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But seriously...

Left to right front: Layla, Lillie, Nicholas, Frances and Hannah cooling off at the pool on Monday. Back: Mabel (obscured) and Darcy. Photo courtesy of Rob Leeson.

Why do we call this the Silly Season? Partly because the title gives us permission to let go a little and relax after a busy, bustling and stressful year. We might get silly with indulgences, parties and gifts at Christmas. And isn't it ridiculous that most of us choose only this time of year to decorate our houses with coloured lights and sweet vignettes? That could be delightful at any time.

It's wonderful to make merry at this time of year, but a little bit of thoughtfulness goes a long way, too. Caring interactions with each other, quality time and gratitude; these are all part of a successful festive season. If we're already feeling stressed about rising costs, it's so helpful to remember that most people, even kids, prefer a well-chosen gift or shared activity over a

pile of stuff. (Check inside this week's paper to find a few good examples of how to spend time together over the summer break).

There are resources available to people feeling the pinch this Christmas, including the local Community Pantry (Holy Trinity Hall, 50 High St, Maldon) and the Salvation Army which offers supportive, safe places and community connection, call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58).

When it comes to volumes of food during the festive season, we could all cut back a bit... mainly to avoid food waste. Researchers from RMIT University are asking us to consider buying only what we need, pointing out that a total of 7.6 million tonnes of food are wasted in Australia per year, which has significant environmental consequences. "We all like

to cook, buy and take large amounts of food in this festive season, both as hosts and guests and many people think it is better to have too much food than not enough," says Dr Bhavna Middha, Senior Research Fellow, College of Design and Social Context, RMIT. "But our shared practices need to be put under scrutiny, as they can often lead to extravagant food waste." Wasted food is also a waste of money, so maybe we can look forward to a smaller Christmas feast this year that hits the spot without mountains remaining.

It's definitely a silly season, which is just the way we like it! Check inside the paper for more silliness to balance out the usual seriousness of the weekly news. Happy Christmas!

Michelle Dorian



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2024 COMMUNITY DIARY

KEEP UP WITH THE LOCALS

If you have a community event that you would like publicised in this Community Diary, please email: karen@tarrangowertimes.com.au or send details to: **PO Box 18 Maldon 3463**, or drop a note into the **Maldon Newsagency** to have it listed.

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

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

GAMES IN THE MAINE from 11.30am to 5.30pm at West End Hall, Castlemaine. For details visit gamesinthemaine.com.au.

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

WALMER GUN CLUB at 11am Lewis Road, Maldon.

EVERY SUNDAY

MALDON BOWLING CLUB practice at 1pm, new members welcome.

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

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES. Catholic: 8.30am. 5 Chapel Street North.

Baptist: 10.30am. 8 Edwards Street. **Anglican:** 11am–Maldon–1st & 3rd, Newstead–2nd & 4th

EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB games on every second Sunday at St. Brigid's at 1pm starting 5 January 2025. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Geoff McLennan 0419 717 501.

SOCIAL PÉTANQUE We play at the Penny School piste in Church Street, from 1.45pm for a 2pm start, subject to the weather. Resumes on Sunday 26 January 2025. For further information contact 0459 093 452.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

MALDON MARKET: Hand Made, Home Grown, 9am – 1.30pm. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for enthusiasts of machinery and other curios from before and after the industrial revolution. Open 10am–4pm. Entry free–donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE REPAIR CAFE, at Castlemaine Community House 30 Templeton St Castlemaine behind the Town Hall. 10am till 1pm. Bring along broken household appliances and sewing repairs. Learn basic bicycle maintenance, get help with settings etc on mobile phones, advice for Apple Macs. First in first served. For further info call Chris 5470 5508.

BARINGHUP COMMUNITY GROWERS MARKET - 10–2pm, Baringhup Hall.

EVERY MONDAY

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

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2–4pm. Library contact 0437 094 469.

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

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

MALDON SOCIAL WALKING GROUP, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre. Fridays and Mondays 9am–11am \$1 donation for cuppa.

YOGA AND RELAXATION, Open your mind and body with yoga, for all ages and abilities. 6–7.30pm Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, first class free. For enquiries ph Andrea 0427 772 878.

NORDIC POLE WALKING, (during school terms) 2pm Castlemaine Botanic Gardens (Picnic shelter).

MALDON TOY LIBRARY, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 9am–9.30am.

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS 9am–3.30pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

PARKY PALS, at Castlemaine Golf Course club rooms, 10.30–12pm. A social group for those with Parkinson's disease along with family and friends. Gold coin donation for morning tea. Info: Bronwyn: BGrieve@castlemainehealth.org.au or 0439 187 051. Recommencing February 2025.

FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB 2pm. Enqs: 0488 113 733.

EVERY TUESDAY

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door to door service. Travel to Castlemaine leave MNC at 9.50am and depart Castlemaine at 11.10am. Travel to Kangaroo Flat leave MNC at 11.55am and depart Kangaroo Flat at 2.30pm. \$3 one-way, \$5 return. Phone 5475 2093, email info@maldonnc.org.au full timetable www.maldonnc.org.au/ community-bus/community-bus-transport-service.

CASTLEMAINE SAFE SPACES, Castlemaine Senior Citizens Centre, Mechanics Lane (next to the library) and will run from 6pm–8.30pm. No appointment or referrals are required and all are welcome to attend.

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

MALDON BOWLING CLUB practice at 10am, new members welcome.

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

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9:30am. All welcome. Contact. Damien 0428 130 764 or Cheryl 0428 453 042.

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

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS 9am–3.30pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

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

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, at Camp Reserve on Forest Street from 2.30pm–5.30pm.

COMMUNITY LUNCH 12.00 noon, Maldon Community Centre, \$7 donation. Closed over the school holidays.

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

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

JIGSAW EXCHANGE. Swap your completed puzzle for a new one. Baptist hall – 1.30 to 3.30pm. 8 Edwards Street (Sandra)

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP. Baptist hall – 7.30pm, 8 Edwards Street (Pastor Gavin)

MALDON CHESS CLUB, 10am. Do you play? Come along. Do you want to learn? Come along to Maldon Cafe. For enquiries contact John 0438 012 076.

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.

MALDON PANTRY, milk and bread, canned and dried foods plus hygiene essentials and pet items for anyone in the community. 9–11am Holy Trinity Hall, 50 High St., Maldon. More info Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 5475 2093.

MALDON TOY LIBRARY, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 10am–11.30am.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 4.30pm–5.30pm at Maldon Train Station. Further info and bookings 5479 1000. Free.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for enthusiasts of machinery and other curios from before and after the industrial revolution. Open 11am–3pm. Entry is free–donations welcome. For more info, contact Peter at 0408 146 537.

YOUNG AT HEART PLAYGROUP, 10am–11.30am at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre (Except for the 3rd Wednesday of every month, when playgroup visits Maldon Hospital residents for a special intergenerational playgroup 10.30am–12pm). Further info 5475 2093. No cost.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB, 1pm to 4.30pm at the Senior Citizens Rooms. New players welcome including solo players. Enq: Danny Murphy 0430 733 782.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9:30am. All welcome. Contact. Damien 0428 130 764 or Cheryl 0428 453 042.

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

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS 9am–3.30pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

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

FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH except January

MALDON MASONIC CENTRE–Southern Cross Lodge #24, located on the corner of Parker and High St, Maldon: Masonic rehearsal at 7.30pm. Have you ever heard of or have been interested in Freemasonry, or what is Freemasonry? Come along and find out what the secret is. Enquiries: Dusty Miller 0401 091 737, Peter Thompson 0408 146 537, or Les Roberts 0438 208 236.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH except January

MALDON MASONIC CENTRE–Southern Cross Lodge #24, located on the corner of Parker and High St, Maldon: Monthly meeting 7.30pm. All Freemasons welcome. Enquiries: Dusty Miller 0401 091 737, Peter Thompson 0408 146 537, or Les Roberts 0438 208 236

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES presents a great film every month at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Membership \$15 for the rest of 2024. Cash only at the door. Bring a plate or packet to share if you are able. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

EVERY FRIDAY

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

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

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, at Maldon Bowls Club, every Friday at 4pm, free.

NORDIC POLE WALKING for experienced walkers 9.30am Castlemaine Botanic Gardens.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door to door service. Travel to Castlemaine leave MNC at 9.50am and depart Castlemaine at 11.10am. Travel to Maryborough from MNC at 11.55am and depart Maryborough at 2.45pm. \$3 one-way, \$5 return. Phone 5475 2093, email info@maldonnc.org.au full timetable www.maldonnc.org.au/ community-bus/community-bus-transport-service.

HATHA YOGA, Gentle yoga class. All levels of ability. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 9–10.30am. \$15/casual or \$120/10 classes. Bookings: text Wendy 0490 064 084.

MALDON BOWLS CLUB practice at 4pm, new members welcome.

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

MALDON SOCIAL WALKING GROUP, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre. Fridays and Mondays 9am–11am \$1 donation for cuppa.

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS 9am–3.30pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

IN MALDON TODAY a radio show about Maldon. Between 9am and 11am. You can listen to IMT on your phone using the 'TuneIn Radio' app- MAINfm 94.9, or on your computer at mainfm.net. Send us an SMS during the program on 0488 863 186 and please sign your name.

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

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.

NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 8–9pm, \$10

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.

SHUT UP AND WRITE, 1pm at the Newstead Arts Hub. Gold coin donation. Enquiries Dimity 0475 260 051.

TARRANGOWER DEMENTIA ALLIANCE, meetings from 10.45am – 11.45am, Maldon Athenaeum Library.

EVERY SATURDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High St, Maldon. 9.30am–12pm. Library contact 0437 094 469.

CASTLEMAINE SAFE SPACES, Salvation Army Hall (next to the Castlemaine train station) will run 1.30pm–4pm. No appointment or referrals are required and all are welcome to attend.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9.30am. New players welcome to come and try. Morning tea provided. Contact. Damien 0428 130 764 or Cheryl 0428 453 042 or email maldoncroquet3@gmail.com.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for enthusiasts of machinery and other curios from before and after the industrial revolution. Open 10am–4pm. Entry free–donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

SCRABBLE CLUB at the Library, all welcome. 10am–12pm, Maldon Athenaeum Library High St, Maldon. Contact 0437 094 469.

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER

NEWSTEAD POOL School's Out Party

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, starting at 6.30pm with a BBQ provided by the Maldon Football Netball Club, carols at 7pm at the Bill Woodfull Oval.

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

CHURCH WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS, All Saints' Newstead

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, 9am, Holy Trinity, Maldon.

THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER

MALDON POOL Boxing Day BBQ and Family Fun day.

TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER

MALDON & NEWSTEAD POOL New Year's Eve Party

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NEWSTEAD POOL New Year's BBQ & Family Fun Day

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SATURDAY 18 JANUARY

MALDON TWILIGHT DINNER Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/mvsrd9m2>

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY

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SATURDAY 25 TO MONDAY 27 JANUARY

NEWSTEAD LIVE FESTIVAL more info: <https://www.newsteadlive.com/>

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

ALL POOLS, Australia Day Free Pool entry. Live music + BBQ (Newstead)

EXHIBITIONS

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

CHERYL KENNEDY, FROM THE LAND, MANet Gallery, 27 Main St., Maldon. Open Fri, Sat & Sun 11am–3pm.

Please let us know if there are any changes to the Diary. Contact Karen on 0404 357 556 or email karen@tarrangowertimes.com.au

Worth a try: rides for residents

'Volunteer Pilot' David Tuck pedals Volunteers Coordinator Edwina and resident Lillian Long in a trishaw.



THE group of riders known as Maldon Cycling has raised funds to purchase a trishaw for the residents of Mountview Nursing Home at Maldon Hospital, who are enjoying the opportunity to view the local neighbourhood at cycling pace.

"The original goal of the group was to raise money for health care," said Michael McCartney, who visited for afternoon tea with fellow Maldon Cycling member Noel Farrington. They explained that the fundraising was achieved through various approaches. "We've done a number of things; trivia nights, a bike show and the Murray to Moyne ride."

The residents, who simply nominate to have a ride and take turns each Thursday afternoon, are loving the trishaw. "If

you feel like your ability is reduced, it would be a bit special to have a ride," said Noel.

Rebecca Buchanan, who coordinates the bicycles for the hospital, said that it gave passengers a royal experience: "It's been very popular." The staff said that the trishaw injected some fun into the routine and gave residents something to look forward to.

The organisers are still looking for new "Volunteer Pilots" to pedal the residents around for short trips near the hospital grounds; there are level routes, despite the hill-top location. If you'd like to be involved in this great activity, contact the Volunteer team at Dhelkaya Health on 5471 3566.

Michelle Dorian

Festival calls for surprising proposals

CASTLEMAINE State Festival is inviting proposals from artists and creatives for its 2026 program, which runs from March 19–29 2026, with the theme: SURPRISE! SURPRISE! The theme highlights the joy of the unexpected, encouraging works that spark curiosity and offer audiences something new, which seems fitting for a festival looking to re-emerge from a difficult period and with a new management team.

Expressions of Interest are now open for those living, working and connected with Mount Alexander Shire. The Festival

welcomes proposals across all artforms, encouraging applicants to draw on the region's distinctive spaces, creative energy and community spirit to shape their proposal. The program will include diverse offerings tailored for younger audiences, families seeking shared experiences and arts enthusiasts.

Be part of a milestone event that brings creativity and community together in 2026 and submit your proposal for a unique festival work. For details about the selection process and how to apply, visit: castlemainefestival.com.au. The closing date for applications is 4pm, Friday 14 March 2025.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**PO BOX 18
MALDON, 3463
VICTORIA**

**EMAIL: editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au
PHONE: (03) 5475 2256**

Re: Saga of Langs Lane - Woodlocks Lane

On 29-8-1996 we wrote to a Mr John Evans to follow up on prior phone calls about the naming of the two lanes in our area.

We were asked to submit names; we suggested Langs Lane from Morris Street to Hornsby Street, then Hornsby Street to

Allans Road named Woodlocks Lane, which Mt Alexander Shire accepted.

Why the change? Who knows!

Cheryl and Alan Lang

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COUNCILLOR'S — COLUMN —

Seasons Greetings from Tarrenpower Ward Councillor Rosalie Hastwell



IT'S with pleasure that I am writing the first of what will be a series of regular columns in the *Tarrangower Times*. I'm looking forward to sharing some insights into how Council works and my role as Councillor, as well as highlights, issues and opportunities for our community and the broader shire.

As we approach Christmas it's great to think about the spirit of giving and celebration. The Main Street of Maldon is an absolute treat this year, decorated with hand-made colourful bunting that gives a warm sense of welcome. Thanks to the Maldon Machinery Vintage Museum and volunteers for this magic touch. There have been many other celebrations across our communities including those at the Maldon Golf Club and Maldon Bowling Club, both made possible by Council's Community Christmas Celebration Grants and of course there will be the annual Christmas Carols event at the Bill Woodfull Reserve this Saturday, hosted by Maldon Lions.

