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LOCKY NEWS

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It will surprise no-one to learn that local CFA brigades were active during the recent bush fire tragedy that unfolded in Victoria.

CFA Northern Campaspe Group Officer Luke Weymouth said every brigade across the region played a vital role in the major outbreaks, as well as attending many local incidents during the extreme weather event.

"I would like to give a special mention to Bamawm Extension, Gunbower, Kotta, Lockington, Pine Grove, Rochester, Tennyson, and Torrumbarry," Luke said.

"We also received fantastic support from the Waranga Group, specifically Rushworth and Stanhope, who provided essential crews and trucks.

"While many of our teams travelled across the state, I also want to highlight the importance of the brigades who stepped up at home.

"They are the ones who remain on the ground to protect our local community while our primary trucks and crews are away on strike team assignments," he explained.

The Northern Campaspe and Waranga groups were deployed to several major fires, covering both day and night shifts. Key events include:-

The Crop Fire (141ha): A large grass fire in the Waranga Group area, supported by Northern Campaspe and two additional strike teams.

Yarroweyah (914ha): Two strike teams deployed.

Harcourt Fire (4,402ha): Multiple strike teams deployed for day and night shifts.

Salathiels Rd Fire (58ha): Strike team deployed.

Local Incidents: Countless smaller local call-outs.

"Just as a group relies on its brigades, our groups rely on each other," Luke said.

"Northern Campaspe is very fortunate to have the support of our neighbours - the Waranga Group (Rushworth area) and the Deakin Group (Echuca area).

"Our crews have done an outstanding job; their readiness and commitment to protecting both their own and neighbouring communities continues to make the entire Group proud."



LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

We have reached December 1912, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the farming communities of this district were faring. The news most awaited by our families concerned the proposed railway line to connect Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line.

Long-resident locals 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. 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.

On 12 December, the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, concerning the proposed railway, was presented to Parliament. After inspecting the routes, and hearing all the evidence, the Standing Committee was of the opinion that the Elmore connection would best meet the requirements of all concerned. However, on 14 December, Mr M'Kenzie, Minister for Lands, received a series of urgent telegrams from Bamawm, expressing indignation at the recommendation.

On 18 December 1912, the Geelong Advertiser reported that a deputation representing residents of Bamawm settlement, and introduced by the Minister for Lands, Mr McKenzie, had waited on the Minister for Railways, Mr McBride, on 17 December, to protest against the decision to make Elmore the starting point for the Cohuna railway link. The deputation urged that the Bill be postponed so that further consideration could be given to the claims of Rochester as the starting point. Considerable discussion ensued before Mr McBride said he would place the views of the deputation before the Cabinet.

However, as reported in the Bendigo Independent on 18 December, the Minister felt there was nothing to be gained by postponing the passage of the Bill as all of the evidence had been heard already. His own recommendation was to proceed with the line. He had to consider other settlers besides those at Bamawm who, he felt, had not been harshly treated.

He was sure they would come to the same conclusion after they had considered the matter in a calmer spirit. They had become a bit heated because they considered their treatment had been unjust, but he did not think so. The deputation had then withdrawn.

On 19 December 1912, (as reported in the Bendigo Advertiser on 20 December), in the Legislative Assembly, Mr M'Bride moved the second reading of the bill to provide for the construction of the railway from Cohuna to Elmore. He said that the Railways Standing Committee had previously, in 1908, inquired into railway construction in the same district, and rejected the proposal because of its estimated annual loss of about £3000. However, since 1908, the development of irrigation and closer settlement had made a remarkable change in local conditions, and it was now reported that a railway line would yield a substantial profit.

The Committee had therefore recommended the construction of the line as one of the most promising railway proposals submitted to Parliament for several years. The second reading was agreed to, and the bill passed all stages. The bill was subsequently read a first time in the Legislative Council.

