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Howzat!



☆ Students at Newstead Primary School are loving their new green oval, which is the result of a fantastic community effort. Pictured here are: Meg bowling, Aika and William batting and Jhetta is the wicketkeeper. See the full story on Page 4.

‘We know there’s gold in there’

Kalamazoo Resources Ltd is making significant progress with its exploration of the South Muckleford Gold Project near Maldon.

The project, which includes the Muckleford Fault, covers about 162 sq km and stretches from the Maldon Historic Reserve to this side of Newstead.

Kalamazoo’s Exploration Manager for the Eastern Region, Luke Mortimer,

said the company has spent a lot of time in the past year undertaking soil sampling, detailed field mapping and rock chipping along the Muckleford Shaft to determine how much gold is in the area.

Mr Mortimer said

Kalamazoo had identified two priority sites – Fentiman’s Reef and Smith’s Reef – both in the Maldon Historical Reserve. Fentiman’s Reef is near the Maldon Railway line.

“We’re quite excited about those prospects,” Mr Mortimer said. “The next phase will be trying to image the sub-surface geology, in particular trying to map the sub-surface where the reefs are to see how much gold is in there.

“We know there’s gold there and we expect to hit gold but whether there’s enough volume and continuity of gold to make it worth our while remains to

be seen.

“This is just the early phase to test if we want to continue our interest in there. If we get some promising results then we will plan the next stage, which will be drilling.”

Mr Mortimer said the company’s stated aim is to find a million ounces of gold – ‘that’s a big ask – we’re more likely to find a few hundred thousand ounces’ of gold if we get a good one’.

He said Kalamazoo has a publicly stated policy of no open cut mines.

“Ideally we’re trying to find a rich underground mine which leaves a smaller

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

MALDON MARKET: Hand Made, Home Grown, 9am – 1.30pm. Next market 13 December, Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB, 2pm. Enqs: Carmel 0417 014 763 or Robyn 0418 544 966.

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footprint.”

He said the current ‘low impact’ program at Fentiman’s Reef and Smith’s Reef has been underway for a couple of months.

“It involves putting metal spikes into the ground 50 metres apart, laying cable out and measuring the electrical currents in the geography below. The whole

thing is being done on foot during daylight hours with a car carrying a small generator following.”

He said no vegetation is being cleared, residents have been notified and all of the relevant permissions have been obtained.

“At this stage we are anticipating the ground geophysical surveys in that area will be completed sometime in March.”



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A reflection of the past and present: Baringhup Cemetery



☆ Tranquility: Baringhup Cemetery looks over the township.

SITTING on a tranquil hillside overlooking the Loddon River, the historic Baringhup Cemetery has served the local community for over 150 years and it continues to do so.

The cemetery dates back to 1869 when the following article appeared in the *Tarrangower Times* on Wednesday 17 November of that year:

‘The first internment has taken place in the Baringhup Cemetery; the clay tenement deposited there being a little one of seven months that held the immortal soul of a child born to Mr Robert Hollingshead, formerly of Maldon’.

Indeed the Baringhup Cemetery is a repository of local history with members of quite a few pioneering families buried there. These

include the Bryant, Broadfoot, Barkla, Daly, Davis, Mikkelsen and Thomas families.

The first thing you notice when you visit the cemetery are the impressive wide gates and central driveway, which were designed to accommodate bullock wagons as well as horse and drays which were often, and still are,

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An interesting find ...



☆ Forest Hammond shows the bone he discovered while snorkelling at Brighton Pier.

A Maldon man and his son have found what appears to be a human bone while snorkelling near Brighton Pier in Melbourne on Sunday 7 March.

“We were snorkelling off a little reef on the side of the pier when my son, Forest, pointed to something on the side of the pier,” said Sam

Hammond.

Sam said he went down to see what it was and they brought it back to the surface.

He said they thought it was a human bone but they weren’t sure so they took it to a local chemist to get a medical opinion.

“The chemist got a bit

nervous and pointed us to the Moorabbin Police Station. We got there and spoke to the constables on the front desk and they got a bit excited, took it as evidence and started an investigation.”

As they were driving back to Maldon, Sam said a detective from the Marine Police called him and asked if they could go out on a patrol boat and show them exactly where they found the bone.

“It was Forest’s 17th birthday and we had to get back because everything had been organised for the party.

“A little while later they sent me a photo of the site and asked me if that was approximately where we found it, and it was.”

Sam said the bone looked like a humerus (a long bone in the arm that runs from the shoulder to the elbow).

“They sent a team of divers down the same day to see if there were any more remains and I don’t think they would have done that if it was just an old chop.”

And all of this happened on Forest’s 17th birthday – it will certainly be one to remember.

Lucky to be alive



☆ What was left of the X-Trail after the accident.

THE 74-year-old driver of a Nissan X-Trail is lucky to be a live after a serious accident on the Castlemaine-Maldon Road, Muckleford on Sunday 7 March about 2.40pm.

The Norlane man was driving towards Castlemaine when he veered onto the wrong side of the road on the bend near Hunter Street.

Newstead Police Leading Senior Constable Grant Macdonald said a 4WD towing a trailer was heading the other way towards Maldon at the time.

“The 4WD driver did everything he could to avoid contact with the other car and veered onto the shoulder of the road as far as he could,” Sen-Constable Macdonald said.

“But it appears the X-Trail has hit the trailer and then a safety railing near Hunter Street and flipped 360 degrees to land on its wheels but facing the opposite direction.

“The 74-year-old man was ejected from the vehicle (during the course of the accident).”

Leading Sen-Constable Macdonald said the man was airlifted to the Alfred Hospital and is believed to be in a serious but stable condition.

His female passenger was transported by road ambulance to Bendigo Hospital; the other driver, was shaken but not injured.

Police are investigating whether the X-Trail driver was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident and whether fatigue may have been involved.

Leading Sen-Constable Macdonald said the accident happened during Operation Arid which was in place over the long weekend. The operation focussed on driver distraction and fatigue as well as road safety and other causes of road trauma.

“With the relaxing of COVID restrictions and people getting out and about again, it is a reminder for

people to be vigilant,” he said.

“If you feel fatigued, pull over and stop and have a rest.”

Castlemaine Sen-Sgt Gary Walter said there were 57 offences, including two for Driving Under the Influence, recorded in the Goldfields Region during Operation Arid last weekend.

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ABOUT 60 people gathered at Newstead Primary School on Friday 26 February for a very special celebration - the school's new green oval.

The event was called the Big Hit Welcome Picnic and Principal Kathy Callander said they were very fortunate to have fine weather on the day.

"It was a very relaxed evening with children enjoying the new oval, playing lots of cricket and tag while the parents also enjoyed the opportunity to chat and reconnect with other school families," Ms Callander said.

"Thank you to the Newstead Cricket Club for getting the pitch and the oval to the standard it is, along with a lot of school parents who also helped along the way."

Ms Callander said the pitch was finished late last year and the oval completed in January.

"It's been a work in progress.

"I recently asked Don Culvenor what year the school began work on the oval and he said it was 1995-96, so it's been about 25 years ago.

"This is my third year at the Newstead Primary and every year when the students are asked what they would like at the school, a green oval to play on has always been near the top of the list."

Asked what came in at number one, Ms Callander smiled and said, "A chocolate fountain.

"The new oval has just been a fantastic community effort - it's taken a long time but it's finally happened and thank you to the many people who have put in the hard work over many years to achieve this green oval for our students.

