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LOCKY NEWS

Lockington's Priceless Paper - Published Fortnightly

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A familiar face will be missing from the counter at Lockington Community Bank following the retirement of long-serving staff member Wendy Wright.

Wendy completed her last day on 11 August after an outstanding 17-year career in customer service.

She was much loved and appreciated by the Lockington community and we wish her a long, happy and rewarding retirement.

Wendy is pictured above with Community Bank - Elmore, Lockington & Rochester Senior Branch Manager James Pietromonaco.

SERVICES AUSTRALIA VISIT TO LOCKINGTON



Services
Australia

A Community Engagement Officer from Services Australia will be in Lockington on Thursday 27 August to assist local residents with Centrelink and other inquiries.

The Officer will be located in the Men's Shed Kitchen (Lockington District Business Centre) from 11am to 3pm and no appointment is necessary.

The visit is co-ordinated by Lockington Neighbourhood House. Ph 0499 170 329 or email nhldbc@gmail.com for further information.

This is a valuable opportunity to speak face to face with a Centrelink Officer without long wait times or the inconvenience of travel.

LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

We have reached November 1913, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn what was happening in our district.

In the irrigation areas, a variety of industries were springing up, one of some importance being ostrich farming. A report from the Bendigo Independent on 25 November 1913, stated that, though in its infancy, this particular project would "certainly boom very quickly."

An area of 850 acres had been purchased for an ostrich farm in the Wharparilla district, and it was estimated that it could be made capable of carrying "at least 1500 birds."

Ostriches matured when about four years old, and were expected to produce fine plumage up to the age of 75 years. When "in full swing," it was anticipated that the farm would give employment to about thirty men.

Prospects were bright for our more conventional farmers, too. For the region's grain growers, a bumper harvest was likely, causing them to wonder if, yet again, they would have to face the problem of hauling their grain many miles to their nearest railway station.

The Bill to provide for the construction of the railway from Cohuna to Elmore had been passed in December 1912, but its passage had led to protests, and calls for reconsideration. A year later, actual construction of the line had still to begin. On 13 December, a brief item in the Elmore Standard gave promise that all formalities had been dealt with – It told of "a proclamation by His Excellency the Honourable Sir John Madden, Victoria's Chief Justice, constituting certain lands a Railway Construction District under the name of the Elmore to Cohuna Railway Construction District."

That same newspaper reported that, by 13 December, the harvest was in full swing, and through the districts of Wanurp, Tennyson and Pannoobamawm, it "looked very promising." Crops at Drummartin, Diggora and Milloo looked even better.

However, a later report, in the Bendigo Advertiser on 24 December 1913, stated that yields had proved "remarkably variable."

The Rochester Express reported on 6 January 1914, that the weather experienced in our district in the final weeks of 1913 was considered "typical of the Australian Christmas season." However, there had been excitement in the lead-up to New Year. Top temperatures of 102° to 104° fahrenheit [38° to 40° celsius] were recorded and were accompanied by sultry conditions which, on 30 December, led to a "cyclonic disturbance ... the vortex passing over Tennyson and Diggora, through which it cut a passage.

Trees were blown down, and in many cases completely uprooted, and the current played havoc with all obstacles in its path. At Tennyson the chimneys of Mr Clohesy's new house were blown down, and Mr Walsh's outbuildings suffered considerably. The wall of Mr Martin's dwelling was shifted a couple of inches and the verandah was lifted over a double roof and, in descending, one of the posts went clean through the roof, narrowly missing the bed.

Numerous other homesteads incurred damage, while smaller edifices, tanks and other more portable property sailed like aeroplanes through the atmosphere. In some instances, the owners have not yet been able to ascertain their whereabouts. At Diggora, Mr Kellam had his house unroofed, and Mr Simon Hanley had his out-buildings wrecked.

Straw and hay-stacks were made playthings of by the cyclone, which left vestiges of its passage all along its path. Fortunately, the bulk of the crop was already cut and not much harm was done to the little left. Old residents averred that they had never experienced such a 'big wind' in the district since they settled. About half an inch of rain fell."

Fortunately, 1 January proved to be "admirably adapted for picnics and sports," but in general, the weather continued to be so hot that plans for a children's fete to be held on 14 January 1914, in conjunction with the opening of the new Anglican Church at Ballendella, had to be cancelled.