Whilst the railway question was still unsettled, the Melbourne Argus reported on 12 December 1912, that the question of supplying irrigation water to the farmers between the western boundary of the Bamawm irrigation area and the Tennyson district, had come up for discussion. Officers of the Water Commission stated that applications for water had been received from groups at a considerable distance apart in the district named. The Commission did not approve of making isolated channels, but desired that all farmers on the route should come to an agreement whereby the whole district in question should be brought into the irrigation area.

A meeting of farmers concerned would shortly be held for that purpose. However, Tennyson was in a wheat-growing district and the suitability of the soil there for intensive agriculture was being disparaged in some quarters. On 23 November 1912, the Elmore Standard had published the following item: - "INTENSE CULTURE. —That root crops can be successfully grown in the Tennyson district has been conclusively proved by Mr Owen O'Brien. He has a small plot of potatoes—about one-sixteenth of an acre—which he considers is worth £5 at present rates. He also has about 2000 tomatoes, watered from tanks, which he estimates will return 2/- a plant. Mr O'Brien also has plots of maize, pumpkins, peas, lucerne, and paspalum, all of which are making splendid growth."

The bill, to provide for the construction of the Cohuna-Elmore railway, having been read in the Legislative Council, it had then gone on to pass all stages. On 3 January 1913, a notice in the Geelong Advertiser stated: - "Sir John Fuller, the Governor, has given Royal assent to the following Bills recently passed by the State Parliament, which were presented to him at the Vice-Regal cottage, Macedon, by Mr H. H. Newton, acting Clerk of the Parliaments." There followed a list which included "Elmore to Cohuna Railway Construction Bill," and the statement concluded "Upon receiving the Royal assent, the measures at once became Acts of Parliament."

At last, it seemed that the train was on its way. In the meantime, the small communities across the region enjoyed their end-of-year school picnics and sporting activities, and looked forward to 1913. On 25 December 1912, the Bendigo Independent reported from Piavella that harvesting was in full swing. The crops were turning out a little better than was expected in most cases, and the grain was much better than last season's.

'Bye until next time - Marg O'Brien

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HEAT VIGILANCE URGED

Extreme weather - both hot and cold - is a part of life in the country as we've been reminded in recent weeks.

But it may come as a surprise to learn that heatwaves are Australia's deadliest environmental disaster.

Climate change is making summers longer and hotter, and heatwaves more dangerous for everyone, and especially those living and working in rural areas.

Heat kills more Australians than any other natural disaster.

While anyone can be affected, those at higher risk include older people, babies, young children, pregnant women and people with medical conditions.

This year, Extreme Heat Awareness Day will be recognised in Australia on 4 February.

The acknowledgement presents an opportunity to develop a heat action plan to protect yourself, your families and the people around you, particularly staff who have no option but to continue working despite Mother Nature's fury.

Farmers are encouraged to have a conversation about extreme heat and heatwave safety, and consider what actions are needed to protect their workplace, colleagues and communities during heatwaves.

Here's some things to consider:-

How do heatwaves or rising temperatures impact our work and our communities? How can we increase knowledge and awareness of heat health risk personally and in the communities we work with?

How can we make plans to reduce the dangers of extreme heat in the short, medium and long term? Do we have an OHS plan for very hot days?

For businesses, who is responsible for workplace or community safety if there is a heatwave? What other organisations can we work with to increase awareness of extreme heat?

The Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit has some excellent online resources relating to extreme heat and health. For further information, visit <https://www.bendigohealth.org.au/heat-health/>

Additional information is also available via the Victorian Government's Better Health Channel at <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/extreme-heat>



YOGA

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DEATH NOTICE

MADDISON (Wright) - Avonia Frances.
Born 14.07.1928.

Passed away peacefully at Wharparilla Lodge, Echuca, 10.01.2026.

Loved and loving Wife of Tony (dec).

Mother and Mother-in-Law to
 Ellen and Paul,
 Ian and Kathi,
 Lynette and Wayne
 Lindsay and Marce,
 Neil and Shirley,
 Beverly and Scott,
 Kathy and Ray (dec),
 Leanne and Danny.