"We can see the benefits today with kids doing cart wheels, playing chasey and cricket or just sitting and reading on the oval."

Maldon Market continues in COVID-Safe Mode



CENTRAL Victoria's favourite 'Hand Made and Home Grown Market' has everything lined up for another spectacular market on Sunday 14 March at its new COVID-safe home at Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve, Francis Street, Maldon.

After a brief February statewide circuit breaker closure because of COVID-19, all of the stallholders are very keen to get back to the Village Green!

The market will run from 9am to 1.30pm.

Market Manager Chris Hain said, "We were so disappointed to have to shut down again for the brief circuit breaker lockdown but also cognisant of the need to be responsible citizens and follow the advice of the health experts.

"In effect, we've just created an even bigger buzz for our first autumn market and our makers and growers have had some extra time to work on their product range to bring you an impressive array of hand-made and home-grown products and produce.

"So get your friends and family together and come along to support the best local artisans."

The market is operating under strict COVID-safe conditions as laid out by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Be mindful to:

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

"We hope you will join us," Chris said.



☆ Jumping for joy on the grass are (l-r) Aika, Jhetta, William and Meg.



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Thumbs up for Maldon's new outdoor dining precinct



☆ Great job! (l-r) The Salvage Yard's Anna Winnehe, Matt Boyle, Greg Denney and Glenn Ferguson try out one of the tables at the new temporary dining precinct in Maldon.

THE new pop-up outdoor dining installation on Old Bank Corner, where Main and High streets meet in Maldon, is proving to be a big hit with locals and tourists alike.

The temporary dining precinct, designed and installed by Castle-maine-based company, The Salvage Yard, was completed just in time for the Labor Day long weekend.

Mount Alexander Shire Council recently leased the site to establish the temporary outdoor eating site, which enables local businesses to cater for more diners whilst meeting COVID-19 restrictions.

"We know not every business has the room to put tables and chairs on the footpath, so we've taken an innovative approach in considering the needs of hospitality businesses and the community," said Council's Economy and Culture Manager David Leathem.

The site has been

temporarily fitted out with trees, bench-style seating, low tables and recycled planter boxes.

A trial crossing point is also in development further up Main Street to provide residents and visitors with a safer crossing point during this time.

The TT caught up with The Salvage Yard's Anna Winnehe and Matt Boyle while they were working at the rate of knots to install the timber furniture and the huge rusted planter boxes last Thursday 4 March.

"Council contacted us three weeks ago and asked us if we could design, build and install a temporary pedestrian park here by the start of the Labor Day long weekend," Anna said.

"It was such a quick turn around we had to use whatever we had in the yard and then look for trees to put in the planter boxes at the end of the planting season."

The company certainly measured up to the challenge

installing everything in one day and creating everything from recycled materials (except for the bolts to secure the stools). The materials included tables made from New Zealand cypress trees, planter boxes that were once old metal containers at the old Ford factory in Geelong, steel tanks from Baringhup and timber from the Castle-maine-Maldon railway line.

The initiative got an immediate thumbs up from the public with locals and tourists packing the site last weekend.

Locals also took to social media to rave about the site:

"Love it, hope this will be permanent as the rustic look fits well with the streetscape and it gives Maldon a heart."

"Yes, it's brilliant to see some life in the town ...hope it stays!"

"Brilliant! Amazing!"
See Letter to the Editor Page 10 and Who cleans the tables? Page 14.

Looking after each other in this 'tight-knit town'



☆ Smiles all round as Fire Chief Sean accepts the cheque from Steve.

48 Main is not just about great wine, beer and cider!

Owner Steve McMahon said patrons have been throwing loose change into a bowl on the bar over the past months.

"When the bowl is full, we give it to the local CFA. Regulars are always happy to donate for this worthy cause," Steve said.

Maldon Fire Brigade Captain Sean McCubbin said, "We are so grateful for the support of local businesses like 48 Main."

"Without this generous support from our wonderful community, it would not be possible to upgrade much-needed equipment. At present, we are working towards replacing our community-owned Tanker 2."

"Funds received by Maldon CFA from The Victorian Bushfire Appeal enabled us to replace the fridge in our tanker to provide cold water to our crew. We were also able to purchase chainsaws at an

extremely reasonable price from Maldon Timber and Hardware.

"The Brigade has adopted a 'Buy Local' policy as we want to give back to our community. It is all about looking after each other in this tight-knit town."

Sean will replace the collection bowl at 48 Main with a firefighter hat. So

when you are enjoying a glass of wine or your favourite local beer, look out for the donation hat and dig deep for our amazing firefighters.

And make a note in your calendar, 48 Main will be hosting music gigs each Saturday between 3pm and 5pm.

Words and photo by Kerry Cain

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Townwide Garage Sale looms!



☆ Organiser Bonnie Gainger (centre) with Jamie O'Neil and Sharon O'Neil had a terrific day at the Townwide Garage Sale last year.

RESIDENTS are reminded that the Maldon Town Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday 27 March.

The event is in its 12th year and it's when more than

70 households scattered around Maldon hold garage sales and everything from foot spas to bread makers all get recycled.

Organiser Bonnie Gainger

said it's been a slow start so far for the number of people registering their garage sales but usually there's a late rush.

Don't miss out on having your address included on the map that directs lots of bargain hunters who visit the town on the day to garage sales all around town.

It costs just \$10 to register your sale.

Maps (\$2) will be available outside the old Maldon Collectables at the corner of High and Spring streets, Maldon on Saturday 27 March from 7.45am.

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Bonnie said this year's event will be part of a cross promotion with Kyneton Community House.



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☆ *Farm Resource Centre* - Jules Nixon



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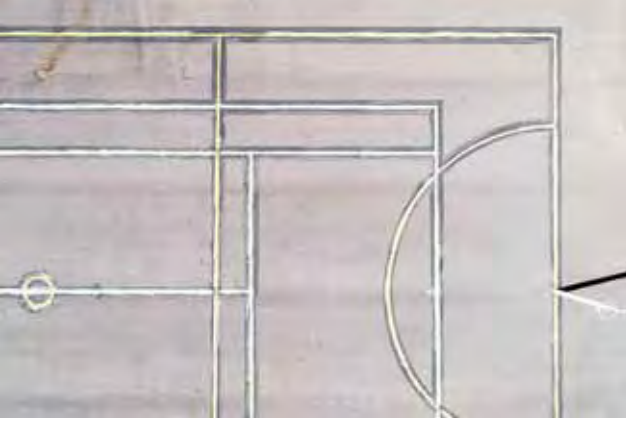
☆ *The Secret Spot the Butcher Told Us About* - Jeanette and Mark Morris



☆ *Car Stars* - Tom Wayman



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☆ *On Court* - Nathan Edwards



☆ *Maldon Storm* - Justin Stenning

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The judges this week named the 20 finalists in the Amateur Section, they are:

Maldon Storm - Justin Stenning; *Baringhup Hill* - Drew Marshall; *Car Stars* - Tom Wayman; *Shepherds Warning* - Paul Zarah;

Farm Resource Centre - Jules Nixon; *Tree at Rest* - Craig Phillips; *Industrial Spinning* - Tom Wayman; *Irrigating Canola* - Bronwyn Gudgeon; *Moolort Morning* - Mike James; *Moonlight on Railway Carriage* - Bronwyn Gudgeon; *Rock of Ages* - Justin Stenning; *Star Trail on the*

