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LOCKY NEWS

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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



LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

Happy New Year 2026!

However, we have only just reached December 1912, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the farming communities of this district were faring.

News items coming from our district at that time focussed on developments in the newly-settled irrigation areas, including Bamawm, but the news most anxiously awaited concerned the long-sought railway line to connect Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line. The various Railway Leagues along the proposed route of the line were becoming impatient at the lengthy delay in carrying out the project. They 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. An alternative campaign, for a line to connect Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line at Rochester, had the strong support of the new settlers at Bamawm. A vote to determine the actual route was expected to have been taken during a Parliamentary sitting in July 1912, but the matter had been remitted to the Railways Standing Committee.

The wait for this decision continued, but it was hoped that it would not take much longer, as news had come that the surveyors on the line were completing the final details of their work. On 6 December 1912, the Bendigo Independent reported that the members of the Railway Standing Committee were to visit Bamawm and Tennyson on 7 December, to inspect the route of the proposed Cohuna rail link, and also to investigate a proposed deviation. This deviation would bring the line a little to the east of the route originally surveyed, to better meet the needs of the Bamawm settlers. The visit went as planned, and the tour of inspection was led by Mr John Roy, the district supervisor. On 9 December, evidence in support of the Rochester-Cohuna link was taken at the Rochester Shire Hall. Among those giving evidence were Messrs Thomas Hilton, S Gilman, Charles Eberle, W H Twaddle, B Stewart and E Partington of Bamawm, E C Horton of Bamawm Extension, and Thomas Bunbury of Ballendella.

Those speaking in support of the original Elmore-Cohuna route included Crs. J Crawford of Pannooabamawm, D McIntyre and James Martin of Tennyson, and Messrs J Wallace of Kamarooka Estate, W Martin of Pannoomilloo, A Randall of Wee Wee Rup and Thomas Watson of Tennyson. As reported in the Bendigo Advertiser on 10 December 1912, after hearing all evidence, the Railways Standing Committee adjourned and returned to Melbourne.

On 13 December, the Bendigo Independent stated that the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, concerning the Elmore to Cohuna railway, had been presented to Parliament on 12 December 1912. After again inspecting the routes, and hearing additional evidence, the Standing Committee was of the opinion that the Elmore connection would best meet the requirements of all concerned. It was their recommendation that the proposed railway to Cohuna should start at Elmore, and proceed north-west from that town for about seven miles so as to serve the farmers at Drummartin. It should then follow the permanent survey northward till crossing the Waranga-Loddon main water channel, where it should curve north-east, to come close to the south-west corner of the Bamawm Irrigation Settlement, and thence northward along the western boundary of that settlement, to better serve the recent settlers in the northern extension of Bamawm settlement. The route should then turn north-west and join the permanent survey again to the north of Pine Grove, and proceed through Torrumberry North and Gunbower township to Cohuna.

However, the matter was still not settled. The very next day, the Bendigo Advertiser reported that Mr McKenzie, Minister for Lands, had received a number of urgent telegrams from Bamawm, expressing indignation at the recommendation by the Standing Committee on Railways with regard to the proposed Elmore to Cohuna line. One of these telegrams was from the secretary of the Settlers' Association, stating that the association was considering taking legal proceedings against the Government for breach of contract. In reply, Mr McKenzie urged the association to make a submission as quickly as possible to the Government, so that the protest might be considered before the Bill passed the Legislative Assembly. He considered that three courses were open. Either the Government would go on with the Elmore route, or make the maximum deviation allowed them, a mile and a half toward Bamawm, or else let the measure stand over until next session, in order that the route might be reconsidered.

On 17 December 1912, the Bendigo Independent reported that the Bamawm settlers had held a meeting and resolved that a deputation, to be introduced by Mr McKenzie, would wait on the Minister for Railways that day to protest the decision in favour of the Elmore route, which was denounced as a breach of faith. The Melbourne Age that day, carried a similar report, adding that "The settlers expressed their determination to fight to the last for their rights as promised, and, if necessary, appeal to Sir Edward Grey, the Colonial Secretary."

On the wider scene, steady rain had fallen across the district in late November and into December, replenishing supplies in dams and household tanks, and giving a needed boost to late-sown crops.

