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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY BANK
Same Commitment To Lockington, A New Way Of Banking

For more than 22 years, Community Bank Lockington has been proud to be part of our community.

In that time, together with our Elmore and Rochester branches, we've contributed more than $4 million back into the communities we call home.

But banking has changed a lot in those 22 years. When we first opened our doors, we were dealing with cheques, passbooks and visiting your local branch. Fast forward to today, and our customers are using internet banking, digital wallets and even cryptocurrency!



The way our customers choose to bank and interact with us has changed enormously. And as a locally owned Community Bank, we need to evolve too - making sure we're meeting the needs of our customers and community, both now and as long into the future as possible.

So, what's changing? We're making some adjustments to our Lockington branch opening hours.

From Monday, 30 November, 2026 our Lockington branch will be open:-

Monday: 9.30am to 1pm
Thursday: 9.30am to 1pm
Friday: 9.30am to 1pm

While this means fewer hours behind the counter, it doesn't mean less time dedicated to our customers and community. Quite the opposite!

These changes will give our team greater flexibility to get out from behind the counter and into the community - attending local events, catching up with the community groups we've proudly supported over the years, and meeting customers where it suits them.

Whether that's around the kitchen table on the farm, at your business or somewhere else that's convenient, we want to make banking with us as personal and accessible as possible.

What's not changing?

Our people. We're not reducing our staff numbers or their working hours. The same friendly, familiar faces will still be here to help you.

Our dedication to personal service. We understand how important it is for our customers to have access to real people who genuinely care. That's why we're keeping our Lockington branch open and ensuring our team remains available to provide the personal, local banking service our customers know and value.

Our commitment to Lockington. As a Community Bank, we're different from other banks. Up to 80% of the profits we generate are returned to our local communities through grants, sponsorships and other community investments. That's how we've been able to contribute more than $4 million over the years, and it's something we're incredibly proud of.

We know that having access to local banking services matters, particularly in small regional communities like ours.

That's why these changes are about finding a better way to deliver those services, while continuing to support the people, businesses and organisations that make Lockington such a wonderful place to live.

If you have any questions or feedback we'd love to hear from you: Senior Branch Manager James Pietromonaco, James.Pietromonaco@bendigoadelaide.com.au or 0413 852 757.

LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

We have reached May 1914, as we look back at the newspapers to learn what was happening here.

The weather throughout the district continued to be dry. As reported by the Echuca and Moama Advertiser and Farmers' Gazette on 8 May 1914, gravest concern was being felt due to the serious shortage of feed for stock, with animals “dying from starvation in all directions.”

The scarcity, and almost prohibitive price, of the feed needed for the horses that pulled the cultivation equipment, was causing many a farmer to restrict the area being sown for crop.

However, not all farmers were cropping. Other news on the northern plains that month concerned the development of ostrich farming in the area.

After Messrs. Sanderson had established a flock of 366 birds at Wharparilla, fifteen railway trucks had been used to convey another 400 ostriches to the nearest railway station to their other farm at Bamawm. Reporting on their arrival on 24 April, the Cohuna Farmers Weekly stated that these ostriches were valued at about £15,000.

It was hoped that they could cope with drought conditions.

On 12 May, the Echuca and Moama Advertiser and Farmers' Gazette, relayed news of the death of another long-term and highly respected district resident, in the person of Mrs. Agnes Worner, relict of the late Josiah Worner, of Tennyson.

Mrs Worner died on 7 May, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs Patterson, of Prairie, with whom she had resided for the past 10 years. She was 83 years and 10 months old. Born at Eckford, in Scotland, in 1830, she came out to Australia in the ship “Elizabeth” in 1854, thus being a colonist of sixty years. She was married in Bendigo, in 1855, and resided there until 1858, before going to the Western District.

The family then lived in Milloo from 1873. Mr Worner died in January, 1901. The couple had a family of eight children, six of whom survived Mrs Worner.

The funeral, which was largely attended, took place to the Rochester cemetery on 9 May 1914.

