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☆ Members of Maldon Inc got a sneak peak at the progress being made at Porcupine Village last Monday.

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Partial closure of High Street for Easter Parade

Maldon's Annual Easter Parades are a massive drawcard for visitors who bring vital economy to the town.

In previous years High Street has been closed to traffic to allow the procession to walk from the primary school

down to Main Street. This year only one lane of High Street will be closed, allowing northbound traffic alongside the parade.

The Department of Transport has worked with Maldon Easter Parade Grand Procession event organisers to approve traffic management

plans for the Easter Monday procession.

The southbound lane of High Street will be closed from Camp Street to Main Street on Monday 18 April from 10am to 11.30am while the procession takes place. A detour will be in place for cars and light vehicles.

The northbound lane of High Street will remain open with traffic controllers to guide heavy vehicles safely along High Street. The speed will be temporarily reduced to 40 km/hr, and bollards will separate traffic from the procession.

The traffic arrangement is being trialled to relieve traffic

delays experienced in previous years while still maintaining strict safety measures to protect the community.

President of the Maldon Easter Fair Peter Thomson told the Times, 'There's nothing we can do about it. We'll still do the parade and do the best we can.'

A spokesperson for the Department of Transport said, 'Strict safety measures will be in place to protect the community during the event. We ask motorists to please drive to conditions to ensure the safety of the community, workers, other drivers and pedestrians.'

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This is a free community service.

It is a good idea to advertise closer to the event.

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, 9am to 1pm Western Reserve, Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0455 332 692.

MALDON PONY CLUB RALLY at the Maldon Campdraft grounds at 9.30am for gear checks for a 10am kick off. Enq: Kira Chalmers 0407 140 580.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB games every second Sunday at St. Brigid's at 1pm for a 1.30pm start. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Andrew Leckie 5400 1054.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ATHENAUM LIBRARY, 97 High Street, Maldon. Open 10am-1pm includes book sales. Tina Fratta 0437 094 469.

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

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for machinery enthusiast's before and after the industrial revolution, but with more. Open 10am-4pm. Entry free - donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Library Contact 0437 094 469.

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

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

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

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

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MOSTLY LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY TUESDAY

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door-to-door service. Trips within and to Maldon & Castlemaine in the morning, fortnightly trips to Maryborough and Kangaroo Flat. Phone 5475 2093. \$3 one way, \$5 return. More info: www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus.

CONVERSATION HOUR: meet, greet & chat, Coffee & conversation in the garden. Tuesdays 10.30 - 11.30am. All welcome, free. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

MAH JONG for seniors 10am-1pm at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enquiries: Kerry 0407 738 855.

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

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

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

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

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 6.30pm at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

DIABETES SOCIAL GROUP, 2 – 3pm. \$2 includes tea & coffee. Info: Jo Ann 0412 640 818.

NUGGETTY LAND PROTECTION GROUP meeting. For further info contact Christine Fitzgerald – ckfitz5@bigpond.com – 0419 347 408.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Library Contact 0437 094 469.

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

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

EASY STEPS TO FITNESS, Fitness through simple dance steps. MNC 9am – 9.45am.

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

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

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

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 4.30pm at Maldon Train Station. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

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

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

TAI CHI EXERCISE GROUP (CHIRP), 11am-12 midday at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, \$5. Contact Jenny 0417 475 270.

MALDON BOWLS CLUB, Bowls practice anytime Thursday until dark.

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2022

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

EVERY FRIDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Library Contact 0437 094 469.

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

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MALDON MUSEUM HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE, 10am - 1pm. Please phone 0427 752 598 for appointment.

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SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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SATURDAY 26 MARCH

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE starting at 8am. More information www.maldon.org.au. To be a seller, call 5475 2093 or email info@maldonnc.org.au to book.

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New mining exploration licence

A number of local residents have expressed their concern regarding an application for a new mining exploration licence (as published in the TT on 11 March 2022).

One resident told the *Times*, “I am concerned about the size of the exploration licence that has been applied for, especially in relation to the historic and scientific significant mining landscape that may be damaged.

“I am also concerned about the connection between Kaiser Reef, Centennial Mining (who went into administration and de-listed from the Australian Stock Exchange only a few years ago) and Maldon Resources and how this affects any bonds required for rehabilitation, not only of the exploration licence currently being applied for, but also the current Mining Leases at Union Hill/Porcupine Flat Treatment Plant and the Nuggetty Ranges.”

The *Times* spoke with Centennial Mining Ltd Geology Manager Shawn Panton, who said, “I have received a few queries from people wanting to know where their property

sits within the licence area, and I have responded with more detailed maps.

“There seems to be an assumption that drilling will start straight away. This is certainly not the case. The work plan is dominated by mostly desktop studies which means reviewing historical data records with a view to generating exploration targets in the future.

“If any drilling were to start within the first year, it would be near the drilling sites within the Maldon Historic Reserve near where we drilled in December 2021 - January 2022.

“Drilling may occur in other areas but not until extensive studies have been completed in one to three years’ time,” said Shawn.

“The purpose of exploration, using existing data supplemented by some low impact fieldwork, is to define potential anomalies that can be related to gold mineralisation. More detailed planning comes about from this process over time.

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A new board of directors for Dhelkaya Health

THE Minister for Health has appointed a new board of directors for Dhelkaya Health. The new board were drawn from existing boards of both Maldon Hospital and Castlemaine Health following the amalgamation of the two health services on 1 March 2022.

The new board directors bring a wealth of experience from a range of professional backgrounds, including healthcare, community health, housing, legal, financial and governance. The directors also bring strong local connections and local experience to the mix, with many living locally or with strong ties to families here.

Ms Sue Race, CEO Dhelkaya Health, said: “In a historic first for our region, we have a single board overseeing the delivery of health and community health services. Previously the impressive skills mix on boards in our shire was dispersed across three separate boards, each with its own area of focus. I’m absolutely delighted to welcome this incredibly skilled group to a single table to focus together on improving health and wellbeing for our shire equitably.”

The new board has elected Ms Vanessa Healy as Board Chair and Peggy Ronna as Deputy Chair. The Chair and Deputy will be ably supported by:

- Ms Margaret Lewis, Board Director
- Mr Jeff Rigby, Board Director

- Ms Cindy Schultz-Ferguson, Board Director
- Ms Shan Wellham, Board Director
- Ms Alexandra Randall L'Estrange, Board Director
- Ms Linda McNeill, Board Director
- Ms Heather Holst, Board Director
- Mr James Downing, Board Director
- Ms Libby Fifis, Board Director

Ms Healy said: “I am honoured to lead this very skilled and dedicated board. We have already held our first meeting, and we look forward to overseeing work to bring a new strategic plan and vision to life. That said, we are very conscious of the proud history of Maldon Hospital, Castlemaine Health and CHIRP in the community, so we will ensure this work proceeds very carefully and with due respect for what has come before.”

Ms Race has also endorsed a considered approach to the next 12 months. She said, “We know that change can often be overwhelming, and the introduction of a new name and identity has the potential to be confusing if not managed properly. Our priority is to ensure staff, clients, residents, patients and community are comfortable and clear about the changes as we move through the process. In particular, we will ensure that our community know where to get the health

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Launching Maldon Inc’s new Maldon in Winter program

MEMBERS of Maldon Inc were delighted to get a sneak peek at Porcupine Village at Monday’s launch of the new ‘Maldon in Winter Program’.

Attendees were given tours of the upgrades to Porcupine Village by Managers Deb and Doug Baird, giving them an exclusive look at the substantial changes being made to the facility, which will include: a restaurant, luxury accommodation, glamping tents, camping facilities, swimming pool and wildlife park. Works are being undertaken to upgrade the buildings, including the installation of power.

Maldon Inc is the local business association, chamber of commerce and tourism organisation that has been representing Maldon businesses since 1998. A new board has been nominated, and the association comprises over 80 business members.

Maldon in Winter has been an annual event run by Maldon Inc for many years but has been very low profile since 2018 and especially through the pandemic. It has not been run on the scale or the budget of this year’s event before.

The new and exciting Maldon in Winter Program will run for 17 days from Friday June 24 to Sunday July 10 and will include a jam-packed schedule of events.

The first weekend will see a bonfire at the Maldon Golf Club, a concert and a new food and wine festival, ‘Maldon Pour.’

The following weekend will launch the new Goldfields Gothic Festival, which will bring a vastly different form of entertainment to Victoria’s ‘First Notable Town’.

Maldon Inc President Clif Edwards says, “It’s going to be amazing, and we’re really excited about the new Gothic

Festival, which will bring a new audience to town. We’re already seeing accommodation providers taking bookings for the weekend.

“We are very grateful to Maldon and District Community Bank, who has generously donated \$3,000 to help promote the much-anticipated event.”

Tarrangower Tomorrow launches



☆ Community members were joined by MP Maree Edwards at the launch of the community plan.

A new community plan for Maldon and surrounding areas was launched last Saturday at Bank Corner thanks to services and funding provided by Maldon and District Community Bank, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre and Mount Alexander Shire Council.

The planning process was led by community members via informal contributions and survey responses which found five topic areas of importance to the community: environment and sustainability, local economy, community, heritage and infrastructure and arts and culture.

The plan is a tool to show local and State Government

and other funding bodies what is important to Tarrangower and to help guide positive change.

