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# LOCKY NEWS

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## BULKA BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO LOCAL FARMERS

Lockington Landcare Group is encouraging local farmers to access a recycling service which addresses a significant waste management challenge.

Big Bag Recovery offers an environmentally sustainable option for the disposal of woven bulka bags used for grain and fertilizer, and 25kg woven seed bags.

The organisation is the only Australian Government-accredited stewardship scheme for these largely single use products, which have traditionally been burned or buried on farms.

The implications of destroying these bags include contaminated soil and water, human health impacts, carbon emissions contributing to climate change and a loss of valuable farming resources.

Big Bag Recovery was founded by Stephen Richards (pictured right with co-founder Stewart Ford) who worked in the agriculture industry and recognised an opportunity to support farmers in a practical way while tangibly reducing the environmental impact.

In the space of 10 years, his idea has expanded into a nation-wide initiative which facilitates and tracks the collection, palletisation and processing of bags into new products.

Water evaporation disks, school chairs and pallets are among the sustainable products being produced.

Lockington Landcare spokesperson Wendy Sims has been working with Big Bag Recovery and recognises the value of the service.

"We have regular pick ups from our business and believe that others can benefit from this initiative," Wendy suggested.

"At the moment they're coming to Lockington around once a month so it would be quite easy for others to facilitate pick-ups from their own property when they are already in the area," she said.

Wendy explained that it costs \$1.50 per kilogram of recycled bags to utilise the service, as well as an annual fee however these expenses are tax deductible.

She also noted that while presently the service does not include grain (sausage) bags there is a possibility it may be expanded in the future.

Anyone who would like to learn more about the project can speak with Wendy Sims on Ph 0427 868 307.

Alternately contact Big Bag Recovery National Sustainability Manager Paige Christodoulou via email [paige@bigbagrecovery.com.au](mailto:paige@bigbagrecovery.com.au) or Ph 0437 184 983 or visit their website <https://www.bigbagrecovery.com.au/>



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## LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again everyone,

**We have reached October 1911, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the local farming communities were faring.**

The news of most interest to our families at that time concerned the proposed railway line to connect Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line. Local residents had campaigned for the provision of a railway service to and through this region for more than thirty years, with their preferred point of connection to the main route being at Elmore. More recently, there had been strong support for a Cohuna-Rochester rail link. The latter proposal confounded those who had agitated for so long for the provision of the Cohuna-Elmore rail service. If constructed, the Rochester connection would leave most of them as bereft of rail services as they had ever been. To their relief, the Railways Standing Committee's recommendation tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 12 October 1911, was for the construction of the Elmore-Cohuna line. However, this news was not welcomed by everyone.

On 28 October 1911, a largely attended conference of railway leagues interested in the proposed Elmore-Cohuna railway, was held at Mr T O'Brien's residence, Tennyson. Resolutions unanimously adopted there were: — (1) "That this conference of Tennyson, Warragamba, Pine Grove and Elmore Railway Leagues strongly supports the recommendation of the Railways Standing Committee in respect of the Elmore Cohuna line, as this route, while serving the country most requiring communication, also traverses the centre of the original irrigation area, leaving no settlement more than six miles from any railway;" and (2) "That this conference also strongly protests against the misstatements of Mr. Graham [Minister for Water Supply and Agriculture] in representing that the recommended line as placing the Bamawm settlers more than 10 miles from any railway, whereas the average distance does not exceed three; also, his ignoring the fact that the line would serve 15,000 acres, between Elmore and Tennyson, of admittedly the best land in Northern Victoria."

These resolutions were telegraphed to the Premier, and the chairman of the Railways Standing Committee. Those present contended that the inquiry conducted by the Committee had been costly, and had taken extensive evidence from all sides. That the Committee had then made its recommendations in favour of the Elmore route exceeded their expectations, as "they thought Mr. Mead (The Chairman of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission) ruled the whole country." The Standing Committee had given them "fair treatment," and they were at a loss to see why the Government should depart from the Committee's recommendation.

