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LOCKY NEWS

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KOTTA HALL CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY IN STYLE

The iconic Kotta Hall's Centenary celebrations kicked off on Friday night, 9 October with a barbecue dinner, followed by a very well attended bush/old time dance.

It was difficult to get an accurate count because of the constant movement but an estimated 150 adults and children were there.

As usual many children just played outside for most of the night; the appearance of a snake in the car park caused some extra excitement!

Saturday, 10 October was the big event, a Birthday Party for the Hall, brilliantly catering by the Lockington Pony Club.

Some locals conducted a panel interview, discussing the venue's rich history.

George Bradley spoke about running the post office and telephone exchange; John Nicholson explained the difficulties of courting his future wife from Rochester; James Yosiffidis also talked about the culture shock of courting Jesse Hardess from Kotta and making the transition to become a local, very successfully!

Xavier Johnson brought everyone up to date with modern courting customs and terminology; and all of the courting talk was very entertaining.

The honour of cutting the birthday cake was given to local historian, David Hammond, who was also giving away the souvenir "Temu version" of the recently published book 'Kotta 3565, A Social History'.

The full size version is imminent. Watch this space! The book was made possible by the sponsorship support of the Community Bank - Elmore, Lockington & Rochester.

A remarkable display of photos and memorabilia was presented in the hall by sisters-in-law, Lorelle and Cheree Christian. Many visitors appreciated the effort to put this together. Comedian Monica Dullard, born and raised in Kotta, gave a very amusing performance which included her trade mark prop, a step thru Honda motorbike on the stage!

Monica included many of the present crowd in her summary of life in Kotta over the years. And the food and afternoon tea just kept coming!

On Sunday, 11 October the long-awaited fun run and official opening of The Kotta Rail Trail was conducted by Neil Haines, representing Kotta, and Des Pentreath for Lockington. Neil then participated in the fun run on his electric scooter! (Only came middle of the field though).

The Lockington Lions Club cooked a barby lunch at the finish line which was much appreciated.

Music was a feature of the festivities and each of the participating groups were fabulous - The Billabong Bushies on Friday night; The Locky Ukers on Saturday afternoon; and at Sunday lunch time on the Railway Station Platform - The Healers, Kotta's first open air rock concert.

Overall, a fabulous weekend of celebration, commemoration, community, conversation and fun.



LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

We have reached April 1914, as we look back at the newspapers to learn what was happening in our district.

On the local scene, on 2 April 1914, the Echuca and Moama Advertiser and Farmers' Gazette reported that Mr. William Rigby, one of the best-known farmers in the Wanurp/Tennyson district, had accepted a position as manager of Mr Hagelthorn's estate at Pakenham.

On 5 April, the Rochester Express reported that Mr McKenzie, referred to as "the late Minister of Lands," was among a number of prominent people who signified their intention of attending the Ballendella picnic and sports to be held on Easter Monday 13 April 1914, on Mrs Rake's grounds.

It was hoped that this, their third annual picnic and sports gathering, would be the greatest ever held at Ballendella. The intention was to raise funds for the erection of a Settlers' Hall, and considerable support had already been shown by Rochester trades-people in making large and costly donations.

On 10 April, the Rochester Express had a lengthy report from their Ballendella correspondent, noting that a new school committee had been appointed there. At its most recent meeting, this committee had been advised that the head teacher, Mr Bernoth, would be leaving the district to take up another position. He was wished success and pleasure in his new home and work.

The Express also noted that on Sunday, 5 April, at the Ballendella Church of England, Mr W. Foster opened ministry over the districts of Ballendella, Bamawm, and Warragamba. In the future, he would have sole charge of these congregations, and would be responsible for the work undertaken there.

At this stage, more than a year had gone by since the passing of the Bill to provide for the construction of the railway line from Cohuna to Elmore, but commencement of work had been delayed by formalities.