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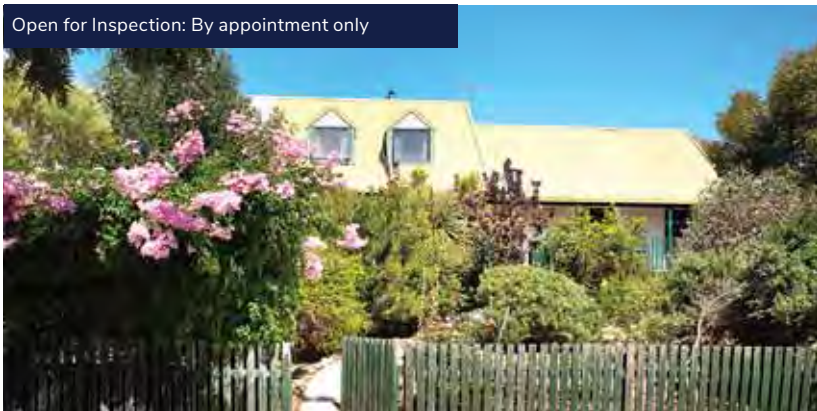
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Mt Tarrengower Cultural Tour



COME and learn about Dja Dja Wurrung culture and history with elder Aunty Marilyn Nicholls.

The tour starts with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. On this tour, you get to see the artefacts and learn about the culture of Dja Dja Wurrung. Walk the rocks and trails up Mt Tarrengower, and explore and learn about local

Aboriginal history along the way.

A picnic lunch is included. Aunty Marilyn is a master weaver and acclaimed artist, and she has lived most of her life around the Murray (Milloo) River system and its waterways.

She was encouraged to learn how to weave by her mother and taught where to find and how to harvest the

native grasses that she uses for weaving.

She has been part of the Centre for Culture, based in the Bendigo region, and has been a predominant figure in keeping her culture alive.

Her ancestral lineage is Dja Dja Wurrung, Barrappa Barrappa, Yorta Yorta, Watti Watti, Latji Latj, Yulpagulp and Ngarrindjeri Tribes.

Limited tickets for the Mt Tarrengower Cultural Tour are available. For more information and bookings visit www.experiencemaldon.com.au/maldon-experiences/p/cultural-tour.

Experience Maldon thanks Mirawara.org for all their hard work to make this tour happen.

School's Welcome Picnic attracts huge crowd



☆ Frances, Daisy and Noah with their yummy ice creams.

MORE than 200 people attended Maldon Primary School's Welcome Picnic on Wednesday night 24 March.

It was a great night that saw School Captains (Abi and Jack), the House Captains (Levi M, Tom, Francis and Henry) and the Student Representative Team (Levi F-C, Harry, Cheyenne, Florence and Charlie) presented with their leadership badges on the night.

Acting Principal Alisa Burdett said, "It was fantastic to see people playing the

games and socialising, as well as enjoying the delicious ice cream from Ice Cream Social."

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The Maldon Garden, Floral Art and Craft Club

Gardens as Living Legacies



☆ Elaine Templer an original member of the Club.



☆ Judy Streeter showing off her two King Proteas.



☆ Pamela Joy ready for the gardening experience.

AT the last Garden Club outing Judy Streeter and Marg Roche shared their passion for gardening with 15 or so gardeners from the Maldon Garden Club.

For 46 years, Judy has lived at the same location in Parker Street and with her husband John, who passed away 12 years ago, they built and planted what can only be described as a labour of love. Together they built pergolas, ferneries and planted a wonderful and diverse range of plants.

Judy says, “I love being connected to nature, getting my hands in the dirt and listening to all the different birds.”

In addition to ‘loving all her plants’ she particularly loves her 70 or so Elk Horns in her garden oasis and the beautiful Kangaroo Paws in the drier section of the garden. The expert gardener in Judy was recognised by Elaine Templer who encouraged Judy to become a member of the club.

Marg’s garden, *Edina*, was established 25-30 years ago by an original Maldon Garden Club member, Olive Beech, mainly as a cottage garden.

Her focus over the past seven years, for this garden she loves, has been on drought proofing it and introducing more succulents and hardier species to ‘match the different weather patterns’.

Marg generously opened her garden to her garden friends who enjoyed the tranquility of her efforts.

Gardeners make a difference to people’s lives and their legacies live on.

Amateur Finalists named in Maldon Captured Photographic Competition

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Hill - Tom Wayman; *Stumps* - Ann Maree McComb; *Rock of Ages to Tarrengower Lights* - Drew Marshall; *The Secret Spot the Butcher Told Us About* - Jeanette and Mark Morris; *Big Sky Country* - Mark Polsen; *The Whisperer* - Mark Polsen; *On Court* - Nathan Edwards; *Cairn Curran With Dead Tree* - Jules Nixon; and *Storm Light* - Justin Stenning.

A reflection of the past and present: Baringhup Cemetery



☆ Baringhup Cemetery Trust’s Secretary Jacqui Brown says it’s important to make sure the cemetery is safe and tidy for visitors.



☆ The slate Memorial Wall for cremations is a recent addition to the cemetery.



☆ Part of the Old Section of the cemetery - further north, near the tree, is the Poor Section.



☆ The first person buried at Baringhup Cemetery was Baby Hollingshead in 1869.

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used to convey coffins to the cemetery.

A Lone Pine sapling sits near the gates standing as a reminder of the Battle of Lone Pine, which was fought between ANZACs and Ottoman Empire forces at Gallipoli during the First World War.

These days, Baringhup Cemetery is managed by a group of Trustees, who volunteer their time to

manage and maintain it (to an excellent standard).

The group’s Secretary, Jacqui Brown, says keeping the fences in good order, making sure the grass and weeds are kept down and filling in rabbit holes are all part and parcel of the Trustee’s role.

“We try to make sure it’s safe and tidy for people who visit here,” Jacqui said.

She said the cemetery has two sections – the old and the new.

“There are lots of graves in the old section that are unmarked because at the time of burial they couldn’t afford headstones, but we have a good record of who’s buried there,” Jacqui said.

“We have thought of marking out (this part of) the cemetery but it would cost a lot. We may consider doing a section at a time in the future if funds are available”

Further north is the ‘Poor Section’ that looks completely barren.

“We have a ground-penetrating radar contractor coming here next month to check out that area in the north-west corner. This will show any disturbances in the soil that might indicate if and where people have been buried.

“We have also just put in for a grant to top dress the gravel driveway to make it safer and easier for people to visit.”

In the new section, there are currently 60 family plots available and each of these can be divided in three which equals a total of 180 single plots that can be purchased.

There is also a beautiful slate Memorial Wall for those who prefer to have the cremated remains of their loved ones held in a niche wall.

“There are many new residents who have settled in Baringhup in recent years who may not be aware there is a cemetery here,” Jacqui said.

“If you are someone who calls Baringhup home, then visit our cemetery and consider if one day you would like to be laid to rest on the slopes overlooking our township.”

For information on costs, available plot locations or just a tour call Jacqui on 0439 552 296.

‘Let’s Act’ for everyone including the hearing challenged



☆ The Let’s Act class of 2021: (l-r) Graham, Carol, Carolyn, Tricia, Bernice and Andrea.

I don’t act, I’ve never acted. Public speaking, teaching, choir performances? Yes. Solo? NO.

