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LOCKY NEWS

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WORLD BRONZE FOR COL PEARSE

Star local athlete Col Pearse did Locky proud again at the 2025 World Para Swimming Championships in Singapore.

After qualifying first, Col claimed bronze in the 100m Butterfly S10 Final in an Oceania-record time of 56.56 seconds.

He also finished fourth overall in the 200m Individual Medley SM10.

Col adds this year's bronze to three silver and two bronze medals from the previous three World Championships, as well as bronze and silver Paralympic medals and a Commonwealth Games gold.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Campaspe Shire Council is calling on Lockington residents to acknowledge the contribution of individuals and groups who make our community thrive.

Nominations are now open for Council's 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards.

The prestigious Awards are among Campaspe's highest honours, recognising the dedication, service, and achievements of those who have made a lasting impact across the Shire.

The categories include Campaspe Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year.

Mayor Cr Daniel Mackrell said the Awards are a chance to shine a spotlight on people who go above and beyond for the benefit of others.

"Every year, we're inspired by the stories of residents who give their time, energy and passion to make Campaspe a better place.

"These awards are about celebrating those contributions and saying thank you to the individuals and groups who help build stronger, more connected communities," Cr Mackrell said.

To be eligible, nominees must reside within Campaspe Shire.

Online nominations are encouraged, but hard copy forms are also available at Council's Customer Service Centres.

For selection criteria and to submit a nomination, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen.

Submissions close on Sunday, 2 November 2025.

For assistance with your nomination, contact Council's Festival & Events Team on 1300 666 535.

Lockington Rural Fire Brigade Opening Morning

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER - 10AM TO 11.30AM

As part of CFA's Get Fire Ready Education Campaign

Lockington Fire Brigade invites community members (young & old) to visit the station & join members for a fun & informative morning.

The event will include a **free barbecue** and facilities tour.

Fire Awareness education resources will be available, and displays and activities will be conducted.



LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

We have reached July 1912, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the local farming communities were faring.

Right then everyone waited anxiously for confirmation of the route to be taken by the proposed railway line to connect Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line. Longterm local residents had campaigned for this railway service for more than thirty years, and their preferred point of connection to the main route, at Elmore, had been recommended by the Railways Standing Committee. However, there was an alternative campaign, supported by the new settlers at the Bamawm irrigation settlement, for a line to connect Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line at Rochester.

Regarding these campaigns, this statement appeared in the Elmore Standard on 13 July 1912: - "As there appears to be an idea in some quarters that the Railways Standing Committee recommended the above line to Rochester [i.e. the Rochester-Cohuna route], we beg to be permitted to contradict this statement. (1) The sectional committee in 1892 recommended the survey only of the Rochester route, and at the same time asked the full general committee to withhold its decision as to the route until the survey had been made. This was done. In 1908 the Committee rejected all the routes, so that in connection with the recent inquiry, all the routes were on an equality. (2) The Elmore route is the only one which will serve the Pannoo Estate, recently subdivided by the Closer Settlement Board into 43 allotments, of about 320 acres each. The Closer Settlement Board, in inviting applications for these allotments, said: — The Pannoo Estate will eventually be traversed by the route of the proposed railway to connect the Melbourne-Echuca line with Cohuna. (3) The Elmore route will serve the Government's tenant's at Pannoo, and also those at Bamawm. (4) The Elmore line will run seven miles along a three-chain road from Elmore Station, so that there is no need to purchase that length of track. The line for a similar distance through the Bamawm settlement has been reserved for the Rochester route, but the costly land adjacent to Rochester township must be purchased.

(5) The estimated annual profit on the Rochester line is £1869, while that on the Elmore route is £3804, the Elmore route thus nearly doubling the estimated annual profit on the Rochester route. These are the estimates of the Railway Commissioners, who are impartial. (6) The Elmore route is necessary to fulfil the promise of the Closer Settlement Board, that the railway would traverse the Pannoo Estate. The Rochester route would traverse a portion of the side of the area proposed to be placed under railway communication, and for about 12 miles would be too close to the Bendigo and Echuca existing line, and would develop merely a part, and not the whole, of the area. It would exclude from participation any accruing benefit to the Parishes of Warragamba, Tennyson, Pannoomilloo, Drummartin, and Kamarooka. The Elmore route, as recommended by the Railways Standing Committee, traverses the centre of the area, and serves the Bamawm settlers, giving them first class communication as well as all other localities concerned."

