

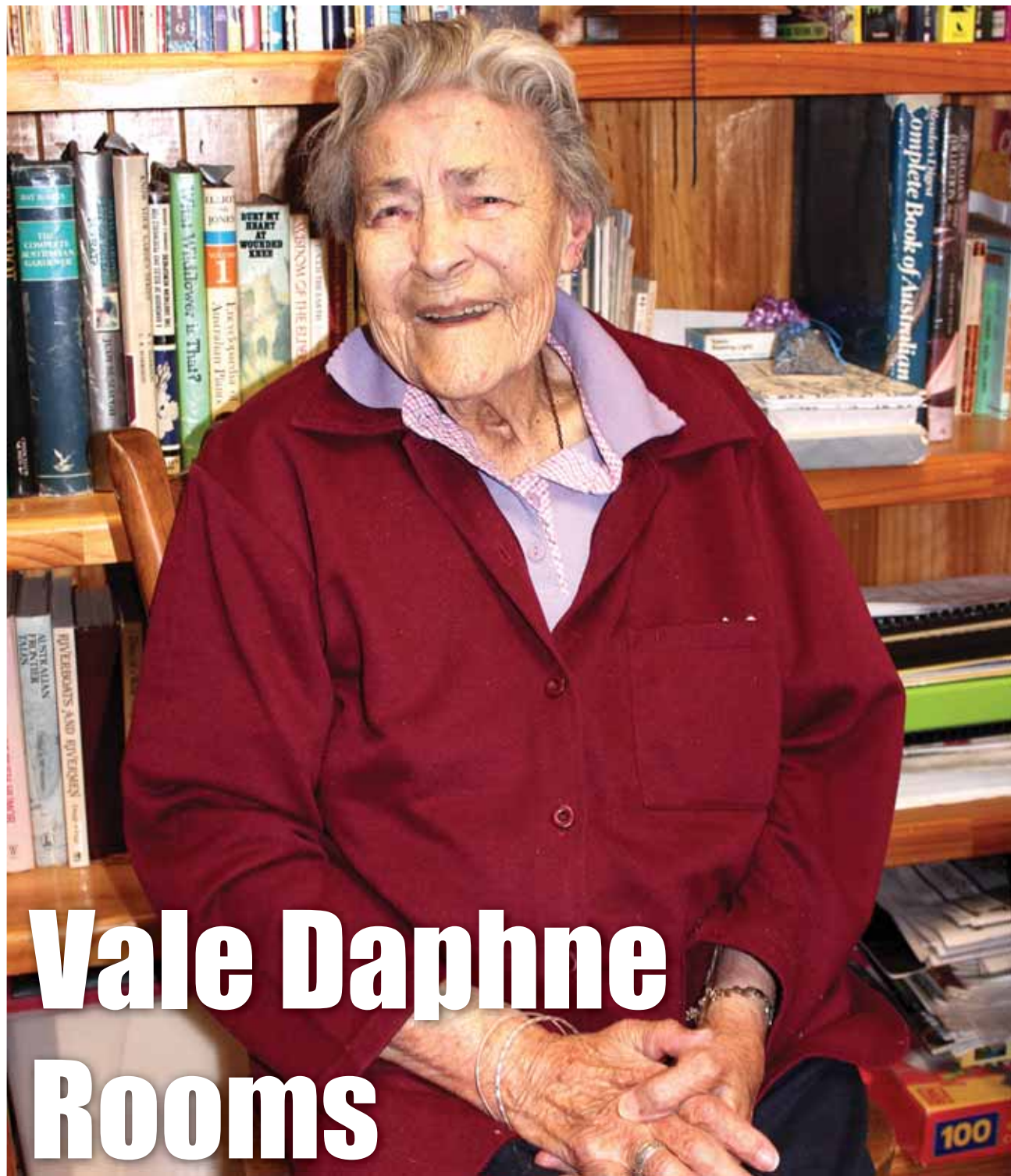
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## Vale Daphne Rooms

## Crossing upgrade gets underway



☆ Local resident Carmel Naismith is rapt to see works underway to upgrade the Maldon level crossing.

### “I’m thrilled to bits!”

That was Maldon resident Carmel Naismith’s reaction to the news that the level crossing on the Maldon-Bendigo Road is being upgraded this week.

The upgrade is being done by the Victorian Goldfields Railway in conjunction with the State Government and Mount Alexander Shire Council.

It will include re-building the rail track through the crossing, re-surfacing the roadway and fitting the crossing with automatic flashing lights and bells.

“Hopefully it means there will be no more screeching of brakes or mad tooting from the train,” said Ms Naismith, whose property is near the crossing.

She said there had been several near misses in recent years.

“There are just so many cars that go through there and the drivers don’t look for the train – it (the upgraded level crossing) will be a potential life saver.”

VGR Ganger Will Maylor and a group of hard-working volunteers started on the upgrade about a week ago.

“We’re replacing rails on either side of the crossing with much longer, less worn rails to improve the service life of the track,” Mr Maylor said.

He said the new rail track will be laid on concrete sleepers and the roadway will be resurfaced in line with current Victorian standards.

Mr Maylor said the roadway will be finished with thick asphalt that will give road users a less bumpy ride when they drive over the crossing.

“The Department of Transport is funding the installation of flashing lights and bells, so this crossing will be the same as our other three crossings in Castlemaine.

“The lights and bells should be installed here in Maldon by the end of the financial year.”

Mr Maylor said the level

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☆ Well-known Maldon resident Daphne Rooms passed away at Jessie Bowe House, Maldon Hospital, on Monday 15 March aged 101. See a tribute to Daphne on Page 3.

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## 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 at the IGA carpark in Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0490 366 243.

## EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

**MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB** games every second Sunday at St. Brigid's at 1.30 for a 2pm start. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Andrew Leckie 5400 1054.

**SOCIAL PÉTANQUE** on the Penny School pistes is played on every second Sunday, alternating with MPC, at 1.45 for a 2pm start, unless rain is bucketing down, or it is over 30°. We resume regular fortnightly games on 31 January. Enq: 0459 093 452.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

## EVERY MONDAY

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

**ATHENAEUM LIBRARY** High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Enqs Joy 5475 1326.

**MALDON BRIDGE CLUB** at the Maldon Hotel, 1.15pm - 4.30pm. New players welcome including solo players. Enq: Danny Murphy 0430 733 782.

**MALDON WALKING GROUP**, starting at 9.30am for a gentle walk. Start at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. No booking required. Cancelled if heavy rain or a Code Red Day. Enq: 5479 1000.

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

## 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 or Robyn 0418 544 966.

## THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS** from 10am MNC Community garden.

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

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

**MALDON BRISK WALKING GROUP**, 7.30am meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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

**MALDON CROQUET CLUB** 9.30am and 7pm. New members welcome. Enq. Ray Austin 0448 338 251.

**YOGA AND RELAXATION**, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Hall. Mornings 9-10.30am, evenings 6-7.30pm. Come and try, first class free. Enq: Andrea 0427 772 878.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

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**COMMUNITY LUNCH**, 12 noon, Maldon Community Centre. Delicious two-course lunch. Every Wed. during school terms. All welcome. \$5. Enq: 5475 2093.