The actual opening ceremony, held that evening, drew a large and enthusiastic gathering. His Lordship Bishop Langley, the Bishop of Bendigo officiated, assisted by the Revs. Rogers (the vicar) and Plumtree, and Mr M'Kie, the reader. After the dedication ceremony, the bishop preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, and mentioned that this was the third church opened in the Northern Irrigation District within the past three years. Settler Thomas Bunbury was secretary of the new church., and the pastor appointed was the Rev. W J Foster, who hailed from Newcastle, England, and was ordained as deacon prior to his appointment to the Ballendella church, in April.

Other local news, in the Gazette on 17 January 1914, told of a letter from Mr Thomas Watson, announcing the superior results achieved in the use of his recently invented 'packer seed drill,' as tested and proven in the recent harvest. Further to this, an item in the Rochester Express on 24 February, stated that Mr Watson had made arrangements with "a real live city firm" to manufacture his drill. Considerable improvements had been affected to the implement since its trial at Tennyson, and big sales were expected.

News of any progress concerning the long-sought rail service through our district, or of further developments in the project to bring irrigation to Tennyson and Pine Grove, must come soon; perhaps next time.

'Bye until then,

- Marg O'Brien

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23 August	- Andrew & Brigitte
30 August	- Beryl & Garry - Jim, Lilly & Rod
6 September	- Tom & Les
13 September	- Jim & Therese

The Central Victorian Veterans Cycling Club now has a new defibrillator to support riders, volunteers and supporters at race meetings across the region, thanks to an FGM community grant.



Fosterville Gold Mine Community Grants – applications now open

The Community Grants Program aims to support initiatives which actively contribute to the growth of our local communities both now and into the future.

Grants will open on
Friday 21 August
at 9am and close
on Monday 21
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COMMUNITY

DEATH

HYDEN, Graeme Lindsay

Formerly of Lockington

With great sadness we announce the passing of Graeme, on July 29, 2026. Aged 93 years.

Loved Husband of Lyn (dec) and Dawn (dec).

Loved and adored father of Pam, Sue and Brett, Peter and Meran, Rodney (dec) and their Families.

Step-Dad of Dean and Tarnya, Andrew and Justine, Lee and Sharon, Matthew and Lisa and their Families.

Wonderful memories to treasure forever.

LOCKINGTON
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 21 Fosterville Gold Mine Grant Applications Open
- 27 Services Australia (Centrelink) Officer in Lockington

SEPTEMBER

- 10-13 Lockington Mural Festival
- 10 Community Cuppa Connection
- 14 Lockington Heritage Complex AGM
- 21 Fosterville Gold Mine Grant Applications Close
- 30 Pinegrove Gun Club AGM



PETER WALSH MP
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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.

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LOCKY NEWS UPCOMING PUBLICATION DATES

Edition 1045
31 August - Copy Deadline (10am)
4 September - Publication Day
Duty Volunteer - Fay Haines

Edition 1046
14 September - Copy Deadline (10am)
18 September - Publication Day
Duty Volunteer - Val Cook

Celebrating the wonderful Wendy.

In August, our
Community Bank farewelled
Wendy Wright after an incredible
17 years of service.

A familiar face at our Lockington branch,
Wendy has been known and loved by so
many for her friendly service, genuine care for
customers, passion for the community, and
always being up for a chat!



On behalf of our Board of Directors and branch team,
thank you Wendy, for your dedication to our
Community Bank and everything you've contributed to
the Lockington community over the past 17 years.

**We wish you all the very best for a
long, happy and well-deserved
retirement. Enjoy every minute!**



Community Bank
Elmore, Lockington
and Rochester

LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS

This year, Lockington Consolidated School has introduced a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program, giving every student the opportunity to participate in a dedicated one-hour STEM session with their class each week.

Meagan Portwine has created an engaging, curriculum aligned program that our student love! STEM brings Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics together through practical hands-on learning.

Students are encouraged to investigate, design, build, test and improve their ideas while developing important skills such as creativity, problem-solving, teamwork and perseverance.

Prep, 1 & 2: Building Bridges for Billy Goats

Our Prep-Two students began Term 3 using the much-loved story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff as their inspiration.

They were challenged with designing and building a bridge that would allow the three billy goats to safely cross the river. Students could choose to construct their bridge using either LEGO or recycled materials.

Once completed, the bridges were put to the test using three toy goats. Students discovered that a successful bridge needed to be strong, stable and durable.

Some students took the challenge even further, designing and creating their own troll to hide underneath the bridge! It was a wonderful way to combine a familiar story with engineering, design and imagination.