Public opinion appeared to favour the Standing Committee's recommendation and it was expected a vote to determine the actual route, would be taken during a Parliamentary sitting in July 1912. However, on 13 July 1912, the Elmore Standard reported that the matter of the proposed railway from Elmore to Cohuna had been "again remitted to the Railways Standing Committee," and once again the people of our district had to wait.

As July progressed with no final decision announced, most of the news for the longer-established local communities revolved around recreational activities; football matches and gun club meetings. On 27 July, the Elmore Standard reported that 36 shooters attended a hare shoot at Pine Grove on the 22nd when 208 hares were dispatched, along with eight rabbits. Eleven foxes were seen, with three accounted for. Two days earlier, the Warragamba Gun Club held a very successful sparrow shoot. During that day 256 sparrows were run through the traps, and an excellent day's sport was secured. Pine Grove also had a successful sparrow shoot that week, as the Bendigo Advertiser reported on 31 July. There was good news on the weather front, too, with the Bendigo Independent reporting that more than one inch [25 mms] of rain fell in this district on 28 July.

Pine Grove lost an early settler on 19 July 1912, with the death of Mr Hans Peter Seiersen at the advanced age of 88 years. As reported in the Elmore Standard on 27 July, the deceased gentleman left a widow and grown-up family of five sons and three daughters, amongst whom were Mr Edmond P Seiersen, Diggora West, and Mr Carl W Seiersen, of PannooBamawm. On 30 July, the Bendigo Advertiser published the obituary of Miss Bessie Scurrah, the 24-year-old daughter of Mr James Scurrah of Wharparilla. Her death at the Echuca Hospital on 28 July was deeply lamented by all who knew her.

Agitation continued for a fruit and vegetable canning works at Rochester. On 31 July 1912, as reported in both the Bendigo Independent and the Bendigo Advertiser next day, a deputation representing the settlers at Nanneella, Ballendella and Bamawm, and introduced by Mr McKenzie, M.L.A., waited upon Mr Cameron, the Director of Agriculture, in the absence of Mr Graham, Minister for Agriculture, who was ill. The deputation asked that the Government establish a cannery at Rochester. After hearing their evidence in support of the application, Mr McKenzie, who had to leave to receive another deputation, said that he was thoroughly convinced of the necessity of a cannery for the district. Mr Cameron said that he could give the members of the deputation the assurance that, in the absence of the Minister, a careful note had been taken, and their remarks would be placed before Mr Graham.

That's all for this time. 'Bye,

- Marg O'Brien

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

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Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

Sunday Duty Roster

19 October - Joe & Julie
26 October - Gordon M & Peter B

2 November - Sandra & Ian W
9 November - Jack & Susan

CAMPASPE CARP CATCH

Lockington locals are invited to join the 12th Campaspe Carp Catch on Sunday 19 October, hosted by Strathallan-Rochester Landcare.

Participants can register from 11am at River Reserve in Rochester, near the bridge; judging commences at 3pm. There will be prizes, food and great family fun all day.

This is a great opportunity to help clean up the Campaspe River by catching carp and giving native fish a better chance to thrive. Hot tip from last year: corn kernels and worms were the bait of choice.

And thanks to Gone Fishing Day, you won't need a fishing licence so everyone is welcome to participate.

Gone Fishing Day is celebrated annually across Australia in October to promote recreational fishing as a healthy, social, and nature-connecting pastime for people of all ages and experience levels.

The day, coordinated by the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation, encourages people to participate in events, connect with local fishing groups, enjoy the outdoors, and learn about the benefits of fishing.



GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

Jenny and Garry Mustey would like to thank everyone so far who has made such generous donations and encouraged us as we complete our 8th Great Cycle Challenge.

This year we are aiming to ride 600km between us and we are on track to reach this as we hit the half way mark. We are also aiming to raise \$1000 and are getting close so even the smallest donation will make a difference.