**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°).

**HATHA YOGA WITH WENDY** 5 – 6.30pm at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

**YOUNG AT HEART PLAYGROUP**, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 10-11.30am. Enq. 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY FORTNIGHT

**ART & CRAFT GROUP** 1.30pm – 4pm at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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**GENTLE TAI CHI** Resumes 30 January, 2020. 11.30-12.30 at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Contact Jenny 0417 475 270 to register.

**MAH JONG** at the Neighbourhood Centre between 2pm - 4pm. Enq: 5475 2093.

**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. Ray Austin 0448 338 251.

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

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

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## LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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## SATURDAY 20 MARCH

**NEWSTEAD CFA COMMUNITY MARKET**, 8am - 1pm, Newstead Rotunda Park. Stallholders welcome, site cost \$10. Enq: 0427 506 843.

## THURSDAY 25 MARCH

**WALKING TOUR OF MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY MUSEUM**, 9.30am. Bookings: 5479 1000.

## FRIDAY 26 MARCH

**ISO-BREAKER, *Movers and Shakers*** at 2.30pm - 5pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Cost includes afternoon tea \$10. Bookings: 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

## SATURDAY 27 MARCH

**MALDON TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE**, costs \$10 to register your sale and be included on the map. Maps \$2 will be available outside the old Maldon Collectables from 7.45am. To register or for enquiries call Bonnie on 0400 358 606.

## THURSDAY 1 APRIL

**OLD TIME DANCE** - 8pm start at the Maldon Community Centre, Francis Street, Maldon. Live Music, Supper provided. Polish up your dancing shoes and get out on the floor for the first dance here in 12 months! Enquiries Hannah Dohnt 0409 189 708.

## SUNDAY 4 APRIL

**MALDON MUSEUM**, Re-opening, then open every Sunday and Wednesday 11.30am to 2pm. Admission Free for Easter. Special Photographic Display 'Tarrangower to Conservation'.

## SATURDAY 24 APRIL

**IMAGINE**, Celebrating the music of John Lennon. Bookings: steampacket.com.au.

## Maldon's Old Time Dance is Back!



☆ People came from far and wide for a thoroughly enjoyable evening of old time dancing in 2019.

**TOE tapping tunes, a delicious supper and a fast floor will attract dancers from near and far to the Maldon Community Centre on Thursday 1 April. It's no joke...we're back!**

With the easing of COVID restrictions, enthusiastic dancers will be able to gather for the first time in Maldon for nearly 10 months.

Kick off your Easter holiday fun and games with a night of old time dancing and help support the running of the Maldon and Baringhup Agricultural Show.

The funds raised from the Old Time Dances help to keep the Show's entry fees down and enables the Show committee to provide the rides, music performers and kid's entertainment free of extra charge.

The Dance will be held at the Community Centre, Francis Street, Maldon beginning at 8pm.

Sign in at the door with the COVID App or on the attendance sheets provided.

Enquiries to Hannah Dohnt on 0409 189 708.

*Robbie Stockfeld*

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# Crossing upgrade gets underway



☆ VGR Ganger Will Maylor (right) and a great group of volunteers working on the level crossing upgrade at Maldon.

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crossing won't have gates and there hasn't been provision for pedestrian access at this stage.

Asked how necessary the upgrade is, Mr Maylor said, "It's ridiculously needed."

"This crossing is very high on the list of near misses with cars.

"There have been two accidents that I'm aware of in recent years, one where a car went into the side of a train and there have been

countless close calls."

He said the trains currently pass through the crossing at 15km/h.

"Some drivers think they can beat the train over the crossing, which is a very dangerous thing to do."

## Who cleans the tables?



**COUNCIL has established a number of temporary outdoor dining and entertainment precincts throughout the shire over the past month to assist hospitality businesses to cater for more diners.**

The temporary outdoor dining site that popped up on the Old Bank Corner in Maldon earlier this month has been welcomed and well used by locals and tourists alike.

And it is certainly a boost for local cafes and takeaways who can only provide limited seating in their premises due to COVID Safe restrictions.

But one local resident, who asked not to be named, raised an interesting point when he recently contacted

the *TT* last week.

"Who's going to clean the outdoor tables and seats? There were lots of people coming and going from the Old Bank Corner last weekend, many of them enjoying a coffee or a bite to eat but the tables weren't disinfected after each sitting and there was no hand sanitiser or COVID Safe signage around to remind people about social distancing."

A Mount Alexander Shire Council spokesperson said due to the cost and resources of routine disinfection at each location, the areas are unable to be regularly cleaned.

"If Council was 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," the spokesperson said.

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

The spokesperson said 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.

"Each temporary outdoor dining and entertainment precinct has been designed to enable safe and socially-distanced interactions between separate groups of people, and we encourage people to make common sense decisions in keeping with the advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer."

# Vale Daphne Rooms

**MY friend Daphne died last Monday.**

I remember when I first saw her. It was at one of those morning tea celebrations for the start of a new season – autumn I think it was – at Maldon Hospital. I was roaming about photographing people for a spread of photos in the *TT* and I came across Daphne sitting

with friends. I asked to take their photo, they nodded affirmatively, smiled and I clicked the camera.

As I was jotting down their names for the caption, Daphne told me she was turning 100 in July.

Really? I said. Can I do a story?

Oh yes, she said.

After I left, I jotted the

date down in my notebook: July 27: 'Daphne Rooms turns 100'.

It was the start of something. I didn't know exactly what, but it was the start of something.

I have interviewed and photographed Daphne about three or four times for stories for the *TT* over the past

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## Changing of the guard



☆ Succession plan becomes a reality at the Maldon Athenaeum Library: (l-r) Suzette Phillips, Joy Leneaux-Gale, Winsome Strickland and Debbie McDonald.

**AFTER 23 years, Joy Leneaux-Gale has retired as President of Maldon's much-loved Athenaeum Library.**

Treasurer Winsome Strickland also retired at last Monday's Annual General Meeting after also serving the library for 23 years.

Suzette Phillips was elected President and Debbie McDonald is the new Treasurer.

Joy said it was an exciting time for the library.

"We've been trying to set up a succession plan for a few years now and it's just wonderful to be able to hand over to such wonderful people," Joy said.

She said one of the many highlights was seeing the library transform from a little, run-down organisation into a vibrant library.

Winsome agreed.

"It's grown as we've developed it," she said. "Libraries are much more complicated these days to what they were."

New President Suzette said she has got big boots to fill.

"I'm very excited and very happy to take it over,"

Suzette said.

"It's quite a unique library in that it's totally run by volunteers and it's a community-based library. It's funded by the community and memberships.

New Treasurer Debbie McDonald said, "I'm absolutely thrilled and honoured

to be voted in."

Thanks for your many years of dedication and service to our community library Joy and Winsome and congratulations to Suzette and Debbie on being elected to your new roles.

See Letters to the Editor Page 6.



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	15 to 19 May	

Keep in mind, there are other transport disruptions over autumn. Find a detailed list at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au](http://bigbuild.vic.gov.au)





# Playgroups: beneficial to the whole family



**NATIONAL Playgroup Week runs from 24-30 March and Council is celebrating by hosting a pop-up playgroup in Victory Park on Friday 26 March from 10am-noon.**

Families with children

aged up to five years are invited to attend and try a craft activity, listen to a story, learn a new song and connect with other families.

“Playgroups are so beneficial to the whole family,” said Mount Alexander

Shire Council’s Supported Playgroup facilitator, Libby Paige.

