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## Glitz and Glam at Twilight Dinner



☆ Edina and Patsy with a long lost friend after a 13-week lockdown? No, no, no - it's (l-r) Simon, Elizabeth and Brad looking fantastic at the Maldon Twilight Dinner.

**The Maldon Twilight Dinner proved to be a big hit last Saturday night with 600 people dining in Main Street Maldon and then dancing the night away to**

**popular band Forever 80's.**

There was a sea of pink, orange and red wigs (plus a rather large school of mullets), an array of colourful costumes and some of the most outlandish make-up you ever did see, as people

went above and beyond to dress to impress with the '80's theme.

Organiser, Pamela Jewson, of Maldon Eats Drinks Events, said people certainly raised the bar when it came to costuming this year.

"It was amazing!

"And I did notice there were a lot of men in heels and big boots on the dance floor - I honestly don't know how they did it!"

Ms Jewson said the event went really well.

"People just had so much fun," Ms Jewson said. "After a year of lockdowns, I think they were just relieved to be out and about again and feeling normal."

Ms Jewson said the band was sensational.

"Forever 80's is a touring band - they normally tour overseas and they're not normally available here but

because of COVID we were able to secure them for their first gig in 12 months."

She said she received a lot of positive feedback about the band, the delicious food and the event itself.

"I've already got 300 people booked in for next year."

She said there were no security incidents on the night.

"We normally have 1000 people and this year we

were down to 600 (because of COVID restrictions) so there wasn't a lot of profit but any profit we do make will go back into the community - mainly to the groups who volunteered to help with the road closures, fencing, washing up and so on.

"And a big thank you to the many, many volunteers who gathered to make it happen. It wouldn't have been possible without them."

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# Community Diary

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## 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.

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

## 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 SWIMMING POOL**, Lap Swimming: 6pm - 7pm. Ph: 5475 2074.

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## 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.

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**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.

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**MALDON SWIMMING POOL**, Aqua Aerobics: 6pm. Ph: 5475 2074.

**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.

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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.

**MALDON SWIMMING POOL**, Active Adults, 3pm. Ph: 5475 2074.

**MALDON SWIMMING POOL**, Lap Swimming: 6pm - 7pm. Ph: 5475 2074.

**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.

## EVERY THURSDAY

**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, starting 11 March. 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.

**MALDON SWIMMING POOL**, Aqua Aerobics: 6pm. Ph: 5475 2074.

**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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## FRIDAY 5 MARCH

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** in Maldon, 10.30am at Holy Trinity Anglican Church. *Build on a strong foundation* prepared by and featuring women of Vanuatu. Speaker: Revd. Fiona Preston. No shared refreshments, soft drink or water will be available outside afterwards. Enq: Jenny 0417 475 270.

## MONDAY 8 MARCH

**THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB**, Craft Day in Clubrooms 12pm-1.30pm or 2.30pm to 4pm. *Making Glass Bird Spikes* with Andrea McKey. Vacancies available to Club Members. Contact Carmel on 0417 014 763.

## MONDAY 15 MARCH

**GOLF LESSON**, at Maldon Golf Club – 8.30am Mon 15th March - \$15 - all standards - clubs available. Enq: maldongolf4u@gmail.com or Gay Reid 0413 013 766.

**THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB**, visiting Kerrie Jennings Garden, Avoca. Meet at Clubrooms at 1pm to carpool. Bring plate to share for arvo tea and own mug.

## THURSDAY 18 MARCH

**MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES** *presents: Vice*. 7.15pm for a 7.30 start, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Bring your smart phone to use the QR Code on the door. Enquiries: 5475 2093 or www.maldonnc.org.au.

## 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.

Please let us know if there are any changes to the Community Diary.  
Contact Karen on 0404 357 556 or email karen@tarrangowertimes.com.au

## Hearing for all

**WORLD Hearing Day 2021 (Wednesday 3 March) marked the launch of the *World Report on Hearing*, presenting a global call for action to address hearing loss and ear diseases across the life course.**

The theme of the World Hearing Day was ‘Hearing care for ALL! Screen. Rehabilitate. Communicate’.

The key messages of World Hearing Day 2021 are:

- Good hearing and communication are important at all stages of life;
- Hearing loss (and related ear diseases) can be avoided through preventative actions such as: protection against loud sounds; good ear care practices and immunisation;
- Hearing loss (and related ear diseases) can be

addressed when it is identified in a timely manner and appropriate care sought;

- People at risk of hearing loss should check their hearing regularly; and
  - People having hearing loss (or related ear diseases) should seek care from a health care provider.
- Castlemaine resident Carol McDonough wrote to the *TT* after attending the first session of a new acting course at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre last Sunday only to encounter hearing problems once she was inside the hall.

Check out Carol’s story in next week’s *TT* when she tells how she was able to overcome the problems thanks to the persistence, support and encouragement of her fellow students and teacher.

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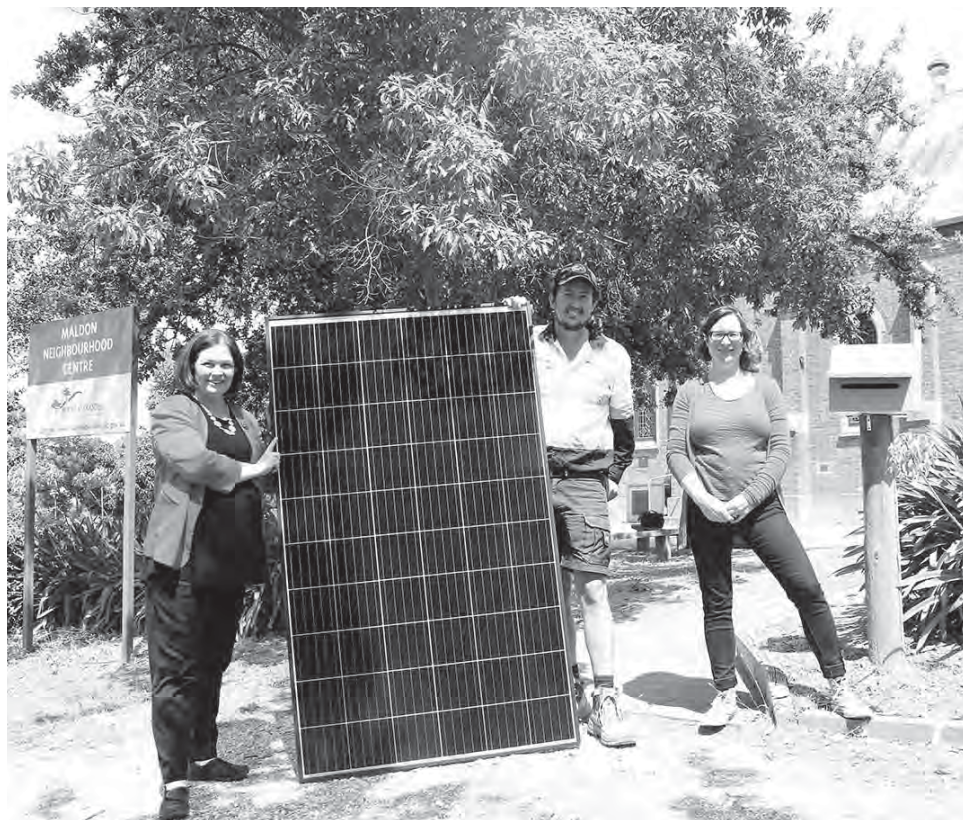
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# Maldon Neighbourhood Centre paves the way



☆ Federal Bendigo MP Lisa Chesters, Matt Wilson of Central Sparks Victoria and MNC Coordinator Amy Atkinson at the unveiling of the new solar project this week.

**BENDIGO MP Lisa Chesters has visited the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre to unveil the completed solar project, made possible through**

**the Federal Government's Energy Efficient Communities Program.**

The organisation received \$5,874 to install solar panels on the existing building.