As a new Councillor it's been a busy but exciting time. Since the recent elections I've had the privilege of attending a range of events including the official opening of the Bill Woodfull Netball and Tennis Pavilion in Maldon and the launch of Baringhup West Fire Brigade's new tanker at the Baringhup Hall.

It's also been a time packed full of learning with my fellow Councillors – understanding what the role of a Councillor is, the responsibilities and limitations of local government, the many services that we support, and the needs and aspirations of communities across our shire. It's an important time for Councillors to get to know each other and to start to build strong and respectful relationships so that we can operate effectively as a team – allowing of course for differences and healthy debates that reflect the diversity of our community.

Early in 2025, we'll be starting work on our four-year Council Plan and we will let you know how you can be involved in setting priorities and actions. I'll also let you know about listening posts where you can come and speak with me directly.

Until then, let's celebrate the spirit of community by reaching out to those who may need that extra bit of support at this time of year. Let's also support our businesses by shopping local, and do what we can to stay safe and well as we welcome in the new year together.

Society seeks new star

MALDON'S unique Night Sky Appreciation Society will cease unless a new guide can be found. John Clarke has decided to step down at the end of 2024 after leading the society for a decade.

It's a simple but powerful concept: locals gather to observe and admire the night sky in good company. "I've always tried to focus on what you can enjoy using your eye and binoculars, rather than to rely on expensive equipment," John says.

Monthly gatherings at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre (MNC) involve a general discussion in the hall before the society heads out to the Beehive hill to look at the heavens.

John started the group despite not being an expert on astronomy. "When I lived in Melbourne my wife bought me a telescope that was difficult to use and it went in the cupboard," he explains. "Then when I moved to Maldon and saw the beautiful night sky, I decided to start this group, but when I started I knew little. I had to learn." It's a reassuring lesson for anyone who might be considering taking over from John.

He says he has met many people through the society and encourages people to be in touch with him to find out more. The group is supported by the MNC which promotes dates and assists with enquiries.

John says prospective night sky guides should not be daunted by lack of experience. "If you don't know how to do something, put yourself in a position to learn it and you will."

Call John Clarke to find out about leading the Night Sky Appreciation Society: ph 0438 012 076.

Bite size (festive) news and opportunities

Shop Local winner!

Craig Saville from Maldon won the Maldon Shop N Win this week. He purchased at IGA Maldon. BUT, we are missing a digit from his phone number. Craig, please contact the *TT* at editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au or pop into the IGA again to follow up your prize.

Loving summer at our local pools

Our local swimming pools are now open until 10 March 2025! We are so lucky to have them. The best time to visit is in the afternoon most days and there is an inflatable, climbable, slidable floating 'monster' that is shared between the Mount Alexander Pools at Castlemaine, Harcourt, Maldon and Newstead Swimming Pools. On Friday 20 December there will be a 'School's Out Party' at Newstead Pool and Maldon Pool will host a BBQ and Family Fun Day on Boxing Day, 26 December. Plus, New Year's Eve events at all pools! Keep an eye on the Mount Alexander Pools Facebook page for details of all the special events plus Aqua Aerobics at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the VICSWIM program helping kids improve their swimming skills over summer. See you at the pool! Hours vary and are weather-dependent, check out the website: mountalexanderpools.com.au.

Updating small business holiday trading hours

Local business owners! With the holiday period approaching, make sure your trading hours are up to date on social media and web. When your hours of operation change for a brief period of time, you can set special hours on your Google profile so that your regular hours don't change.

And it's wise to let the Visitor Information Centre in your town know your holiday hours. Staff and volunteers receive a lot of phone and walk-in enquiries about local businesses over the peak holiday period from both visitors and residents. Fill in the online form by clicking below or email them directly at visitors@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

The perfect gift

A pair of ruby slippers that were worn by Judy Garland in *The Wizard of Oz* and stolen from a museum nearly two decades ago sold for a winning bid of \$28m at auction last week. The pair is one of four surviving pairs that Garland wore in the film. The sale estimate was \$3 million, but the bids at the auction on Saturday 30 November increased swiftly, mainly involving phone-bidders. The final amount makes the shoes the most valuable movie memorabilia ever sold at auction, according to the auction house. With the inclusion of fees, the purchase will result in the buyer paying \$32.5 million. The iconic shoes were

on display at the Judy Garland Museum in the actor's hometown (there's no place like it) of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, which also runs an annual Judy Garland Festival. They had been stolen in 2005 when a thief used a hammer to break in; they were rediscovered by police in 2018 and returned to the museum earlier this year. The aging thief and his accomplice have not been jailed due to poor health; they had undertaken the heist as a final job.

Don't let your campfire become a bushfire

Fire authorities and public land managers have called on anyone camping in Victorian parks, reserves and forests this summer to check the conditions and brush up on campfire safety. The Conservation Regulator, Parks Victoria, and Forest Fire Management Victoria are reminding campers to act responsibly and be campfire-safe to prevent bushfires, particularly as the weather warms up. Before you light a fire check fire restrictions and for any Total Fire Ban restrictions. Tips include: plan ahead and consider alternatives for cooking such as a portable butane cooktop, a purpose-built fireplace if available, or dig a trench at least 30cm deep. Always follow the designated rules of your campsite, ensure the fire and its logs do not exceed one square metre, with three metres above and around your fire cleared of all flammable material. Never leave a campfire unattended, and ensure the fire is extinguished with at least 10 litres of water Report unattended campfires to 136 186 or call 000 to report a bushfire. For more on campfire skills go to: vic.gov.au/campfires-stoves-and-bbqs.

Breaking news: holidays are for relaxing

In absolutely ground-shattering news, research shows that one in two Aussies expected to plan holidays to unwind in 2025, with beach stays coming out on top. The statistics comes from a survey by 'an independent, nationally representative panel of 1,006 Australians' that was also commissioned by award-winning Australian travel insurance provider (Insure&Go) that had purely scientific reasons for wanting to know.

The stats reveal all:

- 46% of Australians more interested in 'do nothing' holidays in 2025
- 39% keen on sightseeing holidays.
- Beach destinations expected to be most popular, with 30% of respondents favouring them
- 42% would spend more on a holiday designed for relaxation than any other type of holiday.

The findings come as Australia's international travel finally starts to exceed pre-COVID levels, reportedly reaching 100% of 2019 volumes in January and continuing to grow throughout 2024.

'Indonesia' is the top destination for Australians (read: *it's still Bali*) in 2023-24, followed by New Zealand, the USA, Japan, and the UK.

More startling research: people will shop

Almost two-thirds of Australian shoppers plan to make a purchase at end-of-year sales events, according to the annual survey by Monash Business School's Australian Consumer and Retail Studies (ACRS). The Christmas and Seasonal Retail Trends Report, now in its fifth year, confirmed. The latest report also found 91 per cent of Australians are planning to splurge on Christmas gifts for family and friends this year compared to 88 per cent in 2023. You heard it here first, in the *Tarrangower Times*.

Government offers fall-proof advice

As Victorians prepare to deck their homes with Christmas decorations or complete jobs around the house during the upcoming holidays, the State Government is calling on them to put ladder safety at the top of their to-do list. Data from the Victorian Injury Surveillance Unit showed hospital admissions for ladder falls at home over the past decade have increased by 49 per cent among Victorians aged 55 years and over. Falling from a ladder can result in serious, and sometimes fatal injuries. Those climbing a ladder should always take the necessary precautions including making sure the ladder is the right height and in good working condition on dry, firm and level ground. Ensure someone else is home when climbing and ideally have someone to hold the ladder.

For more information please visit, betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/ladder-safety.

Happy holidays

It's a wonderful time of year for Christmas lovers but there are so many reasons to celebrate! It's the Persian festival of Yalda on Friday 20 December, with feasting and a toast to the victory of light over darkness, which is in common with other winter solstice celebrations such as Dongzhi (China) and Yule (Germanic). The start of Hannukah coincides with Christmas Day this year, and involves lighting candles over eight nights, while Kwanzaa is a celebration of African-American Culture from Thursday 26 December to Wednesday 1 January. And for the rest of us, there's Festivus, which is even more incredible when you discover that it is not just the fruit of a Seinfeld writer's imagination but an actual ritual that the writer's father inflicted on his family each year.

Mental health handbook for farmers

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is aiming to tackle the challenges of mental health in rural communities by launching a new handbook for farmers. VFF Vice-President and Chair of the Making our Farmers Safer Committee Danyel Cucinotta said the free handbook, called 'Harvesting Change,' is available to all Victorian farmers. It offers practical mental health tips, information and advice that are critical to save lives. The handbook was written by farmers and industry experts for farmers and communities as part of the VFF Making Our Farms Safer project, a free farm safety education and support service for Victorian farmers, funded by the Victorian Government through Agriculture Victoria. Download a free copy of the handbook at makingourfarmssafer.org.au.

Bite Size Bah Humbug

If you hate holidays and decorations and parties and joyous get-togethers, this is probably not your favourite time of the year. But if you're looking for extra reasons to hate the festive season, the *Tarrangower Times* has got your back! Here is a collection of awful things that have happened in December, brought to you by the Ghost of Christmas Past. On December 30, 1903 a catastrophic fire broke out in the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, during a performance of a musical called *Mr. Blue Beard*. It must have been expected to be a fabulous piece of theatre because there were 1,700 audience members, of which 602 died and 250 were injured in the fire.

On the morning of 6 December 1917, a French cargo ship carrying explosives collided with a Norwegian vessel in the harbour of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Halifax was devastated and at least 1,782 people were killed and around 9,000 injured. The blast caused fires, building collapses and related destruction.

The Great Smog of London in December 1952 was a severe air pollution event caused by a period of unusually cold weather, combined with an anticyclone and windless conditions, collected airborne pollutants—mostly arising from the use of coal—to form a thick layer of smog over the city. Recent research suggests that the total number of fatalities was between 10,000 and 12,000 deaths.

On Christmas Day in 1954, a British Overseas Airways Corporation Boeing 377 Stratocruiser crashed on landing at Prestwick Airport, Scotland; 28 of the 36 on board were killed.

Closer and more recent, so possibly still raw for many, was the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami that killed an estimated 227,898 people in 14 countries across the Indian Ocean. Perhaps a bit of festivity is not so bad after all. Bah Humbug!

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Meat and greet at MALDON HOTEL

FRIDAYS are always a highlight of the week at Maldon Hotel, with the end of the working week and Jag the Joker, a jackpot game.

But most of all people love the classic meat tray raffle! What a great way to snag some supplies, pun intended. The generous folks at Maldon Hotel also use it as a fundraising opportunity and last Friday 13 December, proceeds from the raffle were handed to a happy group from Maldon Pre-School; looking cheery and festive in our photo with Sherrie from the pub.

The Pre-School intends to put the \$700 they received towards completing their decking. The kids mentioned to Sherrie that they needed a new oven because they were burning their cookies! So now the raffle funds, which are used to help young people in Maldon, have a new goal.

Good on you Maldon Hotel!



Photo courtesy Jennifer Woolhouse.

Shining students rewarded

THE Southern Cross Lodge Maldon has once again donated two Citizenship Awards to two grade 5 students who always display our school values, are connected with the community and are genuinely great citizens.

These scholarships were first awarded in 2020 and are named after two special men from the Maldon Southern Cross Masonic Lodge, Les Sheehan and Ernie Bell. I would like to congratulate both Liam and Rilen who have been awarded these scholarships for 2025. Both of these students are great role models for their peers and younger students. They are always there to support others, they are kind and accept people for who they are and they try their best at all times. Liam and Rilen and their families enjoyed a special awards ceremony followed by a dinner at the Masonic Lodge on Thursday night.



Les and Ernie's widows, Jean and Lois, were present to award the students with their scholarships. I would like to thank the Southern Cross Lodge and Freemasons Victoria for once again sponsoring these scholarships and acknowledging the great citizens we have at our school.

Alisa Burdett



Rilen and Liam with their awards with from l-r: Clinton Breeze, Art Lynch (Behind the desk) and Dusty Miller. Photo courtesy Peter Thompson.

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View

By Appointment

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\$965,000

170 Boundary Road, Maldon

Embrace rural living in this charming three-bedroom circa 1930s period home, nestled on approximately 27.1 acres, just 4 minutes from historic Maldon. This property has the quintessential Australian landscape with a bush setting, rolling terrain, a picturesque dam and a Shiraz vineyard, offering a serene escape surrounded by nature. The beautifully renovated home features an open-plan living and dining space.

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16 Hornsby Street, Maldon

Tucked away from the streetscape is this private multi-faceted 2914 sqm (approx) property, a unique opportunity to live and work from home 700m from the heart of Maldon. Step into the quintessential country dream with a circa 1860s two-bedroom miners' cottage, a self-contained two-bedroom converted barn, three independent studios and a rambling garden with park-like planting and the borrowed landscape of the surrounding countryside.

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98 Parkins Reef Road, Maldon

Wingrove, an architecturally designed 4-bedroom home, offers breathtaking views of Mt Alexander, Mt Franklin, Daylesford, and the Western District. This private retreat features floor-to-ceiling windows, a bespoke recycled timber wall, and modern amenities including a solar system and ducted heating/cooling. The property includes a self-contained guest accommodation with Airbnb income potential and beautifully landscaped 4046 sqm grounds. Ideal as a permanent home or weekend retreat.

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\$895,000 - \$945,000

8 Parker Street, Maldon

On a corner allotment sits this eco-weathered timber and corrugated-clad two-bedroom home that offers a perfect blend of modern comfort and style on a generous 1,015 sqm (approx) allotment. Ideal as a permanent home base or weekend retreat, the property is a short stroll from central Maldon, 20 minutes to Castlemaine for additional amenities and the train to Melbourne.

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79 Church Street Maldon

Discover your dream home in this exquisite late-Victorian home, nestled within a stunning garden oasis on 4114 sqm (approx). This charming three-bedroom residence offers the perfect blend of classic elegance and modern comfort, just a stroll from the historic heart of Maldon. Surrounded by serene bushland and featuring views of Mount Tarrangower, this property is the quintessential escape to the country.

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\$625,000 - \$650,000

582 Bendigo Maldon Road, Maldon

Tucked away on 14.4 acres (approx) of private bushland, this three-bedroom off-grid home in the style of Alistair Knox sits harmoniously within its setting, offering the ideal living-in-nature lifestyle. Built of post and beam construction and infilled with recycled red bricks in 1983, the property is within a 5-minute drive or a short bike ride of historic Maldon that provides a primary school, a supermarket, retail and cafes, 20 minutes to Castlemaine for additional amenities and the train.

