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Community battery on the horizon



☆ Local community representatives were excited by MP Chris Bowen's and MP Lisa Chester's announcement of a community battery.

Last Monday, Federal Labor's Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen MP and Bendigo's Federal MP Lisa Chester announced a community battery for Maldon.
Households across Maldon have embraced renewable energy

– with more than 600 households across the town installing solar panels, that's more than 50 per cent of dwellings.

However, currently no batteries are currently registered in Maldon. The high price of household batteries means communities are still struggling to realise the full potential of rooftop solar, and it's putting more pressure on our electricity grid.

This commitment will allow local households to feed solar power into the shared battery during the day and draw from it at night – cutting electricity bills and emissions and reducing pressure on the grid.

Local households who might be unable to install solar, such as renters, will also be able to draw from excess energy stored in the battery.

If elected, Labor's Power to the People community battery plan will invest \$200 million to install 400 community batteries across the country, which will cut power bills, reduce emissions, create jobs by boosting renewable energy and will cut power bills for families and businesses by \$275 a year by 2025.

MP Chester told the *Tarrangower Times*, "The Maldon community will be the envy of Mount Alexander and Bendigo Shires. We can start driving the revolution from here."

MP Bowen said, "There is a renewable energy revolution going on in Australian households, but we don't have the storage. One in four Australians have solar, but only one in 60 have batteries, due to the expense. Community batteries are an important part of this, as well as needing to upgrade the grid."

Ross Egleton, Chair of the Maldon & District Community Bank Board, told the *Times*, "Now is the time to decentralise the grid. It's cost efficient and will help manage power during peak times. The bank supports a community initiative where residents, who can't afford an individual battery, have an opportunity to connect."

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Community Diary

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

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, 9am to 1pm Western Reserve, Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0455 332 692.
MALDON PONY CLUB RALLY (except January) 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

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

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden, starts 7 Feb.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden, starts 7 Feb.
THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB, 2pm. Enqs: Carmel 0417 014 763.

MOSTLY LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

NIGHT SKY APPRECIATION SOCIETY, Meet under the oak at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Mon: 31 Jan, 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.

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°).

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

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 5.30pm in Maldon. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

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

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

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

MALDON CEMETERY FRIENDS WORKING BEE, 9.30am - 11.30am. Please come out and help get our historic cemetery clean, weed free and blooming! Our cemetery grounds and buildings need a little care and attention from some willing helpers on a regular basis. Training, equipment and morning tea provided. BYO Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and especially gardening gloves.

EVERY THURSDAY

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.

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

TECH HELP TO STAY CONNECTED Be Connected program and supported by friendly volunteer digital mentors. No experience needed! Thur 9.30 – 11.00am. 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.
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SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MAREE EDWARDS LISTENING POSTS are postponed until further notice. My office is still available for assistance, please contact us on 5410 2444 or maree.edwards@parliament.vic.gov.au.
TARRANGOWER DEMENTIA ALLIANCE, meetings from 10.30 – 12.00, Maldon Athenaeum Library.

EVERY SATURDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 9.30am - noon. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.
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SUNDAY 30 JANUARY

SOCIAL PÉTANQUE games will resume on Sunday 30 January at the usual time on the Penny School Piste. Enquiries Phone 0459 093 452.



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Twilight time warp



☆ Joan from Ballarat and Betty from Castlemaine who have attended every single Twilight dinner over the past 16 years!



☆ The three sisters and their partners reunited. One from Castlemaine, one from Melbourne and one from Sydney.



☆ Peter, Laura, Jake and Brandon never shy away from dressing up for Twilight.

New listing with Maldon Getaways



FARRS Building is a traditional block fronted timber shop that has been restored and stylishly refurbished to produce light, bright living spaces for a convenient executive lifestyle.

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The rear stone paved courtyard has a stone feature wall, garden shed, rain water tank, side access to the main street and quality fencing. This beautiful home is enhanced by its heart of the town location mere steps to the cafes, shops and facilities.



☆ The winner of this year's Twilight Fancy Dress Competition- she stayed in character all night long!



☆ Enjoying the warm evening with friends, good food, opera and BABBA.