At last, these had been addressed and, on 18 April, the Elmore Standard announced that work on the railway was commencing.

An item in the Bendigonian on 7 April 1914, had stated that large supplies of sleepers and railway material were then being unloaded at Elmore, and it was reported that a start had actually been made at the point of junction of the Bendigo line.

A report was current at Elmore and Rochester that the Railway Department expected to have 25 miles of the line completed by next wheat harvest, in order to accommodate the farmers through Tennyson and on as far as Pine Grove.

While this was encouraging for residents this far along the line, the writer went on to urge that the Government make an effort to hasten the progress of the line to Cohuna, "in view of the great privations the district had so long and patiently borne for want of it."

On 17 April 1914, the Kerang New Times reported that all the notices in connection with the Elmore-Cohuna railway had now been served by the Trust, and there should be nothing to prevent immediate operations. It was expected that, during the coming week, between 300 and 400 men would be engaged on the first section of the line.

A small gang was already at work, preparing the ground for the junction interlocking and siding. Large quantities of sleepers were constantly arriving, and it was estimated that over 100,000 were already stacked in the Elmore station yards.

The district continued to lose its early pioneers. On 25 April 1914, the Elmore Standard announced that Mr James Watson, of Tennyson, had died at his home "Beanley Park," on 18 April, aged 82 years. Mr Watson was born in Celerdyke, Fifeshire, Scotland, and started for Australia in the ill-fated vessel "John Talair", of the White Star line.

When near Lumby Island, the vessel struck rocks and was sinking fast. A great number of the passengers jumped and took their chances in a rough sea, but only 130 of the 600 on board the vessel reached land.

Later that year, Mr Watson landed in Australia and, after following up his trade as stone mason for some time, started to the gold fields. He took up land at Tennyson in 1874, and was one of the earliest contractors in then Echuca shire.

Mr Watson resided in Tennyson for over forty years, and was held in high esteem. He left a widow and a grown-up family of four daughters and three sons to mourn their loss. The funeral took place to the Pine Grove Cemetery on 19 April, over sixty vehicles following the hearse.

In happier news, as reported by the Express on 5 May, Tennyson residents were invited to the local school on 24 April 1914, to celebrate 'Discovery Day' with a special programme of recitations, reading and songs.

An essay competition was held, the subject being 'Settlement of Tennyson,' and the winning entries were read by the successful competitors.

First prize was awarded to Eldred Cox, and the second prize was won by Jessie McIntyre. [The prize-winning essays were published in full by the Express and make very interesting reading.]

Lectures on the discoveries of Captain Cook and Matthew Flinders were given by the head teacher, Miss Elsie Fullarton.

'Bye until next time,

- Marg O'Brien

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Twelve members of the Locky Ukers shared their talent and time, entertaining the REDHS aged care residents, patients from the hospital's Acute Ward and members of the Social Support Group.

The popular event (there wasn't a spare seat in the house) was made possible by the combined input of the REDHS Lifestyle and Social Support teams as well as the Service's Aged Care and Catering staff.



LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY
CUPPA CONNECTION



*Thankyou for
such a delicious
morning tea
Congratulations
to the cooks and
Hostesses
I guess the Guys
played a part in
setting up tables etc
Thankyou too
Team*

Lockington Neighbourhood House's Cuppa Connection Team was feeling all of the warm and fuzzies after receiving this gorgeous note from one of our regular guests at the October get-together.

Wharparilla Lodge Aged Care facility travels to Lockington each month to participate in Cuppa Connection, bringing along a group of residents who travel by bus from Echuca to enjoy Lockington's renown friendship and camaraderie.

It's lovely to know that the residents enjoy coming as much as we enjoy seeing their smiling faces.

The Wharparilla Lodge guests have particularly benefitted from the recent installation of a ramp which optimises all abilities access to The Plumber's Shed.