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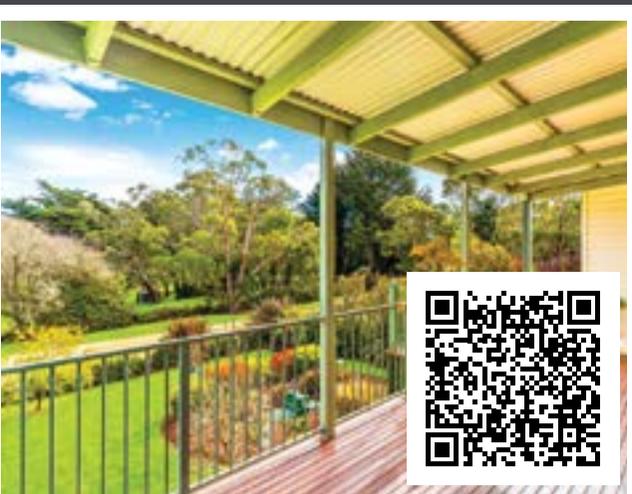
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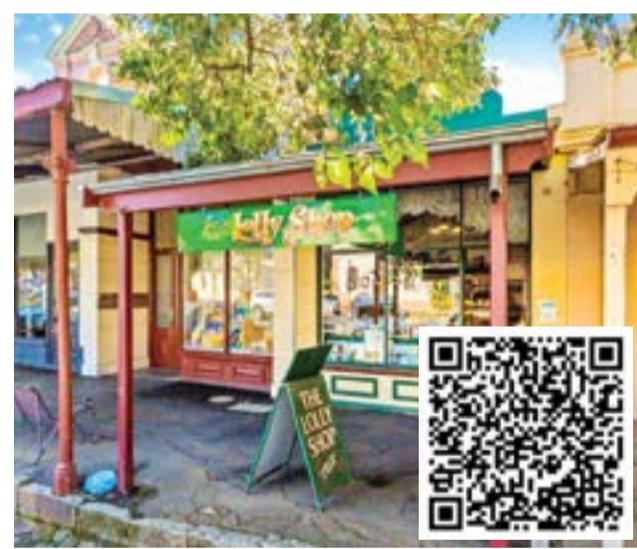
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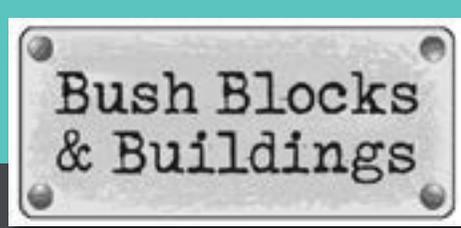
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Thank you to all the artists, supporters, members, visitors, community, and our incredible committee, who have filled the Hub with art, life, and connection in 2024. We are so proud of the Hub and grateful to all who have been part of it.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season and hope to see you @ the Hub soon. Exciting things are coming your way in 2025 ... we can't wait to share it with you!

Small World Sculpture Prize

Entries Open: Now!

Entries Close: 22 January 2025.

Exhibition Dates: 7–30 April 2025.

We are inviting artists' works in 3D that explore what a 'small world' means to them. Through this exciting exhibition, we will create space to stop, reflect, and focus on small things that can inspire big ideas.

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Entry Fee: \$30 (or \$15 for the Youth Prize, 21 and under).

Prizes: Win over \$1,000 in prizes! Your work will be seen by esteemed judges and a great audience.

How to Enter:

Visit the What's On page (newsteadartshub.org/whats-on) for more details or head directly to the Humanitix link (events.humanitix.com/small-world-sculpture-prize) to enter.

Newstead Live: Instrument Makers, and introducing Arts Bar!



Dates: 24–27 January 2025.

Location: Newstead Arts Hub.

Newstead Live is hosting a brilliant array of musical instrument makers at the Newstead Arts Hub; the Hub is the place to meet the makers of hand-crafted instruments, see a violin being made, enjoy *Made & Played* mini-concerts featuring Festival performers on selected hand-made instruments (check program for times), and play Jon Madin's wacky instruments. Catch the shuttle bus or walk over.

Arts Bar

Hours: 12pm–6pm, Saturday and Sunday.

What's on Offer: Bevvies, bites and beats. Home-made desserts, tapas, standard and alcohol-free drinks, and cocktails.

Coffee Cart: 10am–2pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Catch the shuttle bus or walk over. For more details, visit newsteadartshub.org/whats-on or newsteadlive.com.

PopUp-ShowUp Exhibition + Members Sign-Up



Date: Saturday 1 February 2025, 4pm.

Public Viewing: Sunday 2 February, and 8–9 February, 10am–4pm.

We are so delighted to have had over 120 members in 2024, and we're looking forward to welcoming even more in 2025. Saturday, 1 February, is our members' renewal event, and because we like to make even the boring stuff

fun, we've decided to create another wonderful PopUp exhibition. Come along, bring a creation of your own, and enjoy a festive afternoon at *PopUp-ShowUp*—an exciting exhibition showcasing the diverse talents and interests of Newstead Arts Hub members. It's a celebration of the idea that art is for everyone!

Want to be part of the fun? YOU can join as a member too! Just come along and sign up on the day.

Membership Details

Cost: \$30 annually (\$15 concession).

Benefits: Invitations to special members-only events, meet new people, and enjoy discounts on space hire and ticketed events.

Important Notice

Closed: Now - 18 January 2025

The Newstead Arts Hub will be closed until 18 January 2025 while we work on very special plans for the year ahead and beyond.

If you have any queries, please get in touch at info@newsteadartshub.org.



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Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum

Don't forget to book for next year's Twilight Dinner:
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Maldon Twilight Dinner will be held on 18 January 2025. The Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum will be organising the event this year, and it will be a bit different.

Local music and food will feature, with laughter and dancing in the Main Street of Maldon. Be one of the 800 people to enjoy this fantastic evening from 6.30pm - 11pm. Tickets can be purchased by going to www.maldonfestivals.com. It is an easy-to-follow site that allows you to choose your preferred seating. You can even travel first class on the VGR train service from Castlemaine Railway. Aboard the train, you will receive a complimentary glass of bubbles and a bowl of nibbles.

This event is not a BYO event. All wines, beers and mixed drinks are to be purchased from licensed venues. Soft drinks, water, coffee, tea and milkshakes can be purchased from our cafes and the ice cream shop.

The Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum has grown and excelled since its beginning in 2006. It began as a dream by a small group, the 'Maldon Flywheelers'. They were machinery

tragic and dreamt of starting an agricultural machinery showpiece for the town. They began gathering any discarded and superseded equipment that would fit the bill, and the rest is history. After years of funding submissions and VCAT appeals, the Museum was formally opened, encompassing multiple partnerships with many community groups, so the whole town was involved.

Today, the museum works with the Maldon Men's Shed,

Goldfields Railway, Maldon Easter Fair, Maldon Inc., and many other organisations that promote history and tourism, working together for the good of the community. The most recent project undertaken by the museum was sewing 3,000 flags to make Christmas bunting for Maldon. They are finished (after a lot of work by the volunteers) and look fantastic!

Volunteers and members entirely operate the museum. It does not receive government funding, so it relies on public donations and money raised by catering, setting up equipment at events, hosting music events and running the Annual Easter Machinery Rally.

This year, the museum will host a New Year's Eve music event. The gates open at 6pm for tea and bands play from 8pm—book tickets (\$20 per head) at Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum Shop or by phoning/messaging Renee on 0427 725 251. So, wear your dancing shoes and head to 4 Vincents Road, Maldon, for a great family event. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be available at bar prices, and some yummy food will be available for purchase.

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Discover the Heart of Maldon at the Vintage Machinery & Museum

Explore the stories of yesteryear at one of Maldon's must-see attractions! Run entirely by passionate volunteers, the Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum showcases fascinating agricultural machinery and brings history to life for the whole community.

Upcoming Events:

New Year's Eve Music Event

- **When:** Gates open at 6pm, music from 8pm
- **Where:** 4 Vincents Road, Maldon
- **Tickets:** \$20 per head
- Available at the Museum Shop or by contacting Renee on 0427 725 251.
- Enjoy live bands, delicious food, and a family-friendly atmosphere. Bar service with wine, beer, and soft drinks at great prices.

Twilight Dinner – 18 January

Join us for a memorable evening under the stars with fantastic food and great company. Volunteers are always welcome to help with setup and cleanup—your support makes events like this possible! Bookings: www.maldonfestivals.com.

Support Your Local Museum

The museum relies on community donations and event proceeds to preserve Maldon's rich history. Get involved by visiting, donating, or volunteering today!

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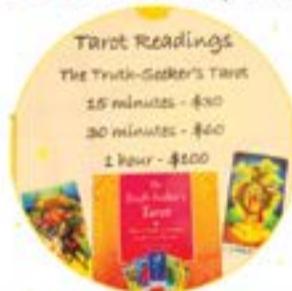
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Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it is so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly

as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course

not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else as real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, maybe 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of children.

Written by Francis P. Church in 1897

Ian Riley



MALDON TWINKLES - FOR CHRISTMAS -

RESIDENTS in Maldon have created some beautiful light displays for their homes and gardens this Christmas. It requires setting out quite late, since sundown occurs close to 9pm at this time of year, but on hot days it is a lovely time for a walk. There was a full yellow moon hanging low when the *Tarrangower Times* took these photos.

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre has collated a handy guide of over a dozen homes with lights (and there are others to be discovered, too). Visit the Maldon Newsagency for a copy and take a twinkly night-time tour this Christmas.



Wendy Lovell MP

Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Region

Together with staff members Katerina, Robert and Tamara, I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous 2025.

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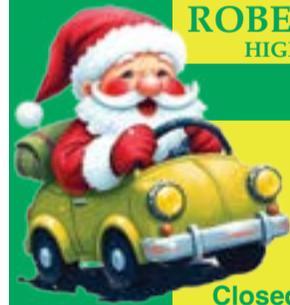
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TV Guide

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

ABC TV	SBS	SEVEN	NINE	TEN
<p>9:00 ABC News Mornings [s] 10:00 Back Roads [s] 10:25 I Was Actually There (PG) [s] 10:55 Royal Carols - Together At Christmas (PG) [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 1:00 Shetland (M I, v) [s] 2:00 Maggie Beer's Big Mission [s] 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s] 3:25 Long Lost Family (PG) [s] 4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) [s] 5:05 Antiques Roadshow [s] 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s] 6:30 Hard Quiz Kids (PG) [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 A (Very) Musical Christmas [s] 9:00 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2024 [s] 10:00 Hard Quiz: Neighbours TV Cast Special (PG) [s] 10:30 The Cleaner: The Influencer/ The One (M I) [s] 11:30 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:25 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG) 10:20 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG) 11:10 Kew Gardens - Season By Season: Spring 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Tradfest - The Fingal Sessions 2:30 Language Of Light 3:00 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:10 Guillaume's French Atlantic (PG) 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:10 The Supervet (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Every Family Has A Secret: Jacquie Blatchford And Mike Damnjanovic (PG) 8:35 Movie: "Marlon Brando: Im Paradies" (PG) ('24) Stars: Marlon Brando 9:35 Kennedy: A Legacy (June 1963 - November 1963) (PG) 10:25 SBS World News Late</p>	<p>6:00 Sunrise [s] 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s] 11:30 Seven Morning News [s] 12:00 Movie: "Cooking Up Christmas" (PG) ('20) Stars: Meagan Holder 2:00 Motorbike Cops (PG) [s] 2:15 Catch Phrase (PG) [s] 3:00 The Chase [s] 4:00 Seven News At 4 [s] 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer (PG) [s] 8:30 Movie: "Jaws" (M I, v) ('75) - When a massive killer shark unleashes chaos on a beach community off Long Island, it's up to a local sheriff, a marine biologist, and an old seafarer to hunt the beast down. Stars: Roy Scheider 11:00 Movie: "Underwater" (M I, v) ('20) Stars: Kristen Stewart, Vincent Cassel 1:00 Taken: Imperium (M v) [s] 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Million Dollar Minute [s] 5:00 NBC Today [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Today [s] 9:00 Today Extra Summer [s] 11:30 NINE News Morning [s] 12:00 Movie: "Forever Christmas" (AKA 'Mr. 365') (PG) ('18) Stars: Chelsea Hobbs, Christopher Russell, Matthew Kevin Anderson, Jill Morrison 2:00 Pointless (PG) [s] 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) [s] 4:00 NINE News Afternoon [s] 4:30 Tipping Point Australia (PG) [s] 5:30 WIN News [s] 6:00 NINE News [s] 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:30 Find My Beach House Australia: Cowes, Victoria/ Lake Macquarie, NSW (PG) [s] 8:30 Movie: "Jingle All The Way" (PG) ('96) Stars: Arnold Schwarzenegger 10:15 Movie: "Parenthood" (M s) ('89) Stars: Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen 12:35 Tipping Point (PG) [s] 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo [s] 4:30 Home Shopping</p>	<p>8:00 The Yes Experiment [s] 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s] 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s] 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) [s] 10:30 Christmas With The Australian Women's Weekly (PG) [s] 11:30 Entertainment Tonight [s] 12:00 Farm To Fork [s] 12:30 Family Feud (PG) [s] 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime [s] 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune [s] 2:30 Lingo (PG) [s] 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon [s] 4:00 Family Feud (PG) [s] 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s] 6:30 The Project (PG) [s] 7:30 The Graham Norton Show (M) [s] 8:40 Movie: "Daddy's Home 2" (PG) ('17) Stars: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg 10:40 10's Late News [s] 11:05 The Project (PG) [s] 12:05 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) [s]</p>
ABC ENTERTAINS	SBS VICELAND	7TWO	9GEM	10 BOLD
<p>12:55 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 1:20 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 2:05 ER (PG) 2:50 Doctor Who (PG) 3:55 Teenage Boss Next Level (PG) 4:20 MythBusters (PG) 5:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:00 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Chef" (M) ('14) Stars: Dustin Hoffman 10:20 ER (PG) 11:05 Not Going Out (PG) 11:35 Speechless (PG) 12:00 rage (PG)</p>	<p>12:50 The Wrestlers (M I, v) 1:45 Derry Girls (M I, s) 2:40 Scandinavian Star (PG) (In Danish/ Filipino/ Norwegian/ Portuguese) 3:50 BBC News At Ten 4:20 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir 4:50 PBS News Hour 5:50 The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross 6:20 The Curse Of Oak Island (PG) 7:05 Jeopardy! 7:30 NITV News Summer Yarns 7:35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (M I, s) 8:30 A League Of Their Own (M) 9:25 Lust On Earth (MA15+)</p>	<p>12:00 Better Homes And Gardens 1:00 Escape To The Country 2:00 The Great Australian Doorstep (PG) 2:30 Sydney Weekender 3:00 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn (PG) 3:30 Left Off The Map (PG) 4:00 RSPCA Animal Rescue (PG) 4:30 Better Homes And Gardens 5:30 Escape To The Country 6:30 Bargain Hunt 7:30 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 8:30 Escape To The Country 10:30 I Escaped To The Country 11:30 Escape To The Country</p>	<p>8:00 Home Shopping 10:30 Pointless (PG) 11:30 My Favourite Martian 12:00 Days Of Our Lives (PG) 12:55 The Young And The Restless (PG) 1:50 Explore 2:00 Dales For Sale 3:00 Movie: "Nickelodeon" (PG) ('76) Stars: Ryan O'Neal 5:30 The Travelling Auctioneers 6:30 Antiques Roadshow 7:30 Antiques Downunder 8:30 Movie: "The World Is Not Enough" (PG) ('99) Stars: Pierce Brosnan 11:05 Police After Dark (M) 12:00 Lost Relic Hunters (PG)</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 8:00 Australia By Design: Architecture 8:30 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 10:30 JAG (PG) 12:30 Bondi Rescue (PG) 1:30 Star Trek - Voyager (PG) 2:30 Jake And The Fatman: I Could Write A Book (PG) 3:30 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 5:30 All 4 Adventure (PG) 6:30 JAG: Pulse Rate (PG) 7:30 NCIS (M) 10:20 FBI: Most Wanted (M) 12:15 Home Shopping 2:15 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 4:05 All 4 Adventure (PG) 5:00 JAG (PG)</p>
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<p>1:50 Kutcha's Carpool Koorioke 2:00 Chuck And The First Peoples' Kitchen (PG) 2:30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:00 Waabiny Time 3:35 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea 4:05 Mysterious Cities Of Gold (PG) 4:35 Motown Magic 5:00 Our Stories 5:15 Harlem Globetrotters: Play It Forward (PG) 6:00 Bamay 6:30 Black As (PG) 6:40 Ocean Parks 7:30 Movie: "Bush Christmas" (PG) ('83) Stars: John Ewart 9:10 Movie: "Crackers" (PG) ('98)</p>	<p>10:00 Movie: "Long Story Short" (M I) ('21) Stars: Rafe Spall 11:45 Movie: "The Nugget" (M I) ('02) Stars: Eric Bana 1:35 Movie: "Lara" (PG) ('19) Stars: Corinna Harfouch (In German) 3:25 Movie: "Petite Maman" (PG) ('21) Stars: Joséphine Sanz (In French) 4:45 Movie: "Walking On Sunshine" (PG) ('14) Stars: Danny Kirrane (In English/ Italian) 8:30 Movie: "Adventures Of Priscilla Queen Of The Desert" (M I, s) ('94) Stars: Terence Stamp</p>	<p>8:00 America's Game 9:00 A Football Life (PG) 10:00 Blokesworld (PG) 10:30 The Car Club (PG) 11:00 American Pickers (PG) 12:00 Pawn Stars (PG) 2:00 Close Encounters Down Under (PG) 3:00 STIHL Timbersports (PG) 3:30 Barrett Jackson: Revved Up (PG) 4:30 Storage Wars (PG) 5:00 American Restoration (PG) 5:30 American Pickers (PG) 6:30 Pawn Stars (PG) 7:30 Surveillance Oz (PG) 8:30 Movie: "65" (PG) ('23) Stars: Adam Driver</p>	<p>12:00 Hart Of Dixie (PG) 2:00 I Dream Of Jeannie 2:30 Bewitched 3:00 The Golden Girls (PG) 3:30 The Nanny (PG) 4:30 The Addams Family 5:00 Bewitched 5:30 I Dream Of Jeannie 6:00 The Golden Girls (PG) 6:30 The Nanny (PG) 7:30 Movie: "The Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers - Part One" (M v) ('02) Stars: Elijah Wood 11:15 Movie: "Point Break" (M I, v) ('15) Stars: Keanu Reeves 1:30 The Nanny (PG) 1:30 Life After Lockup (MA15+)</p>	<p>9:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 9:30 Becker (PG) 10:00 The Neighborhood (PG) 10:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 11:00 Friends (PG) 12:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 1:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 2:00 Becker (PG) 2:30 Frasier (PG) 3:30 The Neighborhood (PG) 4:00 Farm To Fork 4:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 5:00 Becker (PG) 5:30 Frasier (PG) 6:30 Ghosts (PG) 7:30 Friends (PG) 8:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 10:30 The Neighborhood (PG)</p>