THE much anticipated Maldon Twilight Dinner was again held under the stars on a perfect summers night in the unique setting on Maldon's heritage Main Street, on Saturday 22 January 2022.

Over 600 people attended this year's event and the theme 'time warp' saw an array of fabulous costumes.

Now into its 16th consecutive year, the event showcases the local food and wine from the region.

Organisers of the event, Maldon Eat Drink Events Inc., took over the running of the dinner five years ago after it was feared the long running event may be lost to the town.

Pamela Jewson, event organiser and secretary said, “In this time many event regulations have changed, adding extra pressure to organisers to comply with ever changing rules and with COVID, the rules can change daily. COVID caught us out this year with many staff and helpers not able to work on the night leaving, extra pressure on the small team.

“Extra costs have been the major factor in the running of this year’s event and it would be impossible without the support of the State Government, Maldon and District Community Bank, Mount Alexander Shire Council and the many volunteers who work tirelessly on the day.”

Profits made will again be distributed to local community groups that help with the huge task of setups and clean-ups.



☆ Trish, fourth generation Castlemaniac, really got into this year's time warp theme.



☆ Actor and Twilight volunteer John Arnold, clearing away the dishes as he brings joy and entertainment to the diners.



☆ Pia Simms from Blampied, ready to dance the night away.

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A color photograph of a middle-aged man and a woman standing side-by-side. The man on the left is balding with grey hair on the sides, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a purple and white striped tie. The woman on the right has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a dark jacket over a white shirt and a pink and purple patterned scarf. They are both looking towards the camera with neutral to pleasant expressions. The background is plain white.

When one road closes, another road opens



☆ The second gathering of concerned local citizens, keen to ensure the best possible outcome with GMW regarding the closure of the Cairn Curran Spillway.

THE *Tarrangower Times* contacted Golburn-Murray Water's (GMW) Acting General Manager of Water Storage Services, Scott Wikman, regarding the proposed fencing of Cairn Curran spillway.

Scott advised the *Times* that GMW are planning on building a 2.4 metre high,

chain mesh fence with two strands of barbed wire, around the embankment immediately adjacent to the spillway, with an approximate length of 1200 metres.

GMW has committed to constructing a new road for people to access the Tower Bay Picnic area, however there will be no access to swimming.

Scott told the *Times*, "This has never been a designated swimming area due to safety reasons and swimming in this area in future will be prohibited, as will be fishing and boating."

"The reasons for closing the operational areas to the public are that we are required to manage the safety of the public when they visit our storages."

"We also have a duty of care to our staff to manage their health and safety whilst at work."

"We also need to ensure the ongoing safe operation and maintenance of the storage assets, including the embankment, spillway and tower."

"There have been comprehensive risk assessments

undertaken by GMW, the most recent being in September 2021."

The *Times* asked Scott if there have been specific incidents that have precipitated the need for the fence? Given the current safety measures have been in place for quite a long time - why are they no longer sufficient?

"As presented in the meetings (a series of five meetings between concerned community members and GMW representatives), there have been numerous incidents in the past and as recently as Christmas-New Year 2021."

"As conditions change over time, risk assessments and controls are updated to maintain a safe environment for employees and members

of the public," responded Scott. "The security fencing to separate the public from the operational area is confirmed, however there are some other details we are in the process of finalising based on feedback from the community."

"GMW has committed to completing the road to Tower Bay and the installation of this security fencing by the end of the financial year."

"Other works are still in negotiations and have not been finalised."

"One of the things to stem from the community meetings was the formation of a sub-committee who will represent the community's interests on matters regarding Cairn Curran."

The Baringhup community convened on Monday

24 January to voice their positions on the closure of the spillway and to form a delegate of seven, to represent the communities interests at future meetings with GMW.

A number of concerns were raised at the meeting, particularly pertaining to: the historical marker that is located within the proposed exclusion zone, access to the river adjacent to the spillway and the need for viewing platforms and open days.

For more information visit: <https://www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/catchments/storages/loddon/cairn-curranreservoir/cairn-curran-embankment-closure.html> or contact GMW Loddon/Campaspe Storage Manager, Paul Wakenshaw on 0429 517 541.

