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LOCKY NEWS

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LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CAMP TO SOVEREIGN HILL



Lockington Consolidated School's Year 3 and 4 students recently enjoyed an exciting three-day, two-night camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. Read all about their adventures on Page 8 & 9 of this week's edition.

CFA LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR FORMER PINEGROVE BRIGADE MEMBER



Former local identity James Dullard AFSM was recently inducted as a Life Member of the Country Fire Authority.

At the 24 October presentation in front of 160 guests, James also received a 40-year CFA Service Medal.

The ceremony was held in conjunction with Melton Fire Brigade's Annual Awards Dinner at Melton Entertainment Park.

James lived in Lockington with his parents Mary and Frank Dullard before relocating closer to the city and is a former member of the Pinegrove CFA Brigade.

His awards were presented by Garry Cook AFSM, the new CFA Chief Officer.

The Lockington CFA community congratulates James on his most recent acknowledgements and his distinguished service career.



LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY BANK

New hours from 30 November

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

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Elmore, Lockington and Rochester
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LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again Everyone,

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

Once having begun, construction work on the Elmore-Cohuna railway line appeared to be going well. The railway construction engineers concentrated their efforts on completing the line to Bamawm in time to carry away the next harvest.

On 17 June, the Kerang Observer reported that about fifty men were then employed in forming earthworks, and excellent supplies of sand and gravel, suitable for ballast, had been secured at the “two and 12 mile pegs.”

Twenty-five thousand sleepers were stacked ready for use, and quantities of rails and other materials were arriving daily. It was anticipated that Cohuna would be reached in about eighteen months from the date of starting.

The report went on to state that sidings would be erected on the line at 7, 12, 17, and 19 miles, and that the names Kona, Kateena, McColl and Bamawm had been assigned to each respectively by the Railways Commissioners. The local people were not entirely happy with these names.

As reported by the Elmore Standard on 1 August that year, clearing work completed by Mr T Williams and his team, with the assistance of a “Trewella winch grubber,” was so successful in gaining the approval of the Railway Department that Mr Williams had undertaken the whole of the grubbing en route to Cohuna.

Construction had begun at the Elmore end of the line, and the Railway Department expected to have 25 miles completed – to reach through Tennyson and on to Pine Grove – by the next wheat harvest.

In the meantime, the harvest itself was by no means assured as drought conditions continued, and stock and crops were languishing. It seems, as we look at the local news reports, that hard times were usually met by strengthening community ties. There may have been difficulties in getting their crops sown, but the local people still supported their church functions, sporting events and social activities.

The various MIA groups continued to meet fortnightly; on 16 May, as reported in the Echuca and Moama Advertiser and Farmers’ Gazette on the 19th, the Tennyson group had a magazine night which produced much amusement.

Contributors submitted small items, including dress and fashion, matrimony, public notices, wit and humour.

The Tennyson MIA Hall was proving to be a popular venue for functions held by organisations from across the district. On 22 May, a euchre party and dance, attended by some thirty-five couples, was held there in aid of the Diggora stall for the forthcoming St Joseph's bazaar, as reported by the Rochester Express on 29 May 1914.

It was so successful, the same committee held a similar function there on 5 June, but their next dance, on 12 June, was to take place in the ever-popular Kildea’s barn, which, as reported in the Rochester Express on 12 June, was then owned by Mr A Oliver.

So, the social whirl continued, but all was not well on the farms.On 23 June 1914, the Rochester Express announced that things were “getting serious,” the trouble being due to lack of feed and water.

It was claimed that farmers and settlers, who had lived in the district for “more years than they cared to count,” reckoned 1914 to be the worst grass year since the major drought of 1895 to 1903.

Hopes for the success of the harvest itself were fading as the year continued to be excessively dry. The new MIA Hall at Tennyson, was proving to be a very popular venue and on 10 June, yet another social was held there, this time to farewell Mr E B Sinclair, who had announced that he was closing his blacksmith business at Pannoobamawm.

