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Maldon Portrait Prize Winner



☆ Jenny Merkus MANet organiser, Gabrielle Martin, who won the I Be Human Portrait prize, and the Judge, Yvette Coppersmith, in front of Gabrielle's winning Portrait - *The Ecologist*.

Esteemed artist and Archibald winner in 2018, Yvette Coppersmith, judge of this year's Maldon Portrait Prize titled I Be Human, addressed the finalists for the prize at the exhibition opening, at EDGE Galleries in Maldon on Saturday 5 February. Yvette expressed her delight at the quality and diversity of

the exhibiting portraits. This made her task of selecting the winner, Gabrielle Martin's portrait 'The Ecologist' all the more challenging.

Gabrielle's portrait of Doctor Cassia Read, an ecologist living in the Central Goldfields, was deeply inspired by Cassia's passion for nature and conservation, her work encompassing

microscopic observation and her far reaching vision for a better future.

Gabrielle said, "Cassia is a good friend, but I chose to paint her because I was inspired by her work in botany and ecology. Like many people I think about climate change almost constantly and wonder what I can do in the face of such an overwhelming threat."

"As an artist I wanted to paint someone who is dedicated to the task of understanding nature and delicate ecosystems, working on regenerating landscape and, whilst looking at the detailed picture through a microscope, also trying to understand the bigger picture of how to heal our relationship to nature."

This is the fourth portrait prize that the Maldon Artist Network has organised. This time, in partnership with EDGE Galleries in Maldon, an expanded prize is available to Victorian and interstate artists and includes two exhibitions. The mediums included are: painting, drawing, mixed media and photography, with a \$5,000 main prize. There is also an online exhibition opening on 1 March- to June 2022. The online exhibition offers two people's choice awards.

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This is a free community service.
It is a good idea to advertise closer to the event.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, 9am to 1pm Western Reserve, Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0455 332 692.
MALDON PONY CLUB RALLY at the Maldon Campdraft grounds at 9.30am for gear checks for a 10am kick off. Enq: Kira Chalmers 0407 140 580.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB games every second Sunday at St. Brigid's at 1.30 for a 2pm start. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Andrew Leckie 5400 1054.
SOCIAL PÉTANQUE is played on the Penny School pistes every second Sunday, alternating with MPC, at 1.45 for a 2pm start, unless rain is bucketing down, or it is over 30°. Enq: 0459 093 452.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, 97 High Street, Maldon. Open 10am-1pm includes book sales. Tina Fratta 0437 094 469.
MALDON MARKET: Hand Made, Home Grown, 9am – 1.30pm. Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve.
THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for machinery enthusiast's before and after the industrial revolution, but with more. Open 10am-4pm. Entry free - donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY MONDAY

LAP SWIMMING, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm - 7pm.

OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 9.30am-2.30pm. Enq. 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.
ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.
MALDON BRIDGE CLUB at the Maldon Hotel, 1.15pm - 4.30pm. New players welcome including solo players. Enq: Danny Murphy 0430 733 782.
SOCIAL WALKS, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, 9.30am-11am. \$1 donation for cuppa.
SOCIAL GOLF – 8.30am – 9 holes, free for members or \$10 green fees. Enq: maldongolf4u@gmail.com or Gay Reid 0413 013 766.

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FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.
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MOSTLY LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY TUESDAY

AQUA AEROBICS, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm. Cost \$9.50 (or \$6 with season pass).
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door-to-door service. Trips within and to Maldon & Castlemaine in the morning, fortnightly trips to Maryborough and Kangaroo Flat. Phone 5475 2093. \$3 one way, \$5 return. More info: www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus.
CONVERSATION HOUR: meet, greet & chat, Coffee & conversation in the garden. Tuesdays 10.30 - 11.30am. All welcome, free. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.
MAH JONG for seniors 10am-1pm at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enquiries: Kerry 0407 738 855.

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

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

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

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

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

YOGA AND RELAXATION, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Hall. Open your body and mind with yoga and relaxation. First class free. Tuesdays 6pm – 7.30pm. \$12 casual.

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. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

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

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

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

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

LAP SWIMMING, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm - 7pm.

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

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

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

AQUA AEROBICS, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm. Cost \$9.50 (or \$6 with season pass).

GENTLE TAI CHI, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 10.30-11.30. Starts 3 Feb. \$5 donation. Bookings: Jenny 0417 475 270.

MALDON BOWLS CLUB, Bowls practice anytime Thursday until dark.

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

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

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

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TECH HELP TO STAY CONNECTED Be Connected program and supported by friendly volunteer digital mentors. No experience needed! Thur 9.30 – 11.00am. Starts 3 Feb. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. FREE.

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2022

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES will resume fantastic films from Thursday 17 February 2022, Subject to COVID regulations from then on. BYO smart phone and green Vax tick to scan QR code. Maldon Community Centre, Francis Street

EVERY FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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NORDIC POLE WALKING GROUP, for experienced walkers (during school terms), 9.30am at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Further info 5479 1000.

SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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STARTING SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY

HOMESICK EXHIBITION, running 10am-4pm each weekend in February at the Newstead Arts Hub.

SUNDAY 6 TO SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

EDGE GALLERY MALDON POTRAIT PRIZE. The exhibition runs daily from 10-4.

SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY

JEFF LANG, SteamPacket at the Maldon Railway Station at 5pm. Costs \$25.

STARTING WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

39TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASH WEDNESDAY FIRES, Exhibition every Wednesday and Saturday between 10am and 3pm. Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum, entry by donation. Enq: Daryl 0419 133 581.

THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES presents: *The Father*, 7.15pm for a 7.30 start, Maldon Community Centre, Francis Street. Bring your smart phone for the QR Code & proof of double Vaxx. Enquiries: 5475 2093 or www.maldonnc.org.au.

SATURDAY 19 AND SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY

MALDON ANTIQUE FAIR, Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 8am-3pm at the Bill Woodfull Reserve.

Sink hole no more



☆ June 2021, Phil Hopley discovers the sink hole, which is rapidly fenced off by DELWP.

AT the beginning of June 2021 a large sink hole the size of two buses, appeared on a vacant block on Church Street.

Since then onlookers have

watched as the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP), firstly erected a safety fence around the site, then poured



☆ In January 2022 DELWP excavated what is believed to be the North Beehive Mine. Steel beams and boxing was installed and capped with concrete.

a concrete slab and finally backfilled the area.

The hole has been fondly dubbed the Hopley Hole, as it was discovered by Phil Hopley

while he was walking his dog with his wife Judy.

“It’s a shame,” says Phil. “The land can never be built on, because of the old mine shafts. The block has the most beautiful views in all of Maldon.”

Damian Sharrock, DELWP Land and Built Environment Program Officer told the *Times*, “The area around the mine shaft – believed to be the North Beehive Mine – was excavated and a framework of steel beams and boxing was installed over and around the hole and filled with concrete, creating a cap over the shaft. The area over and around



☆ DELWP have backfilled the area which will remain a public space.

the cap was then backfilled with dirt and the site will be smoothed over this week.

“The capping of this shaft has made the land safe for public use.

“Currently there is no future use proposed for this area of Crown land and it will remain as public open space.”

According to DELWP, Mineshafts around Maldon have been capped by government and mining companies over the past 170 years. DELWP Loddon Mallee manages two to three open mineshafts on public land each year, including another shaft in Maldon capped around 2010.

Treatment of mineshafts varies, depending on factors including their size and location. Concrete capping is standard practice in urban areas. Shafts may also be managed by fencing or installing a grate over the hole.

Many older caps built with timber or corrugated iron are now deteriorating. It’s likely that other shafts on public and private land around Maldon will reopen, requiring the land owner to undertake safety works in the future.

If you are concerned about a mineshaft’s safety contact DELWP on 136 186.

Maldon Antique Fair



THE upcoming Antique Fair is set to be jam packed with goodies this year with over 125 stalls.

Held on Saturday 19 February 8am-5pm and Sunday 20 February 8am-3pm at the Bill Woodfull Reserve, there are expected to be many visitors to town, so make sure you get there early to get a park.

Organiser of the event, Mark Blythe, told the *Times*, “We’ve already had over 48,000 people who have seen

the event post on Facebook. It’s the first time in two years that the caps on events have been lifted. We are now able to have under 30,000 people attend, compared to last year when we were only allowed 1,000 a day.

“We’re well and truly back in action,” said Mark. “I think because we were one of the only fairs that kept running during COVID, a lot of new people began noticing us. We’ve even got a wait-list for

stall holders, we actually can’t get any bigger.

“Bonnie has been amazing at managing the site allocations. She says it’s like a game of Tetris.

“It’s great for the Maldon footy club too as this is their principal fundraiser. They get all the proceeds from the gate and food sales. They perform such an important role in the community so they really deserve it.”

Rampant weed

A reader alerted the Times to the presence of Field Bindweed (Convolvulus arvensisL) in Maldon.

“I had it in my garden in Castlemaine and it was an absolute nightmare, extremely difficult to control and poison; it would be a real heart-ache for the whole community if it took hold here,” said the reader.

Here’s what we know about Field Bindweed:

- Also referred to as creeping jenny, European bindweed and morning glory.
- Field Bindweed smothers and topples native species.

- It is a rampant weed with rapid growth and tendency to choke cultivated plants.
- In natural environments it competes with and displaces native bindweeds.
- Due to its climbing ability, it is able to infest various levels of a plant community (from ground level to the tops of trees).
- It also competes with other species for sunlight, moisture and nutrients.
- It can affect food plants and cover for local animals.
- Field Bindweed is mildly toxic to grazing animals.
- It is native to continental Europe and Asia.

What to do:

- The best form of invasive species management is prevention.
- If prevention is no longer possible, it is best to treat the weed infestations when they are small to prevent them from establishing. Controlling the weed before it seeds will reduce future problems. Control is generally best applied to the least infested areas before dense infestations are tackled. Consistent follow-up work is required for sustainable management.
- Early action is particularly important for Field Bindweed, which is very

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Newstead Station goods shed



☆ Newstead Goods Shed opposite the Arts Hub.

WORKS are set to get underway early this year to transform the Newstead Station goods shed into a community arts workshop and learning centre.

MP Maree Edwards recently announced the Bendigo-based construction company BLR Provincial has been chosen to carry out the works, and will also be restoring the historic Harcourt Station building.

The works will include structural repairs and refurbishment, as well as installing a kitchenette and accessible toilet so the building can be used for community events and meetings.

The Maldon & District Community Bank will be the head tenant of the space, which will be managed by the Redshed Arts Workshop Inc.

The project is part of the State Governments Community Use of Vacant Rail

Buildings Program, which involves refurbishing vacant station buildings across the state so they can be opened and used by local communities.

MP Edwards said, “The restored goods shed at Newstead will complement the station building that was restored a few years ago, and the restoration of these buildings will increase the opportunities for local people to get together and learn new skills.”

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Phoenix Street.

The walk is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Please note the walk will be cancelled if there is heavy rain or a Code Red Day.