On 22 May, the Rochester Express reported the death, on 16 May 1914, of Mr Henry Hickmott. He was 89 years of age, and had come to Pine Grove East fourteen months earlier to reside with his son and daughter, after having lived at Charlton where he selected land in 1872.

The funeral took place on May 17, leaving his son's residence for the Pine Grove cemetery.

Luckily, there was cheery news coming from the Bamawm irrigation areas.Though not yet three years old, orange and lemon trees on the holding of Mr Lucas at Bamawm were confirming the Water Commission’s opinion of the settlements’ suitability for the growing of citrus fruit. Mr D W Irish, of Bamawm, had erected a large hot-house for plant-raising purposes, in which tomato and other tender plants would be grown. Mr J J M'Clerg was the builder.

And at Ballendella, the “Peanut King” had received a lot of orders for the seed of that succulent pulse. The plant itself was a fine fodder, and altogether the growing of peanuts improved the soil with nitrogen. With irrigation farming looking so successful, it is unsurprising that the rest of the district was keen to be a part of it.

On 26 May 1914, the Rochester Express reported that residents of the Tennyson districts, to the west of the Rochester irrigation area, had asked the Water Commission to constitute a new irrigation district. The particular area consisted of about 3000 acres. The commission explained that a compulsory charge would be involved, but as the residents had expressed themselves confident that the soil was suitable for irrigation, the commission agreed to undertake the necessary channels and reticulation works.

It was more than eighteen months since the Bill had been passed to provide for the construction of the railway from Cohuna to Elmore. At last, though there had been considerable delay, work on the much-needed line finally began on 29 May 1914. As reported next day by the Echuca and Moama Advertiser and Farmers' Gazette, at Cohuna, “a feeling of jubilation prevailed,” and the event was “celebrated by the blowing of the Butter Factory whistles, etc.”

However, there was general regret that no official celebration had been organised. On 2 June, the Rochester Express also announced that work on the Elmore-Cohuna railway had started. That report went on to state that Pannoomilloo and district could expect to entrain the proceeds of the next harvest from a local station, thus bringing “Rochester's records down a notch or two.” It was said that canny farmers were already taking steps to secure land accommodation in the vicinity of the district sidings for carting conveniences.

Once having begun, construction work on the Elmore-Cohuna railway line appeared to be going well. Early in June, two teams of labourers were working on the formation of the initial mile at Elmore and, further along the way, Mr T Williams’ gang of men made good progress in clearing the route. According to the Bendigonian on 9 June 1914, tools, plant and truckloads of sleepers arrived daily at the Elmore railway station. The train must not be far away now.

‘Bye until next time,

- Marg O’Brien

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Sunday Duty Roster

1 November - Steven & Debbie

8 November - Andrew & Brigitte

15 November - Barry & Jan

22 November - Tom & Les

29 November - Jim & Therese

FUN RUN MARKS KOTTA RAIL TRAIL OPENING

The inaugural Lockington to Kotta Fun Run took place on Sunday 11 October, to coincide with the Kotta Centenary celebrations.

Around 90 runners/walkers enjoying the newly opened Kotta Rail Trail.

Neil Haines from Kotta spoke about the history of the rail line and the work completed over the past 10 years to regenerate and reinvigorate the track between the Traveller's Rest in Lockington and the Kotta Railway Station.

Longtime resident and community advocate Des Pentreath cut the ribbon to officially declare the Rail Trail open.

Fun Run participants enjoyed a picturesque eight-kilometre course lined with trees and shrubs native to the area.

At the conclusion of the event, a barbeque lunch with drinks was provided to all participants, kindly cooked by the Lockington Lions Club members.

Children who completed a special 500-metre dash to the finish line were rewarded with ice-creams generously supplied by Bulla.

The first three placegetters in each category received a Rail Trail hat sponsored by Worklocker, Echuca.

The day was capped off by local band, The Healers, playing on the station platform.

Special thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the day from participants and visitors to the many helpers.

