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☆ Riding the thermals around Mount Tarrengower.

Director of Nursing bids farewell to Maldon Hospital

AFTER seven years at the helm of Maldon Hospital, Director of Nursing Katrina Sparrow will bid farewell to residents and community next week as she departs to take up a new position of Director of Nursing – Aged

Care at Castlemaine Health.

During her time at Maldon Hospital, Katrina has been instrumental in delivering infrastructure improvements to enhance the indoor and outdoor spaces for residents, and expanding services for patients and the community. Katrina has also steered the

hospital through the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most challenging periods in health sector history.

Katrina said: "It is with mixed feelings that I take up this new opportunity as I have loved living and working in the Maldon community. I am very grateful to have worked

with such a dedicated and compassionate group of people and have very fond memories of residents and families I have been involved with."

Sue Race, CEO of Maldon Hospital and Castlemaine Health, announced this week that Shannon Uren, currently the Acting Director

of Nursing – Aged Care at Castlemaine Health, will fill Katrina's role for an interim period of three months while the recruitment process for a permanent appointment is underway. Ms Uren will be supported by the newly appointed Deputy Director

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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 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.

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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°).

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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Seeking volunteers to welcome visitors to Maldon



☆ Aileen Walsh, Team Leader Visitor Services, Mount Alexander Shire Council in one of our Visitor Information Centres.



☆ Become a volunteer at our Maldon Visitor Information Centre.

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council is looking for new volunteers at the Maldon Visitor Information Centre.

The centre, located in the historic town's picturesque public gardens, is often the first place a new visitor to town will attend, seeking information about things to do and see in the region.

“Our volunteers provide that all important first impression to a town, and they can really help improve the visitor experience while working to support local businesses,” said Aileen Walsh, Team Leader of Visitor Services, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

“We have a range of people in our volunteer team, from young to mature and from long-time residents to newcomers. We are seeking enthusiastic people who wish to contribute to welcoming visitors, while learning more about the region and even making new friendships.”

In pre-COVID times visitation to the shire was 560,000 visitors annually, with 388,000 overnight stays contributing \$63 million to more than 260 local businesses.

“We know that by improving the visitor experience at our Visitor Centres, we can encourage people to stay longer and spend more. This is something that our team will be focussed on as visitors start returning in the months and years ahead,” said Ms Walsh.

The Maldon Visitor Information Centre is open every day of the year (except Christmas Day) from 9am–5pm, and volunteers work four hour shifts, either 9am–1pm or 1pm–5pm. Volunteers can choose to work either one shift a week, or one a fortnight, whatever fits around other commitments and interests.

To be part of the Maldon Visitor Information Centre, please contact Andrea Meersbergen at the centre on 5475 2768 or email maldonvic@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Director of Nursing bids farewell to Maldon Hospital



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of Nursing, Ms Peta Ballinger. Ms Ballinger commenced at Maldon in late July.

Sue said: “Katrina’s departure leaves a very important role to fill at Maldon Hospital. Our interim plan enables Katrina and Shannon to share their knowledge and expertise for the benefit of both organisations. For Maldon, it means Katrina can continue having input into the aged care services through our partnership with Castlemaine Health.”

Connecting locals to vital services

ELIGIBLE residents now have affordable access to a new wheelchair accessible 11-seat bus, which will provide transport for residents who are unable to access a car or public transport.

The new Community Well-being Bus pilot program provides locals year-round access to the Gurri Wanyarra Well-being Centre in Kangaroo Flat which offers a range of aquatic, leisure and wellness programs. Future connections to other Wellbeing Centres in Kyneton and Maryborough will also be explored.

“The new Community Wellbeing Bus will make life easier for locals by reducing isolation and improving access to regional community facilities,” said Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards.

Development of the new Community Wellbeing Bus has been made possible with

a \$123,000 State Government investment, in partnership with \$32,000 from Mount Alexander Shire Council with support from local community groups.

The funding is part of the Flexible Local Transport Solutions Program (FLTS), which provides funding for local transport initiatives, services and infrastructure in regional Victoria.

“Thanks to funding from the Victorian Government we now have our first wheelchair accessible bus, which will support people with a disability, people who are older or frail, and those without transport to be able to access vital health and wellbeing services,” said Mount Alexander Shire Mayor Tony Cordy.

Bookings can be made by calling the Community Well-being Bus Project Coordinator on 5471 1797.

Clarification

CLARIFICATION regarding the ‘poisoned blackberry bushes create fire hazard’ story on the front page of the TT on 23 July.

The blackberry bushes have not yet been sprayed by Parks Victoria. The details of when the chemical spray will take place are unknown at present. Apologies for the confusion.

Katrina leaves behind an impressive track record at Maldon Hospital. Under her leadership, Maldon Hospital secured funding for a number of improvement projects, such as the Jessie Bowe Garden, Outdoor Room, MV Garden, Community Car and solar panels. Maldon Hospital’s community programs and allied health services were expanded, a transitional care service put in place and a focus on person-centred care embedded in the organisation. Katrina also led Maldon Hospital through four successful accreditations and in 2019 Maldon Hospital was a semi-finalist in the Aged Care Employer Awards.

Board Chair Vanessa Healy said: “The Maldon Hospital Board would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and recognise Katrina’s dedication to our hospital over the past seven years. Katrina has always shown that she is extremely passionate about workplace harmony, equity, professional development and safety. She led and supported her team daily by displaying these attributes whilst ensuring that staff are working within well-established system structures to ensure the best possible patient outcomes.

“In particular, her leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has been exemplary both in the speed with which she adapted Maldon Hospital to change and the positive relationships sustained with residents and the community. On behalf of our board, I’d like to thank Katrina for her tireless work at Maldon Hospital and wish her all the best for her new role with Castlemaine Health.”

Katrina’s final day with Maldon Hospital is Friday 13 August.

Letters to the Editor

Magnificent Maldon

How good does Maldon look? Magnificent! The removal of power poles and lines has absolutely transformed our very special heritage streetscape. We are the most unique, living museum in Australia and now have even more reason to be very proud. Thank you very much to the many community members who have worked so hard and tirelessly over many years to finally bring this very longstanding dream to reality. Also many thanks to all the local retailers and businesses for tolerating the interruptions and inconveniences caused by the undergrounding works; for sure your losses will be rewarded with more people visiting our magnificent town.