Much loved and adored
 Grandmother of 26,
 Great-Grandmother to 43.

A very loving, thoughtful and selfless lady at rest.



It is with mixed emotions that the Lockington community bids a fond but sad farewell Kathy and Rick Connors who are off on exciting new adventures.

Both Kathy and Rick have done so much for Lockington and district in professional & volunteer roles over many years and it would be impossible to list their many valued contributions.

The community will miss you both very much but thanks you for all you've done and wishes you good health and happy and safe travels for the future.

LOCKY NEWS UPCOMING PUBLICATION DATES

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

Edition 1033

8 March - Copy deadline (10am)
 13 March (Publication Day)
 Duty Volunteer - Vicki Broad

LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 31 "Emma" - at Lockington Community Centre
 Applications close - Community Bank education scholarships

FEBRUARY

- 2 Op Shop regular hours resume
 Bush Nursing Centre - Defib Round-up
- 3 Lockington FoodShare
- 4 Extreme Heat Awareness Day
 General Yoga starts @ Bush Nursing Centre
- 10 Chair Yoga starts @ Bush Nursing Centre
- 12 Community Cuppa Connection
- 13-19 Pyramid Hill Art Show
- 21 Tennyson Karaoke Party

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**Next Open Pantry
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 **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.

CAMPASPE SHIRE SUPPORTS WATERWHEEL COURT RESIDENTS



The shared resident facilities at Waterwheel Court in Lockington have been enhanced thanks to a generous funding grant from Campaspe Shire.

Council funded the purchase of a new outdoor setting which was installed recently. Lockington Community Care Committee facilitated the grant and arranged a working bee to set up the furniture.

The volunteers then joined with Waterwheel Court residents to share a barbecue lunch and officially christen the new table and chairs (pictured).

"We are enormously grateful to Campaspe Shire for funding this project," Community Care Committee President Graeme Wood said.

"It's important those living at Waterwheel Court have access to a space that accommodates larger groups where they can gather with family and friends.

"Our Committee is always looking for ways to enhance the resident experience and there's no better time of the year to be outside and enjoying the warm evenings," he said.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

RISSOLES & BANANA CASSEROLE Gloria Mortimore

Make 500g. fine mince steak into meatballs about 1 inch round using onion, bread crumbs, one egg as usual roll in flour and fry.

Sauce: Crushed clove of garlic, one cup tomato sauce one dstsp. of grill sauce, ½ tsp. mustard, one cup of hot water, bring to boil in saucepan, and simmer on low heat ½ hour. Place rissoles in casserole dish, slice ripe bananas thinly on top grate cheddar cheese over, pour sauce over, reheat in oven until cheese has melted and sauce is bubbling.

In 1986 Lockington Golf Club produced a Diamond Jubilee Cook Book to celebrate its 60th Anniversary.

This gem was among the casserole suggestions - who's feeling brave enough to give it a go?

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REDHS CELEBRATES MILESTONE YEAR

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service residents, families, community members and staff gathered recently for a lovely lunch.

The event marked an important milestone, celebrating the first anniversary of Service's reopening following the devastating floods of 2022.

REDHS CEO, Mary Manescu welcomed all to the celebration and thanked those who had been instrumental in achieving the milestone.

A memory wall was erected capturing moments from the flood and some of the damage caused as well as the rebuild and 'welcome back' for the residents who had been displaced.

Musical entertainment was provided by Callum Gleeson.



CAMPASPE SHIRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR WINNERS

To coincide with Australia Day, Campaspe Shire Council presented its annual Citizen of the Year Awards.

This year's top honour was shared between Toolleen locals Bruce Hamblin and Jim Webb.

Citizen of the Year: Bruce Hamblin of Toolleen

Bruce is a proud link to Toolleen's founding families, a pillar of the agricultural community, and a guardian of local history.

He has judged livestock at over 30 Royal Shows and served for many years on the committees of the Heathcote Agricultural Society and the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show.