On 31 October 1911, a meeting of the Elmore Railway League was held in the Athenaeum Hall, and a report of the Tennyson meeting was relayed. The decisions taken at Tennyson were strongly supported, those present being convinced that there would have been "a hue and cry" if any route other than that connecting the main line at Elmore had been recommended. It was said that "there were men there who were determined to go to the bar of the House and find out what personal interest Messrs Mead, M'Kenzie (The Minister for Lands) and others had in the Rochester route.

Mr Cox, the secretary of the Elmore League, described the agitation from its early stages, remarking that one of his principal duties had been the watching of the progress of events. In his opinion, the most important stage in its development was the Gunbower conference, held in November 1910, at which Elmore was unanimously adopted as the starting point. Had this not been determined and supported by all concerned, Rochester may well have got the preference. He thought the Leagues, as a whole, could congratulate themselves upon the progress made, as the fact of a permanent survey being ordered, he felt, was an indication their efforts had been successful. He had communicated with the Tennyson and other Leagues, and he thought the action which had resulted would effectually refute the criticisms offered by the Minister, Mr Graham.

Mr Cox moved: — That this League approve of the recommendation by the Railways Standing Committee of Elmore as a starting point for the line to Cohuna, and also protests against the statement made by Mr Graham, Minister of Agriculture. — Seconded by Mr R. E. Dick, and carried. This ended proceedings.

Throughout October, matters concerning the long-sought railway line were of greatest concern to residents right across our district but there were some other local happenings to report, in addition to the many football and shooting club activities. At Warragamba, the Tennis Club had combined their efforts with those of the school committee to hold their annual picnic in Mr Fiedler's paddock, and in nearby Diggora West, the shearing was almost completed, with the clip reported to be well above average. Unfortunately, for crop farmers in the region the picture was less encouraging — Due to the continuing dry weather, many late crops would "not be worth harvesting," though wild oats were everywhere to be seen.

On 1 November, at "Craigie Lea," Diggora West, a very pretty wedding took place when Miss Annie Bowman, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Cochrane, was married to Mr Thomas Gray, of Rochester. After the ceremony the company adjourned to a large marquee for a splendid breakfast, to which the invited guests (numbering about 200) sat down. Thereafter, dancing and games were indulged in till the early hours. As reported in the Bendigo Independent on 17 November 1911, the happy couple left by the evening train for Melbourne, where the honeymoon was to be spent.

In the meantime, controversy continued to rage concerning the route to be taken to connect Cohuna to the main Bendigo-Echuca railway line.

'Bye until next time,

- Marg O'Brien

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## CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

**Barry and Pat McAsey, formerly of Bamawm, have reached a wonderful milestone - their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.**

They were married on 12 June 1965 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Rochester.

A wedding reception followed at the Karabean in Echuca.

The wedding party members were Margaret Hayward-Bryant (nee O'Connell), Julie McKeag (nee Cox), Kathleen Mullins (nee Scurrah), Eileen Hetherington (nee Florence), Rodney McAsey, Peter Broom, Brian Earnshaw and Hilton Gallagher.

## SENIORS SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON



**Susan Kirchhofer was guest speaker at the Lockington Senior Citizens Soup & Sandwich Luncheon on 16 June.**

She provided the audience comprising 60 guests with an insight into living with a chronic illness, having been diagnosed with Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA) in 2013.

EGPA, formerly called Churg-Strauss syndrome, is one of the rarest forms of vasculitis—a family of diseases characterised by inflammation of the blood vessels, which can restrict blood flow and damage vital organs and tissues.

Susan (pictured above right) discussed The Spoon Theory, a metaphor used to describe the limited physical and mental energy of people with chronic illnesses, disabilities, or other conditions that impact daily life.

It uses "spoons" as a visual representation of units of energy, where each task a person undertakes during the day requires a certain number of spoons.

People with chronic conditions may start the day with fewer spoons than those without, and must carefully manage their energy to avoid "running out" of spoons and experiencing a crash.

Her address also included an explanation of the grief experience that comes with chronic illness, and the diversity of comments made by well-meaning friends and family members.