"I would like to congratulate the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre on their successful application to this fund," Ms Chesters said.

## A Sit-in to show 'solidarity with survivors of sexual violence'



☆ Jodie DeBella and Marion Yates (right) at the Reclaim the Night Castlemaine Women's March in 2015.

*Photo: Lorena Carrington.*

**AN invitation has been issued to all women from Castlemaine and surrounding towns to gather together on Dja Dja Wurrung country for International Women's Day on Sunday 7 March.**

The gathering will be at Victory Park, Castlemaine at 2.30pm.

"This is a grassroots event, organised by local women for local women and girls. The idea is very simple - a Sit-In, in Victory Park, in

solidarity with survivors of sexual violence," said one of the organisers, Marion Yates.

"This is an event centring all women and girls. This is about creating something positive - an opportunity for women to hold space together in public.

"This is a rare and unique thing. A joyful, connective thing. And potentially deeply healing thing. Many women may never have experienced this in their lives."

A COVID-safe plan will

be in place.

The event will be live-streamed for people unable to attend, or for those who may wish to gather in small groups elsewhere and watch.

"We will give a collective nod to the significance of the worldwide #MeToo movement, in creating a powerful cultural touch stone for women to support each other in naming their experiences, exposing and holding perpetrators to account, and shining a light on endemic cultures and environments where sexual violence towards women is enabled and hidden," Ms Yates said.

This is an inclusive, grassroots community event.

Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander women, women of colour, women with disabilities, and LGBTIQ women are warmly encouraged to attend. Boys under 13 years with female carer welcome.

Background support from men is welcomed, as is the heart-felt intention to listen and learn.

"They are paving the way for other community groups and organisations to promote sustainable energy."

The solar panels were installed in mid-February by Central Sparks Victoria's Matt Wilson of Castlemaine.

"There were quite a few (Council) requirements we had to adhere to because of Maldon's heritage and basically it's important not to be able to see the panels (from the street)," Mr Wilson said.

It was an interesting return visit to the Centre for Mr Wilson this week - he revealed that he went to

playgroup in the hall when he was toddler.

"I've still got a certificate at home saying I won second prize in the gardening competition for the biggest zucchini," he laughed.

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator Amy Atkinson said, "We are very grateful for the Federal Government support for our application for additional solar panels on the Centre.

"It means we can keep our energy costs down and do more in our community."

Ms Chesters said the next step will be for her to join

forces with (State) Bendigo West MP Maree Edwards and engage with Powercor to work out how more people can connect to the grid.

"People in Maldon want to put solar on but they're being told they can't," Ms Chesters said. "We need to talk to Powercor to change that."

Energy Efficient Communities Program provides community groups with grants up to \$12,500 for energy efficient equipment energy generation and storage systems, and energy audits.

## Campdraft is on this weekend!



☆ Rider Angus Edgar riding Goose in an event at last year's Maldon and District Campdraft.

**MORE than 150 competitors and their families are coming to Maldon this weekend for the annual Maldon and District Campdraft.**

The Campdraft will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 6 and 7 February, at the Maldon Racecourse Reserve in Lewis Road, Maldon from 7am on both days.

The event is expected to run into the evening on Saturday and will wrap up between 4pm and 5pm on Sunday.

Maldon and District Campdraft Secretary Rachel Wallis said there will nine events over the weekend and a range of ages will be competing.

"Youngsters can start Campdraft at the age of eight and we also have people in their 70s competing," Rachel said.

"They come from as far as South Australia and New South Wales as well as from all over Victoria."

Spectators are welcome - food and drinks will be available on both days and there will be several small

stalls selling clothing and horse gear. Admission to the event is free.

"It's such a great family event," Rachel said. "People can camp overnight if they want to."

She explained that Campdraft involves a horse rider entering a gated yard where he/she selects a cow,

separates it from the herd, yells 'Gate!', which opens the gate to the arena and then has 40 seconds to steer the cow around a figure eight and then back through the gate into the yard.

"The rider is marked on horsemanship; they don't touch the cattle at all. It's based on skills used on (cattle) stations and farms for many years."

"We only ever use a cow once and we use about 800 cows over the weekend."

Remarkably the 2020 Maldon and District Campdraft was the last draft before COVID-19 hit and this year's event is the first one back.

Naturally, a COVID Safe plan will be in place on the weekend and everyone needs to abide by the COVID guidelines which includes scanning the QR code when you enter the grounds.

### The Pop Up Shop

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# Historic ice van gets a makeover



☆ The VGR's Young Volunteers (l-r) Adisson Chapman, Fletcher Cole and Lauren Traplin with the restored T van at Maldon Railway Station.

A labour of love has given new life to a run-down, 1911 Victorian Railways (ice) box van that has sat idle at Castlemaine Railway for nearly 30 years. A fleet of box vans (known as T vans) were developed in 1881 to transport milk, butter, meat and other products that needed to be kept cold, across the state.

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**TRIPLE Hawthorn premiership player Josh Gibson trained with Maldon junior footballers at the Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve last Tuesday night.**

He later joined in and trained with the Maldon seniors.

Dozens of excited kids turned out to see the former AFL star.

Gibson played in three consecutive Premiership sides with Hawthorn (2013-15), winning the Peter Crimmins Medal (Hawthorn B&F) in 2013 and 2015.

He retired at the end of 2017 and is still regarded as one of the best defenders of his generation.

After their training session with Gibson, the kids enjoyed a free sausage sizzle courtesy of the club.

MFNC thanked Josh Gibbons for giving up his time on Tuesday to train with the Maldon footballers (U11.5s-seniors).



☆ The T van prior to restoration.

different liveries (branding) were used for box vans and the VGR chose to use the William Angliss livery because it is well known as a hospital and a school.

As he showed the TT inside the van, Fletcher said, "These vans held up to 2.5 tons of salted ice – salt extended the life of the ice and it lasted for a couple of weeks."

"The vans would travel as far as Mildura and right across the state including to Melbourne."

Remarkably, the van is insulated with thick and heavy cow hair.

"You could have a hot day of over 40 degrees up here and at the end of the day you can come in here and it's cold."

The restored van will

now be used for the VGR's driver experience and special trains.

As the interview comes to an end, the young man sits and looks at the van parked at Maldon Railway Station.

"You know, this is the only operational refrigerated van left out of a couple of hundred that were built back in the early 1900s. This was the start of refrigeration – it's pretty special."

Fletcher has been a volunteer with the VGR for seven-and-a-half years, starting when he was 14.

He said the VGR's Young Volunteers Group currently has about 20 members, after starting in 2016 with just four.

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# Announcing 2021 Community Bank scholarship recipients



☆ Branch Manager Adam Balzan with Caleb, Uma and Ethan.

**THREE local students were awarded scholarships this week to support their TAFE and university studies.**

Maldon & District Community Bank Branch Manager Adam Balzan was on hand to announce the latest recipients of its annual scholarship program, and also present two new youth leadership scholarships.

“The scholarships support local students with their university or TAFE studies and helps them to overcome some of the obstacles of study, such as buying a new laptop or equipment, and travel costs. It’s another way our Community Bank supports young people in our communities,” Adam said.

## Maldon’s successful events season

**‘HI, travelling from Goulburn NSW to see Fiona Boyes March 6. Are there any tickets left?’**

That email, received last week, confirms SteamPacket 11’s success in bringing people to Maldon to see world-class entertainment.

“At one stage our bookings from Melbourne and Regional Victoria were outselling local bookings,” said SteamPacket’s Clif Edwards. “But that changed with a surge of Maldon-based bookings last Sunday.

“Events have always been important to Maldon’s tourism and economy but the rush of events in a normally quiet period has really vitalised the town,” said Clif. “With the Antique Fair and Twilight Dinner over the last two weekends, SteamPacket and Campdraft this weekend and the Easter Fair next month all contributing.”