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COMMUNITY

NEW SALVATION ARMY OUTREACH OFFICER AVAILABLE IN LOCKY



The Salvation Army's Campaspe Hub has appointed a new Community Outreach Officer to service the Lockington district.

Barb Kissell is encouraging locals who could benefit from the Salvation Army's services to make contact.

"Lockington is a focus of the Campaspe Hub and we want to ensure the people in this region are aware that assistance is available if they are in need," Barb said.

"My role is to provide a connection point in the first instance and help people to link in with the services they need," she explained.

Barb can be contacted via email at Barbara.kissell@salvationarmy.org.au

Alternately, Lockington Neighbourhood House can assist with making contact.

All inquiries are confidential and face to face meetings in Lockington can be arranged.

For further information about the wide range of services and support available through The Salvation Army, visit the organisation's website www.salvationarmy.org.au

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Lockington Community Care Committee Inc.

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday 10 November 2026
Lockington Men's Shed @ 7.30pm

Lockington Hall Committee Inc.

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 27 October

Pine Grove Recreation Reserve

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 22 October
7pm @ The Reserve



Lockington District
Business Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 26 October

OUR PUB COUNTS DOWN TO LOCKTOBERFEST

Who is Locky's best yodeller? That and many other questions will be answered at Lockington Community Hotel's unique version of the famous German beer festival – Locktoberfest – on Saturday, 31 October from 6pm.

Get ready for a great night of fun, music, food and plenty of Locktoberfest spirit, including live music and food trucks, beer steins and an abundance of giveaways, raffles and competitions.

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LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS

Lockington Consolidated School's Year 5/6 students recently enjoyed a fantastic four-day adventure in Melbourne, staying at Urban Camp in Royal Park.

For some students, the excitement began before we even arrived, with their very first train journey!

The four days were packed with wonderful experiences, new challenges and plenty of fun. Students explored some of Melbourne's most iconic attractions, including the Shrine of Remembrance, Parliament House and the State Library.

A visit to the 88th floor of Eureka Skydeck provided spectacular views across Melbourne, while an exciting virtual experience showcased some of Victoria's amazing attractions. Another highlight was a tour of the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and a visit to the Australian Sports Museum.

Students enjoyed exploring the history of Australian sport and getting a behind-the-scenes look at one of the country's most famous sporting venues. A particularly memorable moment was when some of our students had the opportunity to sing the LBU Football Club song in the AFL change rooms!

Students also travelled by tram to St Kilda Beach, where an afternoon ice cream was a welcome treat! Other highlights included shopping at the Queen Victoria Market, ten-pin bowling and laser tag.

We even managed to contribute to a NASA research project by collecting tree data, giving students the opportunity to participate in some real-world scientific research. The fun didn't stop when we returned to Urban Camp each evening. Students enjoyed a disco, trivia night and a relaxing movie night, complete with popcorn!

While the camp was certainly filled with fun and excitement, it also provided valuable opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom. Many of the experiences complemented our school curriculum, particularly in the areas of History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship.

Equally important were the opportunities for personal growth. Students developed their independence, self-care skills, responsibility and resilience as they navigated new environments, learnt to use Melbourne's train and tram networks and managed the challenges of being away from home.

These are valuable life skills that extend well beyond the classroom. We were extremely proud of the way our students embraced new experiences, supported one another and represented our school throughout the four days.

A very special thank you must go to our wonderful parent helpers, who generously gave up four days of work and their own time to support our camp program. Your care, supervision, encouragement and willingness to help in so many ways were greatly appreciated. We are incredibly grateful for your contribution in making this experience possible.

Our Melbourne camp was a wonderful combination of learning, adventure, friendship and growing independence, and we are sure the students have returned home with many special memories and stories to share! - **Lisa Duffy**





Notice of AGM

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM") of Lockmore Financial Services Limited (ABN 41 106 113 599) will be held at Rochester & Elmore District Health Services on Thursday 29 October.

