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Goldfields Gothic This Weekend



☆ Ravenna (left) with Buck, who will be hosting the Victorian Fan Language Workshop tomorrow morning (Saturday 2 July) at 1.30pm at the Maldon Shire Gardens. Bring your own hand fan and you can learn over 20 delicate and precise gestures fit for high society!
Photo courtesy of Stephen Cranby.

This weekend, as part of the Goldfields Gothic Festival of Dark Ideas, the streets will be alive with the sights and sounds of the Goth community. This huge festival is part of Maldon Inc's two-week Maldon In Winter Festival, which kicked off last weekend with a community bonfire.

It's time to dress up (don't forget your thermals!), go Goth and enjoy yourselves! There are plenty of events on offer at the Gothic Festival, and some of them are family-friendly. Such as the drawing session today (be quick!) for 'mini Goths' (under 16), being hosted by artists Kareen Anchen and Jeff Gardner at the Cascade Gallery. There are also drawing classes

for adults. Or the Gothic & Victorian picnic in the Maldon Shire Gardens tomorrow, which promises to be huge. Come one, come all, and don't forget to dress up.

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to admire Maldon's shop windows. The shopkeepers have really let their hair down, having a lot of fun playing with the themes of Fairy Tales or Scary Tales.

A quick look at goldfieldsgothic.com will show you that many of the events organised for the Festival have been sold out. But there's still plenty to see and do - such as the Memento Mori exhibition at EDGE Galleries and the Gothic to Sublime show at Cascade Gallery.

Tonight's burlesque show, at the time of going to press, had not yet sold out - so check ticket availability. You can dance the night away at No Lights No Lycra. Or front up to the Dark Open Mic at the 48 Main Street Bar. Perhaps hang out at the gin palace in Francis Street, which is open for the duration of the Festival.

Tomorrow afternoon, you can have a try out at the croquet club (Goths playing croquet; we'd like to see that!), or enjoy an afternoon of poetry. Tomorrow night, dark alternative band IKON are performing at the Community Centre, while Miss May will be singing at 48 Main Street.

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Maldon in winter



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WHOLE PROGRAM**

maldon.org.au/maldon-in-winter

**THIS WEEKEND'S MAIN HAPPENINGS:
GOLDFIELDS GOTHIC: FESTIVAL
OF DARK IDEAS (THE GIN PALACE)**

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Community Diary

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This is a free community service.

It is a good idea to advertise closer to the event.

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

LIONS CLUB OP SHOP, 10am to 2pm. Enq: Jenny 0407 158 833.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, 9am to 1pm Western Reserve, Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0455 332 692.

MALDON PONY CLUB RALLY at the Maldon Campdraft grounds at 9.30am for gear checks for a 10am kick off. Enq: Kira Chalmers 0407 140 580.

EVERY SUNDAY

MALDON MUSEUM, Shire Gardens, 11.30am - 2pm. Admission \$2.50 adults, children free.

EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB games every second Sunday at St. Brigid's at 1pm for a 1.30pm start. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Andrew Leckie 5400 1054.

SOCIAL PÉTANQUE is played on the Penny School pistes every second Sunday, alternating with MPC, at 1.45 for a 2pm start, unless rain is bucketing down, or it is over 30°. Enq: 0459 093 452.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

MALDON MARKET: Hand Made, Home Grown, 9am – 1.30pm. Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for machinery enthusiast's before and after the industrial revolution, but with more. Open 10am-4pm. Entry free - donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE REPAIR CAFE, at Castlemaine Community House 30 Templeton St Castlemaine. behind the Town Hall. 10 till 1. Bring along broken household appliances and sewing repairs. First in first served. For further info call Chris 5470 5508.

EVERY MONDAY

OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 9.30am-2.30pm. Enq. 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Library Contact 0437 094 469.

SOCIAL WALKS, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, 9.30am-11am. \$1 donation for cuppa.

SOCIAL GOLF – 8.30am – 9 holes, free for members or \$10 green fees. Enq: maldongolf4u@gmail.com or Gay Reid 0413 013 766.

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YOGA AND RELAXATION, Maldon Community Centre, 6pm – 7.30pm. \$12 casual. Open your body and mind with yoga and relaxation. First class free. Ph. Andrea 0427 772 878.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB, 2pm. Enqs: Carmel 0417 014 763.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

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MOSTLY LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

NIGHT SKY APPRECIATION SOCIETY, Meet under the oak at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. 28 Feb, 28 Mar, 8.30pm; 2 May, 30 May, 27 Jun, 7.30pm.

EVERY TUESDAY

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door to door service. Travel to Castlemaine, Kangaroo Flat or Maryborough, round trip, departing Maldon 9.50 or 11.55. \$3 one-way, \$5 return. Phone 5475 2093, email info@maldonnc.org.au full timetable www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus/community-bus-transport-service.

MAH JONG for seniors 10am-1pm at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enquiries: Kerry 0407 738 855.

MALDON BOWLING CLUB, at 10am, as long as COVID restrictions allow.

MALDON BRISK WALKING GROUP, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 7.30am - 8.15am. No cost.

TABLE TENNIS for seniors, 1.30-3.30pm at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enq. John 0418 995 164.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9.30am. New members welcome. Enq. Damien Kennedy 0428 130 764.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 6.30pm at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

DIABETES SOCIAL GROUP, 2 – 3pm. \$2 includes tea & coffee. Info: Jo Ann 0412 640 818.

NUGGETTY LAND PROTECTION GROUP meeting. For further info contact Christine Fitzgerald – ckfitz5@bigpond.com – 0419 347 408.

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CANASTA for seniors 10am at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enquiries: Lyn 0409 566 551.

COMMUNITY LUNCH 12.00 noon, Maldon Community Centre, \$7 donation.

EASY STEPS TO FITNESS, Fitness through simple dance steps. MNC 9am – 9.45am. \$10. Bookings: Sean 0419 210 043.

HATHA YOGA, Gentle yoga class. All levels of ability. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 5 – 6.30pm. \$15/casual or \$120/10 classes. Bookings: text Wendy 0490 064 084.

MALDON MEN'S SHED, 10am to 4pm at rear of Vintage Machinery Museum (accessed from Phoenix Street). All welcome. Contact Barry Murfett 0403 352 753. (Note: Closed on days of Total Fire Ban or over 38°).

MALDON MUSEUM, Shire Gardens, 11.30am - 2pm. Admission \$2.50 adults, children free.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 4.30pm at Maldon Train Station. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

MALDON RSL HALL, behind the Library on High Street. Open from 12 – 3pm. Drop in to discuss membership, family military history or just a chat and a cuppa.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for machinery enthusiast's before and after the industrial revolution, but with more. Open 11am-3pm. Entry free - donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

YOUNG AT HEART PLAYGROUP, Meet other local families in a fun and friendly environment. Wednesdays 10am – 11.30am at MNC. No cost.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

MALDON CEMETERY FRIENDS WORKING BEE, 9.30am - 11.30am. Our cemetery grounds and buildings need a little care and attention from some willing helpers on a regular basis. Training, equipment and morning tea provided. BYO Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and especially gardening gloves.

EVERY THURSDAY

TAI CHI EXERCISE GROUP (CHIRP), 11am-12 midday at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, \$5. Contact Jenny 0417 475 270.

MALDON BOWLS CLUB, Bowls practice anytime Thursday until dark.

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB, 12.45pm to 4.30pm at the Maldon Hotel. New players welcome including solo players. Enq: Danny Murphy 0430 733 782.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9.30am. New members welcome. Enq. Damien Kennedy 0428 130 764.

MALDON CHESS CLUB, 10.30am. Do you play? Come along. Do you want to learn? Come along. For enquiries contact John 0438 012 076.