While this closure was published in the Rochester Express on 5 June, a fortnight later the Express printed an announcement by Messrs Bromyard and Arlow that they had leased the blacksmith's shop of Mr Owen O'Brien, of Tennyson, and would be prepared to execute all kinds of agricultural repairs, commencing business on 1 July 1914.

Next time there will be more to say about the naming of the various railway stations.

‘Bye until then,

- Marg O’Brien

P.S. In the Locky News on 18 September I asked if readers had any information about a wooden log tower featured in an article in the Bendigo Advertiser on 13 October 1913. Thanks to those readers who contacted me I now know the tower was located in Hansen Road, Ballendella, and was mentioned in an early history of that district. The tower was one of three known to have been constructed in the Rochester district, possibly in the 1870s, by members of an early survey crew. The Ballendella tower outlasted the others by many years, but has now disappeared. Thanks again, M O’B.

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Lockington & District
Living Heritage Complex Inc.

Sunday Duty Roster

15 November - Barry & Jan
22 November - Tom & Les
29 November - Jim & Therese
6 December - Ted & Karen
13 December - Joe & Julie
20 December - Beryl & Garry
27 December - CLOSED

LOCKY SENIORS VISIT BIG STRAWBERRY, CACTUS COUNTRY

Lockington Senior Citizens Club members enjoyed a bus trip to the Goulburn Valley on 28 October.

A group of 22 members travelled to the Big Strawberry at Koonoomoo for lunch, sampling some of the many strawberry products available before going on to their principal destination – Cactus Country at Strathmerton.

The 12-acre site is Australia's largest cactus garden and a popular tourist attraction.

Cactus flavoured ice-cream is among the delicacies on offer to visitors.

The seniors travelled home via Picola to view the town's silo art, rounding out a most enjoyable day.









PYRAMID HILL ART SHOW DATES

The Art Show Sub Committee of the Pyramid Hill Progress Association is thrilled to announce it will be holding its Annual Art Show from 12 to 18 February, 2027.

Prizemoney will again be in the vicinity of $9000.

There will be two prizes of $1500 - one for Best in Show and the other for a special section titled "Agriculture" with artists being invited to enter work about any aspect of agriculture either past or present.

Spokesperson Anne Grogan said the Committee hopes this theme will provide plenty of scope for some wonderful art works.

"We look forward to welcoming back the many artists who have entered over the past four years and likewise encourage entries from new artists, some of whom have contacted us already," she added.

For inquiries or further information, contact Anne Grogan on 0458 524 163 or email pyramidhillartshow@gmail.com

LOCKINGTON
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

13 & 14	Pride & Prejudice Performances at Lockington Community Centre
20	Applications close - Campaspe Shire Council SPARK Arts & Cultural Program Grants
28	Campaspe Shire Outdoor Pools season opening
30	Second Installment - Campaspe Shire Rates due
30	New hours commence for Community Bank - Lockington branch