And an extra special thanks to the Tiny Towns Project, Community Bank - Elmore, Lockington and Rochester, Rural Aid, Agnico Eagle and a number of local businesses who have provided significant, ongoing support to the Rail Trail project in recent years.

To the many locals who have pitched in to create this amazing community asset, a huge thanks for all the time and effort and energy provided.

The Kotta Rail Trail Committee hopes to schedule another fun run in the coming six months. ***- Wendy Sims***

















Lockington & District Family Landcare Group members volunteered their time recently to host a popular Junior Landcare School Holiday Program.

Some 26 kids and adults got involved in ferreting mayhem, micro-bat nest box building, and talking all things racecars with local resident Bill Roberts.

Bill kept the audience entertained with his fabulous tales from the track.

Some interesting facts that participants learned on the day included:-

- A breeding pair of rabbits can produce up to 184 kittens in just 18 months.
- Micro-bats live all around us and can eat half their body weight in mosquitoes in a single night.
- Bill Roberts has been building and racing Formula V cars for more than 40 years and still races today.

You can support your local Landcare Group by becoming a member.

In doing so you will help contribute to learning about, exploring, and caring for our local environment and agricultural community.

Membership prices are $35 for Singles and $70 for a Family.

For further information, email lockingtonlandcare@gmail.com



SELL OUT LUNCH CELEBRATES RURAL WOMEN'S DAY



It was a full house for Lockington Neighbourhood House's third annual International Day of Rural Women Ladies' Lunch on 22 October.

One hundred women gathered at Lockington Community Centre for an afternoon of friendship and celebration.

The event was highlighted by a guest speaker panel featuring Melanie Gill, the Chief Executive Officer of Helping Hands Mission and Anne Young, founder of Horse Shepherd Equine Sanctuary.

The audience heard that both ladies had turned their back on a career in banking in search of personal fulfilment.

They said despite the challenges of their respective roles, they gain enormous satisfaction from being able to give back and make a tangible difference in the world.

Parsons of Rochester, which is celebrating 10 years in business, presented a parade of new season fashion, featuring pieces from Australian label Orientique.

Models Ruth Wood, Pauline Humbert, Ella Sinclair, Kathi Maddison and Sheryn Martin did a lovely job and kept the crowd throughly engaged.

Pete Gibson created a delightful ambience with his harp music and many of the guests went home with prizes and gifts, thanks to Lockington Neighbourhood House, Bunnings of Echuca, Orientique and Helping Hands Mission.

A raffle raised almost $650, with the proceeds to be shared between Horse Shepherd and Helping Hands.

The International Day of Rural Women Ladies' Lunch was made possible with the generous sponsorship support of principal partner Community Bank – Elmore, Lockington and Rochester. Campaspe Shire Council also came on board in 2026 as an associate sponsor.

Superb catering by The Harvest Taste was an event highlight.

Pictured Above: Bev Brereton & Pauline Humbert with Belinda Gordon from Parsons of Rochester. For more photos, turn to the Lockington Neighbourhood House page.

Elmore FIELD DAYS

A Very Special THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to the following wonderful volunteers who represented **Lockington Consolidated School** as part of the **Elmore Field Days Catering Committee**:

- Belinda Odibga
- Bethany Sharp
- Eliza Ayres
- Fiona Lamph
- Helen Hartley
- Lorraine Mitchell
- Meeka Walker
- Mel Gowler
- Nerida Lees
- Robert Lamph
- Robyn Thornbury
- Sally Frith
- Sue Jewson
- Tam Collins
- Teresa McNamara
- Wendy Sims

Your time, hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

READ BELOW TO SEE WHAT WE ACHIEVED TOGETHER!

Well done to all! ♡

ELMORE FIELD DAYS COMMUNITY CATERING

THAT'S A WRAP!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

Another Elmore Field Days is done, and what an incredible effort from everyone involved!

The Elmore Field Days Catering Committee would like to say a massive thank you to every single person who volunteered their time, rolled up their sleeves and helped make this year's community catering such a success.

