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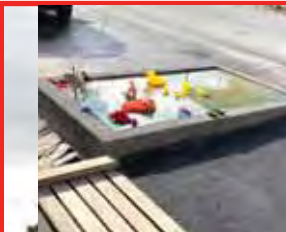
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★ 17 year old Mackenzie Punton on the family farm at Shelbourne in a field of oats.
Photo courtesy Rob Leeson

COVID fatigue

We all know Maldon and surrounding towns are unique and wonderful places, particularly at this time of year, when the weather warms and the daffodils raise their heads.

The consensus from locals interviewed by the *TT* is people in Central Victoria have been more fortunate than most during this pandemic.

Yet it has still been tough for many in our region. For children, for people who have lost a loved one, those missing

families far way, for many small businesses and for those struggling with mental health and a variety of other reasons.

Local resident Louise Battersby lives on her own with only her dog for company, but says she is fortunate to have people who ring and message her while in lockdown.

“We’re all in this together. It’s traumatic and life changing but we have to look at the big picture,” said Louise. “Being in lockdown is demoralising and depressing and we have to support each other. It’s normal to feel fatigued but there is no

other option. If we keep doing the right thing and if we all get vaccinated we’ll get through this.

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Maree Edwards MP

STATE MEMBER FOR BENDIGO WEST

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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 at the IGA carpark in Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0490 366 243.

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 1.30 for a 2pm 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, 10am - 1pm at Castlemaine Community House ,30 Templeton St. Enter from back door. Bring along broken electrical, general sewing repairs and maybe a cuppa and weekend paper in case you have to wait a while. No kitchen because of COVID. Gold coin donation. Learn to repair.

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. Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB at the Maldon Hotel, 1.15pm - 4.30pm. New players welcome including solo players. Enq: Danny Murphy 0430 733 782.

MALDON WALKING GROUP, starting at 9.30am for a gentle walk. Start at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. No booking required. Cancelled if heavy rain or a Code Red Day. Enq: 5479 1000.

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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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 or Robyn 0418 544 966.

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EVERY TUESDAY

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door-to-door service. Trips within and to Maldon & Castlemaine in the morning, fortnightly trips to Maryborough and Kangaroo Flat. Phone 5475 2093. \$3 one way, \$5 return. More info: www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus.

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

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

MALDON BRISK WALKING GROUP, 7.30am meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

MALDON SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS, 1.30pm-3.30pm, Maldon Community Centre. Cost \$10 subscription to Maldon Seniors, \$2 donation on the day. Enq. Anne 0425 859 662.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9.30am. New members welcome. Enq. Ray Austin 0448 338 251.

YOGA AND RELAXATION, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Hall. Evenings 6-7.30pm. Come and try, first class free. Enq: Andrea 0427 772 878.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

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

COMMUNITY LUNCH, 12 noon, Maldon Community Centre. Delicious two-course lunch. Every Wed. during school terms. All welcome. \$5. Enq: 5475 2093.

EASY STEPS TO FITNESS AEROBICS, 9am - 10am Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, beginners welcome. Starts 5 May. \$10 concession, \$15 full. Enq: Sean 0419 210 043.

HATHA YOGA WITH WENDY, 5 – 6.30pm at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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.

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YOUNG AT HEART PLAYGROUP, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 10-11.30am. Enq. 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

EVERY WEDNESDAY FORTNIGHT

ART & CRAFT GROUP, 1.30pm – 4pm at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

MALDON CEMETERY FRIENDS WORKING BEE, 9.30am - 11.30am. Please come out and help get our historic cemetery clean, weed free and blooming! 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), at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre is in recess, resuming Thursday 26 August. See CHIRP website for alternative groups to attend.

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. Ray Austin 0448 338 251.

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

OASIS KID'S CLUB, 3.20pm-4.45pm Maldon Baptist Hall, Edward Street. All primary aged children welcome. Free. Enq Gavin & Julie 5475 2338 or 0458 084 728.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

EVERY FRIDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

CHAIR YOGA, 11am – 12 noon at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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MALDON MUSEUM HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE, 10am - 1pm.

MALDON SOCIAL WALKING GROUP, Gentle walking. 9.30am meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

HATHA YOGA WITH WENDY, 9 – 10.30am at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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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.

EVERY SATURDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 9.30am - noon. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

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WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST

SAVING MONEY AND GETTING COMFORTABLE IN YOUR HOME THIS WINTER, 5-7pm at the Newstead Rural Transaction Centre. Book: 5475 2093 or email info@maldonnc.org.au.

THURSDAY 19 AUGUST

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES *presents: Just Frank & Lillian's Story...* A celebration of our patron John Flaus, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Band Hall, Maldon Community Centre, Francis St. Bring your smart phone to use the QR Code at the door. Enqs: 5475 2093 or www.maldonnc.org.au.

SAVING MONEY AND GETTING COMFORTABLE IN YOUR HOME THIS WINTER, 5-7pm at the Castlemaine Community House. Book: 5475 2093 or email info@maldonnc.org.au.

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

WILDERHOODS: CREATE HABITAT AND CONNECTION IN YOUR URBAN NEIGHBOURHOOD, 10am-1pm at West End Hall, Castlemaine. Book: 5471 1828 or book bit.ly/MtAlexBoxOffice.

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Council update on trial pedestrian crossing



☆ Nearly 60% of people surveyed said none of the four materials used in the trial were appropriate.

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council would like to thank everyone that took the time to provide feedback on the trial pedestrian crossing in the historic town of Maldon recently.

The crossing point located in Main Street tested four different kerb materials during the trial, as well as alternative landscape designs. The initiative is part of the long-term Maldon Streetscape Revitalisation Project.

Council is now reviewing the pedestrian crossing design, in response to community feedback.

“Council received nearly 300 responses regarding the kerb materials, and landscaping options used as part of the trial pedestrian crossing,” said Mount Alexander Shire Councillor, Stephen Gardner.

“Most of the feedback collected was from local residents in the town, which is really pleasing, as it means a large

sector of the community are invested in the outcome of this.

“There was plenty of robust discussion amongst the community about the installation. That strong feedback helps us understand more about what people do or don’t like about the materials used, and location of the crossing as well,” said Cr Gardner.

