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ARTIST CHOSEN FOR LOCKINGTON MURAL PROJECT

The Lockington community's newest landmark is a step closer to becoming a reality.

Renowned artist Jimmy Dvate (pictured right) has accepted an invitation to design and paint a three-metre high by 15 metre wide mural on the south facing wall of the Lockington District Business Centre building.

The Melbourne-based artist specialises in large scale murals and his work is well established on the local and international street art scene.

He is best known in this region for the stunning Rochester Silos, and a mural on the Gunbower Family Hotel however his extensive resume has taken him across the length and breadth of Australia and beyond.

The project is being funded by Lockmore Financial Services which operates the Lockington Community Bank within the Business Centre precinct.

It is part of a broader initiative to add artwork to each of Lockmore's three Community Bank branches – in Lockington, Elmore and Rochester.

Lockington Neighbourhood House is overseeing the development of the mural in partnership with a Working Group comprising interested community members.

"We are very excited to have Jimmy onboard and looking forward to working with him to create something beautiful that accurately portrays life in Lockington," Lockmore Financial Services Chair Jo Holloway said.

"We undertook an Expression of Interest process to reach this point and I'm grateful to the community members who put their hand up to be involved, contributed excellent feedback and have helped to guide our decision making," he said.

"The initial concepts Jimmy provided were great and create an excellent foundation upon which to develop a striking image that we hope will become iconic to Lockington.

"The mural location is perfect too – directly opposite Lockington Hotel's front beer garden and directly facing traffic travelling from Bendigo."

It is hoped the final design will be determined early in the New Year and the mural will be completed before Winter 2026.



LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES

Let's light up Lockington!

We're inviting our locals to take part in our Community Bank Town Christmas Lights Competition. Let's make our streets sparkle this holiday season!

How to Enter:

Simply decorate your home with your brightest Christmas lights, then complete an entry form at one of our branches to go in the running for \$500 worth of local prizes.

Scan the QR code below to read the full Terms & Conditions.

🕒 Entries close: Friday 12th December

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Wishing Locky News readers a very Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy & Safe New Year

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in delivering Lockington's news to our community in 2025

LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

Here we are – December 2025 – but we have only reached November 1912, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the local farming communities were faring.

While most news items coming from our district at that time tended to focus on developments in the newly settled irrigation areas, including Bamawm, the news most keenly awaited concerned the proposed railway line to connect Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line.

Long-resident locals had campaigned for this railway service to and through our region 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. There was an alternative campaign, strongly supported by new settlers at Bamawm, for a line to connect Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line at Rochester. It had been expected that a vote to determine the actual route would be taken during a Parliamentary sitting in July 1912. However, in mid-July, the matter was remitted to the Railways Standing Committee, and as weeks went by, further news was anxiously awaited.

At last, on 4 December 1912, a report appeared in the Argus that, on 3 December, the matter had come before the Legislative Assembly. The Minister for Railways, Mr McBride, had moved that the construction of the proposed line be referred to the Railways Standing Committee for consideration and report. As he did so, Mr McBride described the area to benefit, and restated the details in accordance with the recommendation made to the Assembly by the Standing Committee in October 1911. He acknowledged that expenses had increased in the meantime, with the cost of construction now estimated at £201,193, and the net annual profit, was now estimated at £3576. Even so, the proposal was regarded as one of the most promising that had been submitted to Parliament for several years. Nevertheless, representations made to Minister claimed that an alteration of the starting point from Elmore to Rochester would shorten and reduce the cost of the railway, and provide more convenient railway facilities for the Bamawm irrigation settlement.

A recommendation that the Standing Committee should take evidence regarding this proposed alteration was agreed to.

In the meantime, on 3 December 1912, as reported in the Bendigo Advertiser the following day, the matter of Mr Arthur Whinfield's claim for £2000 damages came before Mr. Justice A'Beckett and a jury of six, in the Bendigo Supreme Court. Mr Whinfield, who had owned a considerable amount of land in our local area, claimed damages from the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission for injuries he received in a motor car accident caused by the alleged negligence of the defendants, on 23rd February, 1912. This was said to be due to their servants leaving a culvert in a dangerous state, and not properly lighted or guarded. Mr Whinfield was being driven along the road between Bamawm and Echuca, when he sustained the injuries for which he now claimed damages.