The amount raised goes to the Children's Medical Research Institute to continue their great work in preventing and treating childhood cancer. Our team page is:-

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/teams/LockyLegends>

Thanks for the waves, toots and chats about our participation in the GCC2025. We live in a fantastic community.

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Lockington District Business Centre Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 27 October 2025 @ 7pm

New Committee of Management Members would be appreciated

Lockington & District Community Care Committee Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 11 November at 7.30pm
Lockington Men's Shed - Meeting Room

LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 19 Lockington Fire Brigade Opening Morning
Campaspe Carp Catch @ Rochester
Torrumbarry Levee Treasure Trek
- 20 Lockington Town Planning Meeting
- 25 Lockington Action Club Wool Off Day
- 26 Gunbower Open Garden Fundraiser
- 27 Lockington Business Centre AGM
- 29 Campaspe Shire - Free Seniors Concert
- 30 Lockmore Financial AGM
- 31 Snakebite first aid @ Bush Nursing Centre
Locktoberfest @ Lockington Hotel

NOVEMBER

- 1-2 Lockington Any Age Vehicle Display
- 4 Locky FoodShare/Community Lunch
Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
- 11 Lockington Community Care AGM
- 14 The TJ Show @ Locky Community Centre

WALSH ON WATER TASKFORCE

Nationals Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh has been appointed to a taskforce advising the Victorian Government on the State's long-term water security.

Minister for Water Gayle Tierney recently released the Government's Water Security Plan, which investigates how to maintain Victoria's affordable water supply as our population grows.

It is predicted that in the next decade, Victoria will need an extra 95 billion litres of water annually on top of it's desalination plant running at full capacity.

The new taskforce will review potential future water supply options and consult with the community before reporting back to the incoming Government after the November 2026 State Election.

"While our State has permanent water saving rules in place to help Victorians use water more efficiently and help prevent water restrictions, it is appropriate these rules are reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose and help preserve drinking water supplies," Walsh said.

"I was happy to accept the Minister's invitation to join this bipartisan group because our water supply is crucial and goes way beyond party politics – this is about the future of every Victorian.

"And projects on the scale of major water supply, such as recycled water and stormwater harvesting for example, can take years to plan and deliver – so we need to start looking at them now as our decisions will impact Victorians for generations."

The Water Security Plan is available at <https://www.water.vic.gov.au/our-programs/water-monitoring-and-reporting/water-security-plan>

REDHS News

Voluntober - Are you REDHY?

At REDHS, volunteers are at the heart of everything we do.

This *Voluntober*, we are inviting more people to join our team of caring and compassionate community members.

Volunteering offers the chance to give something back to the community and to make a difference by connecting to the people around you.

Whether it's lending a hand, offering a smile, or sharing your time, every effort makes a lasting impact. Together, we can build connections, deliver quality care, and secure a stronger future.

We have a carefully structured program to enhance resident, patient and client independence whilst supporting their physical, emotional and social needs.

When you give your time, you help deliver care, connection and hope across our community - *your time, their care, our community.*

REDHS is seeking volunteers in the following program areas:

- Volunteer drivers (bus and car) for outings in Yalukang Aged Care and REDHS Social Support Group
- Gardeners interested in helping clients at Social Support Group with gardening activities
- Afternoon activities 1.00pm - 2.30pm in Yalukang Aged Care and Acute Services
- Anyone young or old with an hour or two to spare

To find out how you can get involved:

-  Contact our friendly team on 03 5484 4400
-  Email volunteers@redhs.com.au
-  Check out our website - www.redhs.com.au/get-involved/volunteering

Prospective volunteers are required to complete an application form which is available on our website. Alternatively, an application form can be emailed or posted to you.



“
Volunteer Joan,
assisting with
reading activities
in Yalukang Aged
Care
”

Looking to get involved in your community and meet new people?

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Volunteers needed



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- Activities with clients & patients
 - Drivers for outings
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GUNBOWER & DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT GROUP
PRESENTS...