I am a groupie though of the social realism performances of Maldon-based theatre company Hobo Playhouse.

I’ve listened to its director speak of his method of teaching, directing and acting. I was awed.

After 15 months of no acting classes because of COVID-19, the Hobos advertised their latest course in early January on the

High Street noticeboard in Maldon. The beginners’ course, called Let’s Act, was to be held at Maldon Neighbourhood House on Sunday afternoons.

I signed up and then I went to the audiologist for a hearing aid adjustment.

And then last Sunday week, I packed my mask, drink and nibbles and off I went to acting class.

Walking to the ex-church hall become drama room, adult me was expectant. Little me, was wanting to do a runner. Of course, I soothed little me. Just another step of life’s expanding journey.

A fabulous opportunity to explore the senses, which triggers memories and feelings through this acting method.

Until ... I discovered ... in that space, I am hearing-challenged. All wooden walls, floors and high semi-sloped ceilings, and all I could hear was ‘boom-blripping’ blah blah blah.

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Last Hurrah Funerals Tree-Planting Day



☆ Mike, Nastassia and Kimba welcome the families and friends of passed loved ones.

THERE was smoke but no fire last Sunday at Mike and Julianne Jones’s property in Tarrengower.

Their daughter, Nastassia and her business partner Kimba, co-founders of Last Hurrah Funerals, held the inaugural ‘Tree-Planting Day’ for families and friends of loved ones who have passed over the last 12 months.

As part of this day, Andrew Travis from the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation performed a Smoking Ceremony to welcome guests to the land.

The lives of loved ones who have passed were celebrated

and a flowering gum tree was planted by each group as a memorial, with a special plaque placed at the base.

Mike and Julianne will nurture the 70 trees planted on Sunday. As this will be an annual celebration, they have pledged to care for trees to be planted in the future.

Addressing the guests, Kimba said, “Grief and love are entwined and cannot exist without each other.”

She spoke of the connection to ‘their person’ that this tree planting day might provide.

A picnic and music followed, allowing guests the opportunity to mingle

☆ **Above:** Guests are welcomed to the land with a Smoking Ceremony.

and enjoy the tranquility of this special property.

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Nastassia said, “Home funerals are something we are happy to provide. Many people feel more comfortable saying goodbye to a loved one in their own home.”

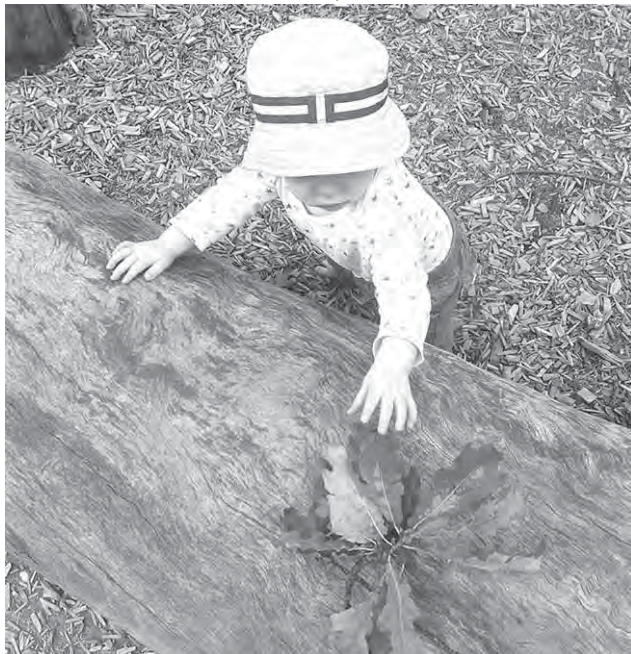
They are based in Melbourne but will be opening a branch in Bendigo in May. In the meantime, Nastassia and Kimba will travel to Central Victoria to offer their gentle and secure circle of support to those grieving a loss.

For further details visit www.lasthurrahfunerals.com.au or call 0430 378 388.

Words and photos by Kerry Cain.

Long live Tarrangower!

An occasional column by Melanie Scaife about the future of our region.



RUNNING with gleeful abandon through local forests, collecting leaves and fallen pine-cones on ANZAC Hill, watching ducks swim on the pond off the Castlemaine-Maldon Road—my four year old has thrived on all these experiences over the past year, causing me to reflect on nature’s role in our lives.

Our parks and reserves, creeks and reservoirs, and surrounding bushland are treasured places for many of us – perhaps even more so since the pandemic. Amid the oppressiveness of lockdowns and restrictions, nature has offered us refuge, respite and the opportunity to roam free.

Our community’s love for all things wild and local pre-dates the pandemic of course.

The Jaara people of the Dja Dja Wurrung language group have lived in the region and cared for its lands and waters for many thousands of years.

More recently, this connection with nature is evident in the bushwalking and bird-watching clubs, night-sky appreciation societies and Landcare groups active throughout the region, as well as ‘nature play’ programs for children.

Recently released survey results from the ‘Tarrangower Tomorrow’ community plan is testament to the strength of this connection, with ‘Environment and Sustainability’ rating as more important among community members than other topics.

And so it can be difficult to hear how vulnerable our natural world has become to a range of threats, from a warming climate to habitat loss, yet alone talk about these issues. But for parents and grandparents – indeed for anyone who cares for young people – should we be talking about these challenges with our children, and if so, how?

According to Castlemaine-based psychologist Dr Susie Burke, “It’s always better to have these

conversations with your children because you don’t want them just picking up what they know about big world issues from the school ground, as they can easily misunderstand or dramatise it.

“One approach is to talk about environmental values, and for younger children make opportunities for them to fall in love with nature.

“That’s a starting place for helping them to be able to connect with the environment as something that’s worth preserving and protecting.”

How children interact with nature – and the benefits it offers in terms of physical and emotional wellbeing – has been the subject of much research, which identifies three ways children experience nature, as Dr Burke explains.

“First, children learn how to be *in* nature, so how to walk through a forest without tripping over every log and falling over every

rock. Next is learning how to be *with* nature, so how to crawl into a fallen hollow log, to climb up onto a rock or grab a whole lot of sticks and build a cubby – to play with nature.”

“The third phase is when children learn to be *for* nature, so that they want to act for nature, to protect it and to look after it. And that’s the place that we’re coming from when we want to save the planet and take action on issues such as climate change – that we are *for* nature.”

So nature needs us – and we need nature. Luckily, supporting a healthy natural world that sustains our children and our children’s children is something we can all do, right here in our region, amid the places we love.

Restoring local landscapes:

Maldon Urban Landcare Group: www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/northcentral/maldon/

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Parenting issues and the psychology of climate change:

Dr Susie Burke: www.susieburke.com.au

Nature play groups for children:

Little Nature Play Castlemaine and Harcourt Facebook Group

Melanie Scaife is a Maldon resident and participant in the ADAPT Loddon Mallee Region Climate Leadership Program.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you

I would like to thank the people of Maldon for coming to support me at the Pop-up Shop in Main Street, Maldon.

The shop will be closing in a fortnight and I’ve enjoyed it immensely, especially seeing all the smiles from the local people who have come in here.

I will be continuing to do sewing jobs for anyone who needs them.

Thank you once again.

Anne Borg, Maldon

Thank you, Kim Molina

From the day you started your career as a vet, you have looked after my dogs. Your incredible intuition, knowledge and caring gave me confidence in leaving my beloved animals in your hands. You always, often not in a diplomatic manner, made me make the hard

decision in having a dog put down and there were a number of them. The health of the animal came before the sensitivity of the owner. I liked that in you.