So much happening behind the scenes: from sandwich making to serving customers, preparing platters, delivering orders, restocking supplies and cleaning up. We couldn't have done it without you!

The best part of all this hard work is knowing that the funds raised through our community catering go straight back into supporting the local schools and community organisations that make our district such a great place to live.

We are incredibly proud of what can be achieved when so many people come together.

A shout out to local organisations and people for loaning us catering equipment, vehicles and pie warmers, it is very much appreciated.

A special thank you to Elmore Field Days for their continued support and for providing an event that creates such valuable fundraising opportunities for our local community.

As the biggest annual fundraiser for many of our participating organisations, the catering operation is a wonderful example of the lasting benefits Elmore Field Days brings to our district.

JUST LOOK WHAT WE ACHIEVED:

- 470 Fruit, Cookies & Muffins sold
- 2,200 Hot Drinks & Milkshakes sold
- 2,575 Cold Drinks sold
- 2,618 Rolls, Sandwiches & Wraps made
- 147 Corporate Platters made
- 57 Mobile Food Deliveries
- 28 Additional Outside Food Vendors

To our volunteers, organisations, committee members and everyone who supported us throughout the three days, we are so grateful for your time, hard work and generosity.

We hope you're all enjoying a well-earned rest, and we look forward to doing it all again next year!

♡ Elmore Field Days Catering Committee

OUR 15 PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS:

- Colbinabbin Group / School
- Elmore District Health Auxiliary
- Elmore Fire Brigade Auxiliary
- Elmore Kindergarten
- Elmore Primary School
- Elmore Progress Association
- Elmore Recreation Reserve
- Elmore Scouts
- Elmore Swimming Pool
- Goornong Primary School
- Goornong Recreation Reserve
- Lockington Consolidated School
- OLSH Primary School
- Rochester Primary School
- Rochester Secondary College

LOCKY NEWS UPCOMING PUBLICATION DATES

Edition 1050

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

Edition 1051

23 November - Copy Deadline (10am)
26 November - Publication Day
Duty Volunteer - Janelle Mancer

An Amateur Performance of

Jane Austen's

Pride and Prejudice



Friday 13th Nov. 6:30pm

Saturday 14th Nov. 1pm

2026

Lockington Community Centre

Shakespeare Cres, Lockington, Victoria

(Entry by Cash Donation. Your generosity is much appreciated to help cover our costs.)

All Welcome

LOCKY CHRISTMAS MARKET

THURSDAY 17 DEC 2026
FROM 6.30PM
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COMMUNITY

Lockington Community Care Committee Inc.

ANNUAL MEETING

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

DEATH NOTICE

VINCENT (Cunnington) - Dorothy Lilian

Passed away in Nerang, Qld 10 Oct 2026.

Dearly loved wife of Geoff (dec).

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Martin & Ruci, Clark & Debbie, Leon & Jodie, Owen & Caryn.

Loved grandmother of 11 & their partners

Great Grandmother of 9.

Loved daughter of Robert & Lilian Cunnington (both dec.)

Loved sister of Ken, Betty (dec) & Beryl Marshall.

She loved serving others and her Lord.

The memorial service for Dot, following 10.00am burial, will be held on Saturday, 31 October at 11.00am Qld time at Highway Church Gilston, 1 Kookaburra Drive, Gilston, Qld., 4211.

Services will be live-streamed - www.integrityfunerals.com.au

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Leprosy Mission or Pioneers of Australia Inc.

Thankyou

A big thank you to Andrew Christian and Kotta Hall Committee for the wonderful and well organised weekend of the hall's 100-year celebrations.

Also the excellent display of memorabilia.

A great catch-up with former locals.

Congratulations - Keith and Val Jeffreys

LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

ANNUAL CASSEROLE LUNCHEON



WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

FROM 12 NOON

Warmly inviting our community to join together for a chat & a great meal

$10.00 per person, payable at the door

Raffles, Lucky Door Prizes etc

This event is an important fundraiser for the Lockington Hall Committee

LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS





Since the middle of this year, Lockington Consolidated School has proudly introduced Auslan (Australian Sign Language) as part of its Languages Other Than English (LOTE) specialist program, providing students with an exciting opportunity to develop new communication skills while fostering empathy, understanding and inclusion.