“A big shout out must go to the volunteers. It is a lot of work over consecutive weekends, particularly for the members of the Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum and the Maldon Football and Netball Club, who have been involved on multiple weekends, and the Cairn Curran Fishing Club with their new role of handling road closures.”

Clif said SteamPacket had only 16 tickets left last Monday but he is hoping to get permission from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, who register COVID events, to confirm another 36 reserved tables and platform seats.

SteamPacket tickets are available at [www.steampacket.com.au](http://www.steampacket.com.au) and you can catch up on all the latest Maldon & District Campdraft Club information on Facebook.

“We’re thrilled to also add the leadership scholarships to our suite of scholarships. These help our young leaders in our community with their studies, and recognise the important contribution our young and emerging leaders make to our communities.”

Bet Bet’s Ethan Freemantle received the major scholarship of a \$2,000 bank account. Ethan recently moved to Wagga Wagga to attend Charles Sturt University. A new laptop for his Bachelor of Agriculture studies was purchased with the scholarship funding.

Having grown up on his family’s farm, Ethan has a wealth of hands-on experience and a love of the land, complemented with practical experience working at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange, the Bachelor of Agriculture course will arm him with further knowledge and skills in this field.

“This scholarship has definitely been a boost and will set me up for my studies this year,” said Ethan.

Keely McDonald from McKenzie Hill and Chewton’s Uma Dingemans each received a \$1,000 scholarship to support their studies this year.

Keely is undertaking her Bachelor of Science honours year at the University of Melbourne, majoring in immunology. The scholarship will support her research at the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity.

“I am fascinated by the immune system and the constant battle it is waging every day in order to keep us healthy. It’s a privilege to learn more about immunity every day alongside some of the world’s experts at the institute. My research will investigate the interaction between the nervous and immune systems in response to cancer,” Keely said.

“The Maldon and District Community Bank Scholarship has helped enable me to excel in my studies. It has given me a financial boost to afford expenses associated with my study such as a new lab coat, safety glasses and other personal protective equipment. I am thankful to have received this support from an organisation within my local community,” Keely

said.

Talented former Castlemaine Secondary Student Uma Dingemans’ scholarship will assist with the costs of relocating to on-campus living at the University of Melbourne, where she will commence a Bachelor of Arts degree.

**Leadership awards**

The Community Bank extended its scholarship program this year to include awards recognising the leadership of young people in the region. The inaugural recipients were Amy Lamport and Caleb Kuhle.

The Emerging Leader Scholarship and \$1,000 bank account was presented to Amy, who is commencing Certificate II Animal Studies in TAFE. The funding will offset the costs of attending practical workshops in Wodonga throughout the year.

Amy, from Newstead, is an active member of the Castlemaine Girl Guides, participating over the last eight years in many hours of community volunteering and leadership activities. She is currently completing her Queens Guide award.

Caleb received a \$1,000 Young Leadership award in recognition of his community leadership. Caleb, 24, is in his second year as club president of the Castlemaine Football Netball Club. The funding will support Caleb to complete his final year of Business Management (Accounting) studies at Bendigo’s La Trobe University.

“The money has already helped me to purchase a new computer for my studies, my laptop was becoming a bit worse for wear and had already died once so this is a big boost for me to continue studying,” Caleb said.

“I think what the Maldon Community Bank does in the community is awesome. My philosophy is, and I hope it always will be, that it’s not what your community can do for you but what you can do for your community.”

The scholarships are awarded annually to young students aged 25 years and under. Eleven students from the region have received awards since the commencement of the scholarship program in 2018.

## News Briefs

### Old Bank Corner

As reported in the *TT* (Councillor’s Column 19 February), Mount Alexander Shire Council has taken over the Old Bank Corner, corner of High and Main streets, Maldon, and is working on plans to turn it into a public space.

As an interim measure, it will be used for outdoor dining while the longer term plans are developed. Work is due to start on the outdoor dining component this week; stay tuned for more details on how the works are progressing in next week’s *TT*.

### Breaking Bad Habits

Crime Stoppers launched a new campaign ‘Breaking Bad Habits’ with Victoria Police on Wednesday, 3 March 2021.

The ‘Breaking Bad Habits’ campaign is asking everyone to be more vigilant when leaving their cars, homes and bicycles.

With up to 75 per cent of

Victoria’s workers permitted to return to the office this week, this could be the first time in 12 months that their homes will be empty.

‘Breaking Bad Habits’ encourages people to pay attention to their security habits especially when leaving their homes, parking their cars at the train station or bicycles at parking racks.

If you see suspicious activity in your community, let Crime Stoppers know by calling us on 1800 333 000 or by submitting an online report at [www.crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au).

### Bridge cost

Following up on the opening of the new bridge in Eagles Road, Harcourt last week, the *TT* can report the total cost of the bridge was \$659,000.

The funding is comprised of \$264,000 through the Federal Government’s Bridges Renewal Program, with Council contributing the difference.

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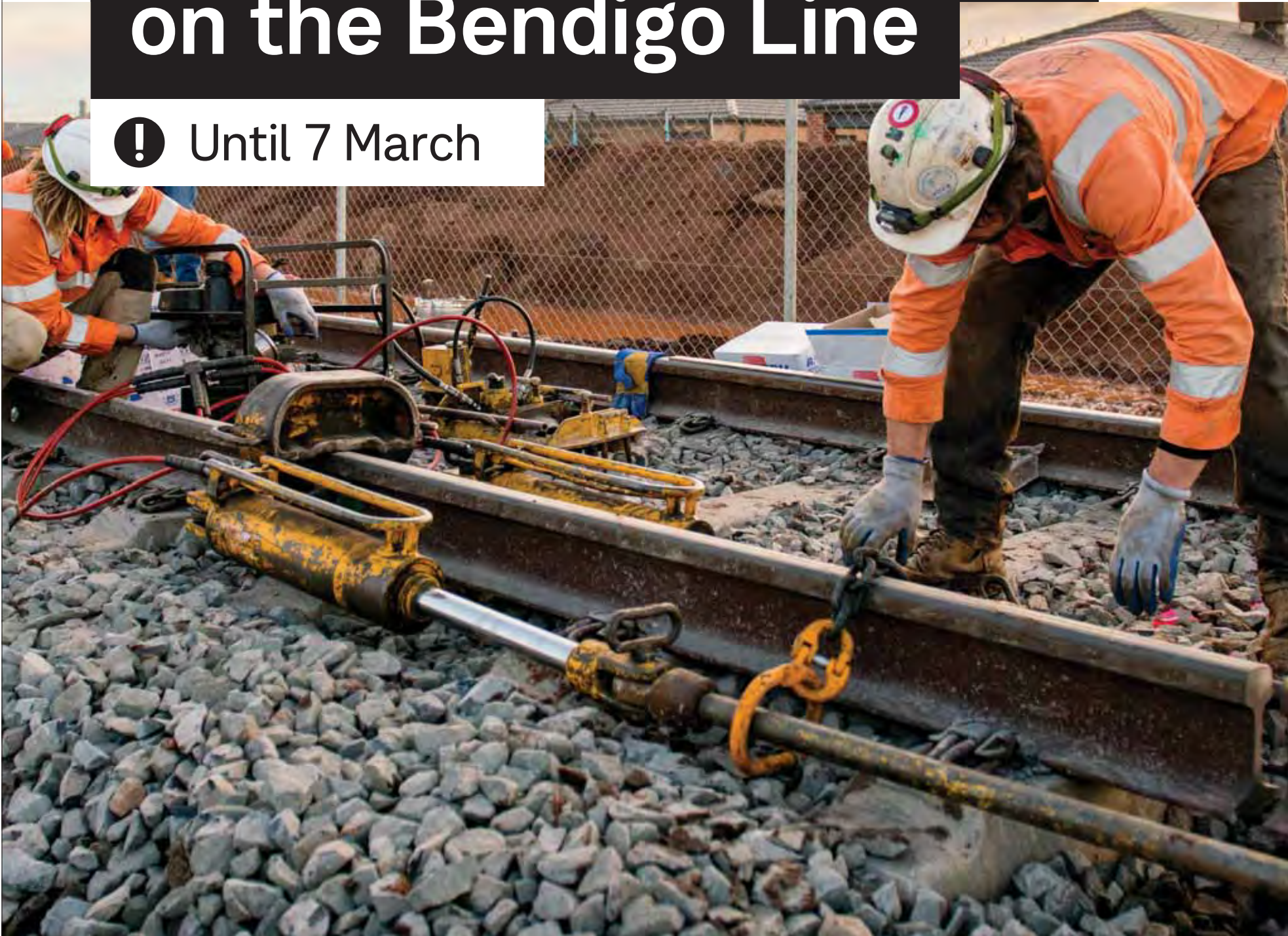


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Find out if you’re affected at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au)

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Newstead

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\$539,000

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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 liveability 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.

