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AFL AUSKICK CHAMPION



☆ Our Auskick kids were treated to a special session last Tuesday, with a visit from AFL Central Vic Auskick Champion, Maddy Pieper (far right). **Article on page 7.**

Newly re-elected Lisa Chesters commits to climate change action

“IT’S truly an honour to be re-elected as the Federal Member for Bendigo. The result for Labor in this region is amazing, and I am humbled to receive a swing towards us,” said MP Chesters. “Now the hard work begins. There’s a lot of work for our government to do.”

“I’ll be focusing on delivering the commitments that Labor made to the region.”

MP Chesters has voiced her continued commitment to a community battery for Maldon to assist in cutting electricity bills and emissions while reducing pressure on the grid.

More than 50% of Maldon dwellings are powered by solar panels, however, there are currently no battery systems registered in Maldon. Unfortunately, the high price of batteries means Maldon is not able to realise the full potential of rooftop solar, which is, in turn, putting additional pressure on the electricity grid.

Another benefit to a community battery would be the ability for renters who are unable to install solar panels to be able to draw excess energy stored in the battery.

As an advocate for renewable energy, MP Chesters has outlined the Labor government’s continued commitment to reduce net emissions, “It’s time to take climate change seriously,” said MP Chesters. “Labor will adopt the carbon-neutral target of zero net emissions by the year 2050 and enshrine this target in legislation. Labor will also invest \$20 billion to modernise Australia’s energy grid to spur growth in cheap, green renewable energy production and keep power prices down.”

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Community Diary

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

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 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 1pm for a 1.30pm start. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Andrew Leckie 5400 1054.
SOCIAL PÉTANQUE is played on the Penny School pistes every second Sunday, alternating with MPC, at 1.45 for a 2pm start, unless rain is bucketing down, or it is over 30°. Enq: 0459 093 452.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

MALDON MARKET: Hand Made, Home Grown, 9am – 1.30pm. Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve.
THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for machinery enthusiast's before and after the industrial revolution, but with more. Open 10am-4pm. Entry free - donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE REPAIR CAFE, at Castlemaine Community House 30 Templeton St Castlemaine. behind the Town Hall. 10 till 1. Bring along broken household appliances and sewing repairs. First in first served. For further info call Chris 5470 5508.

EVERY MONDAY

OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 9.30am-2.30pm. Enq. 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.
ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Library Contact 0437 094 469.
SOCIAL WALKS, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, 9.30am-11am. \$1 donation for cuppa.

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SOCIAL GOLF – 8.30am – 9 holes, free for members or \$10 green fees. Enq: maldongolf4u@gmail.com or Gay Reid 0413 013 766.
YOGA AND RELAXATION, Maldon Community Centre, 6pm – 7.30pm. \$12 casual. Open your body and mind with yoga and relaxation. First class free. Ph. Andrea 0427 772 878.

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

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door to door service. Travel to Castlemaine, round trip, departing Maldon 9.50 or 11.55. \$3 one-way, \$5 return. Phone 5475 2093, email info@maldonnc.org.au full timetable www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus/community-bus-transport-service.
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.
TABLE TENNIS for seniors, 1.30-3.30pm at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enq. John 0418 995 164.
MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9.30am. New members welcome. Enq. Damien Kennedy 0428 130 764.
NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 6.30pm at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

DIABETES SOCIAL GROUP, 2 – 3pm. \$2 includes tea & coffee. Info: Jo Ann 0412 640 818.
NUGGETTY LAND PROTECTION GROUP meeting. For further info contact Christine Fitzgerald – ckfitz5@bigpond.com – 0419 347 408.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Library Contact 0437 094 469.
CANASTA for seniors 10am at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enquiries: Lyn 0409 566 551.
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.

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), 4.30pm at Maldon Train Station. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

MALDON RSL HALL, behind the Library on High Street. Open from 12 – 3pm. Drop in to discuss membership, family military history or just a chat and a cuppa.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for machinery enthusiast's 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. Our cemetery grounds and buildings need a little care and attention from some willing helpers on a regular basis. Training, equipment and morning tea provided. BYO Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and especially gardening gloves.

EVERY THURSDAY

TAI CHI EXERCISE GROUP (CHIRP), 11am-12 midday at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, \$5. Contact 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.
MALDON SPINNERS AND WEAVERS have joined with the Yarnies. If you are interested in craft you are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings between 10 and 12 at the Festival Rooms, High Street Maldon.
NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 9.30am at Newstead. 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. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. FREE.

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. Library Contact 0437 094 469.
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. Please phone 0427 752 598 for appointment.
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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SOCIAL GOLF – 8.30am – 9 holes, free for members or \$10 green fees. Enq: maldongolf4u@gmail.com or Gay Reid 0413 013 766.

SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

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. Library Contact 0437 094 469.
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THURSDAY 26 MAY

SORRY DAY COMMEMORATION:10.30am Castlemaine Botanical Gardens (meet near the Rotunda).

FRIDAY 27 MAY TO FRIDAY 3 JUNE

RECONCILIATION EXHIBITION: Market Building, 44 Mostyn St, Castlemaine The week-long exhibition will include historical displays, Indigenous artefacts, local stories, and more. The exhibition is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

FRIDAY 27 MAY

OFFICIAL OPENING OF RECONCILIATION WEEK:10.30am Market Building, Mostyn Street, Castlemaine.

SUNDAY 29 MAY

TARRANGOWER CACTUS CONTROL COMMUNITY FIELD DAY, 10.30am. Property in Watersons Road, the route will be signposted. Location map: www.cactuswarriors.org.

SUNDAY 24 JULY

MALDON GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS IN JULY HIGH TEA with Penny Woodward 1-4pm at Maldon Golf Club. \$35 includes glass of bubbles, raffle tickets and high tea. Bookings essential: Carmel 0417 014 763.

Three cheers for volunteers



☆ Maldon Neighbourhood Centre volunteers gathered for a celebratory afternoon tea last Friday.

IT was so lovely to see volunteers gathering at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre for a celebratory afternoon tea on Friday, 20 May. Stalwart supporters all!

Those present spoke about their volunteer roles. Pam Millwood, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Committee member, acknowledged the vital role volunteers play in making the centre the thriving place that it is. John Bainbridge, Maldon

Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator thanked everyone for what they do and everything they stand for. And together, everyone honoured the enormous contribution that volunteers make in our community.