Feedback collected as part of the trial pedestrian crossing include:

- 70% of survey respondents support having a cross-over or safe place to cross.
- 57% of survey respondents said none of the four materials used in the trial were appropriate, and did not indicate a preference for any of the materials used.
- Of the 43% of survey respondents who chose a preferred landscaping material, more than half selected native vegetation as their preferred option.
- Of the 43% of survey respondents who chose a preferred kerb material, a significant majority selected stone as their preferred option.

- 23% of survey respondents suggested white posts should be installed at the kerbs of the pedestrian crossings to increase visibility for pedestrians and motorists.

Community feedback also indicated that the final design of the pedestrian crossing should have a high level of visibility, be a suitable size in both height and width so as not to distract from the heritage streetscape and to be safe for both vehicles and pedestrians.

“Thank you to the community for getting involved, and sharing your thoughts on this as we continue to work together to develop the

pedestrian crossing design,” said Cr Gardner.

“These are all important and valuable contributions, and gives Council some further parameters to work within – balancing the need to be sympathetic to heritage values in the town, whilst incorporating the principles of what the community have told us.”

Council will continue to work in partnership with Maldon residents, local heritage advocates, heritage consultants, community working groups, and VicRoads, on the development of the final design.

News from Maldon Inc: we’ve gone live!



THAT’S right, Maldon Inc has a new website. Still at the same place (www.maldon.org.au) but fresh, updated, and with wonderful new images.

Thanks must go to MInc Secretary, Rebecca Haack (Portia & Co) for making this happen – it’s been a massive

task. Thanks also to Kate Edwards, who provided valuable guidance along the way. This project could never have happened without the generous funding from the State Government’s Jobs, Precincts and Regions, so many thanks are also due there.

The website building was gracefully undertaken by Ken Nakanishi of Hikari Photography, who many of you know; and the three photographers were professional, flexible and generally fantastic (Penny, of Penny Ryan Photography, Michelle Cail of

Ginger House Photography and Steve, of Steve Womersley Photography). Copy by yours truly.

We are continuing to add material in, and will round things out more over the coming months. The members’ portal is the next task, and is being developed now.

So now, you in the community, have yet another way to support our local businesses – by clicking through to their websites and building their online prominence!

Kate Gamble
President, Maldon Inc

COVID fatigue

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“I’m eternally grateful to be out of lockdown today, which at this stage is a bonus not a right, and it’s the only way we can get through this pandemic.

“Personally I try and look at the lockdowns as a little holiday and time to get things done, but I know it’s been hard on my neighbours kids. They don’t understand why they can’t play with their mates. They need that social interaction.”

Local residents Peter and Janet told the *TT* that at their phase of life, with no children at home, the impacts of the lockdowns are minimal, however they have noticed a difference in their grandchildren.

“My youngest grandchild who is 5-years-old walks into the house and goes straight to the sanitiser,” said Janet. “It’s been chaotic for my daughter trying to work from home and home school at the same time.”

Grechen, a resident of Castlemaine, works as an art therapist with children and adults.

“I’m noticing a lot of very young children experiencing trauma as a result of the pandemic and young people in their teens and twenties have increasing rates of depression. Young people are not made for lock-down. They need to experience the world and be around people,” said Grechen.

Belinda who runs a family farm in Shelbourne says for

them it’s business as usual on the farm.

“There are plenty of lambs and plenty of feed. Farming has been good but it has been difficult for our youngest daughter, Mackenzie who is turning 18 on Friday.

“It’s been tough not knowing. She’s really good at doing her schoolwork but the uncertainty, with no light at the end of the tunnel, is difficult,” said Belinda. “We’re thankful to be out of lockdown for Mackenzie’s birthday though.”

If you are feeling overwhelmed please reach out to the Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service (24/7) on 1800 512 348 or go to coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au or to access the online web chat support service and the online community forum.

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Dental disease – more than just bad breath

THE signs of dental disease in dogs and cats are not always obvious. They may have some bad breath, or you may notice a bit of discolouration on their front teeth. Sometimes, their gums may appear red and inflamed, or may even bleed.

However, when dental disease progresses it can produce changes in your pet's eating habits. For example, you may see a loss of appetite, difficulty picking up or chewing food, or food constantly dropping out of their mouth. Another indication is a dog or cat that once loved eating dry biscuits,

but now will only prefer wet or soft food.

Other signs that your pet may have a painful mouth include pawing at the mouth, rubbing their muzzle, continuous licking or chattering teeth. If a tooth root abscess forms, this may be seen as a swelling under the eye and will also be quite painful.

Quite often after a dental scale and polish, dogs and cats will seem to have a new lease on life and we then realise how uncomfortable they must have been! Animals are very resilient and will not always show us that there's something

going on, especially if it happens over time, such as development of dental disease.

As part of your pet's annual health check, it is very important to have their oral cavity and teeth checked as well. If any dental disease is noted, you will be able to decide the best way forward for your pet, whether that is a dental procedure or maintaining their oral hygiene with daily brushing, dental biscuits, chews or other products.

Andrea Khong

Maldon Vet Clinic



☆ Bob and Archie above have their teeth brushed regularly



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Rate notices on the way

RATE notices are on their way to property owners in Mount Alexander Shire, with the first instalment due at the end of September.

"Your rate notice includes information such as the amount payable, due dates, property value and payment options," said Carolyn Ross, Executive Manager, Corporate Services, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"Other items on the rates notice include a waste charge, which assists in funding the cost of landfill operations and the kerbside collection service, and a Fire Services Property Levy which we collect on behalf of the Victorian Government.

"Also included is some useful information on how to read your rates notices, as well as a flyer providing a summary of the 2021/2022 budget."

Average rates income has risen by 1.5 per cent in the 2021/2022 financial year, in line with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System.

The rate cap applies to the rate revenue collected by Council, and does not apply to waste charges or the Fire Services Property Levy.

Properties are valued annually by a qualified independent valuer. Some ratepayers will see their rates decrease while others will increase. This is dependent on the movement in their property valuation in comparison to the movement in the valuation of all other properties.