DECEMBER

1	Locky FoodShare Community Christmas lunch & Open Pantry
5	Ricki Wood performance at Lockington Community Centre

DEATH NOTICE

JOHNSON, Ron. Aged 91

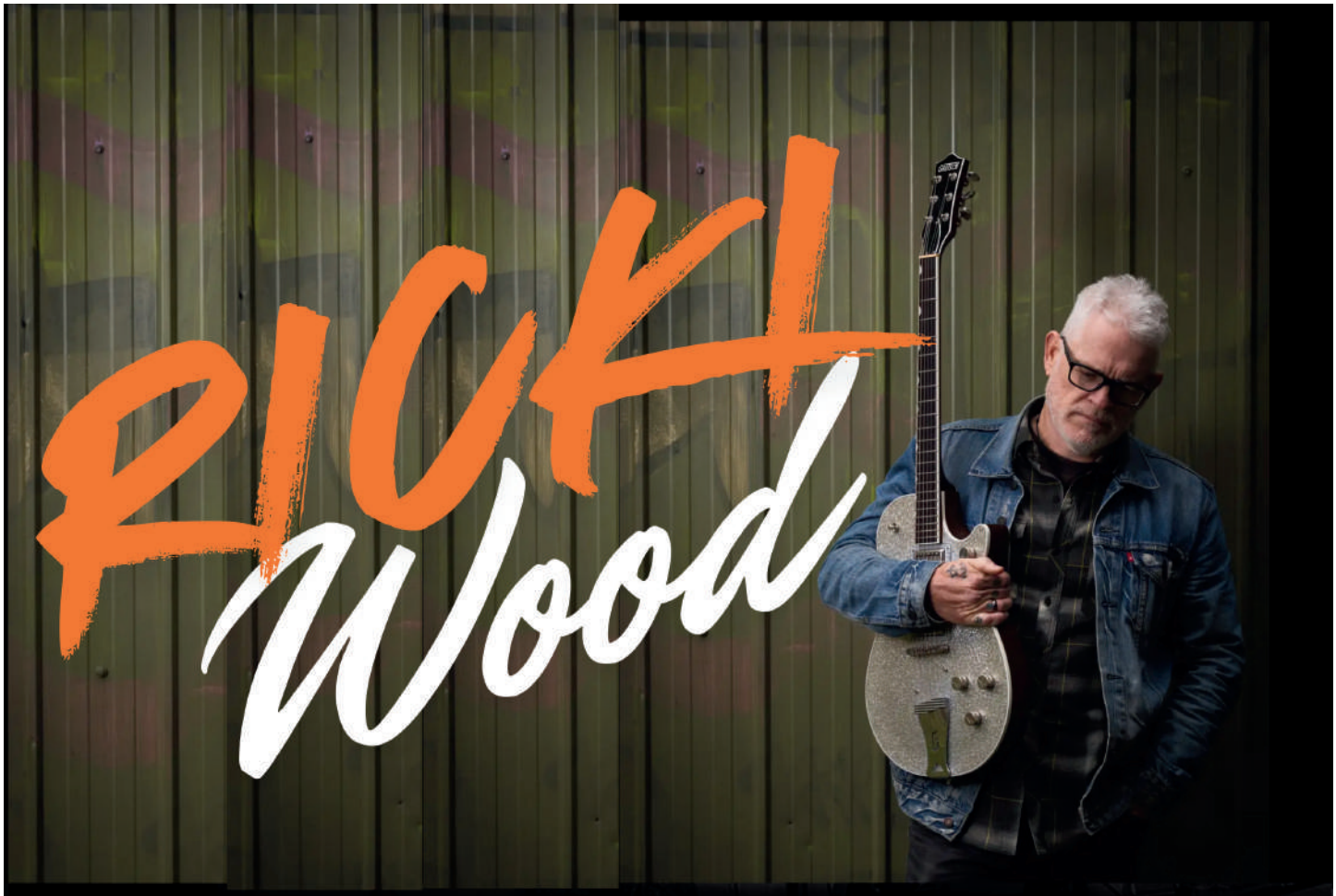
Dearly beloved Husband of Shirley.

Devoted and loving Father of Lisa, Gareth, and Tim,

Father-in-law of Anthony and Vinnie.
Proud Grandpa of Lachlan, Caitlin, Asher, Krish, and Samir.

Remembered with love by all who knew him.

A Memorial Service to Celebrate Ron's life will be held on November 13,
at 2pm at Christ Church Anglican, Echuca.