Further charges laid

A 17-year-old Bendigo boy has been charged with two counts of theft of a motor vehicle and deception offences and will appear at a children's court.

A 32-year-old Maiden Gully man has been charged with similar offences and is remanded to appear at Bendigo Magistrates Court on 7 February.

These charges follow the theft of a car from a property on Old School Lane in Ravenswood on 15 December around 1.30pm. There was a subsequent collision and incident where a man and his vehicle were doused in petrol on Bendigo-Maldon Road, Maldon.

Community satisfaction survey

MOUNT Alexander Shire's Customer Satisfaction Survey begins this week. It's a great chance for your Council to hear from residents how happy they are with the various services Council provides.

The annual survey is coordinated by Local Government Victoria and is also a chance for Council to learn the value the community places on the wide variety of services their Council offers.

The telephone survey of a random representative sample of 400 residents will be undertaken by independent market research agency National Field Surveys over the coming months.

If you live in the shire, you may receive a call over the next few weeks. Individual details and responses remain completely confidential, with Council only receiving overall, aggregated results.

"This annual survey is a wonderful opportunity for us to hear from our community what matters to them and how we are performing," said Cr Bill Maltby, Mayor of Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"The results give us a regular insight into the needs and expectations of our community, and help us identify areas where the community thinks it is important we focus on continually getting better," he said.

"We encourage residents to take this opportunity to provide feedback if they receive a call," said Mayor Maltby.

The majority of Victorian councils participate in the state-wide survey. The results are benchmarked against a state-wide average and similar sized local government areas.

The survey informs mandatory reporting requirements of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework. The results from previous years are available on Council's website.

For more information visit mountalexander.vic.gov.au or contact Customer Service on 5471 1700.

Letters to the Editor



Can we floodlight the Beehive Chimney?

Planning events such as the Twilight Dinner are fraught at present and I commend Pamela Jewson, plus the Victorian Goldfields Railway, the Easter Fair Committee, and the others who are planning for Maldon's usually full events calendar for 2022.

They are at least working in a Maldon environment that is really improving, and this helps the visitor (and resident) experience. It's a big relief to see visitors taking pictures of Main and High Streets looking their best without electricity cables strung all over. This extends to the great improvement to the Old Bank corner/ Golden Point by the Council's simple addition of street furniture, which transformed the entrance to town. Next will be the refurbishment of the streetscape. Can't wait!

Which leads to the purpose of this letter - to ask if there's any interest in floodlighting the Beehive chimney? Put this somewhere between underground electricity and street

furniture on the hardness scale - it needs approval from Parks Victoria, Council, Powercor and a substantial quantity of money. I'm proposing we collect the money, as trying for a government infrastructure grant in a time of crisis would set back such a project for generations. Should you ask, I already tried Powercor (What is it you don't understand about the word NO?).

Floodlighting the Beehive was originally part of an excellent Council plan for Maldon dated 2004, page 32 https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/files/Planning_Scheme_Background_Documents/Maldon_Urban_Design_Framework_Arup_2004_Part1.pdf. The consultants wanted the chimney floodlit from the east for the Bendigo Road view, and west for the town's view. It would also complement the Tower at Easter, for Maldon in Winter, and the Folk Festival.

What do you think? Is this a worthwhile goal and perhaps moving sooner than later, now we're on a roll?

**Michele Waddington
Maldon**

Community battery on the horizon

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Instigator of the initiative for Maldon and Coordinator of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, Amy Atkinson said, "This helps build community resilience by providing access and security to the town. Solar at the Neighbourhood Centre is currently able to be used during the day, but only a small portion goes back into the grid, the rest goes to ground." It's important that the appropriate infrastructure is in place."

Letter to the Editor

Thank you to the Good Samaritans

Our heartfelt thanks to the four drivers who stopped and came to mum's rescue on Monday morning in Maldon.

Our mum was returning home from shopping, riding her trusty mobile scooter when a calamity struck, and she inadvertently reversed down the slope and into the deep gutter on the corner of Hospital Street and High Street. These good folk, lifted mum and her scooter out of

the gutter and gave her great care and attention until I arrived. Fortunately, she was not seriously hurt, which is amazing given that the scooter fell on top of her, and she will soon be 89!