Years 3 & 4: Towers and the Great Pringle Challenge

Our Years 3-4 students recently explored the properties of different materials through a series of design challenges and experiments.

Their first challenge sounded simple- using only three pieces of paper, tape and scissors, the students had just fifteen minutes to construct the tallest possible free-standing tower. There was plenty of testing, redesigning and creative thinking as students discovered which shapes and structures provided the greatest strength and stability.

Next came the Pringle Challenge! Students were asked to imagine they needed to send a Pringle all the way from Lockington to the United States. Their task was to create the smallest and lightest package possible that would protect the Pringle on its long journey through the mail.



Students quickly discovered the importance of selecting the right materials, particularly those that could provide cushioning and protection from water and damage.

Years 5 & 6: Marble Rollercoasters

Our Year 5-6 students have also been investigating materials and their different properties before taking on an exciting engineering design brief- creating their very own marble rollercoaster!

There was, however, a catch. Students were restricted to using materials such as paper, cardboard, straws, glue, plates, bowls, sticks and tape- nothing more! Their goal was to produce the most creative, versatile and functional rollercoaster they could.

Students needed to consider slopes, turns, speed and how different materials could be used to keep their marble successfully travelling along a track. An important part of the process was testing.

When something didn't work as planned, the students needed to modify their design and try again. At the end of the challenge, the students shared their completed rollercoasters and enjoyed seeing the many different solutions that their classmates developed.

Learning Though Doing

One of the great strengths of STEM is that there isn't always one "right" answer. Our students are encouraged to experiment, make mistakes, rethink their ideas and try again. A design that doesn't work the first time can provide just as much learning as one that does!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 14 September 2026

7.30pm at the Complex

Supper will conclude the meeting.

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Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

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

23 August - 10am Rochester to Lockington
30 August - 11am Lockington

St James Community Church

10am Sundays. Pastor Bill Cochrane Ph 0427 865 474

Catholic Church

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

Northern Rivers Uniting Church Cluster

Worship begins at 10am, zoomed from the following churches:-

23 August - Tongala
30 August - Rochester (Cluster service to support Frontier Services)

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
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From The Scriptures 1044

Romans 4 v 8 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them



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EULOGY

Donald Charles Muhleisen (25/5/1930 - 26/7/2026) was born on 25 May 1930 at Bena in Gippsland, the youngest of five children. Don had lots of stories to tell over his lifetime, but nobody ever put them to paper; his daughter Julie remembered some of the stories and shared her memories of her Dad:-

"He used to tell of working for a bloke called Tracy Powell. Dad wasn't old enough to have a truck license, but that didn't matter to Tracy.

Tracy liked a couple of beers, or maybe more than a couple. They used to take a truck load of fruit (I think it was) to the markets at Melbourne. Tracy would drive, until he dozed off and ran off the side of the road.

Dad would then jump in the driver's seat, without a license and get the truck close to the market, where Tracy would take over again.

Going to Melbourne from Shepparton area meant that they would travel over Pretty Sally Hill, just out of Wallan. Tracy would say to Dad, it's okay Don, chuck it into angel gear, saves the juice (petrol).

Dad moved to the Charlton area to work. He packed up his worldly possessions jumped on the Zundap motorbike and off he went. I don't know how long he was there for, but the next move was the big one: Lockington.

He worked as a grocer/delivery driver/pump repairer etc. for Mr Tom Parsons at the General Store in Locky. Tom and Dad became great mates.

It was while he was working at Parsons, that he bought a block of land, and decided to build a house on it. He would work at the shop til 6 at night and come to the house and work on that til he could no longer see to do things.

He had to get the house finished because he'd met a beautiful young lady by the name of Beverley at a dance in Bendigo. They were married on 4 February 1961. The house was finished in time for them to move in after their honeymoon.

One of my highlights as a kid was to go with Dad in the old yellow Bedford truck, delivering groceries to the outlying farmers. Boxes and bags were loaded onto the back of the truck in order of drop off. My favourite run was the Tennyson run because Mrs Stewart always had a cake and a cuppa for Dad.

Dad would borrow the truck when we needed firewood. The four of us would sit up the front and off we'd go to Torrumbarry, to Wally Worthy's bush hut. There was always a load of wood waiting for us to load onto the truck.

As a young man, he was very athletic, playing footy, running for the Fire Brigade, running at places like Stawell at Easter and Bendigo.



Mum still uses a sugar bowl that he won at a Fire Brigade Meet.