The defendants, in reply, admitted that the plaintiff had received the injuries complained of, but contended that the accident was caused by the negligent way in which the car was being driven. The defendants also alleged that the car was being driven at an excessive rate of speed, had no lights, and that the driver of the car did not exercise reasonable care in driving ... The plaintiff, in reply to the defence said that he was a passenger, and not the owner or driver of the car, and therefore the clause relating to negligence in driving was not applicable to him.

Evidence was heard from Mr Whinfield, after which his Honour said he understood that both parties desired an adjournment for a short time, and the case was accordingly adjourned until 10 o'clock the following morning. As reported in the Bendigo Advertiser on 4 December 1912, after an adjournment for an hour, during which counsel on both sides conferred with their clients, Mr Duffy (appearing for the plaintiff) said he had to announce that the parties had agreed, subject to his Honour's concurrence, to judgement being entered for the plaintiff for £225, with costs. Mr Cussen (appearing for the defendants) said he would consent to this course, and judgement was entered accordingly.

Within days, the attention of the media was again drawn to Mr Arthur Whinfield. This time his claim was for £2944/5/1 damages, sustained by him through a fire which was caused by the alleged negligence of State Rivers and Water Supply Commission's servants, in failing to protect or extinguish a camp fire or fires near his property, at Bamawm, on 7 December, 1911. The defendants denied responsibility, contending that the fires were not lit by their direction, but by their servants, in circumstances over which the defendants had no control.

The case had already come before Mr Justice Hodges in Bendigo on 8th and 9th June, when the plaintiff proceeded against the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission only, whereas at this hearing in the Supreme Court on 5 December 1912, before Mr Justice A'Beckett and a jury of six, the Lands Purchase and Closer Settlement Board was included as a defendant. Mr Whinfield gave evidence, and was supported by a number of other local witnesses, including the constable of police from Rochester, who had examined the scene of the fire on 7 December 1911. Having heard all witnesses, the jurymen were discharged and the case was adjourned. Arguments continued for some time when the hearing resumed the following morning. The jury then retired and, after some deliberation, returned into court with a verdict in favour of plaintiff for £2250. Judgement was entered up accordingly, with costs. Reports of the hearing appeared in the Argus on 5 December and in the Age on 7 December 1912.

Next time, next year, there will be more about the railway line.

'Bye until then and, in the meantime, have a Happy Christmas!! - Marg O'Brien

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Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

Sunday Duty Roster

14 December - Joe & Julie
21 December - Gordon M & Peter B
28 December - Sandra & Ian W

4 January - Susan & Brett
11 January - Andrew & Brigitte
18 January - Tom & Les
25 January - Jim & Therese

SENIORS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



The Locky Seniors kicked off the festive season in style with their annual Christmas get-together at the Community Centre on 1 December.

A group of 76 people gathered, some dressed in costume, to enjoy a delicious two-course meal catered by Regan's of Tongala.

There were lots of lucky door and raffle prizes – almost \$400 was raised – and the Locky Ukers added their unique flavour to the event with a popular performance.

The lunch was made possible with a generous and much appreciated funding grant from Campaspe Shire Council. Lockington Senior Citizens Club now breaks for Christmas/New Year.

The first meeting for 2026 will be held on the third Monday in February and the first event will be a Cold Meat & Salad Luncheon in March.



DEATH NOTICE

OLIVER - Kevin 'Jack'



It is with great sadness we note the passing of a Life Member of the Lockington Lions Club.

Fifty years of a great allround member who never said NO.

We will miss his forever cheerful face and jokes.

Our thoughts are with the family.

LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB CENTENARY

The Lockington Golf Club is counting down to an important milestone, preparing to celebrate its Centenary in 2026.

To mark the occasion, the Club is hosting a 4-person Ambrose Event on Saturday, 2 May.

In addition, there will be a special celebratory afternoon tea on the day.

The function will be open to both players and former members including those who may no longer be playing golf, and provide an opportunity to share stories and reflect on the Club's achievements over the past 100 years.

If you have any photos/memorabilia/stories that you would like to share, please contact Secretary Darren Carnie 0428 862 292.

Alternately you can email lockingtongolfclub@gmail.com

RETURNING IN
2025

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
Tea

2 COURSE MEAL

25 DEC | MADE POSSIBLE BY **6.30**
FOODSHARE | **PM**

Tea Served at 7pm at The Lockington Recreation Reserve
Bookings essential and can be made to the Bush Nursing Centre 54862544 or Amanda Walker 0429868249

LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS



Year 5/6 students from Lockington Consolidated School showcased their creativity, teamwork and financial understanding through their Annual Business Projects, a highlight of the Economics and Business Studies Program.