"This gathering is about thanking you for your generosity and acknowledging the vital role you have in the life of this place," said John. "Volunteering is what makes for a connected and welcoming community. I am very much

looking forward to working with all our volunteers and getting to know everyone here and the work that you've done in this community over the years."

At Maldon Neighbourhood Centre alone, volunteers work the community garden, drive the bus, prepare and serve the weekly community lunch, maintain the facilities, govern the centre as committee members, help with childcare and playgroup, organise day

trips, lead walking groups, provide tech assistance, help with the Maldon Market, and work on reception, welcoming everyone who comes in the door. A huge voluntary effort!

"Whatever aspect of the Centre's work you look at, there's some form of volunteering going on – and the opportunities for volunteering just keep coming," said John. "Being a volunteer can be a great way to meet people, whether you're new to the community or just keen to get to know more people locally. And it's also a way to gain experience in a community organisation, be part of what's happening, and learn new skills. So call, or call in if you'd like to get involved. You'll definitely be welcomed".

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, 5475 2093, email info@maldonnc.org.au, <https://www.maldonnc.org.au/>.

Kir Larwill

Wheel Cactus Field Day and injector recall



☆ Cactus Warrior volunteers treating a Wheel Cactus infestation.

THANKS to ongoing funding from Mount Alexander Shire Council, the Tarrangower Cactus Control Group can continue to provide advice and support to landholders and managers to control Wheel Cactus.

A major part of this support is our Community Field Days when we demonstrate how and assist with treating this invasive weed.

Over the past 16 years, we've also been able to provide free loans of injecting equipment to many local landowners as an incentive to contribute to our community-based war on Wheel Cactus. However, due to all the current global issues affecting supply and transport of goods, we're having problems maintaining a supply of new injectors. So, for our next community

field day, we're requesting that you BYO an injector if you have one at home. Even if it's clogged up and not working, please bring it back, and our volunteers will try to get it working again.

Our first Community Field Day for 2022 is on Sunday, 29 May, starting at 10.30am. Come and join us for a rewarding morning in the outdoors and learn how best to control Wheel Cactus. The location is on a property in Watsons Road, just a few kms northwest of Maldon. To get there, follow Bridgewater Road out of Maldon and turn left into Watsons Road; the route will be signposted. Plus, you can check our website at www.cactuswarriors.org for a location map.

All equipment is provided; just wear long, protective

clothing and sturdy boots. The morning's activities end with a delicious BBQ lunch and friendly chat. As Tarrangower Cactus Control Group is part of Landcare Victoria, we will be following COVID-Safe and Child Protection guidelines, and all children must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

Lee Mead

Plaistow Homestead raises over \$4,000 for Cancer Council

ONCE again, the Biggest Morning Tea at Plaistow Homestead raising funds for the Cancer Council is over.

A little over \$4,000 has been raised to support this amazing organisation in their essential research and support for people diagnosed with cancer and their wider families.

We would like to thank the generous visitors on the day, the online donors, those who

manned the stalls, our granddaughters who have taken over the kitchen and Sue Oldfield from Maldon for the exceptional knitting stall and her husband Dave for doing the dishes. We must also thank the seven musicians known as Platform Souls, the Maldon based music group who played and sang continuously for two and a half hours. We received many comments on the music, and the vast range of tunes

played. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as our visitors enjoyed hearing you. Thanks also to the *Tarrangower Times* for your article and photo. Many people commented that they had seen the article.

If anyone would still like to donate online <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/s/1610/44323/s>.

Any donations will be credited to the Plaistow Homestead fundraising effort.

Thanks Maldon for your fabulous support!



☆ Chris, one of the beautiful models.



☆ Johnno and Megan Walmsley showcasing Beaton's gorgeous, warm winter clothing.

POPPY'S and Beaton's of Maldon jointly organised a successful fashion parade/Biggest Morning Tea at the Maldon Hotel last Friday night with over 70 guests.

With the help of our local community and businesses, we have raised over \$2,000 for cancer research. As mentioned on the night, we have all been touched by this hideous disease, with special mention to Louise Layne, a special member of our community that will never be forgotten.

We also held a magnificent raffle with many donations received from local businesses: Panacea Estate donated a dozen assorted bottles of their wine, Much Ado donated a fab prize and gift voucher, Polly and Willow a beautiful gift box, Whitlock's winery provided red wine, as they do for all

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Thanks Maldon for your fabulous support!



☆ The gorgeous models from Friday's Fashion Parade Fundraiser with organisers Maree and Kylie front and centre.

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our parades, the Kangaroo Hotel (one white, one red, one Rose), Poppy's and Beaton's gift vouchers, a private citizen

Helen Wansink, a lovely gift box and some gorgeous trinkets from the Maldon Crystal shop.

No one went home empty-handed with door prizes that we received from the Art of Craft and the Maldon Newsagency and both

our stores. We ran two best-dressed prizes, which went to Lynette and Jeanette McKnight's guest.

We need to thank all our private donors and those who are still donating. Maree and I are very grateful, and we would like to thank our volunteers and models, Sandy, Sue and Erica, Johhno, Megan and Charlie from the Walmsley family and Chris Cregan, who came all the way from Kyneton. Without the models, it wouldn't be as much fun. Thank you also to the Maldon Hotel for allowing us to stage the event and Kinga for the sound system.

We were unable to run the parade the last two years, but at last, we are back. We are all looking forward to seeing you again for the Melbourne Cup

day event, with all proceeds going to the Glen McGrath Foundation when we pink up

the town in late October early November.
Kylie Trott

Strategic fuel break works start in Muckleford

THE break will be 7.6 kilometres long and 8 metres wide, with works set to start on 2 June and will last for two to three weeks.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) crews are constructing a strategic fuel break on the north side of the existing track between the intersection of Roberts Road and Garlepp Road in the west to the intersection of Talbot Track and Muckleford School Road in the east, to protect neighbouring properties from bushfires.

A fuel break is a strip of cleared land with less shrubs and trees to reduce the rate of spread and intensity of a bushfire for the direct protection of assets. The breaks are constructed by permanently changing the vegetation structure through mulching, tree thinning and hazardous tree removal.