Open for Inspection: By appointment only



Maldon

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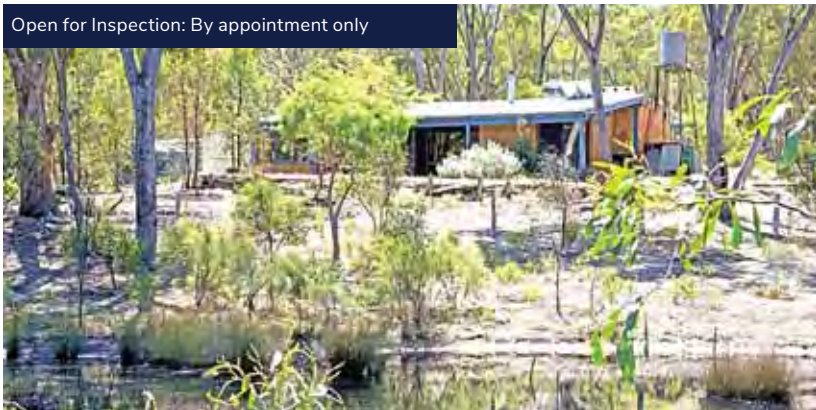
\$795,000

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# Vale Jane Elizabeth Mitchell (1955-2021)



**THE sudden and unexpected death of well-known local Jane Mitchell came as a great shock to many in the greater Maldon area whose lives have been touched by her. She was a truly inspirational woman.**

Although Jane spent most of her adult life in this area, she was not 'born a country girl'.

The daughter of Lorna and Albert (Bert) Mitchell, and with brothers David and Tim, Jane grew up in Cheltenham, where from an early age the passions that later informed her rich life had their beginnings.

She is remembered by longstanding school friends for her curiosity; she loved to explore the natural world and was drawn to history, leading her companions

on 'jolly jaunts' - come rain, hail or shine - around local market gardens and cemeteries.

Described as 'born wise', Jane loved older people and related well to them, regularly visiting elderly relations to hear their stories or bring an element of light into their lives.

Her out-going and confident personality, made her a natural fit in school drama and debating groups, and it is no surprise that her caring nature saw her go on to study nursing.

Jane was a devoted mother; she adored her three children - Mitch, Tusker and Clara. Mitch was born in 1978 in Alphonington before Jane and her partner, Vince Jacobs, moved to Maldon.

They purchased a house

with a mutual friend Steve Nicol, a blacksmith, and his partner Alicia.

It was through Steve that Jane met Oz Patterson, who first became a friend and some years later her partner.

Jane had the creativity and ability to make wherever she lived into a comfortable and welcoming home. This was so when in 1980 she brought herself some land on the outskirts of Maldon and with the help of Oz and other friends, moved a disused railway carriage onto the block, turning it into a cosy dwelling, and creating her first garden. She loved her gardens.

In November 1983, Jane and Oz welcomed their son Tusker and the family moved into what was then a small two-bedroom fibro house at the end of Browns Road in the Nuggettys.

Set in the middle of two acres of dry and dusty land, there were plenty of weeds, but it had great potential and endless views to the north, plus the legacy of bountiful fruit trees, established in rich pockets of soil and a wonderful spring. In August 1986 Jane and Oz's daughter Clara was born.

Jane's deeply embedded love for this fragile country and its flora and fauna blossomed in these years.

In her oral history, recorded for the Nuggetty History Project, she summed this up saying: 'If you walk with bare feet on the ground it seeps into you. It becomes part of you.'

In 1988, Jane returned to nursing and then again in the mid-1990s to study, to become a welfare worker.

On completion, she worked for 10 years for Bendigo Health at the Anne Caudle Centre in the Rehabilitation Department before moving to be a Case Manager, first based in Inglewood, then in Maryborough.

Jane left this work in 2000 to become her mother's full-time carer. She regarded this as an absolute privilege and during this time she rediscovered her latent passion for family history.

Love for and support of her family was always paramount for Jane. She was the connector. She adored her grandchildren Elena and Eli; she was a significant presence in and influence on the lives of her niece Tab and nephew Oskar and a great supporter of brothers David and Tim and their partners.

Jane's final home was purchased in 2016 in Shelbourne, just around the

corner from 'Tuss' and his wife Kerri, with a wrap-around verandah for optimal sunset viewing.

Jane transformed a rundown house in a dry paddock into an oasis, where all were welcome and the tea (or wine) and freshly baked cake or scones, with her jam, were always readily available.

Jane was a deep, reflective thinker and a wonderful amateur historian.

In her retirement, she revelled in the opportunity to develop her passions for natural, family and local history, as well as her passion for the environment.

She was a great believer in the power of community participation; she sought to and did make a significant difference in her local community. She was persuasive and managed to instil her enthusiasm into those around her.

Jane's contribution to the Nuggetty Land Protection Group was enormous. She was the group's treasurer, applied for numerous grants, was a willing participant/organiser of the group's involvement in Australia Day, the Maldon Show, ANZAC Day and more.

It was Jane who spearheaded the Nuggetty

History Project. She was pivotal to its success and she embraced the many unexpected ways in which it took on a life of its own.

The project will be a lasting legacy to Jane's foresight, drive, commitment and respect - for people, those who settled the Nuggetty area and those who continue to farm it and or act as custodians of it.

In her short time in Shelbourne, Jane achieved a standing in the community that would take most people a lifetime. Not only did she become friends with many of her neighbours, she also started a weekly playgroup for all the local children, extended the Nuggetty Land Protection Group to include Shelbourne, took on monitoring the local endangered bird life, organised community trail walks and started work on preserving the history of the local railway.

Jane was honourable. Her counsel was considered and her advice strong. Her friends and family describe her as a 'lighthouse and a steady force in my world'. Jane will be sorely missed by her family, her many friends and the many community groups she served.

## Come and join Castlemaine's new string orchestra!



**RESONANCE String Orchestra is excited to be launching a Castlemaine-based rehearsal schedule for 2021, which will open up opportunities for string orchestra playing to residents of Castlemaine.**

It will also expand the orchestra's Woodend program, by providing exciting possibilities for collaborations and shared performances.

Founded in 2009, Resonance is a not-for-profit music education initiative that offers a String Orchestra, Cello Ensemble and Chamber Music tuition program.

Known for its warm and inclusive approach, Resonance brings together community members who wish to strive for excellence in their music-making, and is open to players of Grade 2 AMEB to A.Mus standard

and beyond.

Past projects have included collaborations with diverse artists, including Tiffany Speight (Opera Australia), Flinders Quartet, soprano Elisabeth Denk, tango-gypsy quintet Cosmo Cosmolino, ACO Collective, percussionist Rob Cossom (MSO), Early Music specialist Lizzy Welsh and Travel Art Dance Company.

Projects range from performance of repertoire from the classical canon, to explorations of improvisation, jazz and folk, and diverse side projects such as the much celebrated 'You're the Voice' competition of 2019.