Working in small groups, students developed their own business ideas, offering a range of goods and services to their fellow classmates.

Each team was responsible for creating a materials list, developing a budget, and organising the setup of their stall.

To prepare, students visited the Lockington Supermarket to purchase the supplies needed to bring their business concepts to life.

Over two lunchtimes, the school grounds were buzzing with excitement as the student-run businesses opened for all to enjoy.

A fantastic variety of stalls were on offer, including popcorn, spiders, milkshakes, and fairy floss, as well as activity-based stalls featuring super-soakers, carts and Nerf guns.

There was something for everyone, and the enthusiasm from both stallholders and customers was wonderful to see.

After the two trading days, the students reviewed their takings and compared them with their expenses to calculate their overall profit.

All proceeds will be used for an end-of-year celebration and pool party, giving students even more motivation to make their businesses a success.

Congratulations to all the young entrepreneurs on a job well done!



LOCKY NEWS EARLY 2026 PUBLICATION DATES

Edition 1029

12 January - Copy Deadline (10am)
 16 January (Publication Day)
 Duty Volunteer - Melissa Gowler

Edition 1030

23 January - EARLY copy deadline (5pm)
 30 January (Publication Day)
 Duty Volunteer - Janelle Mancer

Edition 1031

9 February - Copy deadline (10am)
 13 February (Publication Day)
 Duty Volunteer - Faye Haines

LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 12 Christmas Lights Competition - entries close
- 13 Tennyson Recreation Reserve Christmas Party
- 18 Christmas Market & Community Carols
 Lockington Bush Nursing Centre Christmas Raffle Draw
 Campaspe Library closes for Christmas break
- 19 Kotta Christmas Tree
- 21 Bamawm Extension Xmas Tree
- 25 Lockington Community Christmas Dinner

JANUARY

- 12 **LOCKY NEWS TYPING DAY**
- 14 Campaspe Library School Holiday Program
- 16 First Locky News for 2026
- 26 Australia Day Breakfast



Fire Restrictions are now in force in Campaspe Shire



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Questions? Contact Lauren on Lross@Lockmore.com.au or 0413 417 055.



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LODDON MURRAY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMPLETED



Two locals were among 16 participants to graduate recently from the LEAD Loddon Murray 2025 Community Leadership Program.

Lockington's Dan Walker was sponsored to undertake the 10-month initiative by Lockington District Business Centre while Marshall Jacobs from Ballendella was sponsored by Lockington, Elmore and Rochester Community Banks.

Looking back on the initiative, Dan said allowing time to self-reflect and having new tools to help his understanding and identify how he can connect with people in a meaningful way was one of his key learnings.

He is now looking forward to implementing a project he developed as a part of the training titled "Lockington Connections Community Project".

Marshall's project is titled "Shifting Gears Into Ag Careers" and he hopes to roll the project out in his local community before expanding statewide.



PYRAMID HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
 "A Major's Vision"
PYRAMID HILL ART SHOW
 13 - 19 February 2026
\$9,000 Prize Money
 Gala Opening & Awards on Friday 13th February at Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall
 Entry Forms available via Facebook page or email
 Join Pyramid Hill Art Show Facebook page for information
Entry Forms available 14 November 2025
 entries close 31 Jan 2026
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 1.5KG CAKES \$20.00
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**Next Open Pantry
Tuesday 3rd Feb**

Lockington Foodshare

**is held at the
Heritage Complex
on the
1st Tues of each month
Free Community Meal**

 **12 - 1 pm**
followed by
Open Pantry
1 - 3 pm



Everyone is welcome 😊

Additional Food Relief Available
Food hampers and frozen meals can also be accessed through the:
Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre
Monday - Friday | 8:45 AM - 4:30 PM
Phone: 5486 2544

Please reach out — we're happy to arrange additional support.



The **Lockington Lions Club** thanks everyone who supported our events during the year.

All money raised goes back into the community.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas & New Year



Echuca Moama Community Projects and Uniting Church

Christmas Toy Appeal



COLLECTING NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 18th 2025

Drop off points: Echuca Moama Uniting Church, Riverine Herald, EMWAC (pool), Apex Echuca, Echuca Twin Rivers School, Echuca Library, Echuca Regional Health

Distribution dates: December 11, 15 and 18th
Echuca Moama Uniting Church Hall 10am—1pm

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Charitable organisations, and places in crisis benefit from used stamps, which are sorted and sold overseas to stamp collectors.