Open Garden

FUNDRAISER

HOSTED BY
KEN & DEBRA MUNZEL

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025
10.30AM – 4.30PM

81 Thompsons Bridge Rd, Gunbower

\$20 DONATION ENTRY
ALL FUNDS RAISED DONATED TO
THE FRED HOLLOWES FOUNDATION

An open garden with a cause!
Visit Ken & Debra Munzel's garden in Gunbower on 26th October. Wander through stunning blooms and Kenny's Cactus Garden, enjoy tea/coffee and cake, and support The Fred Hollowes Foundation.
✦ \$20 entry includes refreshments, a garden tour & lucky door prizes ✦
Plus plant sales & raffles on the day!



THE T.J. SHOW

The T.J Show is one of Victoria's most in-demand live music duos, delivering high-energy cover performances that have made them a favourite across regional venues and events. Travis & Joe are accomplished allrounders who cater to every age group, adapting their extensive playlist to suit each show's unique audience.

Proudly Presented by Lockington Lions Club

Friday 14 November

Lockington Community Centre
7.30pm for 8pm start

Tickets \$30 per person

Light Supper provided BYO drinks

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WOOL OFF DAY



SATURDAY 25th of OCTOBER

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SUNDAY 19TH OF OCTOBER, 9:00AM
STARTING POINT: TORRUMBARRY WEIR

Choose between our long course (7km) and our short course (4km). Soak in the river views while discovering hidden treasures.

Team & Family Event. Walk, Run or cycle – Take it at your own pace... it's not a race.

Lunch provided for all participants
Coffee at the start and finish line
Snacks & drinks available along the course

Prizes to be won! Spot clues, answer riddles & collect things along the way for your chance to win.

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10.00am - 3.00pm

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**Saturday night dinner for
Exhibitors \$25, bookings
required early Saturday.**

**Sunday: To visit museum
1.00 to 4.00pm - \$5 extra**



**NOVEMBER 2025
Saturday 1st &
Sunday 2nd
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VEHICLE
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\$5.00 ENTRY

**(Primary Aged children
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Enquiries - contact:

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LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS



Lockington Consolidated’s whole-school production is held every second year.

The 2025 event was titled Locky on the Red Carpet and featured singing and dancing to songs from movies that had won Academy Awards - some long ago and others more recently.

Two students acted as the hosts for an Awards Ceremony and took the audience on a journey through a range of songs and musical scores.

The production was well received by large audiences who attended both the afternoon matinee and evening sessions.

It provided students with an opportunity to expand their learning into the performing arts space.

It also allowed students with particular talents and confidence in drama, dance and/or song to showcase their unique craft to a wider audience.

So many people worked hard to bring Locky on the Red Carpet to life, none moreso than Lockington Consolidated School teacher Jenny Howlett who was not only the brains behind the concept but also the driving force and organiser.

Our school is so fortunate to have Jenny's talents and dedication.

Thank you also to the staff who worked hard to ensure the performances were the very best they could be, and the families and community members who supported the event with costuming, raffle co-ordination and attendance.

It was a real team effort and the pride on the student’s faces made it totally worthwhile.



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FROM OUR CHURCHES

Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

St. Mary's Lockington

Enquiries – Jeff Millard Ph 0493 170 250, Samuel Kelly (Minister) Ph 0427 507 595

19 October - 11am Lockington
26 October - 10am Rochester to 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:-

19 October – Elmore
26 October – Tongala Respect

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



**First Tuesday of the month – 10.00am
Combined Churches prayer meeting at St James Community Church**



From The Scriptures 1024

Phillipians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.



NEW STUDENT ART BEAUTIFIES OUR TOWN

It is with great pride that the middle and senior school students from Lockington Consolidated present their commitment to the Lockington Community.

During Term 3 the Grade 3/4 and 5/6 children worked hard creating art works as part of the School's Community Art Project.

The aim was to make artworks that could be part of the channel area south of the school, "hanging out" with the blanketed trees along the channel.

We encourage local residents to go for a walk along the channel and find all sorts of creations made with fibres, recycled wheels, tyres, shells, pipes, pavers and more!

So much fun to make, and more fun to find and admire when ambling along the channel. -

Kath Connors



Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of the Millloo Hall Centenary Celebrations on 11 October.

We look forward to providing a full review of the event in the next edition of Locky News.

Community Bank
Elmore, Lockington and Rochester

2025 Annual General Meeting

Lockmore Financial Services Ltd - the community company that runs our local Community Banks - is pleased to invite our shareholders, customers and community to our AGM.