Attendees are asked to meet in the main foyer of REDHS at 7:00pm, where we will begin with a walking tour of Community Bank Place - an exciting new staff accommodation initiative proudly supported by Lockmore Financial Services.

Following the tour, formal AGM proceedings will commence at approximately 7:45pm in Function Room 2.

Meeting's Business

1. To receive and consider the Financial Statements and the reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 30 June 2026.
2. To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the retirement of Director Bradley Adrian Drust.
3. To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the election of the below directors as an ordinary resolution:
 - Marshal Jon Jacobs
 - Kayla Maree Bradley

To RSVP, or to receive a posted copy of the Annual Report free of charge, please contact Company Secretary, Lauren Ross
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REDHS News

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Topics of meeting include;

- Annual Report
- Years of Service
- New Healthcare Initiatives



MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2026



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
OCTOBER

- 17 Lockington Action Club Wool Off Day
- 18 Waterwheel Classic Fours Bowls Tournament
- 21 Centrelink Outreach Officer Visit
- 22 Pinegrove Recreation Reserve AGM
- 22 International Day of Rural Women Ladies Lunch
- 26 Lockington Business Centre AGM
- 27 Lockington Hall Committee AGM
- 29 Lockmore Financial AGM
- 31 Tennyson Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 1 Campaspe Shire Citizen of the Year Nominations close



Lockington Hall
Committee Inc.

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY
CASSEROLE LUNCHEON**

Keep an eye out
for this year’s date

FOCUS ON FOOD SECURITY

Healthy Loddon Campaspe and Campaspe Shire Council have released the Campaspe Food Systems Roadmap.

The Roadmap sets out a vision for a resilient, inclusive and sustainable food system that supports local producers, improves health and wellbeing and ensures equitable access to fresh, healthy food across Campaspe Shire.

The 2025 Active Living Census found 22% of Campaspe respondents reported low to very low food security, compared with 18% across the Loddon Campaspe region.

The Roadmap has been developed through community engagement, evidence review and stakeholder collaboration and provides a framework to guide a collective approach to strengthening Campaspe Shire’s food system.

**LOCKY NEWS UPCOMING
PUBLICATION DATES**

Edition 1049

25 October - Copy Deadline (10am)
29 October - Publication Day
Duty Volunteer - Sheree Tobin

Edition 1050

8 November - Copy Deadline (10am)
12 November - Publication Day
Duty Volunteer - Melissa Gowler



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October is Mental Health Month, a time to raise awareness, reduce stigma and encourage open conversations about mental health and wellbeing.

This year's theme, Together We Thrive, highlights the importance of connection, belonging, kindness and looking out for one another.

It's a reminder that supporting mental wellbeing is something we can all contribute to through meaningful conversations, small acts of kindness and creating spaces where people feel heard and supported.

World Mental Health Day was observed on 10 October and recognised the value of lived experience and the importance of listening to people with personal experience of mental health challenges when shaping services, supports and decisions.

BE VIGILANT AROUND MOSQUITOS

Recent heavy rain across the Loddon Mallee has created favourable conditions for mosquito breeding.

It therefore comes as no surprise that mosquito numbers are expected to increase as temperatures continue to rise.

Increased mosquito activity can also increase the risk of mosquito-borne diseases, including Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, Japanese encephalitis and Murray Valley encephalitis.

Simple protective measures include using mosquito repellent containing DEET or picaridin, wearing long, loose-fitting clothing and removing stagnant water from around homes and properties.

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA RISK

Grass pollen season in Victoria runs from 1 October to 31 December, bringing an increased risk of epidemic thunderstorm asthma.

Thunderstorm asthma can occur when high grass pollen levels combine with certain thunderstorm conditions.

People with current, past or undiagnosed asthma, or springtime hay fever, can be at increased risk.

People at risk should ensure their asthma and hay fever are well managed, take preventative medication as prescribed and carry their reliever medication.

The Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma Risk Forecast is available through VicEmergency, with three-day forecasts updated daily throughout grass pollen season.

FROM OUR CHURCHES

Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

St. Mary's Lockington

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18 October: 11am Lockington
25 November: 10am Rochester 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 begins at 10am, zoomed from the following churches:-

18 October: Elmore UCA
25 October: Tongala Respect Aged Care

Zoom connection is available every week via
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Via Phone 03 7018 2005 Meeting ID 826 6681 8761 Password 22# Ray
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From The Scriptures 1048

Ephesians 3 v 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,



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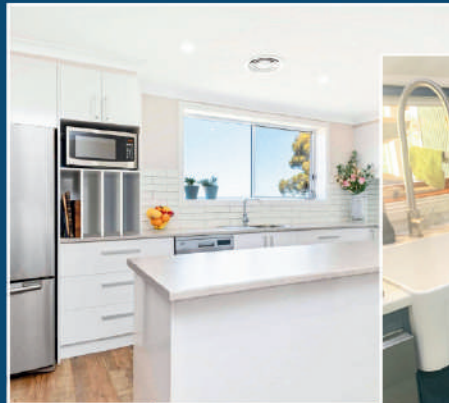
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EVENTS CALENDAR

15 October
Campaspe Shire
Seniors Concert in
Lockington

21 October
Centrelink Officer Visit
to Lockington

22 October
International Day
of Rural Women
Ladies' Lunch

12 November
Cuppa Connection

12 November
LaTrobe University
Healthy Towns
Outreach Program

25 November
16 Days of Activism
commences

10 December
Cuppa Connection -
Christmas celebration

17 December
Neighbourhood House
Last day for 2026

17 December
Community Carols &
Christmas Market

EXCITING COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION INCOMING



Lockington Neighbourhood House will co-ordinate a Christmas Celebration in partnership with this year's Lockington Community Carols on Thursday, 17 December.

Neighbourhood House has secured a Festive Grant via Campaspe Shire Council.

The funding will enable a family-friendly program of activities to be staged at Lions/Apex Park, alongside the Carols Program.

The highlight will be a giant inflatable water slide from The Zone in Bendigo.

The Port Ice Creamery will also have its mobile van on site and the Lions Club of Lockington will provide a barbecue dinner.

"Thanks to the generosity of Campaspe Shire we will be able to offer the barbecue, ice creams and water slide at no cost to attendees," Lockington Neighbourhood House Co-ordinator Tanya McDermott said.

"Historically the Carols Program falls on a hot day – last year we encountered extreme temperatures – so we've planned a program that factors in these challenges.

"We have also scheduled a Christmas Market which will start a little later and hopefully avoid the hottest part of the day," she added.

Applications are now being accepted from stallholders who would like to be a part of the Market.

For inquiries or further information, contact Lockington Neighbourhood House.



NEW BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITY AT BUSINESS CENTRE

Lockington District Business Centre now has a dedicated battery recycling point.

The Ecobatt mixed battery recycling facility is a one-stop shop for standard household batteries and accepts the following items:-

- All alkaline batteries
- Easily removable Lithium-ion batteries (single cells)
- All button cell batteries
- Power tool batteries
- E-bike/e-scooter batteries less than 5kg
- NiMH batteries
- Mobile phones

Where possible, residents are asked to tape battery points for added safety before depositing.

Look for the lime green collection cyclinder (pictured) which is located inside the Lockington Business Centre building, near the public access computer.



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Q Fever Vaccine Expression of Interest

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from the community for a **Q Fever vaccination clinic**. This clinic is in the development stage but would be expected for November. The expected out of pocket expense for this clinic is \$145 which includes two visiting GP consultations, pre-vaccine screening and vaccine costs. Please respond early if interested as this clinic will be limited to 20 spaces.