On 10 December 1912, the Melbourne Age reported that the first load of new season's wheat was brought to the L. Kickham flour mill at Echuca on the 5th, by Taylor Bros., of Wharparilla. The wheat was of the Federation variety, and was of splendid quality.

There will be more about the railway next time.

'Bye until then - Marg O'Brien

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

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Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

Sunday Duty Roster

18 January - Tom & Les

25 January - CLOSED (PRIVATE FUNCTION)

1 February - Beryl & Garry

8 February - Joe & Julie

15 February - Gordon & Peter

22 February - Sandra & Ian W



Extremely warm weather didn't deter Locky locals from coming together for the annual Community Christmas Carols at Lions/Apex Park on 18 December.

The festive celebration also included a Maker's Market and performance by the fabulous Locky Ukers.

A special thank you to Campaspe Shire Council which generously funded a popular free community barbecue, provided by the Lockington Lions' Club, for all attending.





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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Find out how you can try the Metro Tunnel at bigbuild.vic.gov.au



COMMUNITY BANK CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION WINNERS



❄️ * * *
1st Place - Lockington
113 Pannoo Road ❄️
* *The Bicknell Family* B



❄️ * * *
2nd Place - Lockington
9 Achibald Street ❄️
* *The Cunnington Family* B



❄️ * * *
3rd Place - Lockington
34 Market Street ❄️
* *The Theodorou Family* B

On behalf of the Community Bank - Elmore, Lockington & Rochester, a huge thank you to those who lit up Lockington across the festive season.

"The competition aimed to spread a little Christmas joy, encourage local spending through the prizes on offer and celebrate the communities we're so proud to be part of - and we think everyone nailed it," Community Bank Chairman Jo Holloway said.

Outdoor Aqua Fit Lockington

Tuesday
6.00-6.45pm

Thursday
6.00-6.45pm

January
& February
2026



January Sessions

20 & 22
27 & 29

February Sessions

3 & 5
10 & 12

Campaspe Aquatics members welcome
Casual entry \$15.50
Concession \$13.20

Concession discounts apply. Proof of concession type required (valid full time student card from an Australian institution, health care card, pension card, Veterans Affairs Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card).

LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 20 Pony Club Rally @ Green's Lake
- 26 Australia Day Breakfast
- 31 Applications close - Community Bank education scholarships

FEBRUARY

- 2 Op Shop regular hours resume
- 3 Lockington FoodShare
- 12 Community Cuppa Connection
- 13-19 Pyramid Hill Art Show

LOCKY NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

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 - Fay Haines

Edition 1032

23 February - Copy deadline (10am)
 27 February (Publication Day)
 Duty Volunteer - Val Cook

DEATH NOTICES

MITCHELL, Robert John.
 25.03.1943 ~ 10.12.2025

Passed away peacefully on December 10, 2025.

Dearly loved Husband, Father, Father-in-Law and Pa.

Loved and remembered always by Lorraine, Scott and Kathryn, Fiona, Robert and Jack, Katrina, Matt, Mitchell and Hannah.

McLEAN, Ruth Elizabeth.
 27.10.1933 ~ 27.12.2025

Passed peacefully.

Much loved Wife of Bruce (dec).

Loving Mother of Bob and Christine; Allan and Susan; Max and Colleen; Jim; Brad and Lyndal; Cam and Mother to many more.

Treasured Nana to 13 Grandchildren and 22 Great-Grandchildren.

Sweet is the rest that comes at close of day.

SOBEY, Lorraine May.

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on January 2, 2026.

Dearly loved Wife of Edwin.

Much loved Mother of Kim and Mark, Tracey and Craig.