Classifications: (G) General, (PG) Parental Guidance, (M) Mature Audiences, (MA15+) Mature Audience Over 15 Years
Consumer Advice: (d) drug references, (s) sexual references or sex scenes (h) horror, (l) language, (mp) medical procedures, (n) nudity, (v) violence



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<p>6:00 rage (PG) [s] 7:00 Weekend Breakfast [s] 9:00 rage (PG) [s] 10:30 rage Guest Programmer (PG) [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 12:30 All Creatures Great And Small (PG) [s] 1:15 Douglas Is Cancelled (M I) [s] 1:55 Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker! [s] 3:25 Solar System With Brian Cox [s] 4:30 Headliners [s] 5:30 Landline [s] 6:00 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) [s] 6:30 Muster Dogs - Where Are They Now? (PG) [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 All Creatures Great And Small (PG) [s] - James prepares for his new life but struggles to get everything in place for Helen and Skeldale House. 8:20 Vera: Shadows In The Sky (M v) [s] 9:50 Douglas Is Cancelled (M I) [s] 10:30 Shetland (M I) [s] 11:30 rage Guest Programmer (MA15+) [s] 5:00 rage (MA15+) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:05 The Eco Show (PG) 10:00 Love Your Garden (PG) 11:00 Along Ireland's Shores (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys: Railways And Imperialism (PG) 2:55 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:05 Guillaume's French Atlantic (PG) (In English/ French) 3:35 Ethnic Business Awards 2024 5:35 Weeks Of War (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Magical Train Journeys In Switzerland: On The Goldenpass Belle Epoque From Montreaux To The Bernese Oberland (PG) (In English/ German) 8:30 Christmas At Longleat 9:25 Tis The Season - The Holidays On Screen (M I) 10:55 Great Australian Railway Journeys: Sydney To Broken Hill 12:05 The Dark Heart (M I) (In Swedish)</p>	<p>6:00 NBC Today [s] 7:00 Weekend Sunrise [s] 10:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s] 12:00 Seven's Horse Racing: Randwick/ Pakenham/ Eagle Farm "Live" 5:00 Seven News At 5 [s] 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer: Countdown To Christmas [s] - The team are counting down to Woolworths Carols In The Domain with a Christmas camping celebration and lots of fun ideas to make this Christmas the best one yet. 8:00 Woolworths Carols In The Domain "Live" From The Domain, Sydney (PG) [s] 10:30 NSW Schools Spectacular 2024 (PG) [s] 1:00 Taken: ACGT (M v) [s] 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 It's Academic [s]</p>	<p>6:00 The Garden Gurus [s] 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:00 Weekend Today [s] 10:00 Today Extra Summer [s] 12:00 Drive TV [s] 12:30 Drive Safer [s] 1:00 My Way (PG) [s] 1:30 Great Getaways (PG) [s] 2:30 Movie: "Planes, Trains, And Christmas Trees" (PG) (22) Stars: Kathryn Davis 4:30 Helloworld [s] 5:00 NINE News First At Five [s] 5:30 Country House Hunters Australia: Sunshine Coast, Queensland 6:00 NINE News Saturday [s] 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:30 Movie: "Central Intelligence" (M I,s,v) ('16) Stars: Dwayne Johnson 9:40 Movie: "Vacation" (M I,s,v) ('15) Stars: Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo 11:35 Movie: "The Dunlos" (MA15+) ('21) Stars: Tatiana Sokolova 1:10 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything: Leading Men (PG) [s]</p>	<p>8:00 I Fish [s] 8:30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield [s] 9:00 My Market Kitchen [s] 9:30 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s] 10:00 The Weekly Kick-Off [s] 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune Australia [s] 11:30 Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Reality (PG) [s] 12:30 Good Chef Bad Chef [s] 1:00 10 Minute Kitchen [s] 1:30 The Yes Experiment [s] 2:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures [s] 3:00 Expedition Tasmania [s] 3:30 My Market Kitchen [s] 4:00 All 4 Adventure [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts: Betwixmas [s] 7:00 The Dog House: Christmas Special (PG) [s] 9:00 The Dog Hospital With Graeme Hall (PG) [s] 10:00 Ambulance Australia (PG) [s]</p>
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<p>12:30 Movie: "Nancy Drew" (PG) ('07) Stars: Emma Roberts 2:05 ER (PG) 2:50 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 3:30 Speechless (PG) 3:50 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:20 MythBusters (PG) 5:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (PG) 6:00 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 7:00 Spicks And Specks (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:00 QI (PG) 8:30 Live At The Apollo (M I) 9:20 Gavin And Stacey Christmas Special (M I) 10:20 The IT Crowd (PG)</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 10:00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia 12:15 Scrubs (PG) 2:15 Beyond Oak Island (PG) 3:00 Jungletown (PG) 3:50 Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista 4:00 BBC News At Ten 4:30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir 4:55 PBS News Hour 5:55 The Mega-Brands That Built The World (PG) 7:35 Impossible Engineering (PG) 8:30 Icons Unearthed (M I,v) 10:20 Hudson & Rex (M v) 12:00 The X-Files (M) 2:45 NHK World English News</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 8:30 Travel Oz (PG) 10:00 Escape To The Country 12:00 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 1:00 I Escaped To The Country 2:00 Escape To The Country 5:00 Seven's Horse Racing "Live" 6:00 Heathrow (PG) 6:30 Bondi Vet (PG) 7:30 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 8:30 Escape To The Country 9:30 I Escaped To The Country 10:30 Australia's Amazing Homes (PG) 11:30 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 12:30 My Greek Odyssey (PG) 1:30 DVine Living (PG)</p>	<p>9:30 Home Shopping 10:00 Helping Hands (PG) 10:30 The Avengers (PG) 11:40 Movie: "Poison Pen" (PG) ('39) Stars: Flora Robson 1:15 Movie: "The Raging Moon" (AKA 'Long Ago, Tomorrow') (PG) ('71) Stars: Malcolm McDowell 3:30 Movie: "Attack On The Iron Coast" (PG) ('68) Stars: Sue Lloyd 5:25 Movie: "The War Wagon" (PG) ('67) Stars: John Wayne 7:30 Movie: "Die Another Day" (M s,v) ('02) Stars: Pierce Brosnan</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 9:00 Jake And The Fatman (PG) 10:00 I Fish 10:30 Bondi Rescue (PG) 11:30 Star Trek - Voyager (PG) 12:30 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 2:30 All 4 Adventure (PG) 3:30 JAG (PG) 4:30 Football: Isuzu Ute A-League Men: Round 9: Brisbane Roar v Perth Glory "Live" 7:00 Football Tonight 7:25 Football: Isuzu Ute A-League Men: Round 9: Melbourne Victory v Melbourne City "Live" 10:00 NCIS (M) 11:50 Bull (PG) 2:35 I Fish</p>
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<p>1:25 Ocean Parks 2:15 Movie: "Emu Runner" (M) ('18) Stars: Rhae-Kye Waites 3:55 Jarli 4:05 Thalu 4:20 The First Inventors (PG) 5:10 Kutchka's Carpool Koorioke 5:20 Larapinta 6:20 NITV News Summer 6:30 The Other Side (PG) 7:30 Alone Australia (M I) 8:30 Movie: "Let Me In" (MA15+) ('10) Stars: Kodi Smit-McPhee 10:35 Movie: "Bob Marley: Uprising Live" (PG) ('81) Stars: Al Anderson 12:40 Songlines On Screen 12:55 Bush Bands Bash</p>	<p>12:40 Movie: "The Comeback Trail" (M) ('20) Stars: Robert De Niro 2:35 Movie: "Bride & Prejudice" (PG) ('04) Stars: Martin Henderson (In English/ Hindi/ Punjabi/ Spanish) 4:40 Movie: "A River Runs Through It" (M) ('92) Stars: Craig Sheffer 6:55 Movie: "A Hard Day's Night" (PG) ('64) Stars: John Lennon (In German/ English/ French) 8:30 Movie: "Last Cab To Darwin" (M I) ('15) Stars: Michael Catton 10:45 Movie: "Nymphomaniac: Vol. I" (M) ('13)</p>	<p>8:00 America's Game 9:00 A Football Life (PG) 10:00 Storage Wars (PG) 10:30 American Restoration (PG) 11:00 American Pickers (PG) 12:00 The Food Dude (PG) 12:30 STIHL Timbersports (PG) 1:00 Blokesworld (PG) 1:30 The Weekend Prospector (PG) 2:00 Rides Down Under (PG) 3:00 NDRC Top Fuel Championship Highlights 4:00 Desert Collectors (PG) 5:00 Counting Cars (PG) 6:00 Pawn Stars (PG) 7:00 Storage Wars (PG)</p>	<p>11:30 Pokemon: XYZ (PG) 12:00 Beyblade X (PG) 12:30 Teen Titans Go! (PG) 1:30 Movie: "Pokémon: Mewtwo Strikes Back - Evolution" (PG) ('19) Stars: Sarah Natochenny 3:30 Movie: "Pokémon The Movie: Secrets Of The Jungle" (PG) ('20) Stars: Sarah Natochenny 5:30 Movie: "Tom & Jerry" (G) ('21) Stars: Chloë Grace Moretz 7:30 Movie: "Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows - Part 1" (PG) ('10) Stars: Alan Rickman</p>	<p>6:00 Becker (PG) 6:30 Deal Or No Deal 8:30 Becker (PG) 9:00 Frasier (PG) 10:00 The Neighborhood (PG) 10:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 11:00 Farm To Fork 11:30 Impractical Jokers (MA15+) 12:30 Friends (PG) 1:00 Ghosts (PG) 2:00 The King Of Queens (PG) 2:30 Becker: Tell Me Lies (PG) 3:00 Frasier (PG) 4:00 Friends (PG) 6:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 10:30 Two And A Half Men (PG) 12:00 Home Shopping 2:30 South Park (M)</p>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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<p>7:00 Weekend Breakfast [s] 9:00 Pilgrimage - The Road Through North Wales (PG) [s] 10:00 Secret Science [s] 10:30 The World In 2024 [s] 11:00 Compass (PG) [s] 11:30 Songs Of Praise [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 12:30 Nigella's Christmas Table [s] 1:30 Extraordinary Escapes [s] 2:20 Outback Musical (PG) [s] 3:05 Long Lost Family (PG) [s] 5:00 Fake Or Fortune? [s] 6:00 Antiques Roadshow [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Muster Dogs - Where Are They Now? (PG) [s] 8:00 Douglas Is Cancelled (M I) [s] 8:45 Love Me (M I) [s] 9:30 Spicks And Specks (PG) [s] 11:10 Take 5 With Zan Rowe: Neil Finn (PG) [s] 11:40 You Can't Ask That: Chinese Australians/ Adult Virgins (M I) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:00 The Eco Show (PG) 10:00 Football: FIFA World Cup Classic Matches: Spain v Netherlands (2010) 12:00 Worldwatch 12:55 Ballroom Fit 1:00 Motorsport: Speedweek 3:00 Seeds: Planting Hope Through Education (PG) 3:45 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys: Railways And War/ Railways And The Industrial Revolution (PG) 5:35 Weeks Of War (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Tsunami 2004 - The Day The Wave Hit: Sri Lanka/ Thailand (M) 9:20 Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends: Isle Of Skye And Scottish Highlands (PG) 10:15 Curse Of The Ancients: Middle Ages (PG) 11:05 Napoleon - In The Name Of Art (M s) (In English/ Italian/ French) 1:00 Rise Of The Nazis (M)</p>	<p>6:00 NBC Today [s] 7:00 Weekend Sunrise [s] 10:00 The Morning Show Weekend (PG) [s] 12:00 Program To Be Advised 1:00 Reignite - A Brisbane Heat Story (PG) [s] 2:00 Christmas With The Salvos (PG) [s] 2:30 Movie: "A Furry Little Christmas" (PG) ('21) Stars: Kristi Murdock 4:30 Beach Cops (PG) [s] 5:00 Seven News At 5 [s] 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Cricket: Big Bash League: Brisbane v Adelaide "Live" From The Gabba [s] 10:30 Cricket: Post-Game "Live" [s] 11:00 7News Spotlight: Social Scammers (PG) [s] 12:00 Patrick Melrose - At Last (MA15+) [s] 1:15 Travel Oz: Kayaking The Tasman (PG) [s] 2:00 Home Shopping 3:30 Million Dollar Minute [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Hello SA (PG) [s] 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:00 Weekend Today [s] 10:00 Cross Court [s] 10:30 Fishing Australia [s] 11:00 Maritime Masters - Expedition Antarctica (PG) [s] 12:00 Drive TV [s] 12:30 Innovation Nation [s] 12:40 Bondi Vet (PG) [s] 1:40 Find My Beach House Australia (PG) [s] 2:40 Movie: "Unforgettable Christmas" (PG) ('23) Stars: Celeste Desjardins 4:30 Helloworld [s] 5:00 NINE News First At Five [s] 5:30 Postcards Summer (PG) [s] 6:00 NINE News Sunday [s] 7:00 Christmas With Delta [s] 9:00 Movie: "The Holiday" (PG) ('06) Stars: Jude Law, Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet 11:40 The Brokenwood Mysteries: Publish Or Be Damned (M) [s] 1:30 Home Shopping</p>	<p>8:00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly [s] 9:00 My Market Kitchen [s] 9:30 Australia By Design: Architecture [s] 10:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s] 11:00 Luxury Escapes [s] 11:30 Buy To Build [s] 12:00 Pooches At Play [s] 12:30 Cook With Luke [s] 1:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield [s] 1:30 Expedition: Australia's West Coast [s] 2:00 Farm To Fork [s] 2:30 NBL: Round 13: Illawarra Hawks v Perth Wildcats "Live" From WIN Entertainment Centre [s] 4:30 Good Chef Bad Chef [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 The Dog House Christmas (PG) [s] 7:00 Mariah Carey - Merry Christmas To All [s] 9:00 The Graham Norton Show (M) [s] 10:10 Movie: "Baywatch" (MA15+) ('17) Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Zac Efron</p>
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<p>12:00 Rugby League: Koori Knockout 2024 "Replay" 2:00 First Nations Indigenous Football 2022 3:40 Our Footprint 4:05 Bob Marley: Uprising Live 6:10 NITV News: Summer Yarns 6:20 Wild West (PG) 7:30 The First Inventors 8:30 Chuck Berry (M I) 10:15 Troy Kingi's Desert Hikoi (M) 10:35 Movie: "The Tracker" (M v) ('02) Stars: David Gulpilil 12:20 Ella Fitzgerald At The Paris Olympia 12:55 Kutchka's Carpool Koorioke</p>	<p>10:50 Movie: "Adventures Of Priscilla Queen Of The Desert" (M I,s) ('94) Stars: Terence Stamp 12:45 Movie: "We Might As Well Be Dead" (M) ('22) Stars: Ioana Iacob (In German) 2:35 Movie: "Go" (PG) ('99) Stars: Sarah Polley 4:30 Movie: "Princess Caraboo" (PG) ('94) Stars: Phoebe Cates 6:20 Movie: "Little Women" (M) ('94) Stars: Susan Sarandon 8:30 Movie: "Force Of Destiny" (MA15+) ('15) Stars: David Wenham</p>	<p>10:00 Counting Cars (PG) 11:00 Pawn Stars (PG) 11:30 Storage Wars (PG) 12:00 The Fishing Show By AFN (PG) 1:00 Hook Line And Sinker (PG) 1:30 Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates (PG) 2:00 Merv Hughes Fishing (PG) 2:30 Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction (PG) 3:30 Heroes And Legends (PG) 5:00 Duck Dynasty (PG) 6:00 Border Security - International (PG) 7:00 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) 8:30 Movie: "U-571" (M) ('00) Stars: Matthew McConaughey</p>	<p>12:30 Basketball: WNBL: Sydney Flames v Adelaide Lightning "Live" From Quay Centre 2:30 Surfing Australia TV 3:00 My Way 3:15 Movie: "A Dogwalker's Christmas Tale" (PG) ('15) Stars: Jonathan Bennett 5:00 Movie: "Candy Cane Lane" (PG) ('23) Stars: Eddie Murphy 7:30 Movie: "Ocean's 8" (M I) ('18) Stars: Sandra Bullock 9:45 Movie: "Godzilla Vs. Kong" (M v) ('21) Stars: Alexander Skarsgård 12:00 Gotham (MA15+)</p>	<p>6:00 Becker (PG) 6:30 Frasier (PG) 7:30 Neighbours (PG) 9:30 The Bold And The Beautiful (PG) 12:00 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 Becker (PG) 1:30 Frasier (PG) 2:30 Becker (PG) 3:00 Frasier (PG) 4:00 Ghosts (PG) 5:00 Friends: The One With Ross's Sandwich/ The One With The Inappropriate Sister/ The One With All The Resolutions/ The One With Chandler's Work Laugh (PG) 7:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 11:00 South Park (M)</p>