“They nurture children’s social skills and overall development while providing an important opportunity for parents and caregivers to share experiences and feel supported.

“Caring for young children can be exhausting and sometimes isolating. A weekly visit to playgroup can help parents feel like valuable members of the village and local community.”

For more information about playgroups visit [www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Playgroups](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Playgroups) or call Libby Page on 5471 1700.

# Residents rapt to see overgrowth finally cleared



☆ Harry May was delighted to see machinery clearing the site near his Chapel Street South home.

**MALDON resident Harry May was delighted to see a site near his Chapel Street South home, near Spring Street, finally cleared of blackberries, box thorns and huge Gorse earlier this month.**

“We’ve been trying to get this done for 12 years,” Mr May said.

“We had a meeting up here about two months ago and they couldn’t work out who owned it but they must have sorted it out.”

Mr May said the works will make the area a lot safer especially during the bush-fire season.

“It was a disaster waiting to happen.”

CFA Vegetation Management Officer Lisa Haines said the mulching works were undertaken through Safer Together, a government initiative to encourage agencies and land managers to work more effectively together to reduce the risks of bushfire in Victoria.

“Concerns about fire risk at this Spring Street site were raised by a concerned resident,” Ms Haines said.

“The site is on Mount Alexander Shire-managed land and the works were arranged by CFA using a contractor.

“The works removed a large amount of blackberries and other weeds that had built up over time.”

Meanwhile Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) has recently completed slashing to around five hectares on the eastern side of ANZAC Hill in Maldon.

A further 12 hectares of mechanical fuel reduction works, and a 41-hectare fuel reduction burn are planned for ANZAC Hill in the 2021

Joint Fuel Management Plan.

“FFMVic crews conduct mechanical works and fuel reduction burns to reduce the size, intensity and impact of future bushfires to communities and the environment,” said Murray Goldfields District Manager Adrian Parker.

“These works are part of FFMVic’s strategic fuel management program of approximately 30 planned burns totalling more than 4,700 hectares in the Murray Goldfields district over coming months if conditions are suitable.”

## Maternity services return to Castlemaine in two stages

**“IT’S a wonderful way to begin 2021.”**

That was the response from Castlemaine Health CEO Sue Race following the announcement that maternity services will

reopen in Castlemaine with a two-stage approach from Monday 22 March and will be fully operational from 3 May.

“We look forward to resuming the important

role of caring for local women, babies and families throughout pregnancy, birth and early parenting,” Ms Race said.

Castlemaine Health offers a Level 2 maternity service, offering local care for women and babies at low risk.

The service has a strong relationship and professional partnership with Bendigo Health, a Level 5 maternity service provider.

The two will work closely together to ensure women transition smoothly between the services when required and benefit from the expertise, care and oversight of a broader team of clinical specialists. The relationship will also support the professional development of the Castlemaine maternity team.

“I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of our service review team and the tremendous support from Bendigo Health, Safer Care Victoria, the Department of Health and the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation (ANMF), Victorian Branch to get to this point,” Ms Race said.

## Jobs plan needed, says Chesters

**MORE than 6000 workers and nearly 2000 businesses will be impacted in the Bendigo electorate when JobKeeper comes to a halt at the end of the month, says Federal Bendigo MP Lisa Chesters.**

She said Prime Minister Scott Morrison is pulling support out of the local economy too quickly.

“The Prime Minister’s JobKeeper cuts risk leaving too many people in our community behind.” Ms Chesters said.

“Our recovery from the deepest recession in a century

risks being longer because Scott Morrison is pulling support from some sections of our local economy too quickly.

“Our community needs and deserves a comprehensive jobs plan to support local businesses and workers in the recovery.” Ms Chesters said.

She said abolishing JobKeeper at the end of the month will impact more than one million workers and half a million businesses across the country, including thousands of working families in the local area.

## News In Brief

### Biggest Morning Tea

Cancer Council Victoria is encouraging Mount Alexander Shire residents to take part in this year’s Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea to support Victorians affected by cancer.

By hosting or attending a morning tea event with family, friends or colleagues, people can help Cancer Council continue its life-saving cancer research, prevention, advocacy and support programs.

The official day to host a morning tea in 2021 is Thursday 27 May, however participants can register to host at any time throughout May or June.

On average 154 Mount Alexander Shire residents are diagnosed with cancer each year, while 36,000 people are diagnosed in Victoria.

For more information or to register, visit [biggest-morningtea.com.au](http://biggest-morningtea.com.au) or call 1300 65 65 85 to receive a

free morning tea host kit.

### At last

Work will start on the construction of two new female friendly/unisex change rooms and umpire rooms at Harcourt Recreation Reserve this month.

The new facilities have been designed in consultation with local sports clubs and user groups, and will include toilet cubicles, private showers stalls and umpire facilities.

The reserve is home to the Harcourt Football Netball Club, Harcourt Cricket Club, Harcourt Tennis Club and Harcourt & District Leisure Centre Inc.

At the moment, there are no change facilities at the site for female participants or umpires.

It is anticipated that the new female-friendly change rooms will be open to the sporting groups and ready for use by November 2021, weather permitting.

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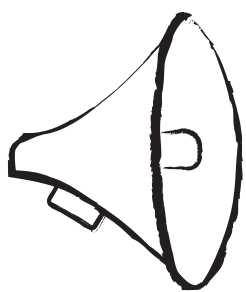
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# SURVEY RESULTS

## Our Heritage & Infrastructure

### TARRANGOWER TOMORROW

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 Heritage, Our Infrastructure*.

During the consultation sessions, the Tarrangower community suggested a number of activities on this topic. Twelve proposed activities were included in the survey, and people were asked to rate each one in terms of its importance to the Tarrangower community.

The activities under *Our Heritage, Our Infrastructure* are shown below in the order in which they were rated: 1 = most important to the community and 12 = least important.

1. Protect environmental, landscape and Indigenous heritage throughout Tarrangower.
2. Survey the number and frequency of large trucks travelling through Maldon.
3. Enhance the appearance and historical aspects of the main entry points to Maldon.
4. Improve maintenance of walking tracks.
5. Encourage availability of low cost, rental

housing and housing for people across their life stages.

6. Develop signage for visitors - showcasing heritage, way-finding, and scenic walks.
7. Undertake a pedestrian survey and make improvements to footpaths and crossings.
8. Upgrade sporting fields, courts and facilities.
9. Review parking needs in Maldon CBD.
10. Review speed limits in Maldon - particularly in Lowther Street and High Street.
11. Undertake improvements to the playground.
12. Consider development of a dog park.

#### Tarrangower Tomorrow Community Plan Update

Hear about the outcomes from the Community Survey, learn about the next steps in the process and contribute your ideas for the Community Plan.

Please join us for this informative, interactive session at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, next Monday 22 March, corner Church and Edward streets, Maldon, from 5.15pm to 6.30pm, with refreshments. If you can come, please contact us at [tarrangowertomorrow@gmail.com](mailto:tarrangowertomorrow@gmail.com)

or 5475 2093. This will be a COVID-safe event.

If you can't make it but would like to be involved in the process, please email us or visit the Contact Us page of [www.ttomorrow.org](http://www.ttomorrow.org).

For further information, including other survey results - see our website: [www.ttomorrow.org](http://www.ttomorrow.org). There is also a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/tarrangowertomorrow](https://www.facebook.com/tarrangowertomorrow).