A man in a blue suit and hat is playing an electric guitar on a stage. The stage is set up with various musical instruments and equipment, including a large speaker on the right and a microphone stand in the center. The background features a large, ornate structure, possibly a stage set or a piece of art, with the words "MUSEUM" visible. The lighting is warm and focused on the performer.

The fourth episode of SteamPacket's Blues Legends series finally takes off at 5pm

Jeff last played SteamPacket exactly four years ago in February 2018 and it was one of the most memorable of all our gigs. When Jeff gets some crowd reaction he really takes off and treats the audience to some extraordinary playing. He will take you on a journey you won't forget in a hurry!

Tickets are \$25 at the SteamPacket shop or steampacket.com.au.

The Foundation honours his late mother, Hillary. Andrea has deep connections to Australia where his maternal grandparents lived and where he still has family connections. In the arts and culture area notable projects include: a major photographic

Simon Dow

“There is no legislative requirement for landowners to

For a list of declared toxic weeds visit: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/protecting-victoria/legislation-policy-and-permits/consolidated-lists-of-declared-noxious-weeds-and-pest-animals>.

Gunai/Kurnai writer Veronica Gorrie has been honoured with the \$100,000 Victorian Prize for Literature for *Black and Blue: A Memoir of Racism and Resilience*. The

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A woman with long, straight white hair is shown from the chest up, playing a mandolin and singing into a microphone. She is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt. The background consists of bookshelves filled with books, suggesting a library or bookstore setting. The lighting is warm and indoor.

preview her songs on josephineemery.com

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Swan Hill Line	8 to 16 Feb	Bendigo to Swan Hill
	17 to 27 Feb	Southern Cross to Swan Hill
Bendigo Line	17 to 27 Feb	Southern Cross to Bendigo
Echuca Line	17 to 27 Feb	Southern Cross to Echuca



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\$845,000

COTTAGE CHARMER WITH STUDIO, OUTDOOR LIVING & PRODUCTIVE GARDENS

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In quiet semi-rural surrounds, just under 1km from the historic shopping precinct of town, this beautifully preserved and renovated period cottage features a classic 1860s twin-hipped roof-line with three red brick chimneys and a front verandah outlook stretching across the Beehive Chimney to town and Mt Tarrangower. The light and spacious home features lounge and dining rooms both with open fire places, 2 double bedrooms, reverse cycle air to all main rooms, a light, modern country kitchen with great storage, dishwasher, 900mm stainless steel gas cooker, plus an original cast iron Luxe bread oven - perfect for roasts or afternoon scones! There is a light filled bathroom with shower, claw foot bath, separate toilet and laundry. Adjoining the rear of the home - a screened verandah room provides a great fly free entertaining area for a BBQ or morning coffee.



Walmer

138 Chaplins Road

\$975,000

WALMER WONDERLAND OF SPACE AND TRANQUILITY – 17 ACRES, MUD-BRICK HOME, STUDIO AND MULTIPLE WORKSHOPS

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Between Castlemaine and Maldon with pasture with paddocks and woodlands, plus a very large dam that is in the foreground view from the front verandah, this rustic and spacious Mudbrick home is a traditional ranch style build with verandahs, has 2 living areas, 4-5 bedrooms, a central kitchen and 2 bathrooms. There is a detached 4 room Brick studio perfect for a work from home space or further conversion. Outbuildings include a 4 bay carport, and to substantial workshops with concrete floors and power – 50'x25' and 25'x45' approx..

Enjoy space and room for your country pursuits – 11km from Castlemaine or Maldon, and just 10km from the Calder freeway.



Golden Square

29 Ophir Street

\$950,000

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Making bus travel easier for cyclists

CYCLISTS can soon bring their bicycles when travelling on local bus routes in Bendigo, Castlemaine, and Heathcote, due to the extension of the State Government's Bikes on Buses initiative.

In a win for locals and tourists, bike racks will be installed on all buses travelling 14 local routes in Bendigo, the Bendigo to Heathcote route and all buses travelling six local routes in Castlemaine.

Bikes can be safely secured on racks at the front of the bus, which will hold two at a

time, while all operators and bus drivers on the routes will complete training to assist passengers in bringing their two-wheel rides on board.

MP Maree Edwards said, "Bikes on Buses will give cyclists more options when choosing a route to reach their destination - all while delivering convenient access to the Castlemaine-Maldon Rail Trail, The Goldfields Track, O'Keefe Rail Trail and Bendigo Creek Trail."

The Department of Transport trialled bike racks on several services statewide in

2016, including the route 70 service from Bendigo Station to Strathfieldsaye, with the Government later committing to a broader rollout.

The program has been delivered in partnership with the Bus Association Victoria, providing technical and administrative support with all participating bus operators members of the association.

The bike racks are expected to be installed on buses from early 2022.

For more information, visit ptv.vic.gov.au/busyourbike.

Karma County playing at Theatre Royal



☆ Karma County will be playing at the The Theatre Royal on March 12.

LAST Stop Heavenly Heights 25th Anniversary Tour March 2022

Karma County confirm new tour dates for Victoria, Northern NSW, Queensland and Victoria for their 25th anniversary tour. Due to start their tour at the end of October, the three piece band had little choice but to reschedule dates that would see them cross into Queensland and Victoria. New dates have been announced for 2022 with a performance at Theatre Royal on March 12.

Karma County's debut album was released on Kansas, USA based label Laughing Boy in 1996. Arriving on stage in those early days around Sydney with just a snare drum, acoustic guitar and double bass, the band foreshadowed the acoustic roots movement that has become an essential element of contemporary Australian music with songs like the evergreen Postcard. Since those small beginnings they have waltzed their way into the hearts and minds of music fans, and critics, all over the world.