- Q fever is an infectious disease that is spread from animals to humans.
- Q fever can cause long-term complications including chronic fatigue which can last for many years and heart disease.
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The clinic would be held over two days as the Q fever vaccine requires **Pre-vaccination screening**. People must have both serum antibody testing (blood test) and a skin test before Q fever vaccination. The pre-vaccination screening clinic will be held the week before the vaccination clinic.

Improvements Take Shape

We are already enjoying the benefits of the Centre upgrades and are settling comfortably into our refreshed space. The flooring project has now been completed, bringing both aesthetic and practical improvements. A few final touches remain, but we do not anticipate any disruption to the delivery of services as this work is completed.

A sincere thanks to all of our trades who have worked so closely with us to maintain continuity of service during the delivery of this project. We truly appreciate the support and expertise of the trades that have supported us during this journey who include:

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AGM Update

Thank you to all those who supported our Annual General Meeting and huge thank you to Owen Lyons for his engaging run down on his life in the police force. If you would like a copy of our 2025/26 Annual Report is available at the Centre.



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Project update

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Campaspe Artists in Residence

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited for the new Campaspe Artists in Residence (CAIR) program, which offers artists, curators and creative researchers dedicated time to develop their practice while connecting with the Campaspe region. Open to all career stages and disciplines, the program encourages community engagement and place-based creative exploration. EOIs are open until Friday, 30 October.

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.

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. Grants will remain open until funding is exhausted.

SPARK Arts and Cultural Grants

The SPARK – Arts & Cultural Grants Program offers grants from \$5,000 up to \$10,000 to support artists, creative practitioners, arts groups and community organisations to develop and deliver new ideas, artworks and experiences that reflect the rich cultural identity of Campaspe Shire. Applications open Monday, 19 October and will close Friday, 20 November.

Immunisation survey

Complete our quick survey and help us understand what's working well and where we can improve our immunisation service. Survey closes Tuesday, 20 October.



Free Halloween Youth Disco

Council's Youth Action Group will host a free Halloween Disco at La Porchetta Echuca on Friday, 30 October from 6:30pm-9pm. This event is open to ages 12 to 17 years and will feature a DJ, face painting, a photo booth, free snacks and drinks, and prizes for the best dressed/costume. Register for free at www.trybooking.com/DPSPA



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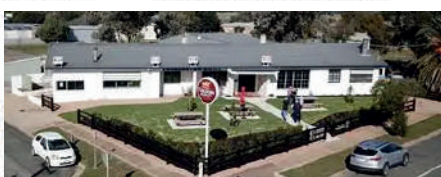


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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

4 OCTOBER

It was a rather hectic week on the Lockington Bowling Club greens; on Friday evening the Club held its official Opening Day.

Presidents John van den Bosch and Margaret Dowie welcomed all present and wished everyone a happy and successful season of bowls.

The respective Club Champions performed the official duties as Leanne McInnes rolled the first kitty and Dave Thomas delivered the first bowl to officially start the season.

Last Thursday the ladies held a successful 3-Bowl Triples Tournament attracting 14 teams representing Clubs including Eaglehawk, Echuca, Calivil, Cohuna Golf, Elmore, Deniliquin RSL, Dingee, Kilmore, Lockington, Mathoura, Rochester and Tongala.

Tournament Secretary Kathi Maddison thanked all involved in making the day a huge success: Cindy Felmingham for the office assistance; the greens staff plus the bar person; Pauline Humbert was acknowledged for co-ordinating the day and provided the Raffle.

Top honours went to Rhonda Gallagher, Lisa Humphries and Pam Lewis (s) from Echuca with 18 ends. Runners Up were another Echuca trio comprising Sue Wright, Jill Young, Joan Dovaston (s) on 17 ends.

Spider: Lisa Humphries; Roll to the Ditch: Corrie Holmberg (Elmore); special raffle winners included Margaret Dowie, Jenny Sutherland, Betty Ozzols, Gaye Goodwin, Jo Chique, Ellie Vretenburg, Terrill Westwood, Jenny O'Shea and Sue Wright.