Included in the plan are suggested ways to help achieve each the goal, what’s already happening and who could be involved.

Tarrangower Tomorrow follows the last community plan in 2015 that achieved so much for the community, including use of the previous plan in developing some of the aims for the Maldon Streetscape Project.

Hard copies of Tarrangower Tomorrow are available at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, or to view online, visit www.ttomorrow.org.

Nine incidents of theft

AT around 11pm on Friday 18 March two suspects were seen in a white Nissan X-Trail which was later found to be stolen and was found burnt in Ballarat.

There were nine incidents of cars being broken into at residential addresses on Friday.

Leading Senior Constable David Rose told the *Times*, “A

common theme was unlocked cars with valuables in them.

“I urge residents to park off the street where possible, secure keys and make sure valuables are not left in cars. “People in Maldon need to be more vigilant with security.”

If anyone has information related to the crimes contact Maldon Police Station on 5475 2210.

Update on Bill Woodfull upgrades



COUNCIL is currently undertaking a range of improvements at Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve, with a number of potential projects planned for the site (subject to future funding).

In 2011, council worked in collaboration with the community on the development of a master plan to help prioritise improvements at the site.

Since the development of the plan, council has been working with the reserve’s Community Asset Committee to work through the recommendations from the master plan.

Council understands there is community interest in these potential upcoming projects and will be holding

an information session in late April/early May at the reserve where people can find out more about what’s proposed.

Council officers will be on-site to answer any questions and talk through the various projects.

Details of the upcoming information session will be made available via posters in Maldon, through council’s Facebook page, and by direct email to user groups of the reserve.

To register your interest in attending an information session at the reserve, email Troy Lyons, Active Communities Leader at t.lyons@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or call 5471 1700.

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Explore the dark side in Maldon this Winter



☆ Goldfields Gothic Church.



☆ IKON.

MALDON will host the inaugural Goldfields Gothic Festival of Dark Ideas this July.

As part of the town's annual Maldon in Winter series, the new festival celebrates the dark side of the goldfields with performances, tours,

themed food experiences, conversations on dark topics and a range of strange and unforgettable happenings sure to surprise, delight, incite and excite you.

The new festival is the brainchild of Co-Festival Directors Valentina Tansley

and Paul Kooperman, who are aiming to help revitalise the COVID-impacted town. "As a National Trust Notable Town, Maldon has always been a tourist destination. In late 2021 we felt there was a real thirst in the community to revitalise the events program, so we came up with the idea to do something a little different this year." The pair are also aiming to bring new audiences to town. "There is a perception that Maldon is attractive solely to retirees, but we want to challenge that concept by showcasing all the amazing architecture, history and hospitality Maldon has to offer to a younger audience too".

From the 1850s, the Victorian goldfields were home not only to miners but also a darker undercurrent of ghost-hoaxers, spiritualists and secret societies. Inspired by these intriguing stories of the past, Goldfields Gothic showcases the dark side of the

goldfields in all its gruesome glory.

This exciting new festival of events will take place from the 1 July- 3 July and includes The Gothic & Victorian Picnic – a free family-friendly event in Maldon's shire gardens; a live performance by legendary Australian dark alternative band IKON; a special meeting of the internationally renowned Death Café at Café Maldon, a uniquely crafted Dark High Tea at Maldon Rose, Ghost Tours by award-winning spook sleuths Twisted History, Drawing Gothic at Cascade Gallery and a street display of collectible Hearses.

More information and events will be announced in the coming weeks, so be sure to follow the Goldfields Gothic Instagram and Facebook accounts for updates.

Come dressed in your blackest finery and experience the dark side this winter in Maldon.

Goldfields Gothic takes place 1 – 3 July as part of Maldon in Winter.

Visit <https://goldfieldsgothic.com> for more information and to book tickets.

Free concerts at Maldon Bank Corner



☆ Performance by Knot O' the Gate last Sunday.

Photo courtesy of Geoff Palmer

GET a free taste of this year's Maldon Folk Festival thanks to the Maldon Folk Festival Committee, Mount Alexander Shire and Get Lost.

Performances include: The Weeping Willows on Sunday 27 March, Sadie Mustoe on

10 April, Sarah and Silas on 1 May and finally Rich Davies and the Low Road on Sunday 15 May.

Make sure to pop down to Bank Corner from 12pm-2pm over the next few months to enjoy the festivities.

Harvest Festival



☆ Kate and Sally happily stomping.



☆ Even the youngsters had a go. Pictured are Gemma and sister Giulia.

PERFECT weather set the scene for a great day at Panacea Estate Harvest Festival last Saturday.

Picture riding on a cart pulled by the magnificent Sandy Creek Clydesdales through the lush vineyard. Try your hand at picking grapes, then stomp the grapes in the picking bins! These were some of the activities that Panacea Estate provided to their guests.

There was also wine tasting at different stages of the maturation process.

Of course, there were plenty of opportunities to sit under the shady trees on the lawn and listen to the relaxing music by 'Martini Set'.

When the Times spoke to Panacea owner Peter, he said he was overwhelmed with the enthusiasm of visitors. "Everyone seemed to enjoy the day, and we will be looking forward to the event next year."



☆ The Martini Set entertained throughout the day.

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Maldon Streetscape Project

From Monday 28 March, we will progressively start resurfacing the asphalt on Main Street in Maldon.

Works will occur on footpaths located from Templeton Street to Old Bank Corner, on the Maldon Newsagency side of the street.

The process to resurface the asphalt involves removing the old asphalt and laying new asphalt. While works are underway, footpaths will be still be accessible by pedestrians.

Next week will also see the commencement of works to replace existing Old Bank Corner concrete crossovers along Main Street with repaired timber and stone drains.

Restoration works on the historic stone culverts are progressing, and will continue until the process is complete.

Shopfront Improvement Program

The process of restoring shopfronts in Maldon is continuing, with works progressively being implemented by independent contractors on behalf of building owners.

One building owner who recently completed a full shopfront repaint in heritage colours has told us that they're thrilled with the results.

Shopfronts are integral to the look and feel of the Maldon streetscape, so we're incredibly happy that building owners who are participating in the program are seeing the benefits that the restorations works can have.

Re-painting and re-building verandas are some of the tasks that independent contractors are undertaking on behalf of building owners. Work will shortly start on a shopfront as part of the restoration program that will result in the re-instatement of a veranda to its former historic glory.

We're looking forward to seeing the outcome of those improvements as the project unfolds, and we're anticipating that most works will be complete by mid-2022.

Thank you to the community of Maldon for your support, patience and cooperation while works are progressed on the project.

Background on Maldon Streetscape Revitalisation Project

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

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

In December 2021, the long-awaited community vision to place power underground in Maldon's central business district was successfully completed.



Mount Alexander Shire Council Project Update

Works underway in Maldon

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Latest news

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Stay informed

Get the latest project updates by subscribing to our email newsletter via our website [mountalexander.vic.gov.au/maldonstreetscapeproject](mailto:info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au/maldonstreetscapeproject).

Thanks for your support, patience and cooperation while works continue on this project.

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

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Lockwood South
95 Springvale Road \$895,000

20 ACRES OF COUNTRY LIVING WITH TWO RESIDENCES AND HORSE INFRASTRUCTURE 5 3 4

This quality brick residence has been lovingly designed and features a long set back from the road, plantings of mature Ash shade trees leading up to and around the houses and great surround views of Mt Tarrengower at Maldon and long northern looks toward Bendigo. With high speed NBN, quick access to to Calder Freeway, school bus service and excellent employment opportunities in surrounding provincial and regional towns this property is ideally situated. The open planned living enjoys wood heating and reverse cycle aircon, sunken lounge with bay window, high raked ceilings, large window areas, large country timber kitchen and walk in pantry, plus three double sized bedrooms, main with ensuite bathroom and rear decked access come sitting alfresco. The home is warm and inviting with lots of storage areas and much attractive timber finishing.



Campbells Creek
11 Eleanor Drive \$865,000

SENSATIONAL MODERN HOME WITH ESTABLISHED LEAFY GARDENS 4 2 2

A modern classic, this elegant home has sensational appeal and is truly an entertainers dream. Positioned on a large leafy garden of 1,767m2 (0.44 acre) in the peaceful Eleanor Drive neighborhood - the property is an easy stroll to the Campbells Creek school, pub/ store and local bush-lands. The home features a sealed driveway and double garage with direct access, a garden courtyard entry that leads to a luxurious lounge room with a conservatory style design, built-in cabinetry, air conditioning and stylish new finishes. There are 4 bedrooms with robes - main with ensuite bathroom and walk-in robe, new kitchen features double Westinghouse ovens, double dishwashers, and a large family room with dining area, wood fire and large glassed doors that open to an extensive covered alfresco patio area. Vine covered pergolas wrap around the side of the home and a beautiful leafy garden aspect is enjoyed from the indoors of the home.