Some time later came golf. Dad had never played golf until Mum's cousin, Gary Wylie, introduced them both.

They used to travel far and wide to support club tournaments – Belvoir Park, Inglewood, Mitiamo, Pyramid Hill, Valley View, Rich River – the list goes on. They would often take another couple as well. When buying a new car, it had to be able to have 4 sets of clubs and buggies in the boot.

I played with Dad a few times, and I also caddied for him when he played pennant golf. I never had to worry about forgetting my stroke count, Dad had it under control, as well as every other player in the group. And look out if you tried to make your count better than it was.

Dad won just about all the major trophies at Locky Golf Club, and he was honoured with a Life Membership for his service to the Club. He was still playing golf earlier this season at the ripe old age of 96.

I loved being Dad's "mate." He taught me how to paint, how to hammer a nail, how to screw a screw, how to use a plane, a saw, and an axe, and how to play snooker, billiards, and cards. For that I am eternally grateful.

From the crossword pages on the kitchen table to the strawberries ripening on the windowsill and the day-by-day rainfall recording on the back of the kitchen door.

From the phone call to get me to read out the Powerball numbers; to the handful of silver beet, a couple of carrots and pumpkin each time we visited.

I may not have told you often, but I love you Dad, and I'm going to miss you terribly. RIP Dad, my boys are waiting for you. Your mate and first born, Jules."

KOTTA HALL

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Watching Our Improvements Take Shape

It’s exciting to see the refurbishment of the Centre continuing to take shape, with each stage of the project bringing us closer to a refreshed and improved space for our community. We would like to sincerely thank our community for your patience, understanding and ongoing support throughout the works. We look forward to getting back to normal once the works are complete and sharing the benefits of these improvements with everyone who visits the Centre. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

Sharon Moran & the Bush Nursing Team

Your Voice Matters – Help Shape Our Future

We’re inviting you to take a few minutes to complete our Consumer Survey. Your feedback helps us understand what’s working well and where we can improve. It also plays an important role in shaping future services and ensuring we continue to meet the needs of our community. It’s quick, easy, and every response makes a difference. Paper copies are also available at the Bush Nursing Centre for those who prefer to complete a hard copy. Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. Your voice helps guide our future and supports our commitment to continuous improvement.



**Simply scan the QR code to complete the survey.
Our survey will be open until the 31st August**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a friendly reminder that it is time to renew your annual membership. Renewing your membership is easy. You can make your payment at the Bush Nursing Centre or via direct deposit using the account details provided on your renewal notice. Your membership is more than just an annual subscription, your support helps us to continue to provide valuable services and care for our community.

Membership Costs

Family	\$70	Concession rate	\$55
Single	\$40	Concession rate	\$30

Membership provides you with free nursing care. Separate charges apply for supplies for dressings, wound closure and ear care.



LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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EVENTS CALENDAR

29 August

World Play Music on
the Porch Day

6 September

Father's Day

10-13 September

Lockington Mural
Competition

10 September

Cuppa Connection
RU Ok? Day

30 September

Bunnings School
Holiday Program

8 October

Cuppa Connection

22 October

International Day
of Rural Women lunch

12 November

Cuppa Connection

10 December

Cuppa Connection

17 December

Community Carols &
Christmas Market



COMING SOON



LOCKINGTON MURAL FESTIVAL ARTISTS ANNOUNCED



The artists for this year's Lockington Mural Competition have been finalised.

The line-up has strong local representation with artists from Lockington, Nanneella, Cohuna, Numurkah and Bendigo among those selected.

The 2026 Lockington Mural Festival is a Lockington District Business Centre initiative and is being co-ordinated by Lockington Neighbourhood House.

Six artists will go head-to-head in the four-day competition, with the winner to receive a \$1000 cash prize. The runner-up takes home \$500.

The theme is "Rural Life" and a panel of three judges will assess the entries.

This year's participants are: **Ruby Wyatt-Carter** (Mural Title – Murray Wildlife); **Grace Murphy** (Land of the Locals); **Olivia & Sophie Hurley** (Luminesense); **Abby Smith** (Legacy of the Land); **Greta Zegelin** (Summer Rain); and **Steve & Carole Monk** (It Never Rains But It Pours).

The event will be held at Lockington Community Centre from 10 to 13 September.

It is open to the public from 9am to 5pm daily with free entry and interested community members are welcome and encouraged to support the artists as they work.