They went on to release four more celebrated studio albums and one double album retrospective, including ARIA nominee *Olana* (1999), and ARIA winner *Into The Land of Promise* (2000). They played house concerts, pubs in the bush, the Sydney Opera House, and international festivals like WOMAD Auckland, WOMAD Reading, WOMAD Seattle and more. And occasionally doubled up as the backing band for their late friend and mentor, legendary singer Jimmy Little, in Australia, Europe and North America.

The three founding members – Brendan Gallagher voc/guitar, Michael Galeazzi bass, and Stuart Eadie drums – head out on the road again to play *Last Stop Heavenly Heights* in full, and some other much-loved songs from their unique songbook.

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Victorian Premier's Literary Awards winners

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book also won the \$25,000 Prize for Indigenous Writing. Sharing her powerful story as an Aboriginal woman working in the police force, Gorrie reflects on the racism and sexism she experienced and fought during her career in uniform – alongside the impact of racism on her family and life.

Victorian-based writer Melissa Manning won the Prize for Fiction for *Smoke-house*, a collection of inter-linked stories following characters from a small town

in southern Tasmania who are each facing a turning point in their lives.

Amani Haydar's personal account of domestic violence in *The Mother Wound* received the non-fiction prize, while Dylan Van Den Berg's play *Milk* took out the Prize for Drama, for the story of a young Palawa man's journey of self-discovery.

Victorian poet Maria Takolander's work *Trigger Notes* tackles everything from climate change to violence in the home and was awarded the Poetry Prize, while Felicity Castagna's wild-ride

novel *Girls in Boys' Cars* was awarded the Prize for Writing for Young Adults.

Malaysian-born, Melbourne-based author Keshe Chow received the coveted award for an Unpublished Manuscript for *Fauna of Mirrors* – a fantasy novel about love and betrayal.

The Unpublished Manuscript accolade has launched the careers of celebrated writers including Jane Harper (*The Dry*), Maxine Beneba Clarke (*Foreign Soil*) and Graeme Simsion (*The Rosie Project*).

The publicly voted 2022 People's Choice Award went to Rebecca Lim for *Tiger Daughter*, a coming-of-age novel about a young girl of Chinese heritage growing up in Australia.

Winners of the Fiction, Non-Fiction, Indigenous Writing, Poetry, Young Adult and Drama categories each received \$25,000, while \$15,000 is attached to the Unpublished

Manuscript category. The People's Choice award comes with a \$2,000 prize.

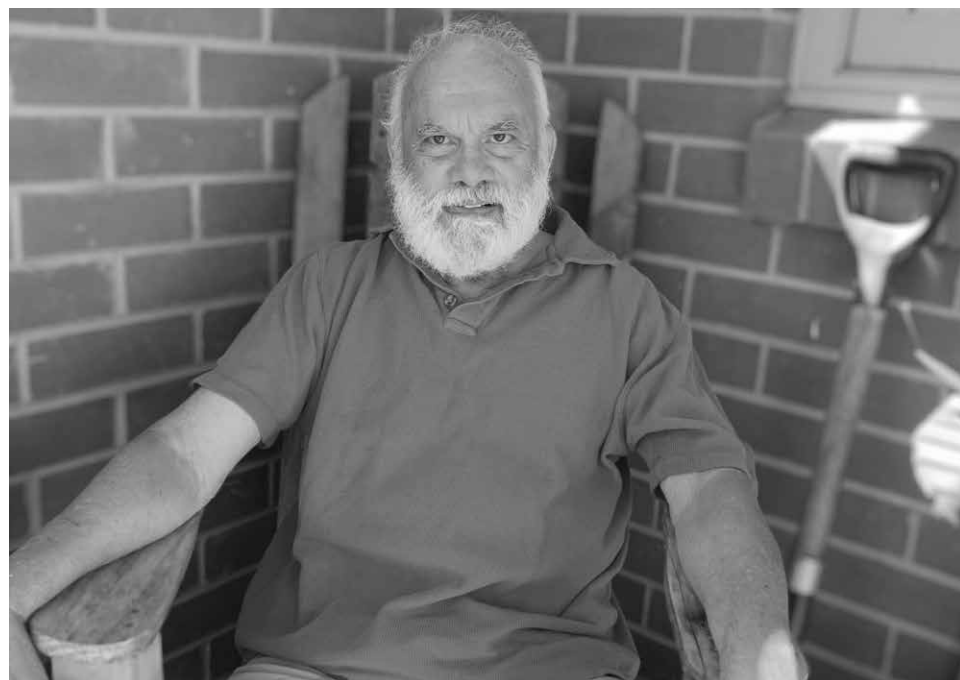
The Victorian Premier's Literary Awards are delivered by The Wheeler Centre on behalf of the Victorian Government. For more information, visit wheelercentre.com.

Minister for Creative Industries, Danny Pearson said, "The Victorian Premier's Literary Awards amplify and

celebrate important voices in Australian writing, and this year provides even more reasons to explore our emerging and established authors.

"The winning works tell stories that are urgent, eye-opening, poignant and powerful, and reflect the extraordinary talent we have here in Victoria and across the country. Congratulations to all the winners and finalists."

Know Your Local Prakesh



BORN Norman Keegal, the name Antar Prakesh, which means inner light, was given to him at an ashram in northern NSW.

Prakesh was born in Sri Lanka just before the second world war and moved to Melbourne when he was 20-years-old in what he calls 'a family migration'.