#### Thanks

This work has been greatly assisted by 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.

## Children Sink their Teeth into World Oral Health Day

**WORLD Oral Health Day is on Saturday March 20 and the children, staff and families at Newstead Preschool know that it is never too early to start looking after your teeth and gums.**

Smiles 4 Miles is an initiative of Dental Health Services Victoria and is implemented locally by CHIRP Community Health. Children, families, and staff at early childhood services who are part of this program follow three key messages: Drink well, Eat well and Clean well.

This year children at Newstead Preschool are

## Maldon Croquet News



☆ Peter Guntrip watches the ball go agonisingly close to the hoop while Helen Davies and Jenny Davies look on.

**WE have been allowed to start to have inter-club games again and we recently hosted Castlemaine at Maldon.**

Maldon won by 10 games (110 hoops) to 6 games (98 hoops), in what was a pretty close encounter.

This challenge is held

twice a year and it started at Castlemaine back in September 2015.

This coming weekend we've got the Maryborough Challenge at Maryborough.

Now that we're back, here's hoping we will have a far better season this year without any COVID

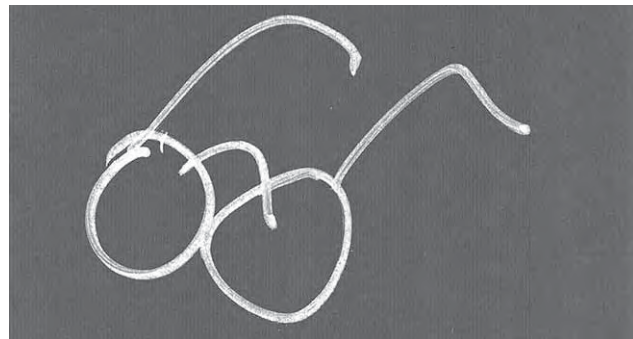
interruptions.

The Maldon Croquet Club has recently become a dementia-friendly club.

New members are welcome, phone Ray on 0448 338 251.

*Cheryl Lang*

## SteamPacket Revival



☆ A logo that you will see around town a lot over the next month.

**LIKE many organisations, not-for-profit SteamPacket and SteamRoller Maldon Incorporated was down to their last dollar in the bank and surviving only by the hard work and the business acumen of their committee and volunteers.**

After two very successful post-lockdown events - musically, as entertainment and financially - SteamPacket is all fired up with the big wheels rolling for the rest of 2021 and beyond.

A program of seven musical events is already planned, confirmed and funded with more in the pipeline.

First in a series of SteamRoller @ The Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum events is *IMAGINE* - a celebration of the music of John Lennon. Originally programmed as SteamPacket 10 December 2020 on the 40th anniversary of his murder, *IMAGINE* has been re-imagined for the smaller venue and will be held on Saturday April 24. Early bookings indicate another sell-out event albeit with a cap of 75 per cent of usual audience capacity.

Lock in December 4 for

SteamPacket 12 @ Maldon Station. We are amassing all the best musos who have played the previous SteamPackets, plus SteamEngine 549 of course, to do a 'Best of' or 'Greatest Hits' with music from previous blockbusters including *Woodstock*, *Blues Brothers*, *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*, *Southern Rock* ... and it will feature a nine-piece band with Kelly and Mae out front with the horn section.

SteamPacket has withdrawn grant applications and even declined grants to allow the funds to be used elsewhere.

"We re-invest all our income in future events and community projects and we are now self-sufficient in running events," said Chair Clif Edwards. "The only grants we will apply for in the future are for equipment and upgrades to things such as our sound system, our website and we drastically need investment in the community stage."

"SteamPacket has committed \$1000 towards the upgrade of the stage, or preferably, towards the purchase of a new stage."

## Letter to the Editor

### All the best!

At Monday's AGM of the Maldon Athenaeum Library, I was able to retire from being president after 23 years in the role.

My friend Winsome Strickland has been firstly secretary and then treasurer for all those years too and she also retired from her long term role as treasurer at the AGM.

It's been a great time with lots of fun, wonderful friendships and some amazing developments at the Library.

So many people have made great contributions with ideas and incredible talent and I'd like to thank them all. Sadly some of the people who've made some of the great contributions to the Library have died but their work lives on for the Maldon community.

I would like to publicly say that without the incredible support of the *Tarrangower Times* over all the years it would have been so much more difficult to make the advances that we have been able to achieve. Karen

and Jeff are always there to advance the cause of the Athenaeum Library as was Viv and others who occupied the chairs throughout the years. The publicity that the Athenaeum has received from the *Tarrangower Times* can only be described as brilliant.

We will continue to be volunteers and help in whatever way we can to promote this unique Library.

For some years now we've been trying to set up a succession plan but they say that good things are worth waiting for and both Winsome and I believe that we have a couple of wonderful people now stepping forward to assume roles of responsibility.

We wish Suzette, the new president and Debbie, the new treasurer all the very best for the future.

They have great skill and have the welfare of the Athenaeum at heart and we couldn't wish for nicer and more capable people to follow us.

*Joy Leneaux-Gale, Maldon*

## Walking tour

**JOIN a walking tour of the Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum on Thursday 25 March and connect with others in the community while doing some gentle movement.**

Museum members will guide you as you walk amongst the machinery which is housed in a shed and also outdoors.

The free tour is part of CHIRP Community Health's monthly walking tours which are held in various locations across the shire at 9.30am on the last Thursday of each month.

Organiser Liza Shaw says the one-hour tours cater to all abilities and ages and follow current COVID-19

directives from the Victorian Department of Health.

"Please come prepared for whatever weather conditions we may have and bring your mask and some drinking water," Ms Shaw said.

"This opportunity is funded by the State Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation Initiative and Mount Alexander Shire Council.

All welcome to attend, but bookings are currently required to ensure that COVID regulations are followed.

For further information or to book into this 25 March tour, please call CHIRP Community Health on 5479 1000.



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Positioned on a generous 1028m garden that's deep and leafy, Bergamo is a simply beautiful Edwardian home that's filled with character, charm and natural light. The home has a stunning country garden entry with layered hedging, a return verandah and a block front with scalloped detailing. There is a central hallway, 13' ceilings, polished timber floors and new quality carpets, large original windows that bring in the sunlight and offer garden vistas too. A floor-plan of 7 principal rooms creates a flexible space currently used as 3 double bedrooms, 2 living rooms and studio space, plus a large dine-in country kitchen with dishwasher, gas cooking and reverse cycle air.

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Positioned on a level 600m<sup>2</sup> garden with north facing rear aspect, this new country timber cottage features great space, natural light and live-ability whilst enjoying a quiet country street in the centre of Newstead with the local primary school, sports ground, village shops and Loddon river all just 1-2 blocks stroll. Offering a generous 120m<sup>2</sup> of living space, the home is accessed from a central garden pathway and features decked front and rear verandah-balconies. There are 3 double bedrooms with robes – with the main bedroom offering a walk-in robe and lovely ensuite bathroom too. The central hallway is large and light offering a traditional Victorian-cottage layout.