Your rates fund the delivery of a wide range of local services like maternal and child health, home and community care, town planning and library; programs to support the arts, business, tourism, youth development and community projects; and maintenance of local roads, footpaths, bridges, drains, parks and reserves, playgrounds, pools, community buildings and more.

Rates in Mount Alexander Shire are payable by four instalments, with the first instalment due on Thursday 30 September 2021. Council issues reminder notices at least 14 days before the second, third and fourth instalments, and offers a number of convenient payment options.

Sign up to BPAY View through internet banking to receive your rate notice electronically.

You can also make a payment in person at the Civic Centre or Australia Post, call 1300 486 757 or visit council's website. Ratepayers who receive Centrelink payments can opt to use Centrepay.

If you haven't received your rate notice by the end of August, or are having difficulty paying your rates, please contact Council on 5471 1700.

Sustainable living workshops



THROUGHOUT August a number of local community groups and organisations are presenting workshops that aim to help residents live more sustainably, and save money.

The first two sessions in the series, Saving Money and Getting Comfortable in Your Home this Winter, will see participants learn how to make their homes more comfortable in the cooler months using a few simple, cheap and effective techniques.

These free workshops are being held on Wednesday 18 August from 5pm to 7pm at the Newstead Rural Transaction Centre, and on Thursday 19 August from 5pm to 7pm at the Castlemaine Community House.

These sessions will be presented by Tim Forcey, a home comfort and energy advisor who has been in over 1,000 Victorian homes helping people to improve their home's thermal comfort and to save money. Tim is the founder of the popular Facebook group 'My Efficient Electric Home', which has more than 30,000 members. Book: 5475 2093.

Residents interested in learning how to attract more wildlife to their local landscape are invited to attend the session Wilderhoods: Create habitat and connection in your urban neighbourhood.

This session is being held on Sunday 29 August from 10am to 1pm at West End Hall, Castlemaine, and explores opportunities for creating a network of urban habitat, and ingredients for low-fire risk plantings that will improve wildlife survival.

Local ecologist and educator Cassia Read will guide this workshop, where participants will learn how to map habitat, share knowledge of urban birds, frogs and insects, and apply wildlife friendly design principles to gardens and public neighbourhood spaces. Book: 5471 1828.

Please note:

These events are scheduled to take place face-to-face, pending current health advice. COVID-Safe requirements will be in place.

If COVID-19 restrictions are extended, the events will be held online or postponed. Registered participants will be informed via email if these changes need to be made.

The workshops are being supported by Mount Alexander Shire Council. To sign up visit, www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Get_involved.



Community Bank Maldon & District Grant Awards night



Community Bank Maldon & District invites the community to come celebrate with us as we give away over \$200,000 to local groups!

Wednesday 8th September, 2021
Maldon Community Centre
6pm for a 6.30pm start

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Nominate your favourite business now

THE Mount Alexander Business Awards are on again and it's time to nominate your favourite business for the awards which aim to showcase and encourage business excellence in the shire.

The awards are proudly run by Mount Alexander Shire Council, in partnership with gold sponsor Don Smallgoods and media partner *Castlemaine Mail / Midland Express*.

"Local businesses are the backbone of our community and your vote will help recognise their value and the innovative things they are doing," said David Leathem, Manager, Economy and Culture at Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"There is no doubt the last 18 months have been very challenging for businesses, so we really want to shine a light on our business stars and show how they have adapted to the changing business environment," he said.

"Businesses can also self-nominate. The awards provide a good opportunity for businesses to reflect on their current practices, planning processes and achievements," said Mr Leathem.

There are a wide range of categories to reflect the range of businesses in the shire, and those that are working towards providing best practice initiatives to improve accessibility for all ages and abilities. Council will once again run



☆ 2019 Business of the Year winner, Mt Alexander Timber & Hardware.

the successful mentoring sessions to help businesses with their applications.

"We are pleased to again offer mentoring opportunities this year to help businesses with the development of their business and marketing plans as part of the entry process," he said.

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Letters to the Editor

Heroes at Maldon Hospital



☆ Julien Harrison with his mum Ronda Rogers.

We feel that all staff led by Katrina are heroes in this pandemic. They all have been incredibly diligent in setting high standards in minimising the risk of COVID in that fragile environment.

I have been happy to have been politely asked to wear a mask in the early days of COVID when I forgot one and am happy to comply with the ever changing and dynamic restrictions placed upon residents, staff, family and friends when the COVID situation has rapidly changed regionally and in particular in the Melbourne and metropolitan areas.

Quite frankly, my partner Felicity and I are very happy for Maldon nursing home to be a government run home in these times as their standards are very high.

Katrina has been dynamic throughout the full testing COVID period, and I remember a while ago having

a quick chat with her in the passage-way and understanding that she, like other senior staff, hadn't had much down time for months as they grappled with the situation. I'd say, their procedures are 'down pat' now and quite agile with any situation arising from interstate or locally.

Julien Harrison

Far from over

Maldon residents had a win, forcing Council to rethink the crossing design, but the Maldon streetscape alteration plan is far from over. According to the Draft Plan, Council intends to install three such crossings in Main Street, and to construct a large kerb outstand that will drastically alter and narrow the intersection of High and Main Streets.

Street trees have been mentioned... elms and peppercorns were their choice for plantings. Don't they know that peppercorn trees give meagre shade, are very messy (drop a lot of leaves, twigs, peppercorns and branches), burn easily, and attract termites? Shop awnings already provide shade. Can we afford to lose more parking spaces?

They also want to remove the hanging rubbish bins and bench seats and replace them.

Some say, what's it matter? Those things were only installed in the 1970s. Well, that's 50 years older than whatever modern bins or faux heritage they're going to foist on us. Heritage only becomes heritage if you leave it there.

Council should contact the Victorian Government, who funded the Plan, and renegotiate the range of the project. That way they can spend what's left of the money more productively, e.g., repair Carmans Tunnel, fix brick erosion on the Beehive Chimney, replace the rotting (and sometimes incorrect) signage for walks around town, restore Main Street's footpaths with hand-finished flagstones...

Council got it right by undergrounding the powerlines; it magicked the streetscape back 100 years. Why they then want to undermine that good work by modernising other aspects of the streetscape defies logic.