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Saturday 5 December

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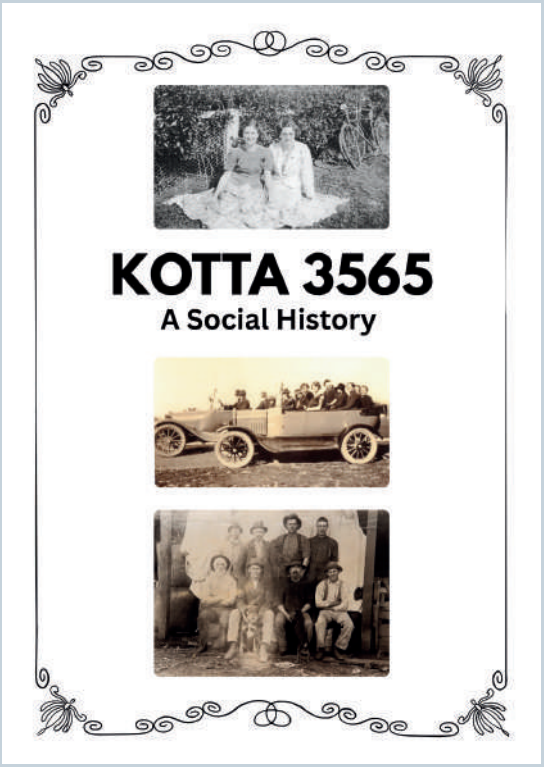

KOTTA HISTORY BOOK AVAILABLE

A new book has been released, documenting the social history of the Kotta district.

The history was collated and jointly written by David Hammond, completing a project started in 1976 by the late Dick Worboys.

Upon his death in 2005, Dick had compiled a significant collection of historical records and photographs, the result of considerable effort to preserve the stories of long-term Kotta residents who were living up to that time.

This body of material was subsequently entrusted to David who commited to finalising the project to coincide with the recent Kotta Hall Centenary.

Printing of the book was made possible with the generous and valued sponsorship support of the Community Bank – Elmore, Lockington and Rochester. Lockington Neighbourhood House assisted with the design and layout

After an initial printing hiccup, new A4 sized copies of the book – which has attracted considerable interest and a very positive response since its unveiling – are now available for purchase at the fuel desk at Lockington District Business Centre.

The cost is $20.00.

WHAT ARE THE ODDS?



In an extraordinary series of coincides, 19 November has become a very significant date for Lockington's Scurrah family.

The story dates back to Alan Thomas Scurrah who married Mary (Mollie) O'Brien; together they had five children – Margaret, Kathleen, Ian, Donald and Mary.

Donald Thomas Scurrah was born on 19 November 1947. Margaret's son James Thomas Spedding was born on 19 November 1963.

Kathleen's grand-daughter Amber Louise Mullins was born on 19 November 1990 and Mary's great-grandson Tommy David Dixon was born on 19 November 2025.

It seems reasonable to think that if any of the family members take a tatts ticket, 11 and 19 would feature among their numbers.



LOCKY NEWS UPCOMING PUBLICATION DATES

Edition 1051

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

Edition 1052

7 December - Copy Deadline (10am)
10 December - Publication Day
Duty Volunteer - Fay Haines

JANE AUSTIN CLASSIC SET TO COME TO LIFE IN LOCKINGTON











Meet the young, local actors taking on Jane Austen this weekend in Lockington.

Elijah Born (top left), of Piavella, will play the role of the wealthy, reserved and greatly misunderstood, Mr. Darcy, in this year's amateur production of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice".

Elijah was the backstage manager in last year's production of "Emma", but this year he is taking on the lead, male role.

Elijah is no stranger to theatre, having played Tiny Tim in EMTC's "A Christmas Carol" (2013), and the wooden puppet, Pinocchio, in EMTC's 2014 production of "My Son Pinocchio".

Caitlin O'Brien (top right), of Lockington, will play the role of Lady Catherine De Bough.

Cailtin played old Mrs. Bates in last year's "Emma" and enjoyed her move into theatre so much that she is back with the more challenging role of Mr. Darcy's rude, self-important and condescending aunt.

Gianna Born (bottom left), of Piavella, who portrayed the chatty, obtuse but gentle soul, Miss Bates, in last year's "Emma", will this year bring you the irrational, boisterous, and mostly hysterical, Mrs. Bennet whose only goal is to see her daughters well married.

Gianna, who co-wrote the "Pride and Prejudice" script with her mum, Mairead, also performed in EMTC's production of "Frozen" last year.