Resonance's 2021 Annual Project will be exploring themes of connection to place and Country, including a study of works by Sculthorpe, Deborah Cheetham, Dindy Vaughan and more.

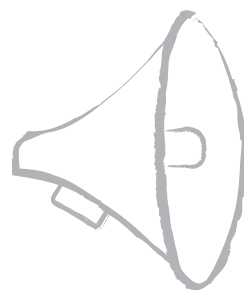
The works will be studied under the direction of Flinders Quartet's Zoe Knighton (Resonance's much beloved Artistic Patron) and Resonance's teaching team, including Heather Cummins, Sam Goble and Emma Wade, and guest tutor Libby Anderson - all Castlemaine residents and members of Castlemaine Chamber Players.

Co-Directors of Music Emma Wade and Heather Cummins note that with many amateur adult string players residing in the Castlemaine area and a strong Strings presence in the Castlemaine Secondary College music program, the time is ripe for a new strings-focused musical offering in Castlemaine, which will add to the town's already vibrant music scene.

They are excited to be offering the opportunity in partnership with Castlemaine Secondary College, who will host rehearsals.

To learn more about Resonance String Orchestra, please visit <http://www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au/> or their facebook page.

For expressions of interest or further questions call Heather on 0418 128 894 or email [heather.violin@gmail.com](mailto:heather.violin@gmail.com).



## SURVEY RESULTS

Our Environment & Sustainability

**TARRANGOWER**  
TOMORROW

**RESULTS from the Tarrangower Tomorrow community survey have been published in the TT over the past two weeks.**

This week we are providing more details on the survey topic area, Our Local Economy.

During the consultation sessions, the Tarrangower community suggested a number of activities on this topic. Twelve of these were included in the survey.

In the survey, people were asked to rate each proposed activity in terms of its importance to the Tarrangower Community.

In each topic the activity with the highest average rating was seen as the most important, the second highest as the next most important and so on.

The activities in Our Local Economy are shown below in the order in which they were rated from most important to least important:

1. Promote 'buy local' so that essential retail services are not lost.
2. Strengthen links between farmers and town residents to increase community cohesion

and support during hard times.

3. Retain planning provisions that prevent the sub-division of farms.
4. Bendigo Regional Tourism, Council's Tourism Officer and Maldon Inc to work together to improve visitation across the four seasons.
5. Increase the reach and service of the Visitor Centre in Maldon e.g. '10 things to do in Maldon'.
6. Attract digital businesses to Maldon to reduce commuting and encourage local employment.
7. Conduct exit interviews with closing businesses.
8. Encourage collaboration between event organisers, and consider an Events Officer in Maldon.
9. A mentoring scheme for businesses.
10. Build an electric vehicle charging station.
11. Consider a 'Welcome Pack' for potential new businesses.
12. Explore options for free WiFi in Maldon town

centre.

Over the next weeks the other results will be published in the TT. The committee will also start to develop the new Tarrangower Tomorrow Community Plan.

This will involve working with community groups and interested individuals, to see how the activities of most importance to the community, can be achieved. If you are interested in assisting with this task, please email [tarrangowertomorrow@gmail.com](mailto:tarrangowertomorrow@gmail.com).

For further information, including other survey results visit [www.ttor-morrow.org](http://www.ttor-morrow.org).

The group also has a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/tarrangowertomorrow](https://www.facebook.com/tarrangowertomorrow).

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

**Peter Strang**  
Coordinator  
Tarrangower Tomorrow Committee



# Glitz and Glam at Twilight Dinner



☆ The TT ventured up to the balcony of the Maldon Hotel (thanks Michael!!) to snap some photos and saw these Twilight Dinner patrons waving to us.



☆ Dan, Eric, James, Grant and Keiran travelled from Melbourne for the Twilight Dinner.



☆ Roz, Claude, Mardi and Jeff outside the Historic Maldon Bakery.



☆ Jay, Jamie, Tom and Adam from Melbourne.



☆ Mark, Angela and Chris having a ball at the Twilight Dinner.



☆ Fran, Katherine, Hayley, Peter, Anna, Amanda and Ryan having a wonderful night.



☆ Good friends: Dave, Jamie, Ken, Matt, Jaimee and Evie.



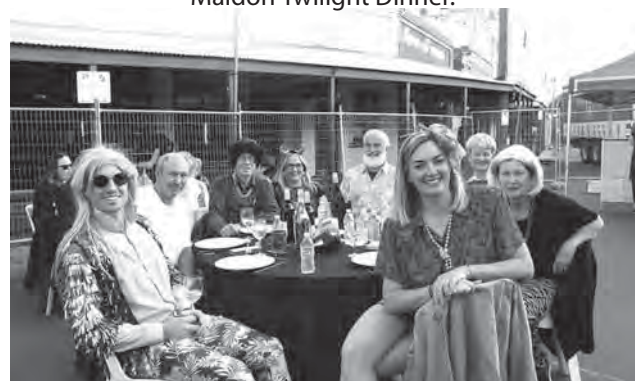
☆ Bendigo West MP (second left) with friends at the Maldon Twilight Dinner.



☆ Lauren and Zav from Maldon all dressed up for a fun night.



☆ Kim, Scott, Megan and baby Mabel enjoying the night.



☆ Jared, Peter, John, Janet, Owen, Desiree, Chris and Daisy loving the atmosphere.



☆ Wayne, Shazza, Helen and Paul from Geelong.



☆ All smiles: Lisa, Fiona and Robyn of Maldon.

Check out [www.tarrangowertimes.com.au](http://www.tarrangowertimes.com.au) for the photos in glorious colour.



# Mah Jong at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre



## IT'S not clear when the Chinese game of mah jong was first played.

One legend is that it was invented by the philosopher Confucius, which would date it around 500BC.

Whether the legend is true or not, the game was certainly being played in China in the mid-1800s.

There are many variations to the game of mah jong played across the world.

Unlike other games, there is no international body governing the rules, but a generalisation can be made. When the game was introduced to America in the early 1900s additional rules were introduced. So, today

mah jong can be played according to the Western way or the Chinese way.

Mah jong is played with beautifully decorated tiles, making it a very tactile game.

These tiles comprise three sets called Bamboo, Circles and Characters. In addition there are Winds, Dragons, Flowers and Seasons. Being Chinese, the tile decorations are full of symbolism.

Superstition also plays an important role in mah jong.

In China, before the game begins, the four players will decide who has the first choice of seating position round the table. A good seating position brings good

luck.

If you'd like to play the game of mah jong then please come along to the Neighbourhood Centre on Thursdays between 2-4pm, starting on Thursday 11 March; you can enjoy a social game and make new friends.

If you don't know how to play that's no obstacle. We will show you. It's not a hard game to learn. And if you're already a keen mah jong player then remember to bring your mah jong set - and whatever brings you luck!

For further information contact the Neighbourhood Centre on 5475 2093.

## Congratulations Peggy!



☆ Peggy Munro in her garden with her Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria's prestigious John Pascoe Fawcner Gold Medal for services to horticulture.

**CASTLEMAINE and District Garden Club Life member, Peggy Munro was stunned when she was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria's prestigious John Pascoe Fawcner Gold Medal for services to horticulture at the general meeting of the Club on Tuesday 23**

**February.**

The award was presented by none other than the President of the RHSV, Don Rickerby who travelled to Castlemaine to acknowledge Peggy's role in various gardening groups in the Mount Alexander Shire and her long-standing involvement with Castlemaine and

District Garden Club.

"I was gobsmacked!" said Peggy. "I couldn't believe it, I just stood there stunned. It was such an absolute surprise and I'm so honoured."

"You know, the Garden Club had to get organised a year and a half ago for this and they kept it a secret from me all that time."

Peggy's contribution towards gardening over many years has been outstanding.

She was one of the early members of the Castlemaine and District Garden Club and has been involved with the Castlemaine Festival of Gardens and the HEDGE (a fringe garden festival event) over the years.