The presentations were conducted by Margaret Dowie and Glenda Nichol from sponsor Nichol Trading - Rochester. Nichol Trading has been a valued long-term supporter of this tournament.

Saturday was Opening Day for the Campaspe Area Weekend Pennant competition.

In a blistering start to the season all Lockington teams were successful, playing some extraordinary bowls.

Division Three travelled to Deniliquin and returned home with all rinks up and a 83-37 victory. (Steve Peter d. L Ritchie 25-10; Dave Thomas d. K Salter 26-17; L McInnes d. H Anderson 32-10).

Division Four proved too strong for the Ky Valley View opposition, winning all rinks to take out a decisive 85-36 win.



Pictured: (above) The Lockington Bowls Club Ladies 3-Bowls Triples Tournament winning team from Echuca – skipped by Rhonda Gallagher & below the Runners-up, skipped by Jill Young with sponsor Glenda Nichol.



(J van den Bosch d. K Black 20-15; L Buchanan d. B Brown 21-10; Denise Gilmore d. K Topp 44-11 (including a massive eight).

Division Six journeyed to Rochester to do battle and won both games with a 43-24 victory. (N Haines d. G Houlahan 23-15; K Stout d. E Hall 20-9).

It was very pleasing to have new bowlers playing their first game of Pennant; welcome to the Club - Sharon Smith, Alan Sharp, Keifer Haines and Clinton McKee. All bowlers acquitted themselves well.

The Club will host the time-honored Waterwheel Classic Fours tournament on Sunday 18 October from 9.30am.

This is a Gold Letter event. Contact Cindy Felmingham 0427 849232, Rod Fiedler 0429 887 220 or John van den Bosch 0417 999144 for entries. The field is filling fast.

Club members welcome the news that Andrew Harris has returned home from medical treatment in Melbourne and trust that it is not too long before Andy is back on the green.

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11 OCTOBER

In most sports a week can make a big difference and there was a stark contrast in this week's Lockington Bowls Club Pennant results compared to week one.

Division Three challenged the might of Kyabram and managed just the one rink win to lose 56-65. (Dave Thomas lost to P Denham 17-20; Steve Peter d. J Brown 29-10; Leanne McInnes l.t. W Chambers 10-35). Division Four played Kyabram and lost the game 41-65 and one rink in front. (Ray Hanson l.t. R Harrison 12-20; John van den Bosch l.t. D Perri 5-27; Denise Gilmore d. G Coad 24-18 after trailing 7-14 on 16 ends before picking up eleven shots in two ends and winning the game.).

Division Six managed to keep the flag flying for the club as they defeated Stanhope 39-34 and shared the rinks. (Neil Haines l.t. M Hawkes 20-21; K Stout d. A Trist 19-13). Division Six retained top position on the ladder.

In the Midweek Pennant played on Tuesday, both Division Three and Division Four hosted their respective Moama opponents at home. Division Three lost a close contest 52-66 and one rink victorious. (Steve Peter l.t. S Cunningham 13-18; Russell Shawcross l.t. P Whitlock 14-35; Dave Thomas d. S Connolly 25-13). Division Four met with similar fate in their match against Moama, losing 37-43 and victory on one rink. (John van den Bosch l.t. M Meulenkamp 16-26; Denise Gilmore d. B Scott 21-17).

Lockington hosted the weekly Sixty & Over competition on Wednesday attracting 30 teams (120 bowlers). Local success was limited, however, a couple of our members playing for the winning rinks.

LOCKINGTON GOLF CLUB NEWS - Annual Award Winners



The 2026 Lockington Golf Club season has come to a close and members have enjoyed social gatherings to celebrate the season.

On 2 October the ladies gathered at Lockington Hotel for a delicious lunch and to acknowledge the season's winners:-

Club Champion – Sue Harris (inaugural winner of the Nett title).