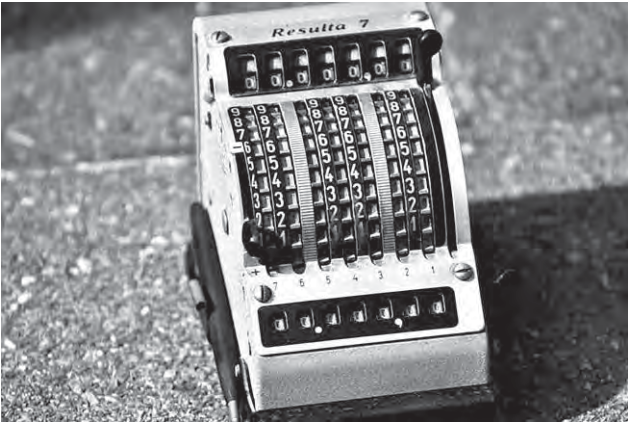
Lee and Jan

Feedback

I note your request in the *TT* for feedback on what I like/ don’t, so here are my comments.

- Overall I think you are doing a great job. I look forward to getting it every Friday.
- I don’t think that you need remove anything specific.
- The format is getting jaded, it’s been the same for as long as I can remember, perhaps it could be changed around a little.
- What about an Editorial? Let the paper take a stance, voice an opinion. This may engender more Letters to the Editor, which I really miss.
- Vox Pop...particularly on the weekend with so many visitors.
- Maybe an ‘Andrew Bolt’ type column to stir us up.
- What is it Photo e.g the image shown below.
- Maybe nostalgia photos?

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Paragliding off Mount Tarrengower



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KEVIN (Banjo) Patterson, born and bred in Maldon, stands in the warm afternoon sun on the side of Mount Tarrengower watching as six paragliders ride the thermals above.

“I’ve seen them up here three or four times over the years. The last time was probably four years ago. But this is the most I’ve even seen,” said Banjo. “I wouldn’t want to be up there.”

A little further down the mountain, setting up his equipment at the jump off point, is 69-year-old paraglider Tony Cooper.

“It’s not terrifying unless there is a tree or water in front of you,” says Tony. “I love the thrill of being up there. You have to be a registered pilot to fly one and all the sites are registered. You also need to pre-organise where you will land and get permission from the owners.

“I originally got into sky diving because of my nephew but it’s over too quick, like four minutes. With paragliding it takes about ten minutes to take off and you can be up there for hours. It can be quite mental and physically tiring.”

A group of gliding enthusiasts gather on the side of the mountain to watch Tony as he prepares to be lifted in the air. They introduce themselves to newcomers and discuss who has already been in the air and come down as Tony waits for the right wind speed, his sail spread out behind him.

“This is called parawaiting,” says Christine Hickson who has been paragliding with her husband Gary for many years. “We also have paradriving where we drive around but don’t end up getting in the air because the conditions aren’t right.”

The wind picks up and Tony walks forward, the wind catching the sail, jerking him into the air and forward a few metres, before he lands awkwardly on his backside, the sail limp behind him. He walks back from the steep edge, a cluster of rock outcrops, trees and bushes below, and with the help of some friends, re-arranges the sail and detangles twigs and leaves from the strings, readying himself once again.

Gary Hickson, Christine’s husband is only an onlooker today due to an unrelated knee injury. He has been gliding since 1976, initially with hang gliders. He has travelled the world paragliding in the Alps and all over Europe. He and Christine love travelling around with their packs and often have a hanglider tied to the roof as well, choosing which to use according to the wind conditions.

“Gary collided with a sheep when he was landing once,” laughs Christine. “When he was taken to the hospital the nurses said, ‘that looks baaaaad’. He’s been at the brunt of every sheep joke ever since.

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Paragliding off Mount Tarrengower



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“It really is addictive. Sometimes you fly so close to the eagles” says Christine. “It’s been hard during lockdown, we’ve all been missing it.”

Another long time paraglider, Steve, explains the intricacies of paragliding and the importance of understanding wind direction and thermals.

“You’re riding the weather,” said Steve. “So it’s important to understand the conditions. The worst accident I’ve seen was when a mate didn’t do up his leg harness. He died.”

Finally the wind conditions are right and Tony is lifted from the ground to float above the paddocks below and gaze at Cairn Curran in the distance.

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CENTRAL Victoria’s favourite Hand Made and Home Grown Market has everything lined up for a spectacular winter market on Sunday 8 August at our new COVID-Safe home at the picturesque Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve, Francis Street Maldon.

The market will run from 9am to 1.30pm.

‘We are looking forward to a fabulous market this Sunday. It’s well and truly the middle of winter but what better way to warm up than a leisurely stroll around the oval with a hot coffee and a pastry or a pie. You’ll be able to find a great range of winter woollies if you need to enhance your winter wardrobe and there’s a wide range of fine local food and wine and of course there’s always an impressive array of artisan crafted goods for all tastes. There will be live music to keep you entertained while you pick up some fresh cut flowers, plants, seedlings, jewellery, ceramics, woodcraft, garden decorations and a whole lot more. We look forward to hosting all of our loyal regulars and many new visitors,’ said Market Manager Chris Hain.

The Market is operating under strict COVID-Safe conditions as laid out by DHHS. Be mindful;

- Check in with the QR Code at the entrance gates

- Keep 1.5 metre distance at all times – especially when queuing
- Sanitise on the way in, after each purchase and on the way out
- Use card payments where possible
- Do not touch produce or products until you have purchased
- Limit the size of your shopping party if you can
- Drink your coffee and eat your hot food away from the market area
- Keep dogs on a short tight leash at all times.

We hope you will join us.

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We would love the paper to be ‘**your**’ paper, so please tell us what’s working for you; what you like, what you don’t, what you’d like to see more or less of and what new things you’d like included.

Write a letter to the editor and email it to editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au or post to P.O. Box 18.