Thank you from the 12 puppies you vaccinated, Molly, Tegan, Jessie, Kendall (dec.) and (still with me) Bella.

I wish you all the best for the future.

Ellen Stanyer

Well done Council

What a pleasant surprise it was as I walked into Maldon on Friday and saw the seating and plants on the bank corner replacing a car park.

Well done Mount Alexander Shire Council. I look forward to this becoming a permanent public space where people can meet, eat and still enjoy being part of the centre of town.

Carol Clarke, Maldon

Seeking Food Links Project Worker

THE new Food Links project in Mount Alexander Shire is up and away, holding its first Steering Group meeting and starting recruitment for a Food Links Project Worker.

As the name suggests, Food Links aims to bring community gardens and food programmes together into a network, building collaboration, connection and more resilient communities in the region.

Supported by the Steering Group, the Food Links project worker will take the lead in the project to create a seasonal calendar of gatherings and community

workshops, build the capacity of community gardens locally and create a flourishing network of community gardens and food programmes.

“There is so much potential to bring people together through gardening and healthy food,” said Steering Group member Amy Atkinson, Coordinator of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre and project partner.

“I’m really excited to be involved in the new Food Links project.”

The Steering Group is seeking a project worker to lead and build the Food

Links network.

“It’s an exciting role that will be based at Castle-maine Community House but move between existing and emerging community gardens across Mount Alexander Shire. “We are looking for someone with community development skills and a passion for community gardens, community food and healthy eating.”

If you are interested in the Food Links Project worker role or connecting with the Food Links network, please contact 5472 4842 or food-links@cch.org.au.

A Blues Train to Maldon

IT was just over four years ago, on Saturday 3 December 3, that steam engine J549 first wowed the crowd at *Steam-Driven Journey Through the Blues at Maldon Station*.

On Saturday 6 March 2021, SteamPacket returned to that original format for their 11th Maldon Station show.

Songbird Kelly Auty was back on stage - this time sharing it with the quite amazing Fiona Boyes - a gravel-voiced blues diva with a collection of bizarre guitars that she made wail and rock and boogie in a way few had ever witnessed before.

One audience member swore that he was about to resign his high-flying professional career to cast himself at her feet and learn the secrets of her supple fingers.

A female fan had flown down from northern NSW to hear her. Also on hand were Sue Luke and the team from Swinburne Uni., where Fiona had first taken up the guitar.

Her original guitar teacher, Kim Windsor, was there, remembering how she’d mastered everything he could teach her in a month or so and then she was off on her own.

Under the sure hand of musical director, Chris Wilson, the specially created band delivered great backing for both women.

Guitarist Bob Thorn opened the show with the original acoustic version of Robert Johnson’s *Crossroads* before downing that instrument and - while Mark Kennedy, one of Australia’s greatest drummers, hit the tom toms – Robert strapped on his Stratocaster and slipped into the persona of Eric Clapton.

Roger Nelson was there to wail the blues on harmonica, including a virtuoso Paul Butterfield style performance on the chromatic instrument.

For once the weather was on our side. No blistering heat or evil north winds. No drenching rain and freezing south-westerlies. A tranquil day gave way to a perfect evening.

SteamPacket’s partnership with Victorian Goldfields Railways was showcased with the dramatic arrival of J549 while the band pounded out, *This Train Is Bound For Glory*. The timing was perfect and that engine needed no amplification to roar out its lusty theme song.

Many of the blues

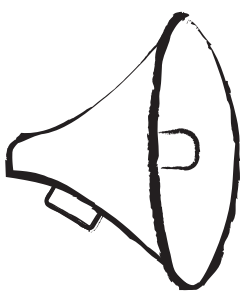
aficionados there were aware of another railway station on another March night with another blues diva belting out *Didn’t It Rain* (in pouring rain) in March 1964, in Manchester, UK. Sister Rosetta Tharpe on tour with Muddy Waters.

Despite the rain they stoked the flame of the seminal British Blues explosion. And it was that year the young British Band, The Animals, on tour with Chuck Berry, decided to record *The House of the Rising Sun*, an old New Orleans folk-blues song that became an international sensation with their organ-led performance.

So it was fitting that *SteamPacket 11* finished with a drawn-out and emotional ‘Rising Sun’ long after the original finish time of 10pm. And then the audience got to its collective feet and demanded something more and got more than they bargained for with, *Let The Good Times Roll*.

They had rolled. All evening long.

So what’s next for SteamPacket. How about *John Lennon’s Imagine* at the Vintage Machinery Museum in April?



IN the last few weeks, some results from the Tarrangower Tomorrow community survey have been published.

This week we are providing more details on the survey topic, Our Community.

During the consultation sessions, the Tarrangower community suggested a number of activities under this topic.

Ten of these were included in the survey, and people were asked to rate each proposed activity in terms of its importance to the Tarrangower Community.

In each topic, the activity with the highest average rating was seen as the most important, the second highest as the next most important and so on. The activities under Our Community are shown below in the order in which they were rated: 1 = most important to the Community, 10 = least important.

1. Improve access to medical services and provide a choice of GPs.
2. Help community groups work together to support

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Our Community

TARRANGOWER TOMORROW

and recruit members/ volunteers and coordinate their efforts.

3. Consider the employment and housing needs of young families in Tarrangower to make our population more diverse.
4. Reduce levels of social isolation.
5. Better understand the impact of weekenders - on housing availability, community cohesion and the economy.
6. Sporting clubs to explore opportunities for shared facilities, services and governance.
7. Encourage cycling for transport; develop safe bicycle lanes within Maldon, cycle paths between Maldon and Newstead and bicycle parking.
8. Improve physical access to Maldon swimming pool.
9. Develop off-road recreational cycling opportunities.
10. Investigate community use of the school’s outdoor fitness equipment.

Over the next weeks the other results will be published here. The committee has also started to develop the new Tarrangower Tomorrow Community Plan. This will involve working with community groups and interested individuals, to see how the activities of most importance to the community can be achieved. If you are interested in assisting with this task, please contact us at tarrangowertomorrow@gmail.com.

For further information, including other survey results visit www.ttormorrow.org or www.facebook.com/tarrangowertomorrow.

THANKS

This work would not have been possible without the support of Maldon & District Community Bank, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, Wallis Market and Social Research, Mount Alexander Shire Council and the Victorian Government CASI project.

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES ARE REALLY BACK!



AFTER a COVID hiccup in February Maldon Golden Movies (MGM) will be screening *Vice* at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre hall on Thursday, 18 March at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

An extra-ordinary semi-documentary about dumb-ass President George W. Bush’s Vice President. Dick Cheney was smart and quite wicked really. If you wish to understand the USA, a difficult task, this is your film. It’s introduced by Australia’s own David Stratton, on film.

Vice is a 2018 American biographical comedy-drama film written and directed by Adam McKay. The film stars Christian Bale as former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney, with Amy Adams, Steve Carell, Sam Rockwell, Justin Kirk, Tyler Perry, Alison Pill, Lily Rabe, and Jesse Plemons in supporting roles. The film follows Cheney on his path to become the most powerful Vice President in American history.

