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LOCKY NEWS

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CELEBRATING OUR NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Federal Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh recently presented Certificates of Congratulation to Lockington Consolidated School's 2026 Captains and Vice Captains.

Addressing the audience at the Presentation Ceremony, Mr Walsh encouraged this year's leaders to consider how they could make the school a better place for all students.

LCS Principal Lisa Duffy said it was lovely to have the Local Member visit and show him why the school community is so proud of its students, staff and programs.

"Mr Walsh had some fantastic things to say about our school on his 'Peter Walsh for Murray Plains Facebook page' - it is well worth a read," she said.

LCS hosts student-led assemblies every Friday afternoon from 3pm. Family and community members are welcome to attend and celebrate weekly achievements and award winners.

Pictured Above (from left): Sullivan (School Captain), Olivia (Vice Captain), Peter Walsh MP, Logan (School Captain) and Lisa Duffy (Principal). Absent from the photo is Vice-Captain Harriet. More photos on Page 8.

LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

We have reached February 1913, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn what was happening in our local farming communities.

On 3 January 1913, the Geelong Advertiser published news that the Bill for the construction of the proposed railway line, connecting Cohuna with the main Bendigo-Echuca line at Elmore, had been passed.

This was good news for long-resident locals who had campaigned for this railway for more than thirty years. However, connection to the main route at Elmore, though recommended by the Railways Standing Committee, did not suit the new settlers at the Bamawm irrigation settlement.

They had campaigned for a line to connect Cohuna with the main line at Rochester. Deputations, representing both points of view, had waited on the Minister for Railways, but after inspecting the routes, and hearing all the evidence, the Standing Committee felt that the Elmore connection best met the requirements of all, and the Bill was passed with provision for a slight deviation to meet the Bamawm settlers' needs.

On 15 February 1913, the Melbourne Age reported that the Water Commission had proposed to the Railway construction branch that one of the stations on the Cohuna-Elmore railway line be named "McCull," in recognition of Mr Hugh McCull, sometime M.L.A. for Mandurang, and an early advocate of irrigation. Mr Kernot, the chief engineer, replied that the naming of stations was a usually a matter of choice for residents, who put their views before the department.

The Commission hoped that residents might agree to "McCull". In other respects, despite the Bill having been passed, the matter of the Elmore-Cohuna rail service was still unsettled. Many of the Bamawm settlers believed they had been promised a rail connection with Rochester, and felt there had been a breach of faith in Parliament's approving the Elmore-Cohuna route. Legal action was proposed, and some of the settlers contemplated leaving Bamawm. Their protests were heard and another inspection of the route was authorised.

Mr A A Billson, the incoming Minister for Railways, Mr H McKenzie (Minister for Lands), and Mr Elwood Mead (Chairman of the State Water Commission), accompanied by an officer of the railway construction branch, would visit the Bamawm district on 28 February 1913, and would consider a further deviation in the Cohuna-Elmore railway line.

This new proposal would take the line a mile and a half further east of the authorised route than the deviation already provided in the Railway Standing Committee's recommendation to Parliament. A petition, supporting the latest proposal was being circulated in Bamawm and, in the meantime, as reported on 12 February 1913, by the Melbourne Herald, the officer engaged on the survey of the approved deviation had been recalled to Melbourne.

On 27 February 1913, as reported in the Melbourne Age next day, a meeting of delegates from concerned Railway Leagues, including those of Cohuna and Gunbower, was held at Pine Grove. The stoppage of the survey, and the petition for a deviation further eastward to benefit Bamawm, were discussed.

A counter petition was signed, praying that the line be not altered, and that the recommendations of the Railways Standing Committee be put into effect. Resolutions were passed; (1) that the Rochester, Huntly, Gordon and Kerang shire councils be asked to take steps to secure the formation of a Trust empowered to acquire the land needed for the new railway; and (2) that the Minister of Railways be requested to immediately continue the survey of the route as determined.

An item in the Kerang New Times on 21 March 1913, stated that the proposed deviation of the Elmore-Cohuna line three miles eastward would penalise the Cohuna and Tennyson people for all time. Even so, rather than brook any further delay in the construction of the much-needed line, the Railway Leagues preferred to accept the Railways Standing Committee's recommendations.