Welshmans Reef  
592 Maldon-Newstead Road

A COUNTRY LIFE – HANDMADE MUD-BRICK HOME, STUDIO/WORKSHOP WITH GARDENS AND BUSH-LANDS – 20 ACRES

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Backing onto the Welshmans Reef and Muckleford bushland Forests, this picture pretty 20 acre parcel has a mix of grazing and bushlands, just about 7km from either Newstead or Maldon. The handmade earthen homestead has been cleverly positioned and designed for a sustainable country lifestyle that includes a north facing garden terrace with vine covered wires, wicking beds, and a netted fruit tree orchard that's very established. The home has been crafted from materials on site and includes hand-carved timber and glass doors, brush-box parquet floors, timber ceilings and recycled timber windows.

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# Excitement builds for Maldon Captured Awards Night



☆ *Cairn Curran With Dead Tree* - Jules Nixon.



☆ *Star Trail on the Hill* - Tom Wayman.



☆ *Tree at Rest* - Craig Phillips.



☆ *Stumps* - Ann Maree McComb.



☆ *The Whisperer* - Mark Polsen.

**THE high standard of entries in the Maldon Captured Photography Competition's Amateur Section continues this week as the *TT* presents the final five of 20 finalists in the section.**  
This section is sponsored by Warral Maldon and the winner will receive a cash prize of \$700.

Photographers, who have been selected as a winner or Highly Commended, will be invited to a presentation ceremony at Edge Gallery on Saturday 27 March.  
A People's Choice Competition is now underway; it is sponsored by Maldon Inc. with the winner receiving \$200. People's Choice closes on Tuesday 23 March and the awards

will be presented the following Saturday 27 March.  
To vote, visit [www.maldonphotographycompetition.com.au](http://www.maldonphotographycompetition.com.au) and select your favourite then email it to [pamela@maximpr.com.au](mailto:pamela@maximpr.com.au).  
Awards will be presented to the winners of the Amateur, Under 18, Professional, People's Choice and the Local sections at the Edge Gallery, Main Street, Maldon on Saturday 27 March from 4pm-6pm.

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# New gallery to open with ‘provocative, slightly dangerous’ exhibition



☆ Self portrait.

Photo courtesy Jessica Ledwich Photographic Artist

EDGE galleries, an exciting new creative initiative in Maldon, is opening its doors in the Calder’s Ironmongery building on Main Street on

20 March.

This exclusive exhibition features the photographic work by Melbourne-based, internationally recognised

photographic artist, Jessica Ledwich.

The exhibition titled ‘Messy Beautiful’, promises to be provocative and slightly dangerous. Jessica has chosen a quote from the great Carl Jung stating, ‘Everyone carries a shadow and the less it is embodied in the individual’s conscious life, the blacker and denser it is’.

EDGE galleries is thrilled to welcome this body of work; it includes an experiential component housed in the evocative cellar space within the building.

EDGE galleries will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am-3pm and public holidays or by appointment.

Visit [www.edgegalleries.com](http://www.edgegalleries.com) to join the mailing list for upcoming events including an exciting performance series currently under development and curation.

Jessica Ledwich is a visual artist whose work explores

the more contentious topics of conversation.

Female body culture, technology and contemporary ideals are themes that regularly feature in her work.

She explores the uncanny, the abject and often the irrational to unmask the more complex side of human behaviour, analysing its perversities, to distil down these strange phenomena we call ‘culture’.

She regularly exhibits in Australia and overseas and her work is held in private collections in Australia, London, The United States and Hong Kong.

Her work was featured in the New York photography publication *Musée Magazine’s* WOMEN issue and the Chicago political magazine *The Point*. Her 2019 solo *Our Desires Are Not Our Own* was selected by Art Guide Australia as the Top 5 Exhibition to see in Australia.

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☆ Be sure to get your seafood order in by Saturday 27 March at Maldon Quality Butchers.

**Seafood, seafood and more seafood! Be sure to get your seafood order in early at Maldon Quality Butchers for Good Friday. The cut-off date will be the close of business on Saturday 27 March this year.**

With Easter fast approaching, Brad and his happy helpers are busy preparing all the old favourites. Brad is famous for his delicious award-winning sausages, free-range, antibiotic-free chicken, biodynamic lamb and beef. Their chicken Kievs are a great quick and easy meal for over the busy Easter season, as are their beef-shaslicks and schnitzels.

Brad, Priscilla and their staff would like to wish all of their customers a safe and happy Easter break.

Maldon Quality Butchers will be closed on Good Friday, Sunday and Easter Monday, so don’t forget to stock up!

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# Vale Daphne Rooms



☆ Daphne celebrating her 100th birthday at the Maldon Hotel in 2019.

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couple of years.

I always called first and asked for an appropriate time to call at her unit at Tarrangower Village for a chat.

I'd knock a couple of times on the door and get no answer, and then I'd call out, "Daphne, it's Jeff, are you there?"

"Oh yes Jeff," she would holler over the very loud television which suddenly droned into silence. "Come in."

And there we would sit and chat about her life, past and present for I don't know how long. And we chuckled and we laughed and, on each occasion, the time just flew.

In one of those interviews, Daphne told me about her early life.

She was born in a little house in Brunswick in 1919.

She remembers going to Sunday School and experiencing what she called a "teenage betrayal".

"I was 16 at the time and I was sweet on a boy there. Well, this girl came down from the country and the boy asked me to be friends with her, which I did – then he upped and married her!"

She lived through The Depression, World War II and man walking on the moon but the highlights of the last 100 years for Daphne Rooms are much closer to home.

"My highlights are having my children. I've got three

daughters: Barbara, Evelyn and Gloria – they are all lovely girls.

"Meeting my second husband, Ted, a Yorkshire man, was another highlight.

"And having my grandchildren – I've had and still do get a lot of pleasure from them."

She has eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

"I've left my mark I think," she smiled.

Daphne always said the secret to a long life is pretty simple.

"Work hard, eat good plain food, get plenty of physical activity and plenty of fresh air. The most important thing of all is to have a sense of humour."

She said it's been a hard life but a good life.

"I know my own limits – that's important and you know, there is no one in the world I would rather be than myself.

"If I could have anything, I'd like to go back – I know I can't of course – but if I could, I'd live for another 20 years."

What would you do with that time?

"I'd do something in the agricultural field – I'm a bushie at heart.

"I actually worked on the agricultural research farm in Werribee."

Crafts, sewing and ballroom dancing have helped weave a rich tapestry in Daphne's life.

"I started work in a shirt factory and it gave me a good grounding in sewing. I used to sew the girls' dresses, I'd make their dance dresses and their wedding gowns.

"Later I became an avid crafts person – I loved needlework, handcrafts and a bit of wood turning."

Daphne moved to Maldon 19 years ago.

"I had a daughter living here and she told me the winters were quite mild ... and yes, the first weekend I got here, we had a hell of a frost!"

The last time I saw Daphne was last Saturday.

Her daughters, Barbara and Evelyn, called me and said Daphne was on the way out and would really like to see me.

Evelyn said, "She has been asking for you quite a lot. She sleeps a lot but she wakes up and talks. Yesterday, when she spoke of you, she said 'I could have loved that man'."

Evelyn and I laughed over the phone and I said, "I'll be there ... give me 20 minutes."

As I walked into her room, I saw Daphne's much smaller frame curled up in a single bed.

Her daughters, Evelyn and Gloria, and Gloria's husband John were at her bedside.

I sat on a chair by her bedside and Daphne asked for the bed head to be raised. I held her hand and she clutched mine with both of hers.