Maldon
11 Ireland Street \$745,000

KOOKABURRA COTTAGE circa 1865 3 1 2

A true goldrush era charmer in quiet Ireland St is positioned on a ¼ acre garden allotment (1,011m2) and features a classic garden entry with roses and a deep rear garden with Olive trees and a huge productive Mulberry tree – provide both shade and summer treats. The classic timber cottage features a timber fretwork verandah, and 3 hipped roofline that connects to an original sandstone dairy, not a storeroom or pantry. The home has colonial casement windows, coved ceilings, Baltic floorboards, 3 double bedrooms and a front sitting room with open fireplace. There is a farmhouse kitchen with old Lux bread-oven, electric cooking and good natural light from windows providing garden outlooks. There is a central bathroom and rear vestibule that connects the sandstone dairy room. The rear garden is well fenced, private and perfect for a garden party or back-yard cricket. Within an easy stroll to the shops and the historic Steam Train station, Kookaburra cottage offers something really special.



Castlemaine
59A Johnstone Street \$495,000 - \$505,000

SUPER 1970s LIGHT FILLED TOWNHOUSE 2 1 2

This brick 1970s townhouse is in central Castlemaine with a treed outlook, fenced gardens and an easy care 506m2 garden. The home features a pavement driveway, carport and wide front and rear verandahs. There are 2 double bedrooms with robes, a central bathroom, open plan living with gas heating and reverse cycle air, large north facing windows, and an updated kitchen with granite stone benches and a garden outlook. There are automatic external sun blinds. Perfect for downsizing, investing or just enjoying a walk-everywhere lifestyle, the property is adjacent to the bike path, Winters Flat Primary school and a local General Store and Butchers is just a few doors away.



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Update on Bill Woodfull upgrades

Continued from page 3

Please see a list of both current projects and future potential projects (which are subject to funding) below:

Currently funded projects

Netball Court Improvements

Council, in partnership with Sport and Recreation Victoria, the Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee and the Maldon Football Netball Club is currently undertaking works to improve the netball court facilities.

This includes the replacement of the two off-court shelters and upgrades to the court surface that is currently compromised by tree roots.

The new shelters have been installed around the netball court, with upcoming works over the next few weeks to include the installation of a tree root barrier and rectification of damaged areas.

Following this, a new blue sports acrylic surface will be installed on the single court netball court, which will provide a modern non-slip surface in line with best-practice standards.

These works are being funded by council, State Government and Maldon Football Netball Club.

The aim is to have all netball court works complete by the Maldon Football Netball Club's Round 1 game on Good Friday (15 April).

Irrigation upgrade

Council has received funding from the Federal Government to renew the existing irrigation system on the sports oval.

Works are scheduled to occur after the 2022 football season has concluded. A period of restricted use will be required following the works to enable the turf to rehabilitate.

Future potential projects (subject to funding)

Sports lighting upgrades

Council is currently seeking a grant through Sport and Recreation Victoria to replace the sports field lighting on the oval and court lighting on the single netball court.

We are awaiting the outcome of the funding application, which is expected in April 2022.

To support the application, a concept-level design

has been completed. If this application is successful, the project will move into a detailed design phase which will include a second round of community consultation.

If successful, construction is anticipated to commence in late 2022 or early 2023.

New female friendly/gender neutral pavilion

Council is currently seeking funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria to construct a new pavilion near the single netball court to service the needs of the tennis and netball facilities.

The scope includes change facilities for players/umpires and improved public toilets (including a fully accessible toilet) for spectators and casual users of the reserve.

The project is in the early concept design phase, and if the grant is successful further detailed designs, including community consultation, will be undertaken in 2022. Construction is anticipated to commence in late 2022 or early 2023.

Council has received independent advice from a Heritage and Landscape architect to help inform these important aspects of the project.

This includes considerations for siting of the new pavilion and intent to minimise the impact upon existing vegetation. Importantly the area of the reserve where the new pavilion is planned to be sited is outside of the Heritage Overlay.

The Community Asset Committee and resident clubs have helped inform the functional design of this project

and preferred siting to ensure connectivity to both courts.

Tennis Court resurfacing

The existing three tennis courts are starting to show some signs of decline, with surface cracking throughout.

Council and the Maldon Tennis Club are working to develop a scope of works to address these concerns.

Council and the Maldon Tennis Club will then explore

funding opportunities to implement the court improvement or upgrade works.

The Master Plan for Bill Woodfull Reserve can be viewed on the Mount Alexander Shire Website www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Files/Mastr_plan_Bill_Woodfull_FINAL_11-03-11.pdf.

Letters to the Editor

Responsible dog owners

As responsible dog owners living in Maldon who are over 80-years-old, the oval is the only flat place that is safe to let our dog run free.

Maldon has a huge population of dogs that mean everything to so many people, not only dog owners. I have never seen any dog poo on the oval, but plenty of kangaroo poo!

If the council is so concerned, a suggestion is to return the market to Fountain Street, where dogs are allowed. Or poo bags at the entrances to the oval with a warning of a fine if the owners

don't pick up would be a good alternative.

Football is not year-round, and Councillor Gardner does not seem to know the difference between dog and roo poo or is handling the truth very carelessly.

This discussion is a bit like the crossing on Main Street.
Harry and Tom

Mining Exploration Licence

I would like to draw your readers' attention to the application for a mining Exploration Licence (EL007029) as advertised in the *Tarrangower Times* on 11 March 2022. The EL's southern boundary is close to Maldon and takes in

residential areas and the Maldon Historic Reserve. There is a view that if the community is concerned about the potential impacts of future mining activity that it is best to object at the exploration licence stage so that local voices are heard at the outset. Anyone can object, and the objection can be brief. Grounds for objection may relate to perceived loss of amenity, social aspects, or environmental impacts. Further information can be found on the Earth Resources website or by calling 1300 366 356. Objections close 1 April and, if posted, need to arrive by this date.

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CROWN HOTEL - NEWSTEAD

8 Lyons Street - 5476 2222
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89 High Street - 5475 2214
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Wednesday 12pm til close,
Thursday 4pm til close
Friday and Saturday 12pm til close.
Sunday lunch 12-4.45pm last orders, closed 7pm.

MALDON HOTEL - MALDON

58 Main Street - 5475 2231
OPENING HOURS
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Wednesday - Sunday: Midday - close
Bookings recommended

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☆ Laurie is a volunteer at the Maldon Machinery Museum.

“Well I’m originally from Melbourne. I started working when I was 15 at trade type-setters Topless and Grenfell as a linotype mechanic on a six-year apprenticeship. I did four years as a fitter and turner and two years at printing school concentrating on printing machine maintenance. I was 21 by the time I’d finished.

I then went on and did a three and a half year stint with Dovers maintaining their printing machines before moving across to the *Herald and Weekly Times*, maintaining their linotype and type-setting machines. That would have been in the early 1960s. I spent five years there.

In 1968 I commenced work with *The Age* newspaper and stayed for 10 years before the introduction of the digital platform. This transitional period saw around 500 staff retrenched and the end of my time as a linotype mechanic.

The opportunity then arose to work in the family trucking business, driving tip trucks and oil tankers. I did this for five years.

Over the following years, I worked in the food industry and also drove buses for the bus company Grenda’s as well as Berwick Bus Lines.

Then came the tree change.

It was 2001 when my wife and I came to live and retire in Maldon.

Shortly after, I joined the Maldon Fire Brigade (I’m still a member today), and it was there I met a few blokes, including Peter Thompson, who were members of the Machinery Museum.

They were talking about how they had promised to get

this linotype machine originally used by the *Tarrangower Times* up and running at the museum for a working display during the newspaper’s 150th Anniversary celebrations.

Anyway, one day I was sitting at the kitchen table having lunch and in marched four members of the museum. One of them was Peter Thompson,

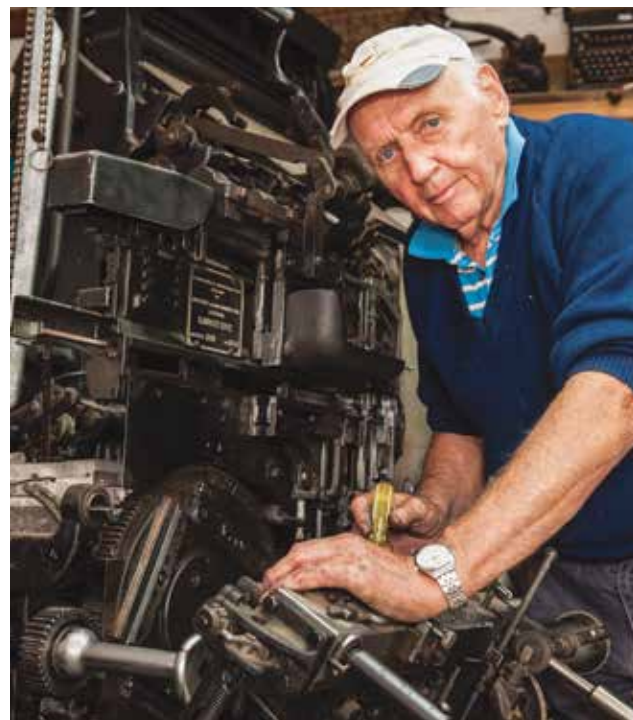


☆ Originals used by the *Tarrangower Times* were used in the paper’s 150th Anniversary celebrations.

who knew I had been a linotype mechanic. They literally picked me up in my chair and said, ‘we have six weeks to get this linotype running. It’s no good, it’s broken down, can you fix it?’ And so I went with them to take a look at its condition and said, ‘all this is good for is to use as a marine anchor, attach a long

chain and go throw it in Port Philip Bay!’ But I reneged, and I did end up fixing it and got it up and running for the *Tarrangower Times* 150th Anniversary. That was in 2008, and I have been a member of the museum ever since, which makes it 14 years this year.

