared but, despite these and the rust, there were still some excellent crops about. Throughout the Rochester district, according to the Age, on 24 December 1903, dairy herds were improving and "Prosperity is on every side, and with every prospect of continuing."

Then, on 27 December 1903, it began to rain and it continued raining quite heavily at times. On 2 January 1904, the Elmore Standard reported: - "Diggora experienced quite a flood, and at Pannoomilloo there was a sea of water on every side.

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At Bamawm fully five inches [125 mms] have fallen during the last ten days." On 9 January, commenting further on the weather conditions, the Standard reads: - "At Pine Grove the rain was exceptionally heavy, consequently the damage done was very great. Some of the crops have the appearance of being totally ruined. Tennyson came in for a fair share of the downpour, which has done a great deal of damage to the standing crops, and the wheat stacks have had to be moved so as to enable them to dry."

From the Kerang New Times of 8 January 1904, came the following statement: - "The rainfall at Pine Grove was of a phenomenal nature, totalling 11¼ inches [approx. 280 mms]. On Saturday 3in [75 mms] fell in an hour, which submerged the paddocks, giving them the appearance of large lakes.

At Tennyson, Saturday's rain totalled 2 inches 33 points, [approx. 59 mms] and Bamawm 2 inches 25 points [approx 58 mms]. Many of the crops in these districts are in a sad plight, and in all probability the loss will be very serious."

[Perhaps, if news of the rain had reached Melbourne, the following report might have been amended?] On 2 January 1904, commenting on the harvest season in the Rochester district, the Melbourne Leader stated that "the parishes of Milloo, Bamawm, Diggora and Pine Grove will have an average return of 5 bags of wheat per acre, and of oats 9 to 10 bags per acre.

Besides, even the smallest farmers have very large stacks of hay. Old grass is abundant, and a splendid growth of green grass has come since the last rain. The dairy herds are being made up, and the separators are again working."

However, the Editor of the Elmore Standard would have been more familiar with local weather, when he wrote that, in Diggora: - "Mr Cox has been enabled to harvest 73 bags of wheat a day with his new Sunshine harvester. The many advantages of this machine over the ordinary stripper have been very noticeable this harvest." The Editor commented that, in his opinion, "very few will be bothered with the stripper after this season."

While the harvest that year was not a total loss, it did not meet expectations. Due to the rain, its completion would be late and, well into January 1904, there was still very little wheat being delivered to the various railway station yards. As reported in the Bendigo Advertiser on 21 January, "Considerable dissatisfaction exists amongst farmers because buyers are offering 3d per bushel less for bleached wheat than for wheat harvested before the rain. Buyers, too, are complaining because they can only with great difficulty dispose of second-class wheat, even at reduced prices."

However, there were some good reports. On 23 January, the Elmore Standard quoted its Warragamba correspondent saying that grass there was growing well, and the milk supply at the local creamery was increasing; and on 6 February, the Standard published a report from Bamawm, that the local vineyard was in splendid order, the almond trees bore a record load of almonds, and rockmelons and watermelons, were of excellent quality.

January 1904 was a special month for two of Diggora's young ladies. On 18 January, at the Sacred Heart Church, St Kilda, Miss Mary Theresa (Dollie) Kildea, daughter of Mr J Kildea of Diggora, married Mounted-Constable Michael Bell (for some years stationed at Rochester), son of Mr Patrick Bell of Cranbourne.

Then, on 27 January, at the Brigidine Convent, Echuca, Miss Mollie Quinn, daughter of Mrs W Quinn of Diggora, was professed as Sister M Anthony.

That takes us a very little way into 1904, but there will be more next time. 'Bye.

- Marg O'Brien

### Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

Sunday Duty Roster

28 April

5 May

12 May 19 May

19 May 26 May VINTAGE RALLY

Jack & Susan K Lyndsay G & Don O'B Des & Tom

Jim & Therese

### LOCKINGTON PLACE BASED PLAN COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

Campaspe Shire Council has moved forward with the development of the Lockington Place-Based Plan by appointing members to the Place-Based Plan Committee.

Campaspe Shire Mayor Rob Amos noted a good response to the call for nominations. "We received 15 expressions of interest from community members keen to participate in the Place-Based Plan Committee, from which a nine-member committee has been chosen.

"The newly appointed Committee comprises a diverse group of community members, including individuals involved in sports clubs, agriculture, arts and culture organisations, local businesses, schools, and community groups," Cr Amos said.