Annie Stewart Putting Champion – Sue Harris.

Mary Robins Trophy – Jenny Holt.

Ivy Kelly Tray – Fiona Newton.

Mona Hewlett Trophy - winner Jenny Holt (94), runner-up Pauline Humbert 93.

Dolly Henderson Trophy (best nett for the season) – Annette Brereton 87-17-70 on a countback from Sue Harris and Jenny Holt.

On 3 October, Presentation Night was held at the Clubhouse, with members enjoying a delicious spread of casseroles, followed by scrumptious ice cream from Augustus Gelatery Echuca, thanks to Ash and Cindy Portwine.

Winners included:-

Club Champion – Grant Humbert (title number 27).

B Grade Champion – Andrew Harris.

A Grade Nett Champion – Jason Wakefield.

B Grade Nett Champion – Tony Brooke (also the best nett aggregate for the Championships).

Veterans Champion – Tony Brooke.

Gartside Cup – Ian Maddison (c/b Andy Freemantle).

Matchplay Champion – Terry Thomas (title number 5) defeated Stuart Newton.

St Andrews Trophy – Grant Humbert.

Wedgie Trophy – Ron Dixon.

Monthly Medalists Final – Ian Maddison.

Most Saturday Competition wins – Steve Holt (5).

Wayne Angove Memorial Most Consistent Trophy (average of best 7 stroke rounds): equal 5th Jeff Carnie, Ian Maddison 72.9; 3rd – Grant Humbert 71.9; 2nd – Jason Wakefield 71.4; winner – Kevin Humbert 69.7.

This is the 11th time that Kevin has won this trophy, the first was way back in 1977, 49 years ago.

Cyril & Mary Robins Perpetual Stableford Trophy (aggregate of best 4 stableford rounds): equal 2nd, all on 140 – Ron Dixon, Kevin Humbert, Trav Mancer, Stuart Newton, JD Wright; winner – Grant Humbert 141.

George McMinn Perpetual Par Trophy (aggregate of best 3 par rounds): 5th Tom Scurrah square; equal 3rd – Jeff Carnie, Jason Wakefield +1; 2nd – Grant Humbert +2; winner – Steve Holt +3 (4th win).

Eclectic Trophy: equal 4th – Ian Maddison, Stuart Newton 56.5; 3rd – Steve Holt 56; 2nd – Jason Wakefield 54; winner – Grant Humbert 53.5.

All members are warmly invited to the Club's AGM, to be held on Tuesday 17 November, 8pm at the Clubhouse.

Notices of Motion must be submitted to Darren Carnie by Saturday 7 November.



NEW LIFE MEMBERS INDUCTED

Rich River Campdraft Club presented two Life Membership buckles at its recent Lockington event.

The awards acknowledged the outstanding contribution of passionate members Tony Stevens and Peter Eade.

Tony was recognised for his long-standing commitment, quiet work, leadership and support provided to the Club over many years.

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Locky News encourages contributed items from the community.

Individuals, organisations and groups with items, photographs or events of interest may email editor@lockynews.com.au or drop in to the Lockington Neighbourhood House office during opening hours (8.30am to 5pm Tues, Wed & Thurs).

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

Please note that contributed items may be edited as deemed necessary or dictated by the available space.

The copy deadline for contributed items is 10am on the Monday prior to publication but the earlier you are able to provide the content the better.

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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
(NOTE no classes over September holidays).

Tuesday

10am: Men's Shed @ Business Centre Complex

10am-3pm: Sewing Group at Lockington Bush Nursing Centre

Lockington FoodShare

7pm: Ukulele Group @ Business Centre

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

Friday

10am-2pm: Sewing Group at Lockington Bush Nursing Centre

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

Free Community Lunch & FoodShare - 12 noon 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.

Friday

Kotta Fire Brigade Community Barbecue 6.30pm

FOURTH WEEK

Wednesday

Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting - 7.30pm Heritage Complex