**Lauren Williams,
Maldon**

Feedback

It's great to see the *TT* asking for reader feedback for improving the paper.

However, can I say just how much I enjoy a quiet catch-up with 'village news' and events

every Friday without having to get churned up with controversial or antagonist points of view. Issues like the Main Road 'graves' recently were quite controversial enough for me! And even that got a bit snippy at times.

In these difficult COVID-ridden times with endless political parlour games and raging vaccine debates, please let's not poke the hornet's nest any further with an editorial column. We all need more gentleness in our lives - we can read or listen to a range of more angry exchanges whenever we choose. Just please spare the *TT*.

Ines Jewell

Trial Crossover

I am prompted to write this after reading Stephen Gardner's comments in his Councillor's Column in the August 6 issue.

He said 'that he was disappointed of some people's efforts to turn the trial into a town joke just makes Maldon look ridiculous'.

Well, what was put forward was a joke. To put forward something so ridiculous, and that missed the mark so badly, was a joke. It illustrated that the people entrusted with the task, have no idea of what is

required. The so called trial they presented was an opportunity to choose one of four styles of a concept that they obviously believed was the answer. It was just more evidence that they have no concept of what heritage means. Added to that, what was presented was not only inappropriate, but

unsafe. We have the opportunity to get this right; we just have to look at what has been used for safe crossovers around the town in the past. That way we will have the heritage look that we are aiming for. As the saying goes, 'we don't need to reinvent the wheel'.

John Naismith



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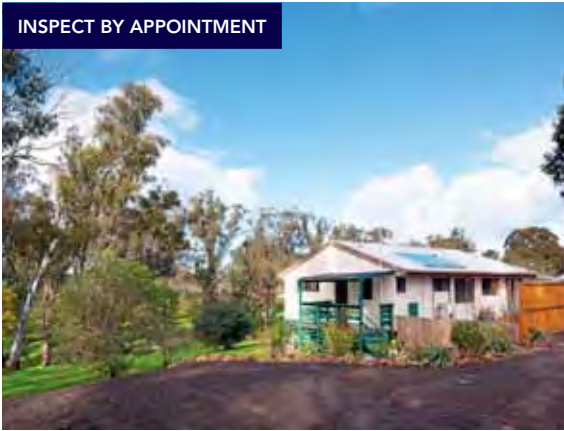
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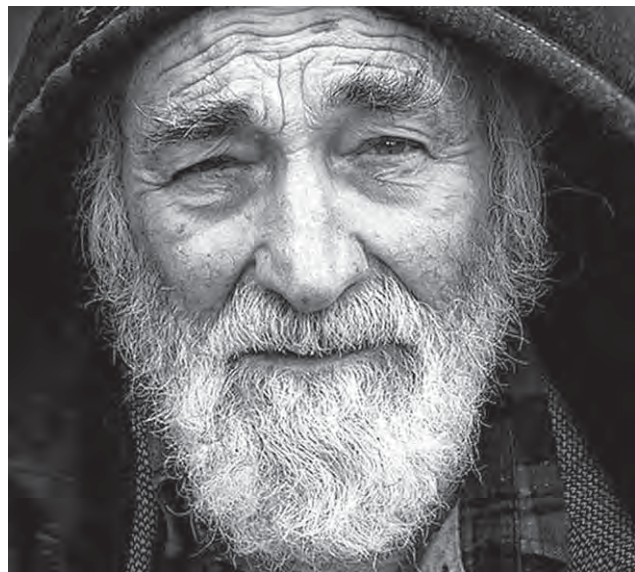
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Maldon Golden Movies

The Best Laid Plans...



☆ MGM Patron John Flaus.

MGM'S plan to screen a film in August is subject to current COVID restrictions ending by then. So keep an eye on regulations as they change. IF all goes well, MGM will be screening two films to honour our revered Patron John Flaus at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start, on Thursday 19 August in The Band Hall, at the Community Centre in Francis Street.

We hope a documentary crew will be filming the celebration of our patron (depending on the present five kms travel limit being lifted).

We hope to start with John's recent role in the international award winning *Trust Frank* followed by *Lilian's Story*, in which John also plays a major role. This film, from a book by Kate Grenville, celebrating the life and trials of Australian eccentric Bea Miles, is an absolute gem.

John Flaus acted with Daylesford actor Brenda Palmer in this short film called *Trust Frank*, directed by Penny Moore, which was released in mid-2019. Despite COVID-19 it has been in several Film Festivals. John has so far received Best Actor Awards in Australia, Brazil and Italy. More to come, one assumes. We're very proud of him.

The publicity for *Trust Frank* points out: "John Flaus is an iconic and highly respected Australian talent with over 160 credits in theatre, film and television. Screen credits include: *The BBQ, Jack Irish, Rake, Winners & Losers, Kath & Kim, Rush, Hotel Sorrento, Harvie Krumpet, Crackerjack, The Dish, Good Guys Bad Guys, Seachange, The Castle, Lilian's Story, Police Rescue, Bloodlust, Spotswood* and *Newsfront* to name just a few."

Trust Frank is a sentimental and gently humorous romantic comedy about two lonely elderly people struggling to battle serious infirmities as they age.

Neighbours for many years, Frank and Rose share a distain for each other and have made a sport out of swapping barbed comments over the fence. Rose is fastidious by nature but as her dementia progresses, her tight grip on reality starts to fail her. In contrast, the bawdy Frank is a Vietnam veteran with lung cancer who has given up the fight for life.

When Rose has a bad dementia episode in public and latches onto Frank, the walls come crashing down and a friendship develops between them. Rose encourages Frank



☆ Poster for *Trust Frank*.

to fight cancer and Frank assists Rose to live at home unassisted. Together they find the strength and determination to go on living, but in the process of letting down their guard, they form a deep bond, proving it's never too late to find love.

Lilian's Story is a 1996 Australian film based on a 1985 novel by Australian author Kate Grenville, which was inspired by the life of Bea Miles a famous Sydney non-conformist. The film stars Ruth Cracknell as Lilian, and Barry Otto.

Our Feast of Flaus will be a rich and rewarding experience, IF it goes ahead. Keep an eye on your emails closer to the date.