Students from Prep through to Year 6 participate in weekly one-hour Auslan lessons facilitated by our wonderful teacher, Mrs Lynsey Dobson.

The program has been enthusiastically embraced by students, who are discovering that communication extends far beyond spoken words.

Auslan is the language of the Australian Deaf community, and through their lessons, students are developing an appreciation of the importance of recognising and respecting different ways of communicating.

They are also learning how their new skills may help them connect and interact with people who are Deaf, hard of hearing or use signing as a form of communication.

Since the program began, students have developed an impressive range of vocabulary, learning signs for greetings, manners, emotions, family members, colours, animals and everyday classroom language.

As their confidence has grown, they have progressed from learning individual signs to combining them into sentences, enabling them to introduce themselves, express their feelings, communicate their likes and dislikes, and ask and answer simple questions.

Lessons are engaging and interactive, incorporating games, role-playing, picture storybooks and songs. Students are also exploring the important role that facial expressions, body language and other visual cues play in communication.

One of the highlights of the program so far has been the opportunity for students to showcase their learning to the wider school community. At the recent School Art Expo, students proudly performed songs using Auslan, including the much-loved Australian classic Home Among the Gum Trees.

Their performances were a wonderful celebration of their developing skills and the enthusiasm with which they have embraced learning a new language.

Perhaps one of the most rewarding aspects of the program has been watching students proudly share their newfound knowledge with others.

Whether demonstrating signs to family members, practising with friends or incorporating Auslan into everyday interactions, students are showing that learning a language can have an impact well beyond the classroom.

As the year progresses, students will continue to expand their skills through learning fingerspelling, numbers, food vocabulary, weather, seasons and other everyday topics.

They are also beginning to learn the Australian National Anthem in Auslan, providing another meaningful opportunity to bring language and learning together.

At Lockington Consolidated School, we believe education is about much more than academic achievement.

It is also about developing compassionate, respectful and capable young people who understand and value the diversity of the world. ***- Lisa Duffy***



WATERWHEEL CLASSIC FOURS TOURNAMENT





Lockington Bowls Club hosted the 58th edition of the popular Waterwheel Classic Fours Tournament on Sunday, 18 October. The competition attracted 34 teams (136 bowlers) representing 23 Clubs from all around the State.

Visiting players travelled from Boort, Calivil, Cohuna Golf, Deer Park, Deniliquin RSL, Eaglehawk, East Shepparton, Echuca, Elmore/Serpentine, Gunbower, Inglewood, Kerang, Kerang Golf, Lake Boga, Lockington, Marong, Mathoura, Moulamein, Nyah District, Rochester, Rushworth, Stanhope and Tongala.

After four games of 10 ends, two teams remained undefeated - the defending Classic Fours titleholders from Cohuna Golf (pictured top) featuring Mick Carmody, Ian Coates, Craig Whittaker and skipper Mike Hofman ultimately claimed back to back titles from a composite rink (pictured left) comprising Phil Couper (Tongala), Brian Kinnane (Rochester), Andrew Morris (Stanhope) and skipper Ian Berry (Rochester).

The result was decided in an exciting 5 end play-off, with the winners taking top honours 8-6 (scores were tied 6-all after four ends). In third place was another composite East Shepparton - Lockington team (pictured right) comprising Barry Hooper, Marilyn Cox, Phillip Cunnington and skipper Kevin Cox - on three and a half wins.

Club President John van den Bosch thanked all bowlers in attendance and paid sincere acknowledgement to the hard-working ladies in the kitchen.

Cindy Felmingham and Rod Fiedler were congratulated for organising the impressive field to play. Steve Peter received thanks for the work behind the bar and Lloyd Buchanan and Les Brereton for the excellent work on the greens.