Peggy said her own garden is looking a little tatty at the moment but come spring, the bulbs will shoot up, the greenery will return and it will look great again.

"I haven't watered this century - I just wait and see what survives and it's amazing what does," she said. "I just let the garden do its own thing."

Peggy thanked the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria, the Castlemaine and District Garden Club and its committee, and the whole gardening community in the local area for the award.

## Explore your fantasy life, on stage!



☆ Performer Paul Kavanagh with dancers Melissa Willard and Jenny Diversion at Castlemaine Idyll 2019.

## CASTLEMAINE Idyll returns to Lot 19 on Saturday 20 March to once again give aspiring stars their moment in the spotlight to shine.

After being cancelled last year due to the pandemic, Idyll is celebrating its 10th birthday and will serve up the musical treats to the theme of 'My Fantasy Life'.

The man behind the event, Mark Anstey, said Idyll is a competition like no other.

"Spectators can expect to see some brilliant singing,

some gutsy performances and plenty of legends in the making," Mark said.

"Each contestant will have a professional band to back them, and as always, a friendly crowd full of enthusiastic supporters."

Mark said the event will be run according to COVID-safe guidelines, which is why anyone thinking of coming needs to buy a ticket.

"There are a limited number of tickets now on sale - don't muck around, it will sell out and you don't

want to miss one of the most fun events this town produces."

And like every year, there are a few simple rules: no BYO, no pets and no idiots.

Food and refreshments will be available.

Lot 19 Art Space is a not-for-profit creative space and events venue committed to supporting local talent and the Mount Alexander community.

Tickets are limited, and on sale now: [events.humanitix.com/idyll2021](https://events.humanitix.com/idyll2021).

## Youth space is back

**AFTER a year like no other, the Mondo Lounge Youth Space has opened up its doors again.**

Mount Alexander Shire Council's Mondo Lounge is a weekly youth space that offers free activities including: baking, badge-making, a Mario Kart tournament and a games afternoon.

Mondo Lounge is open from 3.30pm-6pm every

Wednesday afternoon during school term for 12-14 year olds, and Friday afternoons for those aged 15 years and over. Both sessions will be held at Castlemaine Community House at 30 Templeton Street, Castlemaine.

For more details or to register for Mondo Lounge, email [youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au) or call/text 0429 421 214.



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## Barkers Creek Reservoir - upgrades



## VISITORS to Barkers Creek Reservoir near Harcourt will be able use new toilet facilities that were completed last week.

Coliban Water Managing Director Damian Wells said the new toilet block will benefit locals, visitors and recreational users of the reservoir, thanks to funding

from the State Government.

"Barkers Creek Reservoir is a beautiful spot to visit for fishing, kayaking, hiking, walking, bird watching or picnics. This new toilet block will further improve the amenity for anyone visiting," Mr Wells said.

"Accessible temporary toilet facilities have been in

place since December while this work was underway. Now complete, the new toilet block has three cubicles which include facilities for ambulant and disabled visitors."

Mr Wells said the funding will also pay for installation of picnic tables and better walking tracks to link the car park and reservoir. These works are expected to be complete by the end of March.

The boat ramp has also been upgraded in recent months to provide better access for on-water recreation.

Shoreline fishing, kayaks, canoes and boats with electric motors are permitted at Barkers Creek Reservoir.



# Arts About

by *Nancy Whittaker*  
March, 2021



building. In fact, while I was talking to Kareen, a man came in and said, ‘I’ve come to say a prayer’.

Kareen and Jeff plan to hold eight-week exhibitions, which are a lot longer than in the past, to give people time to get here in COVID normal times.

In addition, Kareen has turned her professional abilities towards writing arts appreciation. Hence her new book about David Moore, which has been edited by local professional editor (and painter) Melanie Scaife.

In 2021 there will be seated floor talks, and evening talks, involving paying customers. In the past most of this has been ‘free’, so it is a big perception shift. The floor talks are scattered throughout March and April. Some are scheduled during the Castlemaine State Festival, two nights with wine and canapés from the *Blackbird Café*, and two daytime talks, with afternoon tea.

David Moore is an Australian painter living and working in Castlemaine. Still life and landscape are his preferred subjects, and his chosen medium is oil paint on linen or cedar wood panel, and gouache on paper.

David has been painting since he was 11 years old. As a child, he would sit alongside his father’s easel at their home in Croydon, Melbourne, and be instructed in the painting techniques of tonal realism.

In 1970, David was awarded the Alice M. E. Bale scholarship, which afforded him a studio and use of a house, with a few bills paid. He was assigned two painting mentors, Sir

William Dargie CBE and Harley Griffiths. The latter, his preferred mentor, was chief restorer at the National Gallery of Victoria. He took David behind the scenes to see *The Banquet of Cleopatra*, the enormous 18th century Giovanni Battista Tiepolo painting, as it was being restored. For David, it was an exciting glimpse of art history being made and preserved, and reinforced for the aspiring painter the realisation that some people value painting highly indeed!

Kareen attended classes for about a year in his *Song to the Moon* studio in Elphinstone, to learn more about tonal painting and hear his endless stream of amazing stories.

To quote him, ‘A painting cannot relay emotion if no emotion is felt during the work. I believe that the real effect and feeling aroused by a subject can only be understood and communicated when the artist relates directly to the subject matter.’

The preview is from 5 - 7pm, Saturday 6 March, 2021. Peter Perry, Fine Art Valuer and Assessor will officially open the exhibition.

*David Moore – Painter*, the new book by Kareen Anchen will be launched at the preview. The book is full of great images of his deceptively understated tonal work, with descriptions and stories, which capture his thoughts and ideas.

For further information contact: 0408 844 152 or [kareen@cascadeart.com.au](mailto:kareen@cascadeart.com.au).

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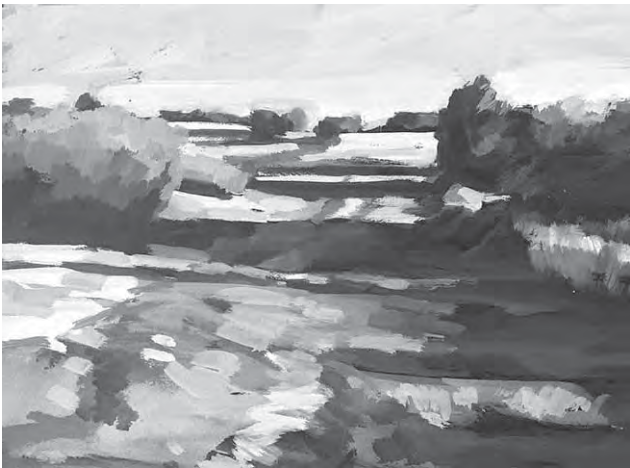
Check out [www.tarrangowertimes.com.au](http://www.tarrangowertimes.com.au) for the photos in colour.



☆ *Scudding Clouds Castlemaine* – Gouache on Paper, 24 x 40 cm.



☆ *All in White* - Oil on Linen - 46 x 41cm.



☆ *The Rise Taradale* – Gouache on Paper - 27 x 38 cm.



☆ *White Roses* – Gouache on Paper, 27 x 38 cm.

## A new look for old carpark?

**THE old Frederick Street carpark in the heart of Castlemaine could get a new lease on life as an outdoor eating and entertainment area.**

The site, which is privately owned, is on the corner of Frederick and Lyttleton streets.

A Mount Alexander Shire Council spokesperson told the *TT* that Council is currently working with the landowner to temporarily activate the site as part of the State Government’s outdoor eating and entertainment program.

“This program provides funding to increase dining and public programming

options in response to the impacts of COVID-19,” the spokesperson said.

The site ceased to be used as a carpark back in 2015 after Council consulted with business owners and operators regarding parking availability in the Castlemaine CBD.