If you’d prefer you can call: 5475 2256, 0408 594 246 or pop in and say hi to Jade at 4/93 High Street, Maldon on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning.



Second Sunday of every month

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Kalamazoo Resources Limited is a gold exploration company with a primary focus on identifying commercially viable gold deposits within the central Victorian Goldfields consisting of three key projects.

- 1. Castlemaine Gold Project is located ~120km NW of Melbourne.**
Granted licences (EL6679 and EL6752) and one licence application (EL7112) which lie East and South of the Castlemaine township, covering most of the historic Castlemaine Goldfield.
- 2. South Muckleford Gold Project is located ~150km NW of Melbourne.**
Granted licence (EL6959) and one licence application (EL7021). This project is located only 10km from the Castlemaine Gold Project.
- 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.

To discuss any of our projects or if you require any further information, please visit <https://kzr.com.au/castlemaine-gold/> or Luke Mortimer on 03 9988 7796 or luke.mortimer@kzr.com.au.

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Level Crossing at Maldon-Lockwood Road



HAVE you noticed the new level crossing on the way to Bendigo?

V/Line, on behalf of the Department of Transport and in co-operation with Victorian Goldfields Railway (VGR), have completed upgrades to the level crossing at Maldon-Lockwood Road, which now include flashing lights and bells to alert drivers to the presence of the oncoming VGR train.

Local resident Carmel Naismith has lived next to the crossing for the past nine years and says the upgrades are a blessing.

“We have been big advocates for a safer crossing,” said Carmel “It is so dangerous. We see so many cars flying through and have seen the train come to a stop for a number of cars.

“I watch every time a train comes through, sure something will happen. I know where the spare blankets are just in case there’s an accident.

“It really is an absolute blessing. It’s got all the bells and whistles. We’ve heard it while they were testing, driving the diesel back and forth at different speeds, and the noise really wasn’t that bad. I’d rather the noise than an accident.”

Councillor’s Column with Tarrengower Ward Councillor Stephen Gardner



I was very thrilled to see the powerlines come down this month. It is a major milestone in terms of the Maldon rejuvenation project and it was great to see Maree Edwards and local community members present to witness this. It was nice to see the former Mayor of Maldon, Ken Fothergill, as he has wanted them down for nearly 50 years. Sometimes these things take time but to finally see it happen was nothing short of awesome.

It was also great to see so many local people working on this project on behalf of PowerCorp.

The trial crossovers have been an ongoing community discussion and as you would imagine myself and Council have received a lot of responses. On a personal level I have been disappointed at the nastiness of some comments, aggression of some people and to turn it into a town joke just makes Maldon look ridiculous.

The overwhelming community response is a ‘no’ to the current format and that came out loud and clear but there is also support to ensure and provide safe access and cross overs for members of our local community who need it. There is also a lot of support for a cross-over made out of the timber rails that are around town.

I am committed to ensure that any changes to the streetscape meet the approval of our local heritage experts and I have been in discussions with them on how to best do this. The CEO of the Mount Alexander Shire Council has also committed to making sure that this process is driven locally. Going forward we will sit down and look at the community feedback and look at revising plans. This will then be discussed at the broader local community group overseeing the whole project. When COVID-19 restrictions allow it, I am hoping to have a community forum to discuss the project, where it is up to, and the next stages.

July Council meeting

Unfortunately, due to lockdown five, Council meetings were back on YouTube with no public attendance. The Council meeting was originally scheduled to be held on 20 July, but it was delayed in the hope restrictions would allow for a normal Council meeting but unfortunately this was not possible.

The major issue on the agenda was the proposed supermarket in Castlemaine. Council issued a permit a couple of years ago

for a smaller supermarket, but the developer wants to build a larger one. The developer decided to take this matter straight to VCAT and to bypass, and in my opinion force their desired option on to the Council and the Castlemaine community.

At this Council meeting we were asked for our opinion on the current planning application in order for this opinion to be represented at the VCAT hearing. We were not making a decision to grant or reject a planning permit. VCAT will make this decision.

I made a number of statements in the Council meeting which I will repeat. I am supportive of a supermarket in Castlemaine and it is desperately needed. Nearly 60% of our residents do their weekly shopping outside of our Shire in either Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat or Maryborough. As a major centre, Castlemaine needs a larger supermarket, that offers competition and greater variety. We need to see our residents shop locally. I am very disappointed to say that I could not support this application in its current format.

The developer, despite many requests, has failed to submit plans or information around a number of critical issues that need to be resolved, such as:

- The supermarket is directly opposite a local primary school and would see trucks and an increase in local traffic and the current roads conditions are not suitable. The developer has not provided or submitted a plan that would address these matters. VicRoads is required to approve any changes and have not approved changes.
- The proposed site has pre-existing contaminants and the developer has not provided a plan on how this will be dealt with. The EPA has not provided their approval for the treatment of the contaminants.
- The developer is wanting to use public land for a car park. They have not discussed with Council how the public can still use and have access to this land. Council cannot give up this land without having an arrangement in place.

I hope that the developer will now come back to Council to discuss these issues so that we as a Council can make a decision on this permit. This issue has been dragging on for many years and I for one would like to see it finalised so that Castlemaine can have a new supermarket that is supported by the local communities.

On a brighter note, it is great to see we came out of lockdown five and hopefully we don’t have to do it again. I am waiting for my final AstraZeneca injection, and I personally hope that we see the end of lockdowns, restrictions and that everyone who can, does get vaccinated. In the meantime, stay safe and be kind to everyone.

New Senior Sergeant for Castlemaine



☆ New Castlemaine Police Senior Sergeant Darryn McQueen.

THE *Tarrangower Times* interviewed Castlemaine’s new Senior Sergeant Darryn McQueen.

Darryn and his wife moved from their home in Geelong in April this year to a large property near Maryborough.

“We were ready for a tree change now the kids are all grown. Plus we own four horses and now we don’t have to agist them,” said Darryn. “I love driving to work across the Moolort Plains watching the sunrise, it’s beautiful.”