"Comments like 'there are others who are worse off than you' can be said with good intent but really aren't very helpful," she explained.

"An honest 'I don't know what to say' or 'I can't imagine what it must be like for you' is so much more comforting."

All seniors are welcome to attend the Lockington luncheons which provide a hearty meal and an important opportunity for companionship and community in a warm and inviting environment.

***Pictured (top left): Three generations. Bev Brereton, her daughter Narelle Betts and grand-daughter Amber Betts served guests at the Soup & Sandwich Luncheon.***

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These sessions were made possible via a funding grant through the Sporting Schools Program. They were facilitated by LCS's wonderful coach Milo (Paul Condliffe) who had the students from Prep to Year 6 engaged in a range of tennis-based activities.

An added bonus this year was the inclusion of a golf session, also led by Milo. Look out world, because Locky might just have the next Ash Barty or Adam Scott in the making!

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## IN MEMORIAM

**HICKEY, Christian**  
**Passed away 21 June 2024**

*A person who maximised living and achieving his personal best.*

*He shone in all that he focused on - a remarkable man who brought so much to any conversation or relationship.*

*Many thanks to Wendy and Ken, Faye Bail, Olive and John, Patrick McGovern, for being there for Christian, and then for me over the past year.*

**Bless you all - Deborah**

## DEATH NOTICE

**WILSON, Ian Leith.**  
**31.10.1936 ~ 15.06.2025**  
(Formerly of Lockington)

*Loving Husband of Shirley for 67 years,  
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Olive, Ashlee, Joel, Summer and Charlotte;  
Sheryl and Rob – Nathan, Chloe, Oliver and  
Kaylene.*

*In our hearts forever.*

*Our sincere thanks to the Nurses and Staff  
At Echuca Hospital Palliative Care for your  
Amazing care and love.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



**Greetings Lockington and District Community,**

In late May I met up with Lockington residents Pam and Bill Roberts who I had not seen for 54 years.

Way back in 1969-71 I taught at Lockington Consolidate School which then had over 400 children. Pam, Miss Bull at the time, was an outstanding teacher; Bill an excellent local mechanic who still remembers my 1967 iceberg blue 1500cc Isuzu Bellett.

After several hours reminiscing Pam and Bill took me on a tour of the township.

Much had gone - chemist, Bank of NSW, shoe shop, electrical store, fish and chip shop, butcher, milk bar, hairdresser, and the train.

Better transport, modern technology, parcel delivery, and the township's upgraded supermarket have almost made-up for the loss.

But the most startling change has been the township's presentation.

The attractive channel no.24 water feature – lawned, tree and shrub lined, seating, an island, and walking bridge. Pleasant Lions/Apex Park.

The wonderful purposeful Lockington and District Community Centre. Waterwheel Court - the important elderly citizen unit accommodation.

The Living Heritage Complex. The community owned Lockington hotel. The business Centre. The upgraded amenities of the Lockington Recreation Reserve. The resourceful Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre.

The well-maintained pool and Bowls Club. The redeveloped consolidated School. The modern Kindergarten. New homes being built. Importantly, Locky News itself, keeping residents informed.

The facilities are fantastic given the township and district population, and a real credit to all who made it happen.

Such achievements can only come about through dedicated local people and club members who have community commitment and ideas, backed up by others who offer different skills like: writing submissions, laying bricks, mowing lawns, planting the shrubs, making supportive phone calls, painting, raising funds, hammering nails, etc.

The support of Campaspe Shire and certain government agencies is acknowledged.

Lockington District be proud of what you have achieved, and maintain your endeavours.

Thanks Pam and Bill for a delightful, emotional, and memorable day.

PS Lockington Consolidated School was my first appointment after graduating from Dookie Agricultural College in 1968. I still regard Lockington as my best teaching years because of the manner in which the people accepted me, the wonderful teaching staff, and yes, the good-nature of the children I taught at primary and secondary levels.