At the conclusion of the competition, the completed works will be displayed in the Pump Track precinct opposite Lockington Foodworks Supermarket.

They will replace murals from the inaugural competition in May 2021 which have degraded due to time and weather exposure.

The inaugural competition was won by Joyce Dempsey for her depiction of two curious cows and a honey bee (pictured above)

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Project update

Two new storage sheds at the Neighbourhood House on Landsborough Street, Echuca are now complete, providing much-needed storage for two community organisations. Final fit-out works, including shelving, paving, landscaping, stormwater connections and eaves repairs, are still underway.



Coming Up

Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 22 September 2026 | Echuca Civic Centre
 Meetings can be streamed live: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming



Tourism Gold for Echuca

Echuca has been crowned Victoria's Top Tourism Town for 2026, taking home Gold at the VTIC Top Tourism Town Awards. The award recognises destinations that deliver exceptional visitor experiences and strong community-focused tourism. Rochester was also named a finalist in the Small Tourism Town category. Echuca will now represent Victoria at the national Top Tourism Town Awards in Canberra in September.

Careers #campaspecareers

For all positions currently open, visit Council's website or call 1300 666 535.

- Childcare workers, various positions
- Learn to Swim Teacher (closes 30 August)
- Technical Officer (closes 31 August)

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Now Open

Dane Simpson - Always was, always will be... funny

Get ready for a night of laughs with acclaimed comedian Dane Simpson. A proud Gamilaraay man, Dane has appeared on *Have You Been Paying Attention?*, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala and the hit Australian film *The Merger*. Known for his warm, relatable humour and sold-out shows across Australia and overseas, Dane brings his latest comedy show *Always Was, Always Will Be...Funny* to Echuca this August.

When: 7.30pm, Friday, 28 August

Where: Paramount Theatre, Echuca

Cost: \$15

Book now via

www.echucaparamount.com

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Nominate a veteran for the Echuca War Memorial Honour Roll

We're updating the Echuca War Memorial Honour Roll as part of new artwork at the memorial – and we need the community's help. If you know an Echuca-Moama-born veteran who served in any conflict, please consider nominating them. Nominations close Friday, 28 August.

2026 Campaspe Murray Business Awards - People's Choice

The finalists for the 2026 Campaspe Murray Business Awards have been announced. Visit the Now Open page to explore the finalists and cast your vote in the People's Choice category.

Milestone Celebration Grants

Eligible community groups can apply for funding from a total pool of \$100,000 for significant community celebrations that recognise local history, culture, achievements, landmarks or people of importance. These grants remain open until funding is exhausted.

For applications and projects that are open now, visit campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen



#myCampaspe photo competition

Show off what you love about where you live, work or visit and feature in the 2027 Campaspe Shire Calendar. All photos need to be taken in Campaspe Shire, must be high quality, up to 10mb. Each winning entry will receive \$100 and a month's coverage in the calendar. Entries close Friday, 25 September.



Retirees on the River - Seniors' Celebrations Echuca Moama

Local tourism and hospitality businesses are encouraged to get involved in this new 12 day initiative (7 - 18 September) by offering events, tours, dining specials and experiences to attract senior visitors, with registrations closing Sunday, 6 September.

Citizen of the Year awards

Nominate a local hero for Campaspe Shire's 2027 Citizen of the Year Awards. Celebrate individuals and groups making our communities stronger, kinder and more connected. Categories include Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Group of the Year. Nominations close Sunday, 1 November.

Riverboat Dock Mooring Site 1

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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

9 AUGUST

Four rinks contested Scrounge at Lockington Bowls Club on Wednesday with competitors enjoying the privilege of ideal playing conditions.

On rink one our Echuca visitor Bruce Haines set the game in action early in the match-up, on his way to a winning tally of 63 points and collecting the daily award for the top score.

In second place was the evergreen Russell Shawcross on 43 points while Peter "Eggsy" Egan managed 28.

Next door Pos Andrea was all over the kitty to score a handy 61 points and hold at bay Denise Gilmore a solid 41 points.

Third place went to Graham Turner with a comeback 34 points.

Rink three went to the other half of the Andrea clan where John Andrea grabbed the chocolates with a well compiled 60 points to lead home Neil Haines on 48 points followed by Jim Harris who had to retire injured on 28 points.

Speedy recovery "Jimbo".

On the final rink John "Roo" Fisher returned an elegant 51 points and won the rink narrowly from Club President John van den Bosch 48 points while Leon Laffy tried valiantly to tally 38 points.