"My older brother was the first to come out. My mother encouraged him to migrate but said, 'don't tell your father.' When the time came for our dad to sign the document for him to migrate he hit the roof," laughs Prakesh.

"We were seen as middle class in Sri Lanka. But we didn't have a fridge and never thought about buying a car. I'm number three out of eight children.

"When I finished school I applied to come to Australia, but was knocked back. I'm a lot darker skinned than the rest of my siblings. It was during the time of the white Australia policy and it was only recently that I wondered if that was why.

"I started working selling books before working in a laboratory at a University in Sri Lanka. I re-applied to come to Australia and this time I was approved. I worked in the public service before getting another job at a University Laboratory. Because I worked at the University I was able to get free tuition and started studying science, physics and maths, although my best subject was always English.

"I spoke to my career counsellor one day, asking what I could do with part of a Science degree and he said I could be a teacher or computer programmer. I had never heard of that as a career.

"I was hired by the public service who provided one year's paid training and then I was promoted to assistant programmer. It was a very primitive company and I loved the challenge of it. I then went

on to become an analyst programmer at RMIT."

Prakesh, who has been married four times, has two children and one grandchild.

"I guess I'm a hopeless romantic," Prakesh shrugs.

After living in Santa Cruz for 10 years and then in Seattle, he moved with his wife, Barbara, to live in Castlemaine. His daughter Forest, a resident of Maldon, suggested he put his name down on the wait list for the Village.

"I've been living there for just over a year. I love it.

"Since my first marriage ended I've been doing a lot of personal growth and am involved in a lot of online forums and groups. I also play social pétanque, am a member of the Bridge Club and have recently started going to a playgroup in Castlemaine for older people and children. I saw a program on ABC about a four-year-old playgroup for old people and so I thought it would be fun.

"They are a lot younger than I was expecting, but I catch the bus there and play peek-a-boo with the children."

Exhibition tackling social isolation



☆ Deanna Buck, one of Reverend Darcy Vaughan's subjects for his exhibition 'Homesick'.



☆ Visit the Newstead Arts Hub this February, open Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm, to view the exhibition.

MAKE sure to visit the Newstead Arts Hub this February to see a collection of portraits taken by local Anglican Church Reverend Darcy Vaughan.

The exhibition, open during the weekends, tackles issues of social isolation and how our communities function when faced with anxiety and uncertainty.

Part of the exhibition is a series of interviews with each subject, relating to the issue of being 'homesick'. Deanna Buck, one of the subjects said, "I think of homesickness now, as a very much older person, where apart from my own home here there is not a home to run to. And I think that's quite interesting. I remember when my mother moved into a hostel, she was about 94, and I had this sudden pang. I was about 60, thinking; there's no home I can run home to. Even though I knew I wasn't going to be running home, all of a sudden this idea that there wasn't this physical sense of home, where you knew you'd be welcome under whatever circumstances. That really struck me."

Local community member and volunteer at the Newstead Arts Hub, Carl Liffman, told the *Times*, "The collection has sparked a lot of conversations in the church. It's a unique thing, a way to keep people together."

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Newstead Primary School



PRINCIPAL of Newstead Primary School, Kathy Calander told the *Times*, “It has been a fantastic and smooth start to our year with 14

preps beginning their learning journey with us at Newstead Primary bringing our total enrolments to 70. “Although the transition

process last year was not what we hoped, due to COVID restrictions, the new students have shown they are keen

learners and ready for the new challenges of school.

“We also welcome a our new Prep/One teacher, Simon Dundas to the school for

2022. Simon is an experienced teacher who has worked in schools in and around Melbourne for the last decade. He has moved back closer to

his home town of Bendigo with his family and is loving a return to the rural community life. We are very excited about our year ahead.”

Prep Quotes

Althea – The best thing about school is playing.

Sophie – I love to do drawing.

Jack – I like to play with my big buddy, Georgia.

Tyler – I love being at the same school as my mum and I like playing with my best friend, Indy.

Koa – I like playtime and seeing my brother.

Indy – I like to run around outside and playing on the playground, playing with my friends, playing with my sister and Percy and Henry.

Hugo – I think the best thing is playing in the playground and do a bit of writing in recess.

Noah – I like sitting down at the front watching the cars at play time.

River – I like playing soccer.

Izzy – I like writing my name.

Sonny – I like running around with my friends.

Maldon Primary School



PREP/ONE teacher Melissa Usher told the *Times*, “It’s

been a really smooth start to the year. It’s really helped

to have the connection with Maldon Preschool.

We had three visits from the preschool last year and we

were able to do our transition day which is really important.

We also have a lot of kids with older siblings which can make starting easier.

“We have 18 Grade Ones and Preps in the class this year.”

The *Times* asked the children what they are enjoying about school so far:

Fletcher, Prep - When I had a play with my buddy.

Brax, Grade 1 - It’s fun.

Wyn, Prep - I like it when I do drawings.

Ollie, Grade 1 - Being in Grade one.

Clemantine, Prep - Getting to stay here all day.

Amity, Grade 1 - Having free play.

School Principal Alisa Burdett said, “It is great to have the students back on-site, allowing us to get back into routines, getting to know each other and learn collaboratively.

“I would like to thank the staff, students and parents/carers for undertaking the testing of their children twice a week and ensuring COVID Safe behaviours are in place to keep us all safe, happy and healthy.”