As a life member of Toolleen Fire Brigade and the Mt Pleasant Football Netball Club, he has spent decades giving back—maintaining community facilities, volunteering, and quietly checking in on older residents who needed a friendly voice.

Citizen of the Year: Jim Webb of Toolleen

For over 20 years, Jim has been a quiet force behind so many local initiatives, community events, car and motorcycle gatherings, and projects that preserve Toolleen's heritage.

His long service on the Recreation Reserve Committee, care for the Wayside Stop, and support for young people and families have strengthened community connection and pride.

Young Citizen of the Year: Matilda Sower of Kyabram

Matilda is an inspiring young leader who gives back to her community in so many ways.

She volunteers with SES Kyabram and helps at her school's Breakfast Club, proudly represents her community at local and government events and encouraging others to do the same.

Community Group of the Year: headspace Echuca Youth Reference Group (YRG)

The YRG champions youth wellbeing across Campaspe, helping connect young people with mental health support and shaping improvements at headspace.

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Welcome new Board Chair



Rochester and Elmore District Health Service (REDHS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Emma Millard as Chair of the Board. Emma steps into the role at a significant time for REDHS, with the organisation's new Strategic Plan now in place to guide priorities and strengthen services over the next three years. She has expressed her commitment to seeing the plan through to full implementation, ensuring the community continues to benefit from high-quality care delivered locally.

The Board extends its sincere thanks to Chris White, who has served as Chair during a period of immense challenge and renewal. Chris provided steady leadership throughout the rebuild of the REDHS facility following the 2022 floods, leaving a strong foundation for the future. REDHS looks forward to continuing its mission under Emma's leadership, building on the achievements of recent years and delivering on its vision for the future.

Rochester Outreach Clinic to move in March



The Rochester Outreach Clinic is set to move into local hands and a new location from March. The past 10-months has proven successful and since opening, the Clinic has welcomed Dr Max, an experienced rural GP, now providing primary care services to more than 1100 patients, demonstrating the importance of maintaining community health and wellbeing.

To ensure ongoing sustainability of the primary care, local operation of the clinic will transition from Swan Hill District Health to REDHS. The physical move of the clinic from the current location at 14 Village Drive into REDHS main hospital building (community care area) is set to take place on Monday 2 March. More information will be sent directly to patients and updates shared with the community, as the clinic's transition progresses.



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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

1 February - 11am Lockington
8 February - 11am Bamawm 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:-

1 February - Bamawm
8 February - 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 1030

Isaiah 30:18 Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!



LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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What's On in 2026



LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY
CUPPA CONNECTION

Cuppa Connection is a free Lockington community morning tea held on the second Thursday of each month from 10am to 11.30am in the Plumber's Shed. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to assist with catering or volunteer to help deliver Cuppa Connection, which is now in its third year, please contact Lockington Neighbourhood House.

This year's dates:-

12 February	12 March	16 April	14 May	11 June
9 July	13 August	10 September	8 October	12 November
10 December				

Lockington Youth Action Group is open to secondary school-aged teenagers and runs under the auspices of Lockington Neighbourhood House.

YAGers is held every Wednesday during school terms from 4pm to 5.30pm. There is no cost to attend and participants are provided with a complementary afternoon tea.

It is designed to provide a relaxed social environment where local teens can spend time with their peers, engage their creativity and learn new skills.

Lockington Men's Shed is a community resource open to everyone.

There are two formal groups - for men meeting at 10am every Tuesday - and women meeting at 5.30pm every Wednesday.

However, Men's Shed members can utilise the facilities at other times by arrangement.

Whether you're after a regular social outing with like-minded community members or enjoy working with your hands, Men's Shed could be a great option.

Many of our members are experienced woodworkers who are only too willing to share their expertise with newcomers.

Membership is \$25.00 per person.

Do you have a green thumb, or are you looking to improve your gardening skills?

Either way, the Lockington Community Garden Crew would welcome your involvement.