Darryn previously worked as a Senior Sergeant in a specialist critical incident response team in Melbourne and has found the new job to have a different pace and areas of focus.

“My role in the critical response team was quite defined. We were trained negotiators and would deal with people in crisis, often dealing with suicide intervention and family violence hostage situations.

“My role at Castlemaine has actually been much busier. I’m dealing more with road accidents and graffiti.

“Working as Station Commander is a new role for me and I spend more time on planning and resource management.

“I love the passion of the people here. There is a genuine interest from people in their town and the environment and they really love where they live. The 40 or so members at the station here are mostly local or from Bendigo and they have a genuine interest in the community too, which makes my role a lot easier.

“I’m really enjoying the work/life balance.”

Darryn told the *TT* that things have been quiet at the station recently and at present the main focus of his work is trying to prevent road trauma by building partnerships with relevant agencies and identifying issues such as wildlife and fatigue.

“Graffiti is also a particular issue in Castlemaine. To try and resolve this issue I’m working with a number of community groups that are passionate about graffiti in the local area.

Fatality in Newstead

A man has died in hospital following a single-vehicle crash in Newstead on 16 July.

Police have been told a Mitsubishi Verada sedan was travelling east along Pyrenees Highway when it is believed the driver lost control of the vehicle, clipped a power pole and crashed about 4.15pm.

The driver and sole occupant of the car, a 77-year-old man from Wheatsheaf, was taken to Bendigo hospital where he later died.

Bendigo police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash.

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Celebrating World Embroidery Day



LAST Friday, 30 July, was World Embroidery Day. This day was first celebrated in 2011, in Vismarlöv, Sweden.

It was spearheaded by a local group of Broderiakaemin (Sweden’s Embroidery Guild), which took the initiative to plan and create a special day to celebrate embroidery. Since then, embroiderers around the world have celebrated this day in many ways, from getting together with like-minded

stitchers, to getting out and stitching in public, through to just taking a quiet hour out of one’s day to commune with their needle, thread, fabric and pursue their favourite pastime.

There is an active Branch of the Embroiderers Guild Victoria in Castlemaine, and they will be celebrating their 21st Anniversary as a branch this October. Members come from across the Mount Alexander Shire

including Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne, Maryborough, and Bendigo.

Our members enjoy locally based activities, classes, exhibitions, excursions, newsletters and more. Exciting traditional and contemporary embroideries and textiles are happening within the branch and experienced members willingly help beginners who are new to embroidery or particular types of embroidery. We also explore and experiment with stitchery and cloth work in its many and various forms.

The Guild would like to invite you, and your friends, to join us on our next General Meeting Day on 15 September between 10am and 2pm, for a special Visitors Day. The Castlemaine branch of the Guild meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Mount Alexander Golf Club in Wimble Street. Please feel free to pop in and join us for a friendly cup of tea and a chat about stitching. For more details, please contact either Barbara Marshall 0408 474 177 or Suzan Redlande 5472 2718.

Helping young people in Bendigo into work



A dedicated headspace program will continue to assist young people in Bendigo experiencing mental illness to join the workforce, thanks to a \$1.6 million investment from the Australian Government.

Nationals Senate Leader and Senator for Victoria

Bridget McKenzie said both the Bendigo and Ballarat headspace sites would run the Individual Placement and Support Program to address barriers preventing people with mental illness from finding and keeping a job.

“By integrating educational and workforce support with clinical mental health services, we can help our young people secure employment opportunities.”

“Mental illness should not be a barrier to pursuing a fulfilling career and the Individual Placement and Support Program will ensure

our young people in Bendigo have access to the tailored support they need to thrive in any workplace,” Senator McKenzie said.

Minister for Families and Social Services Anne Ruston said the onset of mental illness in young people can significantly affect their ability to transition from study to work.

“This investment will provide local career assistance hand-in-hand with clinical support to help young people with mental illness enter the workforce and reach their full potential,” Minister Ruston said.

Know Your Local

Brooke Peace



MOST of you will recognise Brooke and her gorgeous copper locks and friendly smile from the Maldon Post Office.

Brooke and her husband Leon bought the post office nine years ago after making the difficult decision to leave the family farm in Cohuna.

Leon worked as a dairy farmer and Brooke a nurse and midwife, before moving to Maldon with their three young boys to start their new career as postmaster and postmistress.

“We researched which businesses were good to buy and looked at towns that had a business for sale that also had good schools and we found Maldon,” said Brooke.

“It was important that it had the residence attached because our youngest son was only one at the time.

“It was a juggle, especially when the boys were little. I also worked the late shift in Ballarat, working in perinatal mental health. I’d work at the post office in the morning, eat my lunch on the way to Ballarat and not get home until late. I miss the work but I love the post office and having evenings and weekends off. It gives Leon more balance as well.”

Brooke and Leon also spent two years and seven months travelling around Australia before the boys were born.

“We were 19 when we set off in a little Pintara four

door with a tent,” laughed Brooke. “Because we had to set and pack up the tent each time, we set a two night minimum in each place. Once the kids are older we’ll definitely go again, although not in a tent this time.”

As we sit in the afternoon sunshine drinking coffee at the Gold Exchange Cafe and eating delicious flourless orange cake, Brooke tells me about her time as a midwife and her passion for working with women after they’ve given birth.

“Postnatal is my thing. As much as I love them, births are too rushed to establish an ongoing relationship.

“It’s harder these days for mums; we’ve lost that sense of family and belonging. I believe women have an obligation to look after one another.”

I asked Brooke what she does with her free time, if she has any, to which she replied, “I make free time for myself. It’s good for my mental health. If I have to choose between housework or doing something for my mental health, I’ll leave the housework until later.

“I’m a crafter. I’ve taken over so much of the house and garage now its ridiculous,” Brooke laughs. “I do felting, which I sell online and at the The Wool Stash, and embroidery.

“I’ve also started learning how to whittle. I find crafting calming and soothing. I think I got it from my mum who’s a crafty person and my nan.

“I also love white-water rafting. I’ve done it twice in Cairns. The first time I nearly died from lack of sunscreen. I put it on my arms and face, but not my legs. I ended up with the worst heat-stroke, vomiting and passing out, but geez it was fun.”