MALDON SPINNERS AND WEAVERS have joined with the Yarnies. If you are interested in craft you are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings between 10 and 12 at the Festival Rooms, High Street Maldon.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 9.30am at Newstead. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

TECH HELP TO STAY CONNECTED Be Connected program and supported by friendly volunteer digital mentors. No experience needed! Thur 9.30 – 11.00am. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. FREE.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FREEMASONS MALDON meet at 7.30pm. Enq: Peter 5472 2202.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2022

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES have resumed with fantastic films, subject to COVID regulations. BYO smart phone and green Vax tick to scan QR code. Maldon Community Centre, Francis Street

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CHAIR YOGA, For people who require special consideration. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, 11am – 12 noon. Started 4 Feb. \$15/casual or \$120/10 classes. Bookings: text Wendy 0490 064 084.

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MALDON MUSEUM HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE, 10am - 1pm. Please phone 0427 752 598 for appointment.

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SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MALDON RSL SUB-BRANCH Monthly meeting in the Maldon RSL Hall behind the Athenaeum Library at 3pm. All Service and ex Service members are welcome to attend. No meeting in January.

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MAREE EDWARDS LISTENING POSTS are postponed until further notice. My office is still available for assistance, please contact us on 5410 2444 or maree.edwards@parliament.vic.gov.au.

TARRANGOWER DEMENTIA ALLIANCE, meetings from 10.30 – 12.00, Maldon Athenaeum Library.

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FRIDAY 1 JULY

OLD TIME DANCE is back at NEWSTEAD Community Centre, Lyons St (Pyrenees Highway), NEWSTEAD, starting at 8pm, come and kick up your heels to a live band, supper available, supports M&B Ag Show. Contact Hannah Dohnt 0409 189 708.

FRIDAY 24 JUNE - SUNDAY 10 JULY

MALDON IN WINTER. Visit www.maldon.org.au/events/maldon-in-winter for program details.

SUNDAY 24 JULY

MALDON GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS IN JULY HIGH TEA with Penny Woodward 1-4pm at Maldon Golf Club. \$35 includes glass of bubbles, raffle tickets and high tea. Bookings essential: Carmel 0417 014 763.



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Crackling Start to MIW

THE opening weekend of Maldon In Winter got off to a crackling start with the enormous bonfire.

As the flames soared into the cold, still air the crowd soaked up hot food and mulled wine. Down at the Progress Hall, the candles were lit and classical guitar virtuoso, Clancy McLeod, entranced his audience with deeply-felt performances of works from the Baroque to the Modern. His affinity for the work of the foundations of Western music in JS Bach again drew the strongest applause.

"It was like listening to one man build a cathedral in the air," said one rapt listener.

On Saturday night Issy Dye and Glenn Douglas absolutely rocked the Progress Hall to its foundations with their return to the roots of stadium rock in their Neil Diamond tribute. The show opened with

Issy's captivating capture of Bobby Darin and the crowd responded by rising en masse to begin dancing BEFORE he hit the chorus of the first song. From then on they sang and danced along with all of the great Neil Diamond hits.

A cold, wet Sunday afternoon kept many people home

but those who did come to Songs In Flight were captivated by David O'Connell's unique electric-acoustic guitar style and his Celtic-tinged punk songs of love and pain and universal things. Kaz MacKay's haunting versions

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☆ Talented classical guitarist Clancy McLeod performed by candlelight last weekend.

Photo courtesy of Clif Edwards

New Appointments for State MPs



BENDIGO West MP Maree Edwards has been nominated to take on the role of Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly. She has been representing her electorate since 2010 and has been in the Deputy Speaker's job for the past five years.

Ms Edwards told the *Times* this week that she was looking forward to her new role, which she will step into once she is elected by the Legislative Assembly when it next sits on 2 August. She will be responsible for the smooth running of the Department of Parliamentary Services, and of course for the passage of business through the Legislative Assembly. Ms Edwards will be the 38th Speaker since the Legislative Assembly began sitting in 1856. The Speaker is usually a member of the governing party.

The Speaker is an important job that requires in-depth knowledge of parliamentary procedure. "The Standing Orders will be my bible, as well as precedents that have been set by past Speakers,"

Ms Edwards said. "It's an exciting role, and through commitment and hard work I'm proud to have gained the respect of my electorate and my colleagues, which have enabled me to become Speaker."

There's no doubt about it, Bendigo's State Members of Parliament have been kicking goals in the past week. Just next door to Bendigo West is

Jacinta Allan's Bendigo East electorate, and Ms Allan has been appointed Deputy Premier. A long-serving MP, Ms Allan holds the Transport Infrastructure Ministry. In addition to being appointed Deputy Premier, she now has the responsibility of delivering the Commonwealth Games in 2026.

Damning CFA Report

AN independent review into the CFA has disclosed widespread instances of bullying, harassment and discrimination. The review focused on the culture within the CFA as well as management issues.

Nearly a quarter of CFA volunteers reporting to the review said they had been bullied in the past year. The review also uncovered significant levels of violence and aggression, discrimination and sexual harassment of CFA members.

The review has made 10 recommendations for change, which have been accepted in full by the CFA leadership team. The recommendations include changing the way that the CFA manages grievances, complaints and issues. The review calls for an increase in diversity and inclusion across all levels.

Also identified in the report was a lack of clarity within the CFA regarding working with children checks. While CFA volunteers interact with thousands of children through CFA programs and in the community, there are concerns that this contact is occurring without working with children checks being undertaken.

The CFA's leadership team has said that it is 'deeply sorry' regarding the bullying, harassment and discrimination that have been revealed by the report. The team is committed to reconciling and acknowledging the wrongs of the past and will put a five-year action plan in place in response to the findings.

The *Times* would like to point out that while there have been allegations of bullying at some CFA stations located in Central Victoria, there have been none involving brigades in the readership area - that is to say, Maldon, Newstead and Baringhup.

Maldon Hospital Garden Opening



☆ Aboriginal Elder and Traditional Owner Aunty Kerri Douglas conducted the smoking ceremony at the Maldon Hospital's garden opening last Friday.

It was a time for celebration at the Maldon Hospital last Friday as residents, families, staff and guests came together for the long-awaited opening of the Mount View garden and the Jessie Bowe garden room.

With the COVID crisis interrupting the building process, the project has been some years in the making. The end result is a delight and is well worth waiting for.

Aboriginal Elder and Traditional Owner Aunty Kerri Douglas conducted the smoking ceremony before the formalities got underway. She used leaves from the eucalyptus, cherry ballast and wattle trees - all gathered from the Maldon area. Speakers included Dhelkaya Health CEO Sue Race and Maldon Hospital

Director of Nursing Shannon Uren. "The project has had a long gestation with a fantastic result," Ms Race said. She paid tribute to several

people who were involved in the build. This included former Director of Nursing

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On Sunday afternoon, electro-folk band Dandelion Wine will perform at the Community Centre, and there will be a flower arranging class with a difference - Dark Blooms, presented by Winter Creek Flowers. And there'll be a few hearses tooling around the town!

Here's hoping for an enjoyable time for locals and visitors this weekend, at a Festival that's definitely one with a difference!



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Fairy Tales and Scary Tales



☆ Clipboards in hand, and concentrating hard: the panel of judges hard at work last Thursday afternoon.