Denvah Born (bottom right), of Piavella, who played the roguish roles of Frank Churchill in "Emma" and Prince Hans in EMTC's "Frozen" - both last year - will bring you the supporting role of Mr. Darcy's good-natured cousin, Colonel Fitzwilliam.

Denvah, who may be a familiar face to many after his folk performance at the Australia Day breakfast, has also recently played the role of Chief Tui in EMTC's production of "Moana".

All four actors are the grandchildren of Lockington Lines in Time Researcher, Marg O'Brien. The other roles are being portrayed by friends from as far afield as Bacchus Marsh and Albury.

Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice will be performed at the Lockington Community Centre at 6.30pm on Friday, 13 November, and at 1pm on Saturday, 14 November.

Normally a ticket to the theatre could cost you $40 or more, but to keep the show affordable for everyone, entry is by cash donation to help cover production costs.



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LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS



Students in Years three & four at Lockington Consolidated School recently enjoyed an exciting three-day, two-night camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, where they stepped back in time to experience life during the 1850s Victorian Gold Rush.

Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a bustling goldfields township that recreated the work, play and everyday lives of people living during this fascinating period of Australian history.

From exploring old-fashioned shops and businesses to discovering how people lived, worked and earned a living, the camp provided a wonderful hands-on learning experience that brought classroom learning to life.

Throughout their stay, students participated in a range of educational sessions and interactive experiences, including Living in the Past and Goldfields, where they explored the challenges, innovations and daily routines of life on the goldfields.

They also had the opportunity to try their luck panning for gold, watch a spectacular gold pour, visit the Redcoat soldiers and enjoy demonstrations of traditional confectionery making and candle dipping.

Other highlights included exploring the Labyrinth of Gold, venturing underground on the Red Hill Mine Tour and experiencing the spectacular AURA Sound and Light Show, which brought the stories and events of the Gold Rush era to life.

Beyond the historical learning, camp provided our students with valuable opportunities to develop independence, resilience, confidence and social skills.

Sharing accommodation, managing personal belongings, following routines and spending time with classmates outside the classroom all contributed to their personal growth.

There was also plenty of time for fun, friendship and making lasting memories.

We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated Year 3/4 classroom teachers and the wonderful parent helpers who generously gave their time to accompany and support our students.

Without the commitment and generosity of our staff and parent volunteers, camps such as this would simply not be possible.

We would also like to acknowledge the ongoing financial support of our School Council; a portion of the cost of this camp, along with our Year 5/6 camps and Prep–Year 2 Melbourne excursions, was subsidised by School Council through school fundraising activities, grants and special programs.

This valuable contribution helps reduce the financial burden on families and supports our commitment to ensuring students have access to meaningful and enriching learning experiences beyond the classroom.

The camp was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 3 and 4 students to experience a significant period in Australia's history while developing important life skills and strengthening friendships.

We are sure they returned home with plenty of stories to share, wonderful memories and perhaps even a little gold! **- Lisa Duffy**













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Fire season is coming.
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2026 Kotta Hall Christmas Tree

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

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Includes BBQ tea, soft drinks, coffee/tea

BYO: Drinks & plate of supper

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OBITUARY - GERALD PENTREATH

Gerald (Gerry) Francis Pentreath was born at Rochester on 29th May 1940. (For many years his license read 6 months earlier so he could get his driver's license).

He was the son of Ralph and Nell (nee McIntyre) and brother of Des, Pat Kelly, and Dorothy Peoples. A sibling had passed away earlier.

The family lived at farms at Ballendella and Tennyson before living at the east end of Archibald Street, Lockington where he and Des shared a caravan as a bedroom on the verandah.

Gerald went to Ballendella, Rochester and Lockington schools and Echuca Tech until he claims he got his leaving at 14 years old – he jokingly says he was asked to leave.

Gerald commenced work as a butcher with Peter Evans who he respected as a boss and man. About 1960 he went to Shepparton and worked for Stuarts Smallgoods before Owen (Padge) Power approached him to work as a butcher at McColl and McLean, owned by Peter Ross-Edwards. For a time he managed another butcher shop in Wyndham Street for Mr Ross-Edwards before going back to McColl & McLean.