An article in the Weekly Times on 22 March 1913, stated that a growing spirit of unrest existed throughout the Tennyson and Cohuna districts. Strong indignation was expressed at perceived attempts to delay construction of the railway line by raising the matter of further deviations. The fact that the surveyors engaged on the survey had been taken away to another part of the State, increased general dissatisfaction.

The petition drawn up at the Pine Grove meeting was circulating. One hundred and eighty land owners had added their names to the Tennyson portion, while the Cohuna portion was being extensively signed too. The Tennyson people favoured the route proposed thirty years earlier.

This would have served a large tract of country further west than the line currently proposed by the Railways Standing Committee, and would still have allowed for a spur line to Rochester to be built when products from the Bamawm irrigation areas warranted it. It was hoped that all of the differences would be overcome by the time that the matter came before Parliament in June 1913.

In the meantime, our local communities continued to function well. On 2 March 1913, the congregation at St David's Church of England at Milloo, celebrated their thanksgiving service; and on 13 March, a very enjoyable farewell social was tendered to the Messrs and Misses Kildea in the Tennyson M.I.A. Hall. At Piavella, the weather was reported to be sultry and thundery, with a few showers.

**'Bye until next time,
- Marg O'Brien**

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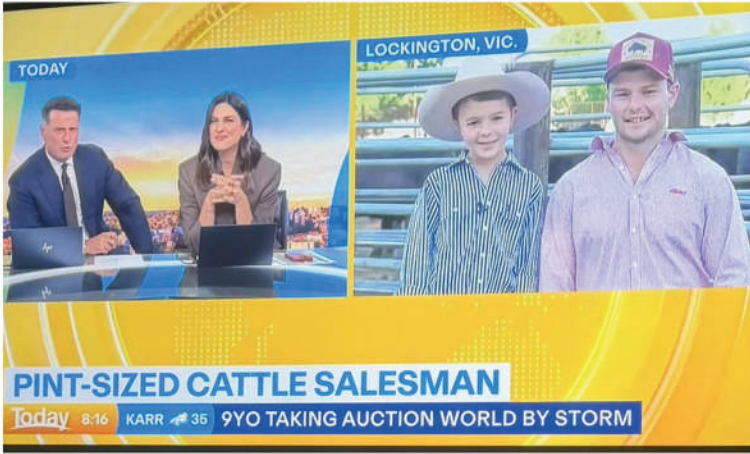


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CONTACT: Andrew McDonald 0404 846 068 or Beryl Marshall 0428 862 353 Email: lockyhtg@outlook.com



CHARLIE HITS THE LIMELIGHT

There’s certainly been plenty of publicity recently around Lockington’s own young gun cattle auctioneer Charlie Eade.

Nine-year-old Charlie became an overnight sensation when mainstream media caught wind of his unique talent and big career aspirations.

Charlie and dad Tommy featured on breakfast television, National News broadcasts and print media including The Weekly Times not to mention taking social media by storm.

LOCKINGTON TRAVELLER’S REST A HIVE OF ACTIVITY



As a result of the recent Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Solos Chapter Rally in Elmore, visitor numbers to Lockington increased significantly.

Twenty-eight campers were counted at the time of the above photo being taken, keeping Traveller’s Rest Co-ordinator Dorothy Bellingham busy for several days.

One guest commented how good Lockington is, especially Our Pub, adding that some of the visitors made a point of going out of town to get fuel so ‘your farmers wouldn’t miss out’!

Wow, such thoughtfulness. - Beryl Marshall


FIRE DANGER PERIOD AMENDMENT



The Fire Danger Period will be lifted as of **1:00am 23 March 2026:**

- Buloke Shire Council
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Swan Hill Rural City Council
- Campaspe Shire Council

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firedangerperiod



PETER WALSH MP
YOUR VOICE IN PARLIAMENT

Peter Walsh MP MEMBER FOR MURRAY PLAINS

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
E: peter.walsh@parliament.vic.gov.au



LOCKY BOWLERS REWRITE HISTORY

Huge congratulations are in order! The Lockington Bowls Club Division Four combination has re written the history books by securing the Campaspe Playing Area Midweek Premiership.