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Maldon is a shining example of community spirit. Throughout the year, I have been inspired by the resilience, generosity, and dedication of locals who work tirelessly to support each other. Whether it's through volunteering at community events, supporting local businesses, or helping those in need, your efforts truly embody the essence of Christmas.

This year has brought its challenges, but it has also highlighted the strength and character of Northern Victoria.

The Christmas season is also a time to reflect on our blessings and to remember those who may be doing it tough. Whether it's lending a hand to a neighbour, donating to a local charity, or simply reaching out to someone who might be lonely, these small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

To our incredible emergency service workers, health professionals, and volunteers who will spend Christmas Day serving others – thank you. Your dedication ensures our safety and wellbeing and we are deeply grateful for your service.

As we move into the new year, I remain committed to advocating for the issues that matter most to our community. I will continue to work for better roads, better housing options and healthcare in our region.



May your Christmas be filled with joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones.
Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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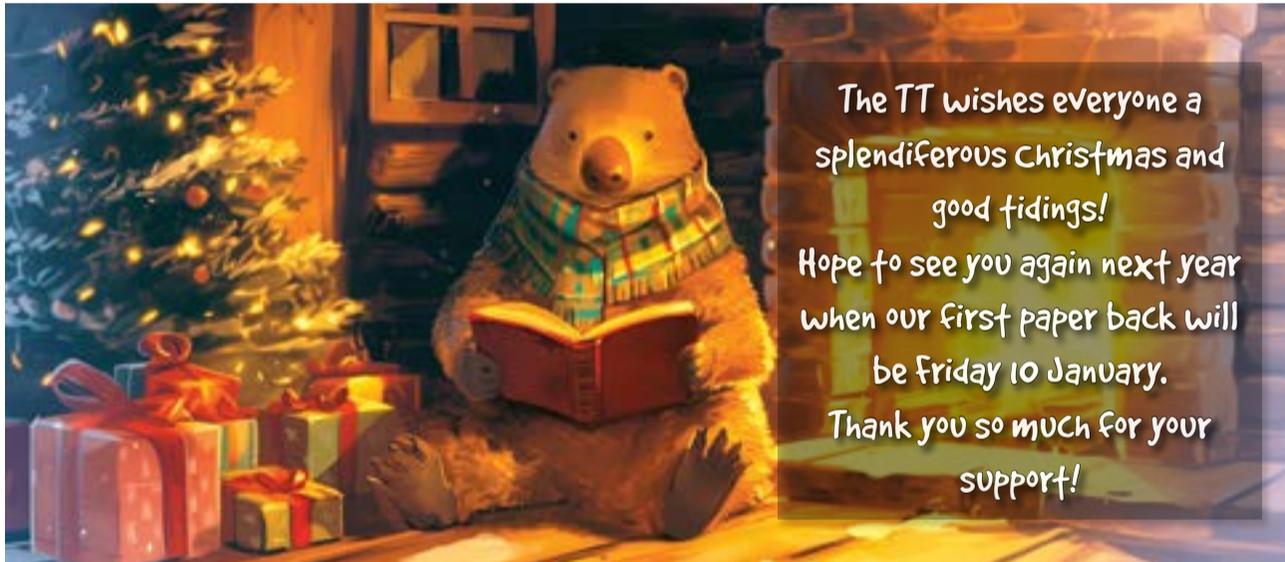
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Natural Newstead

THE following is a recent blog post by Geoff Park from 'Natural Newstead: Observations of flora, fauna and landscape in central Victoria'. Text and photographs are printed courtesy of Geoff Park



Sacred Kingfisher with Tree Dragon, Mia Mia Track, 12 December 2024.



Thrashing the victim to ensure its demise.

Size is no object

I often marvel at the variety of prey taken by **Sacred Kingfishers**. This is the first time though that I've seen one with a victim longer than the body of the kingfisher itself!

I heard the harsh calls of the kingfisher before it was spotted, high up above the nest site. At this point I could clearly hear the begging calls of the young but was yet to locate the tunnel. The bird had captured a **Tree Dragon** (Jacky Lizard) *Amphibolurus muricatus*, a common box-ironbark inhabitant. The blood on the bill of the kingfisher and head of the unfortunate reptile suggested there might have been something of a struggle. As I watched on, the lifeless body of the dragon was thrashed numerous times against the branch to complete the kill.

Eventually the bird descended to a lower perch, flicked its tail up and down a few times and then uttered its familiar screeching call before disappearing below ground. It was then that I spotted the nest, about a foot below ground level in a disused mine shaft. I've seen Sacred Kingfishers use similar sites a few times before although they prefer erosion gullies, streambanks and tree hollows.

Moments later the other adult arrived with prey, this time a small lizard, possibly a Bougainville's Skink ... I'd be happy to consider *alternative suggestions*. The underside of the tail was pale orange and the tail itself barrel-shaped.

An action-packed few minutes!



The other parent arrives, also with reptile prey.



Descending to the nest.



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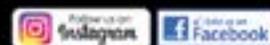