“Council evaluated the financial implications of continuing to lease the Frederick Street carpark, along with further details provided in the parking report, and resolved not to renew the lease of the Frederick Street carpark at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 8 December 2015.”



☆ Kareen Anchen in the spacious new gallery space.

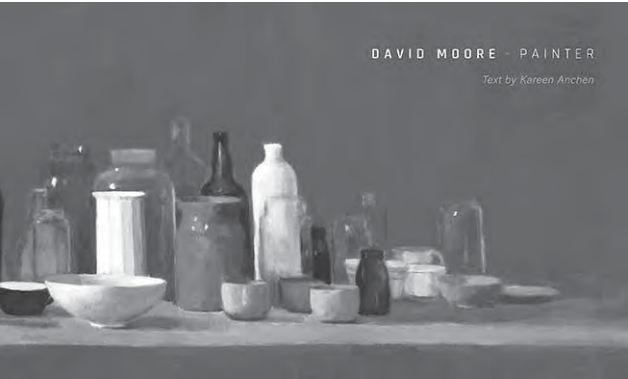
**THE Cascade Art Gallery is just down the road from my new abode, so it would be very remiss of me not to keep up to date with what Kareen Anchen and Jeff Gardner have been up to during the 2020 COVID dry.**

Kareen, a passionate supporter of the arts said that, ‘Writing my book about *David Moore – Painter* has kept me sane. Words and Art can do that for us...’

Kareen is the Gallery Director of *Cascade Art* in Maldon. Together with Artist partner Jeff Gardner, they have built up

a successful and valued arts business in the community of Maldon, and continue to champion, support, and endorse noteworthy emerging and professional visual artists.

Meanwhile, their Cascade Gallery is doing a lot of firsts, which include: partnering with *Experience Maldon* (for bookings and ticketing), *Blackbird Café* and *Welshman’s Reef Vineyard* (for catering), and most importantly expanding the gallery space to enhance the potential of their lovely former Uniting Church



☆ *David Moore – Painter*, Book cover.



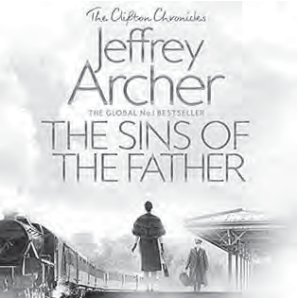
☆ *David Moore Self Portrait (circa 1985)* - Oil on Linen - 90 x 75 cm.





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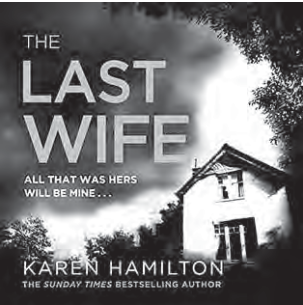
## More books to enjoy



**Sins of the Father** is written by prolific author Jeffrey Archer. There are many of Archer's books at the Athenaeum and this one

is part of the Clifton Chronicles but stands alone for any reader who hasn't read the other books (several of which are at the Athenaeum). It received great reviews from the international press and certainly seems to be one that might be hard to put down. Set at the very beginning of World War II it involves an Englishman, Harry Clifton, who assumes the identity of an American seaman, Tom Bradshaw, who dies but who is accused

of murder. Naturally problems occur when Harry/Tom is arrested and found guilty. This book is pacy, full of love, deceit, decency and good triumphing over evil.



**The Last Wife** is by Karen Hamilton and is a sad tale of two women Nina and Marie who were best friends. When Nina is dying of a terminal illness she asks her friend Marie to make her three promises. This is sad because

Marie has always envied Nina's life with her perfect husband, great children and a lovely home. Marie has her own agenda and she'll try to do whatever she can to get what she wants but things in Nina's life weren't all they seemed to be and so there are problems.

**The Lantern Men** by Elly Griffiths is currently the second last book in the series. Hopefully Griffiths will continue to write more of these great stories. As I've said before, it isn't absolutely necessary to read this series in the order that they were written but like all good series the personal stories do unfold in each of the books. In this one Dr. Ruth Galloway has accepted a post at Cambridge University and so has left Norfolk and is living with Frank, an

American who also lectures at Cambridge. A complicated murder trial and a killer and DCI Nelson lure Ruth back to Norfolk and the old legend of the mysterious lantern men haunts the fens luring people to follow their odd lights.

**Miles Off Course** and **Paving The New Road** are books 3 and 4 by Sulari Gentil. Books 1 and 2 went into the Athenaeum a couple of weeks ago. The time is 1933 and Rowland Sinclair and his friends are continuing to enjoy their luxurious way of life. The clouds of war loom because of Hitler's actions and there are spies everywhere. These unlikely Australian books not only provide mystery and suspense but also shine a light on what life was like in some quarters during the

years before the War actually broke out. There's murder, treason and betrayal here but written in a gentle style.

Once again we are sorry to say that there will be a slight disruption to the usual opening days at the Athenaeum. Of course we are closed for the public holiday on Monday 10 March but also due to Maldon's electrical work we must close on Wednesday 12 March (no power all day). As a result it has been decided to **open on Tuesday 11 March to allow our members to change and borrow books without having to wait from Saturday to Friday.**

I hope that you enjoy this week's books or the many others that are available at the Athenaeum.

*Joy Leneaux-Gale.*

## In Maldon Today



**TODAY Robyn Sturgeon from Maldon's Garden Club is our special guest, chatting about growing things and green thumbs with Stevo and Mike.**

Last week's special guest was Steven Howard, pictured, Cockney Wide Boy and Bobby Darrenist. He spoke freely about being brought up by a single mother and a Bookie grandfather who was by all accounts a 'Jack the Lad'. Steven had a corporate music ensemble in Sydney called 'The Aston Martinis' before moving to Maldon six months ago with

his Melbourne-born wife Felicity. Here he has swiftly put together a swinging combo of the same name, using musicians from near domains of Castlemaine, Gordon and Hepburn Springs.

Next Friday the gardening theme continues (sort of) as Nancy and EC meet Lisa from Forget Me Not Flowers on Main Street.

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

See our ad on page 15.  
*Mike Smythe*

## MALDON BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

### BACK TO THE TABLES



**WE are back at the tables again and it seems a very long time since we have been able to get together for our usual Bridge Game given the COVID situation and all of the problems associated with it.**

It was great to see so many players turn-out for our first game of 2021 with members looking relaxed, very happy to be back among friends, ready to take on the cards once more.

There was much chatter among our group, eager to hear how each other coped with the various lockdowns etc., and no-one was too concerned how the bridge play would turn out as we all understood we would be rather 'rusty' with our play!

When every one had settled down, Danny announced the draw and that there would be five tables in play and then it was game on. Heads down, cards counted, what would be the bid? No bid, pass or straight to game? As the afternoon progressed it was obvious that we would prefer to chat awhile rather than think about the next bid as

concentration was not at its optimum!

Onto the final scores and it was great to have the astute combination of Maldon Elizabeth and Maldon Jo take out the top prize with 97 points from the North-South direction. Lyn and Mark played very well to achieve second place with 90 points and the best of the East-West partnerships.

Sandy and Jan combined well for third place and 86 points followed by Aileen and Judy in fourth place with 73 points and all from the East-West direction. Bob and Werner were fifth, just one point behind with 72 points played from the North-South ends. Congratulations to all teams on a good competition for the afternoon.

Due to the Maldon power outage next Thursday, 4 March, there will not be any Bridge.

The Maldon Hotel staff organised our afternoon tea once again and we thank them sincerely for their great hospitality towards our group.

Whatever your age group or skills, please feel free to join us to, 'dip you 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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*Judy McKnight*

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

### THE BURIED VERANDAH POST



☆ Matthews' Building.

**RECENTLY, during the Streetscape Project, two pieces of a broken cast iron verandah post were found buried 50cm below ground in front of the Book Wolf in High Street.**

The post seems to be similar to those that support the verandahs at Much Ado and the Maldon Hotel. The question is where did the post come from? The following is a possible answer.