In 1963 he married Beverley Dinsdale from Bamawm Extension. They started their life together in a garage in Mooroopna, then moved to Shepparton. Life was basic.

But Gerald had joined the Goulburn Valley umpires and they played tennis at Mooroopna, starting life-long friendships with Arnups, McIntyres, Powers and Organs.

Bev had been working in a dress shop where they met Pauline Turner and again, the friendships with the family continue today. A family started with Steven, John and Daryl being born at Shepparton.

In 1973 the Lockington Butcher shop, slaughter yards and adjoining Roma Café came up for sale which they bought, along with a house in Barton Street.

Some former friends they reconnected with, many new friends were made and enjoyable times had. Employees included in the businesses over the years included: Jessie Dinsdale, Mary Robins, Mrs Dingley (Ding), Sharon Windridge, Sandra Chappel, Lorraine Low, Deidre Kellet, Di Richter, Sheila Kemp, Robyn Phillips, Len (Bluey) Manser, Peter Benson, Dennis McIntyre, Gerald's father Ralph, father-in-law Dick, and eventually son John.

Initially the café was open 6 ½ days a week but eventually Saturday afternoons were closed allowing them to commence playing tennis.

Gerald took his work to the tennis court becoming a prolific slicer of the ball. Between them they covered most organisations in Lockington as volunteers.

In addition to what Bev was doing, Gerald was involved with: Lions Club, very briefly; Fire Brigade (he had previously been a member); Tennis Club; Badminton; Rec Reserve Committee; Bush Nursing Centre; Lockington Football Club as player, sponsor and trainer where he was awarded Life Membership; Heritage Rally; Santa's helper.

For some years he assisted the Huntly Football Club as trainer. Gerald and Bev attended many dances and cabarets supporting local organisations and kitchen teas for soon to be weds.

In time, daughters-in-law came on the scene with Kim, Lois and Melinda. Upon selling the businesses in 1990 Gerald worked part time for Brian Malone. Gerald and Bev had the opportunity to travel and babysit the grandkids.

Much to his delight, grandchildren also became part of their life with Ryan, Kyle, Kane, Abbi and Shawn. He was proud of his grandchildren taking them everywhere to meet his friends. Gerald enjoyed taking the grandkids fishing, shooting and ferreting. Along with other friends he would also go fishing and shooting. Of course, his fox tail was always on the ute's aerial.

When John and Melinda bought the butcher shop in Tongala, he spent time there back behind the block. Brendan and Leanne also acquired his services in the Lockington supermarket where he got to meet old customers and the new staff in the business.

Later still, grandchildrens' partners, Jake, Opal and Elouise joined the family and then great grandchildren Willow, Theo, Harrison and George.
Gerald always believed in sticking up for the little person and wasn't shy in enacting security if required. In his 70's he featured in the Riverine Herald when he took on some shoplifters in Echuca.

In her 70s Bev was diagnosed with Dementia and much of Gerald's time was spent with her, caring for her day and night..

When Bev passed in 2022, Gerald returned to Lockington where a lot of time was spent in his lovely garden. He moved to Bentleys Aged Care in Bendigo in 2024 where he passed away 12th September 2026.

The family is grateful to the many people who attended the funeral and assisted with the running of the day. Lockington provided our family with a wonderful place to grow up.

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Fire Danger Period

The Fire Danger Period has been declared for the following municipalities

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0100hrs Monday 9th November 2026
Gannawarra Shire
Campaspe Shire
Loddon Shire

See the full list and maps:
www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firedangerperiod



Rochester & Elmore District Health Service

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

redhs caring for our community

An invitation is extended to Life Governors, contributors and the general public to attend REDHS 33rd Annual General Meeting

Topics of meeting include:
- Annual Report
- Years of Service
- New Healthcare Initiatives

MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2026
11.00AM - 12.00PM
REDHS Function Room, 1 Pascoe Street, Rochester
RSVP by 16 November

Submit your RSVP and Question to the Board email: CEO@redhs.com.au

FROM OUR CHURCHES

Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

St. Mary's Lockington

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

15 November - 11am Lockington
22 November - 10am Lockington to Rochester

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:-

15 November - Elmore
22 November - Tongala Respect

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 1050

Galatians 6 v 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



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

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Watch this Space

Some final touches soon to arrive...