**Ted Coleman**



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**LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**JULY**

- 1 Lockington FoodShare
- 7 **NEXT LOCKY NEWS TYPING DAY**
- 8 Bunnings School Holiday Program
- 10 Community Cuppa Connection
- 16 Campaspe Library School Holiday Program
- 21 Lockington Senior Citizens Inc. AGM

**AUGUST**

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**Dry Times**

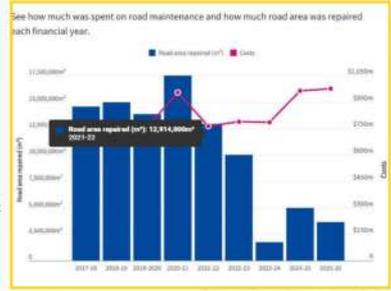
Dry conditions across northern Victoria require the Albanese government to act urgently ahead of any formal declaration of drought. Farmers are struggling, their stock and crops are struggling, they need assistance now. In 2020 the Coalition introduced a two-year interest free period for Regional Investment Corporation (RIC) loans up to \$2 million for farmers experiencing hardship, this can and should be done again now to give primary producers some financial breathing space. The combined impacts of drought and floods means that fodder is scarce and expensive, farmers are having to destock and cropping seasons will be bleak without decent rain which isn't forecast. I welcomed the government's announcement of a \$2 million boost for the Rural Financial Counselling Service but said more can be done. "The stress and strain on farming families grows the drier it gets, and we know from bitter experience the mental health toll it takes. A zero per cent interest rate for new and existing drought loans and to refinance existing debt from commercial banks is a practical measure to improve cashflow and give farmers time to restock and replant. Nationals Leader David Littleproud has written to Agriculture Minister Julie Collins requesting finance support and on behalf of the farmers in my electorate, I hope the Minister acts sooner rather than later.



**Fix our Roads**

Probably the issue that people approach me about most as an MP is the appalling state of Victorian roads. In many cases, they are unsafe and are causing significant damage to vehicles. I can attest that the public is entirely sick of it. The Herald Sun has launched the #FixVicRoads campaign, and their analysis points to a drop in the amount of road area repaired, despite costs staying high, as this graph shows. This would indicate a general inefficiency in spending but also, as the maintenance doesn't keep up, more expensive solutions being required. An engineer was quoted as saying, "If the amount of road being rehabilitated drops, then that compounds the deterioration and you have to spend more and more to keep the status quo." RACV policy head James Williams said: "There's been underfunding for the last three years ... in the longer term they need to get back on top of their road maintenance or you've just got more work and more cost coming." The government, particularly the Victorian Government, has a responsibility to keep roads in good condition for people to travel safely and businesses to be able to operate effectively. They are failing spectacularly.

See how much was spent on road maintenance and how much road area was repaired each financial year.



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### Tuesday, 1 July

- 5.30 – 6:30pm | Kyabram Senior Citizens' Centre

### Thursday, 3 July

- 9.00 – 10:30am | Echuca Library
- 11.30am – 12 noon | Rochester Service Centre

### Thursday, 17 July

- 10.00 – 10:30am | Gunbower Primary School
- 11.30 – 12 noon | Lockington Bush Nursing Centre
- 5.30 – 6:30pm | Echuca Library

### Monday, 28 July

- 9.00 – 10:30am | Tongala Shire Hall
- 11.30am – 12 noon | Rushworth Service Centre

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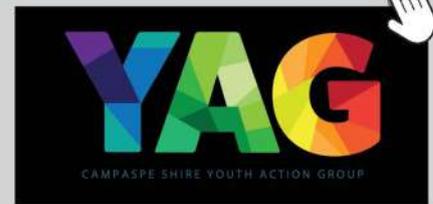
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### Active Living Census

The Active Living Census is a region-wide survey conducted by Healthy Loddon Campaspe that asks residents in our region about their health, wellbeing and daily activities. This information helps schools, sporting clubs, community groups, government, and local leaders make better decisions about health programs, new recreation spaces, and services. It also helps the community get funding to make the region a healthier place for everyone. Take the survey today!