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By Seth Gross

Students have their say....

Question: What is your favourite thing to do at play times at Maldon Primary School?

Levi C, Grade 6: loves walking around the school and playing gang up with his friends.

Vance, Grade 5: loves playing markers up at the footy oval.

Chloe, Grade 4: enjoys playing down ball and loves the challenge of getting to the highest level.

Dean, Grade 3: loves playing footy on the new soccer oval.

Connie, Grade 2: loves playing netball with her friends at the basketball court.

Nicholas, Grade 1: loves playing mums and dads around the school.

Frances, Grade prep: loves playing in the playground and going across the monkey bars.

Interviews by Stella and Essie.

100 days of Prep



THIS year we have an amazing group of preps, who have been ready to learn and have fun since day one of 2021.

This Friday 6 August, the prep students will be celebrating an incredible achievement, 100 days of prep! We interviewed five prep students to find out their favourite things about school.

Question one: What is your favourite subject?

Leon: I really enjoy reading.

Quinn: My favourite subject is art.

Ollie: I love doing art.

Nate: Learning Japanese is my favourite.

Frances: I really like art.

Question two: What is your favourite thing about school?

Leon: My favourite thing about school is learning maths.

Quinn: I love playing with my friends.

Ollie: I like playing with my friends.

Nate: I love sitting with my friends in class.

Frances: My favourite thing about school is having an awesome teacher and doing art.

Question three: What do you want to learn at school?

Leon: I want to learn writing.

Quinn: I want to learn how to speak Japanese.

Ollie: I want to learn maths.

Frances: I want to learn how many colours you can make with other colours.

Nate: I want to learn how the sky works.

On Friday the prep students will challenge themselves to read 100 books, write 100 words and do 100 acts of kindness in line with our school values: be kind, be brave and be your best. They will also learn about the number 100, and do craft activities around the idea: 'I am 100 days smarter!' Great job for starting the school year so positively!

By Eva and Abi

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By Eva Gross

JOKES collated by Sam

The red house was made of red wood
The yellow house was made of yellow wood
What is the green house made of?
Answer: Glass.

Mr Blue lives in a blue house
Mr Red lives in a red house
Mr Green lives in a green house
Who lives in the white house?
Answer: the American president.

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?
He needed some space.

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?
A stick.

Police: Where do you live?
Me: With my parents.
Police: Where do your parents live?
Me: With me.
Police: Where do you all live?
Me: Together.
Police: Where is your house?
Me: Next to my neighbour's house.
Police: Where is your neighbour's house?
Me: If I tell you, you won't believe me.
Police: Tell me.
Me: Next to my house!

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Quirky Books

488 Rules For Life (a request) is written by well known and popular Australian comedian Kitty Flanagan and really it's a book full of common sense and fun. The sub-title is **The Thankless Art of Being Correct** which perhaps gives a good clue to the often 'tongue in cheek' advice given by Flanagan. A friend bought this for herself and felt that it wasn't a book to be read from cover to cover in one reading but another friend and I found it so good

that we just had to keep going. It has rules for various aspects of life such as At the Office, Fashion, Food, At the Movies, Travel, Relationships and many others. There are actually 447 rules but she has left space for the reader to add some of their own.... please don't do that with this library book but you may like to sit down with some paper and pen and compose some of your own rules.

The Lady With The Gun Asks The Questions is Kerry

Greenwood's latest book. Actually this is a series of short stories ...all hilarious...but we've put it in the Detective category so that it will be with Kerry's other books. Many of you will know that Kerry holds a very special place in the more recent history of The Athenaeum having given a splendid and hugely successful evening at one of our fundraisers. It was a sell-out of course with people coming from everywhere including Melbourne. These Phryne Fisher stories are totally entertaining and fun and all the old favourites are in them. You'll find Dot, Mr and Mrs. Butler, Bert and Cec and Jack Robinson.

Prince Philip (The Biography) was bought as a result of a request by a member and one could be excused for thinking that this is a strange book to include under the heading of 'Quirky Books'.

However, the author, Meghan Reads, has written this very slim volume in a style that I can only describe as quirky. The facts are all there and seem to be accurate but the style and language used by Reads is chatty, casual and at times quite odd. If you were a fan of the Duke of Edinburgh I think that you'll enjoy this little book. Honestly it will only take you a very short time to read it. I found it difficult to find out much about Reads but it seems that she is a Canadian writer and a television producer and story editor. There are other longer and more traditionally written biographies of Prince Philip.

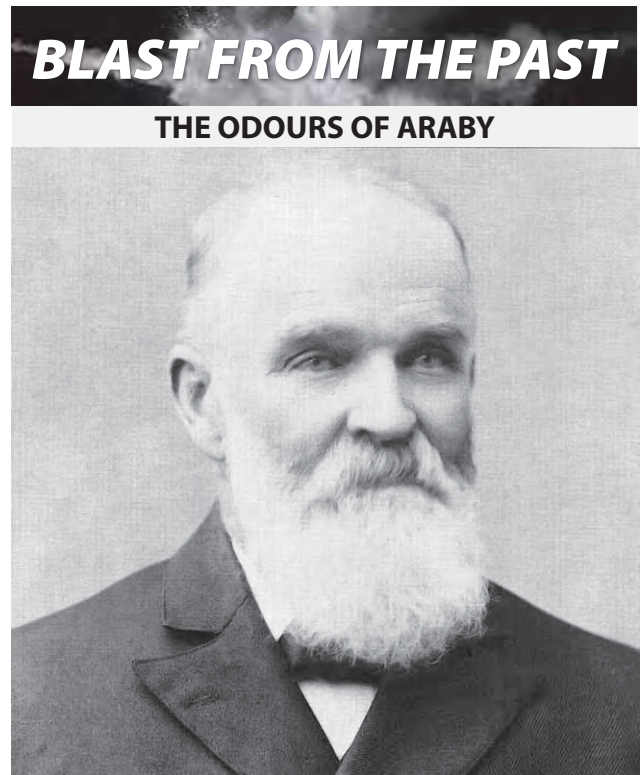
The Erratics (another request) is by Vicki Laveau-Harvie and is a biography about the author's family living on the prairies of Canada. It won the 2019 Stella Prize and the 2018 Finch Memoir Prize. I found it difficult to get into at

first because I couldn't really believe that a family would be like this one. I persevered and found that it gripped my attention and really is a book that you will remember for quite a long time. The mother of Laveau-Harvie's family was clearly insane and how she lived in the community for so long remains a mystery. Among other bizarre things she starved her husband and when she was finally placed in a hospital because she broke a hip, Laveau-Harvie (living in Sydney) and her sister (in

Vancouver) were constantly horrified by what they discovered had been happening at the family home.