IT was a tough gig for Maldon Primary School students to judge the usual Maldon In Winter shop window competition, back with a bang after a two-year

COVID hiatus. After much deliberation, the winners were announced last Thursday afternoon: First prize - Maldon Takeaway

Second prize - Portia & Co. Third prize - Crystal Shop The theme of fairy tales and scary tales gave shopkeepers plenty of scope to let their imaginations run wild. Alice In

Wonderland figured largely, but Snow White, Rapunzel, the Three Bears, Thumbelina and many others are there. Scary tales range from minimalist black frocks at Enfilade to full-blown witchery down at the Crystal Shop. There are also plenty of bats! Don't forget to look up when you view the Maldon Takeaway and Polly & Willow windows. If you haven't done so already, rug up and take the family out to enjoy the shop windows - they're fabulous! And from a mad hatter's tea-cup to a gingerbread house, the delight is in the detail - check out the selection of photos. Beaton's proprietor Kylie Trott, who organised the window displays on behalf of Maldon Inc, invites you to take part in the People's Choice Award. Simply fill in the coupon on the opposite page, cut it out and drop it off at the Maldon Newsagency before close of business on Friday 8 July.





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3. Myrtle Gold Project is located ~135km NW of Melbourne. Granted licence (EL7323) located just 30km south of the Fosterville Gold Mine.

Kalamazoo is planning to conduct low-impact gold exploration activities within these project areas.

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Letter to the Editor



☆ The joey comfortable and ready for its journey.

A saviour in our midst

On Saturday I was horrified to see a kangaroo fall to the ground after leaping up an embankment and landing awkwardly. She remained immobile, her ‘at foot joey’ nearby. I rang Wildlife Victoria. How lucky was I, and the kangaroos, that a wildlife volunteer lives in Maldon?

On arrival the volunteer, Ian Slattery, quietly approached the pair and competently assessed the situation, making soothing noises to reassure them as he did so. The mother appeared to be seriously injured and her joey was clearly too young to survive alone. The calmness and capability Ian exuded as he slowly approached and then darted the joey before gently covering it with a blanket was admirable, and the mother didn’t appear to be spooked. She was then sedated and examined. The compassion and kindness he showed when handling her was touching to observe. Sadly, her injuries were significant and she needed to be euthanised. Like a babe in arms, Ian carried her joey to his car for a physical check and weigh-in. It was obvious that the young joey

needed a carer. Ian then rang around and found someone willing and capable of taking on that role. She lived more than an hour away, a two-hour round trip for Ian. In all, a long and demanding afternoon’s work for this volunteer. My initial distress with the situation dissipated as Ian’s calmness and professionalism turned into a very upsetting incident into a compassionate act of kindness. I am in awe of the work of Ian who, like so many volunteers, selflessly contributes his time and expertise to the care of others, in his case our native wildlife. This act of kindness really reminded me of the good so many volunteers do for us, our community, the environment and native wildlife, and how very lucky we are to have so many in our midst.

Barbara Browne

Council Budget Passed

THE 2022/23 budget for Mount Alexander Shire Council was passed at the June Council meeting, with rate increases capped in line with State Government guidelines at 1.75 per cent.

It might be a small Council in comparison with monsters such as the City of Greater Bendigo, but Mount Alexander Shire Council is still operating a large business. Expenditure this year is anticipated to be almost \$39 million, with \$26 million worth of revenue coming from rates and charges. Expenses will be in the region of \$41 million,

with a sizeable amount of that money going towards a wages bill of around \$18 million. Some of Council’s expenditure has been earmarked for projects that will be of direct benefit to ratepayers within the Times’s readership area. They include improving road safety on a 2.4km section of Fogarty’s Gap and works at the Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve for sports lighting and female-friendly change facilities. There were some public budget submissions that didn’t get a guernsey in terms of Council expenditure in

2022/23. The request for an upgraded Maldon skate and BMX park has been put on the backburner. Calls for steps or a ramp to make access to the Maldon swimming pool easier now have to wait on an engineering inspection which is being carried out on all pools across the Shire. Other public budget submissions included a request for a dog-friendly park for Maldon, an extension to the waste collection to include Bendigo-Maldon Road residents and a suggestion for improvements to Maldon’s Shire gardens.



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with Tarrengower Ward Councillor Stephen Gardner



in the community making these events come to life.

The Maldon streetscape rejuvenation project is well underway and I for one am looking forward to it being completed, with all elements scheduled to be finalised by the end of August. Despite some people who label the rejuvenation of the streetscape as 'new heritage', this has been a long-term wish of many members of this community – from local traders, long-term residents AND local heritage experts. These people are involved via steering committees and work with Council to get it right. They give up their time to meet with Council, review works of the traders and are targeted by some individuals. It does make it hard for these dedicated people and constant criticisms takes its toll, particularly when they are volunteering and doing it for their community.

June Council meeting

This Council meeting was really to approve the 2022-2023 budget. As Councillors the budget is a long process and involves many meetings until we get to advertisement for adoption. As you could imagine there is a lot of debate

but as a group, it is done professionally and with goodwill. The Council officers do a fantastic job trying to pull it all together. We also try to reduce costs and focus on services and infrastructure, we don't always get it right. Despite COVID-19; the Council is in good financial shape and this will continue.

I was very happy to see the following in the budget:

- Completion of the upgrades at Fogartys Gap Rd. This road is considered one of the most dangerous in the Shire;
- Continuation of investment for the Bill Woodfull Oval. This year should see upgrading of the irrigation system, new lights and female-friendly change rooms.

It was great to see a number of public submissions from Maldon, as follows:

- Maldon Focus seeking funding for steps into the pool. Whilst at this stage it's not funded, it is a high priority for me, as the Maldon pool is a fantastic community asset. The pool (as are most in the Shire) is old and there are questions about its structural integrity for these works to occur. An engineering report is

soon to be underway to review all of the pools. Once this is finalised Council will know what can and can't be done and what it would cost to improve the pools across the Shire;

- Liam and some local kids made a video as they are wanting a BMX/pump track in Maldon. This

budget didn't fund it as there are a number of issues that need to be resolved, including where it would go. Despite what people think, Council doesn't have vacant land available, with lots of land being owned by the Victorian government and that Council merely manages.

This budget will look at this issue and hopefully, it will happen soon.

Council is always keen to support community-initiated projects, so getting activated and involved is always welcome.

Until next month, stay safe, enjoy the upcoming activities and be kind to everyone.

Crowdfunding for Falcons Doco



☆ Mitch Dunn, filmmaker and Mt Alexander Falcons player.

LOCAL filmmaker Mitch Dunn is in the process of making a documentary that celebrates the Mt Alexander Falcons Women's Football Club. It's an ambitious project; Mitch needs the community's support and has launched a crowdfunding campaign to complete the production process.

Prior to joining the Falcons 12 months ago, Mitch had never played Australian Rules football in their life. "I grew up in Sydney, so knew nothing about AFL. I did enjoy sport, however, and was the first girl to play soccer in a boys' junior team," they said. Mitch had to leave the team when they reached their teens and only took up soccer again some years later when a women's soccer league was formed.

Fast forward 20 years, during which Mitch gave away

sport in favour of work and travel. Then they saw a poster at the Castlemaine IGA inviting women and gender-diverse people - regardless of age or experience - to join a football team. Mitch went along to give it a go and was smitten. They love the game and generally play as a rover or on the wing.

Next came the idea of making a film about the club and its players, and Mitch began filming last year while wearing a camera on their body while training and during games. "The project has become way bigger than imagined," Mitch said. "I'm doing a Masters in photography that involves making images that challenge stereotypes and gender roles. And this film speaks to those ideas. It explores a range of issues

including gender identity and inequality."

According to Mitch, there are over 60 playing members at the Falcons Club, ranging in age from mid-twenties to 45. "Our oldest member is one of the fittest, and is not stopping any time soon," they said. "The club is all about coming and participating at any level that you can. We're all obsessed with football and we love playing."

Equal the Contest is the name of Mitch's film and the aim is to have the film completed later this year and released early next year. The crowdfunding campaign is backed by Documentary Australia Foundation which has DGR status, meaning all donations over \$1 are tax-deductible.