Locky defeated Moama to secure the Club's first Midweek Flag this side of the Year 2000.

The winning team comprised John Andrea, Pos Andrea, Shane Felmingham, Steve Peter, Russell Shawcross, Terrill Westwood, Kim Ray, Cindy Felmingham & emergency Erin Gumbleton.

Chris Stewart's full match review is on Page 21.



Supported by  **Foodshare**
HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

Next Open Pantry
Tuesday 7th April

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 😊

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The Kotta to Locky bike train departed at 7.45am on Friday morning, 20 March for Lockington's own Ride Your Bike to School Day.

No whistle could be heard but the laughter and excitement from all passengers was animated as it rattled its way south into Lockington.

Many passengers waved and joined the bike train along the way; a great start to the day I'm sure the teachers appreciated the kids getting to let off a bit of steam (no pun intended) before class! - **Dan Walker**

LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

30 LDBNC Easter Raffle Draw/Colouring Comp winners

APRIL

- 3 Lockington Community Easter Egg Hunt
- 4 Easter Bunny @ Lockington Foodworks Supermarket
- 5 Daylight Savings Ends
- 7 Lockington FoodShare
- 18 Lockington Pony Club Rally
- 20 First Aid Training @ LDBC



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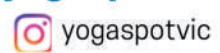
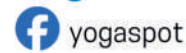
Tuesday Chair 9 - 10am

Chair Feb 10 - Mar 24 but NO class 10/3
Wednesday General 5 - 6:15pm

General runs Feb 4 - Mar 25 @ LDBNC

Echuca & Elmore classes also available

bookings: www.yogaspot.com.au



Lea Holmberg 0429 978 310

LOCKY NEWS UPCOMING PUBLICATION DATES

EASTER BREAK

Edition 1035

13 April - Copy deadline (10am)
 17 April - Publication Day
 Duty Volunteer - Sheree Tobin

Edition 1036

27 April - Copy deadline (10am)
 1 May - Publication Day
 Duty Volunteer - Melissa Gowler



**Daylight Savings ends at 3am
 on Easter Sunday - 5 April
 Turn your clocks back 1 hour**

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CAN YOU HELP?

A Locky News reader is seeking a copy of Lockington Consolidated School's 1961 magazine, particularly Pages 19 & 20.

These pages are not on the CD which was produced for the School's 50th Anniversary Reunion in 2003.

If you can help, please contact Beryl Marshall 0428 862 353.



River TV
ECHUCA MOAMA
Association Inc.

RIVER CHAT

Community TV
Program

Volunteer Presenters & Crew Members Required!

"River Chat" is a volunteer-run Community TV Program.

We are looking for volunteer presenters and crew members for shoots around the Echuca/Moama district, including some shoots in Lockington.

No experience is necessary, as we can train you in the various roles in TV Production.

The resulting programs will be posted online for viewing as they are completed, and will then air on C31 Melbourne over summer 2026/27, and will be posted to the CTV+ video on demand service.

If you are interested, have a chat to Secretary, John Stewart, on

0406 623 818 or email rivertvechuca@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!



DONATIONS

If you value Locky News & its vital role in keeping the Lockington community informed & connected, you can make a direct deposit donation into our account:-


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Thank you




Lockington Consolidated School 2026 Leaders Olivia (top left) & Sullivan (left) receive their certificates from the Member for Murray Peter Walsh.

Mr Walsh was guest speaker at a special ceremony to recognise and congratulate this year's Lockington School Captains and Vice Captains.