It's great to receive requests but really you should ask for them to be written down at the Library. Often people will stop me in the street and give me a request and then it's in the lap of the gods as to whether I remember to write down the details when I get home.

Enjoy your reading.
Joy Leneaux-Gale.



☆ George McArthur.

On December 23, 1898 a letter from George McArthur headed 'The Odours of Araby' appeared in the Maldon News. George said that recently as he stood outside the Athenaeum his nose had been assailed by a 'most disgusting and distressing stench'. The offending odours came from the town's great drains entrance near the Post Office. George then decided to make a tour of inspection of the drain, which he described as 'the town's cesspool'.

In the first 50 yards George found evidence that confirmed his suspicion that schoolboys and swagmen used the drain as a 'water closet'. Further on it was fairly clean until it reached Dolphin Street where outlets from houses entered and badly contaminated it. Due to the drain's uneven floor, pools of filth had accumulated adding to the stench. When George reached a point just beyond Main Street his candle almost went out and the atmosphere became so stifling that he was forced to retrace his steps back to the entrance.

After he emerged George made his way to the drain's southern end in Tobin Street. There he found the outlet closed by a solid wooden door with a pool of green slimy water outside. George could not understand why the door had been placed there as it stopped any ventilation that might clear the drain of foul air.

In his letter George took the Shire Council to task. He said that, although they had appointed a qualified Health Officer and both a Chief and Deputy Inspector of Nuisances, examples of unhygienic conditions could be found throughout town. He also suggested that the Council build urinals in the centre of town and threatened to contact the Central Board of Health if nothing was done.

Over the next few weeks George wrote further letters to the *News*. He complained about council workers dumping gutter scrapping in Tobin Street and the heaps of stable manure and other rubbish in the Shire Reserve. He also drew attention to the Shire Hall's clogged guttering and the fire risk created by long grass in the Shire Gardens. George said, if the Council would not clean up the Reserve and Gardens, he would organise a working bee to do it for them.

George also wrote officially to the Council and they invited him to address their next meeting. After he was introduced George asked that all the councillors inspect the drain and suggested that it be opened up. If it was, he offered to plant it out with trees and shrubs. In reply Shire President William Blair Gray said that the Shire did not have the water to flush the drain regularly and, given the circumstances, the Shire was doing the best it could.

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IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



TODAY Nancy and EC present the program without a guest.

Last week Sats, Halves (pictured auditioning for Star Trek) and Ms Brahms discussed some amazingly mad ideas promoted online regarding possible COVID cures, such as 'Llama Blood' on IMT's 398th broadcast. Tony queried the number of Ss in the Census and some of the probing questions asked of arts practitioners. Just for fun, Tony had run our names through Word Play Anagram Solver, the best being Ian Slatery - Elysian Tart. He noted

that on August 14 Wildlife Victoria is running a training workshop for volunteers, who are sorely needed in the Shire. Call 8400 7300 for more information.

The plan for next Friday is for Nancy and Mike to interview the awesome Graham Pitts in a discussion centred around MGM (Maldon Golden Movies) and patron John Flaus.

To catch up on our previous programs click on <https://www.mixcloud.com/nancymay007/>.

See our ad on page 13.

Mike Smythe

Fatal fire threat prompts smoke alarm warning

A new report reveals there was an increase in Victorians who died in house fires in 2020, prompting an urgent smoke alarm warning by Victoria's fire services.

Country Fire Authority and Fire Rescue Victoria data reveals 22 people died in preventable Victorian house fires in 2020, an increase from 16 the year before, and above the long-term annual average of 18.

The majority of the fires started at night, between 9pm

and 6am, with 72% starting in living areas and bedrooms.

Half of the 18 properties where the fires broke out did not have working smoke alarms.

Firefighters say these tragic deaths reinforce CFA and FRV firefighters' recommendation to install interconnected smoke alarms in all bedrooms, living areas and hallways.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said installing interconnected smoke alarms would ensure that when any

alarm activated, all smoke alarms in your home would sound.

"There is a clear increase in fatal fire risk in the rooms where people sleep and rest, with our data showing that over the past decade, fatal fires have most commonly started in bedrooms and living areas," he said.

"We know only one-in-five Victorians have a smoke alarm in any bedroom and around 60 per cent have a smoke alarm in any living area.

"We want people to be aware there is a real and dangerous threat of fire in bedrooms and living areas because that's where we most commonly see fatal house fires start."

Acting Fire Rescue Commissioner Ken Brown said these heartbreaking and preventable deaths demonstrated why it was so important for Victorians to have working smoke alarms in their homes.

"Working smoke alarms offer you the best chance of surviving a fire, and without one your risk of dying in a house fire dramatically

increases," Acting Commissioner Brown said.

"We know most fatal fires start at night, and the smell of smoke will not wake you up, so it is crucial you have smoke alarms in all bedrooms, living areas and hallways."

"For the best protection, smoke alarms should be interconnected so that all alarms sound in the event of a fire."

In the past decade, Victorian firefighters have responded to more than 32,000 residential fires.

Statistics show that in the past 10 years, the kitchen was the most common room of fire ignition for non-fatal incidents, however fires that caused serious injury or death most commonly started in lounge and bedroom areas.

Victorians can purchase interconnected smoke alarms at most local hardware stores. Some are connected wirelessly, which don't require hardwiring by an electrician.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/silenceisdeadly or https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/smoke-alarms.