You can find more information about the Joint Fuel Management Program here: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program>.

Letters to the Editor

Application for 11 lots sub-division: 30 Lowther Street

Following last week's letter in the *TT*, we, as local residents, fully agree that the large Oak tree on the perimeter of 30 Lowther Street should be protected at all costs.

What is also a matter of concern is that Maldon is not known for its small 'Housing Estates'. It is a characteristic which would not be in keeping with the whole nature of the town's development and heritage. Therefore it seems valid to question the density precedent of anything close

to the number applied for in the current application. The blocks would be relatively small but expensive. And as is characteristic, they would be individually sold on, resulting in a piecemeal, hotchpotch of houses in close proximity to each other, with no cohesive style. Some blocks, if bought by investors, could remain undeveloped for years and become overgrown and unsightly, as has happened with new developments in Castlemaine. There would also be an issue of increased access required by cars accessing the site in close proximity to the road junction from Lowther Street to Cairn Curran.

There has been recent information that has come to light. This concerns the 90 day period afforded to the applicant to supply 'more information'. Normally if this 'information' has not been supplied in full at the end of the 90 days, one week's 'grace' can be extended. As this period of time has expired, it was concerning to be told that a further 90 day period has been allowed in order to achieve this information gathering. How long this can go on is vague.

If the application moves towards the comments/objections stage, we would welcome an opportunity for an open public meeting to allow for considerations and discussion between all parties, including residents, applicant, planners, Vic Roads etc. and local representatives.

The fact is that this whole parcel of land was purchased in 2014 for \$375,000; as land and property prices have escalated in the Maldon area, the cost of buying a small block and building a house would not be within reach of younger families. Research shows few blocks are sold below \$375,000-\$400,000.

The present situation seems to be that, more appropriately in Maldon, smaller infill blocks are for sale, for example, individual corner blocks and small sub-divisions. This helps to keep developments manageable and less conspicuous.

In conclusion, we must consider the situation carefully and be vigilant about the

progression of the application and take the opportunity to convey our comments and objections at the appropriate time. The application can be tracked on the Shire's Green Light Website or by phoning the Castlemaine Shire Office.

A new service has recently been implemented, whereby a planning officer can be consulted in person on: Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8.30am to 5pm.

This can be accessed in the reception area of Customer Services, Shire Office, Castlemaine. The telephone number for further information: 5471 1700.

Name and address supplied.

Naked man running

Last week my son had an undesirable adventure when after his daily swim at 6am in Lake Cairn Curran when it was barely 4 degrees, he found he had accidentally locked his wife's car with his keys and phone inside. Not willing to break the glass and because he was cold and wet and naked, he decided the only solution to his problem was to run home, carrying his mask and snorkel, hoping some kind person would pick him up. By the time he got to the Baringhup Road, several cars had passed him, but did not stop, in fact, one person reported him to the police.

Then a very kind prison guard drove past, thought to himself, 'I cant leave him like that', so drove back and

insisted on him putting a table cloth, or some such, around him and let him into his car and drove him home.

Meanwhile, his wife assumed he may have drowned but had no car to go and find out. After he was delivered home by the very kind PO and his wife had helped him to get warm with a hot shower and smothered his poor blistered feet with Arnica cream, she rang me to take her out to collect the car as she was late for work and a kid needed a lift to Bendigo SSC.

Later, when I assumed he was home recovering, he rang to say he was at work ready for smoko. When he limped into the coffee shop, the owner

told him about the naked man seen running along the Baringhup Road. And needless to say, he said, "That was me!"

Nancy Whittaker

The old oak tree

First time I ever felt for an oak, and that's because I don't have to deal with its acorns.

How about we all tie yellow ribbons to it? To avoid trespassing, we could use the fence. Enough ribbons may give pause even to a developer.

For those puzzled by the reference, you aren't old enough: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtDQxJlcUxE>
Michele Waddington Fairbank House

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Revitalising streetscapes in Mount Alexander Shire

THE state government is backing streetscape works in six locations across Mount Alexander Shire to make them more accessible and appealing to locals and visitors alike.

The upgrades will shine a light on the small towns of Taradale, Elphinstone, Campbells Creek, Newstead, Guildford and Chewton.

Across all towns, landscaping, new signage and infrastructure to support more outdoor dining are among the works that will boost local

economies and bring communities together.

Centred on each town's main street, the important works will make it easier for locals to come together and highlight the unique characteristics of each town, enticing visitors to stop and stay longer.

Additional car parking outside food stores in Newstead and Chewton will make it easier for locals and visitors to access key local businesses.

In Guildford, steps and an access ramp lead to a picnic area and bust of

Guildford-born Aussie Rules legend Ron Barassi, while in Campbells Creek, art by primary school students' will be on permanent public display.

Elphinstone works included landscaping, new seating and

paving at the town's war memorial and a second flagpole meaning the town can fly the Aboriginal and Australian flags.

There are a range of improvements to Taradale's

streetscape. This includes new street trees, more parking spaces, improved footpaths, new street furniture and fresh paint on the footbridge over beautiful Back Creek.

Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards said, "Locals across the Mount Alexander Shire know best what their towns need to thrive, and

we're listening and delivering the essential infrastructure they need."

The Regional Infrastructure Fund is part of the government's flagship Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund. Information about the Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund is available at rdv.vic.gov.au/rjif.

AFL Auskick Champion

MALDON Auskick Centre was lucky enough to have Maddy Pieper, AFL Central Vic Auskick Champion, run a session with the group last week.

The kids, though always well behaved, were extra attentive to Maddy. Maddy ran through a range of activities that are showcased on the Auskick website.

A highlight was Maddy umpiring the game at the end of the session, ensuring all kids got a kick.

At the conclusion of the session, we asked everyone's favourite part of the night, and most kids said, 'the game!'

Maddy has been out on the road visiting 33 Auskick Centres in the region. Her role as an Auskick Champion includes: providing ideas on setup, activities, grouping of participants, parent helper engagement, introductions and wrap-ups and having discussions regarding any challenges the coordinator may be facing.

The Maldon Auskick Centre operates Tuesdays at 3.45pm; all kids are welcome to come and learn more about the game while having fun with friends.