I also have a keen interest in trains, building and running



☆ Laurie has been a linotype mechanic since he was 15-years-old.

miniature locos with other like-minded people at the Loddon Miniature Railway.

I love the printing side of life and enjoy coming to the museum to maintain the machinery and run the printing shop when I can and share my knowledge with others on

the printing processes from days past.

Story and photos by Julie Hough

Julie is writing a series of profiles showcasing the wonderful volunteers at Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum called ‘Meet our Members’.

Farewell Amy



☆ Amy Atkinson’s farewell was well attended last weekend. The much loved Maldon Neighbourhood Coordinator has achieved fantastic things for the Maldon Community over the years. Everyone wishes her well in her future endeavours, she will be greatly missed. (Although its important to note Amy is not leaving Maldon so you’ll still see her friendly face around town.)

Photo courtesy Barry Robinson

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WALKING TOGETHER *towards Makarrata*

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

Dja Dja Wurrung and the Mindi



In the spiritual and religious belief system of the Dja Dja Wurrung people, two ancestral beings are the totems for the two moieties that determine the pattern for social relationships and marriage partners. The all-powerful Creator Spirit Bunjil takes the form of an eagle, and Waa the trickster that of a crow.

Snake-like Mindi also figures in their Dreaming but is not like the Rainbow Serpent in some other Aboriginal nations. This law and lore enforcer, many miles long, punishes lore breakers and hisses poisonous dust on people bringing plagues like smallpox and death.

In January 1840, men of two Dja Dja Wurrung clans were preparing for an important ceremony, probably involving the stone arrangement which represented Mindi. The charismatic clan leader of Liarga balug, Munangabum was highly respected for his effort in shaping his people’s response to European settlement.

A squatter Henry Monroe, hoping to extend his Campaspe Plains run



near present-day Heathcote, had sent some assigned convicts with a flock of sheep to two remote huts near Mount Alexander. These men felt menaced by the Dja Dja Wurrung warriors setting up for the ceremony and returned to Monroe with a concocted story of stolen sheep.

Monroe vowed retribution and set off the next morning with a posse to hunt down the ‘sheep stealers’. Assistant Protector Edward Stone Parker was staying at the station and, fearing slaughter was about to happen, pursued the armed men. When they opened fire on the Dja Dja Wurrung, Parker jumped down from his horse and intervened to save the leading man’s life. One young man was killed, and at least one more as Monroe’s rampage moved further afield.

The man Parker saved was Munangabum, who was then taken into custody in Melbourne charged with sheep stealing. The Dja Dja Wurrung leaders pleaded for his release. They feared he had the power to move Bunjil the Creator Spirit to release



Mindi the snake to bring about a plague on Blacks and Whites alike. Assistant Protector Parker persisted on their behalf until he managed to have Munangabum released from gaol.

A year later, Parker established the Loddon Aboriginal Protectorate Station at Franklinford, north of Lalgambook (Mt Franklin), to oversee the welfare of the people living in the area. Buildings including a school were constructed; some Dja Dja Wurrung worked on the farm, but few became literate – or Christian. When the

station was closed at the end of 1848, Parker continued to provide a safe home for the Dja Dja Wurrung, operating it as a pastoral run.

Today, descendants of the families that lived on the Franklinford protectorate live and work in Castlemaine and Bendigo districts.

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

More information can be found at www.nalderun.net.au.

Solway Nutting

Iconic Peters Ice cream signs stolen



☆ If you have any information about the stolen signs please contact local police.

LOCAL police are investigating the theft of Maldon’s iconic Peters Ice cream signs last weekend.

The signs are worth thousands of dollars and may appear on ebay, Gumtree, Facebook Marketplace or at antique dealerships.

Leading Senior Constable David Rose said, “We are following leads regarding the theft of the signs, which are a priceless part of our history.”

Anyone with any information is being urged to contact Maldon Police Station on 5475 2210.

2022 White Night to shine bright in Bendigo

WHITE Night will return to Bendigo on 3 September this year, with tens of thousands of locals and visitors expected to attend the event and provide a significant boost to tourism businesses.

Supported through the state government’s Major Events Fund, the city will come alive for an extra special event this year after the pandemic forced White Night Bendigo to be postponed in 2020 and 2021.

The program, directed by Joseph O’Farrell, will feature artists from the categories of installation, visual art, lighting, audio-visual, projection, film, music and performance. The theme will be ‘everything on the land is reflected in the sky’.

In 2018, White Night Bendigo attracted more than 60,000 people and delivered a \$5.5 million boost to the local economy.

MP Jacinta Allan said, “Bendigo is one of Victoria’s premier regional events destinations, and White Night will again showcase the best our city has to offer.”

Since the first White Night in Melbourne in 2013, the event has built a strong reputation as a vibrant and inclusive celebration of immersive art and community participation.

This year, tens of thousands of visitors are once again expected to visit Bendigo to see the city transformed through illumination. The program will capitalise on the best of Bendigo and elevate the city’s cultural and gastronomic credentials.

White Night adds to Bendigo’s strong cultural events offering, with the city hosting an Australian exclusive exhibition, Elvis: Direct from Graceland, from 19 March to 17 July.

Planned burning program to ramp up in Central Victoria

PLANNED burning will intensify in Central Victoria in the coming weeks to reduce the risk of bushfire to the community and environment.

Planned burning is a key part of Forest Fire Management Victoria’s (FFMVic) bushfire preparedness and strategic fuel management approach.

The program is underpinned by scientific evidence, local knowledge, and continuous improvement to make sure efforts are focused where they can be most effective.

FFMVic Loddon Mallee Deputy Chief Fire Officer Scott Falconer said in the coming months, planned burning would take place across Central Victoria, with major asset protection burns near Macedon, Castlemaine, Heathcote, St Arnaud and Bendigo. They will also be conducting ecological burns in Terrick Terrick National Park.

“Our strategic fuel management approach gives our firefighters a better chance of controlling fires when they do occur – reducing impacts on people, property and the environment,” Deputy Chief Falconer said.

“As long as the conditions allow and it is safe to do so, we will carry out as many of our high priority burns in bushfire prone areas as we can.

“We will conduct asset protection burns to reduce fire risk near communities, ecological burns to help protect our environment and allow

rare and often protected flora to regenerate, and support cultural burns led by Traditional Owners.”

FFMVic partners with Traditional Owners so fire can be used in a way that supports Cultural land management aspirations, including management of food, medicines flora, fauna and habitat protection and regeneration, and to heal Country’s spirit.

“We will be supporting Barapa Barapa Land and Waters, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation to conduct cultural burns throughout Central Victoria in the coming months,” Deputy Chief Falconer said.

FFMVic works closely with the Bureau of Meteorology to assess weather conditions – such as humidity, temperature and wind speed – and will only carry out burns when conditions are right.

As well as burning, FFMVic crews conduct mechanical fuel reduction works such as mowing, slashing, clearing, and creating and maintaining strategic fuel breaks.

“I thank our regional communities for their support while our crews carry out this important fuel reduction work to protect life, property and the environment,” Deputy Chief Falconer said.

To keep up to date with planned burns happening near you, go to or sign up to www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns.

Shire secures \$200,000 grant for growth and housing

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council has secured a \$200,000 grant to address growth and housing needs in the shire.

The funding will be used to prepare a housing and neighbourhood character strategy for the towns of Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Chewton.

The purpose of the strategy is to:

- understand the changing housing needs in the community
- identify potential sites for housing within urban areas and designate appropriate areas for future development
- take into account the character, heritage values and environmental factors of each neighbourhood
- prepare design guidelines for clearer guidance and certainty for future development
- inform changes to planning policy in the Mount

Alexander Planning Scheme.

Mount Alexander Shire Council’s Director of Infrastructure and Development, Michael Annear, said the strategy aims to address the growth and housing pressures in these towns.

“Our Council Plan 2021-2025 specifically includes a list of strategies and actions relating to the housing affordability challenge in our community,” said Mr Annear.

“This includes looking at ways to encourage diverse housing options and residential development in the shire.”

“It will also consider the needs of both current and future residents and aspirations in managing future population growth and housing.

“Our community will play an important role in shaping the strategy, and we’re really looking forward to working together on this.”

Calling all film-lovers



DO you want to see awesome films directed, edited and produced by young people? We have the event for you!

Our third annual COscars Youth Film Festival will take place in Castlemaine’s Village Square on Friday 8 April from 6.30pm.

Headlined by the family adventure hit, *Big Hero 6*, the festival will also feature short films made by local young people.

The ‘shorts’, ranging from one to ten minutes, are winning entries in our equivalent of the Academy Awards: the COscars.

COscars, judged by industry professionals, will go to winners of seven categories in the competition, which was open to filmmakers from 8-25 years of age.

“We’d like to invite everyone to come and join us at this free, family-friendly event and help to celebrate our local young film-makers,” said

Lucia Amati from Council’s Youth Advisory Group.

“Bring your own chair and picnic dinner, or buy some yummy food at the event. There will be Pizza de Wheels, Icecream Social and, of course, popcorn!” said Lucia.