As luck would have it, I was driving back from Castlemaine at the time and was able to ensure mum got home safely. It is so good to know that people will reach out and help, we are so grateful for the kindness of strangers.

Tina and Mary Maldon

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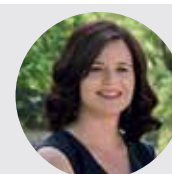
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Antonia Barron




☆ Australian native wood duck

Photo courtesy Eleanor Dilley.

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"I got to meet her partner when they came over just before Christmas. He's an Aerospace Engineer for NASA," said Antonia. "Caroline gets very nostalgic about Maldon. She was born here. It was such an easy and safe place to raise a child. She'd take off in the

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☆ The cathedral-like ceiling of the Cascade Gallery.



☆ Initial judges preparing for a three hour marathon.



☆ Naomi Cass, Executive Director of the Castlemaine Arts Museum.

THE MANet upcoming IBHuman Portrait Prize exhibitions are to be held at the EDGE Gallery. The Painting, Drawing and Mixed Media finalists exhibition will be held from 5-13 February and Photography Finalists will be held from 19 – 27 February. All entries will be exhibited online for the People’s Choice Award at www.maldonartistnetwork.org.au.

To arrive at a group of finalists was no easy task. The quality and diversity of all entries was notable. In the cathedral-like cool of the Cascade Gallery, three experienced judges, all well respected practising artists in their field, undertook the onerous task of choosing the finalists for the Painting, Drawing, and Mixed Media section from a field of 118 entries. The judges worked as a team to make a *blind* selection of works. *Blind* selection means they did not know the names of the artists. They were only given the images and descriptions of the artworks. The task was to choose 40 finalists to be exhibited at Edge Galleries.

The Photography finalists were selected in a similar way by three experienced photographers who are recognised in their field.

The Exhibition Opening and announcement of Painting, Drawing and Mixed Media Judge’s Award will take place at the EDGE Galleries on Saturday 5 February 2022. *The Big Reveal* will be made by the judge Yvette Coppersmith, an esteemed artist who won the Archibald Prize in 2018 for her painting *Self Portrait, after George Lambert*. This was her fifth year

IBHuman – the BIG Reveal!

of being included as a finalist and she was the tenth woman to win the Prize. The making of her 2017 Archibald portrait of Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs features in the Foxtel Arts’ documentary film *The Archibald* by Mint Pictures. Yvette has been a finalist in many other high profile Prizes, including the Metro Prize, the Len Fox Painting Award, the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize and the Portia Geach Memorial Award.

The Photography Portrait Prize *IBe Human* will open on 19 February and run until 27 February. The Judge is Naomi Cass, who is the Executive Director of the Castlemaine Arts Museum. Naomi is a curator and writer who has worked in the fields of contemporary art, craft, design and music.

Naomi is the former Director of the Centre for Contemporary Photography in Fitzroy, Melbourne. In that position she initiated *Flash*, a quarterly journal of reviews, interviews and comments on Photography, published by the Centre of Contemporary Photography.

Naomi has also produced two programs of contemporary art and music for the International Music Festival, *Electric Eye* and *The Many Faces of Percy Grainger*.

Both Yvette Coppersmith and Naomi Cass will nominate the prizewinner in the Painting, Drawing and Mixed Media Exhibition and the Photography Exhibition through a *blind* selection.

Don’t miss out on seeing the award winners and finalists at the EDGE Galleries. Both exhibitions will be exceptional.

Also, vote for your favourite work in the exhibition of entries, which will go online on 1 March 2022 on www.maldonartistnetwork.org.au.

For further information, contact: maldonmanet@gmail.com.



☆ Yvette Coppersmith.
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Taskforce report released on rehoming pets

Safety authorities issue urgent warning

WITH many Victorians welcoming a pet into their family over the festive season and demand for rehoming services high, the State Government is ensuring more pets get the loving homes they deserve.