Bendigo Bank
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As we continue to improve our facilities for your comfort and care we have some special final touches to arrive for our waiting room. We are thrilled to announce a generous contribution from Bendigo Bank, who has donated $5,500 towards completing our waiting room upgrades with custom seating. This specially designed seating will cater to a clinical setting while prioritising comfort, ensuring our service users are comfortable while they wait. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Bendigo Bank for their support and commitment to our community's well-being.

Locky FoodShare

Come and join us for an early Christmas Celebration as we enjoy our last Free Community Lunch for the year at the Heritage Centre.

Tuesday 1st of December

at 12:00 noon

with the FoodShare open pantry to follow at 1:00 pm

Plan your medication for the Christmas break

As we approach the Christmas and New Year holiday period, many local GP clinics and pharmacies will have reduced hours or be closed for several days.

To avoid any interruption to your medications, now is a good time to check that you have enough repeats on your prescriptions to cover the holiday closure period. It is important to do this before any upcoming appointments, as appointments can be difficult to secure during this busy time of year. Many medications should not be stopped suddenly without medical advice.

If you are unsure how many repeats you have remaining, please speak with your pharmacist. Planning ahead will help ensure you have an adequate supply of your medications throughout the Christmas and New Year period, reducing the need for urgent prescription services and helping you avoid going without essential medication.

Please be prepared!

Bush Nursing Centre Lunch Breaks

Our nursing team remains on call for emergencies throughout their entire shift, and our service does not close over the lunch period. We are here to support our community whenever needed.

To help ensure our staff can take a well-earned lunch break, we aim to avoid scheduling routine appointments between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm. We kindly ask community members, where possible, to plan non-urgent enquiries and visits outside this time. Your understanding and support are greatly appreciated.

Campaspe Shire Council

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Project update

The new all-accessible ramp and walkway at Riverboat Dock, Echuca is providing improved access to the area for people of all abilities.



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

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**

Careers #campaspecareers

For all positions currently open, visit Council's website or call 1300 666 535.
- Learn to Swim teacher – casual
- Early Childhood Educator – casual

Fire Danger Period now in place

Country Fire Authority (CFA) has declared Campaspe Shire's Fire Danger period from Monday, 9 November 2026 until Saturday, 1 May 2027. For more information on what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

Works Notice

Works at the Echuca War Memorial will begin after Remembrance Day, with new metalwork installation scheduled from Thursday, 19 November. Details about completion and the official unveiling will be announced once confirmed.

Stay in the loop with *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.

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Community Grants and Youth GO! Grants

Grant streams include Inclusive Communities, Community Events & Tourism, Community Equipment, and Junior Development. Youth GO! Grants are also open with funding of up to $1,500 for youth engagement and events. Applications close Sunday, 22 November, get in touch with our Community Grants Team for advice and assistance.

Business Sentiment Survey

Council invites local businesses to have their say through 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 in the future. To take the survey, scan the QR code or visit **www.surveymonkey.com/r/CampaspeBusiness2026**

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Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited for the new Campaspe Artist in Residence (CAIR) 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 close Friday, 20 November.

SPARK Arts and Cultural Grants

The SPARK – Arts and 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 close Friday, 20 November.

Have your say with **Campaspe Connect**

Potts Village Green, Tongala Play Space survey

Council is undertaking concept planning for the renewal of the place space at Potts Village Green in Tongala. A comprehensive engagement program is under way seeking community input to help shape the project. Have your say before Sunday, 22 November.



Jaycee Park, Kyabram Play Space consultation

Council has endorsed the draft concept design for the renewal of the Jaycee Park Play Space in Kyabram and is seeking the community's input before the project moves to the next stage. Feedback can be provided until Sunday, 22 November.