Mitch believes that their film will attract more women and gender-diverse people to consider playing AFL football and that it has the potential to be used as an educational tool in football clubs and schools. They are also seeking corporate sponsors. "We would love to partner with an organisation that values gender equality," Mitch said.

Would you like to donate? Go to the Documentary Australia Foundation website - <https://documentaryaustralia.com.au/project/equal-the-contest/>.

Interested in playing with the Falcons, or going to see them play? Check out their Facebook page for further details, <https://www.facebook.com/mtalexanderfalcons/>.

Maldon loco



☆ The Maldon VGR loco (used for trundling commuters around) has had an overhaul and is now nestled into its new landing. Make sure to pop down to the Maldon Station and check it out!

Photos courtesy Michele Waddington

Crackling Start to MIW

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of such classics as, 'Autumn Leaves' and 'Crazy', set to Josie Emery's elegant piano accompaniment showcased a whole new repertoire for this well-loved local performer. Josie brought her own

emotion-laden songs to a climax with her Chopin-esque 'Four Seasons' suite.

It was a weekend of community warmth, song and dance and a great opening for the ongoing Maldon In Winter festival. Let's leave it

with the words of Neil Diamond ringing out,

*You are the sun,
I am the moon
You are the words,
I am the tune
Play me!*

Clif Edwards



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INSPECT BY APPOINTMENT



McKenzie Hill
25 Mckenzie Way \$1,175,000

LUXURY MODERN LIFESTYLE 4 B 2 L 4 C

Establishing a new benchmark in contemporary design, this stunning near new residence custom designed and locally built in 2020 - 25 McKenzie Way showcases expansive proportions, great quality and timeless character. Only moments from Castlemaine's shops, cafes and restaurants, public transport, and local schools, including Winters Flat Primary and Castlemaine Steiner school, this well situated residence is a stone's throw away from recreational and retail amenities, including the Castlemaine Golf Course at Muckleford. Inside, an expansive entrance with polished concrete floors flows through to a generous, light filled living area with a modern kitchen with butlers pantry, stone benches and quality appliances. There are 4 bedrooms including a large suite sized main bedroom with luxurious ensuite and walk-in robe, matching family bathroom, and powder room. There is a casual living dining space that looks north onto the alfresco area and pool, plus a separate formal living room has a tall raked ceiling.

INSPECT BY APPOINTMENT



Campbell's Creek
3 Tingay Drive \$1,160,000

MODERN DESIGN WITH CAPTIVATING CHARM 4 B 2 L 3 C

Just 2.5km from the heart of Castlemaine, this modern designed home has a warmth of captivating charm, with great Street appeal, an individual floor plan, polished Victorian hardwood timber floors and a large leafy garden with north side access, stone walled gardens and a private plunge pool with north facing sunshine. Featuring a butterfly roofline, and bespoke façade, this one owner home has much to offer with an oversize double garage with direct access, decked entry, stone paved outdoor areas and numerous raised veggie boxes plus fruit trees. The home features a split-level design, 4 bedrooms with robes, main and ensuite bathrooms, a central stainless-steel kitchen, and large adjoining dual living areas that both open out to a covered alfresco area, plunge pool and attractive gardens that include a pizza oven and a raised outdoor entertaining space with country vistas. The home has ducted gas heating and ducted evaporative cooling throughout. Special living in a great neighbourhood awaits.

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Maldon
161 High Street \$655,000

MID-CENTURY TIMBER VILLA IN DELIGHTFUL GARDENS 3 B 1 L 2 C

Position on a delight garden allotment of 752m2 with shade trees, garden beds and an ancient bay-tree, this 1950s timber home has been updated and improved in accord with its era and features a verandah-porch entry, a decked rear pergola and a gable roofed double carport. The home has timber doors, town gas connected with gas hot water a new gas heating, a lounge room with Tapestry brick fireplace, 2 double bedrooms and a 3rd bedroom or office located at the rear. There is a retro styled modern bathroom with bath, pedestal vanity and modern shower; modern kitchen-dining with bar survey bench, feature windows and Westinghouse stainless steel cooker and dishwasher. A rear mudroom connects to a large decked, covered pergola with a great leafy garden aspect. With a corner position nearby from the local Golf Course, Bowling green, school bus stop, primary school and shops, this is a character home that will surprise and delight.



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Cactus Control Field Trip

The event was held in the Maldon Historic Reserve, at the back of the Mount, where they thoroughly enjoyed the natural landscapes and local views.

The very enthusiastic group were from the Monash University Biological Society, which organises an annual midyear field trip to help us, and has been coming every year since 2012 (except during the you-know-what). The students learn about the enormous negative impacts and challenges of environmental weeds and assist in weed management, and Parks Victoria score some dead Wheel Cactus plants.

The Tarrangower Cactus Control Group thanks Parks Victoria for the collaboration and the Mount Alexander Shire Council for providing funding for this event.

Lee Mead

☆ There was plenty of cactus killing at last Sunday's Tarrangower Cactus Control Group field day.

Photo courtesy of Phil Hopley.

A group of 15 tertiary students from Monash University came to the Tarrangower Cactus Control Group field day yesterday, to help us in the war on Wheel Cactus.

Community Vet Clinic - one giant step closer



☆ Once it is built, this is what the RCVC's proposed community vet clinic will look like.

CASTLEMAINE-BASED Regional Community Vet Clinic (RCVC) volunteers are delighted to announce that they now have registered charity status and are endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) by the Australian Tax Office. This means that all donations to the RCVC over \$2 are now tax-deductible.

RCVC is now partnering with Australian fundraising platform mycause to raise \$200,000 over 12 months to complete construction of a community vet clinic in Campbells Creek. This purpose-built facility will serve pet owners in regional Victoria unable to pay veterinary bills owing to financial hardship, ill-health or disability.

The fundraiser aims to double the \$200,000 received from the Victorian Government to cover the construction budget of \$400,000 for the proposed vet clinic.

Despite not having a permanent home, the RCVC recently conducted a desexing day where they neutered over 30 cats. RCVC also distributed parasite control doses to residents in Maldon through the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

If you're interested in contributing to the fundraiser, you can do so via the RCVC homepage at rcvc.org.au/donate/ or go to www.mycase.com.au/rcvc-clinic. RCVC also invites any organisations interested in sponsorships or corporate giving to contact them at info@rcvc.org.au. You can find out more about the RCVC by calling 0493 447 394.

Housing Crisis in the Shire

A conversation heard by the *Times* in the street recently, between two twentyish guys:

"Where are you living these days?"

"In the back of my ute."

"You're lucky you've got a ute, mate. More room to stretch out!"

Times are tough when there isn't enough housing - let alone affordable housing - for everyone, and that is what is happening across Mt Alexander Shire and beyond. A liveable community is one that has affordable and appropriate housing. With more and more housing being snapped up for use as AirBnBs or as weekenders, the situation in the Shire is only becoming worse.

Mount Alexander Shire Council has begun a conversation regarding housing affordability and is inviting you to get involved in the conversation.

Council is looking at options for funding, and that includes looking at access to land that could be used for affordable housing. In the short term, there is a potential funding opportunity that would see 42 medium-density apartment homes built at a cost of around \$25 million. There have been two suitable locations identified in Templeton Street, Castlemaine. The apartments would be built above the two locations, in a planning arrangement termed 'Air Rights'. This would create affordable rental accommodation on flat land within walking distance to shops and other services. You're invited to have your say on this option - go to shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/affordable-housing or call 5471 1700.

What can you do to address the affordable housing crisis? Council has some suggestions. You can volunteer your skills, time and knowledge to address the issue, and you may know of any empty homes which could be used for medium or long-term rent. Another option could be the creation of a charitable property trust in Mount Alexander, which could hold tax-deductible bequests and gifts of property and cash for appropriate and affordable housing now and into the future.