On Saturday the bowlers were greeted by some eerie weather conditions but managed to play out the full game.

A small field contested the event producing some excellent scoring across the board.

Best score on the day belonged to Club Secretary Leanne McInnes with a total 60 points to earn the award from Pos Andrea 40 and Lorraine Appleby 39 points.

The other rink went to Ashley Dobell showing good pre-season pennant form scoring 46 points and winning ahead of John Andrea 38, Jim Harris 28 and John van den Bosch 25 points.

Another sociable day of bowls for all.

The Sixty and Over competition will commence the new season on Wednesday 2 September at the Elmore Bowling Club. Starting time is 11am.

16 AUGUST

Another suitable week of bowls at Lockington with promising numbers on both days for Scrounge.

The conditions on offer rewarded the high standard efficiency from all bowlers.

On Wednesday the in-form Echuca bowler Bruce Haines went back-to-back in scoring another day high tally of 62 points to eclipse the rink.

Rod Fiedler was second on 45 points followed by Lorraine Appleby scoring 33 points.

Next door Owen "Smiley" McPhee led the field home scoring a blistering 50 points while John Andrea was next best on 37 points while Ashley Dobell carved out a slim 28 points.

Jim Harris with his flaring knee problem had to retire on 25.

The final rink belonged to Russell Shawcross 42 points in a tight scoring game.

Pos Andrea finished on a gallant 36 with Peter Egan 29 just shading Neil Haines 28.

On Saturday bowlers arrived in fine conditions and true running greens.

On the T.V. rink Peter "Eggsy" Egan was in brilliant form with a display of immaculate draw bowling to amass a tally of 58 and win the rink from Rod Fiedlere 43 and John Andrea 39 pts.

On rink two Ray Hanson returned to his high standard of bowling in scoring 58 points and won the chocolates ahead of Owen McPhee close by on 52 points while Graham Turner had 31 on his return to bowling.

Ashley Dobell scored a neat 50 points to collect the goodies on rink three narrowly from Leon Laffy 49 points.

Lorraine Appley was a handy third with a total 40.

Rink four provided some skilful bowling ending in a close margin between the top two bowlers.

Steve Peter took out the honors with a solid 50 points just edging out Steve Pavone 47.

Jim Harris 23 followed by Natalie Mc Laughlin a grinding 19 points.

Lady members are reminded of a meeting on Thursday 20 August, scheduled for 1pm to discuss the Midweek Pennant teams.

Pinegrove Gun Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB NEWS

7 AUGUST – STABLEFORD / IVY KELLY TROPHY

There was a good field on 7 August with Lockington Golf Club players enjoying a rare winter's day of sunshine.



The Ivy Kelly Trophy was first contested in 1976 and this year saw a first-time winner; Fiona Newton was victorious with an excellent score of 38 points.

Fiona also won the Lockington Foodworks Player of the Day voucher. Pauline Humbert was next best with a very respectable 34 points. Nearest the Pin: Angela Bacon.

8 AUGUST - STROKE

Jason Wakefield was in outstanding form, returning the day's best score of 75-10-65 to win the Lockington Foodworks Player of the Day voucher.

He also won Division 1, while Simon Portwine played some super golf to finish with 86-18-68 to win Division 2.

Next best scores on the day were returned by Terry Thomas (69) and Tom Scurrah (72).

Nearest the Pin: 17th – David Shawcross; 2nd shot 12th – Terry Thomas, Simon Portwine, David Shawcross; 2nd shot 18th for the 6-pack smack – Neil Maddison.

Spike's Longest Drive on the 2nd, sponsored by Hot 'n' Cold Plumbing – Jason Wakefield, Simon Portwine, Jeff Carnie.

Neither the Echuca Hip Pocket eagles nest on the 3rd, nor Captain Grant's yardstick on the 16th was won, the yardstick has hit \$130.

Saturday's round was the 5th and last chance to qualify for the Gartside Cup Final (to be played on Saturday 22nd August), with Simon Portwine, Jeff Carnie and Mark Lyons all making it through, while Neil Maddison in on standby (again! – 3rd time).

Handicap Matchplay semi-final: Grant Humbert had to give 4-time champion Terry Thomas 8 shots in their contest, but began well with 3 pars to be 2-up after 3. In a quality match, Terry parred the 4th to win it, while both birdied the 5th to halve the hole.