MGM membership of \$15 pp for the remainder of 2021 can be paid, IN CASH, at the screening. Membership entitles you to monthly screenings of a range of films with other film-lovers in the climate-controlled Band Hall, in Francis Street. Bring your smart phone to use on the QR code at the entrance.

Nancy Whittaker, Secretary, Maldon Golden Movies

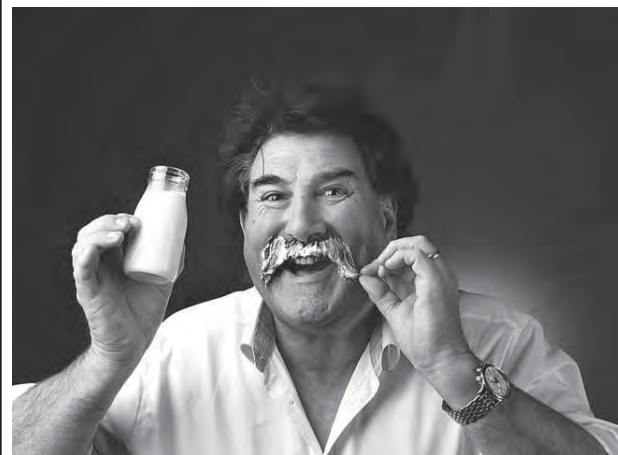


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☆ Rob has taken photographs of countless famous people including retired AFL player 'Dipper' Robert DiPierdomenico.

ROB has worked in newspapers for 45 years. He has photographed Princess Diana, the Dhali Lama, and Mohamed Ali. I jumped on his website to have a look at his photographs and found images of Heath Ledger, Rob Schneider and Anthony Koutoufides.

Rob's career started with a cadetship at the *Age* in the early 70s, where he worked for 14 years before heading to England and running a photography department in East London. He returned home to Australia in 1996 with a wife and six-month-old and began working for the *Herald Sun*.

"We moved to Maldon 15 years ago so the *Herald Sun* uses me for a lot of the

country jobs now. I'm like their eyes and ears out in the bush."

Rob, who has kindly taught me a few tricks to working the multitude of buttons and dials on the *TT's* camera, is setting up lights in his studio as he tells me about a particularly difficult assignment he had photographing a school massacre in Russia.

"We caught the plane early and flew to Austria before flying to... somewhere in Russia where representatives welcomed us. We then took an eight hour train ride.

"We arrived in Beslan at 8am after 48 hours of travelling with a total of two hours sleep, in the middle of a Russian winter, and had to launch straight into the

job of photographing the school. There were bullet holes everywhere and wreaths laid out. Then we went to the cemetery where there were rows upon rows of graves and people grieving. That was a tough gig.

"Oh and there was also the time when I was shot at while in a helicopter in New Guinea, flying into a war zone with a journalist who got hit with shrapnel."

In amongst discussing his eventful work life Rob continues setting up the lights and I take a few photos, feeling somewhat in awe of his impressive career.

Rob puts me at ease with stories of the golden era of journalism in the 70s when he worked at the *Age* and there was no delineation between work and play.

"I miss those days," says Rob. "We'd develop the photo's in the dark room and when the red light was on, no one could come in, not even the editor. You'd be in there mucking around or having a nap.

"Before things went digital you had a little more time to breath. If you were taking a shot of the footy you would then drive back to the office, whereas these days you're on the boundary line sending the pictures back.

"All in all though it's been a fun ride really. The good jobs outweigh the bad parts. Although I have photographed everything a million times now.

Rob is starting to wind down a bit and is planning on taking family portraits in Maldon with a special \$200 package so give him a call on 0400 100 075 to book in. **Jade Jungwirth**

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Is your unwelcome guest a friend or foe?



☆ Black rat small.

Photo courtesy DELWP

HOUSE Mice and Black Rats are introduced species and common intruders to your home at this time of year, but did you know similar native species may also visit your house and garden?

Yellow-footed Antechinus, Dunnarts, Brush-tailed Phascogales, Water Rats and other native species occur in our region. At first glance they

could be confused with pest species, such as mice or rats.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Senior Wildlife Management Officer, Leila Brook, said it's a good idea to confirm your visitors are introduced pest species and not native wildlife, before using lethal control methods, such as baits.



☆ Brush-tailed Phascogale.

Photo courtesy Jerry Alexander

“These native species are protected members of our local wildlife and there are some easy ways to tell them apart from exotic mice and rats,” Ms Brook said.

“Introduced Black Rats have a tail that is clearly longer than their combined head and body length, while native rodents mostly have shorter tails, roughly equal to the head-body length.

“Native Antechinus have a cone-shaped face and a ‘crimp’ in their ear, Phascogales have a black brush-like tail, rather than the scaly tail of rats and mice. Dunnarts are mouse-sized, have very big eyes and ears and long, narrow hindfeet and Water Rats are relatively large, usually with a white tipped tail.

“To prevent mice or rats in your home, you can remove access to food sources and shelter. Block holes in and around your house and seal gaps around doors and windows with caulking. Limiting their access to food scraps, pet or chicken food may also prevent them from returning.



☆ Yellow footed Antechinus.

Photo courtesy Felicity Johnson

“It is important for people to understand that some of our native, predatory birds, such as owls and kites, also naturally help to control rodent populations.

“It’s a natural part of the food and life cycle for these birds to eat rats and mice, so we need to be aware that our own efforts to control rodents can inadvertently have negative impacts on these species as well.

“Some baiting products, called second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs), take longer to break down, so if native predators eat sick rats or mice, they can get poisoned themselves.”

“Luckily there are other products available called first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (FGARs), which break down more quickly and are less likely to poison predatory animals.

“By choosing FGAR control products, with labels listing active ingredients such as warfarin or coumatetralyl, to manage rodents around your home, you can help to support healthy populations of our native owls and other predators in your neighbourhood.

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MALDON BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS ON AGAINOFF AGAIN



WE were back again this week at the Bridge tables and a great turnout of players arrived, thankful to be out of lock-down once again. It has been an ‘off again, on again’ scenario to deal with.

Since our inception some 12 years ago we have rarely missed our regular weekly game, but the present COVID crisis has really dented our record! Whilst we are just a social gathering of interested Bridge players, we do feel for the businesses who are affected in a huge way.