When Thursday 30 October

Time 7:00pm registration for a 7:30pm start

Where Lockington Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

All are welcome - RSVPs to Lross@lockmore.com.au

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LANDCARE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Lockington Landcare Group, supported by the Neighbourhood House, ran a great holiday program for primary school-aged children on 2 October.

Participants & their parents were joined by Uncle Rick and Auntie Neva and taken on a nature walk from the Kotta Airfield. Significant trees were explained to the children along with daily life of First Nations people.

A barbecue lunch, generously supported by Lockington Foodworks, followed where the group was shown artifacts and enjoyed applying ochre to their faces.

In the afternoon, the kids travelled to Lucerne Lane to learn how eggs are produced and packed commercially. Many chickens got an extra pat which we hope will increase egg production!

Many thanks to Tanya & Dan for organising the event. - **Wendy Sims**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am pleased to share the Remember a Local – Name a Place campaign with you. Over the next 3 years there will be more than 6,000 new places in Victoria which will need a name.

We want these names to recognise the people who helped make our communities thrive. We're inviting all Victorians to nominate someone who has left a lasting legacy in your community to be considered for a new place name.

We are particularly looking for nominations for individuals from groups currently under-represented in Victoria's place names. This includes women, First Peoples, LGBTQIA+, people with a disability, and people from multicultural backgrounds.

How does it work? You can submit a nomination through a short survey on the Engage Victoria website. Nominations are open until 30 November 2025. Nominated names will be reviewed and sent to a naming authority. This is typically a local council. The council will put the name in a name bank for consideration when an opportunity to name a new place becomes available.

This might be a new road, park, suburb name, or more. Commemorative names recognise people who were held in high regard by the community, usually only after a person is deceased. Lasting legacies can take many shapes. Your nomination may be for someone known for community and volunteer work, healthcare, science, architecture and building, sport, arts, public or military service.

How can my organisation be involved? I encourage you to consider whether there is someone from your industry, sector or community who could be nominated for commemoration in a place name. Nominations help Victoria's local councils to recognise and celebrate unsung heroes who have left a lasting legacy in the community.

If you have any questions, please contact April Taylor, Gender Equality Officer at Geographic Names Victoria at geo.names@transport.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely
Craig Sandy, LS Registrar of Geographic Names

Community Bank
Elmore, Lockington and Rochester
Bendigo Bank

Supporting local community groups
Coliban WATER

Applications for Community Rebates are now open

We know an extended interruption to your water supply, poor water pressure, other water quality issues, a Boil Water Advisory, or sewer spill can be inconvenient - and not the standard of service you expect from us. That's why we introduced our **Community Rebates**.

This program helps us remain accountable to the customers that fund our business through their water bills. The rebates are a tangible way we can acknowledge those occasions where we haven't met your expectations.

Rebates are made available via an expression of interest process and designed to provide the whole community with a financial benefit through support for community-directed projects and initiatives.

Calling all community groups in Echuca, Lockington, Leitchville, and Korong Vale

We are now inviting applications from community groups in Echuca, Lockington, Leitchville, and Korong Vale looking to fund a community project.

We'll be awarding a **\$5,000 rebate in each community to support a project that gives back to local residents.** Applications close on **Monday 3 November**.

How to apply

Complete a short online application form at connect.coliban.com.au/rebates before Monday 3 November.

Recipients will be contacted on Friday 28 November and announced on our website.

You can find more information and our Terms and Conditions at connect.coliban.com.au/rebates or email us at communications@coliban.com.au.



LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Office staffed 8.30am to 5.00pm Tues/Wed/Thurs
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Monday 27 October

Lockington District
 Business Centre AGM

Wednesday 29 October

Cheese Making Workshops

Thursday 13 November

Community Cuppa
 Connection

Thursday 20 November

Free Community Health
 Screenings with LaTrobe
 University Students

Friday 5 December

Christmas PubSing
 @ Locky Pub

Thursday 11 December

Christmas Cuppa
 Connection

Thursday 18 December

Community Market &
 Christmas Carols



Isn't this work by the Monday Art Group gorgeous.

Di Giddings was the project coordinator and her stunning mosaics have really enhanced the precinct outside the Plumber's Shed.