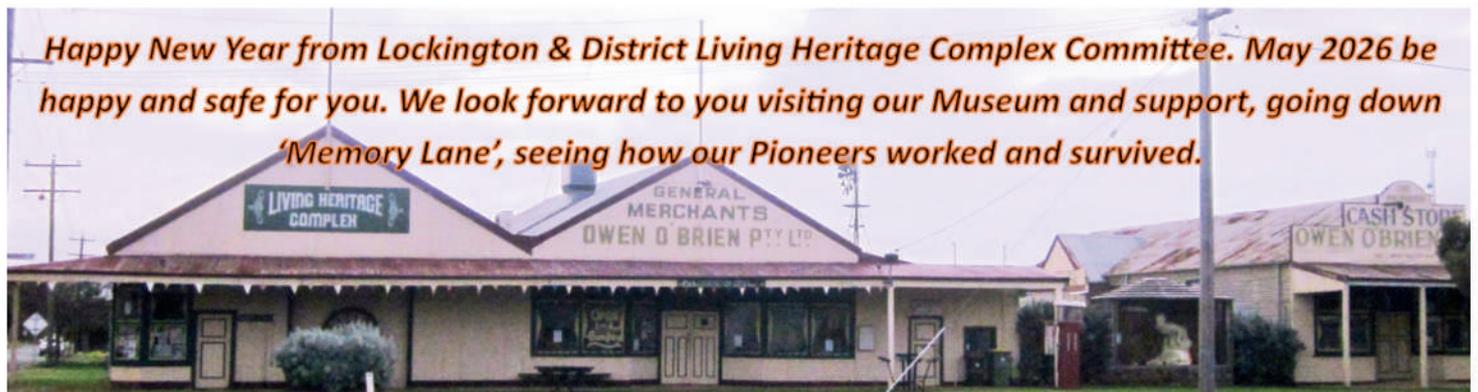
Adored Nanna of Isaac.

AIR HISTORY BUFFS - CAN YOU HELP?

Ideally seeking a photograph but more particularly the registration details of a Auster aircraft which Ted Lawrence owned, using Lowrie's paddock at Kotta as an airfield. If you can help, please contact Beryl Marshall on 0428 862 353.

Reminder →

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex will be CLOSED on Sunday 25 January for a private function.



Happy New Year from Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Committee. May 2026 be happy and safe for you. We look forward to you visiting our Museum and support, going down 'Memory Lane', seeing how our Pioneers worked and survived.

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



Contact: Anne Grogan 0458 524 163
Email: aegrogan@gmail.com



Supported by 

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.

ST MARY'S OP SHOP
Located within the Lockington District Business Centre

Holiday Season Hours

The Op Shop will have reduced operating hours throughout January

16 JAN	10AM - 2PM
23 JAN	10AM - 2PM
30 JAN	10AM - 2PM

Regular opening hours return from 2 February 2026

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Acc Name: Locky News
BSB: 633-000
Account: 224 515 379
Reference: Donation

Thank you



Apply
Now

Heading to Uni or TAFE in 2026?

Talk to us about a Scholarship of up to **\$3,000** to help make your transition as smooth as possible.

Now in its fourth year, our scholarship program supports our local students pursuing further study - easing the financial load so you can focus on what really matters: your course, and getting used to life outside of High School!

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(or use the QR code below)

Applications close Saturday January 31st 2026.

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



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If you need advice or assistance with anything related to state government, please contact my office on the details below and we will do our best to help you.

Peter Walsh MP
496 High Street, Echuca 3564 Tel: 5482 2039 or 1300 467 906
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WHO SAW SANTA VISIT?



Hands up who caught a glimpse of Santa out spreading festive cheer in Lockington in the days leading up to Christmas?

Rumour has it the jolliest of men was assisted by the Lockington CFA members who provided a special truck in place of Santa's usual reindeers and sleigh and sounded the siren to let everyone know that a very special visitor was in their midst with lollies for all.

PONY CLUB RALLY

Lockington Pony Club's first gathering for 2026 will take place on 20 January at Green's Lake (Corop).

Potential new members and friends from other local Pony Club's will be warmly welcomed.



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Lockington Pony Club
Gear up to splash into action!

Greens Lake
20th January
10am

Trail ride and bbq lunch
Bare back (or old saddle) swimming with horses.
River/mud shoes recommended
Bring your towels cos you're going to get muddy!
\$5 LPC members
\$10 all PC club members welcome





**MORE
COMMUNITY
CAROLS**



Thank you to Lockington FoodShare and the volunteers led by Mandy Walker who provided a delicious two-course dinner for 50 appreciative guests at Lockington Recreation Reserve on Christmas Night.

The evening included a quiz and fun games co-ordinated by Carolyn and Leanne.

Following a 42 degree day it was great to see a good number attend the Lockington Carols in the Park (above).