Please save your stamps and give or post to Beryl Marshall, 2 Burns Street (please put in box at front door) or leave for Fay Haines at Lockington Business Centre. Discard stamps which are heavily franked; torn or skinned; biro/pencil cancelled or covered in sticky tape.

Trim to 3mm (1/8") around. If you're not sure, and don't want to trim, please cut a large margin (perhaps 1/4 of the envelope) or give the whole envelope. Volunteers with 'Sammy Stamp' in Melbourne will trim them.

(If trimming: cut and not torn is preferred please.)
Pre-franked envelopes? Please give the whole envelope. Also please save empty Stamp booklets

Volunteers working in the kitchen at Lockington Living Heritage Complex over the warmer months will be significantly more comfortable thanks to a recently completed project.

A delapidated metal awning over the kitchen window (pictured above left) has been replaced by a remote controlled external roller blind (above right), providing both protection from the summer sun and improved security for the building.

The project had long been on the Heritage Complex Committee of Management's Wish List and was made possible by a funding grant from Campaspe Shire Council.

It is already delivering benefits to the volunteers who assist every Sunday when the complex is open to the public, as well as those who cook to prepare meals which are made available to the public via Lockington FoodShare.

*Tennyson Rec Reserve
Christmas Party*

*Saturday 13th Dec
@ 6:30pm*

*BBQ Tea and dessert provided
BYO Drinks & Salad to share*

Santa will visit around 8pm
(please supply a gift for your child/ren up to \$15)

R&SVP:
Simone 0478 070 170
Tammy 0411 056 765

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2026 AUSTRALIA DAY



Breakfast in the Park
MONDAY 26 JANUARY

FROM 8AM (GOLD COIN DONATION)
at Lockington Lions/Apex Park

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY 10AM
GUEST SPEAKER - JESSE HARDESS

This Lockington community event is made possible thanks to the sponsorship support of Campaspe Shire Council





Metro Tunnel *now open*

To celebrate, enjoy free public transport across Victoria every weekend in December and January.

With more services arriving in February, you can use the new Metro Tunnel this Summer.

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Activity	Detail	Venue, Date & time	Age	Booking
<p>Take the Cake</p> 	<p>A National Gallery of Victoria Kids on Tour activity.</p> <p>In this activity, children are invited to draw their own celebration cake, using their imagination and creativity to capture memories of special occasions.</p>	<p style="color: red;">Lockington Library & Business Centre</p> <p>Wednesday, 14 Jan 10am - 11.30am</p>	<p>All Ages</p>	<p style="color: green;">Please book Ph: 5481 2400 or Online</p> <p style="color: green;">Places limited</p>

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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

24 December - Christmas Eve: Combined Carols & Lessons Service - 6pm @ Holy Trinity, Rochester

25 December - Christmas Day: Combined Morning Prayer Service - 9am @ St Mary's, Lockington

28 December - 11am Lockington

4 January - 10am Lockington to Bamawm

11 January - 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:-

14 December - Bamawm worship at St. Mary's, Lockington 11am

21 December - Elmore

24 December - Christmas Eve - Rochester - 7.30pm

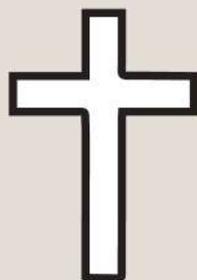
25 December - Christmas Day - Bamawm - 9am

28 December - Tongala

4 January - Bamawm

11 January - Rochester

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 1028

Amos 5:24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Christmas
BY CANDLE LIGHT 2025
Come and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas
Sunday
December 14th 7pm

A celebration of Christmas with
Traditional carols & readings.
Combined choir and Federal Band
Accompanist David McNichol
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Lockington Combined Churches
Community Christmas Carols
Thursday 18 December from 7.30pm
Lions/Apex Park Everyone Welcome



SAPUTO FUNDS SEATING UPGRADE

Saputo Dairy Australia has contributed \$10,000 through its Legacy Program to the Lockington Recreation Reserve to support the purchase and installation of permanent new aluminium seating.

This funding has improved courtside and undercover oval-side seating, including two 3-tier and two 2-tier aluminium stands.

These upgrades replace aging portable seating and significantly improve comfort, safety and accessibility for spectators and volunteers alike.

Lockington Recreation Reserve Committee of Management President Colin Bacon said he was very appreciative of Saputo's commitment and investment in the Lockington community.

"Our seating was in disrepair; the new permanent seating improves safety for spectators and volunteers, while reducing the workload for our dedicated volunteers. It will enhance the viewing experience for all users at a venue which is the central hub for our community."