The selection process considered factors such as age and gender balance and aimed to reflect Council's Communities of Priority criteria outlined in the Council Access and Inclusion Strategy, which encompasses youth, CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) individuals, seniors, people with mental illness or their caregivers, the socially disadvantaged, women, people with disabilities, and the LGBTIQ+ community.

"We want to assure the wider community that there will be ample opportunities to provide input during the plan's development. You can share your thoughts and ideas both online and in person at various stages throughout the process."

Since 2017, Place Based Planning has been used by Council to engage the community and to understand the community's future aspirations. It's a way for Council and the community to develop a shared vision for their town.

"The Committee will work collaboratively with the community, consultants and Council to develop the plan, and once endorsed by Council, we will endeavour to help them secure funding and implement the identified actions," Cr Amos said.

The Lockington Place Based Plan Committee comprises nine members: Colin Bacon, Bridie Boyle, Monica Brereton, John Ciurleo, Joseph Halloway, Janelle Mancer, Wendy Sims, Dan Walker and Graeme Wood.

Councillor for Western Ward, Cr Leanne Pentreath said she was excited to see the Committee appointed in the first steps to getting the Place Based Plan started.

"The Lockington community should be commended for its eagerness to be involved in the development of its Place Based Plan. The process of developing the plan will ensure that the community aspirations are accomplished," said Cr Pentreath.

Subscribe to the page below page for updates and further information about the Lockington Place Based Plan:

https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/lockington

April	
27	Locky Blocks, Ukulele Concert
27-28	Lockington Vintage Rally Art Display in the Plumber's Shed
29	FoodShare at Bush Nursing Centre
30	Lockington Men's Shed Open Day
May	
2	First Aid/CPR Training
4	LBU FNC Past Players Reunion
6	NEXT TYPING DAY - LOCKY NEWS
12	Community Mother's Day Walk
15	Lockington Kindergarten Open Day
16	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea @ Heritage Centre
19	Lockington Swap Meet
31	LBU Debutante Ball



### DAIRY CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

Cream of the Crop started with a vision to bring women and wonder-people within the dairy industry together, providing an opportunity for networking & personal development.

To be inspired, to be challenged and to grow; empowering attendees to return to their farm, family and community feeling motivated and supported in their role - whatever that may look like.

In 2024, the conference is coming to Echuca-Moama on 30 & 31 July; scan the QR code or visit the website to stay up to date with all the latest information.

### DOESN'T OUR PARK LOOK GREAT!



Who else has noticed that the Lions Garden in Lions/Apex Park has had a facelift?

A little birdie tells us Brendan Pentreath gave the lion a fresh coat of paint and had him sparkling in preparation for Anzac Day and the Vintage Rally this weekend.



Lockington Kindergarten will host an Open Day on Wednesday 15 May from 9am to 11.30am.

If you are considering kindergarten in 2025 for your three or four-year-old child, this will be the perfect opportunity explore the facilities and programs on offer and speak with the local educators. All welcome.

### DEATH NOTICE

JAMES, Mavis Melchret (nee Edwards)

Formerly of Bamawm, Ballendella & Lockington.

Passed away peacefully at BUPA Bendigo on 1 April, 2024 (1 day short of her 97th birthday)

Dearly loved wife of Keith (dec).

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Glenda & Peter Leitch; Shirley & Peter Warren; Eileen & Peter Riordan/Clapham; Lynette & Glenn Anderson.

Adored & loved Big Nan of Steven, Rebecca, Jennifer, Matthew (dec), Adam, Heidi, Kirilee, Dale, Neroli, Ben, Tim, Casey & her 21 precious great grandchildren.

Resting Peacefully & Reunited With Dad.

### 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,
- 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).

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### **FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE NOTIFICATION TO LANDHOLDERS**

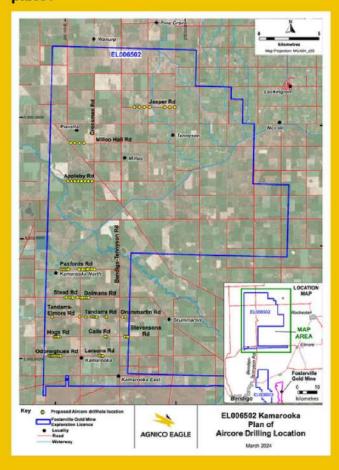
# **Air Core Drilling Program**

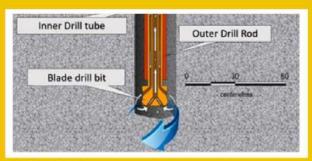
In the coming weeks, Fosterville Gold Mine will commence an Air Core Drilling program within public road reserves in the Kamarooka and Milloo areas.