Produce from the Community Garden is available to local residents at no cost, although donations are always valued and appreciated.

The Community Garden Team meets every Wednesday morning.

It's the perfect mix of social engagement, fresh air and sunshine and the soulfood that is working in the garden.

If you would like to learn more or offer your time as a volunteer, pop in Wednesday morning for a cuppa and have a chat.



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

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

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.

Business Workshops

Council is offering workshops to help local businesses grow. These sessions cover marketing, social media and digital content creation, providing practical tools for refreshing skills or exploring new strategies.

Book online, or call Customer Service on 1300 666 535 to book. Upcoming workshops across the shire include:

- 3 February – Echuca - Improve your LinkedIn Profile with a professional image
- 12 February – Rochester - How to create video content for social media
- 26 February – Rushworth - Social media & content marketing workshop
- 4 & 18 March – Echuca - Meta advertising workshop series - 2 sessions
- 12 March – Kyabram - Artificial Intelligence in Business
- 7 May – Tongala - Social media for business

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

Dog parks: The Kyabram and Tongala dog parks will close for about three weeks at separate times for irrigation maintenance. Works began an Kyabram Dog Park on 19 January, after which crews will move to Tongala.

Riverboat Dock: Installation of an accessible ramp at Riverboat Dock in Echuca began on 27 January. Pedestrian access will be maintained but areas may be fenced off at times.

Victoria Park Boat Ramp: Echuca's Victoria Park Boat Ramp will be closed from 7am to 3pm on Tuesday 3 February 2026, and from 7am to 12 noon on Saturday 7 February 2026.

Riverfront is a 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. For details, visit www.visitechucamoama.com.au/wonderland-on-the-murray

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Clean Up Australia Day

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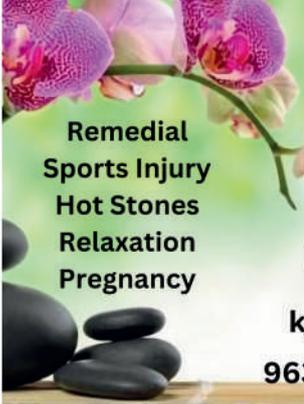
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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

18 JANUARY

What a big week in bowls for Lockington! The journey started with an outstanding show in the annual Locky Legends 2 Bowls Triples held on Monday evening.

Congratulations to Cindy Felmingham on her tremendous achievement in organising the field of 32 teams - 96 bowlers to contest the popular event. Thanks also to the kitchen, bar and greens staff.

Clubs represented included Calivil, Cohuna Golf, Dingee, Echuca, Elmore, Inglewood, Kerang, Lockington, Mathoura, Moama, Moulamein, Pyramid Hill, Rich River, Rochester, Rushworth, Serpentine, Stanhope. Club President John Van Den Bosch thanked all bowlers for their support.

At the completion of the three games of ten ends there were four undefeated teams to compete for the major trophies generously sponsored by Westwoods - Echuca.

Following a lengthy prognosis, a Stanhope trio (pictured top right) won the night on 80 points. Tinna Harris, Peter "Pee Wee" Harris and Greg Fitzpatrick (s) all bowled brilliantly.

Runner-up prizes on 79 points plus 23 shots went to the Moama team (pictured right) comprising Barry Simmons, Ann Vanderklay and Russell Kelly (s) on a countback from the Kerang strength in Brett Hepworth, Graeme Hayes, Gary Borg (s) scoring 79 points plus 21 shots.

The Echuca team of Chris Campbell, Jerry Worster, Steve Cunnington (s) tallied 74 points to just miss the prize money. Best Last Game Winner was the Echuca/Mathoura trio of June Clifford, Gayle Kerr, Trevor Rickard (s) +12 shots.

A good roll up attended Tuesday's Barefoot Bowls which resulted in some pretty keen action and good bowling. The winners were Terrill Westwood, John Dowie, Shane Felmingham (s) 2 wins plus 14 shots ahead of the Oliver clan in Ace, Clint and Steve Oliver (s) 1 win and 1 tie plus 5 shots.