Be sure to have a look next time you're passing by.

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria is seeking public support for a campaign to ensure the sustainability and ongoing effectiveness of the Neighbourhood and Community House Sector.

The campaign is seeking a 25 percent increase in annual funding, which is provided by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

Despite record demand for services provided by Neighbourhood and Community Houses in Victoria funding has failed to keep pace with inflation.

Community members are asked to demonstrate their support for the campaign by signing and sending a pre-prepared postcard to State Minister Ros Spence.

Postcards are available from Lockington Neighbourhood House. Please pop in during business hours (Tues/Wed/Thurs if you would like one).



Your Council News

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Project update

Council has officially opened off-leash dog parks in Tongala and Kyabram. Delivered with support from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, the parks were identified as community priorities through the Kyabram and Tongala place-based plans.



Coming Up

Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 21 October 2025 | Echuca Civic Centre
 Meetings can be streamed live: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

Public Notice

Notice of intention to sell subject land.

Council gives notice of its intention to sell by private treaty the following parcels of land (the Land):

- Crown Allotment 45 TP487376U comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5552 Folio 285 known as 940 Rochester-Strathallan Road, Strathallan; and
 - Crown Allotment 65 TP487281K comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5252 Folio 319 known as 1010 Rochester-Strathallan Road, Strathallan to Strathallan Community Group Inc. for a total of \$110.00 (GST inclusive).
- The proposed sale will be subject to contractual terms satisfactory to Council. Any person may make a submission on the proposal to sell the Land. Any person wishing to make a submission can do so in writing by Thursday, 13 November 2025. Following the consideration of any submissions, Council may decide to sell the Land, part of the Land or not to sell the Land.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and can be delivered to Council's Civic Centre at 2 Heygarth Street, Echuca, posted to Campaspe Shire Council, PO Box 35, Echuca 3564 or emailed to shire@campaspe.vic.gov.au. Submissions received on the proposed sale of the Land may be included in the Council Agenda and Minutes published on Council's website, including the personal information of the submitter. Please indicate in your submission if you do not wish your personal information to be identified in the Agenda and Minutes.

Further information regarding the proposal, including a plan of the land, may be obtained from Council's Property Manager on 03 5481 2200 or on Council's website.

Pauline Gordon
 Chief Executive Officer

Now Open

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

Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Citizen of the Year Awards celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and community organisations or groups in our region. Nominations are open for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Group of the Year. Visit the Now Open page for more details on the nomination process. Nominations close Sunday, 2 November.

Glow Up Disco

Free tickets are now available for the 2025 Youth Glow Up Disco! The Glow Up Youth Disco is a drug-free, alcohol-free, vape-free and smoke-free event for ages 12-17 years, supervised by youth workers to ensure a safe environment. It's on Friday, 14 November, from 6.30-9.30pm at Fuzion Café, 258 Pakenham Street, Echuca. No pass-outs will be allowed. To book tickets, head to www.trybooking.com/DFWKB

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Mental Health Month

October is Mental Health Month, and Council along with Campaspe Murray Mental Health and Wellbeing Network are promoting events that aim to educate and support community members - including free movie matinees on 15 and 22 October at Echuca Library. To find out more about the events in October, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory

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Campaspe Murray Business Connect

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Lockington & District
Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

ISSUE 261 SEPTEMBER 2025

Annual General Meeting

On behalf of the Lockington Bush Nursing Centre, we would like to thank everyone who attended our AGM, and for your continued support of the Bush Nursing Centre and our work in the community.

We extend our appreciation to the community members who are stepping into or concluding their roles as Board Members. Your commitment to the health and wellbeing of our community is truly commendable.

A special thank you to Campaspe Shire Councillor Zoe Cook for joining us as our guest speaker and sharing her valuable insights and support.

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Term 4 : 29 Oct - 3 Dec Cost: \$10 per session

Term 4 costs are subsidised by the Lockington Bush Nursing Centre through the Violet Vines Marshman Centre for Rural Health Grant.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB NEWS

13 OCTOBER

The Lockington Golf Club season has drawn to a close; Presentation Night was the perfect way to celebrate with golfers enjoying a delicious bring and share casserole tea and good company.