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Still Life

by Sarah Winman

Tuscany, 1944: As Allied troops advance and bombs fall around deserted villages,

a young English soldier, Ulysses Temper, finds himself in the wine cellar of a deserted villa. There, he has a chance encounter with Evelyn Skinner, a middle-aged art historian who has come to Italy to salvage paintings from the ruins and recall long-forgotten memories of her own youth. In each other, Ulysses and Evelyn find a kindred spirit amongst the rubble of war-torn Italy and set off on a course of events that will shape Ulysses's life for the next four decades.

The Labyrinth

by Amanda Lohrey

The Labyrinth is a story of guilt and denial, of the fraught relationship between parents and children. It is also an examination of how art can be ruthlessly destructive, and restorative. Mesmerising yet

disquieting, it shows Amanda Lohrey to be at the peak of her powers.

Honeybee by Craig Silvey

Late in the night, 14-year-old Sam Watson steps onto a quiet overpass, climbs over the rail and looks down at the road far below.

At the other end of the same bridge, an old man, Vic, smokes his last cigarette.

The two see each other across the void. A fateful connection is made, and an unlikely friendship blooms. Slowly, we learn what led Sam and Vic to the bridge that night. Bonded by their suffering, each privately commits to the impossible task of saving the other.

Thanks to Goodreads reviews.

The Maldon Athenaeum Library Team

Maldon Golden Movies



Photo courtesy IMP Awards / Intl

MALDON Golden Movies (MGM) resumes transmission on 17 February 2022.

MGM will resume screening on Thursday 17 February 2022, after a COVID enforced break at the end of 2021. We plan to commence the year with a superb movie, *The Father*. *The Father* is a 2020 psychological drama starring Anthony Hopkins. He won last year's Academy Award for probably the best performance of his stellar career, in a bracingly insightful, subtle and nuanced look at encroaching dementia.

Speaking of which, we would like to point out that you'd be mad not to join MGM or continue your membership. We show 11 movies a year in normal circumstances and as examples of the quality of our presentations please note that the program in 2022 will include the Academy award winning *Nomadland* and *The Tracker* in a tribute to the late David Gulpilil.

Entry to MGM films requires that you register with

us as fully vaccinated against COVID or be in possession of an exemption from vaccination. Sorry, but we must protect the membership.

Further information about MGM can be found via the MGM Facebook page or via the website of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

Finally, we'd like to thank the Maldon and District Community Bank for funding us to buy superb new equipment. What was good, will now become great.

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Children's vaccinations



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AS of January 31 the Mount Alexander Shire vaccination rate for 5 to 11 year-olds first-dose is 49.9%, which is tracking above the Victorian rate of 42.5%.

Castlemaine Health is open for bookings for children aged 5 to 11-years, with appointments also available for children 12 and older who, are eligible for their first/second dose.

Castlemaine Health is taking bookings for boosters available for people aged 18 and over, but cannot provide boosters for those aged under 18 years.

Nurse Unit Manager of Castlemaine Health, Shelley Leatham, advises parents and guardians to register for an appointment via the website. Once registered, a booking link will be sent, however the email may take a couple of days to arrive.

"New appointments are available for February but tend to book out quickly, so keep visiting our website as more appointments are always being released," said Shelley.

"Please remember that you should cancel your booking with us if you have secured an appointment from an alternative clinic. And of course, please reschedule if you're experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms on the day, you've attended an exposure site or you're awaiting a COVID-19 test result."

IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



TUNE in today as EC and Kev meet a mystery guest. So you will never know unless you tune in.

Last Friday Nancy, Ian and Tony spent two wild hours discussing life, the universe, and variations on the correct way of pronouncing the MAINfm text-in number. Highlights included amazing facts about lightning, including the description of 'bolts from the blue' (which happen when the sun is shining). Then they got stuck into the effects of recent heavy rain and hilarious quotes from former politicians – closely related topics. Mobile coverage, the 'velvet

rope syndrome' - based on a train system in France - and spurious facts about phobias were also canvassed.

Next Friday, in a return to comparative sanity, Peter Christen from Panacea Estate winery and vineyard is our guest; Nancy and Mike will be asking alcoholic questions and don't be alarmed if at some stage that spiritual drunkard Des Dodgy makes an entrance.

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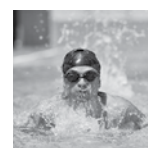
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Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.4	92.9	44.6
Feb	0.0	8.9	56.3
Mar		72.3	32.8
Apr		9.8	99.6
May		42.0	49.2
June		54.0	38.3
July		63.1	23.5
Aug		35.0	48.7
Sept		47.7	40.9
Oct		87.8	47.1
Nov		57.5	25.7
Dec		18.3	29.1
TOTAL	90.4	596.0	535.8

Rainfall Maldon
Week Ending 8.2.22

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.0	83.4	35.2
Feb	0.0	17.0	52.8
Mar		83.8	37.0
Apr		14.4	145.4
May		53.6	66.2
June		81.0	49.2
July		82.8	32.8
Aug		41.8	62.2
Sept		49.2	54.6
Oct		76.8	73.2
Nov		62.4	37.2
Dec		18.8	39.2
TOTAL	90.0	683.8	685.0