### 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?

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### **LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

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Bendigo Health, via the Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit/Murray Prevention and Population Health team, provided a \$1500 grant to support an upgrade of the Lockington Community Garden. Stage one has now been completed – the replacement of a damaged garden bed. Ian Wicke drove this project and did an outstanding job planning and executing the work. The funding will also enable a second bed to be replaced, and the irrigation system extended.





Tues 30 April | 10am - 1pm Free BBQ Lunch

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### LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS



Michelle & Rachael from Bunnings in Kangaroo Flat ventured to Lockington Consolidated to assist with getting the school's vegetable gardens up and going.

Eager Grade 3 & 4 students laid the fertiliser and mulch before planting some winter produce including cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and onion.

A massive thankyou to Bunnings who not only supplied their expertise but also donated all the fertiliser, mulch, seedlings and gardening tools to make this project a reality.

The students cannot wait to see the results of their hard work.



Leading Senior Constable Shane Roberts from the Proactive Policing Unit visited Grade 5 & 6 students at Lockington Consolidated School.

He discussed how to stay safe in the community, what life is like as a Police Officer, how laws are made and some of the differences between State and Federal Police.

The students had definitely done their homework prior to this visit with some excellent questions on the day.

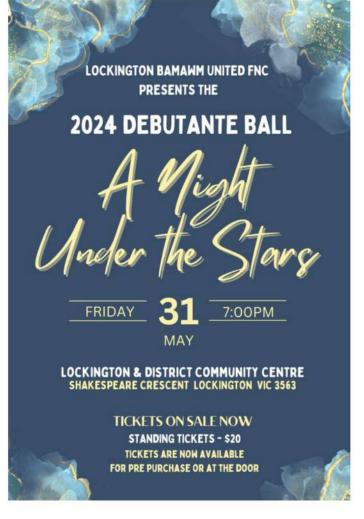




Lockington Consolidated School was very fortunate to be successful in securing funds from the Community Bank - Elmore, Lockington and Rochester Community Grant Program.

The entire school community would like to extend its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Bendigo Bank for contributing to the purchase a shade structure to place over the playground, creating a safer and cooler space for students.

PICTURED ABOVE: School Captains Marley Carnegie, Lottie Newth, Bodie Poynting and Emily Coonerty with Principal James Hodgens and Community Bank Senior Branch Manager James Pietromonaco.







### Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

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Upcoming Public Holiday Closure -

Anzac Day - Thursday 25th

### Flu Vaccinations-

A clinic is being run on Tuesday 23rd April, with stock availability for <u>under 65</u> yr olds. An additional clinic will be conducted once our stocks have been replenished - ETA early May. This will be advertised on facebook and local noticeboards. Names and contact numbers can be rung through to the centre for their waiting list.



The East Loddon Food Share Collection Day at Lockingtion 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 deductable 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.

Next Cuppa Connection date - Thursday 9th May 2024 to be held at Lockington Heritage Complex 10am-11.30am



**Dr Patrick** will be at Lockington on Tuesday 14th May. Please ring 54862544 to book an appt.

For other weekdays, please call Elmore on 54326001.



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



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### **REDHS CEO Departs**

The REDHS Board has today announced Karen Laing has resigned as the Chief Executive Officer of REDHS.

Karen will be stepping down from her role, effective 3 May 2024, as she takes up a new Director role with Bellarine Community Health. Karen joined REDHS as CEO just over four years ago, a start date that aligned with the beginning of the COVID pandemic.



This was a challenging time for REDHS, the health sector and the whole community as the prevention and management of COVID became a huge part of our daily lives.

pictured: Karen Laing, outgoing CEO

On behalf of the Board, I thank Karen for her leadership and stewardship of the health service through this time.

The board is also particularly grateful for Karen's leadership, coordination and governance of the health service in response to the October 2022 flood event. This includes the safe evacuation of patients, residents and staff from the facility along with the ongoing response to reinstate services to our community.

I particularly want to thank Karen for her passion and strong advocacy during this time to ensure all of services provided by REDHS are returned in the flood recovery.