There is support for people in housing crisis in the Shire. You can contact the Castlemaine Housing Service at Spencely House, Castlemaine Health, or phone 5479 1000 if you need assistance to complete a priority application for housing.

If you need affordable housing but may not be in acute housing crisis, you are encouraged to add your name to the Victorian Housing Register (VHR). The VHR is how the State Government determines housing requirements in the community. By adding your name to the register, a case can be built for more affordable housing in the region.

Many of Australia's native ducks form life-long pairs. When one is shot, the other may never recover.

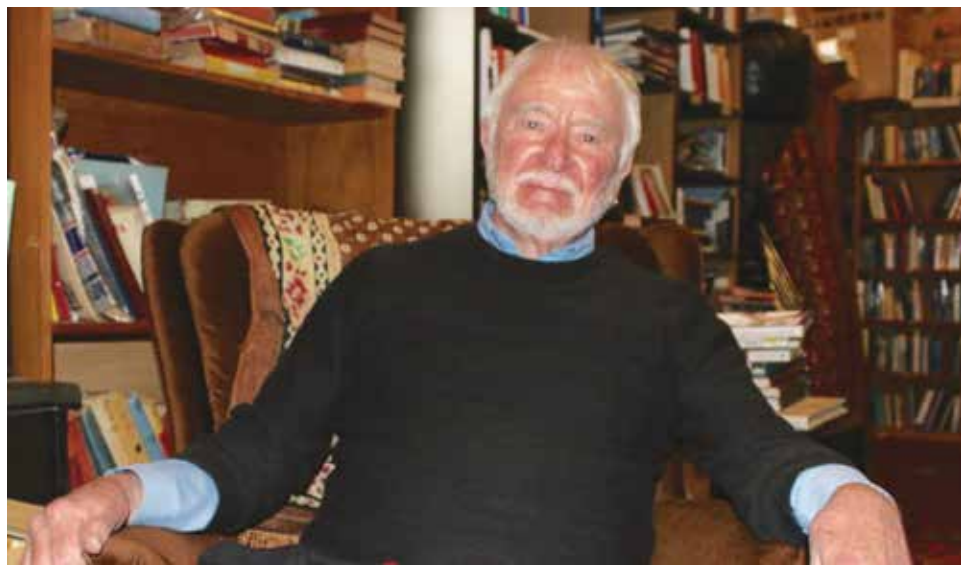
With our native ducks suffering long term decline, isn't it time Victoria banned duck shooting?

Recreational duck shooting is banned in ACT, QLD, WA and NSW



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Photo by Eleanor Dilley



☆ Mike at the shop.

After some outstanding years, Mike's life went to shit and for some years he wandered lonely as a cloud in South Australia before returning to the NT, this time for a dozen years in Tennant Creek.

Mike recalled, "My time in TFC, as we fondly called it, was pivotal in several ways. My teaching matured, and after a decade involved in indigenous education, I moved back into what we then called mainstream. I met Annie. I got political, first as a union activist leading campaigns including a serious re-shaping of my school from almost

a standing joke to the best secondary school in the Territory – and later joining the ALP and working for my local member, a brilliant woman (and mentor) who was also NT Opposition Leader. And, having acknowledged that the most important thing about me was that I was a parent, I worked at being a good Dad to my three boys."

Part of being a good Dad was staying accessible, which prompted Mike and Annie to leave the NT and move south – briefly to South Australia, then over the border to the hamlet of Balmoral in western Victoria and the smallest high

school in the state. There he taught English, History and related subjects - and proudly recalls making the lost art of debating into a competitive sport. It was a delightful place to live and work for seven years but change was again in the wind. The older boys had grown up and moved away, but there were two more to raise now and itchy feet to scratch.

"We loved travel and wanted to live somewhere overseas

at least for a year. A long hunt landed us in Istanbul teaching in private schools for two years; an experience full of challenges, draining hard work, intense friendships and rich cultural experiences. The kids quickly became fluent in Turkish and thrived at their excellent school. There was more travel – west to Europe and east to Israel and Jordan. Türkiye (as it's officially spelt now) was a very, very special time, and very hard to leave."

But Maldon was calling. Mike's teaching career petered out with a series of contracts, which freed him to try his hand at other things: more acting, funeral celebrancy, waiting in restaurants, doing radio and of course, running a bookshop - which he wants you to know is now for sale. Not that he's going anywhere, except for more travelling; Mike reckons Maldon is where he'll see out his days.

He concluded: "Maldon is a brilliant community and a lovely town. I particularly like the way it can move between quiet and sleepy to bustling with tourists and events and

back again. A really difficult part of this stage of life, however, is losing friends. I was deeply saddened by the death of my dear friend Janet Doyle last year and of my great mate

Geoff Kreeck earlier this year. It's a reminder to make the best of your time and leave a good legacy."

Mike Smythe

Almost Finished!



THE work on the gutters in Maldon is finally nearing completion, and for some shopkeepers (and shoppers!) it can't come soon enough.

It has been particularly onerous for retailers during

school holidays and other busy times. "It keeps the customers away," is a common complaint.

Never mind, almost finished – and the end result will be well worth waiting for.

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Four very different novels are reviewed this week: a crime thriller; a story of psychological power; a novel set in ancient times; and a story investigating the idea of parallel worlds. Put your feet up in front of the fire and enjoy.

Life or death
by Michael Robotham

Audie Palmer has spent 10 years in a Texas prison after pleading guilty to a robbery in which four people died and seven million dollars went missing. During that time he has suffered repeated beatings, stabbings and threats by inmates and guards, all desperate for him to answer the same question: where’s the money?

On the day before Audie is due to be released, he suddenly vanishes. Now everybody is searching for him - the police, FBI, gangsters and other powerful figures - but Audie isn’t running to save his own life. Instead, he’s trying to save someone else’s.

Michael Robotham has created the ultimate underdog hero, an honourable criminal shrouded in mystery and ready to lead readers on a remarkable chase.

The Watch Tower
by Elizabeth Harrower

After Laura and Clare are abandoned by their mother, Felix is there to help, even to marry Laura if she will have him. Little by little the two sisters grow complicit with his obsessions, his cruelty, and his need to control.

Set in the leafy northern suburbs of Sydney during the 1940s, *The Watch Tower* is a novel of relentless and acute psychological power.

The Silence of the Girls
by Pat Barker

Barker builds on her decades-long study of war and its impact on individual lives in this novel told in the words of Briseis, a pivotal figure in the Trojan War.

The ancient city of Troy has withstood a decade under siege of the powerful Greek army, which continues to wage bloody war over a stolen woman, Helen. In the Greek camp, another woman, Briseis watches and waits for the war’s outcome. She was queen of one of Troy’s neighbouring kingdoms, until Achilles, Greece’s greatest warrior, sacked her city and murdered her husband and brothers. Briseis becomes Achilles concubine, a prize of battle, and must adjust quickly in order to survive a radically different life, as one of the many conquered women who serve the Greek army.

When Agamemnon, the brutal political leader of the Greek forces, demands Briseis for himself, she finds herself caught between the two most powerful of the Greeks. Achilles refuses to fight in protest, and the Greeks begin to lose ground to their Trojan opponents. Keenly observant and coolly unflinching

about the daily horrors of war, Briseis finds herself in an unprecedented position, able to observe the two men driving the Greek army in what will become their final confrontation, deciding the fate not only of her people but also of the ancient world at large.

Sea of Tranquility
by Emily St. John Mandel

Edwin St. Andrew is 18 years old when he crosses the Atlantic by steamship, exiled from polite society following an ill-conceived diatribe at a dinner party. He enters the forest, spellbound by the beauty of the Canadian wilderness, and suddenly hears the notes of a violin echoing in an airship terminal, an experience that shocks him to his core.