The Village Square is in Frederick Street, Castlemaine and was converted from a car park into a public space as a key part of Council’s Making Space project funded through the Victorian Government’s Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package.

For more information, contact Council’s Youth Development team on 5471 1700 or email youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Discover more youth events, activities and training opportunities on Facebook: @MountAlexanderShireYouth, Instagram: @mountalexandershire_youth and our website: www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au.

Monitoring continues for Japanese encephalitis

AGRICULTURE Victoria has detected Japanese encephalitis virus at one new piggery.

The detection is the result of national surveillance efforts to identify new cases and determine the extent and spread of the disease and the source of its introduction.

Japanese encephalitis has also been confirmed in piggeries in New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

Agriculture Victoria is also working closely with both the pig and horse industries in response to the disease. A number of suspected cases are under investigation.

Detections have been confirmed at a total of 12 properties in the Wangaratta, Moira, Greater Shepparton, Campaspe, Gannawarra,

Loddon, Greater Bendigo and Northern Grampians local government areas.

Agriculture Victoria's incident management team continues to work closely with industry, conducting surveillance activities and providing advice and information to farmers, livestock and horse owners.

Infection is not spread directly from pigs to people, and there is no risk to humans from eating pig meat.

In general, spread is through the movement of migratory water birds and through the movement of infected mosquitoes, often over long distances. It does not usually spread directly from animal to animal (i.e. it is not considered contagious).

Victorians are being reminded to protect themselves

from mosquito bites, particularly when we are spending time outdoors.

Japanese Encephalitis vaccines are recommended for people at a higher risk of exposure to the virus, such as those working with pigs. All people should undertake measures to reduce exposure to mosquitos.

For more information about Japanese Encephalitis virus

and animals, visit Agriculture Victoria's website: agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/pig-diseases/japanese-encephalitis-virus-jev.

For more information about Japanese Encephalitis virus and human health contact your GP or phone NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 606 024, or go to www.health.vic.gov.au/jev.

Shooting reported at Cair Curran earlier than permitted

DESPITE a community petition to ban duck shooting in Mount Alexander Shire last year, Cairn Curran Reservoir opened to duck shooting for three months from Wednesday 16 March.

The petition, signed by around 500 mostly local people, dwarfed a petition raised by shooters to have duck shooting remain, with only 21 signatures - just 11 of them local.

Leading organisers of the petition, Regional Victorians Opposed to Duck Shooting inc. (RVOTDS) today said, "It's deeply disappointing that community sentiment has not been respected by decision-makers."

One resident said, "With their clear lack of regard for the law, goodness knows what shooters are shooting. The shotguns have been blasting by the water since 7.30am - a full 30 minutes before legal start time, upsetting our children and animals. This is not fox or rabbit shooting. Where were the authorities?"

Another resident expressed disgust that rate-payers were expected to live in a war-zone, unable to enjoy their waterway and having to watch the birds they love get shot at for a quarter of the year. "Friends and family certainly don't want to come here either - that's a financial loss to the town".

Yet another resident described the sometimes incessant booming gunfire near homes as a risk to mental health.

RVOTDS understand that locals are hesitant to report illegal hunting for fear it makes no difference, with the GMA lines unattended after hours and callers being directed to police who are 'too busy to attend and if they do it's after the fact'.

Game Management Authority CEO, Graeme Ford said, "Illegal hunting and breaches to public safety laws will not be tolerated. Illegal hunting and illegal protesting activity can put the safety of the community, wildlife, livestock, and authorised officers at risk.

"The GMA and partner agencies, including Victoria Police, will be patrolling both public lands and private properties to ensure compliance with hunting, animal welfare and public safety laws. There are significant penalties for hunters and protestors who fail to comply with the law."

Mr Ford urges people to report illegal hunting and breaches of public safety laws to the GMA through its website at gma.vic.gov.au, the Customer Contact Centre on 136 186 or by contacting Victoria Police.

Library bags for flood victims



☆ 105 colourful bags for kids in flood affected areas in NSW.



☆ The group of wonderful volunteers busily sewing.

SOCIAL media gets a bad rap, often deservedly. But a recent cross over of social networks led a small group of local women – Renee, Robbie, Linda, Carmel, Marjorie, Helen, Kylie, and Ali – to sew library/kindy bags for youngsters impacted by the NSW floods.

Complete with pencils and textas and much-needed underwear (one of the barriers for kids attending school is lack of underwear!), the bags are heading north to help out in Ballina.

The women and their sewing machines (and irons) transformed the piles of fabric donated by the community

into 105 colourful bags in just two weeks – and are now looking to get together regularly for charity sewing.

A special thank you to the generous sewers who raided their fabric stash for the cause. And a big thank you to the local businesses and organisations which donated fabric, provided the space, and lent equipment: Maldon Machinery Museum, The Village Patch, Teddy and Me, and Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. I'm sure the results of the community effort will bring a smile to the faces of the youngsters.

Ali

Mount Alexander fire restrictions

THE Fire Danger Period (FDP) will finish at 1am on Monday 28 March in Mount Alexander Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire Council and the City of Greater Bendigo.

According to the latest Australian Seasonal Outlook, higher rainfall totals have resulted in below average fire conditions, with reduced fire conditions in both grasslands and forests this summer.

Much of Victoria will continue to experience average rainfall over the coming months, however, temperatures are predicted to be warmer than normal, particularly in the western parts of the state.

CFA District 2 Assistant Chief Fire Officer Steve Alcock said early autumn rains around the district have already led to a noticeable change in the environment.

"This has allowed us to assess the local conditions within each shire and determine a suitable date to end the FDP," he said.

ACFO Alcock emphasised that while the FDP is coming to an end in some areas, it is still important to remain vigilant.

"We're urging everyone to stay safe, whether you're living in or travelling to high bushfire risk areas," he said.

"Please monitor the conditions on hot, dry and windy days, as we may still see some days of elevated fire risk."

While the Fire Danger Period will come to an end, it is still important that residents check the local conditions are safe for any burn-off they were considering undertaking.

"You must register your burn-offs, check weather conditions and follow local council laws and regulations," ACFO Alcock said.

"Registering your burn-off ensures that if somebody reports smoke, the incident will be cross-checked with the burn-off register, which will then prevent volunteer firefighters being taken away from workplaces, families and potentially genuine emergencies."

Landowners can now register their burn-off online at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au. For more information, contact CFA Media on: 1300 CFA MEDIA (24 hours) or cfamedia@cfa.vic.gov.au.

Alternatively, you can register with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511 or emailing burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au.

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National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is a day for schools, students and the community to say Bullying. No Way! On Friday 18 March 2022, get involved to encourage Kindness Culture by promoting inclusion, respect and community belonging in Australian schools.



☆ Mary and Koa.



☆ Hunter and River.



☆ Above left: Dallas.

☆ Above: Percy.

☆ Left: Remi.

Bullying No Way Day 2022



BULLYING no way day is an opportunity to find out more about yourselves, your friends, and classmates. But that doesn't mean it can't be great fun!

Bullying No Way Day 2022 was on the 18 of March. It was a beautiful sunny day and the teachers realised it was a great opportunity to do something outside. We started the day off with a whole school game of musical chairs and bobs and statues. By the end, all the people on the sidelines were cheering for their friends that were left. It was a good and exciting way of kickstarting this day full of empathy and kindness.

The first two sessions in the 4/5/6 class were full of making

friendship bracelets and crafts of all kinds. It was really interesting watching unlikely people discover passion for weaving friendship bracelets.

In the third session, we got together with our buddies and after five minutes, each and every classroom looked and sounded like a craft whirlwind! But in the end, it was great fun and everyone took home their beautiful ornaments and bracelets. All the kids were beaming as they showed their parents their creations.

Bullying No Way Day was exhausting, yet satisfying. A day that schools should be doing for years in the future.

By Olive



☆ Ella and Althea.



☆ Hugo.

Interviews



What was your favourite thing on Bully No Way Day? Why?

Leon, Grade 3: I like doing the Dreamcatchers because I got to be with William.

Jim, Grade Prep: I liked the Friendship bracelets because I got to put them on.

Who is your favourite buddy?

Leon: My favourite buddy is William.

Jim: My favourite buddy is Ryder.

Are people nice to you? Why?

Leon: Yes, because I am a good kid.