We appreciated very much the Maldon Hotel accommodating us this week and glad to see diners taking up the allotted tables to bring some vibrancy back to the room. There was a general

buzz of contentment as we settled down to our individual tables. Would it last? Not so, as we found out later in the afternoon with another lock-down announced and this meant another week missed.

The 22 players were keen to do their best and quietly hoped for some great point hands as they played each round. Some very ordinary hands were experienced and there did not seem to be many opportunities for doubling or slams. Shucks Fred!

The scorers and computer gurus were quick onto ‘crunching the numbers’ and finally the announcement came. In first place with 118 points, East-West, were Ken and Newstead Jo - two very capable players. Mark and Werner battled away and gained second place with 108 points, North-South. Maldon Elizabeth and Gretchen were third with 107 points followed by Maldon Jo and Andrew in fourth place with 104 points. There was an equal fifth between Roger and Annie, Castlemaine Jan and

Mary with 99 points each. Well done everyone!

To keep up their bridge practice we have quite a few players playing on line, sometimes at Bendigo and also at Castlemaine, if not in lock-down. Congratulations to Werner and Sandy who ‘blitzed’ the field at Castlemaine recently.

There were a few birthdays in July and early August we have missed celebrating and include Judy, Lyn, Wim, Newstead Jo and Roger. Hope all had a happy Birthday.

We enjoyed the warm fruit muffins on offer for afternoon tea, along with our usual hot beverage which keeps us going for the final rounds of cards.

Thank you Maldon Hotel staff for your continued support.

Whatever your age group or skills, please feel free to join us to, ‘dip your toe in the water’ each Thursday from 12.45pm to 4.30pm or on Mondays 1.15pm to 4.30pm to help us in our endeavour to:

USE IT OR LOSE IT
Judy McKnight

Artists Row



Students have their say....

Question: What is your favourite food?

Leon, grade prep: Potato and Leek soup
Nash, grade 1: Pizza
Bjorn, grade 2: Chicken nuggets and chips
Koebi, grade 3: Cheeseburger
Seth, grade 4: Rogan Josh
Florence, grade 5: Avocado
Francis, grade 6: Sushi
By Jazmin and Yoshi

Kids Quick Cup Cakes



Yields: 2 dozen

Ingredients:

2 Cups of SR flour
 ¼ tspn of salt
 ¾ cup of castor sugar
 125g of butter or margarine softened
 2 eggs
 ¾ cup of Milk
 1 tspn of vanilla essence

Method:

Have all the ingredients at room temperature.
 Sift flour, salt and sugar into a mixing bowl.
 Add butter, eggs, milk and essence.
 With a beater or electric beater, beat slowly for one minute then increase the speed and beat for a further 2 minutes.
 Place paper cases in patty pans and fill two thirds full.
 The oven should be 200 degrees celsius.
TIP!
 If you are feeling fancy then you can dust the top with some icing sugar!! Yummm!! Enjoy!!
By Grace Smith

Poets Corner



Why be bored

Why do people say they're bored?
 There are always too many things to do
 Just waiting for you to let them
 So open up your door, you could be
 Roaring like a lion or drinking tea with the
 Queen, your imagination has no limits
 So let the dreams run in
 You could be making a cake with your neighbour
 You are as good as your best baker
 Or make a dinosaur out of scrap paper
 Why not do them all because after this you won't have
 time to be bored
By Abi (Grade 6)

Summer

I see people
 Splashing in pools
 I hear splashing waves at the beach
 I taste nice and cold icy poles
 I smell the hot breeze
 I feel the burning hot sun
By Freycie (Grade 1)

Penguins

Cute, fluffy
 Waddling, fishing, diving
 Ice, snow, ocean, fish
 Hunting, catching, growling
 Majestic, ferocious
 Polar bear
By Oliver (Grade 2)

Nature

As the leaves rested in the ground,
 The Autumn is soon to be found,
 The birds sing in harmony,
 The sound of a sweet symphony,
 The branches rustle as the wind flies past,
 I'm sitting here, here at last.
By Flo (Grade 5)

Jokes collated by Meg

Q: What did the left eye say to the right eye?

A: Something between us smells

Q: What tea is hard to swallow?

A: Reality

Q: Did you know the first French Fries weren't cooked in France?

A: They were cooked in Greece

Q: Why can't a nose be 12 inches long?

A: Because then it'd be a foot

A man walks into a pet store and asks for a dozen bees. The clerk carefully counts a dozen bees out. "That's one too many!" Says the customer. The clerk says, "It's a freebie."

Q: Have you heard about the new restaurant called Karma?

A: There's no menu, you get what you deserve

Q: What do you call a pig that does Karate?

A: A pork chop

Q: Why do we tell actors to break a leg?

A: Because every play has a cast

I planned on joining the procrastinators today but, maybe next week?

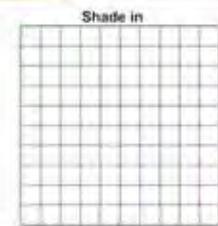
Q: Did you hear about the two guys who stole a calendar?

A: They each got six months

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SIGNING OFF

THIS will be my last book review article as I feel it's time for the new regime at the Library to take over this and the other tasks associated with writing the reviews.

I've enjoyed my many years of doing the book reviews for the *Tarrangower Times* but all good things must come to

an end and when I retired as president I said I'd continue to do the reviews for just a little longer. Over the years several people have joined me in writing reviews, most notably the late Liz Pollard who was a tireless and clever volunteer at the Athenaeum Library until her untimely death. I must thank

Karen, Viv, Jeff and now Jade at the *Tarrangower Times* for their amazing support of the Athenaeum Library and also for all the friendship shown to me. I've said it many times and want to repeat it again that without the support of the *Tarrangower Times* the Athenaeum Library would not have made the enormous leap to become a first rate library service for Maldon and district. Thank you also to the many, many readers who have stopped me in the street and in the Library to say how much they have enjoyed the book reviews.

As the immediate past committee and past volunteers established the Junior Library it seems fitting for

me to finish my articles with book reviews for our wonderful Junior Library. Two of our ardent junior readers requested this series and I do hope many others will enjoy them. The people at Stoneman's Book Room assured me that they were very popular books for younger readers. There's probably not much doubt of that as 8,000,000 copies of these books have been sold world-wide.