She said, "Oh Jeff, thank you for coming. I'm dying and it's ok. I've had a good life - ups and downs you know - but right now I'm going through my second childhood. I need you to find a song for my funeral, it's called Mr Baggy Britches. "The (funeral) service needs to start off light, then add something a bit more serious, and then light again. You have to keep it light.

"I need to sleep now but ... I love you Jeff. Another time ... another place ... Wacko!"

Everyone in the room laughed because of the very strong emphasis she put on the word 'Wacko!'

Daphne went to sleep. Evelyn told me later that was one of the last things she said

before she passed away two days later.

I went home and found the words and score to *Leetle Mr Baggy Britches*. It was written in 1915 by R. P. Weston and it would have been a popular song for children like Daphne who was born in 1919, and it explains Daphne's comment about

## Councillor's Column

with Tarrangower Ward Councillor Stephen Gardner



It was great to see the pop-up dining area finally happen on the Old Bank Corner.

I must admit it has been a pleasant surprise to receive mainly positive feedback. This is a temporary installation to support cafes during COVID-19.

As Council has now taken out a long-term lease on this site, I am hoping that the Old Bank Corner will become a permanent community space. Whilst the Salvage Yard did an excellent job in a short timeframe, there are a few things and questions that need to be looked at for it to become a permanent installation.

As people would know there are a number of local people who are committed to reviewing the elements of the proposed streetscape, including street furnishings. This group will be looking at the Old Bank Corner and what it should look like on a more permanent arrangement before the whole community is asked for feedback.

Some people have raised some issues with me including disability access to tables; the current chairs are OK but not very comfortable particularly for elderly and people with back pain. The loss of parking (the space has always been private property

going through her second childhood.

Imagine being able to explore your childhood again, 100 years after you were born.

Daphne Rooms, a remarkable lady, as sharp as a tack until the end and all I can say is I'm looking forward to seeing her again in ...

and has never been a car park) is becoming more of an issue. There have also been calls for a water fountain to be installed. These are all worthwhile and important areas that need to be looked at before a permanent arrangement can be pursued.

### March Council meeting

Finally, a Council meeting that was back to normal last Tuesday but due to distancing requirements it was held in the old Town Hall in Castlemaine and members of the public were in attendance with public question time. Most questions were about an issue in Farnsworth Street, Castlemaine, a bridge in Castlemaine and a permit that was issued for a music festival.

This month there were no planning applications for consideration and it was mainly an administrative meeting.

### Baringhup speed limits

At the February Council meeting, I was pleased to introduce a petition from the Baringhup community to reduce some of the speed limits in and around Baringhup.

The Council officers have liaised with the local community and Police and support and agree to the proposed speed changes.

The Council officers will now lobby and seek support from the Department of Transport to make it happen. I know that the community of Baringhup has wanted changes to the speed limit for some time now so I am very hopeful this will occur very soon.

### Events

Events have been cancelled, postponed, or are going ahead in a COVID-19 safe way. With no overseas travel for a while yet, we can see an increase in visitors as well as more people moving here. It is exciting in a lot of ways but will be challenging going forward.

### Waste strategy

Waste is not a very exciting topic but is core to what a Council does. As a group of Councillors, we have made it a priority over the next couple of years, so it was agreed to appoint a full-time

another time ... another place ... Wacko!

The funeral for Daphne Rooms will be held at Mount Alexander Funerals, 12 Campbell Street, Castlemaine on Tuesday 23 March at 11am.

*Jeff Jones*

position with high level technical expertise to oversee the current and future waste operations and strategy. This was an important appointment and there are a lot of things that need to be done, including:

- Managing the current waste contract and transfer stations and improve services were possible.
- Cell capping the old tip. This is a large undertaking and finally is getting done.
- Implementing the Victorian Government's circular economy policy for waste. This is to better manage recyclables and I know several other Councils have done this and we can learn from them.
- Overseeing the design and building of the proposed waste recovery depot.

The handling of our waste is very important, particularly to ensure that the Council and the community meet our target of zero emissions. The Council will also be advertising for community members to be involved, so if you are excited by getting involved look out for the advert or contact me and I will pass your details on.

It's great to see events back on again and that Maldon is busy (yes, I know it can be a pain, particularly on weekends) but I know our traders are grateful. We are getting close to Easter and I understand that the Easter committee has advertised a calendar of events, with some changes. I know Council is working with the organisers to make this happen, so hopefully we can have COVID-19 safe Easter events.

Stay safe and be kind to each other.

## Maldon Swap Meet on this Sunday



☆ Nothing like a good ol' fashioned lemonade refresher to keep you going at the Maldon Antique Fair.

*Photo courtesy Mark Blythe*

**THE Maldon Swap Meet will be held for the first time in March at the Racecourse Recreation Reserve, Lewis Road, Maldon on Sunday 28 March.**

The popular event is usually held on the Queen's Birthday Weekend and also in November but organiser Mark Blythe has arranged an extra one for this weekend due to public demand.

Mark said there has been huge interest in this Sunday's

event.

"There are going to be a lot of sites!" he said.

So if you are looking for a bargain or that something that is hard to find, check out the Maldon Swap Meet where you're bound to find just you're looking for.

Gates open at 7am and close around 2pm.

Admission is \$5 per person and stalls are still available at \$20 each. Call Mark on 0414 244 842.



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# Artistic nourishment for all



**CASTLEMAINE arts organisation Punctum Inc has collaborated with local artists, designers, and artisans from South Sudanese, Hazara, Karen, Indian, Iranian, Colombian, Balinese and First Nations communities to create, build and program the *Kultur-All Makaan*.**

Originally an anti-racist response to racist actions in Bendigo, the *Kultur-All Makaan* was envisaged to be launched in Bendigo as part of the COVID-cancelled 2020 Zinda Festival.

Now exactly a year later, a full and varied program will be presented at the

Castlemaine State Festival, allowing the *Kultur-All Makaan* to bring true international cultural expression from a very real local perspective.

"The *Kultur-All Makaan* presents a cultural ideal of an arts centre - one that is open, evocative, democratic, generous and portable inviting connection and reflection where ever it is erected. 'Kultur' in several northern European languages is 'culture', and Makaan in different Persian and African languages means the dwelling of... also 'food' and 'eat' in Indonesian. In this way, the

*Kultur-All Makaan* proposes a place of daily cultural and artistic nourishment with and for all," said Punctum's Jude Anderson.

Lending their traditional techniques to today's contemporary context, Hazara and South Sudanese weavers have designed and outfitted the *Kultur-All Makaan* with soft furnishings, while Karen weavers have created drapes. Others have been involved in construction. Renowned musicians have worked over the past few months, with Punctum associated artists including Justin Marshall, crafting extraordinary

performances with exceptional local artists and unique instrument combinations in the lead up to the Festival.

The *Kultur-All Makaan* will open with performances for the Castlemaine State Festival Saturday March 20th, 2pm and 7pm and continues through to 29 March.

*Kultur-All Makaan* tickets and program details are available at the Castlemaine State Festival website:

<https://castlemainefestival.com.au/event/kultur-all-makaan/>.



## Maldon RSL Sub Branch celebrates its 100th birthday



☆ Ex-Service members who attended the dinner included: Christine, Neil, Brian (President Maldon RSL Sub Branch), John, Colin, Clinton, Sharon, Peter and Keith.

*Photos courtesy of Ray Stevenson.*



☆ The 100th anniversary celebration dinner.



☆ President Brian Fitzgerald addresses the crowd.