Lockington Recreation Reserve is located in a key milk supply region for SDA & 20 minutes from its Rochester AG Warehouse store.

SDA Director of Milk Supply & Planning Kate Ryan said many of her team members, suppliers and customers were actively involved with the Reserve's user groups, whether as dedicated committee volunteers or enthusiastic participants.

"The Reserve plays a vital role connecting people locally and we're proud to support the Committee's efforts to foster active lifestyles and provide a place for people to come together. Through this contribution, we're committed to leaving a lasting and meaningful legacy," she said.

The Saputo Legacy Program funds local sport and health infrastructure projects to help build healthier communities. It is part of Saputo's global commitment to invest one percent of its pre-tax profits each year in community programs and organisations that promote a healthy lifestyle for people of all ages.

To learn more about SDA's community investment initiatives, visit:-
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Pictured (from left): Jo Duffy (SDA Field Services Advisor), Tim Fulton (SDA Field Services Manager - North), Colin Bacon (Lockington Recreation Reserve Committee of Management President).

A festive poster for the 2025 Christmas Tree event. It features a red background with white and gold Christmas ornaments and pine branches. A cartoon Santa Claus is on the left. The text reads: '2025', 'Bamawm Extension Christmas Tree', 'Sun 21st Dec @ 6pm', and 'BAMAWM EXTENSION HALL'.

A festive poster for the 2025 Christmas Tree event, similar to the one on the left but with more text. It features a red background with white and gold Christmas ornaments and pine branches. The text reads: 'Join us for the 2025', 'Bamawm Extension Christmas Tree', 'ALL WELCOME!', '\$20 Family or \$5 Per Person', 'PLEASE SUPPLY YOUR CHILDREN'S SANTA GIFT! (WRAPPED & NAMED UP TO \$20)', 'Includes BBQ Tea, Jumping Castle, Outdoor Games & Inflatable Display:', and 'BYO DRINKS, CHAIRS & PICNIC'.

LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS



The Lions Christmas Cake and Pudding Program has been a festive season institution in Australia since 1965.

In that time, it has raised more than \$70 million to support important community projects focussed on blindness prevention and vision improvement, medical research, children's mobility, eye health, hearing dogs, disaster relief, aged care, drug awareness and youth.

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings are available for purchase at the fuel desk at the Lockington District Business Centre.

This year's products and prices are: Lions Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$20.00, 1kg \$16.00, Lions Christmas Pudding 900gm \$10.00.

Footnote: Lockington Business Centre also has a small supply of Campaspe Shire Council's popular annual calendar which is available free of charge to local residents; pop in before they are all gone.



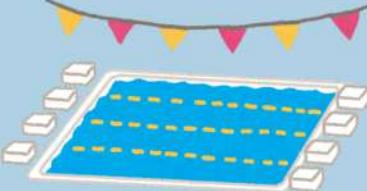
Lockington Pool 2025/26 season

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Closes * Monday 9 March

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LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS MAKERS MARKET & CAROLS

THURSDAY
18 December 2025

at Lockington Lions/Apex Park

MARKET 5.00PM - 7.30PM
CAROLS PROGRAM TO FOLLOW

- Lions Club Barbecue
- The Port Ice Creamery Van
- Dutch Pancakes

- Locky Ukers performing
- BYO chair or picnic blanket
- Everyone welcome

Presented by Lockington's Combined Churches & Lockington Neighbourhood House



2025 Kotta Hall Christmas Tree

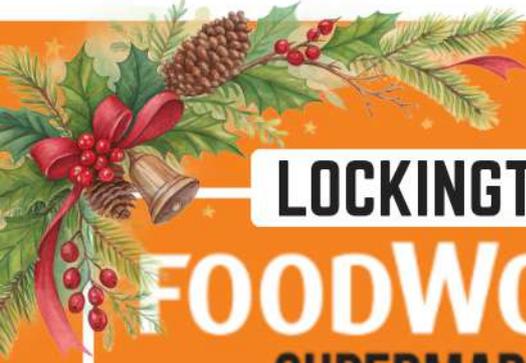
Friday 19th of December, 6:30pm start for a BBQ tea, raffles, & entertainment from **The 'Locky Ukers'** and of course a visit from **Santa!**

Entry: \$20 per family, \$5 single
Includes BBQ tea, soft drinks, coffee/tea
BYO: Drinks & plate of supper
Supply a gift to the value of \$15
Surprise Lucky Door Prize

All are Welcome!