Drawing afternoon

THE Castlemaine Art Museum invites you to a casual afternoon of drawing held amongst the Len Fox Painting Prize exhibition.

Local artist Anna Schwann will be on hand to provide advice and inspiration.

Cost: Free

Where: The Len Fox Prize exhibition

When: Friday 27 May and Friday 10 June

Time: 4-6 pm

Provided: Drawing materials (pencils, charcoal, coloured pencils etc.), butcher's paper, sketch paper and drawing boards.

BYO: Any special papers or drawing materials.

RSVP: via Eventbrite

You can contact the Castlemaine Art Museum for further information on 5472 2292.

Letter to the Editor

Kerb out-stands?

It is clear from the markings on the road that Maldon's Main Street is about to get some kind of kerb out-stands around several trees and that these out-stands will jut considerably further into the street than the trees do. This will effectively reduce the length of the car spaces just before the tree (nose-to-tree), as cars will have to turn harder and further into the street to avoid the out-stand, so they will end up parking further back in the space, possibly into the space behind them.

Why do these kerb out-stands need to exist at all? To save face for the council after the debacle of the crossing

out-stands? To spend money, they can't work out how to spend otherwise? Kerb out-stands are contemporary, unnecessary and reduce the heritage value of Maldon's streetscape. After the huge expense to underground the electricity cables, it just doesn't make sense. Our local councillor must think it does.

And while I'm on the subject of council's mysterious logic... With the closure of two driveways on bank corner, another two or three car spaces have been freed up on Main Street, but the signage still says, 'no parking'. They've been added to the High Street side, so what's the delay?

Lauren Williams
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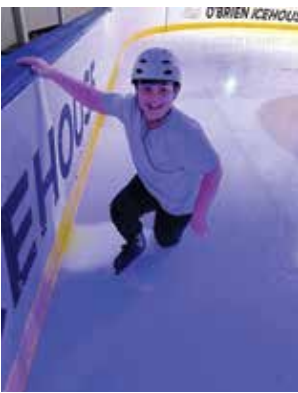


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SCHOOL CAMP



School camp 2022 style

In the morning we had to be at the train station ready to go by 8am. When we got on the train we had to be very efficient with the baggage, getting everything and everybody on board within the two minutes time frame that they allow as a regular stop. When we got to Southern Cross we had to get off the train and carry all our luggage to the bus bit of Southern Cross, so our luggage could be delivered back to camp. By this stage time was running out to get to the Shrine of Remembrance. It was the 90th anniversary for Legacy.

Then off to Fed Square to ACMI where we visited an exhibition called Technology Through the Ages. There was music, video games and movies to engage in. Finally, it was time to actually go to the camp for the first time where a policeman came to talk to us about safety in Melbourne. After the initial settling in, we had dinner (which was very good). The final activity for the day was to Bounce – an enormous indoor trampoline park. Which was, in my opinion, the best part. There were big trampolines and big walls to climb up, we went there until 9pm.

The next day we had a busy day lined up for us - we went to the MCG for a tour (with Barry the volunteer tour guide, who was one of the best people I have ever met). Then we went to The Old Melbourne Gaol and did a tour of that, (to be honest I was creeped out by some of the things there). The Melbourne Museum was next and we saw some skeletons, bugs and all sorts of weird things. After catching a series of trams, we found ourselves in Brunswick at a burger restaurant called Rude Boy Burger. Which involved eating a massive burger – possibly the best food I have ever had. With overly full stomachs we went back to camp to get organised for ice skating (which was very

fun, but also very hard). I think everybody fell over or almost fell over at least once. Warily we caught trams and found ourselves back at camp for yet another late ending night.

We didn't do much the next day (I think we were all grateful for that). We had to pack all our luggage back into our bags (isn't it strange how things seem to grow while you're on camp and no longer fit inside your bags). The Vic Market was our final activity before catching a train back to Castlemaine and a long-deserved rest for the holidays.



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☆ Maldon Primary School teacher Callum Arrowsmith.

AT 24-years-old Callum has spent most of his life at school, going straight from high school to university and jumping into his teaching career for one term at Marong Primary School. He's now working full-time

at Maldon Primary School, teaching grade five and six.

"My father was a principal, so I spent a lot of time around schools as a kid. I have a passion for learning and love working with people.

"I never actually gave high-school teaching a thought. In primary school, you get to build relationships with the kids and have an understanding about where each kid is at. You can connect with the kids and get to know their needs and where they come from.

"There's not one day that I wake up and think, 'I don't want to go to work.' I get in about 7.45 every morning and work until 5.00, so when I get home, I can switch off."

Callum studied his Bachelor of Primary Education at Latrobe in Bendigo with Michael and Jesse, two of the other teachers at Maldon Primary School.

"This school is so supportive and collaborative. We discuss ideas and try new initiatives. There's structure, but we can still try lots of things."

Callum, Michael and Jesse are all part of a Graduate Network, where new graduates meet once a term for four years, to bounce ideas off each other and connect with other teachers.

"I realised through the Graduate Network that all schools do things very differently and that we've got some really good programs in place.

"I think the hardest parts of teaching are often the most rewarding, like seeing kids who have additional needs succeeding."

Callum, born at Castlemaine Hospital, grew up in Campbells Creek and went to Girton. His sister Tayla is a dentist in Castlemaine, and his brother Mitchell is now living in Melbourne, running a building company.

"Dad had four brothers, two went into teaching, and the others are in building and development. They have a glass company; all my cousins are involved. I spent most of my holidays roped into working down at Chadstone. It was good to spend time with the cousins, but it was hard work.

You'd be up on the roof, three or four stories up, walking on glass, which moves as you walk. And it was so hot during summer!"

Callum met his partner Liv when he was working at the big IGA in Castlemaine, where he worked as the 'fruit and veg boy' from the age of 14 right up to when he went to university.

"We didn't get together until I was 18 at a Newstead Footy Club Ball. We've been together for nearly seven years

now. We love going out in the bush on our motorbikes, and we're building a house in Campbells Creek, right next

to Mum and Dad. Mum can't wait for my sister and I to have kids! Although I think it'll be dad coming over all the time."

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Mount Alexander Shire Council Project Update

Works underway in Maldon

The Maldon Streetscape Revitalisation Project is an exciting long-term initiative that aims to rejuvenate Maldon's historic streetscape.