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2026 Lockington Community EASTER EGG HUNT

GOOD FRIDAY - 3 APRIL

Lockington Recreation Reserve - Registrations from 10am

- Open to Grade 6 and under children
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Kinder Surprise Bunny 75g
\$7 EA
SAVE FROM \$12
\$9.33 per 100g

HUNT HOP PLAY

30% Off

Reese's Peanut Butter Creme Egg 34g
\$2 EA
SAVE FROM \$3
\$5.88 per 100g

Nestlé Kit Kat Mini Bunny Hut Kit 412g
\$16 EA
SAVE FROM \$22
\$3.88 per 100g

Cadbury Dairy Milk Egg Bag 803g
\$18.50 EA
SAVE FROM \$26.50
\$2.30 per 100g

Easter Mini Plush Toy Selected Varieties \$10 EA

Nestlé Kit Kat Mini Bunny Pouch 66g
\$4.50 EA
SAVE FROM \$6.75
\$6.82 per 100g

EASTER TREATS TO SHARE

Cadbury Easter Bunny or Creme Egg Share Bags 180-240g Selected Varieties \$7.50 EA
SAVE FROM \$11.25

Lindt Gold Bunny Block 120g
\$7.50 EA
SAVE FROM \$11.25
\$6.25 per 100g

Lindt Lindor Casket 93g
\$12 EA
SAVE FROM \$18
\$12.90 per 100g

Lindt Pink or Blue Check 100g
\$10 EA
SAVE FROM \$15
\$10.00 per 100g

Surprise inside!

Cadbury Easter Gift Box 153-172g Selected Varieties \$10 EA
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1/2 Price

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1/2 Price

Oreo Cookie 136/140g Selected Varieties \$1.60 EA
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Pringles Chips 118/134g \$2.75 EA
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1/2 Price

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EVENTS CALENDAR

3 April

Good Friday
Easter Egg Hunt

20 April

000 First Aid
Training

7 May

Beginners Ukulele
Classes Commence

11-17 May

Neighbourhood
House Week

17 May

Lucky Blocks
Lego Exhibition

18-24 May

National
Volunteers Week

3 June

Cheese Making
Workshop

8 July

Bunnings School
Holiday Program

10 September

Cuppa Connect
RU OK? Day

30 September

Bunnings School
Holiday Program

15 October

International Day
of Rural Women lunch



We are excited to have work well underway on a large-scale mural, on the side of the Lockington District Business Centre Building. Artist Jimmy Dvate commenced painting on the weekend of 21 and 22 March and has estimated it will take no more than 10 days to complete the project. Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester has generously funded the initiative which will both enhance the local streetscape and encourage visitors to stop on their way through town.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO IN-HOUSE RECYCLING COLLECTION

In response to the changing face of recycling, Lockington Neighbourhood House is **NO LONGER COLLECTING** the following items:-

Household Batteries

All Campaspe Shire Council Resource Recovery Centres will accept household batteries at no charge. Please note they should not be placed in Household Recycling or General Waste Bins.

Aluminium Can Ring Pulls

As ring pulls are made from the same material as aluminium cans, they are best recycled by leaving them attached to the can or dropping them inside the can once empty before placing in Household Recycling Bins.

Plastic Bread Tags

Residents who collect plastic bread tags can send them directly to Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs. The organisation is in its eighth and final year of accepting tags for recycling, following a shift to cardboard. **Visit <https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>**

Blister Packs

Medical blister packaging cannot go into Household Recycling Bins. Chemist Warehouse provides free in-store recycling for all empty medication blister packs.

Wine Bottle Corks

Natural wine corks cannot go into Household Recycling Bins. Participating Dan Murphys Stores operate a pilot program to recycle natural wine corks. All packaging, wire and aluminium foil should be removed prior to depositing.

Clothing

Damaged or stained clothing which is unsuitable for resale via the St Mary's Op Shop can be recycled at any Campaspe Shire Council Resource Recovery Centre at no cost.



Your Council News

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 #campaspehire
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 E: shire@campaspe.vic.gov.au
 www.campaspe.vic.gov.au

Visit the Mural Trail

Did you know Rochester is home to 58 stunning murals? The Rochester Mural Trail map is out now — your guide to exploring the incredible stories, colour and creativity woven throughout town. Printed copies of the map are available from the Echuca and Rochester Visitor Information Centres, or you can download it from Council's website.



Coming Up Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 21 April 2026 | Echuca Civic Centre
 Meetings can be streamed live: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

Immunisation sessions

By appointment only. Appointments can be booked online at: <https://kernow.book.vitavo.com.au/available-appointments>.