Karen's experience, passion, knowledge and insights will be greatly missed. The Board and the whole REDHS community wish Karen well as she moves to the next phase of her career.

The Board has appointed Darren Clark as Interim CEO. Darren has been our Director of Clinical Services for a number of years, and has extensive experience in the aged care and health sector. The Board is fully supportive of Darren stepping up into the role whilst recruitment for a new CEO gets underway.

As REDHS moves forward, our commitment to providing health services to the Rochester, Elmore and surrounding communities remains unwavering. We are confident that our strong leadership team, coupled with the remarkable talents of our employees, will continue to propel REDHS toward a bright future.

Christopher White, REDHS Board Chair

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### FROM OUR CHURCHES

### Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

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

28 April 10am: Lockington - combined with Rochester - Rev. Trail

10am: Combined at Bamawm Uniting

12 May 11am: Lockington

### 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:-

28 April 28 - Tongala Respect Aged Care Chapel 5 May - Bamawm (St Mary's Anglican worshipping with us)

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 987

Acts c17 v 31 For He has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

### CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

### Coming Up

Tuesday, 21 May Council meeting, 6pm Echuca Civic Centre

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

### Now Open

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

### **Psychological First Aid Training**

Council's Recovery Hub in partnership with Phoenix Australia present Psychological First Aid Sessions which a provide practical, flexible, and recommended approach to help people affected by trauma.

Visit the Now Open page to register for any of the ten sessions being held in Echuca, Lockington and Rochester between 22 April and 22 May. If you need more information, contact out Recovery Hub Team.

### Free Youth Mental Health First Aid Courses

Council's Recovery Hub and Youth Community Development teams are offering free, accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid courses, designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to help adolescents experiencing mental health problems.

Council is subsidising the cost of this course thanks to the Victoria State government 'Engage Funding' and by the State of Victoria through Emergency Recovery Victoria's Recovery Hub Program in response to the October 2022 flood event.

Visit the Now Open page to register for any of the sessions being held in Echuca, Lockington, Rochester (in person) or Kyabram and Rushworth (blended online and in person) from 4 May – 30 June. If you need more information or assistance, contact our Youth Community Development Officer.

### Campaspe Youth GO! Grants

This grant program is open to schools, community groups or organisations to host youth focused events or activities for residents aged 12-25 across Campaspe. Grants of a maximum \$1,000 per application are available. Applications close midnight, Sunday, 19 May. For full criteria, information and applications visit the Now Open page or contact our Youth Community Development Officer.

### Expressions of Interest Rochester Flood Study Reference Committee

A Flood Study Reference Committee (FSRC) is being 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. Visit the Now Open Page or call Council on 1300 666 535 for more information.

### **Library Strategy Survey**

We want to hear your opinions, thoughts and ideas about our library service. Please complete this short survey to assist us to plan for the future and understand what we need to do to improve our services and resources.



Paper versions are also available at all of our libraries and depots. https://www.research.net/r/campaspelibrary

In addition to the survey, the library will host a series of "Listen at the Library" sessions, where residents can drop in to share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns directly with renown library consultants, lan and Jacqui Phillips as well as library staff. Visit the Now Open page for details on dates, locations and times

### **Employment #campaspecareers**

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- · Group Fitness Instructor
- · Learn To Swim Teacher
- · Maternal & Child Health Nurse Casual
- · Parks & Gardens Arboriculture Team Leader
- · Parks Maintenance Employee x 2
- · Recreation Coordinator

### **Immunisation Sessions**

by Appointment Only To register visit 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.

Thursday, 2 May

9 to 10am - Echuca Library

11.30am to 12 noon - Rochester Service Centre Shop 6, 2 Gillies Street

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

### Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications for three and four-year-old kindergarten for 2025 open on 1 May. Submit your application together with the required documentation before 30 June to ensure your application is considered for first round offers. Offers will be emailed to families in mid-July and will be made subject to Department of Education and local priority of access criteria. For more information and to register your child for kinder in 2025 visit Council's website or call the Kindergarten Central Registration team.

### Victorian State Concert Orchestra

The Victorian State Concert Orchestra is performing a free concert at the Rochester Town Hall on Sunday, 5 May. The Orchestra is renowned for its iconic programming, providing entertainment for a range of tastes and genres. Register for this unique and special Recovery Hub event by scanning the QR code.