Two centuries later a famous writer named Olive Llewellyn is on a book tour. She’s travelling all over Earth, but her home is the second moon colony, a place of white stone, spired towers, and artificial beauty. Within the text of Olive’s bestselling pandemic novel lies a strange passage: a man plays his violin for change in the echoing corridor of an airship terminal as the trees of a forest rise around him.

When Gaspéry-Jacques Roberts, a detective in the Night City, is hired to investigate an anomaly in the North American wilderness, he uncovers a series of lives upended: the exiled son of an earl driven to madness; a writer trapped far from home as a pandemic ravages Earth; and a childhood friend from the Night City who, like Gaspéry himself, has glimpsed the chance to do something extraordinary that will disrupt the timeline of the universe.

With thanks to Good Reads.
Maldon Athenaeum Library Team

Doomsday

THE ‘Doomsday Clock’ is a symbol that represents the end of the world as predicted by members of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*.

Maintained since 1947, the clock is a metaphor for threats to humanity from unchecked scientific and technological advances. A hypothetical global catastrophe is represented by midnight on the clock, with the *Bulletin’s* opinion on how close the world is to this happening being represented by a certain number of minutes or seconds to midnight. This time is assessed in January each year.

The clock’s original setting in 1947 was seven minutes to midnight. Today it is set, not on minutes away from midnight, but only 100 seconds to midnight. What are they trying to tell the world? Time is short. Is this a surprise to you? More importantly, is it a surprise to God whom we believe is the creator of all things, including time? God has been warning us that time is short ever since Jesus left Earth 2,000 years ago, but are we listening to Him? Maybe we should take notice now that these atomic scientists have moved the hand of the Doomsday Clock much closer to midnight.

What does 100 seconds represent in ‘God time’? 2 Peter chapter 3 verses 8 and 9 tells us that to God, a day is like a 1,000 years and a 1,000 years is like a day; and that He is being patient with us, not wanting anyone to perish.

Based on what is happening in the world today, if you were God, would you have pushed the button by now? Isn’t the world fortunate that we are not God? 2 Peter 3 goes on to say that God loves us too much not to give us until the last millisecond to put our faith and trust in His son Jesus and what He did for the world on the cross. The apostle Paul reminds us that the god of this world, Satan, has blinded the people of the world with darkness so they can’t see the Light of the glory of Jesus.

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Jesus, the Son of God, has the gift of eternal life for all who will accept it from him. Isn’t this worth thinking about, considering the time?

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ATHEIST IN THE WOODS

An atheist was walking through the woods.
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‘What powerful rivers!’
What beautiful animals!’
He said to himself.

Suddenly, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look and saw a seven-foot grizzly bear charge towards him.

He ran as fast as he could along the path.
He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing on him....

He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer....and then...he tripped and fell.
Rolling over to pick himself up, he found the bear was right on top of him.... reaching towards him with its left paw And raising the right paw to strike....
At that instant, the Atheist cried out, “Oh my God!”
Time stopped...
The bear froze....
The forest was silent...

A bright light shone upon the man and a voice came out of the sky...

“You deny my existence for all these years, you teach others I don’t exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident....

Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?”
“Am I to count you as a believer?”

The atheist looked directly into the light...
“It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now.....but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?”

... a pause ...

“Very well”, said the voice ...

The light went out.
The sounds of the forest resumed ...
the bear dropped his right arm ...
brought both paws together ...
bowed his head & spoke ...

**“Lord, bless this food, which I’m about to receive.
Amen.”**

Fr Wabid Riad
St Mary’s Catholic Parich, Castlemaine

BLAST FROM THE PAST

THE ILLICIT STILL

In late June 1854, Christopher Smith and John Richardson were brought before the Tarrangower Police Court charged with having in their possession illegal distilling equipment. The equipment included a still, casks, funnels, strainers and a large quantity of fermented mash. They were also charged with using all of this apparatus to carry on illicit trade. Both Smith and Richardson pleaded not guilty.

John Jones was the first witness called by the prosecution. Jones said that he had found his wife in Smith’s tent. Jones said that Smith had tried to induce her to leave him. Smith had told her he had more than one hundred pounds and could provide her with as much spirits as she wished. Jones said that when he went to Smith’s tent he was offered spirits in a pannikin and saw both Smith and Richardson working at a large tin boiler.

Police Sub-Inspector Charles Hope Nicholson said he had gone to the prisoners’ tent with four policemen. There they found several drunken men including John Richardson. During the police search, Richardson jumped up and tried to run away. Meanwhile, Christopher Smith was found in another part of the tent also in a drunken state.

After searching the tent Nicholson found a primitive still and jars of spirits. He also found a large bag of sugar under a bed. When questioned by the Bench, Nicholson said he had found more than 40 gallons of fermenting mash in the tent and three bottles of yeast. He also said that during the police search Richardson had tried to upturn the still. The police then arrested both Smith and Richardson and took possession of their equipment.

In their defence, Smith and Richardson said that they were only making beer and other drinks for their own use. However, the Bench after considering all the evidence found them guilty on all the charges. It imposed a fine of one hundred pounds on both men or, in default, 12 months imprisonment in the Melbourne Gaol.

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Maldon Hospital Garden Opening

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Katrina Sparrow for sourcing the funding and getting the project underway and current Nursing Director Shannon Uren for seeing the process through to its completion. The plants in the sensory garden, at the rear of the Hospital, have been carefully selected for their colour, texture, scent and the memories that they may evoke.

The raised brick garden beds make gardening easier and are the perfect height for sitting on. Private and sheltered, the sensory garden is the perfect place for residents to spend time outdoors. At the front of the Hospital is the garden room, which overlooks a second garden. This space has a large pergola and curved raised garden beds, with ample seating. The room, which was built off-site

in two pieces and then completed in situ, is the perfect place for residents to entertain their loved ones. Comfortably furnished and with a projection system, it is a room that is fit for many purposes and will be well used in the years to come. A large clock in the room, plus many plants in the sensory garden, were purchased from funds donated to the Hospital by resident Lilian Long.

IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



TODAY Alison and Kev meet Blues/Tango/Jazz duo Lynne Gough and Dave Taylor. Last Friday Nancy and Elizabeth talked up the MAINfm Radiathon – Radio Recharge,

and had a fascinating discussion with Tony Falla, pictured, (a Leonard Cohen tragic) about how to become an amateur radio operator. This has become ever more urgent during catastrophic events like

the dreadful Mallacoota bushfires and the Lismore floods, when Internet and mobile phones and power were not available for use. Since the fires of 2020 Tony has been working on the idea that we need to give every citizen the chance to communicate and ask for help in the event of a catastrophe. Next Friday Lee Mead will meet EC and Nancy to talk about Killing Cactus, the Dead Heart of Maldon AND Friends of Maldon Historic Reserve. To catch up on our previous programs click on <https://www.mixcloud.com/nancymay007/>. See our ad on page 13.

Mike Smythe

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB

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On many occasions, it can be a successful combination but can become a little confusing when trying to get a 'loose' player to sit at the vacant position to help the solo player. If there is a player seated in the 'dummy' hand we do try to get his/her attention to 'come quickly' and help out with the bidding.