The project has three main areas - putting powerlines underground, restoring shopfronts and upgrading public spaces such as footpaths, crossovers, bins and seating.

Latest news

We are continuing to repair the stone drains and footpaths in town, and this week are focussing on:

- High Street east, footpath will be complete at the lane beside Maldon Timber & Hardware Store
- High Street west, stone drain works continue from Poppy's of Maldon to Robert Cox Motors
- Old Bank Corner, concrete footpaths will be replaced with asphalt.

Thank you

Thanks for your support and cooperation while works continue.

The Maldon Streetscape Revitalisation Project received \$4.5 million funding from the State Government through its Crisis Committee of Cabinet - Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

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Members Night & Strategy Launch

When & Where?
Wednesday 15th June
5:30pm for a 6pm start
Maldon Community Centre

- meet the Staff and Board
- hear about the 2022 - 2027 MDFSL strategic plan
- see the updated website
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We have four diverse and interesting books by Australian writers featured this week; we hope you will enjoy reading them.

Apollo & Thelma
by Jon Faine

Apollo and Thelma have been a constant in Jon Faine’s life for decades. As a young lawyer, he was captivated by his favourite client, the Mighty Apollo, a legendary strongman and circus star famous for pulling trams with his teeth and having an elephant stand on him. Apollo’s sister, Thelma, on the other hand, ruthless and rugged, had survived decades running solo one of the most remote pubs in the outback until unexpectedly dying, leaving behind a complicated estate.

Befriending Apollo and immersing himself in Thelma’s estate, Jon is forced to untangle a long line of astonishing stories and episodes in our distant and recent history that keep intersecting with his own. Via the circuitous route of these

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB

OUT BACK



ANOTHER great turn-out this week of our regular, eager, bridge players, who arrived in readiness for the game ahead.

There was a little confusion for those who may not have heard the previous week that we were to play ‘out back’!

The reason for this was a large number were booked in for a funeral afternoon gathering, so ‘out back’ we went, where it was quieter.

The tables were organised as best we could, and the Howell movement was implemented once again, which meant shifting around from table to table. This kept our circulation going as it was a little fresh ‘out back’! Not like being ‘out back’ of Bourke, which was where the saying ‘out back’ originated from. (Eg isolated rural country, especially of Australia). A bit hotter out there!

With our table numbers recorded in our memory bank, we seated ourselves at the tables, and play began.

As we viewed our individual hands, it was evident that a lot of good bidding would be needed to get the best score on each round. Some really

good scores were recorded but, of course, there were the occasional doubles that earned good points for the ‘doubblers’.

As we neared the end of play, there was a quick gathering of the score sheets that were finished, totalled by our scorers, and then passed to Danny for entering on the computer.

In first place, with a convincing winning score of 86 points, were Maldon Jo and Lyn, who kept their ‘heads down’ and combined their individual skills to ‘top the grade’! Second place went to Danny and Associates with 81 points and a good effort with having to have a shuffle of players to complete the rounds. Third place was achieved by Newstead Jo and Judy Mac with 74 points. Fourth place went to Meredith and Lillian with 70 points, followed by Mark and Fred in fifth place with 68 points. Well done everyone!

The afternoon tea break was a welcome respite from concentrating on the cards, but we had to be careful when getting our hot drink as the bar was well-lined with other guests! Mini savoury quiches were on the menu, and thanks to the Maldon hotel team. It was a busy afternoon!

Whatever your age group or skills please feel free to join us each Thursday from 12.45pm to 4.30pm to help us in our endeavour to

USE IT OR LOSE IT
Judy McKnight

two larger-than-life characters – alongside a supporting cast of characters from the world of politics, law, literature, and media – Jon reflects on their stories and is inevitably forced to rethink his own.

Dunera Lives, a Visual History, Vol. 1 & 2
by Ken Inglis, Seumas Spark and Jay Winter

The story of the ‘Dunera Boys’ is an intrinsic part of the history of Australia in the Second World War and in its aftermath. The injustice these 2,000 men suffered through British internment in camps at Hay, Tatura and Orange is well known. Less familiar is the tale of what happened to them afterwards.

This story is told in two volumes - Volume One in images and Volume Two in life stories. The images constitute a narrative all of their own. The beauty and power of these traces of the lives of these internees speak for themselves. These are stories of struggle, sadness, transcendence, and creativity that describe the lives of these men and of the society in which they lived, first as prisoners and then as free men. A contribution to the history of Australia, to the history of migrants and migration, and to the history of human rights, these two volumes put in the public domain a story whose full dimensions and complexity have never been described.

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Radio Program



IT’S your lucky day. Tune in this morning as EC and Stevo meet local muso Gary Adams (not the IRA guy – that’s Gerry Adams) from ‘Featherhead’ in our 437th broadcast ever.

Last Friday Elizabeth Close (EC) and Alison Park (Parko) discussed the VGR (Victorian Goldfields Railway) with John Hoy (pictured in his uniform). What a guest! John eagerly discussed the huge array of volunteer positions available for ‘working on the railway’. A rail fan since playing on the tracks at aged four, he happily shared his love of all things locomotive.

Next Friday Nancy and Mike will catch up with a mysterious mystery guest - and Des Dodgy often drops in to just drive us nuts, so who knows?

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The second volume of *Dunera Lives* presents the voices, faces, and lives of 20 people who, together with 3,000 other internees from Britain and Singapore, landed in Australia in 1940. All over the world, there were Dunera lives, those of men and women who passed through the upheavals of the Second World War and survived to tell the tale.

Bodies of Light
by Jennifer Down

A quiet, small-town existence. An unexpected Facebook message jolting her back to the past. A history she is reluctant to revisit - dark memories and unspoken trauma, bruised thighs and warning knocks on bedroom walls, unfathomable loss. She became a new person a long time ago. What happens when buried stories are dragged into the light?

This epic novel from the two-time *Sydney Morning Herald* Young Novelist of the Year is a masterwork of tragedy and heartbreak—the story of a life in full. Sublimely wrought in devastating detail, *Bodies of Light* confirms Jennifer Down as one of the writers defining her generation.

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☆ Grand Hotel c 1890.