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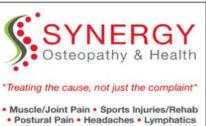
4th Wednesday - Business Meeting 7:30pm at Lockington Heritage Complex President Lion - Stephen 0481974166 Secretary Lion: Marg Dowie 0427 795 576 Treasurer Lion: Phillip Cunnington



### LOCKINGTON RECREATION RESERVE

For venue hire (including outside toilets) contact... Toni Hardess ph: 0409265529

Venue hire prices are as follows: \$100 for function room \$140 for function room and kitchen.



Pregnancy • Children/Babies

Dr. Melissa Haines and Associates. B.Sci.Clin Sci. Mi-Sci. (Ostro).

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# ACTION CLUB OF LOCKINGTON

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

1st Wednesday - Dinner at Clubrooms 3rd Wednesday - Activity



President:

# John Wright: 0409 259 723

Secretary: Tommy Eade: 0417 899 806



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# FUNDING DECISION UNDERLINES WATER MISUNDERSTANDING

The Albanese Government will continue to fund critical water-saving projects in Victoria despite Victorian Water Minister Harriet Shing refusing to sign up to Labor's disastrous reworking of the Murray Darling Basin Plan and opposing damaging water buybacks.

That's according to Nationals Federal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell.

He said Federal Water Minister, Tanya Plibersek has finally caved in, accepting what was patently obvious to anyone with experience in water; that Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) projects are fundamental to achieving good environmental outcomes in a sustainable way.

"From the outset, Minister Plibersek has sought to recast the completion of the Basin Plan as a climate-induced environmental emergency requiring water to be quickly recovered through massive water purchases.

"Victoria knows from bitter experience that water buybacks are destructive and should be a last resort, they take water from the consumptive pool, reduce productivity and jobs, and hollow out small communities," Mr Birrell said.

"The federal government is trying to frame this as Victoria signing up to the Basin Plan, the opposite is true, and both government and opposition in Victoria remain steadfast in their opposition to water buybacks."

Unlike other states, Victoria has not signed up to the Basin Plan in return for SDLAM funding.

"Victoria has done more than any other state to return water to the environment.

"The Connections project in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District was the largest irrigation modernisation project in Australian history and exceeded its water recovery target, delivering 434 gigalitres for the environment," he said.

"SDLAM projects support the long-term viability of basin communities and agricultural production while also delivering water for the environment, something Minister Plibersek should have understood from the start."

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Thanks to all of the members who have worked so hard during the off season to get the course looking as good as it does. Thanks also to Ange for all of the work she does in the bar and keeping us very well fed. It was great to see visitors from Lockington, Murray Downs and Elmhurst Golf Club.

Winners of the Scratch with a fantastic score of 62 were Sam Newth. Adam Sims and Jackie Newth.

Winners of the Nett were Frank Coonerty, Greg Reynoldson and Hayden Hogan with a great 63- 9.16- 53.84, with Ben Newth, Sam Frawley and Rhys Eeles with 65-10.2- 54.84.

Longest Drives: Men's over 16 handicap, Kieran McAsey; Men's 16 and under, Todd Loutitt; Ladies over 25 handicap, Kathy Connors; Ladies 25 and under, Jackie Newth.

Nearest The Pins: Men's 2nd shot 4, Brett Warwick; Ladies 2nd shot 5, Kathy Connors; 7, Greg Reynoldson and Jackie Newth; 8, Travis Mancer and Kathy Connors; Men's 2nd shot 13, Jack Reiter; Ladies 2nd shot 14, Jackie Newth; 16, James Hodgens and Jackie Newth; 17, Aaron Johnson.

This week is a Stableford round and Privilege Cup, with hit off from 11:30am.

### LBU NEWS

### **Round 2 Results & Awards**

### FOOTBALL

Seniors: LBU 5.9.39 lost to Heathcote 16.11.107

Goal Kickers: Tony McMahon 3; Jeremy Mundie, Thomas Leech 1.

Awards: B. Collins (Hip Pocket), B. Stone (Echuca Meats), C. Hinks (Lockington Pub), J. Wolfe (National Hotel), L. Tenace (Hip Pocket), T. McMahon (Tyson's Reef).

Reserves: LBU 11.3.69 lost to Heathcote 13.14.92

Goal Kickers: Hayden Quincey 4; Jack Butler, Bart Phillips 2; Luke Thompson, Josh Griggs, Reece Wissell 1.