The match then turned on its head when Terry played the next 5 holes only 1-over the card and won them all to surge to a 4-up lead. Grant stopped the rot by halving the 11th (with a par), but Terry won the 12th to have victory in his sights.

Grant won the 13th to have a flicker of hope, but Terry parred the 14th to seal a comprehensive 5 and 4 win.

He has progressed to the final, where he will play the winner of the semi-final between Kevin Humbert and Stuart Newton.

14 AUGUST – STABLEFORD

It was great to see new member Angela Bacon enjoy her first win at Locky, with a solid score of 30 points.

Annette Brereton was runner up with 28, and also won the nearest the pin.

15 AUGUST - STABLEFORD

Jeff Carnie played well to finish with 36 points and win the Privilege Cup, Locky Foodworks Player of the Day voucher and Division 2 honours.

Gary Milligan won Division 1 with his solid 34, with the day's next best scores recorded by Neil Maddison (33) and JD Wright (31).

Nearest the Pins: 3rd – Trav Mancer; 2nd shot 13th – Terry Thomas, Neil Maddison, JD Wright; 2nd shot 18th for the 6-pack smack – Grant Humbert.

Spike's Longest Drive on the 1st, sponsored by Hot 'n' Cold Plumbing – Grant Humbert, Darren Carnie, JD Wright.

Neither the Echuca Hip Pocket eagles nest on the 3rd, nor Captain Grant's yardstick on the 16th was won.

Stuart Newton defeated Kevin Humbert 4 and 3 in their Handicap Matchplay semi-final, and will play Terry Thomas in the final.

A number of Locky men have enjoyed the cream cake tour this year, travelling near and far to participate in district tournament fourballs.

They had been winless however, until Friday when Simon Portwine and Grant Humbert won Rushworth's fourball in a 4-way countback, their win all the more remarkable considering that they didn't score on the first 2 holes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 21 August – Bisque Bogey
- Saturday 22 August – Stroke – Gartside Cup Final – Monthly Medal
- Thursday 27 August – Joy Bickford Rose Bowl (Entries and enquiries to Pauline Humbert 0409 038 554 or lockingtongolfclub@gmail.com)



LOCKINGTON BAMAWM UNITED FOOTBALL/ NETBALL CLUB NEWS & RESULTS



LBU RESULTS

FOOTBALL - ROUND 18

SENIORS
LBU 20-10-130 DEFEATED 7-7-49 ELMORE

GOAL KICKERS
5 - J Collins
4 - B Hull
2 - B Collins, H Lahy, E Brentnall
1 - J O'Callaghan, B Trotman, N Smart, C Hinks, J Gardiner

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FOOTBALL - ROUND 18

RESERVES
LBU 18-21-129 DEFEATED 2-3-15 ELMORE

GOAL KICKERS
2 - J Jansen, S Byrnes, T McCoomb, H Peris, S Trice
1 - N Condliffe, J Haines, K Baker, S Dobson, R Carr, C Smith, M Cooper, N Turner

AWARDS
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LBU RESULTS

FOOTBALL - ROUND 18

UNDER 15s
LBU 7-4-46 DEFEATED 4-6-30 LGFNC

GOAL KICKERS
1 - C Cook, L Carmichael, P Kenna, H Sharp

AWARDS
Intersport Echuca - J Dobson
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NETBALL - ROUND 18

UNDER 17s
LBU 55 - 34 ELMORE
Best On Award: Ivy Giorgianni (Intersport Echuca)
Coaches Award: Jane Fish (Revive Echuca)

UNDER 15s
LBU 51 - 18 ELMORE
Best On: Haddie Christian (Intersport Echuca)
Coaches Award: Riley Chambers (Revive Echuca)

UNDER 13s
LBU 41 - 11 ELMORE
Best On: Elsie Stevens (Intersport Echuca)
Coaches Award: Heidi Mitchell (Gravity Shack)

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NETBALL - ROUND 18

A GRADE
LBU 43 - 55 ELMORE
Best On: Rebecca Eade (Hip Pocket + Mug)
Coaches Award: Sarah Eade (Lockington Hotel)

A RESERVE
LBU 35 - 35 ELMORE
Best On: Reme Christian (Echuca Meats + Mug)
Coaches Award: Kiara Duncan (Lockington Hotel)

B GRADE
LBU 38 - 42 ELMORE
Best On: Kyndalin Smith (Echuca Meats + Mug)
Coaches Award: Hannah Thornton (Caledonian Hotel)