Careers #campaspecareers

Visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/careers or call 1300 666 535 for all positions currently open and application details.

- Childcare workers, various positions (ongoing).

Protect yourself against mosquito bites



Mosquitoes can carry serious diseases – but you can take simple steps to protect yourself:

- Maintain fly 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.
- Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing when out and about.

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

Community Satisfaction Survey

The annual statewide Customer Satisfaction Survey is now underway and will run throughout March. Some residents may receive a call from independent research agency Metropolis Research. This is a legitimate survey, and no personal or financial information will be requested. The survey helps assess council services across Victoria and identify opportunities for improvement, and community feedback is encouraged.

Port of Echuca Markets EOIs

Council is seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to host markets in the Port of Echuca precinct. All markets must support locally made or grown produce and products, crafts, handmade and second-hand goods. No resellers are permitted, and applications from commercial

market-holders will not be considered. EOIs close Sunday, 29 March.

Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority's 2026 Basin Plan Review is open for feedback. Help inform recommendations to governments on future water management by completing the online survey or making a submission through the MDBA's consultation website. Submissions are open until Friday, 1 May.

Business Workshops

Join local expert Briana Cowan from Mingle Media for a practical workshop designed to help businesses make the most of social media.

When: Thursday, 7 May, 10:30am–12 noon.

Where: Tongala Community and Activities Centre (Meeting Room 1), 92–94 Mangan Street.

Cost: \$20 per business or organisation.



Showdown at the Soundshell

Come along to this free youth music competition on Sunday, 29 March at Gargarro Botanic Gardens from 12noon for an afternoon of live entertainment, with a family BBQ and food trucks.

School Holiday Program

Campaspe Shire libraries will run their School Holiday Program from 7–17 April, and bookings are open for a variety of exciting activities. Youngsters can get creative with LEGO, try their hand at a range of arts and crafts, or settle in for a movie. Children must be accompanied by an adult or carer during all activities. Bookings are essential as places are limited, and can be made online at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library or by phoning 5481 2400. Please note that all Campaspe Shire libraries will be closed from Friday, 3 April for Easter and will reopen normal hours on Tuesday, 7 April.



Promote your community group or event on our website for free!

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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Easter Updates

Closure Dates: The Bush Nursing Centre will be closed:
3rd April Good Friday / 6th April Easter Monday

Easter Colouring: Thanks to all those that participated, entries displayed at the Bush Nursing Centre winners to be announced on the 30th March

Easter Raffle: Get your last minute tickets \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5
Raffle to be drawn on Monday 30th March.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible local businesses and community members who have gone above and beyond in supporting this year's Easter Raffle. Your generosity never goes unnoticed, and it's because of you that we are able to create such a fantastic raffle for our community to enjoy.

*Beauty by B
I Want I Need*

*Intersport Echuca
Fusion Cafe*

Rich Glen

*Echuca Harvey Norman
LDBNC Sewing Group*

*Evans Shoes Echuca
Paramount Echuca*

Port of Echuca

Sewn on the Dairy

Echuca Big W

Rich River Golf Club

All raffle proceeds go directly into our centre, helping us to continue to care for our community. Your ongoing support is appreciated.

Yoga Spot with Leanne

@ Marg Knight Activity
Room

Chair Yoga: (FREE)

Tuesday mornings
from 9 -10am

General Yoga:

(\$10 per session)

Wednesdays 5 - 6:15pm

Costs reduces by the Violet
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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



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

29 March - 11am Lockington

3 April - 10am Rochester to Lockington (Good Friday)

5 April - 10am Lockington to Rochester (Easter Sunday)

12 April - 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

Easter Services - St Joseph's Parish, Rochester

There are no services at St Canice's, Lockington, other than Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday:-

7 pm Mass at St Joseph's, Rochester.

Good Friday:-

10 am Stations of the Cross at Rochester.

3 pm Passion of Our Lord at OLSH, Elmore.

Easter Vigil (Saturday):-

7.30 pm Mass at OLSH, Elmore.