Minister for Agriculture Mary-Anne Thomas today welcomed the final report handed down by the Taskforce on Rehoming Pets, comprising Member for Western Victoria Andy Meddick (Chair), Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards and Member for Narre Warren South Gary Maas.

The Taskforce was appointed in March last year to consider how to improve the rehoming of dogs and cats in Victoria, including those used in medical research.

The report makes 17 recommendations to support the welfare of dogs and cats requiring rehoming, including improvements to the regulatory framework for rehoming pets. The report recommends increased transparency in the movement of animals, better reporting of data and further grants to support the pet rehoming sector.

Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards said, “Pets are an important part of many Victorians’ lives and this report provides clear guidance on how to ensure our animals are well cared for on their journey to loving homes.”

The recommendations are the result of extensive community and stakeholder consultation. Between May and October last year the

Taskforce conducted a number of activities, including site visits, roundtables and public webinars.

The Taskforce heard from a wide range of industry and community stakeholders, including foster care networks and rescue groups, shelter and pound operators, veterinarians and veterinary staff, councils, animal welfare stakeholders, and the general public.

The Government will now consider the Taskforce’s recommendations to inform future reforms as part of its animal care and protection agenda. The Taskforce on Rehoming Pets report can be found online at agriculture.vic.gov.au.



KIDSAFE Victoria and Life Saving Victoria are urging parents and carers to ensure children are actively supervised in or around water these holidays in a bid to prevent childhood drownings.

The call comes as Life Saving Victoria statistics reveal five children under the age of 10 have drowned in Victoria since 1 July 2021, including two this summer.

It also follows the recent release of a Coronial finding into the tragic death of a four-year-old boy who died while celebrating his brother’s birthday at a holiday park.

The finding noted the busy and hectic environment of a large gathering created circumstances where the attention of the attending adults had been stretched, distracted or divided.

To help overcome these risks and keep kids safe around water, Kidsafe Victoria General Manager Jason Chambers recommended carers set designated supervisors to ensure there is no confusion about who is keeping watch of children in and around water.

“When there are many adults around it can be easy to assume that someone else is actively supervising the kids around water, when in fact, nobody is,” said Mr Chambers.

“Twenty seconds and a few centimetres of water is all it takes for a toddler to drown. Active adult supervision means keeping them within arm’s reach at all times around water, without any distractions.”

“To help make sure children are actively supervised at all times, we recommend appointing designated supervisors whose role it is to supervise children in and around the pool or other bodies of

water. Rotating this role throughout the day ensures everyone gets a chance to enjoy the festivities.”

Reinforcing Mr Chambers’ advice, Life Saving Victoria general manager health promotion and communications Dr Bernadette Matthews said a rise in child drownings during recent years had put the water safety authority on high alert.

“After a terrible year for child drownings last year, we’re unfortunately once again seeing children over-represented in the drowning statistics this year, with one in six fatal drownings in Victoria since 1 July 2021 involving kids under the age of 10 years,” Dr Matthews said.

“Every drowning is a tragedy, but especially when they involve children, and our sincere condolences go out to everyone affected by these incidents.

“Drowning should be preventable. We’re concerned people are underestimating the risks around water with fatal consequences.

“While we understand pool closures and missed swimming lessons have affected the swimming skills and confidence of thousands of Victorian children, it’s important to remember that the primary prevention against childhood drowning is active and constant adult supervision around water.

“A child you can’t see is a child in danger. Don’t let a lapse in concentration lead to devastation.”

Water safety tips:

- Actively supervise children in and around water at all times. For toddlers, this means having an adult within arm’s reach.
- Appoint designated supervisors at BBQs and pool parties whose role it is to supervise the kids in and around the pool. This role can be shared throughout the day so that everyone gets a chance to enjoy the festivities.
- Don’t rely on swimming and flotation aids or inflatable pool toys to keep children safe – they are not designed to prevent drowning.
- Ensure your pool barrier is secure and in proper working order.
- Ensure no climbable objects are near the barrier, including pot plants, chairs, BBQs or pool pumps which could allow a child to climb over the barrier.
- Never prop the pool gate open, this allows children easy and often unsupervised access to the pool area.
- Learn CPR and update your skills regularly.
- Be mindful of other potential water hazards, as toddlers can drown in as little as a few centimetres of water. This includes eskys with melted ice, wading/inflatable pools, bathtubs with reachable bath plugs, and ponds.