Vice was released in the United States on December 25, 2018, by Annapurna Pictures, and grossed \$76 million worldwide. Despite

generally positive reviews, especially for the cast performances, the film polarized critics; some considered it to be one of the best films of the year while others thought it to be one of the worst, with McKay’s screenplay and direction receiving both ‘scathing critiques and celebratory praise’.

The film received numerous awards and nominations, with eight nominations at the 91st Academy Awards, including a Best Picture nomination and a win for Best Make-Up and Hairstyling. It also had a leading six nominations at the 76th Golden Globe Awards (including a nomination for Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy), and six nominations at the 72nd British Academy Film Awards. For their performances, Bale, Adams, and Rockwell were nominated at all three shows, with Bale winning the Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Motion Picture Musical or Comedy.

COVID-safety

COVID-safety requirements mean the hall will be cleaned both before and after the film and patrons limited in number but sadly, our traditional bring-a-plate supper is no longer allowed. However, the MGM bar will still be open for wine,



beer, packets of nibbles such as nuts and crisps and of course, our ever-popular ice-cream cones.

Members will be able to scan the Neighbourhood Centre’s QR code at the door, and be noted by Nancy on entry if you don’t have a smart enough phone!

The good news is that all memberships that were paid up for 2020 have been carried over to 2021. New members are very welcome.

MGM membership of \$25 pp for 2021 can be paid on the night of the screening. Membership entitles you to monthly screenings of a varied range of films with other film-lovers in the climate controlled Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Twelve films for \$25 is a bargain! *Nancy Whittaker, Secretary, Maldon Golden Movies*

News in Brief

Power Outage

Electricity will be turned off in parts of Maldon next Tuesday 16 March when Powercor will undertake essential maintenance works in the area.

The outage is expected to occur between 9am and 3.30pm on the day.

For enquiries about the planned interruption, call Powercor on 13 24 12.

Pools closed

With the end of the March long weekend and the approaching cooler weather, outdoor pools in Castle-maine, Maldon, Newstead and Harcourt are now

closed.

Council’s Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Manager, Cath Olive said, “We had good patronage throughout the season, particularly warmer days, and we appreciate everyone’s effort in complying with COVID-Safe practices.”

To give Council feedback on your experience at your local pool this summer visit www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay to complete a survey before the end of the month.

Planned burn

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV) has

advised a 50ha planned burn will be undertaken at Gower Clarrys Track, 5km south east of Maldon in autumn 2021.

FFMV says the burn will occur between Sandy Creek and Pullans roads, Gower.

In an official statement the authority said, “The final decision to proceed can only be made on the day of the burn following monitoring of weather conditions and local fuel moisture levels.”

For further details, sign up to receive notifications of planned burns via email or SMS at www.plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au or DELWP on 136 186.



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For our young readers

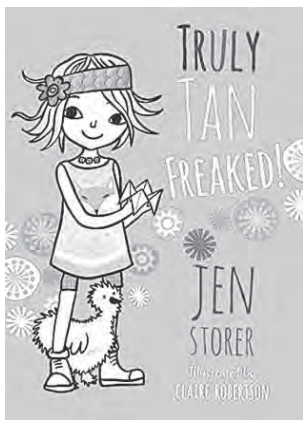
THIS week I'm writing about some great books for our young readers. They may be for those who are independent readers or for those who love having a story read to them.

Maldon's very own Jen Storer has written many great books for young readers and actually most of Jen's books have appeal for

adults too. The Danny Best series have amazing illustrations and even the covers are full of fun and interest. New to the Athenaeum this week are **Me First!** and **Watch This!** In **Me First!** there are four stories and a quiz at the end. Danny is the star and in the first one he's tongue-tied; in the second he's a big game hunter and in the third

Danny's teacher Mrs. Gidley sets out the rules for the pupils to write a story. These rules seem to go somewhat astray. Finally Danny has a big adventure in the wild when he heads off to the Outback. In **Watch This!**, Danny's adventures include being a Master Builder, coping with a Secret Ninja Spaceman, writing a story for a 'substitute' teacher who doesn't insist on any rules for the story and Danny as a Sumo Wrestling Legend.

Jen Storer also writes books about a girl called Truly Tan. We have two of these books to go into the Junior Library collection this week. These are **Truly Tan Jinxed!** and **Truly Tan Hoodwinked!** Both books have been especially signed



by Jen Storer. There are two other **Truly Tan** books at the Library, **Truly Tan Baffled** and **Truly Tan Freaked**. Tan is a girl who considers herself a spy and so she's always looking out for anything suspicious. She's bright and bold and she keeps a diary. She believes that she's cunning and stealthy and she finds it exciting to be her. These books will definitely appeal to girls from aged eight to early teens and I have a sneaking suspicion that Mums might enjoy them too. The illustrator of these books is Claire Robertson and she certainly has done a very appealing and quirky job.



Another great book for our younger readers is **Rosie The Party Pig** written by Diane Harris and illustrated by Robert Young. This book has a special message from Diane Harris to all the young readers of the Maldon Athenaeum Library. Rosie is a very sociable pig who enjoys everything. She especially likes mud baths and visiting the neighbours. She loves eating and her favourite foods are custard tarts and pasta. When two hens Shirley and Grace decide to have a picnic and invite all the farm animals they are worried about Rosie's manners but Rosie is so happy to get the invitation and make herself glamorous. Things go rather badly at the party and the hens are upset by Rosie's manners but in the end it's Rosie who's the heroine.

Rock of Ages features in new exhibition



☆ Artist Mark Dober drawing at Nuggetty Hills.



☆ Rocks, Spring (Nuggetty Hills).

AWARD-WINNING Castlemaine artist, Mark Dober will have his Nuggetty Hills work featured in a show (along with artist Alexandra Sasse) at Alexandra Sasse Gallery in Melbourne.

The show opened to the public on Saturday 6 March and runs until Saturday 27 March.

"Since moving from Melbourne to Castlemaine

in 2016, my work has been mostly made in this region," Mark said.

"I have been tracking down to the Rock of Ages almost daily for a couple of years now making my work on site.

"The Nuggetty Hills feature piles of rocks, stunted trees and sweeping views at the summit. Further down the hill, the forest thickens, trees are taller but twisted

and contorted, grassed over mounds and collapsed shafts are evidence of past gold diggings.

"My work made at this place explores a tension between connectedness – an enjoyment of being amongst nature – and otherness (for nature is not a world of our making).

"Skeletal trees upright and lying dead on the forest floor, twisted and leaning tree trunks, contorted and curling branches, piled up rocks, weedy and spiky looking plants, the remnants of mining past – can seem uncommunicative, strange and even surreal. Yet simultaneously, the beauty of the bush and its living environment beckon. These opposing qualities inform my response.

"From time to time, my work made here is also shown nationally, as in the upcoming Muswellbrook Art Prize in NSW."

Mark's vivid watercolour paintings bring a heightened sense of the tactile landscape through a finely honed sensibility.

His work is held in the collections of the National Gallery of Australia, Australia Council of Trade Unions, the National Bank and many others. He holds a PhD in Painting from Monash University.

Alexandra Sasse Gallery, at 4 Selbourne Road, Kew, is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 11am-4pm.

Finally this week there are two other fantastic new books for our younger readers. **Olga the Brolga** is a lovely story about a young brolga who wants to dance but her family and friends won't dance with her so she dances alone making everyone happy. The author is Rod Clement.