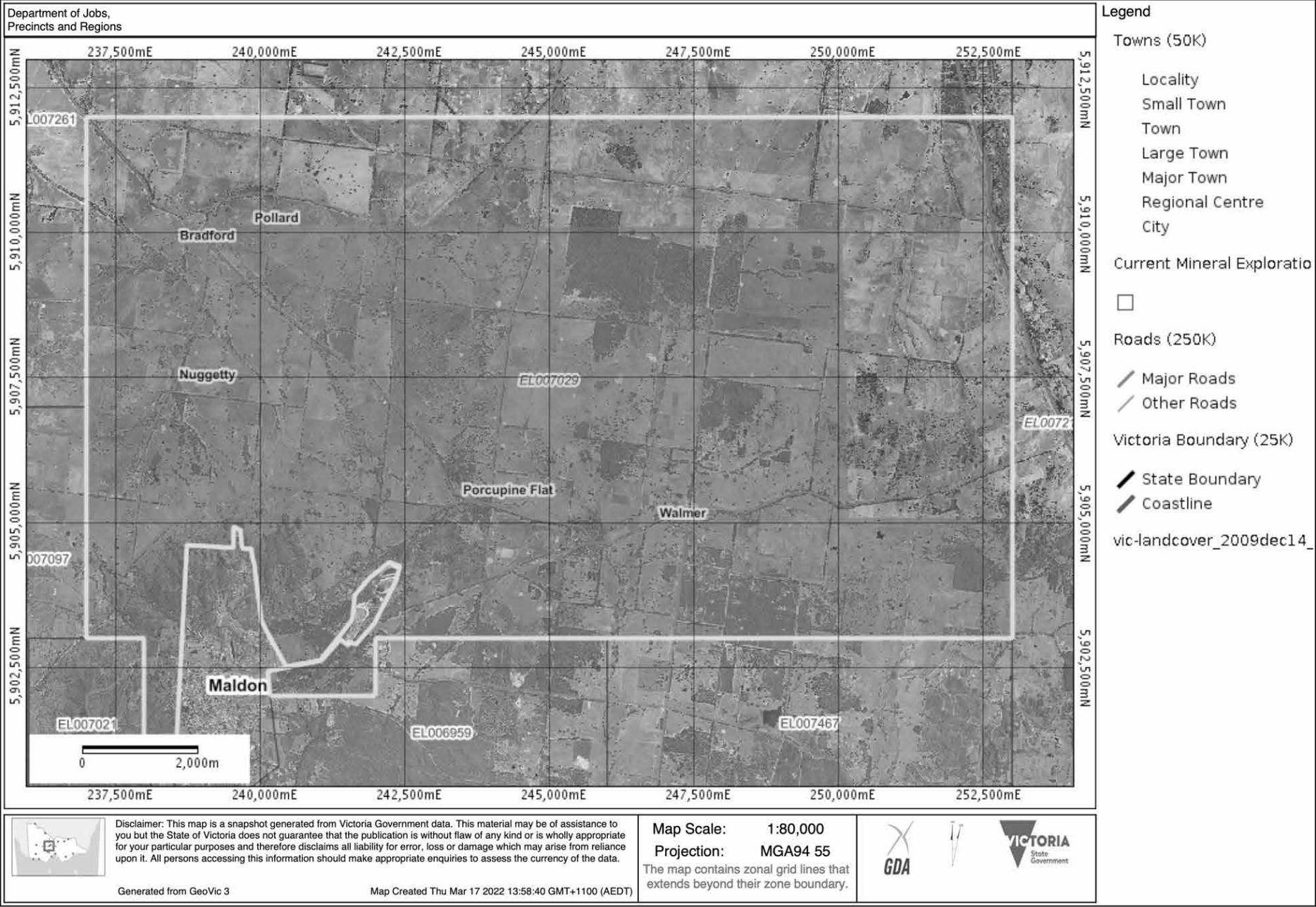
Jim: Yes, because I play with them.

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New mining exploration licence



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“(Exploration licence) EL007029 is a relatively under-explored area, with potential exploration targets below sedimentary cover and granodiorite intrusions that have been previously overlooked because there is no, or little, surface expression of mineralised reefs.”

Shawn told the *Times* that residents are making connections to a previous exploration licence held by Kalamazoo Resources, who conducted drilling quite quickly and are thinking EL7029 will do the same. “Drilling is an expensive advanced technique for delineating mineral resources and is usually conducted on well understood geological

targets. Kalamazoo was probably exploring geologically well-understood areas near historic mining,” said Shawn. “Most of EL7029 may be considered an overlooked region because it has much less historical mining and exploration activity. The purpose of desktop studies is to better understand and interpret the sub-surface geology before any drilling

can be considered. Historical mining centres such as Union Hill were discovered because the quartz reefs had good surface expression and were not overlain by sedimentary sands, clays or obscured by the Harcourt Granodiorite intrusion to the North. EL7029 is exploring areas that have been overlooked for these reasons.

“The only caveat to this process regards the Maldon Historic Reserve that surrounds the MIN5528 (Nuggetty Mine). Some drilling within one to two years is possible to further our understanding from recent drilling done in December 2021 – January 2022 of the Nuggetty Reef at depth.” Shawn said, “Almost all Central Victoria, beyond just

the Maldon goldfield is either under existing exploration licences (by other companies) or mining licences.” For more information or to lodge an objection or comment visit: <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/licensing-approvals/have-your-say/notice-of-application-for-an-exploration-licence-el007029>.

Councillor’s Column

with Tarrengower Ward Councillor Stephen Gardner



WOW, another busy month in Maldon with lots of activities and events going on – not only bringing in tourists and visitors but giving us all the opportunity to attend events, and we are going into Maldon’s busiest period – Easter.

Obviously, our traders welcome the extra visitors, but I know it can be inconvenient for everyone who lives here. I know not getting a parking spot or having to queue in shops can be frustrating.

Let us try and be a bit more mindful that each and every one of us represents Maldon and try and be patient and welcoming. I attended an event organised by Maldon Inc at the Porcupine Village. The Village has had a lot of work completed out there and is very impressive. It is great to see that close relationships are forming with local traders and the local community. I wish Porcupine Village the best for this endeavour. This event was organised to launch the Maldon Inc program and in particular, the focus on the Maldon in Winter campaign. I believe there will be some very interesting themes and activities this year, so keep an eye out for them. There are a couple of things that I wanted to highlight as I have received a number of calls and emails, as follows: Duck hunting season has commenced, and Cairn

Curran is an authorised location. I have received a number of emails and calls about the behaviours of the hunters, including starting earlier than the approved time. Whilst Council has a position of supporting the banning of duck hunting at Cairn Curran; this is really a matter for the Victorian Government. If people have any concerns about hunters’ behaviours, I would encourage you to contact the local police and the GMA hotline. As everyone is aware, I resigned from the Maldon Hospital Board as I did not support the amalgamation of the Maldon and Castlemaine health, and this is now a fait accompli. Despite promises that this would require minimal changes to Maldon, the newly appointed board has changed the name of this new amalgamated entity to Dhelkaya Health with no community consultation.

Whilst I am the local Councillor, I can advocate on behalf of these issues; it is best that people go directly to the relevant authorities, as I mentioned above. In addition, we will be having a Victorian Government election later this year, so you should be contacting the local MP, Maree Edwards, regarding these issues, as they are essentially a matter for the Victorian Government. **March Council meeting** This Council meeting didn’t really have much of interest for people with two planning applications and administrative type documents. In fact this meeting, I believe was the quickest we have had and the meeting was over in 45 minutes – it is was great to have a quick one. The two main planning matters were from Coliban Water, which is laying a pipe from Kyneton to a farm in the Shire. This is a good initiative as this water was going into

the Loddon and will now be reused by this farm. The second matter was for the Hot Rodders in Castlemaine who are seeking to install a visitors’ centre and to improve facilities. **Budget discussions** Even though there wasn’t a lot on the Agenda for the Council meeting, it doesn’t mean that we Councillors have an easy time. Since returning after Christmas, there has been a lot of focus on the upcoming Council budget. Each year this task gets more difficult with increasing demands from community and groups who are all worthy and with a tightening of the overall financial situation. I know Councillors are not keen to be increasing rates. I have a number of priorities for this budget, including a focus on Baringhup (things like the old school and a community development plan), finalisation of the Maldon streetscape, continuation of the upgrade

of Bill Woodfull Oval, the Maldon pool and Liam’s Skate Park idea. In the next month, the draft budget will be finalised, and it will then be put out for community consultation and feedback. I would encourage people to put in a submission and to come to the Council meeting to discuss their proposals. I would like to thank people for their patience with me recently as I have not been out and about as much as I would normally have been due to COVID-19 and work commitments. If you need to contact me, the best way at the moment is via email (I can answer these during the day easily) at tarrengower@mountalexander.vic.gov.au. I try to call everyone back, but it can take a day or two sometimes. Until next month, stay safe, enjoy the upcoming activities and be kind to everyone.



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Just a reminder that the library will be participating in the Town-Wide Garage Sale this coming Saturday, March 26. We will be selling old book stock very cheaply plus a few items of furniture,

so come along and say hello and get a bargain!



MALDON BRIDGE CLUB

Breaking the run.....



FOLLOWING on from the great run of four wins by Werner and partner recently, we eagerly awaited a report from Castlemaine to see if the run had continued.

Alas, it was not to be, and in fact, we were advised that the 'run was broken' as it was a last for the duo. This certainly happens to the best of players on occasions as we play out the cards each week.

Partners were drawn quickly by Danny, and all were seated at respective tables to play out the seven boards for each round as advised. As we ventured into the cards, it was evident it was not going to be an easy 'run to the line'. There were many failed contracts, with defenders having an enjoyable time defeating the opposition. Much to their dismay of course, there were some excellent contracts made on occasions which boosted the morale of players. Trying to get to an achievable contract result was thwarted with danger. Goodness me! Too high! Cannot possibly get the contract. Too low, and a game contract could have been achieved! Shucks, don't pass, the partners were thinking as they held a top hand!