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Pet Dental Month



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Periodontal disease affects over 85% of dogs and over 50% of cats aged over four years. There is a lot that owners can do to prevent the development of plaque and calculus; such as teeth brushing, feeding dental specific kibble or treats, specialised chews, or water and food additives. However, once periodontal disease develops the only way to address this is with a dental procedure, which must be performed under anaesthetic. While this may sound scary, it is actually the safest and only way to effectively clean the teeth beneath the gum line. And the earlier dental disease is dealt with, the more we can avoid prolonged anaesthesia and tooth extractions, especially in older pets. **August is Pet Dental Month**, so we would like to help pet owners know how they can look after their pet’s teeth at home, and what to do if they suspect their pet has dental disease. We will be giving out free Dental Awareness packs to any owners who would like more information, and all our dental patients will receive a personalised dental chart with ‘before and after’ photos of their dental procedure. To book or find out more, contact Maldon Vet Clinic on 54 751 751 or visit www.maldonvet.com.au.

Andrea Khong

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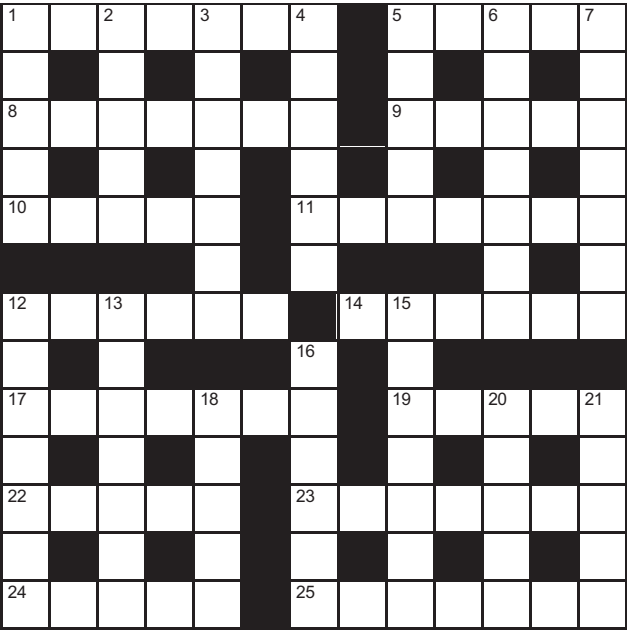
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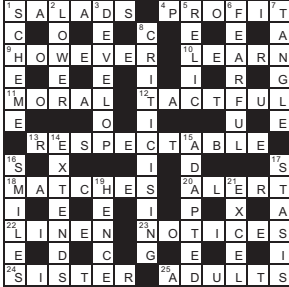
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Solution to No. 811



The Book Wolf

Who wrote: ‘The past is a foreign country, they do things differently there.’?

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Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 3.8.21

25.5mm

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	19.5	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	362.5	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 3.8.21

27.6mm

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	20.2	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	436.2	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 3.8.21

29.0mm

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	22.2	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	399.4	593.8	416.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 3.8.21

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	78,194	% Full	53.15
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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

Round 12



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under extreme pressure all game.

UNDER 15s NETBALL

The U15s jumped out of the blocks in a big way on the weekend against the always strong Newstead team.

Ainsley Taft was on fire in the goal ring with MacKenzie Shepherd making brilliant space and working very well with the likes of Tiffany Williams and Shayla Listen feeding the ball into the goal ring.

The defence held strong all day with Sarah McLean's intercepts, Alice Hamilton, Kennedy Hall, Abbi Shepherd and Maddy Drummond putting up a great defence structure.

The team were able to come away with a good victory to move into third on the ladder.

Maldon 34 Def
Newstead 15

Best Player: Ainsley Taft with her exceptional accuracy in the goal ring and excellent intercepting.

UNDER 13s NETBALL

U13s today were a wee bit slow to get started as well, but we found our feet the second half of the game. We are so lucky to have one of the tallest defence line-ups ever. This fortune was Newstead's misfortune as this made goaling very difficult in the second half with Newstead only scoring 6 goals.

Our defence had their eyes on every ball and followed their player around allowing us to pick off and intercept nearly every ball. Our goalers moved around well and opened up the spaces allowing goaling opportunities. Mid court moved and created space and second options. This was a really great game for us, we should be proud.

Maldon 9 def by
Newstead 24

Encouragement awards:
Stella and Jess.

UNDER 11s NETBALL

Sadly the break wasn't kind to us, as it took us a little bit to get going again. But once

we did, we were alive. During the game we were able to execute beautiful long passes and created open spaces allowing us to let the play flow down the court. We weren't very successful getting the ball into the goal ring, but it wasn't from a lack of trying. The ball just did not want to go in. We have been working on set plays, which all started to fall into place, allowing everyone to give their all.

Maldon 4 def by
Newstead 17

Encouragement awards:
Primrose and Connie
Jamie Cox
President | MFNC



☆ Coach Ross Egleton giving the team directions.



☆ Stella flying high at the Juniors netball last Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Casey Bell.

Entries open for Youth Film Festival



☆ Inaugural COscar winner Lincoln Boyack of Newstead seen here on location. His film, 'Possums', won best Snapshot film for his age group at the 2020 COscars Film Festival.

CALLING young budding filmmakers! Here's a chance to get your film career kicked off.

Entries are now open for the second COscars Youth Film Festival, a short film competition for makers aged eight to 25 years.

Films can be as short as 50 seconds and up to 25 minutes, with seven categories open to different age groups.

While cash prizes of \$50 to \$150 may not quite be at the

same level as the international Academy Awards, organisers from Mount Alexander Shire Council's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) said the competition would be just as keen.

"This is our local version of the Oscars and we're looking for action, comedy, drama, stop motion, animation and anything in between," said YAG member Billy Lister.

"This is a great opportunity for young people to get their films in front of audiences

so if you're young, live in Central Victoria and fancy yourself as a filmmaker or just like experimenting with your phone camera or something more sophisticated then get cracking."

Categories are:

1. Snapshot (runtime less than or equal to one minute).
2. Short (runtime between one and five minutes).
3. Short Film (runtime between 10 and 25 minutes).