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LOCKINGTON
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

31	Tennyson Halloween Party
31	Locktoberfest

NOVEMBER

1	Campaspe Shire Citizen of the Year Nominations close
3-5	Lockington Neighbourhood House office closed
3	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
3	Lockington FoodShare Community Meal & Open Pantry
9	National Recycling Week
10	Lockington Community Care AGM
11	Lockington Community Centre Casserole Lunch
12	Community Cuppa Connection
12	LaTrobe University Healthy Towns Project - free health checks at the Plumber's Shed
13 & 14	Pride & Prejudice Performances at Lockington Community Centre
20	Applications close - Campaspe Shire Council SPARK Arts & Cultural Program Grants
30	Second Installment - Campaspe Shire Rates due

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 5 December
Lions Club of Lockington
Music Show
@ Lockington Community Centre
Stay tuned for further details

FROM OUR CHURCHES

Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

St. Mary's Lockington

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

1 November - 10am Lockington to Bamawm
8 November - 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:-

1 November - Bamawm, joined by St Mary's Anglican
8 November - Rochester

Zoom connection is available every week via https://us04web.zoom.us/j/826-6681-8761 (Password 22)
Via Phone 03 7018 2005 Meeting ID 826 6681 8761 Password 22# Ray Wakefield Ph 5486 2592 / 0491 340 427



From The Scriptures 1049

EEphesians 2 v 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.



First Tuesday of the month – 10.00am Combined Churches prayer meeting at St James Community Church

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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

CELEBRATING RURAL WOMEN - 22.10.26

















2026 Kotta Hall Christmas Tree

Friday 18th of December, 6:30pm start for a BBQ tea, raffles, & entertainment from

The 'Locky Ukers'

and of course a visit from

Santa!

Entry: $20 per family, $5 single

Includes BBQ tea, soft drinks, coffee/tea

BYO: Drinks & plate of supper

Supply a gift to the value of $15

Surprise Lucky Door Prize

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Campaspe Shire Council

Your Council News

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Project update

Council's annual road re-sheeting program identifies gravel road segments that have minimal or insufficient gravel due to usage and returns those sections of road to an approved condition level. Roads are re-sheeted to a depth of 100mm.



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

Careers #campaspecareers

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

- Learn to Swim teacher – casual (ongoing)
- Early Childhood Educator Co-Worker – casual (ongoing)
- Business & Development Administration Officer (closes 10 November).

Immunisation Sessions

By appointment only.
For more information on available vaccines, dates and to book an appointment, scan the QR code or visit **www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/immunisations**



Free disposal of green waste

In the lead-up to fire season, residential volumes (up to three cubic metres) of household green waste are being accepted free of charge at the Colbinabbin, Echuca, Gunbower, Kyabram (Mt Scobie), Lockington, Rochester and Rushworth resource recovery centres until Wednesday, 4 November. After this time, green waste can be disposed of for a fee. Branches and logs larger than 300mm diameter will not be accepted.

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Campaspe HEADLINES

Subscribe to *Campaspe Headlines*, Council's new fortnightly email newsletter, and receive the latest Council news, community events, grant opportunities and updates from across the shire. Subscribers will also receive the digital edition of *Campaspe Times*, Council's official magazine, delivered straight to their inbox, making it easy to stay informed.

Now Open

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

2027/28 Budget consultation

Council is seeking community feedback to help inform decision-making regarding its 2027/28 Annual Budget, using its new community consultation platform Campaspe Connect. Give your feedback by Wednesday, 11 November at **www.connect.campaspe.vic.gov.au**

Jaycee Park Play Space consultation

Council has endorsed the draft concept design for the renewal of the Jaycee Park Play Space in Kyabram and is seeking community input before the project moves to the next stage. Feedback can be provided via Council's new community engagement platform Campaspe Connect, at **www.connect.campaspe.vic.gov.au** until Sunday, 22 November.

Campaspe Artists in Residence

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited for the Campaspe Artists in Residence 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, 20 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.