The afternoon went a little later than usual but the scorers and helpers were soon on to getting the results out and it was announced that the scores were quite close when the final tally was computed. In first place with 73 points were Newstead Jo and Associates. A great result as it is difficult for the 'alone' player to concentrate on each round as they are played. Not far behind in second place were Fred and Sandy with 71 points. Maldon Jo and Aileen were

only one point away in third place with 70 points. Both players seem to appear in the final placings each week and I believe Aileen and Sue have also been doing well at online Bridge, gaining a first and second in recent weeks. Ken and Danny worked hard for their 67 points to get fourth place, followed by Lillian and Annie in fifth place with 61 points. Well done to everyone on a good day's play. As usual, we enjoy our break for afternoon tea and the hot mini savoury pies were well received. Thank you Sherrie and the Maldon Hotel staff once again. Whatever your age group or skills please feel free to join us each Thursday from 12.45pm to 4.30pm to help us in our endeavour to **USE IT OR LOSE IT** *Judy McKnight*



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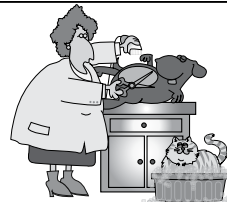
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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.4	92.9	44.6
Feb	0.5	8.9	56.3
Mar	68.9	72.3	32.8
Apr	73.9	9.8	99.6
May	27.3	42.0	49.2
June	41.8	54.0	38.3
July		63.1	23.5
Aug		35.0	48.7
Sept		47.7	40.9
Oct		87.8	47.1
Nov		57.5	25.7
Dec		18.3	29.1
TOTAL	302.8	596.0	535.8

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 29.6.22

7.2mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.0	83.4	35.2
Feb	1.0	17.0	52.8
Mar	74.4	83.8	37.0
Apr	91.0	14.4	145.4
May	32.2	53.6	66.2
June	64.6	81.0	49.2
July		82.8	32.8
Aug		41.8	62.2
Sept		49.2	54.6
Oct		76.8	73.2
Nov		62.4	37.2
Dec		18.8	39.2
TOTAL	353.2	683.8	685.0

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 29.6.22

4.6mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	103.4	101.6	53.6
Feb	0.0	13.6	38.0
Mar	48.0	67.2	35.8
Apr	80.8	11.4	107.6
May	30.0	53.2	56.2
June	47.8	62.6	46.6
July		68.2	29.4
Aug		44.0	69.6
Sept		70.0	46.8
Oct		85.4	56.2
Nov		70.4	22.8
Dec		18.6	31.2
TOTAL	310.0	666.2	593.8

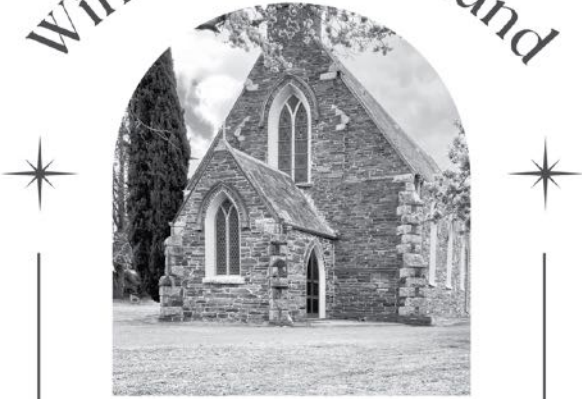
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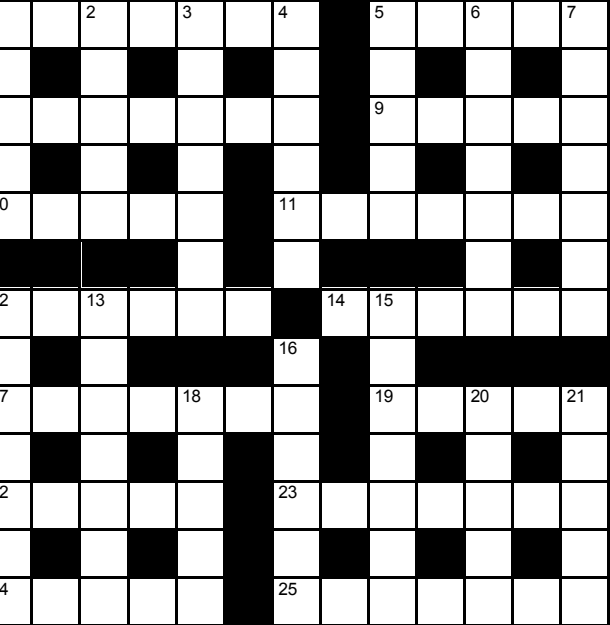
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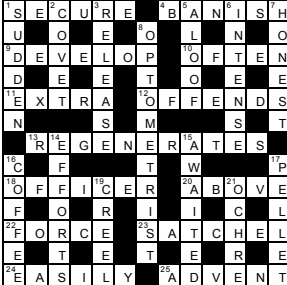
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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

Round 9 v Avoca



☆ Aaron Millen on the run at last weekend's Reserves game.



☆ On the hunt at last Saturday's Seniors match, Dave Wilson, Julian Lockwood, Tanner Bishop and Hayden Kelly.

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were a highlight of the game. The team went down narrowly to an exceptional team but showed they could match it with the best.

Best: Katie Tong.

B Grade

Maldon 36 Def Avoca 34

The B Grade team came out firing on Saturday and were certainly up for the challenge against Avoca. The game was not going to be easy right from the first whistle, and the Maldon team had to contest every ball. There was excellent team and brilliant combinations down the court from all the Maldon girls; however, Avoca always led and going into the last quarter, Maldon were down by many goals. As has proved in previous weeks, this team have a never give up approach, and this time, they were successful in beating Avoca in another nail-biter game, taking it to the last whistle.

Best: Alex Cummins.

C Grade

Maldon 32 Def Avoca 20

The team went in with a big task on their hands with Avoca yet to lose a game for the season, and we ended that run. Being down by 1 going into the last quarter, the girls pulled out all the stops to dominate the last quarter to win by 12.

Best: Georgia Spokes.

Under 17s

Maldon 31 Def Avoca 11

The U17s played an exceptional game to certainly storm over Avoca. With excellent accuracy at goals and a very tight defence lineup, the Avoca team struggled to put goals on the board. The teamwork is really starting to come together, and with a few tough games to come before finals, the team are looking at staying in the top four. The team worked extremely well and will be an exciting combination to watch as we prepare for the run to the finals.

Best: Tayah Doyle.

Under 15s

Maldon 44 Def Avoca 10

The U15s started the game well and were able to easily capitalise on their opponent Avoca right from the first whistle. The Avoca team were able to put a good defence on the Maldon team; however, the Maldon team were much quicker in their reaction time and were able to intercept and pressure the Avoca team causing many turnovers. The team is forming really well; coming together with the experience and skill, awesome teamwork and support, they will certainly be able to match it with the best.

Best: MacKenzie Shepherd.

Under 13s

Maldon 24 Def Avoca 12

This week the team got a win on the board. Everyone played their part; defence made it hard for Avoca to shoot, and centre players brought it all together while our goals were on fire.

Best: Holly Williams.

Under 11s

Maldon 0 Def by Avoca 26

It was a freezing, foggy morning as we took on the very tall and slick Avoca team. Sportsmanship was very evident and made us all very proud as we introduced a new player to our team. Congratulations to Maci on her first game with us. We have been practising our space creation, and it really started to show today in our game. But Avoca was very good and showed great skills and abilities, outrunning us.

Best: Alice and Isla.

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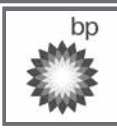
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On Saturday 18 June our two teams of five headed to Ballarat for the round of the Golden Boule Round Robin competition. We were warned to rug up because of Ballarat's climate reputation.

It was a 10am start and even though the sun was out it was cool. By the time we played the second game, the sun had warmed up enough to take off the heavy clothing. However, by game three, the sun was covered by cloud and so it was jackets on again.

We went for petanque, not the weather and Maldon came away victorious winning 7 games 16 points to Ballarat 5 wins 14 points.

The next round of the Golden Boule will be against Smythesdale on Saturday 16 July at home on the St Brigid's pistes, again starting at 10am.