The Locky Ukers (pictured) certainly had the audience singing along with their great music and cheered wildly when Jenny the Kookaburra gave an extra laugh.

When the sun set, the temperature dropped to deliver a beautiful evening and MC Jeff Millard engaged the audience with a trivia challenge.

Five carols interspersed the program, and Wendy Sims read two illustrated stories – Bethlehem Town and Three Wise Camels. - **Beryl Marshall**



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\$4²⁰
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\$1.12 per 100g



\$6
EA
SAVE FROM \$1

Caplano Pure or Yellow Box Premium
Floral Upside Down Honey 340g
\$1.76 per 100g



\$4⁵⁰
EA
SAVE FROM \$1.20

Vegetarian Vegemite Gluten Free or 40% Less Salt 235g
\$1.91 per 100g



\$4⁵⁰
EA
SAVE FROM \$1

Yarra Valley HiTop Jam 300g Selected Varieties
\$1.50 per 100g



\$3
EA
SAVE FROM 80¢

Nestle Sweetened
Condensed Milk 395/410g



\$4⁸⁰
EA
SAVE FROM 70¢

Green's Baking Mix 380-630g
Selected Varieties

Kids love 'em!



\$4
EA
SAVE FROM 70¢

SPC Fruit 4 Pack x 120g
Selected Varieties
\$0.83 per 100g



\$7⁷⁰
EA

Western Star Butter Pat 500g
\$1.54 per 100g



\$5
EA
SAVE FROM \$1

Olive Grove Spread 500g
\$1.00 per 100g



\$4⁵⁰
EA
SAVE FROM 80¢

Mainland Tasty or Mozzarella
Grated Cheese 200g
\$22.50 per kg



\$7⁵⁰
EA

Kraft Cheese Singles 432g
\$17.36 per kg



\$4⁸⁰
EA
SAVE FROM \$1

Sorbent Ultra Air Toilet Tissue 6 Pack
\$0.57 per 100 sheets



\$10
EA
SAVE FROM \$3

Kleenex Complete Clean
Toilet Tissue 18 Pack
\$0.31 per 100 sheets



\$6
EA
SAVE FROM \$1.50

Safe Double Length Toilet
Tissue Original 6 Pack
\$0.25 per 100 sheets

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\$9
EA

Eagle Brand Maple Syrup 500ml
\$1.80 per 100ml



\$2⁶⁰
EA

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Easy to digest



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Lidell's Luscious Free Full Cream,
Low Fat or Blue Soft Milk 1L
\$3.00 per liter



\$4⁵⁰
EA

International Roast
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\$4.50 per 100g



\$6
EA

Kellogg's Sustain Energy
Whole Grains 400g
\$1.41 per 100g



\$4⁶⁰
EA

Top Top The One Bread 100g
\$8.44 per 100g



\$5⁸⁰
EA

Abbott's Bakery Lower Carb or
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REDHS News

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Happy New year!

2026

1year
SINCE: MOVING BACK

Come celebrate with us

Join us for a celebration BBQ lunch
on Friday 23 January 2026
from 12 noon to 2pm
in the Yalukang Aged Care Courtyard at REDHS.

Please scan the QR code to
16th January 2026

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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

18 January - 11am Lockington
25 January - 10am Lockington to Rochester

St James Community Church

10am Sundays. Pastor Bill Cochrane Ph 0427 865 474

Catholic Church

St Canice's Lockington - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 8am Mass
St Joseph's Rochester - Every Sunday 10am Mass
Sacred Heart Elmore - Every Saturday Vigil 5pm

Northern Rivers Uniting Church Cluster

Worship at Bamawm UCA from 10am zoomed to and
from the following churches:-

18 January - Elmore
25 January - Tongala

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 1029

Matthew 1:21-23: She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins



LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Office staffed 8.30am to 5.00pm Tues/Wed/Thurs
Ph 0499 170 329 Email nhldbc@gmail.com



Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket at the International Day of Rural Women - Ladies Lunch held in Lockington in October last year.

This week Lockington Neighbourhood House received a Certificate of Appreciation from WomenCan to acknowledge our donation of \$651.80.