Trophy winners included: Club Champion: Grant Humbert (26th title); B Grade Champion: Darren Carnie; C Grade Champion: JD Wright.

Nett Champions: A Grade – Gary Milligan; B Grade – Simon Portwine; C Grade – Tom Scurrah; Veterans – Gary Milligan.

Gartside Cup: Ron Dixon; Matchplay Champion: Jeff Carnie; St Andrews Trophy: Gary Milligan; Wedgie Trophy: Jeff Carnie; Monthly Medallists Trophy: Jason Wakefield; Most Saturday comp wins: Kevin Humbert (7); Choker's Trophy: Brett Stone.

Wayne Angove Memorial Most Consistent Trophy (average of best 7 stroke rounds): 5th – Neil Maddison 72.7; equal 3rd – Steve Holt, Stuart Newton 72.1; 2nd – JD Wright 72.0; winner – Kevin Humbert 70.0.

This is the 10th time that Kevin has won this trophy, his first was 48 years ago, back in 1977.

Cyril & Mary Robins Perpetual Stableford Trophy (aggregate of best 4 stableford rounds): 5th – Kevin Humbert 139; 4th – Brad Wakefield 142; 3rd – Trav Mancer 143; 2nd – Ash Portwine 145; winner – Jeff Carnie 146.

George McMinn Perpetual Par Trophy (aggregate of best 3 par rounds): 5th: Ash Portwine -3; 4th: Brad Wakefield -2; 3rd: Jeff Carnie -1; tied winners – Steve Holt, Kevin Humbert square.

Third win for both players, Steve's previous wins were in 2011 and 2016, Kevin's in 2015 and 2024.

Eclectic Trophy: equal 3rd – Steve Holt, Grant Humbert, Jason Wakefield 57; 2nd – Ash Portwine 55; winner – Stuart Newton 52.5.

Women: Mona Hewlett Trophy - Sue Harris; Dolly Henderson Trophy (best nett for the season): Jenny Holt 69; Mary Robins Trophy: Jan Clymo; Ivy Kelly Tray: Pauline Humbert; Perpetual Bullseyes Trophy: Fiona Newton.

The Club's AGM will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 6 November, 8pm at the Clubhouse.

There is a Notice of Motion to be voted on, that the Men's Club Championships revert to 3 rounds. All members are warmly invited to attend.



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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS



5 OCTOBER

The Lockington Bowls Club ladies staged their Annual 3 Bowl Triples Tournament last Wednesday with Tongala, Kyabram, Elmore, Golden Square, Rich River, Rochester & Lockington Clubs represented.

Lady President Margaret Dowie and Tournament Secretary Kathi Maddison welcomed all bowlers and thanked Glenda Nichol of Nichol Trading for her generous sponsorship support.

After the three games of ten ends, there were only two undefeated teams to have bragging rights. Both teams had three wins each, 77 points and plus 16 shots up.

A nightmare for the Tournament Secretary! Following an exhaustive session to find the eventual winner, it all came down to percentage. The Elmore team comprising Ann Williams, Corie Holmberg and rookie skip Eileen Burke finished up winning the spoils by one percentage point.

The talented Lockington combination of Pos Andrea, Cindy Felmingham and Leanne McInnes (s) was runner-up.

Kathi Maddison acknowledged the support of Teena Kesson and Bernie Tinning from Tongala, who acted as Umpires on the day as well as the kitchen & greens staff, tournament committee and Chris Stewart who handled the scoreboard.

Appreciation was also extended to Pauline Humbert who co-ordinated the event prizes and raffle. Special prizes went to Lyn Kingston, Chris Simpson (Rich River), Cori Holmberg (Elmore), Joan Limbrick (Rochester), Ros Kellett (Tongala), Yvonne Smollenmaars (Rochester), Robin Bird (Golden Square), Bernie Tinning and Kathi Maddison.

On Saturday the Campaspe Area Pennant began for the 2025-26 season. Lockington teams had a mixed day but showed early promise and endeavour.



TOP LEFT - Winners Elmore (from left): Anne Williams, Corrie Holmberg, Eileen Burke (s)

TOP RIGHT - Runner-up Lockington (from left): Pos Andrea, Leanne McInnes (s) Cindy Felmingham.