Awards: H. Quincey (Echuca Meats), K. Bambling (Lockington Pub), R. Wissell (National Hotel), S. Trice (Caledonian Hotel), B. Lochhead (National Hotel), J. Dalziel (Hip Pocket).

Under 18s: LBU 5.4.34 def Heathcote 3.5.23

Goal Kickers: Patrick Keele 2; Nicholas Mitchell, Riley Carr, Lucas Holgate 1.

Awards: C. Betts (Morans Water), R. Carr (Intersport), J. Haines (Roma Pizza), L. Holgate (Lockington Supermarket), A. Sims (Coaches), H. Keele (Intersport).

### NETBALL

A Grade: LBU: 39 - Heathcote: 51

Awards: L. Buckingham (Echuca Meats), J. Milligan (National Hotel)

A Reserve: LBU: 52 - Heathcote: 36

Awards: A. Turner (Echuca Meats), E. Walsh (Caledonian Hotel).

B Grade: LBU: 54 - Heathcote: 23

Awards: K. Smith (Echuca Meats), L. Halloran (Tyson Reef Hotel).

B Reserve: LBU: 47 - Heathcote: 19

Awards: J. Finn (Echuca Meats), S. Niven (Lockington Pub).

17 & Under: NO GAME

15 & Under: LBU: 66 - Heathcote: 25

Awards: T. Tamblyn (Blossom & Co), I. Giorgianni (Major's IGA).

13 & Under: LBU: 24 - Heathcote: 14

Awards: K. Major (Intersport), H. Christian (Roma Pizza).

### Round 3 Results & Awards

### **FOOTBALL**

Seniors: LBU 4.5.29 lost to White Hills 20.15.135

Goal Kickers: T. McMahon 2; C. Hinks, K. Baker 1.

Awards: B. Stone (Worklocker), S. Taylor (Echuca Meats), B. Holman (Locky Pub), T. Leech (National Hotel), K. Baker (Locky Pub), J. Wolfe (Tysons Reef).



Reserves: LBU 9.7.61 lost to White Hills 10.9.69

Goal Kickers: B. Phillips 4; W. Pressnell, T. Douglas, S. Wolfe, R. Wissell, S. Trice 1.

Awards: K. Bambling (Echuca Meats), T. Douglas (Locky Pub), B. Coutts (National Hotel), J. Dalziel (Caledonian Hotel), J. Yossiffidis (National Hotel), L. Thompson (Hip Pocket).

18 & Under: LBU 5.8.38 lost to White Hills 6.6.42

Goal Kickers:

T. Coutts 2; P. Keele, J. Brentnall, B.Hull 1.

Awards: R. Carr (Morans), N. Mitchell (Intersport Echuca), J. Haines (Roma Pizza), E. Dudley (Lockington Supermarket), O. Palmer (LBU), P. Keele (Intersport Echuca).

16 & Under: LBU 20.21.141 def Huntly 0.1.1

Awards: H. Lees (Lockington Supermarket), M. Day (Intersport Echuca + Beanie), J. Mundie (Pizza: Locky), C. Isherwood (Intersport), K. Haines (Roma Pizza), B. Reid (Coaches).

12 & Under: LBU 2.2.14 lost to St Augustine's Blue 9.16.70

Awards: W. Christian (LBU Drink Bottle), M. Keele (Intersport), R. Portier (Intersport), H. Christian (Lockington Supermarket), H. Keele (Roma Pizza).

### **NETBALL**

A Grade: LBU: 26 - White Hills: 56

Awards: G. Crowe (Echuca Meats + Mug), J. Davidson (National Hotel).

A Reserve: LBU: 31 - White Hills: 50

Awards: B. Eade (Echuca Meats + Mug), S. Bacon (Locky Pub).

B Grade: LBU: 30 - White Hills: 45

Awards: E. Ralph (Echuca Meats + Mug), G. Wood (Tyson's Reef).

B Reserve: LBU: 51 - White Hills: 33

Awards: C. Lanfranchi (Echuca Meats + Mug), B. Baker (Caledonian Hotel).

17 & Under: LBU: 51 - White Hills: 35

Awards: K. Stone (Intersport Echuca), R. Christian (Lockington Supermarket).

15 & Under: LBU: 39 - White Hills: 23

Awards: S. Jardine (Blossom + Co), K. Mitchell (Roma Pizza).