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LBU 78 - 41 ELMORE
Best On: Kaili Biggs (Echuca Meats + Mug)
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A Grade - Sarah Eade
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B Grade - Kyndalin Smith
B Reserve - Kaili Biggs
Under 17s - Cadence Major
Under 15s - Sadie Laffy
Under 13s - Marli Bloomfield

LBU RESULTS

ELIMINATION FINAL

SENIORS
LBU 18-15-123 DEFEATED 13-6-84 HEATHCOTE

GOAL KICKERS
5 - T Leech
4 - B Hull
3 - N Smart
2 - J Collins, B Stone
1 - B Trotman, J Mundie

AWARDS
Caledonian Hotel - P Keele
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LBU RESULTS

QUALIFYING FINAL

RESERVES
LBU 11-12-78 DEFEATED 6-3-39 HUNTLY

GOAL KICKERS
5 - J Jansen
4 - H Peris
1 - Joel Felmingham, T Coutts

AWARDS
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LBU RESULTS
QUALIFYING FINAL

UNDER 18s
LBU 6-8-44 DEFEATED BY 8-8-56 MOUNTS

GOAL KICKERS
3 - J Alberni
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LBU RESULTS
QUALIFYING FINAL

UNDER 15s
LBU 8-7-55 DEFEATED 6-2-38 RUNNYMEDE

GOAL KICKERS
2 - F Hughes,
P Kenna
1 - C Cook, Hayden Keele,
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LBU RESULTS
NETBALL
QUALIFYING FINAL

UNDER 17s
LBU 35 - 54 WHITE HILLS

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Articles can also be left at the Fuel Desk at Lockington District Business Centre outside these hours.

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WHAT'S ON *Weekly*

Monday

9am: Strength & Balance Class @ Bush Nursing Centre

10am: Casual Art Class @ The Plumber's Shed

9.30am: Social Pickle Ball @ Bamawm Sports Centre. Ph 0458 548 622.

5.30pm – 6.30pm: Tai Chi @ Bush Nursing Centre

Tuesday

10 - 11am FREE Chair Yoga @ Bush Nursing Centre

10am: Men's Shed @ Business Centre Complex

7pm: Ukulele Group @ Business Centre

7pm: Barefoot Bowls

Wednesday

9am: Strength & Balance Class @ Bush Nursing Centre

9.30am - 4.30pm: Podiatrist Nicole Hocking @ Bush Nursing Centre Ph 54 86 2544 to book.

9.30am – 12 noon: Community Garden Group

9.30am – 11.30am: Lockington Playgroup @ St James Church Hall. Ph Tegan 0400 754 116.

1pm for 1.30pm start: Lockington Bowls Club - Scrounge (weather permitting)

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

5 - 6.15pm - Yoga @ Bush Nursing Centre (Term 3: Wednesdays 29 July - 23 September).

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

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

Thursday

10am: Social Activity Day @ Bush Nursing Centre

1pm: Bingo at the Rochester Senior Citizens Club Rooms. All welcome.

Physio with Nick @ Bush Nursing Centre - bookings essential Ph 54 800 860

Saturday

1pm for 1.30pm start: Lockington Bowls Club - Scrounge (weather permitting)

Sunday

1pm - 4pm: Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex open

WHAT'S ON *Monthly*

FIRST WEEK

Sunday

Pine Grove Gun Club - Simulated Field & Game

Tuesday

Combined Churches prayer meeting - 10am St James Community Church

FoodShare - 1pm to 3pm at Heritage Complex

Wednesday

Action Club Dinner - 7.30pm at Club Rooms

Thursday

Landcare Meeting - 7pm Locky Business Centre (even months)

SECOND WEEK

Monday

Heritage Complex Meeting - 7.30pm at the Complex (no January or July meeting)

Wednesday

Lions Club Dinner Meeting - 7pm Heritage Complex

Thursday

Milloo CWA - 10am - Milloo Hall (not Dec or Jan)

Cuppa Connection (Plumbers Shed) - 10 to 11.30am.

Friday

Social Indoor Bowls - 7.30pm Bamawm Ext Hall.

Saturday

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

THIRD WEEK

Monday

Lockington Senior Citizens (3rd Monday of the month) - 10.15am at Club Rooms.

Town Planning Meeting - Every 2nd month, 7.30pm Business Centre

Wednesday

Action Club Activity Night at Club Rooms - Ph 0417 899 806 or 0409 259 723 for details.

FOURTH WEEK

Wednesday

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting - 7.30pm Heritage Complex