For more information on Kidsafe’s water safety tips and ‘Safe Barriers Save Lives’ pool safety campaign, please visit Kidsafe Victoria’s pool and spa safety website.

WALKING TOGETHER towards Reconciliation

TREATIES BETWEEN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS



A treaty is not merely a consultation, but an agreement reached after a process of negotiation. The parties sit and talk together as equals, working towards a mutually beneficial resolution.

A treaty between Indigenous peoples and settlers, besides being practical and symbolic, promotes collaboration and reconciliation.

Treaties concerning land, health care, education, hunting and fishing rights have been established in British dominions since early stages of colonisation. Nevertheless Indigenous peoples were usually subjected to British law, economic systems and policies of assimilation.

Australia is the only Commonwealth country that has no treaty with its First Nations peoples.

In North America Native Americans and Alaska Natives are now sovereign peoples living under their own laws.

The Canadian Government allows First Nations, Inuits and Metis to express their identity as distinct peoples.

In New Zealand a treaty was signed in 1840 between Rangitira (Maori Chiefs) and



the British Crown. The English version of the Treaty of Waitangi said that Maori were agreeing to hand over their sovereignty to the British. The Maori translation of ‘sovereignty’, *kawanatanga*, meant governance. So the Rangitira signing it believed they were allowing the British to set up a government but that they would retain their sovereignty and their rights to manage their own affairs.



☆ Maori National flag.

Up to the 1940s many Maori petitions and even deputations to the British monarch brought little change.

Once political structures were set up, such as the Waitangi Tribunal in 1975, Maori have been able to tell their stories, resolve grievances and advance reconciliation. Maori now comprise nearly 17% of the population.

In Australia, demands by Aboriginal and Torres Strait



Islander peoples for a treaty or treaties persist, in spite of constant refusals. By contrast with Maori, hundreds of Indigenous languages are spoken and First Australians make up only 3.3 % of the population.

Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory are on paths to developing a treaty process. The First Peoples’ Assembly of Victoria is working with State Government to create a Treaty Negotiation Framework for negotiations and for the processes by which treaties can be agreed in Victoria.

Nalderun Education Aboriginal Corporation is a service that supports the Aboriginal Community, led by Aboriginal people. Many people and organisations in the Mount Alexander Shire contribute to Nalderun; the name is a Dja Dja Wurrung word meaning ‘all together’.

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With thanks to reviews from Good Reads.

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Let's RECLAIM OUR STATE – New Campaign Launched

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our country and spent \$2.88 billion*. (This birdwatching tourist revenue is what regional areas are missing out on, because unsurprisingly,

studies show most tourists avoid shooting areas).

The plan mentions no increase in licence fees to make game hunters pay for these burgeoning costs of researching and 'managing' their

hobby. Hunting bureaucrats spruik controversial 'economic benefits' from duck shooting. Government shows no interest in holding a real cost-benefit analysis of the negative impacts of duck season.

Public consultation on the proposed regulations is scheduled for February-March this year but it seems the government's mind is largely made up in favour of shooters.

Regional voters have long been told to wait for the DJPR policy review when the hunting regulations sunset every 10 years. That time has arrived but it seems this review offers little joy for regions. Housing and community developments have expanded in recent decades but no government agency will undertake a safety or amenity review of duck shooting sites nearby.

Regional residents have no way to seek an end to duck shooting at even one location despite the gross over-supply

of shooting sites. Well-argued community appeals to create a bird sanctuary at Cairn Curran, Lakes Bullrush and Linlithgow, and Richardson's Lagoon have hit a brick wall. DJPR and GMA say it's a land classification issue but the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning says it doesn't handle hunting policy.

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Last Friday Mike and Nancy had the pleasure of meeting Clare Shamier, from the new French restaurant Table et Terroir in High Street. Her partner chef Cedric Bricnet trained at Alain Ducasse in Paris before coming to Australia and working at Cumulus Inc. in Melbourne. We discovered that, apart from being a mother of four, Clare has a very varied background including working with bands, studying drama at NIDA, a PhD in Media and Politics, then teaching at RMIT and Swinburne. Developments at Table et Terroir include potential takeaway lunches on Saturdays, AND a very special Valentine's Day dinner on Monday 14 February.