13 & Under: LBU: 66 - White Hills: 2

Awards: R. Connelly (Majors IGA), M. Van Poeteen (Roma Pizza).

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### LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB



16 APRIL

There was plenty of movement at the Lockington Bowls Club this past week as the brilliant weather brought a lot of sunshine to make the greens run truly.

At the Tuesday weekly bowls for the women, ideal conditions saw the cream rise to the top with the "fab four" comprising Margaret Dowie, Annie Haines, Pauline Humbert, Denis Gilmore (s) steamrolling the opposition on the day to take home the spoils. Daylight second.

On Tuesday evening the Barefoot bowls attracted a record 66 people including 42 bowlers on the green to show the appreciation to the Club Sponsors who attended the night and participated in the bowls. The evening was a great success and the club thanked Cindy Felmingham, Mary Thomas, Lloyd Buchanan and helpers for organising the cards and meals.

On the green the bowling was very competitive with only one two game winner taking home the lion's share of the chocolates. The winning team comprised Michael "Tiger" Lyons, Mark "Bricka" Lyons, Shane Howe and Neil Haines (s) 2 wins plus 3 shots. Next best was the four in John Whiteside, Graeme Wood, John Dowie, Brooke Coghill (s) 1 win/1 loss +6.

At the presentations Dave Thomas spoke on behalf of the club along with Club President Neil Haines to sincerely thank the sponsors for their continued support. Sponsors in attendance included Pattison Finance, Matt Lewis Contracting, Ian Maddison representing Elmore/Lockington/Rochester branches of the Bendigo Bank, Steve McKee - McKee Ag, Petstock - Echuca, Fonterra and J Whiteside Heating & Cooling.

A special mention was the significant sponsorship from Cindy & Shane Felmingham and family in supporting the Barefoot bowls series over the past twenty-three weeks of competition with no charge for players. A truly great effort and the club is forever thankful.

Over the course of the Barefoot series, there was a secret awarding of votes for the Most Consistent Player. The trend of voting changed on several occasions and the winner of the title was John Andrea 17 votes, closely followed by Ian Haines 16, Shane Felmingham 15, Steve Pavone 13, Ian Staig, Jeff Carnie 11, Terrill Westwood 10, Anthony Westwood 10, Steve Nolan 10 and Nat McLaughlin

Barefoot bowls will continue (weather permitting) on a Tuesday evening with names to be listed by 6.30 for a 7pm start.

### 22 APRIL

Another rather hectic week on the bowling green with several championship games being completed before the Presentation Night on Sunday.

First up was the Women's 100 Up Championship Final between Lady President Denise Gilmore and promising newcomer Cindy Felmingham (pictured). Right from the first bowl the action was electric with both bowlers trading ends with precision bowling and close heads. Eventually Felmingham executed some immaculate draw bowling to take the initiative and scored a 100-85 victory.

On Wednesday afternoon John Dowie and John Fisher (pictured) competed for the B Grade Championship in a game that produced some extraordinary bowling from both players. The wily Dowie excited onlookers, starting brilliantly to lead 19-9 after 17 ends. Fisher tried desperately to bridge the gap and levelled the score at 20-all on 25 ends.

Scores were even on three occasions but Dowie gained the ascendency to win the championship title 25-24.

The Presidents Trophy 21 Up Championship on Friday was a family affair with Jenny and John Fisher competed against one another. The scoreboard was fairly even in the early stages of the game as John was able to hold a slender lead of 8-6 after 13 ends in an absorbing game of bowls.

Not to be denied, Jenny gained the mat and reduced the lead and actually took a 13-11 advantage on 20 ends. The lead see-sawed before scores were level once more at 18 - all and the game was up for grabs. John picked up three shots over the final two ends to win a thriller 21-18 and take out the Presidents Trophy. Both bowlers were applauded as they left the green.

At the Social Bowls on Saturday Denise Gilmore and Annie Haines combined brilliantly to defeat Neil Haines and Frank Chugg in effortless fashion.

Some 60 members and guests attend the Annual Presentation Evening on Sunday including Life Members Roy Perks, Les Brereton and Alan Kauffman (due to space restrictions a full report, including photos, will appear in the next Locky News.)

Barefoot bowls attracted a smaller field due to the cold weather conditions, but the bowling was really hot. The winners of the night were Peter Egan, Graeme Wood and Poss Andrea (s) 2 wins plus 9 shots.