In 1895, plumber John Joseph Matthews erected a two-storey brick building on the site now occupied by the Maldon Take Away. He ran his plumbing business from the ground floor while he and his family lived upstairs. Matthews' building was built two years before the Goldsmith Building that now includes Much Ado.

Matthews' building was regarded as one of the best in Maldon with a large balcony and ornate cast

iron lacework. The balcony, which looked out on Bank Corner, was sometimes used by the Brass Band to give public concerts.

In July 1920 Matthews announced that he intended to dismantle his Main Street shop and residence. He had brought land in Ouyen and he proposed to transform his Maldon premises into two shops there. He expected to be able to lease each of these shops at rents of up to two pounds a week.

The buried post was found just 30 metres from the site of the building Matthews demolished in 1920. Is it possible that one of the buildings verandah posts was broken during demolition and that it and perhaps other rubble was used to fill a nearby hole on the roadside?

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# Students 'honoured' to be awarded scholarships



☆ L to R: Abi, Jean Sheehan, Lois Bell, Piper and Les Roberts (Southern Cross Lodge representative).

**TWO scholarships, valued at \$500 each and funded by Southern Cross Lodge and Freemasons Foundation of Victoria, were presented to Maldon Primary School students Abi and Piper last Monday.**

The scholarships were awarded to students who best demonstrated the school's values of be kind, be brave and be your best which align with the Southern Cross Lodge values of honour, virtue and integrity.

The scholarships were named after the Bell family and the Sheehan family.

Ernie and Lois Bell belong to that community spirit which exemplifies doing things well, getting it right, no compromise on professionalism, hard-working citizens for the broader community.

Les and Jean Sheehan of Castlemaine exemplified with great energy everything worthwhile doing. Individually Les rode an AJS Motorcycle in international

racing, became the world champion and won the Isle of Man international motor cycle racing trophy.

Both Ernie and Les were active members and Past Masters of the Southern Cross Lodge.

Sadly, Les passed away in 2019 and Ernie in 2020.

Jean and Lois were at Maldon Primary School last Monday to see Abi and Piper presented with their awards.

Abi was awarded the Sheehan Family Scholarship.

"I feel very honoured and very lucky to have won the scholarship. It will be very helpful for paying for camps and other opportunities which come up at school," Abi said.

Piper was awarded the Bell Family Scholarship.

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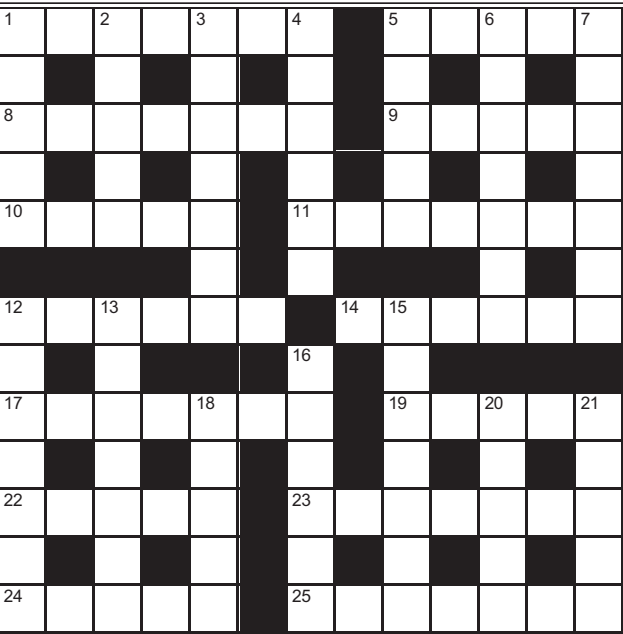
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Site	Malmsbury	Max ML	12,034	Current ML	4,033	% Full	33.5

**Sunday 7 March 9am-1pm**  
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Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 2.3.21

0.0mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	92.9	44.6	3.2
Feb	8.9	56.3	12.6
Mar	0.0	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	101.8	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 2.3.21

0.0mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	83.4	35.2	4.8
Feb	17.0	52.8	21.6
Mar	0.0	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	100.4	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 2.3.21

0.0mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	101.6	53.6	5.0
Feb	13.6	38.0	18.2
Mar	0.0	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	115.2	593.8	416.8





## SUMMER DAZE



☆ EC's piratical style...



☆ A very determined Geoff.

ON Sunday, 28 February, we played our last and only second game for summer, thanks to COVID et al. Roll on autumn's ,mists and mellow fruitfulness.'

We had a full house of eight teams, which made for a very busy time on the Penny School piste. Despite a few dangerous bombing shots, which were positively evil in intent, because they sometimes went quite wild and almost took overhanging branches down, we had great fun in the quite warm sun.

The outcome of the afternoon's games was hard fought and the winning team was led by 2020's winner of *La Boule*

*Bleue*, Kevin, with Jenny and Anthony (house guests for the Twilight Dinner) with 2 wins and +16 points. Phil and Judy came second with 2 wins and +9 points. Third place was taken by Geoff, Maxeen and *Stevie Wonder* with 1 win and +4 points, followed in fourth place by Antoine, Mme Bleue and *Cap'n P* with 1 win and +2 points.

Fifth place went to Clif, Viv and Matt with 1 win and -1 point. *The Village People*, Carole, Steve and Prakash were sixth, with 1 win and - 7 points. Seventh place went to Elaine, EC and André with 0 wins and -9 points. Lucky last

and winners of the *Losers' Chocs* were Chrissie, Les and Anne (the other visitors for the Twilight Dinner) with 0 wins and - 16 points.

It's all fun and games with the social piste artistes. Come and join us if you care to. Dress up if you dare to. Entertaining hats are always desirable.

**Our next games are on Sunday, 14 March at 1.45pm for a 2pm start. Come and join us – you have to be in it, to win it!**

*Mme Bleue*

## Farm safety for everyone

THE State Minister for Agriculture Mary-Anne Thomas has announced a new \$3 million Farm Safety Rebate Scheme, which will provide a rebate of up to \$5000 per farm for infrastructure and equipment to address health and safety risks on farms.

The scheme recognises that those at risk of injury or death on Victorian farms are not just farmers, but also families, employees, suppliers and contractors.

"Farms are workplaces but they're also homes – we want to make sure that everyone who steps onto a farm gets

to return home safely," Ms Thomas said.

Some examples of equipment and infrastructure that are eligible for the rebate include child safety fencing, animal handling equipment, dedicated chemical storage sheds and wash stations, emergency shut off switches and reversing cameras for tractors and vehicles.

The Farm Safety Rebate Scheme will close on 31 December 2021 or when all funds are allocated. For more information or to apply for a rebate, visit the Rural Finance website or call 1800 260 425.

## MALDON BOWLING CLUB



**MALDON Bowling Club held its first Friday night's social bowls event.**

Many thanks to those who attended the night to make it a great success.



The sausage sizzle went very well. Nice Sausages Brad (Maldon Butchers)! Our next open social bowls event will be held on Friday, 19 March at 6pm, please join us.

Stay fit, stay healthy, come

try bowls.

**Dennis Prosser**

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## Free travel for seniors

**SENIOR Victorians and Carer Card holders will be able to enjoy free public transport across the state from 21 to 28 March.**

Cardholders have a lot of options available when exploring regional Victoria including visiting the Bendigo Gallery for the '70s fashion icon Dame Mary Quant Fashion Revolutionary retrospective, or taking in the Ballarat Begonia Festival with its creative display featuring more than 700 begonias

in the Conservatory at the gardens.

Cardholders can also take advantage of a wide range of activities on offer across Melbourne including exhibitions at the National Gallery of Victoria, Old Treasury Building and the Queen Victoria or South Melbourne markets.

V/Line free travel bookings are now open.

To find out more visit: [seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/free-public-transport-march-2021](http://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/free-public-transport-march-2021).

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