LEFT - Sponsor Nichol Trading: Glenda Nichol.

Division Three defeated Rochester 61-46 with two rinks up. (Steve Pavone d. J Weeks 27-8; Leanne McInnes d. G Chambers 21-19; John Fisher lost to A Gusak 13-19).

Division Four also met Rochester and failed by eleven shots 52-63 and one rink in front. (Kalvin Stout d. J McCallum 32-17; Shane Felmingham l.t. D Murray 8-27; Cindy Felmingham l.t. D Gillies 12-19).

Division Five travelled to Rich River and shared the rinks but had one rink up and the other one down, down! (Rod Fiedler d. G Edgar 18-15; Denise Gilmore l.t. B Kelly 10-30). This Saturday all Divisions are playing at home. Division Three v. Rich River, Division Four v. Rich River and Division Five meet Kyabram.

The Friday evening Bowls practice and Barbeque were last week with Pauline Humbert winning the lucky Members draw. In the future, a barbeque will be held on the first Friday of the month.

12 OCTOBER

The Club has been very active this past week with the resumption of Barefoot bowls on Tuesday evening along with Ladies Social, Mid Week Pennant and the Weekend pennant.

The early pacesetters in the Barefoot bowls was the star studded team comprising Jayden D Wright, Pos Andrea, Steve Pavone, Anthony Westwood (s) 2 wins plus 9 shots ahead of Jeannie Ramsay, Doug Ramsay, Rod Fiedler (s) win/loss +6 shots.

JD Wright was excited to respond on behalf of the team. Raffle winners - 1st Jeff Carnie; 2nd Kym Ray; 3rd Steve McKee.

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In the Midweek pennant both Division Three and Division Four played Rich River at home. Division Three had a rink win and a thrilling tie in taking out the victory 42-37. (Denise Gilmore tied Leon Sharp 20-all; Phylis MacFarlane d. F Ross 22-17).

Division Four was also in the winning vein after winning both rinks to register a 50-29 victory. (Steve Peter d. S Shine 20-14; Russell Shawcross d. B Dashwood 30-15). Both teams occupy third place in their respective Divisions.

The Weekend pennant provided the Vclub with a win and two losses overall. Once again all Divisions played on their own turf.

Division Three defeated Rich River 63-54 with two rinks in front. Steve Pavone d. B Cox 22-19; Lloyd Buchanan lost to P Nesbitt 16-24; John Fisher had the rink firing to record a fine 25-11 win against R Bentley).

Division Four lowered their colors to Rich River in a very close encounter, losing the match 53-60. (Kalvin Stout l.t. G Clarence 12-19; Cindy Felmingham d. L Sharp 22-19; Shane Felmingham l.t. F Ross 18-22).

Division Five bowled up against Kyabram and suffered a 23 shot loss 28-51. (Denise Gilmore l.t. J Barrett 12-30; Rod Fiedler l.t. M Tenace 16-21).

The star-studded trio of Terrill Westwood, Pos Andrea and Cindy Felmingham (s) finished runner up in the Mathoura 2 Bowl Ladies Triples on 8 October.

Meanwhile the Club has welcomed newcomers Erin Gumbleton and Rod Fiedler.

During the week the Sixty & Over competition was held at Moama Bowling Club. A local rink comprising John Andrea, Jim Harris, Greg Clymo (Echuca) and Kalvin Stout (s) were Runners Up with four bowls in the area.

This was a repeat performance from the previous week at Mathoura where they finished second with four bowls close.

The field is growing for the popular Waterwheel Classic Fours to be held on Sunday 19 October commencing at 9.30am.

This is a coveted "Gold Letter" event. Contact Cindy Felmingham or Ray Hanson for entries. This tournament is sponsored by AutoBarn 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: Social Pickle Ball @ Bamawm Sports Centre. Ph 0458 548 622.

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

Tuesday

9am Chair Yoga @ Bush Nursing Centre

10am: Men's Shed @ Business Centre Complex

7pm: Ukulele Group @ Business Centre

7pm: Barefoot Bowls

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)

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

5pm - Yoga @ Bush Nursing Centre (23 July 23 - 10 Sept, (except 3 Sept)

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

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

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

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