Rainfall Newstead
Week Ending 8.2.22

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

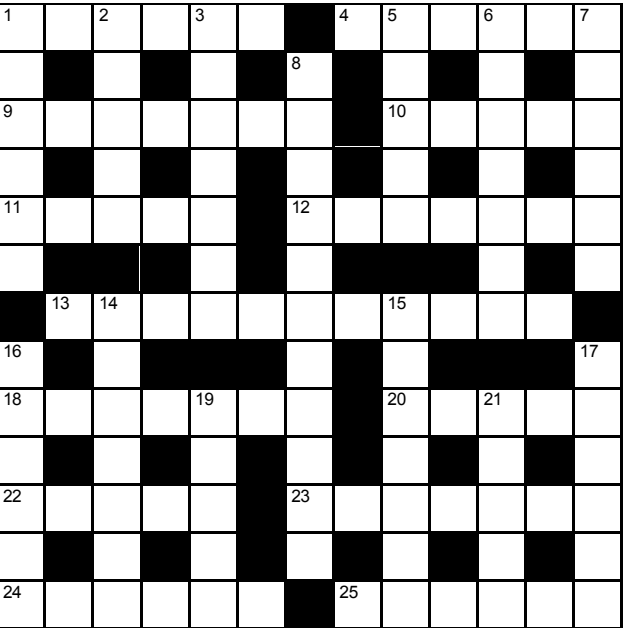
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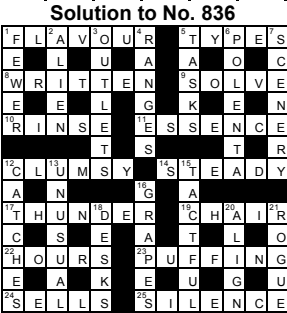
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MALDON PONY CLUB



☆ Alice Hogan jumping on Burrowa Benjamin.

Freshman's Showjumping

MALDON Pony Club kicked the new year off with a huge weekend of showjumping. On Saturday the club held a twilight freshman's showjumping event.

Freshman's showjumping days are great confidence building tools for both horses

and riders as you get to jump complete rounds without the pressure of a competition. Riders pay \$5 a round to a maximum of 5 rounds.

This was the first fundraiser the club has been able to hold in the last two years and over \$1,000 was raised with over 40 people riding. It was a great success and lots of fun was had by all! A huge thank



☆ Jack Pickering on Star jumping cross country at our rally.

you to our sponsor for the day, Bendigo Radiology and our wonderful volunteers. A special mention must go to Melissa Gillespie and Nicki Chalmers for getting the event up and running.

First Rally

On Sunday we held our first rally of the year at the grounds. There was a great

turnout of members coming to utilise the two show jumping rings that we had set up from the day before. It was great to see the children's confidence grow and some big jumps were achieved! It's an exciting year ahead for the club with lots of events and competitions planned. Our next rally is Sunday 6 March. **Nicole Funston**



☆ Leah Pickering on Rennie.

Nudge kids to eat well

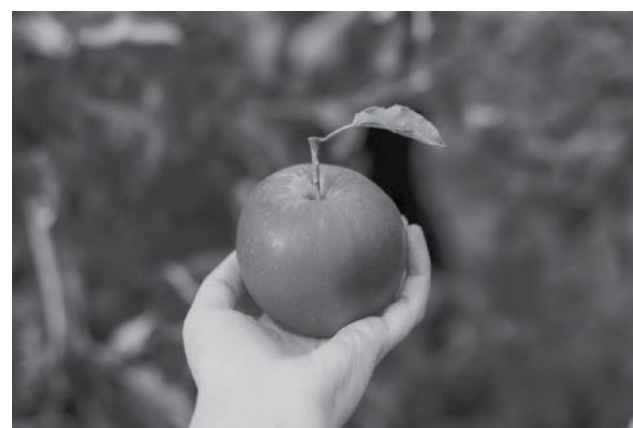


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TENNIS



☆ Harrison - Section 3.

THE second half of the tennis season kicked off last weekend. Our two junior teams played.

Section 1: Elsa Curran, Wilbur Carr, Charlie Walmsley and Stella Robertson all played some great games. Elsa and Wilbur won their doubles games, as did Charlie and Stella. Some great shots were

had with Stella serving up wonderful serves and Wilbur was all over the court playing like a mini Nadal hitting into the back corners.

Section 3 played this week at home: Henry Carr, Francis Walls, Harrison Walls and Maggie Walmsley. Unfortunately, we lost all our matches but everyone seemed to enjoy



☆ Henry - Section 3.

the games with good serving and stroke action happening. It is a very small section so we are also getting to know our opponents well and there

is lots of laughter and good sportsmanship going on during the games.

Nicole Funston

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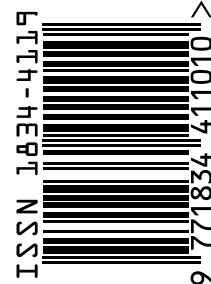
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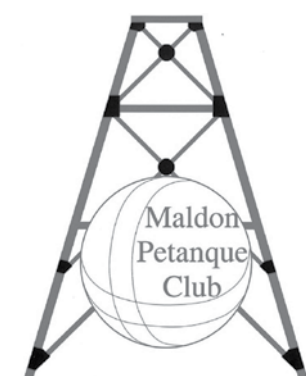
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MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB



☆ The day's winner Lynette was in fine form.



*Play Petanque, some say why?
We had two newcomers give
it a try
Petanque has a funny name
But is a great game*

Last Sunday we were back on our home pistes at St Brigid's to continue the 2022 club competitions. We welcomed Bruce and Dee who came to see what our game was about and ended up playing all three games with some success, we hope to see them again in the near future.

Club members were on a high after our great win last

weekend at Avoca. The Rusty Poppet Head trophy was on display for all to see. After three games the computer showed there were two players level on 3 wins 17 points however on percentage Lynette Johnson was declared the winner over Chris Pryzgod. Coming third, also with 3 wins, was Laurie Grech with 13 points.