### Kindergarten registrations due

Kindergarten registrations are open for 2026. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2026 if they turn three or four before 30 April 2026. Register your child online via Council's website by 30 June to be eligible for a first-round offer. For registration help, email [kinder@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:kinder@campaspe.vic.gov.au) or call the team on 1300 666 535.



### Youth Action Group (YAG)

Young people are invited to join Council's Youth Action Group (YAG). YAG members provide a youth perspective on our key plans and strategies, direct youth funding towards desired programs, activities and events, and brief community groups, businesses and Council on issues that significantly impact young people in the shire.

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- Thursday, 3 July 2025 from 4-6pm
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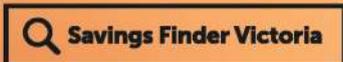
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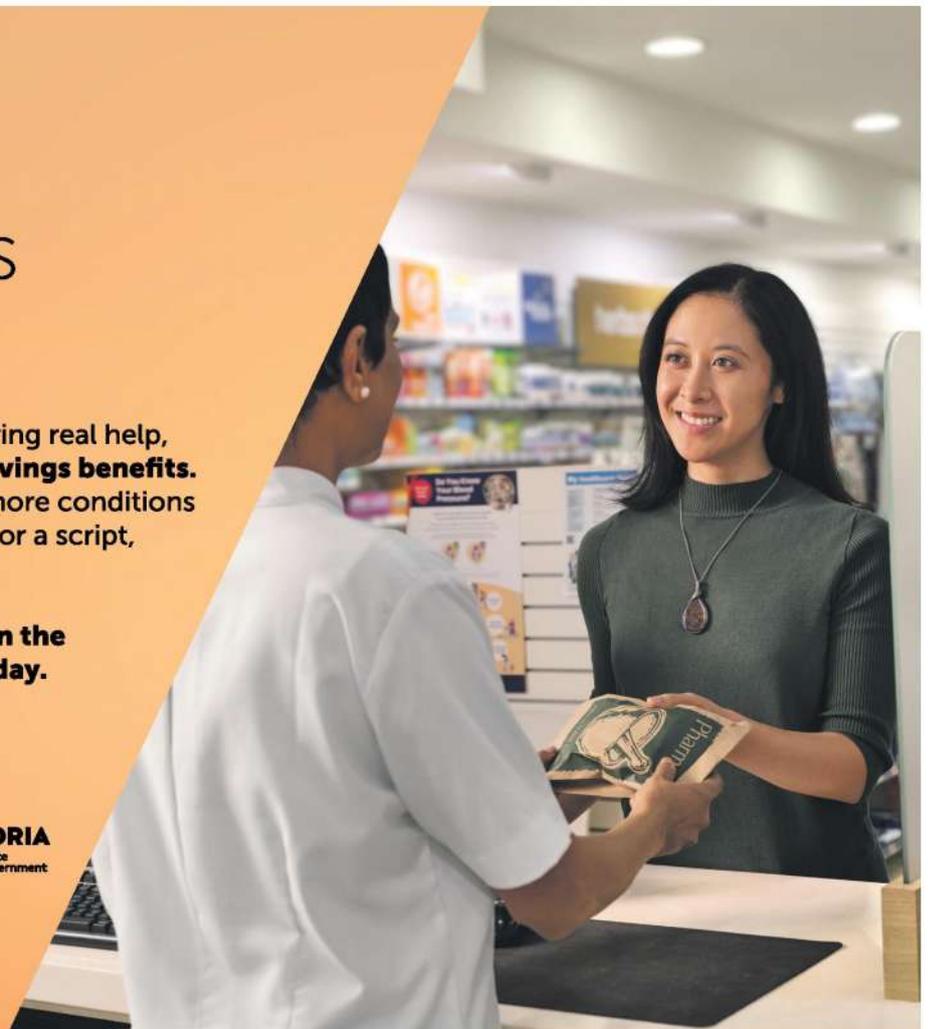
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## News

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Join us today!