Members attended the Hilltop (Tatura) Triples recently. Sue Evans, Cindy Felmingham Kim Ray (s) won the Runners Up trophies. Well done.





# LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB



# 12 APRIL - Opening Day: Ambrose - drop off - 9 holes

It was a great day for the ladies, as they enjoyed good company, good weather and a delicious lunch. It was terrific to have visitors from Elmore, Mitiamo and Rochester playing, and especially lovely to have Life Members Mona and John Hewlett in attendance.

The winning team of Louise Williams (Rochester), Helen Hayes, Jenny Holt and Ruth O'Connor (Rochester) combined brilliantly to score 40-14.875-25.125 to finish clearly in front of the field.

Runners-up were Janine Wiltshire (Mitiamo), Elaine Lees (Rochester) and Annette Brereton with a solid 44-15.83-28.17. Nearest the pins: 3rd – Louise Eeles (Rochester); 7th – Annette Brereton.

### 13 APRIL - Stableford: Privilege Cup

The Maddison brothers cleaned up big time, with Neil scoring a brilliant handicap-smashing round of 45 points to win both the Privilege Cup and C Grade honours.

Neil began with a super 25 on the 1st 9 and finished so far in front of the rest of the field (10 points!) he carved 3 shots off his handicap.

lan Maddison won the nearest the pin on the 3rd with a great shot which finished within the flagstick to also win the 12 balls in the O'Connors Case eagles' nest. He capped off his day nicely by winning the NTP 2nd shot for B Grade on the 11th.

Jason Wakefield won A Grade with 34 points, on a countback from Terry Thomas. Steve Holt won B Grade with 35 points, in a tale of two contrasting 9s, only 11 points on his first 9, but a fantastic 24 points on his second 9, with a birdie and 5 pars.

NTP 2nd shot 11th – Jason Wakefield (A), Mark Lyons (C); 2nd shot 18th for the 6-pack smack – Trav Mancer.

Spike's Longest Drive on the 15th, sponsored by Hot 'n' Cold Plumbing – Andrew Harris (A), Ian Haines (B), Simon Portwine (C). Captain Grant's yardstick on the 16th wasn't won and jackpots to \$18 for next week. All members extend their best get-well wishes to Mandy Walker for a speedy recovery.

### 19 APRIL - Stableford

Phyll Macfarlane was in great form with a score of 39 points to be best on course. Runner-up was Helen Hayes with a solid 36. Nearest the pin: 3rd – Jenny Holt.

### 20 APRIL - Stroke: Monthly Medal

Neil Maddison's excellent form continued with another best on course performance. His round of 89-22-67 (despite going out of bounds with his second shot on the 6th) won both the Medal and B Grade honours. Jeff Carnie (89-19-70) played well to finish runner-up in B Grade.

A Grade victory went to Mat Dennis with a solid 78-8-70, while Tom Scurrah was victorious in C Grade with 97-27-70. Best scratch scores: A Grade – Mat Dennis 78; B Grade – Steve Holt 88; C Grade – Tom Scurrah 97. Nearest the pins: 7th – Trav Mancer; 2nd shot 12th – Jason Wakefield (A); 2nd shot 18th for the 6-pack smack – Steve Holt. Spike's Longest Drive on the 10th, sponsored by Hot 'n' Cold Plumbing – Trav Mancer (A), Stuart Newton (B), Tony Brooke (C). Eagle (11th) – Trav Mancer.

Upcoming events: Friday 26 April - Stableford - 1st Round Mona Hewlett Trophy. Duty: Pauline Humbert, Sue Harris. Saturday 27th April - Par. Duty: Andrew Glatte, Darren Carnie.

The Club's Annual Tournament will commence on Thursday 16 May (Ladies 4BBB), followed by the Men's Fourball on Friday 17 May and the Mixed American on Saturday 18 May.

The event will conclude with the Men's 36 Holes Stroke Open Championship. Enquiries to Club Captains Pauline Humbert (0409 035 554) or Grant Humbert (0428 106 132).

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

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

### Wednesday

9am: Strength & Balance Class @ Bush Nursing Centre

9.30am - 12 noon: Community Garden Group

1.00pm - Men's & Ladies Social Scrounge @ Lockington Bowls Club

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.

### Saturday

1.30pm Men's & Ladies Social Casual Bowls @ Lockington Bowls Club

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

### Sunday

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# Monthly

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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.