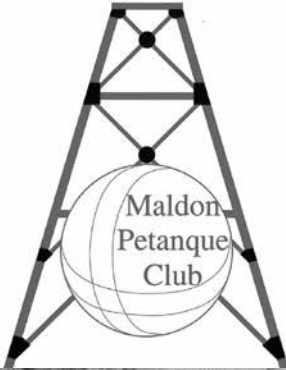
*Rain, rain go away
We have petanque to play*

On Sunday 26 June we were looking for pleasant weather for our fortnightly games. However, the clouds coming over Tarrangower were looking threatening. We welcomed a car load of players from the Pyrenees Club in Avoca, who had heard so much about Maldon weather that they came to play. By 1.30pm the start time, the rain was heavy so it was decided to have a social coffee in the hall before cancelling the day.

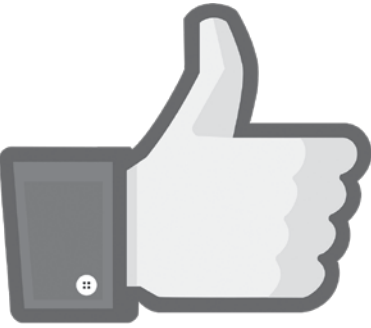
As the rain did ease, it was decided to play one game. The weather improved and we played our regulation three games in reasonable conditions. At the end of play, it was announced that the winner for the day was Geoff McLennan 3 wins 21 points followed by Phil Hopley 3 wins 12 points and Chris Przygody 2 wins 13 points.

Our next games will be on Sunday 10 July at the St Brigid's pistes commencing at 1.30pm.

Geoff McLennan



☆ Sandy in action last Sunday, hooded up against the misty rain. Note the boules below the sign!



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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

Round 9 v Avoca
Overview

THIS week the club tackled what was set to be a very challenging day for sport, coming up against a strong Avoca; however, unfortunately for Avoca, they had been hit with outages due to COVID, which saw a massive impact on fielding teams.

After a few tougher weeks, the teams had some mindsets to adjust, and after some good training sessions through the weeks, our teams were ready to rumble on the field and the court.

All of our teams are looking good on the ladders, with junior football 11.5s sitting 4th, 14.5s sitting 3rd and 17.5 2nd. Senior football has Reserves sitting pretty in 1st and Seniors 5th. With the Junior netball, we have 11s sitting 6th, 13s sitting 13th, 15s sitting 2nd, 17s 3rd, and in Senior netball, we have C grade sitting 9th, B grade sitting 2nd and A sitting 5th. These are all very promising positions to be in leading into our final rounds before finals.

This weekend we also held our Sponsors and Past Players function, which was a great turnout and celebration.

This coming week we have another Bye, and then we hit Natte Bealiba over at their home ground.

Football

Seniors

Maldon 160 Def Avoca 17

What a sensational day for the Senior team with a change of mindset and attitude to kick off the day! The team played excellent footy for four quarters with great skill and execution of the game plan, and also, it was great to see the excitement back in the group.

Best: Adam Robinson, Hayden Kelly, Kyle Winstanley, Bryce Coffey, Rhys Ford and Julian Lockwood.

Reserves

Maldon 225 Def Avoca 18

The Reserves took on an Avoca team that was decimated due to COVID reasons. Right from the outset, the team had numerous scoring opportunities, putting the result beyond doubt at quarter time. Full credit to the Avoca team, who never gave up and managed to kick 3 goals themselves, however, it was an easy win by 207 points. Bailey Muscat continued his good form with 6 goals, with Jamie Cox and Reece Carmichael hitting the scoreboard with five apiece. A big month is ahead for the Reserves as they sit atop the ladder.

Best: Bailey Muscat, Reece Carmichael, Aaron Millen, Brayden Saint, Jamie Cox and Beau Kitchingman.

17.5s

Maldon 104 Def Avoca 7

For the first time this year, the under 17.5s team played as a team, and it showed. Playing against third place on the ladder Avoca, the Maldon team were brilliant, moving the ball the way I've wanted all year. Noah Thompson was dominant again in the ruck. Bailey O'Dell had his usual head over the ball in a hard-running game to also be very dominant out of the middle. Xavior Noy was also very strong across halfback. I couldn't be any more proud of the boys this weekend.

Best: Xavior Noy, Noah Thompson, Bailey O'Dell, Lochie Holman, Finian Mackenzie and Eli Mitchell-Girvan.

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☆ Despite great defensive pressure from Maldon, Avoca's A Grade netball defeated Maldon last Saturday. Pictured Claire Hamilton.

14.5s

Maldon 140 Def Avoca 18

Under 14.5s had a great win; it was a great team effort once again. They moved the ball really well, with some really strong marking up forward from Brodie Doyle and Jordan Hardy. When the ball hit the ground, the likes of Levi Mason and Jack Jennings were brilliant in crumbing the ball and finishing off with goals.

Best: Brodie Doyle, Jordan Hardy, Izaak Mason, Riley Skinner, Ryan Burchell and Levi Mason.

11.5s

Maldon 13 Def by Avoca 20

The U11.5 Avoca clash produced the best contest of the day with hard tackling and great defence, with Maldon holding on to a slim lead for the majority of the game.

Avoca grabbed the lead by a point in the final quarter. Maldon was desperate to get back the lead, but Avoca's defence held strong, and they managed to sneak another goal in the last five seconds. It was a heartbreaking loss, but overall it was a great game with lots of individual efforts from Heath busting through the packs, Aleks attacking from halfback, and Chayse playing his best game, putting his body on the line for the team. Bray, Yoshi, Will and Vance were strong in defence, and Seth and Mini Zav were everywhere and strong marking from Chloe and Essie, who both clocked up many kicks. Another growth game for the young team.

Best: C. Thompson, A. Powell, Z. Slickerodt, H. Powell, S. Gross and E. Egleton.

Netball

A Grade

Maldon 52 Def by Avoca 58

The A Grade team were prepared for a tough game this week with Avoca undefeated since 2019 and top of the ladder. They were determined for the win. When the first whistle went, the Maldon team certainly put on the defensive pressure, which was exceptional throughout the whole court. The team kept the pressure on all game, and exceptional passing and intercepts

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☆ B Grade Netballers had a close game with Avoca, and came out on top. Pictured Sarah Blake.

MALDON GOLF CLUB



IN the absence of Co-Captain Chris Mulholland, who was sojourning with his get-away weekend to Sydney, Co-Captain Andrew Fitzpatrick took the reigns single-handedly for the day's golfing activities for play in the first of three rounds for the Freidrich Plate.

Andrew proceeded to outperform the field of golfers with a great round of golf; an excellent 38 stableford points to win the daily event, a win on the first play-off hole in the Jack Long Matchplay over a gallant Bruce Ackland and finishing with his highlight of the day being a great tee-shot on the 14th hole to within 1 metre of the hole. Calmly sinking the putt, Andrew achieved his Eagle and the \$50 kitty, repeating his feat of last week on the very same hole.

...INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD EVENT... ROUND 1 FREIDRICH PLATE

WINNER	Andrew Fitzpatrick	38 points
RUNNER-UP	Bruce Ackland	36 points
GOOD SCORES	Oliver Messenger	34 points
	Craig Borrow	34 points
	Simon Sheedy	32 points
NEAREST the PIN	Simon Sheedy	HOLE 17
Ca\$h-HOLE	Simon Sheedy	HOLE 10
	Ryan Mulholland	

...ROUND 1 JACK LONG MATCHPLAY...
Nic VanWamel defeated Simon Sheedy 1 up
Andrew Fitzpatrick defeated Bruce Ackland 1st
hole-playoff
John Arnold defeated John Hoskin 6/5
Craig Borrow defeated Burris Keen Forfeit

GOLF TOMORROW
JULY MONTHLY MEDAL
Round 2 JACK LONG MATCHPLAY commences
Registration 12noon.....hit-off 12.30pm
Bob Briggs