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We are seeking expressions of interest from dedicated individuals to join our Consumer & Community Advisory Committee



Scan the QR Code to submit an application

Applications close 25 June



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#### Committee purpose

- Ensure consumer and community voices are heard and integrated into organisational decision-making processes.
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- Collaborate with other committee members and stakeholders

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Rocky golfers returned the best 3 scores on the day to give them an apparent edge. Locky golfers took the advantage however by returning 7 of the next best 8 scores, and ultimately setting up a 20-point winning margin. Locky has now won the Shield 6 times out of the 11 times it has been played.

Individual results: Ladies winner Jenny Holt 30; runner-up: Pauline Humbert 27, c/b Jenny Major. Men's winner: Grant Robinson 36, c/b; runner-up: Brendan McCarty 36, c/b Liam Keenan.

Nearest the Pins: 3rd Jenny Holt, Peter Anderson; 7th Jenny Major, Jason Wakefield; 16th Sue Harris, Jason Wakefield; 17th Pauline Humbert, Col Johnson; 2nd shot 18th – Troy McInnes.

Ball comp: 35 – Gary Milligan, Kevin Humbert; 34 – Tom Scurrah; 33 – Jeff Carnie, Darren Carnie; 32 – Simon Portwine, Jason Wakefield, Lee Hicks.

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**14/06 – Stroke. The day began bitterly cold, but Gary Milligan burned around the course to return the sizzling score of 73-10-63.**

He won the St Andrews Trophy and A Grade comp from Brett Stone (72-5-67), Ash Portwine (75-7-68), and Rich River visitor Luke Sciotto (81-12-69).

Ron Dixon (92-21-71) won B Grade on a 3-way countback from Steve Holt (87-16-71) and Neil Maddison (88-17-71), while JD Wright (95-24-71) took C Grade honours.

Nearest the Pins: 16th Ash Portwine; 2nd shot 9th Brett Stone (A), Neil Maddison (B), Brad Wakefield (C); 2nd shot 18th for the 6-pack smack – Gary Milligan. Spike's Longest Drive on the 1st, sponsored by Hot 'n' Cold Plumbing – Brett Stone (A), Steve Holt (B), JD Wright (C).

Handicap Matchplay first round results: Kevin Humbert defeated Darren Carnie 2-up; Steve Holt defeated Mark Lyons 3 and 2; Trav Mancer defeated Grant Humbert 3 and 2.

After the 3 preliminary rounds of the Club Championships, all titles are well and truly up for grabs. Leaderboards (best 2 scores): Club Champion – Brett Stone 150, Gary Milligan 154, Ash Portwine 156, Grant Humbert 158. B Grade – Darren Carnie 170, Steve Holt 176, Jeff Carnie 179, Ron Dixon 184. C Grade – JD Wright 193, Tom Scurrah 205, Brad Wakefield 205, Tony Brooke 205.

Nett titles: A Grade – Gary Milligan 133, Stuart Newton 137, Brett Stone 140, Trav Mancer 141. B Grade – Darren Carnie 136, Ron Dixon 142, Simon Portwine 144, Steve Holt 144. C Grade – Brad Wakefield 146, JD Wright 146, Tony Brooke 150, Tom Scurrah 152. Veterans – Gary Milligan 133, Darren Carnie 136, Stuart Newton 137, Ron Dixon 142.

**20/06 – Stableford. In-form golfer Helen Hayes was in terrific form, returning the excellent score of 37 points to be best on course and win the Augustus Gelatery Player of the Day voucher.**

Jenny Holt was runner up with 33. Nearest the pin: Pauline Humbert. Congratulations also to Phyll Macfarlane and Helen Hayes on their great win in Elmore's Tournament 4BBB event.

**21/06 – Stroke. Club Championships Grand Final Day was foggy and cold as the race for the titles came down to the wire.**

Brett Stone led the Club title race by 4 shots from Gary Milligan at the start of the day.

Grant Humbert who trailed by 8 shots in 4th place, charged into contention with 3 birdies in the first 4 holes to slice 7 shots off the lead.