Lockington Rd, Kotta
For enquiries contact David Hammond
on 0438868216





LOCKINGTON FOODWORKS SUPERMARKET

Open 7.30am - 11am
Christmas Day only (no alcohol sales)

Open 7.30am - 7.30pm
As normal every other day across
Christmas/New Year period

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Green in Australia

\$1⁹⁹ KG

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Sweet Apricots

Green in Australia

\$1⁹⁹ EA

Field Fresh Spring Onions

BAKING UP CHRISTMAS JOY

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- CSR Brown Sugar Pk: **\$3⁹⁰ EA** (Save from \$1, \$0.39 per 100g)
- Sunbeam Australian Cocoa: **\$4⁸⁰ EA** (Save from \$120)
- White Wings Premium Plain or Self Raising Flour Pk: **\$2⁵⁰ EA** (Save from 90¢, \$2.50 per kg)
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MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we draw nearer to Christmas, it's a great time to pause and think about the year we've had together.

It hasn't always been easy – nothing worthwhile ever is – but through every obstacle and opportunity, our community continues to show what it's really made of.

There have been many highlights this year, and among them, Council has been thrilled to adopt the Lockington & District Place Based Plan, which sets out the local priorities and the vision for the future of the area.

The plan is something that will, in time, benefit all who call this part of our shire home.

A community is made up of people – and it is the people who make our shire such a vibrant, caring and welcoming place to visit or to live.

From volunteers lending a hand to those in need, to local businesses embracing challenging times with creativity and determination, or neighbours looking out for each other, we all play our part in ensuring Campaspe Shire remains strong and connected.

I'm always proud, often inspired, but never surprised by the kindness, strength, and community spirit I see around me every day.

The festive season is all about the simple things that bring joy to our lives: sharing meals with family and friends, appreciating the beauty of our environment, and joining in the local events that give us a shared sense of community.

It's also a good time to check in on those who might be doing it tough.

A quick chat, a visit, or even a small act of kindness can make a big difference to someone's day – and may even be a turning point in their life.

I don't know of any better way to celebrate the season of hope, than to offer it.

I want to say a huge thank you to the community groups, emergency services, volunteers and council staff whose tireless work throughout the year helps to keep our shire safe and welcoming for everyone.

Your efforts don't go unnoticed and are truly appreciated by us all.

As we head into the new year, let's carry the Christmas spirit with us — and share even more of our boundless kindness, generosity, and hope.

Together, we can make the year ahead another bright one for our shire and our communities.

On behalf of Campaspe Shire Council, I wish you all a happy, safe, and peaceful festive season, and a happy New Year.



**- Mayor Daniel Mackrell
Campaspe Shire Council**



Around 80 people attended a gathering at Lockington Recreation Reserve to welcome the region's newest residents on 28 November.

The event was made possible by Campaspe Shire Council's Flood Recovery Program which is generously funded by the State of Victoria through Emergency Recovery Victoria's Recovery Hubs Program.

The program was developed in response to the October 2022 flood event which impacted Victorian communities in the Shire of Campaspe





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On 5 December Lockington was part of a delegation of Campaspe Cluster Neighbourhood House representatives who met with local member Peter Walsh in Echuca.

The get-together marked the culmination of the local arm of a Neighbourhood Houses Victoria campaign seeking increased State Government funding for the sector through the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

Each of the Campaspe Cluster's seven Neighbourhood and Community Houses had enlisted community support for the campaign via signed postcards which will be delivered to Minister Ros Spence in Parliament.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to sign a postcard, Campaspe Shire Council which provided a formal letter of support and Peter Walsh for ensuring the message reaches Minister Spence.

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*Lockington Neighbourhood House closes for the festive season on Thursday 18 December 2025 and re-opens on Tuesday 6 January 2026
Merry Christmas + a Happy New Year to all.*





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Project update

Installation of the dust suppression sprinkler system at Echuca and District Livestock Exchange was completed in October, just in time for the warmer, dustier months. Close to 1km of poly pipe and more than 300 sprinklers were installed in the laneways at the saleyards.



Coming Up Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 17 February 2026 | Echuca Civic Centre
Meetings can be streamed live: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

Immunisation sessions

Campaspe Shire Council has appointed Kernow Environmental Services as its new immunisation provider following a competitive tender process.

Kernow brings strong public health expertise and experience working with local governments, ensuring safe and reliable services for the community.

The first session under Kernow's management will be held on Monday, 15 December 2025, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Echuca Library.

Council will release the 2026 half-year immunisation schedule shortly.