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DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION

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980 & 1229 Kyneton-Redesdale Road, Langley, Lots 4, 5 & 8 LP 1859 & CA 5 Section 2 Parish of Emberton
Heathcote-Kyneton Road, Langley, Lot 7 LP 1859
980 Kyneton-Redesdale Road, Langley, Lots 4, 5 & 8 LP 1859
1308 Kyneton-Redesdale Road, Barfold, Lot 1 TP 116374 & CA 11 Section 2 Parish of Emberton
1463 Heathcote-Kyneton Road, Barfold, Lot 3 PS 001859 and Boundary Road & Manns Road & Heathcote-Kyneton Road & East Metcalfe-Langley Road Road, Langley Road Reserves

The application is for a permit to:

Removal of vegetation for the installation of a water pipeline

The applicant for the permit is:

Coliban Region Water Corporation

The application reference number is:

PA370/2021

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at:

- **Council website:** www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au
Follow: Planning and permits – Planning Services – Lodge or track an application - Search all current planning applications – Greenlight
- **Council offices:** Mount Alexander Shire Council, Civic Centre, 27 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine
This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority. An objection or submission can be sent to the Responsible Authority in writing, addressed to:

Planning Services, Mount Alexander Shire Council, PO Box 185, CASTLEMAINE VIC 3450

Alternatively, submissions can be emailed directly to info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

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The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before:

17 February 2022

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Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 25.1.22

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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	5.6	92.9	44.6
Feb		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	5.6	596.0	535.8

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 25.1.22

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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	4.6	83.4	35.2
Feb		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	4.6	683.8	685.0

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 25.1.22

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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	5.6	101.6	53.6
Feb		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	5.6	666.2	593.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 25.1.22

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	92,887	% Full	63.13
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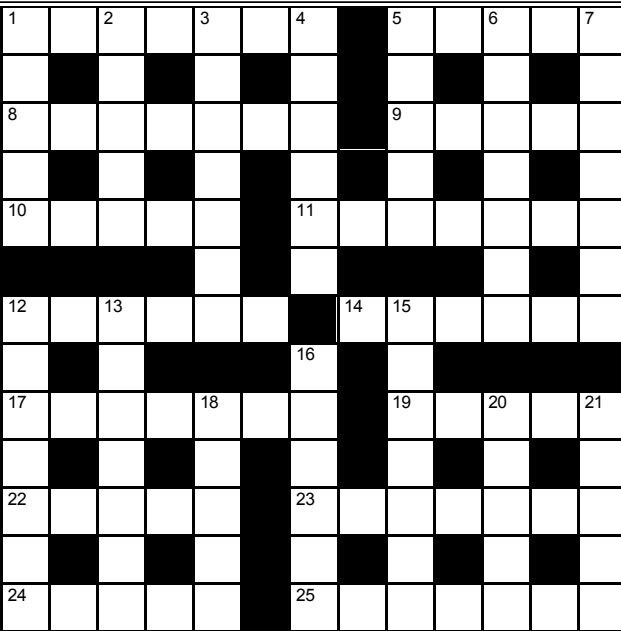
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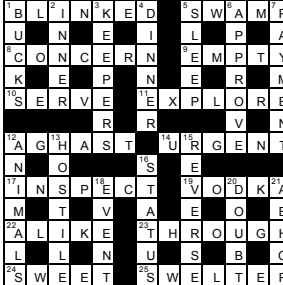
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MUCKLEFORD CRICKET REPORT



☆ Callan Hough batting from the A Reserve game on Saturday.

FOUR grades were in action this week, as the B Grade and C Grade competitions resumed

A Grade hosted top team Barkers Creek at Mapson & Timmins Oval.

Batting first, we were in early trouble at 4/57. However, some good partnerships saw us end the innings at 169. Tim Cosgriff was instrumental in the resurgence with 55* and received great support from

John Watson 21 and Tom Geddes 20.