**IT was better late than never when it came to the Maldon RSL Sub Branch 100th anniversary celebration dinner last Saturday night 13 March 2021.**

The 100th Anniversary was actually in May 2020 but due to COVID-19 restrictions, the celebrations were delayed until last weekend

when members could finally catch up for a formal dinner to celebrate.

President of the Maldon RSL Sub Branch Brian Fitzgerald said, "It was a chance to dress up for the night, meet with friends and enjoy some delicious food and company."

*John Purcell*

## Meet Maldon's new vet



☆ Dr Andrea is the new friendly face at Maldon Vet Clinic.jpg

**THERE'S a new vet at the Maldon Vet Clinic.**

Dr Andrea Khong took over from Dr Kim Molina a few weeks ago and is going from strength to strength.

Owners and pets alike

find Andrea to be extremely gentle and supportive.

Andrea and her husband, Roger, moved to Victoria about two years ago after growing up in Perth.

They spent some time in

Melbourne, then moved to Castlemaine, where Andrea practised before purchasing the Maldon Vet Clinic.

Andrea began her working career as a Research Fellow in Immunology after studying in Perth.

She realised that although she loved science, her passion was really to work more closely with people and animals, so she retrained as a vet.

"I love working with animals and their owners, and I look forward to introducing a few new ideas," Andrea said.

"One of these is an 'outdoor waiting/consultation room' for shy or timid pets. It could become a drop-in spot, outside of appointments, to give pets confidence.

"My focus is to make visits to the clinic as stress-free as possible for pets. I am more than happy to do consults in owners' cars if this is more suited to your pet. Home visits are also something I

can do."

Along with Nurse Jackie, the clinic is planning to stock some wholesome home-made pet treats as well as some lovely handmade pet accessories, which you may have seen at the Maldon Market.

Andrea was very impressed with the town and community when selling her sewing products at the market. So, when the Vet Clinic opportunity presented itself, she didn't hesitate as she knew Maldon was where she and Roger would like to live.

You can call the Maldon Vet Clinic on 54 751 751 and speak to Jackie, the Vet Nurse or Dr Andrea on Tuesday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

On Fridays, Andrea will be providing a mobile service which will be by appointment only.

Maldon Vet Clinic is at 48 Hornsby Street, Maldon. Email: [info@maldonvet-clinic.com.au](mailto:info@maldonvet-clinic.com.au).

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## Guaranteed to be great Australian reads

**THANKS to our members who have requested three of these new books and the other one is sure to be popular with those who have enjoyed the author as an ABC host and literary person for many years.**

The Yield by Tara June Winch is the winner of the 2020 Miles Franklin Award, Australia's most prestigious literary award. It also won the 2020 NSW Premier's Literary Award, the 2020 Christina Stead prize for fiction, the 2020 NSW Premier's Literary Award People's Choice and the 2020 NSW Premier's Literary Award for the best book of the year. No

wonder that this book has been described as a ground-breaking novel for both black and white Australia. August Goondiwindi is in London when she hears of her grandfather's death and on her return home she finds the family property about to be repossessed and trouble everywhere. Before his death, Albert (Poppy) Goondiwindi was compiling a dictionary of Wiradjuri words and August follows this path into the stories of her people.

The Cartographer's Secret is written by Tea Cooper and I reviewed the audio version of this a couple of weeks ago. Now the

printed copy has arrived for inclusion in the Athenaeum's collection. This is another Australian family story ranging from 1880 to 1911 when Letitia Rawlings tries to solve the mystery of what happened to her aunt Evie in 1880 when she started on a mission to try to solve the mystery of what happened to explorer Dr Ludwig Leichardt. This very well written book should be a hit with all readers who enjoy Australian stories with a touch of history.

Bruny is another great Australian novel by Heather Rose. Heather Rose won the Stella Prize in 2017 for her brilliant book Museum of Modern Love (also at the Athenaeum Library). Bruny is a sleepy little island off the south east coast of Tasmania but when a bridge is being built to link it to the Tasmanian mainland amazing things start to happen. Someone blows up part of the bridge but no

one knows why...or do they? This is a novel about family and loyalty as well as being a gripping thriller with great imaginative writing

By The Book subtitled A Reader's Guide to Life by Ramona Koval is about reading and living and about the authors who have written themselves into Ramona Koval's life. There's a wide variety from Oliver Sacks to Oscar Wilde, from Christina Stead to Grace Paley. This book is about travel, exploration, science, falling in love and much more. It's warm and bright and so interesting. Many people will remember Ramona from her Radio National much loved Book Show and other ABC roles that she filled over many years. Writing is now her life and she does it very well.

Many of you might find it hard to believe that we still have members who have not paid the 2020 subscription. Many people don't

## In Maldon Today



**TODAY'S program will be hosted by Nancy and Kev, who will be chatting with our own Anita Sinclair about her new book *The Kite Makers* – recollections of her wartime childhood in the UK.**

Last week Nancy and EC proceeded to trawl throughout the news of Maldon - lingering on the business of Art exhibitions, the upcoming Swap Meet and the town wide garage sale. Guest Lisa Martin (pictured) provided great entertainment talking about her glamorous life in posh hotels and up market cosmetic stores in Melbourne. Now she lives

the country life in Maldon and runs the delightful Forget me Not Flowers. The music was eclectic and folky, and an excellent morning was had by all.

Next Friday EC and Mike co-host IMT and their interview guest will be anthropologist and author Ian White from Baringshup sharing tales from the Northern Territory, including his biography *Clever Man: The Life of Paddy Compass Namadbara*.

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## MALDON BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

### 'HOWELL'



**A happy group arrived once again for Bridge play and very soon all were gathered around catching up on the week's news.**

With some players playing online there were exchanges of 'what if...?' etc and wanting a solution to an extraordinary bid by the opposition. Players have also been venturing to Bendigo with Ken Bessel, doing very well last week with a great win with Bendigo partner Cheryl Chant. Well done Ken!

There seems to be a host of birthdays this month with Paul celebrating another year on Friday, 12 March.

Darwin Elizabeth and Maldon Jo share Sunday, 21 March, followed the next day by Sue Porter on Monday, 22 March.

Perhaps this year they can all celebrate with friends in a more relaxed environment. Happy Birthday to all.

When the numbers were finally in, Danny announced there would be four tables in play and we would use the 'Howell' movement which meant moving from table to table as instructed on the direction cards. After a shuffle around of the tables to allow plenty of movement between tables we all settled down to see what the cards were offering for the day.

All seemed to go very smoothly and soon it was 'game over' and the time had come to tally the scores. Danny and Jo worked diligently at the computer whilst Werner helped in scoring the sheets, which all seemed to happen very quickly. It was then time to announce the final results.

In first place were the very astute partnership of Mark and Maldon Jo with 73 points. Second week in a row for Maldon Jo and will she be able to achieve the 'hat-trick' next week? Second place went to Castlemaine Jan and Lyn with 70 points. It was equal third place for Maldon Elizabeth and Campbells Creek's Jan along with Danny and Annie with 67 points. Ken and Judy manage fourth place with 64 points. Another successful afternoon's play and well played everyone!

Our afternoon tea is always looked forward to and delicious home-made jam cookies were on offer and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you team Maldon Hotel.

We look forward to our next week's play with the return of some of our regular 'away' players who have fled to various destinations now we are relatively free to travel.