The special competition winner was Rod Fiedler, 2nd Shane Felmingham and third to Clint Oliver.

The resumption of Weekend Pennant was not a happy return for the Club with only Division Five saluting.

The team claimed top honours with a thrilling one shot victory over Denilquin White 40-39 to make the top four. (Rod Fiedler d. C Murray 21-19; Calvin Stout lost to C Knuckey 19-20).



Both Division Three and Four lowered their colors to Echuca for the second time this season.

Division Three had two rinks up but not quite enough in the 51-59 loss. (Kym Ray d. T Deenan 27-11; John Fisher l.t. T Rickard 9-30; Leanne McInnes d. G Clymo 21-18). The team has slipped one place to fifth on the ladder.

Division Four had the one rink up as they lost the battle 57-74. (Cindy Felmingham l.t. M Bennett 13-40; Denise Gilmore l.t. K Robertson 17-22; Shane Felmingham d. M Thorn 27-12). In 7th spot on the ladder.

25 January

Extreme weather continues to play havoc with the outdoor Weekend pennant with the 12th round of Campaspe Area competition starting at 9.30 am to beat the heat.

The club only had the one Division successful as Division Four defeated Ky Valley View 82-51 over at Ky Valley View with all rinks up. (Cindy Felmingham d. G Topp 26-17; Steve Peter d. R Donohue 25-18; Shane Felmingham d. P Lyon 31-16).

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The Division must win all remaining three matches to have an outside chance for the finals.

Division Three journeyed to Deniliquin and recorded just the one rink win in the 53-85 loss. (Steve Pavone d. P Clear 23-22; John Fisher lost to T Danckert 14-34; Kim Ray l.t. S O'Brien 16-24 with Lloyd Buchanan brilliant on the day).

The team is placed in fifth position on the premiership ladder.

Division Five had a bad day at the office against ladder leaders Moama and lost the battle 23-60. (Rod Fiedler l.t. M Daly 9-36; Calvin Stout l.t. W Wadge 14-24).

With three rounds remaining, the team is in fifth spot on the ladder.

On Tuesday in the Midweek Pennant competition, Division Three lost to Kyabram and Division Four defeated Stanhope to remain in top position on the ladder.

Division Three lost one rink and drew the other in the 20 shot loss 38-58. (Denise Gilmore l.t. R Mason 10-30; John Fisher drew D Perri 28-all).

Division Four defeated Stanhope 51-40 with both rinks in front at the end of the day. (Steve Peter d. A Trist 26-19; Cindy Felmingham d. B Williams 25-21 in a classic display from the team).

Barefoot bowls attracted a small gathering on Tuesday evening, but everyone enjoyed the occasion in ideal conditions.

The players competed in both Pairs and Triples. The winning team was the formidable trio in Jayden D Wright, David Winchcomb, Jeff Carnie (s) 2 wins plus 9 shots.



A Lockington bowls team triumphed in the recent Dingee Mixed Fours Competition. Pictured (from left): John Whiteside, Kym Ray, Cindy and Shane Felmingham.

In second place was the pair of Jason King and Terrill Westwood (s) 1 win / 1 tie plus 8 shots.

The club thanked Leanne McInnes, Cindy Felmingham, Kim Ray and the cooks plus Phillip Cunnington for the bar duties.

Barefoot bowls has been cancelled this week due to the predicted hot weather on Tuesday.

A local rink played at the Cohuna Open Fours last Sunday and returned home in a luckless manner, losing all games by an aggregate of only 5 shots!!

Unlucky to say the least. Cindy Felmingham, Denise Gilmore, Brian Kinnane, Shane Felmingham all tried hard.

Club matches are in progress with the women seeking entries for the 100 Up Championship. Names to be listed.

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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 (10 Feb - 24 Mar 2026)

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 (4 Feb to 25 Mar 2026)

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

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Saturday

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Sunday

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Sunday

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Tuesday

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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)

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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