The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley is written by Colin Thompson and illustrated by Amy Lissiat. This is a book with

a definite message as Riley is a rat who is very contented with his life in contrast to many humans who may live longer than Riley but who often are discontent with their lives. It's a great book for parents and grandparents to read with children and explain the ideas of being satisfied with one's lot in life.

I hope our young readers enjoy these and all the other wonderful books at the Athenaeum.

Joy Leneaux-Gale.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

MALDON'S URANIUM BOOM

Vic. man hunts uranium



URANIUM HUNTER Mr. E. P. George on the job today in a tunnel on his lease a few miles out of Maldon, Victoria. Armed with a geiger counter he holds a candle to view the wall which, he says, is stained with green uranium salts. Mr. George thinks this reef runs under Maldon.

On 19 May 1954, the front page of the *Maldon Times* asked the question 'Will uranium be found at Maldon?'

Ernest George, a 68-year-old retired mining engineer, claimed to have found a 20-mile long vein of uranium ore that ran directly below the town centre. George had prospected for gold around Maldon for over 20 years before purchasing a Geiger counter to search for uranium. It had taken him four years to map out the radioactive seam.

Earlier in the month, two brothers, Bill and Sam Macumber, announced the discovery of a radioactive mineral deposit at Inglewood. This strike led to a minor rush following comments by the Mines Department that early samples showed real promise of a valuable uranium deposit.

Ernest George's announcement was widely covered in the national press. He was photographed in Carmans Tunnel, armed with his Geiger counter, pointing out green salt deposits on the walls. He claimed that in other shafts he had seen strange flashing lights caused by radioactivity and that on a number of occasions radiation had upset his car's ignition system. George predicted that Maldon would yield more

uranium than would ever be mined at Rum Jungle.

The news was generally welcomed in Maldon. Shire President, Cr Roger McArthur, said everyone had their fingers crossed and hoped that uranium would make Maldon a boomtown again. At the request of local parliamentarian Harry Grigg MLC, the Mines Department sent Chief Government Geologist, Dr David Thomas, to investigate George's claims.

Dr Thomas was unable to find the strong radiation that Ernest George had reported. He did however have a long discussion with George and examined his collection of local minerals that he found contained some interesting examples of scheelite crystals.

Dr Thomas' official report wrote off Maldon's uranium 'strike'. He found that some samples taken from Carmans Tunnel reacted to a fluoroscope but did not give off the green fluorescence characteristic of uranium compounds. The small amounts of radioactivity he detected could be traced to the presence of radon. Thomas also pointed out that most Victorian mineral springs were slightly radioactive.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Public Information Sessions in Maldon

MALDON Hospital will be running two public information events on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

A Maldon Hospital Nurse Immuniser will facilitate the events, providing information about the vaccine rollout and answering any questions participants may have.

The events will be held at Maldon Hospital’s Day Centre at:

- 6pm on Wednesday, 24 March
- 2pm on Friday, 26 March

Participant numbers will be capped due to COVID-19, so please secure your place by calling Maldon Hospital Reception on 5475 2000.

Meanwhile history was made in Mount Alexander Shire earlier this month when 90-year-old retired nurse Betty Kellett received the very first COVID-19 vaccination on 4 March.

Betty lives in Penhall at Castlemaine Health and was among a group of residents and staff to receive their first

vaccinations.

“It means a great deal to me, more security and hopefully if we all get vaccinated we won’t get the disease, nor will we pass it on. I’m an ex-nurse and I’ve been on the other side. The more people that have it the better,” Betty said.

Castlemaine Health and Maldon Hospital CEO Sue Race said, “It’s fantastic that we can now begin work to keep residents and staff in the Mount Alexander Shire safe.”

Residential aged care workers and residents are among the first people in Australia who can choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

This is part of the first phase (Phase 1A) of Australia’s national roll-out strategy.

In the Loddon Mallee region, public care facilities in Bendigo, Castlemaine and Inglewood have been the first to receive the

vaccine. Maldon Hospital’s rollout dates will be determined based on supplies from Bendigo Health.

“Bendigo Health is the coordinating hub managing distribution in the Loddon Mallee region. Allocation

of the vaccine in the public health system in Victoria is determined by the State Government. The vaccination process for our region will depend on supply, with rollout to increase as more vaccine becomes available,”

Ms Race said.

A State Government COVID-19 vaccine hotline option has been established. People with general enquiries about the COVID-19 vaccine rollout should ring 1800 675 398 (option 3).

Who cleans the outdoor dining tables?

A Maldon resident has raised concerns about whether COVID guidelines – such as cleaning surfaces after they have been used - apply to the new outdoor dining precincts being installed across the shire including at the latest one on the Old Bank Corner in Maldon.

“Cafe staff have to clean their tables after every sitting, but who cleans these public outdoor tables after people have had their lunch there?” asked the resident, who did not want to be named.

The *TT* contacted Mount Alexander Shire Council for clarification on the issue.

“Due to the cost and resources of routine

disinfection at each location, the areas are unable to be regularly cleaned,” a Council spokesperson said.

“If Council were able to clean a site on a routine basis we cannot guarantee it will be COVID-free. As soon as someone touches the surface, it becomes unclean.

“This approach is consistent with how we’ve re-opened and are operating our parks, playgrounds and other public spaces.

“Users of the outdoor dining and entertainment precincts are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions, and ensure they follow physical distancing and hygiene rules to protect against coronavirus

(COVID-19).

“Signage is due to be installed at each of the temporary outdoor dining and entertainment precincts to remind everyone of what they can do to protect themselves from COVID-19 and reduce the spread.”

The spokesperson said each temporary outdoor dining and entertainment precinct has been designed to enable safe and socially-distanced interactions between separate groups of people.

“We encourage people to make common sense decisions in keeping with the advice from Victoria’s Chief Health Officer.”

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DEATHS

BURCHELL

John

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Father of Lisa & Susan.

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The Funeral Service to honour John's life will be held in the Thompson Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 commencing at 1:30pm. At the conclusion of the Service, John will be Privately Cremated.



DEATHS

BURCHELL, John

Threw his final boule this week. A longtime member of the Maldon Petanque Club who will be greatly missed by all at the Club. John was a true Maldon character.

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Tarrangower Times offers a FREE service for lost and found

LOST



Our little Archie is a 2 year old male ginger cat (desexed) with a beautiful nature. We moved from Sydney to Maldon in September 2020. He went missing at 10pm on Saturday 6th March from corner Camp & Templeton Street and despite extensive searching has not been seen since. He has a big bushy tail and is shy of people by nature but it turns out he was well known by our neighbours for climbing their trees and sitting on roofs!

We hand raised him from 6 weeks old and we are very attached, it is very unlike Archie not to come home and we feel he is stuck somewhere. Perhaps locked in a Bed & Breakfast or someone's shed or injured. We are appealing to the kind and good people of Maldon to check their surrounds (outbuildings, sheds) or to keep an eye out for our dear little guy. He is truly loved and missed dearly. Our phone number is 0407 562 001 and we welcome any information.