Whatever your age group or skills, please feel free to join us to, 'dip your toe in the water' each Thursday from 12.45pm to 4.30pm or on Mondays 1.15pm to 4.30pm to help us in our endeavour to:

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use cash these days but we do need you all to come into the Library with those \$20.00 notes. It's not much really when you think of the price of books and the

wide variety available at the Maldon Athenaeum Library.

I hope these great Australian books will keep you entertained.

**Joy Leneaux-Gale.**

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

### EFFIE LAIDLER



☆ Effie and her brother Harold.

Effie Laidler came to Maldon in 1922 when her father James was appointed head teacher at the Maldon State School. James had previously been a teacher at the Gravel Hill State School in Bendigo. Effie was aged 27 when she came to Maldon. She was her parents' only daughter and lived in their Adair Street home for the next 30 years.

During her time in Maldon, Effie was involved with many local organisations. She was active in the Golf Club and in February 1925, when the Maldon Croquet Club was formed, she was elected to its committee. Soon after, Effie became the Club's secretary, a position she held for many years.

In December 1934 at the Croquet Club's competitions, Effie won both trophies on offer. She returned one of them and it became the perpetual trophy that bore her name and for many years was awarded to the Club champion.

As a young woman, Effie attended the Bendigo School of Mines where she studied arts and crafts. In 1915, as part of her course, she made an honour roll for the Campbells Forest State School, north of Bendigo. The honour roll is now housed in the Campbells Forest Community Hall.

In 1935, Effie formed the Maldon Book Lovers' Club. The Club met fortnightly to discuss novels, plays and poetry. They also invited guest speakers to address them and wound

up each year with a bush ramble. A feature of the Club was the charming syllabuses produced each year that contained the Club's schedule of meetings, listing for each meeting the date, subject and name of the hostess. Effie almost certainly produced and illustrated these in the Club's early year.

In 1936, Effie and some other members of the Book Lovers' Club formed the Maldon branch of the Country Women's Association with Effie as the branch secretary. She remained active in the CWA both locally and nationally for many years.

In 1947 Effie, with fellow CWA member Vera Delahenty, produced a booklet simply titled 'Maldon' as part of a CWA local history competition. Published with the help of local sponsors, this booklet proved both popular and profitable. The funds raised were used to support the recently opened Baby Health Centre. The booklet included several illustrations by Effie of local landmarks. Later Effie became a State CWA handicraft demonstrator and judge.

Effie's father died in 1942 and her mother, Anne, died in 1951. In December 1952 Effie married James Earl in Burleigh Heads, Queensland. She remained in Queensland until her death in 1975.

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DEATHS

Daphne Pearl Gloria Rooms

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Mother of Barbara, Evelyn and Gloria.  
Grandmother to Lynda, Robert and Debbie; Ashley, Adine and Danielle; Melissa and Simone.  
Great Grandmother to Oliver and Henry; Lachlan, Daphne and Lucille; and Daniel. Mother in law to John.  
  
A service to celebrate Daphne’s long life will be held in the Church of Christ, Blakeley Road, Castlemaine on Tuesday (March 23) commencing at 11.00am.  
A private cremation will be held.



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ROOMS, Daphne

All of us at the *Tarrangower Times* extend our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to the family of the late Daphne Rooms.  
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*Jeff, Karen, Kerry & Viv*

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Monthly Totals So Far:			
Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	92.9	44.6	3.2
Feb	8.9	56.3	12.6
Mar	18.5	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	120.3	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 16.3.21

12.5mm			
Monthly Totals So Far:			
Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	83.4	35.2	4.8
Feb	17.0	52.8	21.6
Mar	25.0	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	125.4	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 16.3.21

11.2mm			
Monthly Totals So Far:			
Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	101.6	53.6	5.0
Feb	13.6	38.0	18.2
Mar	18.8	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	134.0	593.8	416.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 16.3.21

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	59,245	% Full	40.27
Site	Malmsbury	Max ML	12,034	Current ML	3,187	% Full	26.5



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“Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.” - Lemony Snicket, *Horseradish*

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## AUTUMN DELIGHT



☆ Andrew's aim.

**AFTER** the deluge on Saturday, Sunday 14 March dawned bright and sunny into a perfect cool autumnal day, although occasionally accompanied by bouts of freezing wind. Eight social pétanque teams slogged it out on the Penny School pistes with even more

**enthusiasm than usual, due to the erratic weather.**

Two newcomers Alison and her brother Andrew enjoyed mixing with our motley crew.

During the games there were cries of 'Take him out' and 'Knock her up,' which can sound more indecent or

deadly than intended. The most alarming shout is 'This calls for the 'Demoraliser'.

At the end of a very enjoyable afternoon, the winning team was Phil and Judy, 2 wins and +15 points. Geoff, Alison and Andrew came second with 2 wins and +12 points. Third place was

taken by Matt and Analeigh with 2 wins and +6 points. Followed in fourth place by Maxeen and Clif with 1 win and +8 points.

Fifth place went to EC and Antoine with 1 win and -1 point. Cap'n P, Mme B and Ann were sixth, with 0 wins and -6 points. Seventh place went to *The Village People*, Carole and Steve with 0 wins and -14 points. Lucky last and winners of the *Losers' Chocs* were Joan and Prakash in matching purple jumpers, with 0 wins and -20 points.

It's all fun and games and quite noisy at times with the social piste artistes. Come and join us if you care to spend a happy afternoon with people who shout all sorts of wild encouragement to each other. Meanwhile meeting a group of new friends who compete creatively for chocolate! What's not to like.

**Our next games are on Sunday 11 April, at 1.45 for a 2pm start. Come and join us – you have to be in it to win it!**

**Mme Bleue**

## MALDON CROQUET CLUB



**MALDON Croquet Club recently had a Ringwood couple come and watch club members playing.**

They were invited to join in, which they did. They thanked the club members

for their hospitality and have suggested a reciprocal visit to their Ringwood club. Their names are Liz and John Wallis (pictured above).

**Ray Austin, President**

## MALDON BOWLING CLUB



**LAST Wednesday saw the Maldon Hotel Triples event held in perfect conditions with 12 teams competing.**

Harold Patullo's team won the day with Frank Allen's team runner up.

The Maldon Quality Butchers Quality Raffle was won by Geoff Davies of Dunolly.

Friday's open to all - Social Bowls night and sausage

sizzle commences 6pm 19 March.

Stay fit, stay healthy, come try bowls.

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## MALDON GOLF CLUB

**GOLF COMPETITIONS AND CHALLENGES are back - 2021 Season commences tomorrow.**



**MEMBERS** have been eagerly awaiting the commencement of the new Golfing season after the Christmas and New Year layoff period - not to mention the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions and regulations.

Golfers will be treated to some great playing conditions after the course has

benefited from some recent rains, but specifically from two very successful working-bees over the last three weeks, with much work completed to ensure the best conditions for the sand scrapes, tee-boxes and fairways. A pat on the back to all the handicap and social golfers from 'course guru' John Arnold and Club Captain Andrew Fitzpatrick who coordinated the works.

**GOLF TOMORROW**  
2-person AMBROSE  
EVENT

BBQ 12 noon - Draw  
Partners 12.30pm

**RE-COMMENCING  
SUNDAY**

Simon Sheedy's Junior Golf

Clinic for young aspiring golfers (and even parents). Learn the skills of golf from one of the district's best golfers.

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