Our fundraising will directly support Team Teal, an annual fundraising and awareness campaign championed by the Australian and New Zealand harness racing industry.

It supports ovarian and gynaecological cancer research and education through the Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group (ANZGOG).

From 1 February to 15 March this year, Australasia's female harness racing drivers will wear teal pants to symbolise the cause and raise funds through race wins, community events, and sponsorships to support research and education programs.

SAVE THE DATE

Are You Boggled Mate? is a targeted men's health initiative heightening awareness and starting conversations with the broader community about the rising issue of depression and suicide rates among men in rural areas.

The organisation, led by Mary O'Brien (pictured), is confronting the daily challenges faced by country men, talking about mental health & lighting the path to support.

Save the date - Are You Boggled Mate? is coming to Lockington on **Tuesday, 17 March 2026**. Further details will be provided in coming weeks but this important event is not to be missed.

The project is being made possible with funding from the Violet Vines Marshman Trust and is a joint initiative of Lockington District Bush Nursing Centre and Lockington Neighbourhood House.



2024 Suicide Statistics

(source ABS Nov 2025)

-  3,307 Australians died by suicide
-  2,529 were male
-  76% of suicides are male
-  An average of 7 men a day

- National Male rate 18.7 (per 100,000)
- National Female rate 5.7 (per 100,000)

 ARE YOU BOGGED MATE?

IMPORTANT NOTE: Lockington Neighbourhood House will be closed for the week beginning 26 January due to staff leave



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Project update

The multi-stage Victoria Park Boat Ramp project is in its final months, with works including the renewal of timber retaining walls, and upgrade of scour protection rock armour to additional retaining walls to the north of the new Echuca Moama Bridge. The terraces between the retaining walls will be landscaped following completion of the structural works.



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. Kernow brings strong public health expertise and experience working with local governments, ensuring safe and reliable services for the community. The immunisation schedule for the first half of 2026 is available on Council's website.

To book an appointments visit: <https://kernow.book.vitavo.com.au/available-appointments>

Careers #campaspecareers

For positions and application details, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/careers or call 1300 666 535.

- Childcare workers, various positions
- Local Laws Officer / Community Ranger – closes 25 January
- Project Manager – closes 25 January

Now Open

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

FREE Rushworth Pool Party

Our Youth Development Team is hosting a pool party for young people aged 10-17 at the Rushworth Pool on Friday, 23 January 2026. To book free tickets visit: www.trybooking.com/DHZKQ

Budget 2026/27

Council is calling on the community for feedback in the development of the 2026/27 Budget. You can lodge your submission by completing the online survey or by calling or visiting our Customer Service team. Submissions close Friday, 6 February 2026.



Farm Drought Support Grants

The Victorian Government has established the Farm Drought Support Grants program to help primary production businesses 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 drought support visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.

Protect against mosquito bites

Mosquitoes can carry and spread serious diseases – but you can take simple steps to protect yourself. Around the house, maintain insect screens on windows,

doors, vents and chimneys. Use insect surface sprays both inside and outside the house to kill mosquitoes. Use an effective mosquito repellent, containing either picaridin or diethyltoluamide (DEET) on all exposed skin. Remove stagnant water around

the house so mosquitoes cannot breed. Check and maintain rainwater tanks and water storage vessels to ensure screens are intact and limit mosquito entry. When out and about, wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing.



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.



Riverfront is transformed into Wonderland

Wonderland on the Murray is bringing a vibrant mix of free entertainment to Echuca's sand sculpture trail throughout January and February. Visitors can look forward to roving performers, live music, and even silent disco walking tours - all designed to surprise and delight along the riverfront.



For details, visit www.vitachucamoama.com.au/wonderland-on-the-murray If you notice any damage to the sand sculptures, fencing or signage, you can report via the online form on Council's website.

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.

ISSUE 267 JANUARY 2026



Australia Day Public Holiday

The Lockington Bush Nursing Centre will be closed on Monday the 26th January.

Extreme Heat Variation to Services Opening Hours

Please be aware for the wellbeing of staff and service users many health related services adjust open hours on days of extreme weather. Please call ahead and confirm service times. This includes the Lockington Bush Nursing Centre, GP Clinics and Local Pharmacies.