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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

1 NOVEMBER

Lockington Bowls Club members experienced some moderate results over the past week.

The Midweek Pennant resulted in a mixed bag with Division Three down to Echuca while Division Four reversed the outcome and defeated Echuca.

Division Three suffered an eight shot loss and went down 60-68 losing two rinks. (Steve Pavone lost to M Bennett 20-28; Rod Fiedler defeated B Johns 18-16; Steve Peter l.t. K Robertson 22-24).

Division Four were victorious on both rinks to win the game 40-36. (Denise Gilmore d. S Campion 22-19; John Fisher d. A Humphrys 18-17).

In the Weekend Campaspe Area Pennant, bowlers had to contend with gale force winds and gusty wind conditions.

The results revealed a Division Three victory and losses suffered by Division Four and Division Six in close matches.

Division Three defeated Deniliquin RSL 56-53 in a really close game that went down to the wire, picking up two rink wins. (Steve Peter d. T King 27-12; Dave Thomas l.t. R Reid 11-24; Leanne Mc Innes d. N Hilton 18-17).

Division Four travelled to Stanhope and lost 52-63 with just the one rink in front. (John van den Bosch d. B Williams 20-14; Kim Ray l.t. H Schmidt 16-20; Denise Gilmore l.t. M Mc Lean 16-27).

Division Six hosted Rich River at home and lost both rinks and went down 30-39 in a seesawing game of bowls. (Les Brereton l.t. C Simson 15-22; K Stout l.t. C Cargill 15-17).

All three divisions are in the top four on their respective Premiership ladders.

The popular Sixty & Over competition was held at the Kyabram Bowls Club with all bowlers enjoying the ideal conditions on offer.

The local team comprising Jeff Carnie, (sub) Kyabram legend; Rod Fiedler and Steve Peter collected the Runners Up trophy with four in the area. Well done.

The ladies will hold their Annual Invitation Fours tournament on Thursday 19 November from 9.30am.

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Names are required for members who wish to enter the respective Club Championship events.

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8 NOVEMBER

It was a quieter week on the local front with no play in the Campaspe Area Midweek Pennant due to the running of the Melbourne Cup.

Bowlers had to contend with some unsavoury windy weather on Saturday to try and play Pennant.

It was almost impossible at times with the continual gusty winds.

However it was the same challenges for all bowlers and they all battled on regardless.

The results on Saturday favored Lockington with all three Divisions winning their respective matches.

Division Three hosted the visiting Echuca teams and survived a real battle with two rinks up in the 68-45 victory.

(Steve Peter d. T Mc Coll 23-15; Leanne McInnes d. T Deenan 31-11: Dave Thomas and rink stayed in the game to recover from trailing 3-13 to finish losing 14-19 to G Slimmins and save the team somewhat!).

Division Four travelled to Echuca and had two rinks up on the day to salvage a 55-44 shot win. (Cindy Felmingham d. M Bennett 21-13: Denise Gilmore lost to K Robertson 13-18: John van den Bosch d. P Leach 21-13).

Division Six shared the rinks with Rochester but won the contest 43-31. (Les Brereton d. H Wilson 26-18: Kalvan Stout lost to M Ellis 17-23).

All Divisions are occupying a place in the respective premiership ladders.

"Hot news of the Week" is the commencement of the popular Barefoot Bowls from Tuesday evening - 10 November (6pm for 6.30pm start).

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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.

4pm - 5.15pm: Tai Chi @ Bush Nursing Centre

Tuesday

10am: Men's Shed @ Business Centre Complex

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

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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.

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

5 - 6.15pm - Yoga @ Bush Nursing Centre (Term 4 concludes Wednesday 2 December).

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

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Sunday

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Tuesday

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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)

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Friday

Social Indoor Bowls - 7.30pm Bamawm Ext Hall.

Saturday

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

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

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

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FOURTH WEEK

Wednesday

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