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<p>9:00 News Breakfast Late [s]</p> <p>9:30 Pilgrimage - The Road To The Scottish Isles (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:30 The Art Of Heartbreak (M I) [s]</p> <p>11:00 Antiques Roadshow [s]</p> <p>12:00 ABC News At Noon [s]</p> <p>1:00 Headliners (PG) [s]</p> <p>1:50 Bluey [s]</p> <p>2:00 Anh's Brush With Fame (M I) [s]</p> <p>2:30 Movie: "Shaun The Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas" (G) ('21) Stars: Justin Fletcher</p> <p>3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s]</p> <p>3:30 Long Lost Family (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) [s]</p> <p>5:05 Antiques Roadshow [s]</p> <p>6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s]</p> <p>6:30 Hard Quiz Kids (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:00 ABC National News [s]</p> <p>7:30 Shaun Micallef's Eve Of Destruction - Christmas Special (PG) [s]</p> <p>8:05 Movie: "A Boy Called Christmas" (PG) ('21) Stars: Maggie Smith</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch</p> <p>9:25 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG)</p> <p>10:20 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG)</p> <p>11:10 Kew Gardens - Season By Season: Autumn</p> <p>12:00 Worldwatch</p> <p>2:00 Tradfest - The Dublin Castle Sessions</p> <p>2:30 Language Of Light</p> <p>3:00 Plat Du Tour (PG)</p> <p>3:10 Guillaume's French Atlantic (In English/ French)</p> <p>3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG)</p> <p>4:10 The Supernet (PG)</p> <p>5:05 Jeopardy! (PG)</p> <p>5:30 Letters And Numbers</p> <p>6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG)</p> <p>6:30 SBS World News</p> <p>7:35 Christmas Carols From London Coliseum</p> <p>8:30 Christmas In The Cotswolds</p> <p>9:25 ABBA In Concert</p> <p>10:25 The Big Fat Quiz Of Telly (M I,s)</p>	<p>6:00 Sunrise [s]</p> <p>9:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s]</p> <p>11:30 Seven Morning News [s]</p> <p>12:00 Movie: "Alice In Wonderland" (AKA "Love In Wonderland") (M) ('20) Stars: Italia Ricci, Chad Michael Murray, Jack Turner, Aliyah O'Brien, Wanda Cannon</p> <p>2:00 Catch Phrase: Celebrity Christmas Special (PG) [s]</p> <p>3:00 The Chase [s]</p> <p>4:00 Seven News At 4 [s]</p> <p>5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) [s]</p> <p>6:00 Seven News [s]</p> <p>7:00 Program To Be Advised</p> <p>7:30 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2024 (PG) [s]</p> <p>9:30 Movie: "Groundhog Day" (PG) ('93) Stars: Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell, Chris Elliott, Stephen Tobolowsky</p> <p>12:40 Satisfaction: Through Bondage/ Through Struggle (MA15+) [s]</p> <p>2:30 Home Shopping</p> <p>4:00 Million Dollar Minute [s]</p> <p>5:00 My Greek Odyssey (PG) [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Today [s]</p> <p>9:00 Today Extra Summer [s]</p> <p>11:30 NINE News Morning [s]</p> <p>12:00 Movie: "Christmas At The Chalet" (PG) ('23) Stars: Teri Hatcher, William deVry</p> <p>2:00 Pointless (PG) [s]</p> <p>3:00 Tipping Point (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:00 NINE News Afternoon [s]</p> <p>5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) [s]</p> <p>6:00 NINE News [s]</p> <p>7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:30 Christmas With Delta [s]</p> <p>8:00 Carols By Candlelight "Live" From Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl (PG) [s]</p> <p>11:00 Movie: "Candy Cane Christmas" (PG) ('20) Stars: Beverley Mitchell</p> <p>1:00 Drive Safer [s]</p> <p>1:30 Home Shopping</p> <p>2:30 Our State On A Plate [s]</p> <p>3:00 Home Shopping</p> <p>4:00 Religious Programs [s]</p> <p>4:30 A Current Affair (PG) [s]</p> <p>5:00 Christmas At Warwick Castle [s]</p>	<p>8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s]</p> <p>9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:00 Judge Judy (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:30 Wheel Of Fortune Australia (PG) [s]</p> <p>11:30 Entertainment Tonight [s]</p> <p>12:00 Farm To Fork [s]</p> <p>12:30 Family Feud (PG) [s]</p> <p>1:00 Jamie Oliver: Christmas Dinner [s]</p> <p>2:00 Wheel Of Fortune [s]</p> <p>2:30 Lingo (PG) [s]</p> <p>3:30 Judge Judy (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:00 Family Feud (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s]</p> <p>5:00 10 News First [s]</p> <p>6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s]</p> <p>6:30 The Dog House Australia (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:30 The Cheap Seats (M) [s]</p> <p>8:40 Movie: "Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation" (M v) ('15) Stars: Alec Baldwin</p> <p>11:15 The Graham Norton Show (M) [s]</p> <p>12:15 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) [s]</p> <p>1:05 Hour Of Power Christmas Eve Special 2024 [s]</p>
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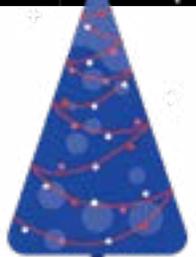
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<p>6:00 rage On Christmas Day (PG) [s]</p> <p>9:00 ABC News Mornings [s]</p> <p>9:30 The Pope's Christmas Mass 2024 [s]</p> <p>11:30 News Breakfast: Christmas Cracker [s]</p> <p>12:00 ABC News At Noon [s]</p> <p>12:30 Movie: "A Boy Called Christmas" (PG) ('21) Stars: Maggie Smith</p> <p>2:05 Movie: "A Christmas Carol" (G) ('38) Stars: Reginald Owen, Gene Lockhart</p> <p>3:15 HM The King's Christmas Message [s]</p> <p>3:25 A (Very) Musical Christmas [s]</p> <p>4:55 Antiques Roadshow [s]</p> <p>6:00 Royal Carols: Together At Christmas (2024) [s]</p> <p>7:00 ABC National News [s]</p> <p>7:30 HM The King's Christmas Message [s]</p> <p>7:40 The Royal Variety Performance 2024 (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:10 Would I Lie To You?: At Christmas (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:40 Adam Hills: The Last Leg (M) [s]</p> <p>11:25 Summer Love: Luke & Oily/ Charlie & Zeke (M d,l,s) [s]</p> <p>12:25 Long Lost Family (PG) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch</p> <p>9:00 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG)</p> <p>9:55 All Is Bright</p> <p>11:10 Kew Gardens - Season By Season</p> <p>12:00 Worldwatch</p> <p>2:05 Tradfest - The Dublin Castle Sessions</p> <p>2:35 Such Was Life: Groupies (PG)</p> <p>2:45 Plat Du Tour (PG)</p> <p>2:55 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG)</p> <p>3:25 Lapland - The Ultimate Winter Wonderland (PG)</p> <p>4:15 Europe's Greatest Christmas Market: Copenhagen (PG)</p> <p>5:05 Jeopardy! (PG)</p> <p>5:30 Letters And Numbers</p> <p>6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG)</p> <p>6:30 SBS World News</p> <p>7:30 No Hamburg, No Beatles (M s)</p> <p>8:30 Rock Legends: ABBA</p> <p>9:30 The Night Manager (M) (In English/ French)</p> <p>10:35 Paul Newman: Always On The Move (M l,v)</p>	<p>6:00 NBC Today [s]</p> <p>7:00 Woolworths Carols In The Domain 2024 (PG) [s]</p> <p>9:30 Alinta Energy Christmas Pageant 2024 (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:30 Mayor's Christmas Carols 2024 (PG) [s]</p> <p>11:30 St John Ambulance Carols By Candlelight (PG) [s]</p> <p>2:00 Christmas With The Salvos (PG) [s]</p> <p>2:30 Movie: "A Christmas Number One" (PG) ('21) Stars: John Novotny</p> <p>5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) [s]</p> <p>6:00 Seven News [s]</p> <p>7:00 The Force - Behind The Line (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:30 Movie: "Love Actually" (M l,n,s) ('03) Stars: Keira Knightley, Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Andrew Lincoln</p> <p>10:15 Movie: "The Last Christmas" (M s,v) ('10) Stars: Jennifer Finigan</p> <p>12:30 Stan Lee's Lucky Man: Second Chance/ The Fallen Angel (MA15+) [s]</p> <p>2:30 Home Shopping</p> <p>4:00 NBC Today [s]</p>	<p>6:00 National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant "Live" From Adelaide [s]</p> <p>8:00 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols "Replay" [s]</p> <p>10:00 WIN Symphony Orchestra Special [s]</p> <p>11:00 Christmas With Delta [s]</p> <p>1:00 Carols By Candlelight "Replay" (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:00 Movies: "Blizzard" (G) ('03) Stars: LeVar Burton, Leif Bristow, J Miles Dale, Whoopi Goldberg, Zoe Warner, Brenda Blethyn, Brittany Briestow</p> <p>6:00 NINE News [s]</p> <p>7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:30 Movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (PG) ('89) Stars: Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid</p> <p>9:30 Movie: "National Lampoon's Vacation" (M d,l) ('83) Stars: Chevy Chase</p> <p>11:30 The King's Christmas Message *Live*</p> <p>11:40 Movie: "The Jazz Singer" (PG) ('80) Stars: Neil Diamond, Laurence Olivier</p> <p>1:35 Home Shopping</p> <p>4:00 Religious Programs [s]</p> <p>4:30 A Current Affair (PG) [s]</p>	<p>6:00 The Talk [s]</p> <p>7:00 Jamie Oliver: Together At Christmas/ One Pan Christmas [s]</p> <p>10:00 The Dog House Christmas Special (PG) [s]</p> <p>1:00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly [s]</p> <p>2:00 Mariah Carey - Merry Christmas To All [s]</p> <p>3:45 The King's Christmas Message [s] - King Charles III presents his annual Christmas address.</p> <p>3:55 The Graham Norton Show (M) [s]</p> <p>5:00 10 News First [s]</p> <p>6:00 Movie: "School Of Rock" (PG) ('03) Stars: Jack Black, Adam Pascal</p> <p>8:30 NBL: Round 13: Sydney Kings v Illawarra Hawks "Live" From Qudos Bank Arena [s]</p> <p>10:30 Movie: "The Truman Show" (PG) ('98) Stars: Jim Carrey, Ed Harris</p> <p>12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) [s]</p> <p>1:30 Home Shopping</p>
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KEEPING CARE LOCAL

Interested in helping others with things like shopping, transport, sharing a walk or cuppa?

Having trouble finding local help with things at home?

Does a local care exchange sound like your cup of tea?

We want to know:

- what help is needed
- who's keen to offer help
- what training might equip you to lend a hand
- who's up for some intro training (a path to paid work, TAFE, a volunteer team ...)

We would love to hear from you!

Contact Kir Larwill
keepingcarelocal@gmail.com
 0412 951 107



Shop **MALDON** Win

Cafe Maldon / Maldon Grazing



Cafe Maldon is the perfect meeting place for locals and visitors alike. Karen, the owner of Cafe Maldon, has many years of experience and understands what her customers want and need.

“We provide a varied menu, using fresh and locally sourced ingredients,” Karen said. “We offer an all-day breakfast with everything from a light snack to a more hearty and substantial meal.”

Their homemade banana bread is an all-time favourite, and their pancakes are always light and fluffy with various great toppings. Who could go past their waffles topped with whipped ricotta served with fresh berries and seeds?

Gourmet pies, sausage rolls, and pasties are a speciality. All are made on-site, and there are many choices, including their spicy lentil and mushroom pie, which is vegan and vegetarian.

Karen says, “We offer sandwiches and focaccias with various fillings, delicious frittatas served with salad, and baked potatoes with many different fillings daily.”

Karen added, “We also have a great selection of cakes and

slices to complement our excellent coffee and tea.”

Cafe Maldon also offers amazing grazing platters for your festive season. They are perfect for a summer picnic or sharing with family and friends in your home. Call Karen on 0407 049 706 to arrange your ideal New Year’s Eve platter! Karen insists that no catering job is too big or too small.

Cafe Maldon has ample seating for larger groups. Booking is advisable over the Christmas/New Year break.

Find Cafe Maldon at 52 Main Street, Maldon—phone: 54 75 2022. Or see them on Facebook or Instagram.

Maldon Butchers



Don’t forget to pick up your Christmas orders at the Maldon Butcher’s early.

While you’re there, stock up on some of Brad’s prize-winning gourmet sausages, some succulent steak or their legendary rissoles. What could be more perfect if you’re planning a Boxing Day barbecue?

You might be looking for that last-minute gift, so why not select from the fantastic range of sauces, pickles, local olive oil or seasonings Maldon Butchers stocks?

Maldon Butchers will be closed on Christmas, Boxing, and New Year’s Day.

Brad, Priscilla and their team wish their customers a happy Christmas and a great New Year.

MALDON BUTCHERS

Quality

Free Range Otway Pork & Free Range Christmas Hams, Chicken & Turkeys and a great selection of Seafood will be available this year. All your Christmas party BBQ needs catered for including our famous sausages and rissoles.

Ph. 5475 2271



Kangaroo Hotel

Christmas / New Year

Opening Hours

Fri	December 20	4pm
Sat	21	12 noon
Sun	22	12 noon
Mon	23	Closed
Tue	24	12 noon
Wed	25	Closed
Thu	26	Closed
Fri	27	4pm
Sat	28	12 noon
Sun	29	12 noon
Mon	30	Closed
Tue	31	4pm
Wed	January 01	12 noon
Thu	02	Closed

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Closed 24 - 26 and 31 December and 1 January.
Open 7.15am - 3pm weekdays and 8am - 3pm weekends.

52 Main Street ~ 5475 2022
For catering phone Karen: 0407 049 706



Shop local this festive season

A Christmas Message

Christmas is a time of joy and happiness, when families gather to celebrate the festive season.

But spare a thought for those who are struggling this Christmas. The death of a loved one can mean a sad and lonely time.

Someone you know may value your support through a call or a card... and a listening ear might even be the greatest gift to give.



12 Campbell St, Castlemaine
5470 5951 (all hours)
www.mafunerals.com.au



Local businesses are often run by local people who are passionate about the area. These business owners provide personalised customer service and local knowledge. This creates a more connected, tight-knit community where people know each other and work together.

Shopping local also saves time and the anxious worry

of 'will my gift be delivered on-time?'. Quite often you can leave the shop with your purchase and you're not wondering if your gift is stuck in transit.

Shopping local this festive season is a win-win for both the shopper and the community.

Lisa Chesters MP
 Federal Member for Bendigo

You're invited to Christmas lunch



Celebrate Christmas with the Mount Alexander Shire community by coming along to Community Christmas Lunch.

The annual celebration is hosted by Castlemaine Community House and is open to all residents.

It's the perfect way to come together and connect with your community, and enjoy the season's festivities in a friendly environment.

The day will include lunch and dessert, music, activities, presents and a visit from Santa.

When: Wednesday 25 December, 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Where: Castlemaine Town Hall

Cost: Free - call 5472 4842 to book your place

Free transport to and from the event is available.

For more event details and to book free transport, visit cch.org.au or call 5472 4842.



Working together for a healthy, connected shire
mountalexander.vic.gov.au (03) 5471 1700

Whether it's a last-minute

Christmas gift purchasing or buying something to help celebrate the New Year, shopping local supports local businesses.

Local shopping also supports a diverse range of unique products and services that cannot be found in larger chain stores. Central Victoria is home to a rich mix of artisan shops, delis, cafes, and locally made crafts, many of which reflect the region's identity.

By choosing to support your local businesses, you are contributing to our region's vibrant economy as well as helping to secure local jobs.

When you spend money at a local business, a larger portion of that money stays within the community. This creates a cycle of economic growth, making Central Victoria a more prosperous place for everyone.

In addition to the economic benefits, shopping local strengthens the sense of community.



Season's greetings, and a promising 2025 to all from the Fairbank House team!



Season's Greetings

Wishing you and your family a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

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Kids Club Nativity (with robot)

MALDON Kids Club Christmas Concert was absolute pandemonium, according to the coordinator of the event, Reverend Darcy Vaughan. The usually unflappable Rev. Darcy was challenged in every direction; the play featured 25 kids and a pony.

"It was probably crazier than I had factored in, it's that old saying about children and animals — the pony crapped in the church twice — plus we had singing and dancing," he said. However, he described it as a great success and the huge crowd in the church clearly loved every moment. "The thing that was fantastic is that it was very entertaining, it appealed

to a wide cross-section of people and extended families came from out of town so it attracted a wonderful audience."

And what is the story with the robot, you ask? It's obvious really: the robot (played enthusiastically by Darien, who also made the cardboard costume) had many questions about the customs surrounding the birth of Jesus, so the other characters in the play had some explaining to do!

Michelle Dorian



Tune into Goldfields FM 99.1 Your Local Community Radio Station



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:30AM	Brekky Show with Ian Fetting	Brekky Show with Dan	Bruce Kaye's Country Brekky Show	Brekky Show with Ian Fetting	Brekky Show with Bruce Kaye	Sports Brekky Show with Dan & Bruce	Wood Songs
8:00AM							Marie's Melodies
9:00AM	The Morning Show with Les Maygar	The Morning Show with Maxine	The Morning Show with Lindsay	The Morning Show with Maxine	The Baby Boomers Morning Show with Dan	Maryborough Harness Club Show	9.30 - One Day At A Time
10:00AM						Essential Hits with Tim Symons	Class Gems with John Sayers
11:00AM	Arthur Tassie's Kind Of Country	Lunch Break with Grace La Vella	Cruising with Lins	Les Maygar's Americana	Love Is On The Air With Renee DeRobertis	Alice's Restaurant	Easy Listening
MIDDAY						Bruce Kaye's Country Highway	Strictly Vinyl (Encore)
1:00PM	Lunchtime Live With Robyn	Bruce's Juke Box Gems	Essential Hits with Tim Symons	Highview Live	MEC Live	Oz Country	Is It Relevant Today?
2:00PM	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Wood Songs Encore	Nashville Mix (Encore)
3:00PM	Alice's Restaurant with Robyn	On Air With Brian Peel	Dave & the Big Fella	Flashback To the 60's	Nashville Mix with Dave Moyle	Bring Up The Curtain with John Sayers	Bruce's Juke Box Gems
4:00PM	School's Out With Hope	Train Wreck	Vinyl Discovery With Peter G	Heading Home with Grace La Vella	Off The Beaten Track with Renee	Classic Album of the Week	Thru Traffic With Will & Stu
5:00PM		Animal Crackers			Flash's Fantastic Friday Show with Gordon	Thru Traffic With Will & Stu	Paul Freeman's Got The Blues
6:00PM	Ladies Night Out	Moondog's Rock 'n Roll	Magic Carpet Ride	Animal Crackers			Clunes Calling with John Sayers
7:00PM	The Great Australian Dreamers With Jacko & Crew			Turn Up Your Radio with Geoffrey Paul	Friday Night with Andy	Lee Is Boppin' the Blues	Ian Fetting's Jazz & Blues
8:00PM		Al Pal's Strictly Vinyl	Ian Fetting's Good Vibrations				
9:00PM	Sassy's 80's Mixtape			Lost Oz 45s		Remixerama	
10:00PM	Al Pal's Double Ups	Lee's Blues & Roots Revue	On Air With Brian Peel	Raised On Rock with Mark O'Neill	Sassy's 80's Mixtape		King of Instruments with John Sayers
11:00PM	Feature Artist Hour		Live In Concert		Flashback To the 60's	Saturday Night Dance Party	One Day At A Time Encore
MIDNIGHT	Non Stop Music	Non Stop Music	Non Stop Music	Classic Album Encore	Non Stop Music		Let The Bands Play



THE TWELVE DAYS OF LOCAL NEWS

Based on the
Twelve Days of Christmas,
18th Century

On my first day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my second day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my third day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my fourth day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my fifth day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Poop on the path!
Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my sixth day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Six traffic detours,
Poop on the path!
Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my seventh day as a
reader the paper gave to me...
Seven crumbling relics,
Six traffic detours,
Poop on the path!
Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks,
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my eighth day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Eight ruthless prunings,
Seven crumbling relics,
Six traffic detours,
Poop on the path!

Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks,
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my ninth day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Nine plan objections,
Eight ruthless prunings,
Seven crumbling relics,
Six traffic detours,
Poop on the path!
Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my tenth day as a reader
the paper gave to me...
Ten council comments,
Nine plan objections,
Eight ruthless prunings,
Seven crumbling relics,
Six traffic detours,
Poop on the path!
Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my eleventh day as a
reader the paper gave to me...
Eleven feuding neighbours,
Ten council comments,
Nine plan objections,
Eight ruthless prunings,
Seven crumbling relics,
Six traffic detours,
Poop on the path!
Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

On my twelfth day as a
reader the paper gave to me...
One journo jogging,
Eleven feuding neighbours,
Ten council comments,
Nine plan objections,
Eight ruthless prunings,
Seven crumbling relics,
Six traffic detours,
Poop on the path!
Four chicken wars,
Three pot holes,
Too many trucks.
Find out Friday in the TT!

It's beginning to look like Goldfields Christmas:
Don't expect real snow.
There's a market inside the hall, with candles and soap for all,
And the queue outside the bakery won't slow.

It's beginning to look like Goldfields Christmas,
Soon the Band will start.

Baringhup, Oh Baringhup!

To the tune of
Chanukah Oh Chanukah! Trad

Baringhup, Oh Baringhup
We'd never ignore ya
Though you seem distant
We really adore ya
Gather at your market, there's plenty to eat
Sailing on Cairn Curran is really a treat
We always remember
Whenever we drive to and fro
We know where you are
And it's really not far
No, it's not such a long way to go
We know where you are
For a drive in the car
No, it's not such a long way to go

SMALL TOWN SANTA

To the tune of: *O Come all Ye Faithful*,
first published by John Francis Wade

O Newstead and Walmer, Muckleford and Maldon
O come ye to tiny towns near Castlemaine

O come on the fire truck,
Visiting our barbecues.

It's Santa in his costume.
It's someone in the costume.
He's sweating in the costume...
Who could it be?

O Newstead and Walmer, Muckleford and Maldon
O come ye to tiny towns near Castlemaine.

(All alternative lyrics by Michelle Dorian).



HEAD over to Maldon's Carols By Candlelight, Saturday 21 December at the Bill Woodfull Reserve. Maldon Football Netball Club will fire up a BBQ from 6.30 pm and carols will commence at 7 pm, featuring the Maldon Brass Band and local performers and the appearance of a very special bearded

guest! Thanks to the team from the Lions Club.

Here are some songs they won't be playing at your local Carols by Candlelight: new versions of old favourites, suited to festivities in our local country towns.

GOLDFIELDS CHRISTMAS

With thanks to original lyricist Meredith Willson and apologies to Bing

It's beginning to look like Goldfields Christmas:
Don't expect real snow.
The fire alert's at ten, we're sweltering once again,
We hope the CFA won't have to go.
It's beginning to look like Goldfields Christmas:
Buzzing flies galore —
But the yummiest sight to see is the ripening mulberry
Out your own back door.

There's the comforting crunch at Community Lunch
Of a tasty meal we can share.
Mustn't be missed: a Nativity twist
In a play the kids have prepared,
Cos nobody expected that there would be robots there!

And as soon as they play a tune, there'll be carols you can croon
In the local park.
It's beginning to look like Goldfields Christmas:
Buzzing flies galore —
But the yummiest sight to see is the ripening mulberry
Out your own back door.
It's Goldfields Christmas once more!

A Songy Little Christmas

To the tune of *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

Have yourself a Frankie little Christmas
With a little Bing —
Grab a glass of bubbles and be sure to sing.
Rock yourself a Peggy little Christmas,
Add some Bublé sway.
Or get down to earth in a Paul Kelly way.
Once again in the shopping aisle
There's the bopping style of Wham.
Compilations of fa-la-las:
Always fading stars or hams.

One day soon we'll all see Denis Walter
Holding candles high,
Until then Mariah's notes will reach the sky.
Now croon yourself a Judy Christmas lullaby.



Here's cheers

THE definition of 'here's to', according to The Cambridge Dictionary, is 'said when asking a group of people to hold up their glasses and then drink as an expression of good wishes to someone or hope for the success of something'.

As we come to the end of another year at our Bridge Club, we can reflect on happy times shared, with some successes, some not, but we are always ready to 'Raise Our Glasses' and extend good wishes to all for cheery times over the holidays and then return refreshed in the New Year as a united happy group.

Our final get-together for the year was held and an eager, smiling group soon settled into playing out the cards once more. Goodness, it was soon exposed that it would be hard to 'Raise a Glass' for an easy winning contract or two as the distribution of the hands were indeed a 'lacklustre' lot! Some attempts at an odd slam were attempted but failed to achieve and as a result, rewarded the opposition with valuable points.

A short break for afternoon tea was welcomed and gave time to reflect on just how ordinary the hands were and hoping for a highlight to end the day's play!

We then soldiered on and finally the last board was played, the scores tallied and entered into the computer with the results displayed.

In first place, came the call from Ken, were Annie and Lyn with a top score of 59 points, well ahead of the rest of the placegetters. Certainly a well-earned 'Raise Your Glass' occasion. Well done ladies.

Second place went to Kevin and Ken with 46 points and, "How did we do that?" was the response?

Newstead Jo and Mary were third with 40 points, followed by Werner and Judy Mac with 38 points.

Some of our players often play away at other venues and it is rewarding to hear how well they achieve against other well-schooled, experienced players. Liz and partner had a great win at Bendigo last week, which was a great effort against such strong opposition. Ken and Sandy partnered for online Bridge during the week and were the top achievers for the year. Congratulations and well done to all.

Good wishes are extended to all as we end the year and we will resume our Bridge play on Thursday 9 January 2025. Until then, enjoy the Holiday break with family and friends.

Whatever your age group or skills please feel free to join us each Thursday 1pm to 4.30pm to help us in our endeavours to

USE IT OR LOSE IT

Judy McKnight

BLAST FROM THE PAST

An embezzlement case

DR Richard Southee arrived in Melbourne with his family aboard the 'Andromarcho' on Christmas Day 1851. Born in Kent, Southee graduated as a surgeon in 1824 and then moved to St Petersburg where he completed further medical studies before joining the Russian Army where he served for 25 years. He paid for his family's passage to Melbourne by acting as ship's surgeon on the 'Andromarcho'.

Southee immediately went to the Forest Creek diggings where he was one of the first doctors to set up practice. Soon after he also started to buy gold for the Castlemaine branch of the Bank of New South Wales. The branch manager provided Southee with funds and told him the price the bank would pay for gold the next week. Southee would then buy gold below this price and so make a profit. With his two occupations Southee did well as he moved from rush to rush.

Southee arrived on the Tarrangower diggings in early 1854, soon after the first rush. In May he attended the first local meeting of qualified medical practitioners, where they presented their certificates to Commissioner George Lowther. A month later Southee also attended the first Maldon land sales and spent £370 purchasing six lots. In the meantime, his gold-buying business boomed and in just four months he purchased over 20,000 ounces of gold.

In April 1854 Southee employed Peter John Lihou, a young Chinese man, to care for his tent and horse. Lihou quickly became a trusted employee and was soon acting as Southee's clerk and gold buyer. Within five months however, Southee would accuse Lihou of embezzling £190.

Southee claimed that in July 1854 he gave Lihou six parcels, each containing £105. Lihou did his rounds of Maldon shopkeepers buying gold and returned with 78 ounces of gold and about £20 in cash. Southee asked him to check his transaction as he thought Lihou was £90 short. Lihou went back to the shopkeepers he had purchased gold from and they all assured him their accounts were in order. Soon after Southee gave Lihou £600 and sent him to buy gold at the Simson's diggings near Maryborough. When Lihou returned Southee claimed that £100 was unaccounted for.

Southee did nothing about these discrepancies until Lihou announced he had taken another position and asked for £80 in wages he was owed. Southee then brought charges of embezzlement and Lihou was taken into custody. When the case came before the Maldon Police Court, the magistrate, after hearing evidence, decided the charges should be tried before a jury in the County Court. However, when the Attorney General reviewed the case, he found that as it depended solely on Southee's unsupported claims of how much money Lihou had been given, there was no case to answer.

After the charges were dismissed, Lihou sued Southee for false imprisonment. The case was heard in the Castlemaine County Court where Southee represented himself without success. The Court found for Lihou and awarded him damages of £100.

This information was supplied by the Maldon Museum and Archives.

IN MALDON TODAY RADIO PROGRAM



TODAY is IMT's final program for 2024. All our distinguished presenters in the studio will try to talk over each other and resist using the dump button. We'll be back in the new year, but as the wascally wabbit said, that's all folks.

Last Friday's guest was Fiona Farley, who regaled listeners with many stories from a full and adventurous life. Her time spent in Vietnam and Papua New Guinea was fascinating. Now she is spending her time writing and assisting in the development of a Children's Library within the Maldon Athenaeum Library. Viv Markham (pictured here with Fiona) dropped in to talk about life and poverty in Maldon back in the day. Ann and EC looked over the many things happening in Maldon for Christmas.

To catch up on our previous programs click on mixcloud.com/nancymay007.

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Library News

AFTER a busy year it is time to say thanks to the many people who collectively make the Maldon Athenaeum Library a successful and happy place. Firstly, we must thank our readers: not just library members but also those who have purchased books at our book sales. Thanks to the grandparents who borrow books so that the pleasure of reading begins young. Thank you to those who borrow for others who cannot come to the library. Without a healthy community of readers there would be no point to a library.

We would also like to sincerely thank the many people who have made donations of books throughout the year. The library is delighted to receive recently published books, in good condition and books of interest to the local community. In addition, we are grateful for the support of community members who have taken part in the various events organised by the library, including book launches and book talks, Arson at the Athenaeum and the Human Library during the Gothic Festival. We hope to continue offering interesting events at the library during 2025.

This is a library staffed and managed entirely by volunteers, so where would we be without a crew of dedicated people who are prepared to give a little of their time to keep the library functioning efficiently? It is not without reward: volunteers and library members will tell you that coming to the library, whether as a duty person, to borrow books, or just for a chat, is an enjoyable experience.

We are also grateful to the *Tarrangower Times* for allowing considerable space in each edition for our Library News and Book Reviews. Local newspapers are becoming rare, with many people living in local newspaper deserts. The *TT* supports the library, and we are very happy to support it.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge the role of the people who founded the Athenaeum and those who have kept it running, often through difficult times. Without their determination and foresight, the library, now almost 162 years old, would not exist.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season. We hope your days are full of rest, relaxation and good reading.

Lastly, a couple of reminders

Renewal of membership A reminder that 2025 library subscriptions are now due. Only \$30 will give you a year's worth of happy borrowing. Please come into the library or pay online. The Maldon Athenaeum Library bank account deposit details are: 633-000:109 829 333. Please use your name to identify the deposit.

Library holiday dates A further reminder that the library will be closed for a short break. The last day for borrowing is Monday 23 December. We will reopen on Monday 6 January.

Fresh at the Athenaeum

Six Peaks Speak: Unsettling in Southern Dja Dja Wurrung Country by Professor Barry Goldman, 2024

Mountains can tell us much about our past. Six iconic peaks in Central Victoria, Mounts Kooroocheang, Beckworth, Greenock, Tarrenower, Alexander and Franklin, tower above the rich volcanic grasslands. Each has borne witness to dramatic changes in Dja Dja Wurrung Country over the past two centuries. *Six Peaks Speak* tells the unique stories and continuing legacies of these mountains from a multidisciplinary perspective. The peak-specific stories illustrate how many 'taken for granted' aspects of mountains may not be as they seem. Aside from what it reveals about the six peaks, the book showcases ideas and methodologies for creatively reconnecting with and healing other mountains and the people who today live on their flanks and on Country in between.

Living With Wildlife: A Guide for Homes and Backyards by Tanya Loos, 2024

Possums in the roof, an echidna in the garden, or perhaps a python in the pantry? *Living with Wildlife: A Guide for Our Homes and Backyards* explores commonly asked questions and issues about encounters with wildlife. Taking a wildlife-friendly approach, Tanya Loos provides practical information, advice and solutions based on current guidance from wildlife rescue organisations and the latest research.

So Shall You Reap by Donna Leon, 2023

On a cold November evening, Guido Brunetti and Paola are up late when a call from his colleague Ispettore Vianello arrives, alerting the Commissario that a hand has been seen in

one of Venice's canals. The body is soon found, and Brunetti is assigned to investigate the murder of an undocumented Sri Lankan immigrant. Because no official record of the man's presence in Venice exists, Brunetti is forced to use the city's far richer sources of information: gossip and the memories of people who knew the victim. Curiously, he had been living in a small house on the grounds of a palazzo owned by a university professor, in which Brunetti discovers books revealing the victim's interest in Buddhism, the revolutionary Tamil Tigers and the last crop of Italian political terrorists, active in the 1980s.

Sweet Jimmy by Byran Brown, 2021

It was a gentle knock. Agnes had been waiting for it. Hoping he would be on time. Such a lovely fella, she thought. 'Come on through. Got a surprise for you,' she said. He had one for her too. Phil and Sweet Jimmy are cousins. Phil grows orchids spider orchids, learnt about them in the nick. Jimmy likes orchids too, but there are other things he likes even more.

Trish Bennett didn't like her life. Hadn't liked it for a long time. Been on the streets. Bit of this for a bit of that. The 'that' wasn't always nice. Then Ahmed found her. Sam is a tea-leaf, a thief. Likes nickin' anything, always has, until the day he knocked off more than the Volvo. Fell for the sexy and beautiful Sue May from Hong Kong, Frank Testy did. What price for ego? A huge price, it turns out.