The Ranger's Apprentice Series is written by John Flanagan. There are many books in the series but at this stage (acting cautiously), I only bought the first five but if the popularity continues I'm sure that the person who does

the buying in the future will happily add to the series.

The Ruins of Gorland is the first book introducing the characters especially Will, who is aged 15 but small for his age. He becomes apprentice to Halt a mysterious ranger who can move without being seen.

The Burning Bridge is the second book and the action continues with the Kingdom almost defeated in a surprise three-sided attack.

The Icebound Land sees Will and his friend Evanlyn captured by the fearsome Skandia wolf ship captain Erak with Halt vowing to rescue them. There is also trouble within the ranks and

Halt has been expelled from The Rangers.

Oakleaf Bearers is the fourth thrilling book in the series and again Evanlyn is captured with Will doing his best to rescue her.

The Sorcerer in the North sees Will now a fully fledged ranger but with many problems to solve concerning both his new land and his friends.

You have probably realised that these books are perfect for fans of J.R.R Tolkien's **Lord of the Rings** and other similar works like Christopher Paolini's **Eragon** series.

As ever I wish you all some wonderful reading and happy visits to the Athenaeum when it's open again.

Joy Leneaux-Gale.

A Salute to Joy



☆ Joy with some of the volunteers in 2009.



☆ Bendigo West State MP Bob Cameron with Joy and some children at the Athenaeum back in 2008.



☆ Pictured with Athenaeum Library mastermind Joy Leneaux-Gale is Gideon Haigh, who visited Maldon in October 2016 for an 'incredibly articulate presentation'. A stimulating evening attended by around 75 people.

Photo courtesy Genevieve Barlow



☆ Welcome! Joy Leneaux-Gale at the entrance to the new extension in October 2019 as the extension neared completion.



☆ (l-r) Winsome Strickland, Dr Kevin Molloy of the State Library, Liz Pollard and Joy Leneaux-Gale at the presentation of the Athenaeum's original Minute Book to the State Library's Manuscript Collection in July 2015.
Photo courtesy of Joy Leneaux-Gale



☆ Bendigo West State MP Maree Edwards (second on the left), pictured with members of the Athenaeum Library Committee during her visit to the Library in October 2018. Ms Edwards was there to see the latest improvements made to the Library, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the State Government.



☆ After much paperwork and waiting patiently for some months, Joy Leneaux-Gale was successful in her application to have Tarrangower Village acknowledged as a Public Benevolent Institute in July 2016. Such recognition will have great advantages for the Village.



☆ Joy Leneaux-Gale with Graeme Ford being honoured with a Life Membership Australia Day Award in 2020.

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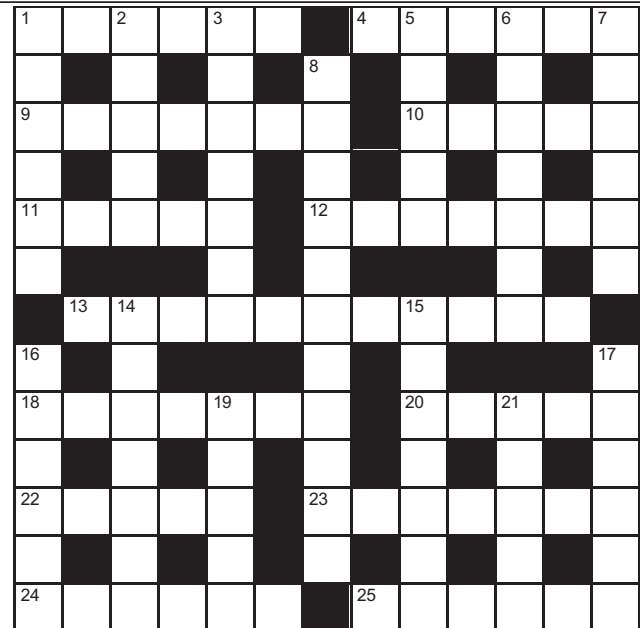
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Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 10.8.21

1.8mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	92.9	44.6	3.2
Feb	8.9	56.3	12.6
Mar	72.3	32.8	4.3
Apr	9.8	99.6	4.5
May	42.0	49.2	100.8
June	54.0	38.3	75.2
July	63.1	23.5	35.3
Aug	21.3	48.7	45.7
Sept	40.9	19.1	
Oct	47.1	4.9	
Nov	25.7	38.6	
Dec	29.1	3.9	
TOTAL	364.3	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 10.8.21

6.1mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	83.4	35.2	4.8
Feb	17.0	52.8	21.6
Mar	83.8	37.0	7.6
Apr	14.4	145.4	5.6
May	53.6	66.2	115.5
June	81.0	49.2	92.2
July	82.8	32.8	53.6
Aug	26.3	62.2	57.6
Sept		54.6	29.4
Oct		73.2	8.6
Nov		37.2	43.0
Dec		39.2	9.8
TOTAL	442.3	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 10.8.21

4.0mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	101.6	53.6	5.0
Feb	13.6	38.0	18.2
Mar	67.2	35.8	6.2
Apr	11.4	107.6	5.0
May	53.2	56.2	113.6
June	62.6	46.6	82.8
July	68.2	29.4	43.0
Aug	26.2	69.6	51.6
Sept		46.8	31.2
Oct		56.2	9.8
Nov		22.8	42.0
Dec		31.2	8.4
TOTAL	403.4	593.8	416.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 10.8.21

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	83,556	% Full	56.79
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The Book Wolf

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LED paving to be trialled in Bendigo

THE Australian and Victorian governments are trialling innovative new technologies to help reduce death and injury on regional roads in Victoria.

In a first for regional Victoria, LED tactile pavings will be installed at pedestrian crossings in Bendigo, with trials of glow-in-the-dark line marking and signage, and high reflectivity paint also being rolled out at locations across the state.

The in-ground LED tactile paving being installed in August changes colour to match the red/green phases of the pedestrian signals. This provides a clearer signal for pedestrians, including those looking down at the road or on their phone, when it's safe to cross the road.