Brett rallied with birdies on the 5th and 11th and after 13 holes still led by 1. There was a 3-shot swing on the 14th when Grant birdied the hole to take the lead by 2. He then parred the last 4 holes to finish with a 1-over 71 and scores of 80-78-71=229 to win his 26th Club Champion title by 4 shots from Gary Milligan, with Brett Stone 1 shot behind in 3rd.

In B Grade, Darren Carnie led Steve Holt by 6 shots and Jeff Carnie by 9 shots at the start of the day. Hitting off on the 10th, that lead vanished in 4 holes as Darren began poorly with two 3-putts and Steve joined him in the lead, thanks to pars on the 12th and 13th. Jeff also began really well with a par on the 11th and a birdie on the 12th to be just one off the lead.

Steve's challenge ultimately faded, but it was Jeff who hit the front on the 15th by 1 shot, before Darren parred the 16th and 18th to lead by 2. The next 9 holes was an arm-wrestle between the brothers, before Darren held on to win by 3 shots, with scores of 86-84-96=266.

JD Wright led C Grade by 12 shots at the start of the day and played some terrific golf in his final round of 93 to finish with 98-95-93=286 and seal a 17-shot win, his round highlighted by pars on 3 of the par-5s, the 1st, 10th and 14th.

Gary Milligan played great golf to comfortably win both the A Grade nett title and Veterans title with his scores of 70-63-71=204 (the best for all players over the championships), ahead of Stuart Newton (214) and Kevin Humbert (215).

With an excellent final round, Simon Portwine won his first ever championship, the B Grade nett title, with his scores of 65-79-69=213. Runner-up was Jeff Carnie (218), followed by Neil Maddison and Ron Dixon, both on 222.

In a competitive finish, Tom Scurrah (72-79-71=222) with a solid final round won the C Grade nett title from Tony Brooke (226) and Brad Wakefield (228).

Comp results: A Grade and Privilege Cup: Grant Humbert 71-3-68. B Grade: Simon Portwine 89-20-69. C Grade: JD Wright 93-23-70. Nearest the pins: 17th – Ash Portwine; 2nd shot 5th – Brett Stone (A), Simon Portwine (B), Tom Scurrah (C); 2nd shot 18th for the 6-pack smack – Brett Stone.

Spike's Longest Drive on the 15th, sponsored by Hot 'n' Cold Plumbing – Ash Portwine (A), Simon Portwine (B), JD Wright (C). Neither the O'Connors Case

Gartside Cup qualifiers: Grant Humbert, Neil Maddison, Tom Scurrah; standby – Jeff Carnie.

## BAMAWM GOLF CLUB RESULTS

### 15 JUNE

Sunday saw a large field take to the course for Bamawm Golf Club's annual President's Day and first round of Championships.

Overall winner was Sam Frawley with a fantastic score of 80-17-63. Kahl Oliver was runner-up on 78-13-65 after a three way countback from Michael Dobson and James Hodgens. Ladies winner was Jenny Holt ahead of Kathy Connors.

Nearest the Pin: 2<sup>nd</sup> shot 4/13 - Kahl Oliver; 7/16 - Adam Sims; 8/17 - Kieran McAsey; 2<sup>nd</sup> shot 9/18 - Darcy Taylor. Longest Drive: Kathy Connors (Ladies), Michael Dobson (0-14), Andrew Palmer (15+).

### 22 JUNE

A good field competed in the second and final round of the Club Championships for 2025; overall day winner with another fantastic round was Michael Dobson with 73-8-65 from Sam Frawley 81-15-66.

Nearest the Pin: 4 - Sam Frawley; 13 - Kahl Oliver; 7/16 - Sam Newth; 8/17 - Michael Dobson; 2<sup>nd</sup> shot 9/18 - Shane Wolfe.



Longest Drive: Darcy Taylor (0-14), Sam Frawley (15+)

Congratulations to the Championship winners (pictured above): A Grade: Winner Michael Dobson 73-73-146; Runner up Sam Newth 81-72-153; B Grade: Winner Sam Frawley 80-81-161; Runner up Adam Sims 85-88-173; C Grade: Tied on 180 were Shane Wolfe and Kieran McAsey, forced into a play off which Shane Wolfe won on the 3<sup>rd</sup> playoff hole.