Appointments can be booked online via Kernow's portal. Register via: <https://kernow.book.vitavo.com.au/available-appointments>.

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Visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/careers or call 1300 666 535. For all positions currently open and application details, visit Council's website or call 1300 666 535.

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- Library Assistant – closes Wednesday, 17 December

Works notices

The Kyabram and Tongala dog parks will close at separate times from mid-January for scheduled irrigation maintenance. Kyabram Dog Park will close for about three weeks from 19 January, after which crews will move to Tongala for similar works that will require closure of that park for about three weeks also.



Now Open

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

Stage 2 - Kyabram Recreation Reserve

Community consultation for Stage 2 of the Kyabram Recreation Reserve is now open. Help shape the future of the reserve by sharing your ideas and priorities for Stage 2 upgrades by completing our quick community survey. Your feedback will guide future improvements and help Council secure funding. Survey closes Tuesday, 6 January 2026.

Farm Drought Support Grants

The Victorian Government has established the Farm Drought Support

Grants program to assist primary production businesses to implement on-farm infrastructure improvements and undertake essential business activities that improve drought management and preparedness. A grant of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) per eligible primary production business is available statewide. For more details and to apply, visit www.ruralfinance.com.au/grants

For more information on drought support visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.

Festive season operating hours

Council's operating hours will change across its services during the festive season. The following changes to opening hours at Council service centres and libraries will occur between Wednesday, 24 December and Monday, 5 January 2026:

- **Echuca:** Service centre and library close 3pm Wednesday, 24 December. Service centre opens at 8.30am and library at 10am on Monday, 5 January 2026.
- **Kyabram:** Service centre and library close 3pm, Wednesday 24 December; they reopen at 8.30am on Monday, 5 January 2026.
- **Rochester:** Service centre and

library close at 3pm on Wednesday, 24 December; they will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 6 January 2026.

- **Rushworth:** Service centre and library close at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 23 December and reopen at 8.30am on Monday, 5 January 2026.
- **Tongala:** Service centre and library close at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 23 December and reopen at 8.30am on Monday, 5 January 2026.

Online library services and after-hours return chutes will remain available.

For the festive season opening hours of other Council services, please visit Council's website.

2026 #myCampaspe calendars are FREE and available now!

The 2026 #MyCampaspe calendar is available to pick up from Council Customer Service Centres and Libraries. The calendar is free to all residents and features the best photos from our local amateur photographers. For centre locations and hours, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/contactus



Promote your community group or event on our website!

Involved in a community group or event you'd like to promote? You can add your listing to our website for FREE! The Community Directory lists community organisations, special-interest groups and clubs. The Events Directory lists upcoming events across Campaspe Shire. There is a helpful video on each page to show you how to create a login and upload your listing. Visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory and www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory



Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Our Bush Nursing Centre is holding a Christmas Raffle to raise funds for the Centre.

Thank you to everyone who is able to support us.

Tickets are on sale now - The raffle will be drawn on the 18th December.

Your chance to win one of our many great prizes. \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Prescription medications.

Please monitor remaining scripts to ensure you have sufficient over the upcoming festive season as some medical practices are closed up to 2 weeks during the Xmas / New Year.

Elmore Medical will be closed December 25th– 31st and also January 1st & 2nd and 7th

Campaspe Medical Practice December 25th 2025 – January 12th 2026

Bush Nursing Centre Closure dates

Please be advised of the following closures

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Thursday 25th December 2025	closed
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Thursday 1st January 2026	closed

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*We hope everyone has a safe
and enjoyable Christmas.*

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Volunteer Morning Tea

Volunteers of the Bush Nursing Centre were recently invited to a morning tea in their honour to celebrate everything they do for the Centre. Volunteers are such an important part of what the Centre does, and their involvement is crucial to the day to day operation, enabling valuable services to continue in our community. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all!



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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

30 NOVEMBER

A mixture of results for Lockington Bowls Club members from the respective Pennant Divisions this week - wins, losses and ties.

The Midweek pennant Divisions Three and Four both recorded convincing victories. Division Three defeated Echuca 44/37, sharing the rinks. (Phylis MacFarlane lost to M Bennett 18/22; Denise Gilmore d. M Clifford 26/15).

Division Four blanketed an undermanned Tongala combination to score an 80/10 win. (Russell Shawcross d. G Tinning 31/4; Steve Peter d. R Hosking 49/6).

Tuesday evening's Barefoot Bowls attracted a quality field of six rinks in a game of 2-bowl Triples.