Finally, the scores were in, and surprises were certainly divulged as Danny read out the results. There was a tie for first place between the 'Awesome Foursome' Fred and Mary along with Werner and Judy with 48 points each! All of the above certainly applied to Werner and my partnership, and we were in disbelief at the final results. So, Werner is back on track!

In third place were Ken and Prakash with 46 points followed by Kevin and Lillian in fourth place with 44 points. Well done to everyone on a good result from difficult hands held for the day.

There were birthdays celebrated between Maldon Jo, Darwin Elizabeth and Sue. We hope they had a great day with best wishes from all of us.

Our afternoon tea break certainly distracted us from the dismal hands we had played, and once refreshed, we ventured back to do our best and hope for the best once again! Thank you, Maldon Hotel and Sherrie, for the delicious scones, jam and cream and for keeping our strength up each week!

We look forward to some of our absent regulars returning next week to battle out the cards once more. Whatever your age group or skills please feel free to join us each Thursday from 12.45pm to 4.30pm to help us in our endeavour to

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All Our Shimmering Skies, **Trent Dalton**

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All Our Shimmering Skies is a story about gifts that fall from the sky, curses we dig from the earth, and the secrets we bury inside ourselves. It is an odyssey of true love and grave danger, of darkness

and light, of bones and blue skies; a buoyant, beautiful and magical novel brimming with warmth, wit and wonder; and a love letter to Australia and the art of looking up.

Windswept & Interesting: My Autobiography, **Billy Connolly**

In his first full-length autobiography, comedy legend Billy Connolly reveals the truth behind his windswept and interesting life.

Born in a tenement flat in Glasgow in 1942, orphaned by the age of 4, and a survivor of appalling abuse at the hands of his own family, Billy's life is a remarkable story of success against all the odds.

Billy found his escape first as an apprentice welder in the shipyards of the River Clyde. Later he became a folk musician - a 'rambling man' - with a genuine talent for playing the banjo. But it was his ability to spin stories, tell jokes and hold an audience in the palm of his hand that truly set him apart.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

THE MINING REVIVAL

In early October 1914, James Lahn and Ben Lane, while loaming at South Maldon, located a gold-bearing reef in the back yard of 'The Pines' in Johns' Road. A retired clergyman, the Reverend Walter Davey, had recently purchased the property, and he negotiated a generous royalty deal with Lahn and Lane. The claim became known as 'Davey's Reward'.

The find resulted in a flurry of mining activity. George Snart and Alf Cook pegged out a claim on the road outside Davey's house, formed a syndicate and offered shares to the public. Davey's neighbours, the Baxter brothers, Tommy and Jim, reopened an old shaft on their parent's property and, after their mother had a dream about gold in an adjacent paddock, they found promising stone there just below the surface. Charles Calder and Walter Grigg also applied for large mining leases to the south of 'The Pines'.

There was renewed interest in prospecting throughout Maldon. On Sundays, hundreds of locals came to inspect the new claims. The Post Office issued over 80 miners' rights, and the mining registrar was kept busy processing claim applications. Shafts were started in the back yards of the Parkin's Road Hotel and a number of private residences.

Activity was not restricted to South Maldon. Prospectors explored old alluvial workings at the Springs, and a number of claims were opened up in Parker Street. Fred Tollit and Arthur Stacey also applied to mine in the police paddock. The Chief Commissioner of Police, Alfred Sainsbury, visited Maldon and, after inspecting the site gave permission for some initial exploration and undertook to consider a further application if anything was found. A similar request to prospect in the Hospital grounds was dismissed out of hand.

Of all these new enterprises, 'Davey's Reward' proved the most successful. Shares in Lahn and Lane's syndicate were soon trading at 50 pounds each, and the Reverend Davey received his first royalty payment of 65 pounds after just two months of mining. The operation provided Davey with a steady income stream for at least the next two years.

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As a young comedian, Billy broke all the rules. He was fearless and outspoken - willing to call out hypocrisy wherever he saw it. But his stand-up was full of warmth, humility and silliness too.

It was an appearance on Michael Parkinson's chat show in 1975 that catapulted Billy from cult hero to national star. TV shows, documentaries, international fame and award-winning Hollywood movies followed. Billy's pitch-perfect stand-up comedy kept coming too - for over 50 years, in fact - until a double diagnosis of cancer and Parkinson's Disease brought his remarkable live performances to an end. Since then, he has continued making TV shows, creating extraordinary drawings and writing.

Theroux the Keyhole: Diaries of a Grounded Documentary Maker, **Louis Theroux**

Like millions of others, Louis' plans were mothballed by the onset of COVID. Unable to escape to the porn sets, prisons and maximum-security psychiatric units that are his usual journalistic beat, he began reporting on a location

even more full of pitfalls and hostile objects of inquiry: his own home during a pandemic.

Theroux the Keyhole is an honest, hilarious and ultimately heart-warming diary of the weirdness of family life in Covid World. A wife intolerant of his obsession with Joe Wicks' daily workouts. Two teenage sons, inseparable from their videogames, for whom he is increasingly 'cringe'. A five-year-old happily spamming out videos on his own new TikTok account while on holiday with his oblivious family.

Louis also describes how he launches his podcast, Grounded, finally gets to the US to film a new Joe Exotic documentary and aims his sights on the latest incarnation of the far-right in a world becoming radicalized by social media. Theroux the Keyhole is Louis at his insightful best, as he faces unforeseen new challenges and wonders why it took a pandemic for him to learn that what really matters in life is right in front of him.

With thanks to reviews from Good Reads.

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Nordic pole walking groups expand



NORDIC Pole Walking classes have proven to be extremely popular, so are now offered in Castlemaine, Harcourt, Newstead, and Maldon.

A team of volunteers have

recently had their qualifications updated by the Nordic Academy and, as a result, are enthusiastic to offer this opportunity in more locations across Mount Alexander Shire. Healthy Heart of

Victoria funding provided this opportunity to volunteers.

Volunteers lead the groups and teach participants Nordic Pole Walking skills over a school term, which is about 10 weeks.

Nordic poles are available for use in classes for the duration of the course, and volunteers can assist participants to purchase their own discounted poles if they choose to continue.

Limited spaces are available in all the groups, which are kept purposely small to maximise participant safety. There is no cost for the groups which start after Anzac Day.

Castlemaine Botanical Gardens groups run at 9.30am on Mondays and 2pm, and 6.30pm on Tuesdays. The Harcourt Group is at 9.30am on Wednesdays, and the Newstead group is at 9.30am on Thursdays. An evening group at 4.30pm on Wednesday meets at Maldon Train Station.

This Nordic Pole Walking program is a Castlemaine Health program that was developed in partnership with Castlemaine Community House.

For further information and bookings, please call 5479 1000.

A new board of directors for Dhelkaya Health

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services they need when they need them."

The new name Dhelkaya Health will be phased in gradually through the next 12 months. In line with the commitment outlined during the integration consultation, 'Maldon Hospital' and 'Castlemaine Health' have been retained as registered business names. Dhelkaya Health is the new name that brings these services, and CHIRP Community Health, together.

The first key step for the newly integrated organisation

will be the development of a new strategic plan. Staff, volunteers and communities will be consulted to help define a shared vision and plan for the future. Further information about how the community can get involved in helping to shape the future of health in Mount Alexander Shire will be published at www.castlemainehealth.org.au and www.maldonhospital.org.au.

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0630 Gunfire Breakfast at Maldon RSL Hall

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1045 Step off

RSL SERVICE

1100 Service Commences at Shire Gardens Cenotaph

1200 Service Concludes

Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 16.3.22

2.6mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.4	92.9	44.6
Feb	0.5	8.9	56.3
Mar	68.9	72.3	32.8
Apr		9.8	99.6
May		42.0	49.2
June		54.0	38.3
July		63.1	23.5
Aug		35.0	48.7
Sept		47.7	40.9
Oct		87.8	47.1
Nov		57.5	25.7
Dec		18.3	29.1
TOTAL	159.8	596.0	535.8

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 16.3.22

3.0mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.0	83.4	35.2
Feb	1.0	17.0	52.8
Mar	74.4	83.8	37.0
Apr		14.4	145.4
May		53.6	66.2
June		81.0	49.2
July		82.8	32.8
Aug		41.8	62.2
Sept		49.2	54.6
Oct		76.8	73.2
Nov		62.4	37.2
Dec		18.8	39.2
TOTAL	165.4	683.8	685.0

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 16.3.22

4.4mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	103.4	101.6	53.6
Feb	0.0	13.6	38.0
Mar	48.0	67.2	35.8
Apr		11.4	107.6
May		53.2	56.2
June		62.6	46.6
July		68.2	29.4
Aug		44.0	69.6
Sept		70.0	46.8
Oct		85.4	56.2
Nov		70.4	22.8
Dec		18.6	31.2
TOTAL	151.4	666.2	593.8