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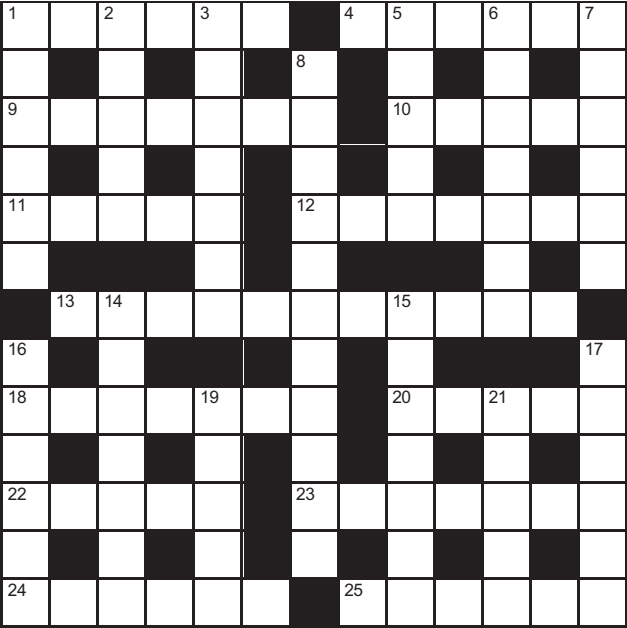
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Across

- 1 Close
- 4 Motionless
- 9 Shade of red
- 10 Sudden forward movement
- 11 Bridal path
- 12 Mends
- 13 Thinking about
- 18 Put back
- 20 Picture
- 22 Topic
- 23 Shine
- 24 Withstand
- 25 Feature



Down

- 1 Sweet liquid
- 2 Assumed name
- 3 Hampers
- 5 Flower grown from bulb
- 6 Tightness
- 7 Food made from milk
- 8 Items in recipe
- 14 Keep down
- 15 Dried grapes
- 16 Novelist
- 17 Choose
- 19 Districts
- 21 Joint between foot and leg

Solution to No. 790



Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 9.3.21

8.5mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	92.9	44.6	3.2
Feb	8.9	56.3	12.6
Mar	8.5	32.8	4.3
Apr		99.6	4.5
May		49.2	100.8
June		38.3	75.2
July		23.5	35.3
Aug		48.7	45.7
Sept		40.9	19.1
Oct		47.1	4.9
Nov		25.7	38.6
Dec		29.1	3.9
TOTAL	110.3	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 9.3.21

9.2mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	83.4	35.2	4.8
Feb	17.0	52.8	21.6
Mar	9.2	37.0	7.6
Apr		145.4	5.6
May		66.2	115.5
June		49.2	92.2
July		32.8	53.6
Aug		62.2	57.6
Sept		54.6	29.4
Oct		73.2	8.6
Nov		37.2	43.0
Dec		39.2	9.8
TOTAL	109.6	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 9.3.21

7.6mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	101.6	53.6	5.0
Feb	13.6	38.0	18.2
Mar	7.6	35.8	6.2
Apr		107.6	5.0
May		56.2	113.6
June		46.6	82.8
July		29.4	43.0
Aug		69.6	51.6
Sept		46.8	31.2
Oct		56.2	9.8
Nov		22.8	42.0
Dec		31.2	8.4
TOTAL	122.8	593.8	416.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 9.3.21

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	60.037	% Full	40.81
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‘Let’s Act’ for everyone including the hearing challenged

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Adult me, frustrated, anxious and disappointed, wanted to fuse with child-me and do a runner. Not hearing the focus was bad enough, but soon I would not hear instructions! Group exercises? Pair work? Hearing inability failures loomed.

Guessing an appropriate time, I declared, “I haven’t understood a word you have been saying. I think I better not disrupt the group – I think I should leave.”

The last thing I wanted to do was challenge the group with my hearing loss. No way!

But, already the group was melding. The group comprising two men and six women, united to solve the problem.

Doors were suddenly swung open and immediately it was a massive improvement. The teacher moved a bit closer to us. Just that one step forward meant I could hear so much more.

The first circle group exercise was to count to 21. If

two people spoke at the same time we started again. Of course, I messed up the first run. I backed off.

“I’ll watch,” I said.

“Let’s try it one more time,” said the teacher and members of the group, “Come on, let’s try it again.”

I did and this time I watched the mouths of the people opposite me. I jumped in immediately after one woman and said a number. I relaxed. We got to 20. Then I quickly said ‘21!’ Phew! In my 77th year, maybe I’m in.

Improvisations were easier. Seated in nominated pairs, closer to us (the audience) than usual (thanks, pals!), a scene was set (No, I’m not saying!). Each of the pair was given a role in the scene. Both asked to think: where are you coming from, where are you going, and why are you here? Off we went. A time out was called. A modification given. We continued. People were responsive to our teacher’s scenes, leads and time outs.

And the result was funny,

profound, tear-jerking, spell binding, edge-of-your-seat scenes. Afterwards, the mood of the room was appreciative, delighted.

Next week our COVID-safe bring your own coffee cup will be part of the props for an exercise. I can hardly wait!

I’m off to the audiologist for one more slight adjustment. For the first time I really want my hearing aids.

“Thanks for persisting,” said our director/teacher.

As I sit here after the class writing this account of my experience, I just want to say, “Thank you all for encouraging me. I’m in.”

Oh! Who is Hobo Playhouse’s director? Maldon’s very own *Tarrangower Times* editor, Jeff Jones.

Carol McDonough

Editor’s note: Thanks for the article Carol and I’m so glad you persisted. The Hobos will be holding another eight-week acting course for beginners at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre in early May. If anyone’s interested, please give me a call on 0457 843 551.

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB



Benloch came for the test

To find who is the best

ON Saturday 27 February, our pistes at St Brigid’s were invaded by the Benloch Boules of Steel Petanque Club, who had come to play their club championship. They play their regular games on the driveway of a local farm but wanted to give their championship the prestige of playing on quality pistes.

Twenty-three players and supporters got the games going at 10am and it was after 6pm when the grand final was decided. They all expressed their gratitude to MPC for providing the venue and told of how they enjoyed Maldon township, most of them came on Friday night and left on Sunday.

On Sunday 7 March, the MPC gathered for its first Autumn game for the year in ideal petanque conditions. We were pleased to welcome Alan Smith as a new member to our club and to welcome back John Swain and SueAnn Williams after long breaks.

After three rounds of play, there were three players with 3 wins each. The overall winner was June Hunter with 23 points, followed by Phil Cropley 21 points and



☆ Richard is in no doubt about which boule is ‘on’.

Photo courtesy Mike Forsyth.

Andrew Leckie 14 points. Our next fortnightly game will be on Sunday 21 March on the St Brigid’s pistes starting at 2pm.

Coming up: on Sunday 18 April, we have entered two teams in the North

West Club Challenge to be held in Halls Gap. On Saturday 29 May, the MPC will be hosting its first Open Doubles Tournament with players coming from near and far.

Geoff McLennan

In Maldon Today



TODAY’S program will be hosted by Nancy and EC, with interview guest Lisa from Main Street’s Forget-me-not Flowers.

Last week’s special guest was Robyn Sturgeon, pictured, who regaled Mike and Stevo with tall tales

of growing up on a huge Queensland cattle station. She and her sisters once returned home for a visit only to find a flooded Skelton Creek blocking their way; their Dad had helpfully rigged a flying fox – for their suitcases – but the girls were

directed to swim across! Robyn became a champion swimmer and lifesaver, skills she used many years later to rescue a dog from a murky French canal. Art Teacher, Interior Decorator, married to an awesome dancer, Robyn now fronts Maldon’s popular Garden Club.

Next Friday Nancy and Kevin team up for the first time to meet Anita Sinclair, chatting about her new book, *The Kitemakers*. It’s an autobiographical account of her early childhood years during the second world war in Britain.

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

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