Robert Dent Oswald built the Grand Hotel in 1887. Oswald, who also owned the North British mine, was Maldon’s richest man. The hotel was built on a site previously occupied in part by Tobins’ Britannia House drapery store. The remainder of the site had never been built on and appears as the vacant space in the middle of Charles Armstrong’s 1867 panorama of High Street.

Oswald purchased the site at a land sale in January 1875. He eventually planned to build a hotel with William Rivers Ware as the licensee. Ware was the publican at the Oriental Tavern that stood on the northern side of the site. In his application to transfer his license, Ware said that the Oriental’s accommodation was inadequate to meet the requirements of the new Licensing Act.

Oswald employed Melbourne architect Arthur Herbert Cutler to design the building and contracted the firm of Hill and Plowman to build it. Work started on the site in April 1887. One of the first tasks was to clear the site of a large stump on the site. The stump was described as one of the town’s ‘oldest inhabitants’ and a local landmark. Eventually gunpowder was used to remove the stump. Britannia House was then demolished, and the Grand Hotel was built.

When the Grand was opened in November 1887 it comprised of the hotel run by William Ware and two shops. Tailor William Short occupied one of the shops and book-seller William Galton occupied the other. Later Galton’s shop became a stationery shop run by the Hutton family and various tailors occupied the other shop. In about 1908 the State Savings Bank purchased both shops and the shop previously occupied by William Short was converted into a branch office of the Bank.

In 1912 the estate of Robert Dent Oswald sold the Grand Hotel to the Maldon Brewery. Later after World War I, as Maldon’s mines closed down, the Grand and many other local businesses went into decline. This resulted in several local properties being either demolished or removed.

On 17 July 1920, the Grand Hotel and both the shops were offered for sale as part of an auction that included nine local properties. It was expected that those who purchased the properties would demolish them. While several outside buyers attended the auction, none of them were keen to buy brick buildings because of the cost of removing them. As a result, the Grand and the shops were passed in.

The Grand continued as a licensed hotel until 2011. One of the shops later became a café and is now a restaurant. The other was variously a drapery shop, a gallery, a holistic health centre and an ice cream shop.

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Be Brave – Make Change

Makarrata = 'coming together after a struggle, facing the facts of wrongs and living again in peace.'



Reconciliation Week is not new. We've been observing it since 1996 – five years after the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody laid bare the ways that historic racism had embedded itself in Australia's institutions.

Since then, the deaths have continued. Despite the ongoing strength and resilience of Australia's First Nations, Australia has not 'closed the gap' in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There was a national apology to the Stolen Generations, which we acknowledge each year on 13 February (not to be confused with National Sorry Day on 26 May), yet Aboriginal children are being separated from their parents at record levels.

So what is reconciliation? Is it, as the dictionary would have us think, that it's about two parties' restoring friendly relations? Can we legitimately claim that relations have been friendly except in rare cases? Perhaps this year's theme of Reconciliation Week – 'Be Brave – Make Change' – presents an opportunity to think a little differently.

Rather than Black and White Australia coming together, perhaps Reconciliation Week could be about White Australia reconciling ourselves with this nation's history in an honest and open way.

To that end, there is some good news. The Yoo-rrook Justice Commission is underway. Modelled somewhat on South Africa's post-apartheid truth and justice commissions, it is the first formal truth-telling process, which is looking into past and ongoing injustices experienced by Traditional Owners and First Peoples in Victoria in all areas of life since colonisation.

The power of truth-telling cannot be underestimated. As a 40-something white Australian, I know just how little of Australia's treatment of its First Nations has been taught to children (a failing which is, thankfully, being remedied in more recent times). An ongoing, open, and public opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to tell their stories of injustice can help Australia grapple with its own failings and how to bravely change.

Of course, there is a great deal of good news and progress to celebrate. One of the major parties contesting the federal election supports adopting the Uluru Statement From The Heart (by the time of publication, we will know the election's outcome).

Likewise, progress continues towards Treaty between the Victorian Government and the Aboriginal Nations on whose Country the state sits. The Treaty will be belated, but the first in Australia and will hopefully drive a similar Treaty process in other states and, eventually, the entire nation.

More locally, here in Castlemaine, the local community, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the Shire Council are formally observing Sorry Day at the Botanical Gardens at 10am Thursday, 26 May, alongside a huge array of events during Reconciliation Week, from film screenings at the Theatre Royal, to Story Time for kids at the Castlemaine library with Auntie Kerri Douglas, to an exhibition in the Market Building, and

walking tours hosted by Uncle Rick Nelson.

Later this year, the Shire will see the opening of Boorp Boorp Boondyl, which loosely translates from Dja Dja Wurrung as 'passing knowledge to our children' in the market building. Boorp Boorp Boondyl will be a permanent exhibit welcoming visitors onto Jaara Country, and provide a space for all visitors to learn about Dja Dja Wurrung culture and history directly from Traditional Owners.

Supporting these initiatives, among many others, are small ways we can make change. But this year's theme for Reconciliation Week calls for us to be brave. This year we are being asked to make change beginning with brave actions in our daily lives – where we live, work, play, and socialise.

How can you be brave and make change?

Nalderun 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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More Australians can't meet basic living expenses

RESEARCH conducted by The Salvation Army has highlighted that the most vulnerable in our society are struggling to make ends meet, with 84% of those surveyed finding it a challenge to meet basic living expenses, including housing, utilities, food and health care in the past 12 months.

The new Salvation Army research report, released as part of the annual Red Shield Appeal, surveyed more than 1,400 people who have called on the Salvos for assistance over the past 12 months.

The research found that after paying for housing costs, 93% of respondents were living below the poverty line, with 75% saying that managing financial stress was one of their greatest challenges, 65% needing to ask for financial help from family and friends and 56% not being able to afford medical or dental treatment when they need it.

"Sadly, almost half of those surveyed have been forced to go without meals due to

shortage of money, 36% can't afford medicines prescribed to them, and 32% can't pay their rent or mortgage on time," says Major Bruce Harmer, National Public Relations Secretary for The Salvation Army.

"Over recent years, Australians have faced unprecedented economic stress and uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation and rising costs of living. In addition, we've faced fires, drought and most recently floods, putting even more financial pressure on the most vulnerable."