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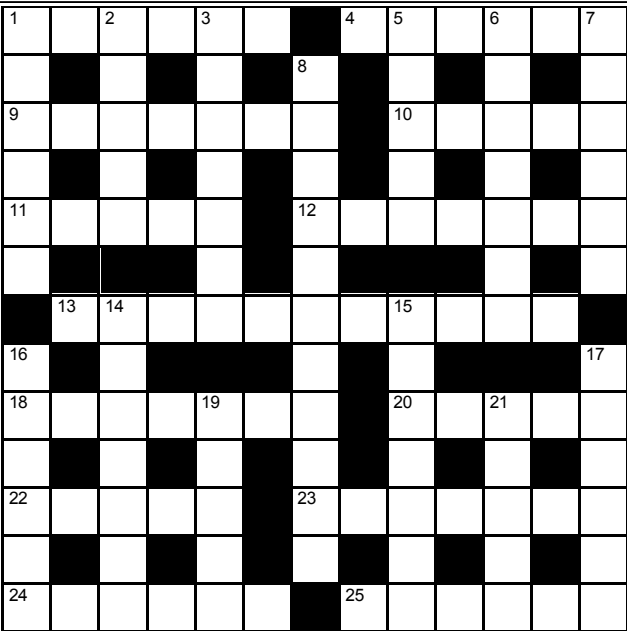
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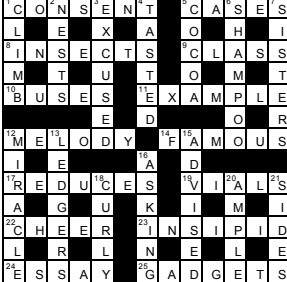
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- 4 Room for worship
- 9 End of marriage
- 10 Disruptive computer program
- 11 Cruel
- 12 Engine
- 13 Accountability
- 18 In the middle
- 20 Smooth fabric
- 22 Prize
- 23 Bedtime song
- 24 Disposition
- 25 Get away

Down

- 1 Breadths
- 2 Underwater explorer
- 3 Adoration
- 5 Mayhem
- 6 Incomplete
- 7 Lend an ear
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MUCKLEFORD CRICKET CLUB REPORT



☆ Pat Leathem bowling.

☆ Ryan White batting.

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B Grade - Maroon

'B' Grade Maroon Most Wickets		
Chris Edwards	14 Wickets	644-1BOWA
'B' Grade Maroon Batting Average		
Toby Chapple	180 runs @ Ave 25.71	644-1BATA
'B' Grade Maroon Champion Cricketer		
Chris Edwards	439 Points	S22-2110
'B' Grade Maroon Captains & Umpires Award		
Chris Edwards		S22-1804

B Grade - Gold

'B' Grade Gold Most Wickets		
Harry Harvey	14 Wickets	644-1BOWA
'B' Grade Gold Batting Average		
Neville Cooper	226 runs @ Ave 25.11	644-1BATA
'B' Grade Gold Champion Cricketer		
Neville Cooper	354 Points	S22-2110
'B' Grade Gold Captains & Umpires Award		
Neville Cooper		S22-1804

A Reserve

'A' Reserve Bowling Average		
Dhi Singh	15 Wickets @ 11.87	644-1BOWA
'A' Reserve Batting Average		
Trevor Butcher	355 Runs @ Ave 39.44	644-1BATA
'A' Reserve Champion Cricketer		
Hayden Coombes	449 Points	S22-2110
'A' Reserve Captains & Umpires Award		
Trevor Butcher		S22-1804

A Grade

'A' Grade Bowling Average		
John Watson	26 Wickets @ Ave 10.19	644-1BOWA
'A' Grade Batting Average		
Eddie Gingell	328 runs @ Ave 29.82	644-1BATA
'A' Grade Champion Cricketer		
John Watson	808 Points	S22-2110
'A' Grade Captains & Umpires Award		
John Watson		S22-1804

Special Achievements

Trophy

C Grade

Bowling

None

Batting

None

B Grade - Maroon

Bowling

Craig Tingay	6/26	vs Hepburn	11/12/21	CH125
Chris Edwards	5/20	vs Castlemaine Gold	12/02/22	CH125

Batting

A Reserve

Bowling

Batting

A Grade

Bowling

John Watson	5/22	vs Barkers Creek	13/11/21	CH125
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John Watson	6/28	vs North Castlemaine	06/02/22	Senior Club Champion	Chris Cole	S21-0822
CH125				Senior Mens Coaches Award	Asher Butcher	
Batting			632-1B			
Duck Award	Tim Gingell	– 4 ducks	S22-1705	Womens Player Choice Award	Not Awarded	
Under 21 Rising Star Award	Eddie Gingell			Womens Coaches Award	Not Awarded	
S22-0910				Brett Cole		
Junior Club Champion	Patrick Leathem	S21-0822				

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ROUND 3
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ROUND 4
SAT 14TH MAY
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BALL NIGHT

ROUND 5
SAT 21ST MAY
DUNOLLY
FAMILY NIGHT

ROUND 7
SAT 4TH JUNE
HARCOURT
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BACK TO THE 90S

ROUND 9
SAT 25TH JUNE
AVOCA
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SPONSORS DAY

ROUND 13
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ROUND 15
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MALDON GOLF CLUB



☆ President Nic VanWamel extending members' congratulations to the club's newest Life Member Bruce McGregor.

WITH a zest to re-commence a programmed golfing event and the appeal of a great Autumn's day weather, a field of 25 golfers took to the challenge of the club's opening day event - a 3-person Ambrose.

Club President Nic VanWamel and Co-Captains Andrew Fitzpatrick and Chris Mulholland welcomed golfers and referenced the great condition of the course following recent working-bees and maintenance works.

At the club's AGM at the end of last season, Life Membership was bestowed on popular long-serving member Bruce McGregor and to commemorate this special and significant timeline in the club's history, a plaque on the Life Members Board was unveiled prior to commencement of play. Congratulations Bruce on this well-deserved recognition.

All teams carded very competitive scores, but it was congratulations to Ryan, Colin and Ash for their win. Very pleasing for members to see the emergence of junior member Ryan to the Winner's Board with his strong contribution to his team's scoring, ably assisted with coaching tips and guidance from Ash, and the great form from Colin learnt from his recent Port Fairy experience.

RESULTS

...3-PERSON AMBROSE...

WINNERS

Ryan Mulholland, Colin Francis, Ash McKnight
nett 53.167

RUNNERS-UP

Julie Green, John Purcell, Steven Moore nett 53.833

GOOD SCORES

Glyn Milner, Keryn Healy, Andrew Fitzpatrick nett 54.5
Oliver Messenger, Burris Keen, Bruce McGregor
nett 55.167

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Ian Long HOLE 10
Andrew Fitzpatrick HOLE 11
John Fitzpatrick HOLE 17

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Muckleford Cricket Club Presentations 2021/22

Trophy

C Grade

'C' Grade Most Wickets

Seth Gross 6 Wickets 644-1BOWA

'C' Grade Batting Avg

Patrick Leathem 142 runs @ Avg 47.33 644-1BATA

'C' Grade Champion Cricketer

Patrick Leathem 277 Points 522-2110

'C' Grade Most Improved

Jack McLeod 632-1B

'C' Grade Coaches Award

Liam Waddington 632-1B

'C' Grade Encouragement Award

Ed McEachran 628-1A

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IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



LAUREN and Nancy's guests today include who-ever can be spared from Maldon Rose to tell all about their delectable food offerings. We'll also meet Paul Kooperman to explain about the Goldfields Gothic Festival of Dark Ideas coming to Maldon soon.

Last Friday our guests Jaimie and Mathew Thompson (see photo) from Maldon's Clydesdale Experience talked about their horses, coaches, breeding and blacksmithing. Great to see a young couple with such passion and knowledge. Kevin played the discs, including an anti-war

segment, and a St Patrick's Day selection (it was still St Patrick's Day in Ireland at the time). Local tracks by Mick Coates, (From his new CD), Graeme Fletcher and The Darling Buds of Maldon filled out the playlist.

Next Friday Nancy, Slats and Tony chat April Fool events from the *TT's* long history of pulling our legs with guest Viv Markham. Expect to be misled.

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

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Mike Smythe

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB



☆ Susan Forster played her first games for a while and finished the day among the place-getters.

ON Monday 14 March, a team of three (Bev Forsyth, Barry Droney and Geoff McLennan) represented the Maldon Petanque Club at the now Annual Cider Club Challenge at the Learmonth Cidery.

There were six clubs competing: Ballarat, Pyrenees, Woodend-Hanging Rock, Smythesdale, Grampians and Maldon. After the first round, Maldon was second on the ladder, having beaten four of the other five teams. In the first of the finals, we were against Smythesdale; however, at the end of the game, we went down 7-9. Smythesdale went on to win the Trophy. In the playoff for the minor placings, we again went down by 2 points to Woodend-Hanging Rock 11-13. A hard day's play, 7 games in all but the venue and contestants were great, so was the cider.

Sunday 20 March was our usual Club games at the St Brigid's piste and also the big tournament in the main street of Avoca. So our playing

numbers were down a bit, but that did not hamper the enthusiasm. At the end of three competitive games there was only one player to win all their games; that was Geoff McLennan 3 wins 9 points. Lynette Johnson came second for the day with 2 wins 12 points followed by Richard Leitch 2 wins 9 points.

The Biggest Petanque event ever in Maldon will be held on Saturday 2 April. There are 72 players entered for the Inaugural Forster Cup tournament for mixed triples. The prizes are good; special thanks to the Maldon Community Bank for their support. There has been a lot of work put in by our club in arranging this event, the only thing we have no control over is the weather. Here's hoping it is a nice day.

Our next club games will be on the Sunday after the tournament hopefully, we will not be all petanque out from the previous day.

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