Entries open 1 August and close at midnight on 1 September 2021. Winning films and a selection of entries will be screened at the COscars Youth Film Festival on Friday 17 September in Castlemaine.

For entry forms and guidelines, check www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au, Castlemaine Library and Castlemaine Secondary College reception.

To find out more, call Council's Youth Development Unit on 5471 1700 or email youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.



☆ Under 11.5s



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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

Round 12

NO SENIOR SPORT BUT JUNIORS RETURNED

UNDER 17.5s FOOTBALL

Maldon 106 def
Newstead 21

Maldon had another convincing win over Newstead and are really starting to hit their straps towards the business end of the season. Bailey O'Dell was best on ground

having a blinder of a game kicking 4 goals from the mid-field and was everywhere over the ground with a very good work rate.

Little Robbie Muscat was a headache for the opposition in front of goals. Austin Peace provided plenty of drive off the backline. Billy Miller played another great captain's game also kicking 3 majors

for himself. All in all it was a great team performance.

UNDER 14.5s FOOTBALL

Maldon 134 def
Newstead 6

Maldon's under 14.5s continued on the winning and was making easy work of Newstead with a 20+ goal win. The way the team moved the ball for their age

group is amazing to watch with so much talent in one team. There is definitely a lot of future superstars to come out of this team in the following years. Keep up the good work boys.

UNDER 11.5s FOOTBALL

Maldon U11.5 football team crept into third on the ladder with a gutsy win over strong Newstead.

Seth keeps on getting better and starting to be a genuine ball magnet.

The four co-captains, Jack S, Aihen, Tommy and Wallys again led the way, connecting with each other and busting tacklings.

Mini Zav also consolidating his value as a dominant centreman who can kick goals. Auzzie, Bray and Chase keep improving.

Another great team effort
Maldon 5.7.37
Newstead 0.0.0

Best: S. Gross, J. Smith, A. Turner, F. Walls, T. Hamilton, Z. Slickerodt
Goals: F Walls 2, T. Hamilton, A. Turner, J. Smith

UNDER 17s NETBALL

The U17s were always going to have a tight game. From the first whistle the game was a nail biter with scores tied 4-4 at the first change. The second quarter saw the team take the lead with a handy break at half time 12-6. The team never gave an inch, with the exceptional defence of Grace Alfred-Koolen and Claire Hamilton making it difficult for the Newstead goalers to find the ring.

The mid field of Ainsley Taft, Abbi Shepherd and Sarah McLean made it tough

for the Newstead mid field to get easy touches and all passes were pressured exceptionally well down the court. With the combination of the goalers, Tayah Doyle and Sophie Zammit they were able to convert from limited opportunities during the game with pressure applied by the Newstead defence. The final margin keeping the team in the top four.

Maldon 26 def
Newstead 15.

A very different result to last time these two teams met where Newstead beat Maldon by 13 goals. A brilliant game and a win well deserved by the Maldon team.

Best Player: Tayah Doyle with her exceptional shooting

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MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB



☆ Masked and distanced last Sunday in the games with the Mount Macedon Club.

Oh what a beautiful morning. Oh what a beautiful day Oh what a beautiful morning, for a game of petanque to play

After lockdown regulations were reduced, we were fortunate that community sports could be played as long as basic COVID restrictions were applied. So our planned inter club tournament with Mt Macedon Petanque Club on Saturday morning was able to proceed. This was to be the first of four sessions with two teams of five players from each club competing in doubles and triples. It was an

early start at 10am in glorious sunshine.

Mt Macedon Petanque Club is one of the premier clubs, whilst Maldon is often considered a minnow. Games were played under official tournament rules with a non-playing umpire in attendance. As play went on it was obvious Maldon were here to play with most games producing competitive scores. However, at the end of the day the scores showed Maldon gaining 18 points to Mt Macedon 12. A great result! The next round of this round robin tournament will be on

Saturday, 28 August at the Gisborne pistes.

Our next fortnightly games are scheduled for 8 August on the St Brigid's pistes commencing at 11am with four games to be played. We are going to be joined by members from Mt Macedon who will join in our regular club games, COVID permitting of course.

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PLAYERS enthusiastically returned to Competition Golf, after an absence of two weeks, observing COVID-19 restrictions for the eagerly awaited Andrew Fitzpatrick's Captain's Trophy.

Recent rains had resulted in some surface water on some of the fairway low spots, but otherwise all areas were very well grassed up to the sand scrapes, resulting in some excellent scores being carded by the winner on the day - Craig Borrow and Runner-up Col Francis.

Daily scores also registered for the Freidrich Plate Event; a three round event with the best two rounds determining

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the winner. Round 3 will be played on 11 September, with a close contest predicted between current leader Andrew Fitzpatrick and well positioned Bruce McGregor, Col Francis and Wayne Brasher. Second round best score from Craig Borrow is also in the mix if supported by a good third round score.

**RESULTS
INDIVIDUAL
STABLEFORD
CAPTAIN'S TROPHY
concurrent ROUND 2
FREIDRICH PLATE**

**STABLEFORD
CAPTAIN'S TROPHY
WINNER**

Craig Borrow	40 points
Col Francis	38 points
Wayne Brasher	37 points
Andrew Fitzpatrick	35 points
Colin Windebank	33 points

NEAREST the PIN
Harry Murray HOLE 2

Gary Hutchins	HOLE 4
ca\$h-HOLE	
Harry Murray	HOLE 17
FREIDRICH PLATE LEADERBOARD AFTER ROUND 2	
Andrew Fitzpatrick	75 40-35
Bruce McGregor	69 37-32
Col Francis	69 31-38
Wayne Brasher	68 31-37

**GOLF TOMORROW
12 noon REGISTRATION
12.30 pm HIT-OFF
AUGUST MONTHLY
MEDAL and
COUNT-PUTTS
JACK LONG MATCHPLAY
ROUND 3 MATCHES**

Wayne Brasher v
Adrian Palmer
John Arnold v
Colin Windebank
Andrew Fitzpatrick v
Steve Moore
Gary Hutchins v
Bob Briggs
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