Easter Sunday:-

8 am Mass at St Canice's, Lockington.

10 am Mass & 12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Joseph's, Rochester.

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LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB NEWS

Lockington Golf Club members will have their first hit for the season this Saturday 28 March.

Following recent significant rain, there's a promising amount of green and grass around the course.

A successful working bee has cleaned up around the course, getting it ready for players to have a hit.

Golfers will be playing a Stableford event, with assembly at 11am, for a shotgun start at 11.30am.

The Club's official Opening Day will be held on Saturday 11 April, a 4-person Ambrose event, all golfers welcome.

Preparations are well underway for the Club's Centenary Celebrations on Saturday 9 May.

The event will include a 4-person Ambrose (hit off 11am), a special afternoon tea, commencing at 2.30pm and a display of memorabilia and photos.

Entries and enquiries to Darren Carnie (0428 862 292) or email lockingtongolfclub@gmail.com - RSVPs for both the golf and the afternoon tea are required by 2 May for catering please.

BAMAWM GOLF CLUB NEWS

Bamawm Golf Club had a fantastic start to the 2026 season with over 50 players on course for a 3 Person Ambrose on 22 March.

Well done to all of the members who have worked tirelessly over the past month or so to get the course looking great.

Scratch winners were Todd Loutitt, Kieran McAsey and David Winchcomb with 65.

Nett winners were Francis Lee, Shane Wolfe and Neville Vicary with 69-9.3-59.7, from runners up Trav Mancer, Greg Reynoldson and Frank Coonerty 68-6-62.

Nearest the Pin: 2nd shot 4-13 - Aidy Dohnt; 2nd shot 9-18 - Neville Vicary; 7/16 - Tracey R and Kieran McAsey; 8/17 - Jo Dye & Shaun Murphy.

Longest Drive- Jackie Newth, Jo Dye (23+), Greg Reynoldson (+5-15), Andrew Palmer (16+)

Thanks to the members and visitors supported the 2026 season launch; it was especially pleasing to see so many juniors and ladies on course.

This week will be a Stableford round, 11am assembly for an 11.30am hit off.

Members to bring a plate of afternoon tea.

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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

15 MARCH

There was plenty of excitement among local bowls fraternity when word filtered out that our dominant Division Four Midweek Teams had won the Campaspe Playing Area Premiership.

The Grand Final was played against against Moama Green at Rich River Bowls Club.

The end result was 51-34 victory with both rinks winning (John Andrea, Pos Andrea, Shane Felmingham, Steve Peter (s) d. K Black 25-14; Russell Shawcross, Terrill Westwood, Kim Ray, Cindy Felmingham (s) d. D Hogan 26-20).

Emergency was Erin Gumbleton who cheered the teams on and also received a Premiership Medal.

It was not all and skittles for Locky, however, as both games had a changing pattern midway through the matches.

The Steve Peter rink leapt out of the blocks to establish a 17-1 lead as their opponents tried to make up the deficit and reduced the scoreline winning 13 shots to eight over the closing ends.

The Lockington bowlers were determined to win the pennant. In the other match up, the Deenar Hogan-skipped rink gained an early lead of 16-5 before our Cindy Felmingham-skipped rink found the target to reduce the leeway and displayed some immaculate bowling to draw level and continued on to win the game 26-20.

The Midweek Pennant victory in Division Four is the first taste of Finals since the last century, when Lockington was successful in the CVBLBA 1991-92 Division Three Final.

Congratulations to all members who contributed during the season.

Other Premiership winners were Division 1: Moama d. Echuca 70-45; Div 2 Kyabram d. Moama 68-66 (final bowl!); Div 3: Moama d. Deniliquin Blue 45-30.

Congratulations to the Rich River Bowling Club for their tremendous effort in providing everything required for the players and supporters. A great day.

On Tuesday evening there was a quality field for Barefoot Bowls where everyone in attendance celebrated the Division Four Premiership victory and supported a Charity Night to benefit the Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre.

Twenty odd bowlers went into battle and at the end of the two games of eight ends there two teams undefeated.



Lockington's Cindy Felmingham, pictured after her recent BCG Regional State Novice Singles win.