NEXT LOCKINGTON FOODSHARE

Located at the Lockington Heritage Complex

COMMUNITY MEAL - Come and join us for a **Free** light lunch on Tues 3rd February 12 - 1pm before the open pantry.

OPEN PANTRY - Next Open Pantry Day Tuesday 3rd Feb from 1:00pm - 3:00 pm

We know this time of year can be busy and expensive, so this is a reminder that **Lockington Foodshare is here for you.**

Lockington Foodshare is driven by volunteers and is proudly overseen by the Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre.

Everyone is welcome.

Lockington Foodshare is available to all members of our community. There are no restrictions to who can access our service, and no personal information is required.

Many people feel hesitant to access Foodshare services or feel that others might be in greater need. If a few extra groceries could help ease pressure on your budget or reduce financial stress, **we are here to help.**



Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc. 31 Pannoo Road Lockington Vic 3563

Ph: 03 5486 2544 Fax: 03 5486 2662 email: admin@ldbnc.org.au





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Extreme heat is dangerous

Stay cool on hot days

- Use air conditioning and fans.
- Wear light and loose - fitting clothing.
- Keep skin wet, using a spray bottle or damp cloth and by taking cool showers or foot baths.
- Block heat from entering your home with blinds and curtains.
- Avoid being out doors or physical activity where possible.
- Wear a hat if you have to go outside.

Stay hydrated

- Keep drinking water even before you feel thirsty.
- Watch for signs of dehydration like feeling thirsty, lightheaded, having a dry mouth, fatigue, having dark strong smelling urine or passing less urine than usual.
- Take a full bottle of water with you if you have to leave the house.

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Welcome to the New Year of 2026, and what a warm welcome it has been. Not much activity during the hot spell, however there are a couple of results worth noting.

The biggest story of the moment was the final of the Ladies' Club Championship played between defending title holder Leanne McInnes and the promising Sue Harris.

The game was very even during the initial stages with Harris picking up a maximum four on the second end then winning extra ends to lead 7-5.

Eventually McInnes unleashed her brand of championship form to win consecutive ends and break away to a 14-8 advantage on eleven ends.

Harris was trying desperately to stem the tide and won a couple of ends before McInnes led 21-10 then proceeded to win the required shots to claim her seventh Club Championship title 25-10.

Both bowlers treated the large crowd to a magnificent display of lawn bowls. The winner will now represent Lockington Bowls Club in the Campaspe Area State Club Champions event.

Last Tuesday evening Barefoot Bowls resumed in ideal conditions.

The red-hot trio on the night was John Dowie, JD Wright and Peter Eade (s) scoring 2 wins plus 5 shots in a runaway performance to collect the chocolates.

Club members have been travelling to local tournaments during the past fortnight with the "fab-four" of Shane Felmingham, John Whiteside, Kim Ray and Cindy Felmingham (s) winning the coveted Dingee Bowling Club Mixed Fours Tournament. Well done!

Reminder to all members that Weekend Pennant resumes this coming Saturday 17 January 2026. Midweek Pennant returns on Tuesday 20 January 2026.

The Men's Club Championship was decided recently with Dave Thomas and Lloyd Buchanan doing battle in the final.

The green was in impeccable condition and the large crowd was in awe when Thomas completely dominated the early stanza, opening up a 14-2 advantage on the tenth end.

A shell shocked Buchanan fought tenaciously to bridge the threatening gap but Thomas was in no mood to surrender the early ascendancy.

He produced some immaculate draw bowling to lead 22-10 at 21 ends and closed out to secure his inaugural Club Championship 25-10.

Congratulations to Dave Thomas on his victory and the best of bowling in the Campaspe Area Club Championship play-off.



PICTURED ABOVE - 2025/26 Lockington Bowls Club Ladies' Championship: (from left) winner Leanne McInnes, umpire Marg Dowie, runner-up Sue Harris.

BELOW - 2025/26 Lockington Bowls Club Men's Championship: (from left) winner Dave Thomas, umpire John Van Den Bosch, runner-up Lloyd Buchanan.



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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

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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

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Saturday

Lockington Pony Club Rally - 10am - Scurrah Reserve (Mands Scurrah ph 0418 694 777)

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Monday

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Wednesday

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FOURTH WEEK

Wednesday

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