Toujours La France! Living the Dream in Rural France by Janine Marsh, 2022

Since giving up their city jobs in London and moving to rural France over 10 years ago, Janine and husband Mark have renovated their dream home and built a new life for themselves, adjusting to the delights and the peculiarities of life in a small French village.

Including much-loved village characters such as Mr and Mrs Pepperpot, Jean-Claude, Claudette and the infamous Bread Man, in *Toujours la France!* Janine also introduces readers to some new faces and funny stories, as she and Mark continue their lives in this special part of northern France.

With thanks to Goodreads

Maldon Athenaeum Library

May, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be yours this Christmas and always.



2024 Christmas Timetable
CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24 December
St Mary's, Castlemaine:

Carols	5.30pm
Family Mass	6.00pm
Carols	9.30pm
Midnight Mass	10.00pm

St Brigid's, Maldon:

Carols	7.30pm
Family Mass	8.00pm

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25 December
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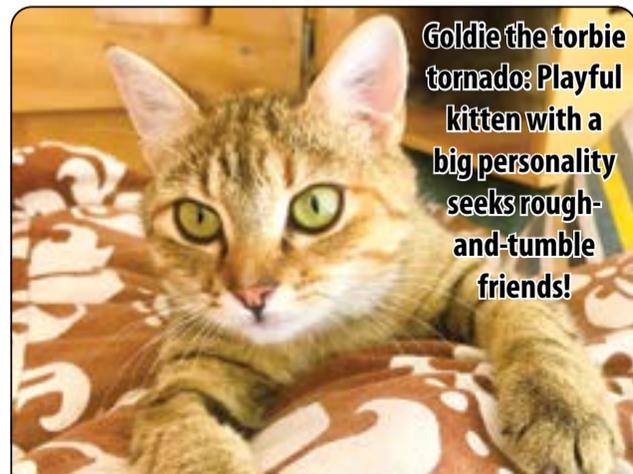
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Introducing our readers to their local doggies and what makes their tails wag!

Bailey: Happy Christmas! Do you see my Santa brooch? I am ready!

TT: It goes beautifully with your snowy-white fur. Did you come to Maldon from the North Pole?

Bailey: Actually I am from Goulburn in New South Wales. I arrived by plane!

TT: Really, how did that come about?

Bailey: My people wanted a 'baby substitute' after my human siblings grew up and left home, so they went looking for the snuggliest pooch they could find. And they found me! I'm seven and I'm a Havanese. Come on, snuggle up!

TT: You are cuddly.

Bailey: My people call me the Velcro® Dog.

TT: You don't feel like Velcro®

Bailey: Nooo... Havanese dogs are famous for a silky coat.

TT: Gosh, you have the softest fur I have ever known! And you've just had a haircut.

Bailey: Try Mutz Kutz and yours could be this soft too. It won't happen

overnight, but it will happen.
TT: Do you have plans for Christmas, Bailey?
Bailey: Lots of family gatherings here in Maldon.
TT: Is there anything on your Wishlist for Christmas?
Bailey: Pancakes for breakfast! Like in the song.
TT: Which song is that?
Bailey: "Al I want for Christmas is food..."
TT: Have a great one!



Bailey is our Doggo of the Week. 20 December, 2024.



Tues 31 December - Mast Gully Fellers - Machinery Museum

48 Main

Friday 20 December-**Featherhead**-from 7pm

Saturday 21 December- **DBOMs**-from 7pm

Sunday 22 December-**Grim Fawcner**-from 4pm

Friday 27 December-**Open Mic Night**-from 7pm

Saturday 28 December- **TBA**-from 7pm

Sunday 29 December-**Matt Chapman**-from 4pm

Tuesday 31 December NYE-**The Loud Shirts & DJ Diggerman** from 9pm until Midnight

Sunday 5 January-**Kenny Joe Blake**- from 4pm

Friday 10 January-**The Complete Unknowns** with Jim Dowling-from 7pm

Blue Cockatoo

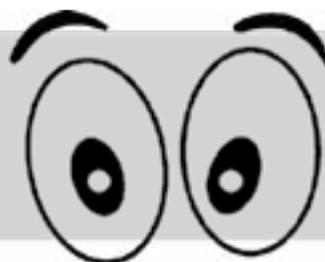
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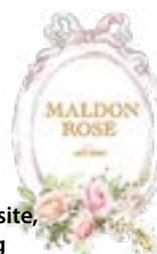
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A man of a few words, loved and respected by many

The Funeral Service for Andy was held on Wednesday, 18th December 2024 at the Maldon Cemetery.

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Beloved Dadda of Alison and Robert. Cherished Grandfather of Belinda, Ashley and Damien.

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BULLEN, Andrew

Maldon Football Netball Club Inc. committee, members & supporters are greatly saddened at the recent passing of past player, sponsor & long time supporter Andrew Bullen. Andrew was a great contributor to many local clubs & events. Our sympathy is extended to Jill & the family.

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Robyn's Nest Animal Rescue & Talbot Community Pantry have joined forces to raise funds for the animals and the humans!

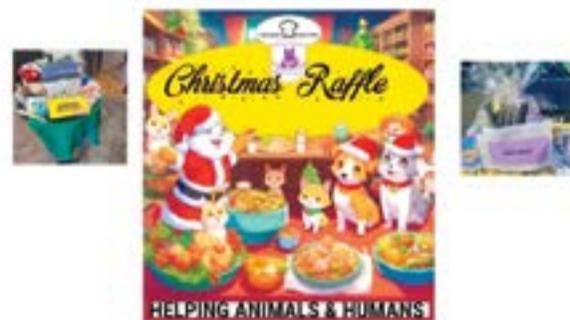
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Raffle will be drawn at midday on Sunday 22nd December 2024.

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The Christmas Tree Project

Spreading festive cheer and support to local families in need

DHELKAYA Health's beloved Christmas Tree Project is back for another year, continuing its mission to support local families and individuals during the festive season. The initiative invites staff to donate non-perishable foods, toiletries, and small gifts, which are then packed into Christmas hampers and delivered to those in the Mount Alexander Shire who need them most.

This year, the team behind the project has been once again amazed by the generosity of Dhelkaya Health staff. Although the economic challenges of recent years, including the ongoing cost of living crisis, had led them to expect fewer donations, the overwhelming response has been nothing short of inspiring.

Lisa Jackson, Registered Nurse and long-time Christmas Tree Project volunteer, shared, "We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of donations this year. With so many people facing tough times, we worried that donations might be down. But instead, we've seen our staff dig deep and show just how much they care for those in our community. It's truly heartwarming to see the generosity that shines through even in difficult times."

Once all donations are collected, the team gets to work organising them into beautifully wrapped hampers filled with everything from holiday treats like pudding and mince pies, to everyday essentials like pasta, toiletries and soap. The hampers

are then delivered to families who are currently struggling with housing insecurity.

Michael McMahon Senior Housing Worker who helps coordinate deliveries, expressed the importance of the project, "For many of the families we assist, the holidays are an especially difficult time. With so many people already under strain, it's heartbreaking to see them decide between buying gifts or providing a meal for their children. This project gives us a chance to step in and offer a little relief, providing both practical support and some much-needed festive cheer."

The Christmas Tree Project is an important reminder of how communities come together in times of need. This year's initiative is expected to reach more families than ever before, thanks to the collective kindness of Dhelkaya Health staff and the generosity of local donors.

Lisa extended her heartfelt thanks to donors saying, "We want to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas Tree Project. The support we've received is overwhelming, and it's humbling to know that we can help make this holiday season a little brighter for so many in need."

As the project continues to grow, the team looks forward to delivering joy, hope, and a sense of community to even more people in the Mount Alexander Shire in 2025.

Janine McCarthy
Dhelkaya Health



Dhelkaya Health staff Lisa Jackson, Kym Cross, Mary Donoghue, Janice Kebede, Michael McMahon, Megan Clift and Brita Johanson.

FOUND and UNFATHOMABLE!

GEAR up for a new mystery object, submitted by June and Rocky Huxley, which is of a specialist nature and will require readers to watch here for clues. The photos reveal a wooden item with a lovely patina; it has a lid and an insert which is made from agate. Any ideas?

(PS The 'Found and Unfathomable' object from Friday 29 November was a bed warmer or warming pan!) Send your guesses or photos of mystery objects to editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au.



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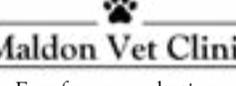
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Bowls Club Christmas

MALDON Bowling Club Christmas community party was a hoot!

The sunny evening of Friday 13 December saw a great gathering of people for the bowling, barbecue and raffles. The Complete Unknowns played music you could bop to and there was free ice cream! The Big Man in Red showed up on a fire truck, bringing all

the kids running. The event was supported by Mount Alexander Shire Council and was a really fun get-together run by a wonderful community group. Thanks, Maldon Bowling Club and all your fantastic volunteers.

Michelle Dorian



Maldon Bowls Club



OUR Community Christmas BBQ evening was truly memorable.

Well over 100 community members and lots of children enjoyed the festivities. Thanks to Mt Alexander Shire for supporting this community event. Thanks also to our sponsors for their donations in the Christmas Hampers.

Thanks must go to our hard-working members for their donations and their help on the night. The Maldon Ice cream shop was very busy supplying yummy ice cream to all. Some of us tried several flavours, including sorbets and creamy

rum-and-raisin ice cream, as well as other flavours. Special thanks to Maldon CFA for driving Santa to the Bowls Club to meet the many children. In summary it was a night to remember.

Saturday's pennant Bowls versus Talbot at Talbot saw a Maldon win of 64 shots to 54. Jim's team of Leonie, Trevor and Peter had a tight tussle being locked together for most of the game. After 12 ends it was 10 all. After 19 ends Maldon led 18 to 13. However, Talbot scored a final 4 and a 3 to win by 2 shots.

Wes's team of Eric, Cameron and new bowler Maree led 13 to 9 after 12 ends. Talbot won 5 ends to Maldon's 3 ends in the run home but a 4 and 3 so a 24 to 15 win.

Annette's team of Ken S, Mike and Geoff led 11 to 10 after 12 ends. The final 8 ends saw Maldon score 10 shots to Talbot

9 shots. Final score Maldon 22 to Talbot 19.

Final result was a Maldon win 64 shots to 54. Maldon won two rinks to one. Next round is on 18 January. This is the Charity Round versus Highland. The game will be played at Maryborough Highland.

Over the Christmas break we will be busy playing some club competitions and practising our bowling skills.

Merry Christmas to all and good bowling.

Peter Sedgwick

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Thumbs down
to the lack of poo bags in the street.

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May	32.0	24.5	27.3	May	45.8	33.2	32.2	May	34.6	30.6	30.0
June	21.4	97.9	41.8	June	28.2	119.8	64.6	June	27.8	96.4	47.8
July	47.2	31.9	39.7	July	63.4	25.8	55.3	July	50.0	38.2	46.6
Aug	34.4	23.4	103.2	Aug	43.0	34.6	121.0	Aug	60.8	26.8	116.0
Sept	28.7	13.4	79.2	Sept	46.4	20.0	91.4	Sept	28.2	16.6	88.4
Oct	29.1	40.6	175.9	Oct	47.4	56.8	203.2	Oct	31.6	34.0	190.2
Nov	31.2	24.9	85.0	Nov	38.6	28.4	98.6	Nov	40.2	16.6	106.0
Dec	25.4	105.7	26.2	Dec	23.2	130.4	23.6	Dec	42.6	118.6	39.8
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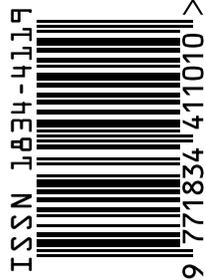
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Maldon Football Netball Club



MALDON Football Netball Club Inc. is saddened at the recent passing of long-time supporter Andrew Bullen.

Many won't be aware that Andy, as he was widely known, is a past player, having played for the Maldon Reserves team as a young man.

When work and family commitments came along, Andy continued his support for the club by assisting with fundraising, sponsoring the club through his business at the service station and continuing to be a paying member up to season 2024, where he attended many

matches with long-time friend and club supporter Chipper Woods. As was Andy's style, all this was done quietly, without the need for great praise or recognition. Andy saw many generations of footballers take the field but was most proud to see his grandson Damien debut in senior football for Maldon in 2009 and more recently, watching his great-grandson Aussie play through the junior ranks.

MFNC extends our sympathies as our thoughts are with Jill and the family during this difficult time.

Cairn Curran Sailing Club



FOR some years now Cairn Curran Sailing Club has had an AED (Defibrillator) located inside the club house and therefore not available for public use.

With the assistance of the Maryborough Ambulance Auxiliary, an external cabinet has now been supplied and installed on the outer wall of the clubhouse.

Our thanks to the Maryborough Ambulance Auxiliary for their support and the attendance of their President, Sandra Fields, together with Kelli Jones of Ambulance Victoria on 30 November for the installation. The AED has now been registered with Ambulance Victoria.

Following the installation, members took the water for the coveted annual Serge Vescovi Trophy. Further heats of the Spring Aggregate Series were held on 7 and 14 December.

Helen Whiteman



Sociable Pétanque

Madame Bleue Wins La Boule Bleue!



THE Maldon Sociable Petanque Club came together last Sunday to enjoy a Christmas lunch at Porcupine Village's Gold Nugget restaurant. The club lived up to its name, and there was plenty of sociable interaction and lively conversation as the wine flowed throughout the afternoon.

The most important part of the club's annual Christmas bash is the big reveal: the winner of the coveted Boule Bleue trophy, for the most games won during the year. Last year's joint winners - Geoff McLennan and Andrew Leckie - were on hand to announce the winner.

And the winner was...Madame Bleue herself (aka Nancy Whittaker)! As Andrew pointed out, it was only fitting that the trophy should spend 2025 sitting on the mantelpiece of the club's spiritual leader.

Speaking on behalf of all those present, Geoff thanked Nancy for yet another year where, with a light hand and a welcoming smile to all comers, she has continued to organise the fortnightly games. He also thanked Penny School owners Julian and Claire for their generosity in allowing the club to continue to use their pistes.



Last year's winners of La Boule Bleue Andrew Leckie (on the left) and Geoff McLennan, handing over the trophy to Nancy Whittaker, who is this year's winner.

Maldon Croquet Club

Cracking end to the croquet year



MALDON Croquet players have fared extremely well in some recent end-of-year tournaments.

Gary Dykes was the winner of Block 4 at the Ballarat Alexandra GC Singles tournament, which took place on 10 November. Rod Bennett came third, while Terry Beck and Gavin McCarthy played extremely well in division three.

Meanwhile, Julie and Trevor Ware (as Maldon Maple) won the Northern District Croquet Association's (NDCA) Spring Pennant Grand Final in Division 3 against the Kyneton incumbent champions. They were honoured at a NDCA Christmas Party held at Macedon Ranges Croquet Club on Sunday 8 December. Congratulations all!



Croquet champions Julie & Trevor Ware, presented with their winning plaque.



Maldon Golf Club Members

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