Barkers Creek were then well placed at 3/104 with 10 overs to go. However the spin twins of Jeremy Priest (2/38) and Tom Geddes (2/33) saw

us wrestle control and eventually dismiss Barkers Creek for 137.

Daniel Peckham led the wicket takers with 3/24. That win takes us to within half a game off top spot.

A Reserve ventured to Barkers Creek in an all-important game.

Similar to A Grade we chose to bat first and were in early trouble at 4/48. However, a rearguard action took place with a fine unbeaten 64 run partnership between Callan Hough (73*) and Andrew Butcher (20) saw us end our allotted overs with 7/198. Marty Sharples also batted well with 28.

Barkers Creek were in a good position at 2/103. David Envall had other ideas taking 4/32 eventually dismissing Barkers Creek for 168. James Cole & Hayden Coombes also

took two wickets. The win moves A reserve into third.

The Maroon B Grade team hosted Harcourt.

Batting first it was very slow going as the team couldn't build any momentum throughout the entire innings. Lachlan Coulthard (60) was the only batsman to pass 20 as they stumbled to 8/123. Needing early wickets Harcourt were able to see off the new ball and eventually passed the score 3 down. The loss sees the two Muckleford teams interchange between the second and third positions on the ladder.

C Grade travelled to the centre of Castlemaine as they took on Barkers Creek in an important clash.

Bowling first the team did a great job restricting Barkers Creek to 99 on a very fast outfield. The opening

partnership set up the win with both Tom Smith (32*) and Patrick Leathem (31*) retiring as we ended our innings on 2/125. Jack Smith 15 and Elliott Haywood (16) also performed well. The win keeps us on top of the ladder after four rounds.

Next Round's Fixture – January 29

A Grade has the bye

A Reserve vs Harcourt @ Mapson & Timmins Oval

B Grade Maroon vs Guildford @ Cricket Willow

B Grade Gold vs Castlemaine Blue @ North Muckleford

Under 16s vs Castlemaine United Gold @ Campbells Creek

Under 13 Maroon – Resume February 2

Under 13 Gold - Resume February 2

Brett Cole

Events Grants



THE next round of Events Grants will open on 14 February 2022 for events running between July and December 2022.

Mount Alexander Shire Council allocates funds each year to support events in the local community that align with the goals in our *Council Plan 2021-2025* and other strategic directions.

The Events Grants program provides a transparent and equitable process for local groups and organisations to seek funding and in-kind support from Council.

The program aims to provide support to events that:

- Foster community, economic and/or cultural development in Mount Alexander Shire

- Consider impacts on the environment and surrounding community
- Are accessible, inclusive and welcoming of everyone
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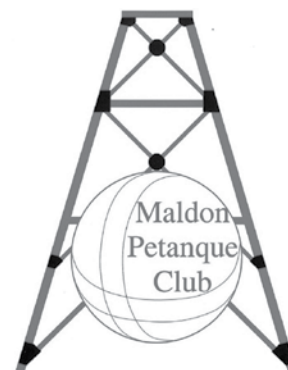
Events that received funding through the last round of events funding included; Harcourt Valley Easter Festival, Maldon Twilight Dinner, Curbside Carnies,

Castlemaine Artist and Farmers Markets.

Street theatre and outdoor performances are set to play a big role as organisers go about planning events featuring theatre, sport, music, food and family activities.

Visit <http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/grants> for more information.

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UNFORTUNATELY the Club had to cancel its games on Sunday 23 January in accordance with its heat/play policy. It was disappointing that there was no play as the season had got off to a good start the previous fortnight.

Next Sunday 30 January we hope to be playing at Avoca

competing against the Pyrenees Petanque Club for the 'Rusty Poppet Head' trophy. However, this may be in doubt with the heat predicted to continue. As we have only had one day's play, many of us may be 'Rusty' but that may be an omen.

February is usually the hottest month, but we hope to gather again on the St Brigid's pistes on Sunday 6 for our regular games commencing at 2pm.

On Saturday 26 February the Benloch Petanque Club will be conducting their annual club championships on our pistes. They really enjoy coming to Maldon.

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