Glow-in-the-dark (photo-luminescent) line markings or signage is being trialled on roads in the east, south west and north of the state, and on a shared user path in Bendigo

and Trafalgar. It looks and functions like ordinary line marking in daylight but emits stored light, enhancing its visibility to road users when dark.

High reflective paint, which stays brighter for longer and is more durable, is being trialled on roads in Gippsland and the south west of the state to test its long-term effectiveness.

Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz said road

safety was a key priority for the Australian Government and this investment in road upgrades would provide a boost to the economy while ensuring Victorians can get home sooner and safer.

"Making our roads safer is a critical component of our work to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads and move towards achieving vision zero – that is zero deaths or serious injuries on our roads by 2050," Mr Buchholz said.

"We are also investing significantly in other life-saving road safety initiatives including the Black Spot Program, Targeted Road Safety Works initiative and Road Safety Innovation Fund.

"This additional funding complements that work, resulting in an even greater roll

out of improved infrastructure and roads right across the nation."

For more information go to the Road Safety Program Innovative Package page on Regional Roads Victoria website.

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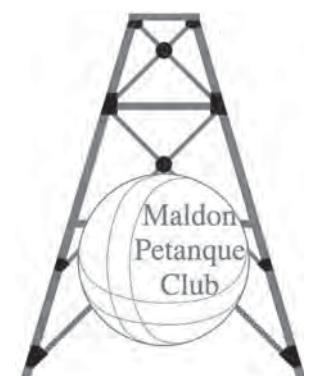
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PLAYERS were unable to enjoy their Competition Golf last weekend whilst observing COVID-19 Restrictions, but great news earlier this week with advice as to the lifting of Restrictions and a resumption of golf.

GOLF TOMORROW 12 noon REGISTRATION - 12.30 pm HIT-OFF

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MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB



Oh what a messed up Season And Covid is the reason
LAST Sunday we were hoping to welcome the Mt Macedon Petanque Club to join in our regular fortnightly games on the St Brigid's pistes, this follows a similar successful day with the Woodend-Hanging Rock Petanque Club.

However, that bogey man named COVID reared its ugly head again. LOCKDOWN.

It would have been a beautiful day weather wise, so all we could do about it was sit at home and cogitate.

Hopefully we will be playing again on Sunday 22 August at the usual Winter time of 1.30pm. After play we hope to have our Club Annual General Meeting (this will be our third attempt, third time lucky?)

Saturday 28 August is set down for round two of the round robin tournament with Woodend Hanging Rock Club to be played at Gisborne. Let's hope our good form holds.

The Rusty Poppethead trophy will be played for on Sunday 12 September (hopefully) against the Pyrenees Petanque Club. The day will be hosted by the Pyrenees Club over at Avoca. We would love to have that trophy back.

Geoff McLennan

IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



TODAY Nancy and Mike hope to interview Graham Pitts about MGM (Maldon Golden Movies) and its patron John Flaus. We expect to be out of lockdown by then, and looking at the day and date what could possibly go wrong?

Last week Elizabeth and Nancy, pictured, made the most of not being able to have a guest because of the sixth lockdown. So, they discussed phobias, in particular the extremely rare Allodoxophobia, which is the fear of opinions. It's believed to be associated with previous encounters wherein the person affected has not been able to properly express their opinion or has had their opinion rejected. IMT doesn't suffer from this. In fact we welcome your opinions via SMS 0488 863 186 while we are on air on Fridays between 9-11am. We also learned what Quafftide

means. Listen later to find out.

Next Friday Alison and Kev meet Wendy McLean of Maldon Crystals (down on High Street next to the Op Shop) and find out why she gave up the lollies.

NB Our Office Manager emailed all MAINfm presenters the following message. 'We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing commitment and resilience; it's tough having to operate with such uncertainty. As a public broadcaster the community look to MAINfm for guidance and strength, and I'm proud and appreciative of the positivity and empathy that emanates across our airwaves.'

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Mike Smythe

BLAST FROM THE PAST

RAW OR ROASTED?

From the beginning of reef mining in Maldon roasting gold bearing quartz was a common practice. Remnants of the kilns used for this purpose can be seen in High Street where the Caledonian Crushing plant once stood and at the North British Mine site in Parkins Reef Road. Alternate layers of quartz and firewood were loaded into these kilns and then set on fire. After the fire died down the quartz was crushed.

Quartz roasting was probably an adaptation of 'calcining' used in Europe to produce lime. The process made rock brittle and so more easily crushed. It was also said to remove impurities in the stone. Some did not support the process. They pointed to the extra cost of burning the quartz. They also claimed that the impurities released during roasting contaminated the mercury later used to extract the gold and so reduced its effectiveness.

On 7 January 1884 the *Melbourne Argus's* Maldon correspondent reported on a series of trials conducted to determine if roasting improved gold yields. On three occasions quartz from the South Exhibition mine in Lisle's Gully was divided into two equal loads. On each occasion one load was sent to James Pollard's plant at North Maldon where it was roasted and crushed. The other loads were sent to the Alliance plant, near where the State Battery now stands, where they were processed by the raw method. In each trial the raw method produced more gold than roasting. On average the roasted method yielded 1oz 11dwt per ton while the raw method yielded 1oz 14dwt or an additional 10 percent of gold.

Maldon's miners were horrified by the reported results. Some could not believe the trials had been fairly conducted. Others considered the reports an insult to the leading local quartz crushers who for over 30 years had built their reputations on the roasting process. Their suspicions appeared to be confirmed when later processing of South Exhibition's ore at the Alliance plant failed to produce the yields achieved in the trials.

Later in January 1884 another trial was made on ore from the Grand Junction mine in Manton's Gully. In this contest Pollard's roasting process easily out performed Alliance's raw treatment. This trial was seen as a justification of the methods used by established quartz crushers such as Robert Dent Oswald.

A further trial was conducted on ore from the Grand Junction mine. This trial was conducted under strict supervision by well-respected local identities James St Leger and Alex and Hugh Pettit. They oversaw the division of the ore and even kept watch day and night as it was processed. The result of this trial was another clear victory for the roasting process.

Despite these later trials, managers of the Alliance battery continued to use the results of the first tests to promote their business.

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