"Both housing stress and the risk of homelessness are high amongst those who participated in our research, with 78% in housing stress, paying 30% or more of their household income on housing, and 48% in extreme housing stress, paying 50% or more of their household income on housing."

After paying for housing costs, many households were left with little disposable income – respondents in paid

employment were left with just \$29 a day to live on after paying for housing, and those on government support payments were left with only \$22 a day.

"We're calling on the next elected Federal Government to focus on the most vulnerable in society. Being able to meet basic living expenses should be the norm for all in an advanced economy like Australia and not something we are still discussing in 2022," says Major Harmer.

"The financial and emotional stress being faced right across our nation is enormous, and we're calling on all Australians to give generously so that we can continue to support the most vulnerable people in the community and help them get back on their feet," says Major Harmer.

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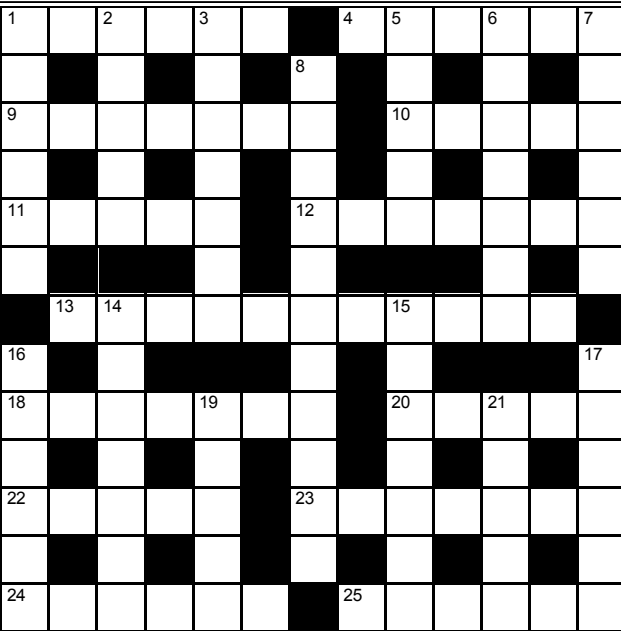
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- 17 Shut
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- 21 Confidence

Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 24.5.22

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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.4	92.9	44.6
Feb	0.5	8.9	56.3
Mar	68.9	72.3	32.8
Apr	73.9	9.8	99.6
May	10.0	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	243.7	596.0	535.8

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 24.5.22

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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.0	83.4	35.2
Feb	1.0	17.0	52.8
Mar	74.4	83.8	37.0
Apr	91.0	14.4	145.4
May	10.6	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	264.0	683.8	685.0

Rainfall Newstead

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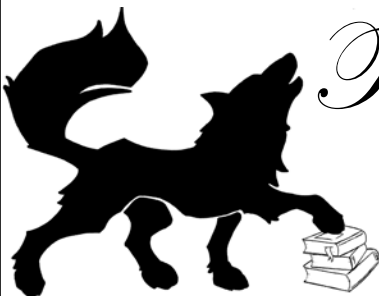
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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	103.4	101.6	53.6
Feb	0.0	13.6	38.0
Mar	48.0	67.2	35.8
Apr	80.8	11.4	107.6
May	12.2	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	244.4	666.2	593.8

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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

Round 5 v Dunolly



☆ Under 14.5 Angus Layne for ruck, number 13 is Ryan Burchell.



☆ Under 14.5 Levi Mason (with ball) Ryan Burchell.

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Today we had to work extra hard in our attacking end as Dunolly had positioned their tallest player in their defence on one of our shortest. We might have been short, but we are definitely the slickest. We worked hard as a team to move the ball down the court. It was a very low scoring game as we worked together to create pressure on their attackers and open up the game to try and be ours.

Best: Martha Gross and Elsa Curran.

Under 13s

Maldon 8 Def by
Dunolly 21

Great weekend, with the weather turning it on. The team worked hard all game, only being 4 down in the first half, but Dunolly's shooting was strong and took hold. The team had great defensive pressure, was strong and definitely made it hard for Dunolly.

Best: Amber Shepherd.

Encouragement: Essie Eggleton.

Under 15s

Maldon 23 Def Dunolly 17

The girls put up a good fight for the first half of the game. Pressure throughout the court for both teams making it hard

to get the ball down to the goal ring. Tiffany Williams never gave up and provided a strong mid-court. Maldon was able to keep a steady lead and come away with a win.

Best: Tiffany Williams.

Under 17s

Maldon 21 Def Dunolly 15

With players away and down to four girls, the team was filled with Under 15s. The team provided a challenging game, with both teams having a strong defence. Abbi Shepherd never gave up on contesting every ball. Maldon was able to continue a strong lead throughout the game.

Best: Abbi Shepherd.

C Grade

Maldon 60 Def Dunolly 7

The team put their foot on the gas and went out there playing to win. It was a complete flip of the switch compared to other weeks, and they showed they really are a force. The defence with Ashley McKinnon and Jacqui Roberts worked hard to get turnovers for the team, with only 7 goals getting past them. Credit also to our shooting duo, Jodie Bell and Claire Kelly, for their movement in the ring with a relaxed way of shooting their goals! It's an exciting team to watch.

Best: Ashley McKinnon.

B Grade

Maldon 45 Def Dunolly 25

B Grade came out on the court ready but took a while to settle into the game. They took charge in the mid-court to get the ball into our shooters, that were working well together. The defensive pressure from Dunolly was undeniable, but that didn't seem to break the strong play. Maldon's ring defence was also a force with a lot of turnover from rebounds.

Best: Sarah Blake.

A Grade

Maldon 42 Def Dunolly 34

This was a hard game for the team. We saw a lot of turnovers in a short amount of time. It was a highly contested game, with our attacking end having to work extra hard to get an entry into the ring. We had a nice gap of 8 at halftime but lost a bit of speed in the third and let them back into the game. It was up to our defensive end, which saved us providing turnover after turnover in the last. Special mention to Claire Hamilton for not only playing her first A Grade game but taking away the best on court for the day.

Best: Claire Hamilton.

AN AFTERNOON'S DELIGHT



☆ The players waiting for the final scores.

ON Sunday, 22 May, eight teams of piste artistes met in glorious sunshine on the beautifully raked Penny School pistes. The Piste Monitors were Gaz and Antoine this week.