The winning trio was the Ashley Dobell skipped team comprising Natalie McLaughlun and Jason King scoring 2 wins plus 12 shots ahead of Colin McKee, Shane Felmingham and Pos Andrea (s) 2 wins +4 shots.

The Weekend Pennant produced some mediocre results in two losses and a tie. Division Three travelled to Rich River and won just the one rink in a shock 46/76 defeat. (Jim Harris d. N Hodge 28/16; Leanne McInnes l.t. D Wood 7/28; Steve Pavone l.t. R Bentley 11/32).

Division Four also played at Rich River and had a thrilling 60/all tie. (Cindy Felmingham d. G Clarence 25/16; Shane Felmingham d. L Sharp 20/17; Denise Gilmore l.t. F Ross 15/27).

Division Five visited Kyabram and fought valiantly to share the rinks but just failed by six shots, going down 34/40. (Kalvin Stout l.t. D Perri 20/27; Rod Fiedler d. J McFadyen 14/13 in a close game).

The Club Championships are progressing well. Kathi Maddison defeated Margaret Dowie in a close encounter; Sue Harris out-bowled a persistent Mary Thomas and will play Maddison in the semi-final.

The second semi-final will be fought out between last year's finalists Leanne McInnes and Kim Ray. In the Men's section John Andrea defeated Graham Turner while Andy Harris outlasted Shane Felmingham to win 25/22 and progress to the next round.

Ray Hanson had too much experience for his opponent Rod Fiedler and won 25/6.

The Dave Thomas - Graeme Wood encounter kept the crowd spellbound, as they battles over a marathon 39 ends before Thomas triumphed 25/22. The pair shared an incredible 32 singles over the journey.

7 NOVEMBER

Another week of Lockington bowls where all members and visitors enjoyed ideal conditions.

Tuesday's Campaspe Midweek pennant produced a mixture of good and ordinary luck in both divisions.

Division Three played Tongala and lowered their colors in a 34-47 loss. (Denise Gilmore d. P Tinning 23-15; Phylis MacFarlane lost to B Tinning 11-32).

Division Four had a right-royal battle against Rich River and came out with a thrilling tie and one rink each. Final score Lockington 44 and Rich River 44. (Russell Shawcross l.t. B Dashwood 17-26; Cindy Felmingham d. S Shine 27-18).

Both Divisions are placed in third place on the respective premierships ladders.

Tuesday evening's Barefoot Bowls attracted three rinks in a game of 2x4x2 Pairs. There were three / two game winners.

The final analysis favored the combination of Jason King and Mel Freeman on 2 wins plus 11 shots ahead of Jayden Wright - Phillip Cunnington 2 wins + 9 shots while Shane Felmingham and Ashley Dobell had little luck in their score of 2 wins +7 shots.

Barefoot bowlers are reminded that 16 December will be the final night before the Xmas - New Year break; the Club will celebrate Christmas - festive clothes and a salad or sweet for the occasion please.

Locky hosted a Sixty & Over competition on Wednesday attracting 26 teams - 104 players in fine conditions. Three game winners were scarce, but there was not much luck going for our members!

Many thanks to the kitchen, greens staff and all helpers.

On Saturday the club enjoyed success in the Campaspe Weekend Pennant competition where both Division Three and Division Four scored valuable wins against the strong Kyabram squads.

Division Three inflicted the first defeat for Kyabram playing at home scoring a healthy 60-44 victory with two rinks in front. (Steve Pavone d. W Chambers 25-6; John Fisher d. P Denham 20-19; Kim Ray l.t. J Brown 15-19).

Division Four travelled to Kyabram and returned home after winning two rinks in the 72-57 result.

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(Cindy Felmingham d. T Hazelman 32-15; Rod Fiedler d. R Harrison 21-18; Shane Felmingham I.t. G Coad 19-24).

Division Five hosted the Deniliquin Blue team and fell short by 5 shots, losing 36-41. (Ken Burns drew A Hardcastle 16-all; Calvin Stout lost to J Murray 20-25).

The Club extends a warm welcome to Ken Burns and the return of Brian Kinnane from the Rochester Bowls Club.

Both players are showing potential and will be a great benefit to our pennant teams run for success.

The next Club tournament will be in the New Year with the running of the Annual Lockington Legends Twilight 2 Bowl Triples starting at 5pm. Entries to Cindy Felmingham and Ray Hanson.

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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 to 2 Dec

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 to 3 December

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 - 7.30pm at the Complex (no January or 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

Wednesday

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting - 7.30pm Heritage Complex