Petanque is alive and well with tournaments happening again after the 12 month lay off. We have members playing in Apollo Bay and Learmonth over the next month, then on Saturday 2 April we will be hosting the Inaugural Forster Cup for triples at St. Brigid's and later in that month we will compete in the annual North West Clubs Championship to be again played at Halls Gap.

It has been decided that our future games will start at 1.30pm all year, so remember that for Sunday 20 February.

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ALL grades were back in action this week after last week's storms with A Grade playing a double header.

A Grade travelled to the Camp Reserve on Saturday to take on Castlemaine, with second position well and truly up for grabs. Unfortunately, it was an extremely dismal effort with the bat after winning the toss, compiling just 72.

It was game on when Castlemaine were in early trouble at 3/19, however a steady partnership saw Castlemaine comfortably pass our score 4 wickets down with plenty of overs in hand.

A Grade were very keen to make amends on Sunday as they ventured to Wesley Hill to take on North Castlemaine. Batting first, it was a really even contribution with the bat as we amassed a more than competitive 9/182 off our allotted overs.

Matt Meade top scored with 43, with solid support from Brett Cole (42) and some late order hitting from Daniel Peckham with 23*. Some early wickets saw North in early trouble at 3/51. However they were able to put together some good partnerships to

keep them within touching distance.

John Watson then stood up in his second spell to claim the sensational figures of 6/28 as we dismissed North for 164. The win still sees A Grade in second position by percentage only.

A Reserve hosted Castlemaine in a bid to cement third position. A tremendous opening stand of 95 from the father/son combination of Trevor and Asher Butcher before Asher was dismissed for 19. An unbroken fourth wicket stand of 64 with Callan Hough providing some fireworks with a quick fire 39* saw the total climb to 3/174. Undoubtedly Trevor was the star with an unbeaten 91. With the ball, Hayden Coombes was the destroyer with 3/8 and received great support from Dhi Singh who also claimed 3/15 as Castlemaine were eventually dismissed for 119.

The win sees A Reserve cement third position with second up for grabs next week.

The Maroon B Grade ventured to Wesley Hill for an important clash. Batting first, the innings it was a solid effort with the bat with Andrew Butcher, the mainstay in the middle order, with 35 and solid support up the top from Toby Chapple with 33 as the innings concluded on 135.

A great effort with the ball saw North Castlemaine dismissed for 77. Jamie Cox was the destroyer with 4/21 with

2 wickets apiece to Chris Edwards and Andrew Butcher.

The win sees Maroon move into third place.

The Gold B Grade headed to Campbells Creek. Bowling first, Newstead were able to accumulate 6/130 off their allotted overs. All the wickets were shared around. In the chase it was a solid showing with all bar two of the batsmen reaching double figures. Fionn Kennedy top scored with 29 as they passed the score 5 wickets down with 5 overs to spare.

The win maintains the Gold team in second place.

The Under 16s hosted Harcourt in an all-important fixture. After an opening partnership of 49, unfortunately it was all down hill; they were dismissed for 86. Elliott Haywood top scored with 21, with only Pat Leathem making double figures with 16.

A big effort with the ball is needed next week to maintain their third position.

The Under 13 Maroon team played Castlemaine Blue at North Muckelford. Batting first, the team put up a very competitive score of 107. Jack Smith top scored with 17, with Seth Gross 14 and Cullen Foreman 13 also batting well. They were able to restrict Castlemaine Blue to 57. Grace Smith was the

leading wicket taker with 2 wickets.

The Under 13 Gold team travelled to Campbells Creek to take on Castlemaine White on a very slow outfield.

Batting first, the team was able to put together a very competitive score of 94. Francis Walls was able to hit the boundary five times in his innings of 26 with Jonah Edmonds also making 10. Things got very tight as the equation was down to 6 runs off the final when we were bowling. Jonah Edmonds stepped up and produced a great final over which saw Castlemaine White fall one run short with 93. Francis continued his great game with 2 wickets.

Next Rounds Fixture – February 12

A Grade @ Maiden Gully

A Reserve vs Maiden Gully @ Mapson & Timmins Oval

B Grade Maroon vs Castlemaine Gold @ North Muckelford

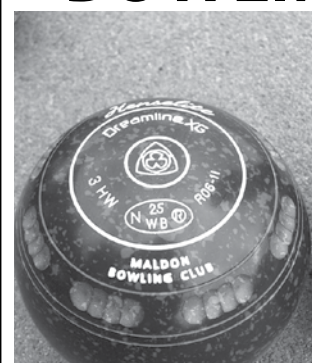
B Grade Gold @ Harcourt Under 16s vs Harcourt @ North Muckelford (2nd Day)

Under 13 Maroon vs Gold at North Muckelford

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MALDON BOWLING CLUB



ON Saturday 5 February, Maldon played Highland White at home.

Highland were in third position on the ladder and may have been confident of beating our inexperienced team.

They were in for a big surprise as Maldon had a win on shots: 76 to 54. This gave us 13 points to 3 points for the day.

Peter Sedgwick's team of Charlie, Sean and Ellen lost 24 to 23 with no more than 2 shots the difference all day. Maldon led 23 to 22 on the second last end but ended up

losing by one. A very close and exciting game.

Annette's team of Jim, Melissa and Darrin had a draw at 16 each. Ends were evenly shared. Annette was skipping only her third game and overall this team out-bowled their more experienced opposition.

Our third team of Eric, Peter Seamer, Karen and Dean won 14 of the 21 ends. This included a score of 6 and 5 to dominate against Maryborough Highland 37 to 14. An amazing effort from our Maldon team.

Next week we play away at Dunolly and our team is feeling confident. Good bowling all.

Peter Sedgwick

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