Excitement caused by the wonderful election results of the previous evening somewhat distracted players. They were too busy swapping ideas about the new government's potential and the fact that the Biloela family is about to be sent home to Bilo at last to concentrate.

Some players even had to be reminded that it was their turn to play. Thus an afternoon of delight was had by all.

After two whole hours, first place and the chocolates went to Cap'n P, Ann and Geoff with 2 wins and +11 points. Second place went to Judy, Kevin and Maxeen, with 2 wins and +6 points. Followed in third place by Gaz and Joan with 1 win and +5 points.

Viv and André were in fourth place, with 1 win and -1 point. Jenny and Phil made it to fifth place with 1 win and -2 points. In sixth place we found Elizabeth, Antoine and Mme Bleue with 1 win and -3 points.



☆ Viv concentrating.

Equal last were Graham, Barb and Baldrick, and Steve and Carole, with 0 wins and -8 points.

Our next games will be on Sunday 5 June at the usual time, in the usual place, commencing at 2pm SHARP. See our notice and phone number in the TT Community Diary to get in touch if you would like to become part of this delightful group of piste artistes. We can teach you how to play. All you need is a set of boules and a bit of imagination. Mme Bleue



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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

Round 5 v Dunolly



☆ Under 17s Emily Zammit waiting for the pass from Tahlia Peaslee.



☆ Under 17s Tiffany Williams defending the pass with Jess Davis and Abbi Sheppard on her sides.

Overview

The weekend saw immaculate weather conditions for sport, and maybe the weather had something to do with the level of sport we saw. Unfortunately for our Under 11.5 and

17.5 footballers, there were no games. We still had a strong 14.5 side give it all out on the field with some spectacular football action. The Reserves and Senior football teams had their work cut out for them but were able to pull together

against some tough contests and give the crowd some good football.

On the court, we came out with 5/7 wins overall, but that doesn't mean we didn't see some tactical netball. The Senior netball teams

all had some pretty tough games, which saw some competitiveness come onto the court. The club also hosted our Family Night Function, which was a massive hit for all with the specy machine, tug of war, kicking/shooting

competitions, disco and a pizza dinner.

Next week we take on Rov-ers in Maryborough.

Football

11.5 - No game.

14.5 Maldon 192 Def Dunolly 0

14.5s played Dunolly and were very dominant from the first bounce. Dunolly, unfortunately, couldn't field a full team, and two players from Maldon joined Dunolly to help out. Maldon were strong off the mark, consistently winning the ruck and powering to the forward. With a strong midfield and forward, they continued to kick goals. Dunolly didn't give up and kept putting a lot of pressure on Maldon. Maldon were too strong, and came out with a marginal win. Izaak Mason with his usual dominance from half-back, kicking 8 goals and setting up a lot more. Ryan Burchell also playing well, kicking 5 goals. Brodie Doyle kicked 7 in yet another dominant performance.

Best: Izaak Mason, Brodie Doyle, Jack Smith, Levi Mason, Ryan Burchell, Frances Walls.

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17.5 - No game.
Reserves
Maldon 67 Def Dunolly 38

The Reserves took on a spirited Dunolly team. After kicking 4 goals to 1 in the first quarter, the boys' work rate dropped off significantly in the second quarter, with Dunolly within 2 points of the

break. It wasn't until the final 8 minutes of the third quarter after doing all of the attacking, that we were rewarded with some goals, kicking 3 and taking a 24 point lead into the final break. Again, we dominated the final quarter, however, some inaccurate kicking saw us boot 1.5 in the final term to run out 29 point winners. It was certainly a bit of a wake-up call for our guys as some sterner tests lie ahead in the coming games.

Best: Bailey Muscat, Flynn Rowbottom, Tanner Bishop, Jake Klemm, Callum Cross, Beau Brackley.

Goal Kickers: Bailey Muscat, Flynn Rowbottom, Tanner Bishop, Jake Klemm, Callum Cross, Beau Brackley.

Seniors

Maldon 102 Def Dunolly 77

Dunolly have recruited well; we knew we were going to be in for a decent hit out! For four quarters, both sides never took their foot off their opponents. For the whole game, we led at every change, but the margin was never a comfortable one for the whole four quarters. Once again, we walk away with the 4 points and find ourselves third on the ladder with 5 wins and 1 loss.

Best: Adam Robinson, Alex Farrow, Matt Gray, Billy Johns, Kyle Gillingham, Rhys Ford.

Goal kickers: 4 Ford, 2 each Gillingham, Raak, Lockwood, Woodman and singles to M.Gray and B.Johns.

Netball

Under 11s
Maldon 2 Def by Dunolly 8

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MALDON GOLF CLUB



GOLFERS availed themselves of excellent playing conditions last Saturday when competing in a single-player Stroke event.

The grounds committee continue to ensure the course is being presented at its best, with the grassed fairways as good as ever.

Good conditions mean good golf, with many players in the field returning par or under-par scores (to handicap), but none better than Oliver Messenger's great 7 shots under-par round, to claim his second win in as many weeks. Next game, Oliver will be playing off a handicap reduction of 4 shots after the attention of the Handicapper.

Golfers welcomed the return of Jeremy Tripcony to play his first golf round this season but maybe were a little perplexed with his great form given the layoff. Not only did Jeremy card a good score of 64 nett, but to the acclamation of his playing group, his tee shot on the 14th hole finished just 2 metres from the hole. In holing his putt, Jeremy achieved the first eagle (2 shots under par) from players in this season of golf. Well played Jeremy!

RESULTS

...INDIVIDUAL STROKE...

WINNER	Oliver Messenger	58 nett
RUNNER-UP	Joel Williams	62 nett
GOOD SCORE	Jeremy Tripcony	64 nett
	Nic VanWamel	64 nett
	Wayne Brasher	64 nett
NEAREST the PINS	Wayne Brasher	HOLE 2
	Jeremy Tripcony 2nd shot	HOLE 14
Ca\$h-HOLE	Joel Williams	HOLE 17

GOLF TOMORROW

2-person PINEHURST CHAMPIONSHIP
Registration 12noon - hit-off 12.30pm

Bob Briggs



☆ Rhys Ford taking a mark and Nick McKnight coming in.



☆ Julian Lockwood going up for the contest and Bryce Coffey backing him.