Next Week will be a Stableford round, hit off from 11am.

## LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

### 15 JUNE

First up the Scribe would like to apologise for the lack of notes last week.

Unfortunately the dreaded COVID forced a spell in isolation for several days, however, when Carlton defeated Essendon the health improved immeasurably!

On the greens the action has been a little subdued as a result of cool, windy and inclement conditions.

However, the Social Club had an incredible King's Birthday holiday for the 3rd Annual Johnno's Pig on a Spit - good numbers and a superbly cooked meal.

Lloyd Buchanan, John Fisher and Shane Felmingham and company performed miracles and the hungry masses in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the offerings. Well done!

Several bowlers tried their form on the green with Pos Andrea, Graeme Wood, Anthony Westwood and Kim Ray coming under the selectors eyes.

The roll up for Wednesday and Saturday Scrounge games has been impacted by inconsistent weather;

These games will continue on during the off-season starting at 1.30pm.

Members are reminded to list their intention to play Pennant for the coming 2025-26 season - name sheets are in the Clubhouse.

### 22 JUNE

Members enjoyed the ideal conditions for a game of Scrounge on Wednesday.

On rink one Club President John van den Bosch led the field scoring 41 points to fend off Ray Hanson 37 and Bruce Haines and Phillip Cunnington locked on 33 points apiece.

Next door Russell Shawcross showed the way to amass a splendid 45 points and win the rink ahead of Pos Andrea 39 and Terrill Westwood 32.

John Andrea is making a slow recovery from the ladder incident and really adapting to the use of the home-made walking stick to compile 24 points.

Members attended the recent Mathoura Open Fours and returned home after enjoying the pleasant company and hospitality.

The team comprised Andy Harris, Brian Kinnane, Russell Shawcross and Phillip Cunnington (s).

The overall result showed two wins and three losses. One loss was just the one shot - stone the crows!

The club has submitted the Listed Tournament dates for season 2025-2026. The first tournament will be held on 14 September 14th.

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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: Social Pickle Ball @ Bamawm Sports Centre. Ph 0458 548 622.

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

### Tuesday

10am: Men's Shed @ Business Centre Complex

7pm: Ukulele Group @ Business Centre

7.30pm: Ladies Social Badminton @ Bamawm Sports Centre. Ph 0458 548 622.

### Wednesday

9am: Strength & Balance Class @ Bush Nursing Centre

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

9.30am – 12 noon: Community Garden Group

9.30am – 11.30am: Lockington Playgroup @ St James Church Hall. Ph Tegan 0400 754 116 (NB Playgroup runs every second week during school terms in 2025)

1pm names in for 1.30pm start: Social Bowls – Scrounge

4pm – 5.30pm: Youth Action Group @ The Plumbers Shed (School Terms)

5.30pm - 7.30pm - Ladies Woodwork @ The Men's Shed

### Thursday

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

10am: Social Activity Day @ Bush Nursing Centre

### Saturday

1pm names for 1.30pm start: Social Bowls – Scrounge

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

#### Tuesday

Combined Churches prayer meeting - 10am St James Community Church

FoodShare - 1pm to 3pm at Heritage Complex

#### Wednesday

Action Club Dinner - 7.30pm at Club Rooms

#### Thursday

Landcare Meeting - 7pm Locky Business Centre (even months)

### SECOND WEEK

#### Monday

Heritage Complex Meeting - 7.00pm at the Complex (for June & August - no July meeting)

#### Wednesday

Lions Club Dinner Meeting - 7pm Heritage Complex

#### Thursday

Milloo CWA - 10am - Milloo Hall (not Dec or Jan)

Cuppa Connection (Plumbers Shed) - 10 to 11.30am.

#### Friday

Social Indoor Bowls - 7.30pm Bamawm Ext 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.

Town Planning Meeting - Every 2nd month, 7.30pm Business Centre

#### 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 Complex (not Jan)

#### Wednesday

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting - 7.30pm Heritage Complex