Business Sentiment Survey

Council invites local businesses to complete the 2026 Business Sentiment Survey. The survey will gather feedback on business confidence, opportunities, challenges, workforce, and the types of support businesses would like Council to prioritise. To take the survey, scan the QR code or visit **www.surveymonkey.com/r/CampaspeBusiness2026**



Free Halloween Youth Disco

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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

18 OCTOBER

In the Weekend Campaspe Area Pennant competition Lockington Bowls Club enjoyed another clean sweep with all Divisions winning and all rinks up.

Division Three hosted the Elmore opposition and survived close games early in the stanza, before shaking off the shackles and recording a healthy 76-44 victory. (Steve Peter d. R Williams 29-11; Dave Thomas d. K Brooks 24-14: Ray Hanson d. G Stoll 23-19).

Division Four travelled to Tongala and returned home with the points and all rinks up in a close encounter with a couple of hard fought games. (John van den Bosch d. P O'Brien 18-16; Denise Gilmore d. D Reid 22-16; Lloyd Buchanan d. J Reid 20-18).

Division Six defeated Kyabram in a sterling performance with a 43-25 scoreline. (Neil Haines d. J Wright 18-13; Kalvin Stout d. J MacFadyen 25-12).

The respective Divisions hold down Second, Second
and top of the ladder.

Last Tuesday both Divisions in Midweek Pennant recorded victories against their respective Tongala opponents.

Division Three recording a 61-44 win. (Dave Thomas d. G Kerr 27-17: Steve Pavone d. B Tinning 26-10: Russell Shawcross d. J Reid 18-17).

Division Four defeated Tongala 46-28 and both rinks up. (Denise Gilmore d. B Ozols 20-16: John Fisher d. R Hosking 26-12

25 OCTOBER

Another week of good bowling by the members, although the win/loss record suffered a little in the latest round of Campaspe Area Pennant.

Only the Division Four teams scored a victory over an enthusiastic Rich River combination, winning 69-50 and two rinks up. (Dave Thomas d, R Stone 22-15; Terrill Westwood d. R Teasdale 30-9; Denise Gilmore lost to N Hodge 17-26).

They retain third spot on the premiership ladder.

Terrill Westwood skipped her team to victory in her debut as Division Three skipper.

Division Three journeyed to Mathoura and lost the game by three shots 60-63 and only one rink in front. (Steve Peter d. B Murray 28-18; John van den Bosch l.t. R Murphy 15-21; Leanne McInnes l.t. R Ireland 17-24).

As a reslt they slipped to third place on the ladder.

Division Six lost the battle against an experienced Kyabram Red squad 30-46 and failed to win a rink. (Neil Haines l.t. N Thomson 14-25; Les Brereton l.t. F Ryan 16-21).

They are in second position after four rounds.

The Midweek pennant resulted in victories for both Division Three and Division Four.

Division Three defeated Rich River 70-40 and all rinks successful. (Steve Pavone d. C Simson 19-16; Dave Thomas d. B Dashwood 29-8; Steve Peter d. C Cargill 29-16).

Division Four scored a 51-36 win against Elmore and both rinks up. (Denise Gilmore d. G Stoll 26-22; Rod Fiedler d. K Wills 25-14).

Both divisions feature prominently in third and second positions respectively.

The Club Scribe offers heartfelt apologies to a serious rink of members who won the previous weekly Sixty and Over competition at Ky Valley and were overlooked in the weekly Bowls Notes.

The rink comprised Leon Laffy, John van den Bosch, Phillip Cunnington and Ray Hanson (s) who won with five bowls in the area.

Rather distressing to score a vital win and go un-noticed.

The Scribe felt as though he may be asked to re-consider his position?

No such luck on Wednesday at Stanhope at all for our members.

The Club held a successful Waterwheel Classic Fours recently and the club offers sincere thanks to our sponsors on the day.

Mel Freeman was the representative for O'Connor /Case Machinery - Sturt Street, Echuca and assisted with the presentations.

The other sponsor was Peats Partners - Echuca who the club, also acknowledged. .

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

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Tuesday

10am: Men's Shed @ Business Centre Complex

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

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Wednesday

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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

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