The trio of Jayden D Wright, Terrill Westwood, Anthony Westwood (s) won the chocolates scoring 2 wins plus 13 shots ahead of Peter Eade, Ken Burns, Rod Fiedler/Jeff Carnie (s's) 2 wins +5 shots.

Bowl to the Ditch went to Colin McKee. Plenty of raffle prizes were won. Major prizes to Kim Ray, Terrill Westwood and Sarah McKee. Club

Secretary Leanne McInnes thanked all players and supporters for supporting the evening where in excess of \$700 was raised.

LDBNC Committee member Ian Haines thanked all for the effort on behalf of the Centre.

No luck to report in the Sixty & Over ranks in the weekly event played at Elmore Bowls Club, however, on the tournament circuit, several members have enjoyed some success.

A rink including Russell Shawcross, John Andrea, John van den Bosch and Ian Berry from Rochester won the Open Fours event at Elmore.

Six members journeyed to the Pyramid Hill Bowling Club for its Twilight Mixed Pairs tournament.

Cindy Felmingham - Shane Felmingham (1 win), John van den Bosch - Steve Peter (2 wins) and Denise Gilmore - Brian Kinnane (2 wins), all enjoyed the evening and hospitality provided.

The Club was saddened by the passing of past member Madge Cunnington at 102 years. Madge was a prominent member over many years, serving on all committees and was a confident and champion pennant player.

Condolences to the immediate Cunnington families.

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22 MARCH

A rather quiet week on the local bowling front after the hurly - burly of the previous week's Premiership.

Most of the Club Members have eventually returned back to earth!

The Lockington Bowls Club Competitions are almost complete with a few minor upsets on the way.

In the B Grade Championship the semi-finalists are due to do battle. Jeff Carnie defeated John Andrea and will play Steve McKee while Ashley Dobell will meet Rod Fiedler in the other semi-final.

The 100 Up Championship resulted in Rod Fiedler defeating John van den Bosch in the semi-final to stake a berth in the final. Ashley Dobell defeated Ray Hanson to win a semi-final spot and will wait for the result of the Dave Thomas - Steve Pavone qualifying match to play the winner in the other semi-final.

In the Presidents Trophy 21 Up Championship, Leon Laffy defeated John van den Bosch to make a semi-final and will play Ray Hanson who upset Dave Thomas earlier. Up top Ashley Dobell proved too consistent for Cindy Felmingham and will meet the winner of the Kym Ray versus Neil Haines encounter.

The ladies have completed the B Grade Championship between Kym Ray and Terrill Westwood. Kym was in blistering form as she had Terrill under pressure from the word go, and sprinted to 14-7 lead after 13 ends.

Westwood tried desperately to bridge the enormous gap, however the determined Ray kept her cool to win the title 25-8.

The scores were not a true story of the close heads and brilliant bowling from both players. Earlier, Westwood defeated the in-form Sue Harris 25-15 in the semi-final.

In the Ladies 100 Up Championship Terrill Westwood defeated Cindy Felmingham in the semi-final and make the final. Denise Gilmore is waiting to play the winner of the Melissa Freeman - Kym Ray early round for a place in the other semi-final and meet Leanne McInnes.

The Club catered for Madge Cunnington's wake during the week and our members who all assisted in organising the wonderful afternoon tea are to be acknowledged.

Madge was a long serving Member and served as Associates President in 1983-84, 1984-85 and later in the 1993-1994 season.

The Club will host its Annual Ladies Medley Fours on Wednesday 25 March from 10am. Contact Kathi Maddison or Denise Gilmore for entries

On Saturday 10 April the Annual CMS Refrigeration & Electrical (Elmore) Open Fours will be held commencing at 9.30am. Contact Ray Hanson or John van den Bosch for entries.

At the finish of the current Sixty & Over Season, the club will host a Pie & Soup 2 Bowl Triples on Wednesday 22 April from 10.30am for an 11am start.

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The March winners were Shyla and Georgia for encouraging everyone in their group and particularly each other thus demonstrating the true meaning of Pony Club.

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Monday

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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