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Maldon in Winter is coming!

This year's winter festival is going to be bigger and better than ever. The 17-day event will begin on Friday 24 June, with a bonfire and story-telling at the Maldon Golf Club, followed by an intimate performance by the award-winning classical guitarist Clancy McLeod.

This year Maldon in Winter will bring some dark themes with Goldfields Gothic Festival of Dark Ideas running from 1 to 3 July, with a performance by the dark alternative band

IKON, a Gothic/Victorian themed picnic, electronic rock and Phoenix Burlesque troupe.

There will be a wide variety of entertainment and productions, including a spine-tingling exhibition titled 'Shroud' at EDGE Gallery, a nod to Neil Diamond and the Hits of the 60s, a theatre production of 'Lady in the Van' and 'Migrant Women in Business', to name a few.

As always there will be a shopfront window competition with this year's theme; Scary Tales and Fairytales.

Maldon Inc President Clif Edwards said, "We are very excited at the way the show is coming together and the variety of acts we have. We've had fantastic initial support from the town."

"The group of people running Maldon in Winter have fantastic skills and background in event management, and we are going to deliver an astonishing show - think of it as Dark Mofo in Maldon."

Visit www.maldon.org.au for the full program.

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Community Diary

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

This is a free community service.

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

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

YOGA AND RELAXATION, Maldon Community Centre, 6pm – 7.30pm. \$12 casual. Open your body and mind with yoga and relaxation. First class free. Ph. Andrea 0427 772 878.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

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MOSTLY LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY TUESDAY

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door to door service. Travel to Castlemaine, round trip, departing Maldon 9.50 or 11.55. \$3 one-way, \$5 return. Phone 5475 2093, email info@maldonnc.org.au full timetable www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus/community-bus-transport-service.

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

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

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

TABLE TENNIS for seniors, 1.30-3.30pm at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enq. John 0418 995 164.

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

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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

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CANASTA for seniors 10am at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome.

Enquiries: Lyn 0409 566 551.

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

EASY STEPS TO FITNESS, Fitness through simple dance steps. MNC 9am – 9.45am. \$10. Bookings: Sean 0419 210 043.

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

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

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

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

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

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for machinery enthusiast's before and after the industrial revolution, but with more. Open 11am-3pm. Entry free - donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

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

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

MALDON BOWLS CLUB, Bowls practice anytime Thursday until dark.

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

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

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

MALDON SPINNERS AND WEAVERS have joined with the Yarnies. If you are interested in craft you are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings between 10 and 12 at the Festival Rooms, High Street Maldon.

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

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2022

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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FRIDAY 13 MAY

A WALK IN THE PARK, starting at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre at 9.30am to Beehive through to the Alliance Mine and Battery up to Union Hill Mine - easy to moderate walk. Free - no bookings required.

THURSDAY 19 MAY

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES presents *Nomadland*. 7.15pm for 7.30pm start, Maldon Community Centre, Francis Street.

FRIDAY 20 MAY

A WALK IN THE PARK, starting at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre at 9.30am to Anzac Hill, Tarrengower Tunnel and along High Street - moderate walk. Free - no bookings required

FASHION PARADE (Australia's Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser at the Maldon Hotel, 7pm. \$20 tickets include a glass of champagne on arrival and amazing door prizes - tickets available to purchase at Beaton's Stores or Poppy's of Maldon.

VOLUNTEER AFTERNOON TEA, 2pm - 3.30pm Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, Bookings 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

VOLUNTEERING IS FOR EVERYONE, 9.30am-12.30pm Castlemaine Senior Citizens Centre, Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine. Free event. Registration: https://bit.ly/VolunteeringIsForEveryone.

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Let's talk about road safety and the school run

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council recently shared a road safety survey for local residents, students and parents of three Castlemaine Primary Schools.

Interestingly Newstead Primary School, who has been petitioning Council for a safer crossing for their students for over a year, were not included in the survey.

Newstead Primary School Principle Kathy Callander told the *Times*, "After two years of letters to the Mount Alexander Shire with endorsement of local police and the local community, it is beyond disappointing to be told that unfortunately Newstead Primary School cannot be included in the current TAC Traffic Studies Project.

"The Shire's wording from its Facebook post stated, 'We all take the safety of the children in our communities very seriously. This is why we would like to get your feedback.' Why is it not important to get feedback from all schools, especially if safety has been raised on numerous occasions? ALL students in Mount Alexander Shire count, and therefore all

residents should be given the option to give feedback about ALL schools in the Shire."

The three schools included are: Castlemaine Primary School, Castlemaine North Primary School and Winters Flat Primary School, and is asking participants to provide feedback on road safety during the school run

Some of the points that Council will be investigating include: traffic management plans, pedestrian movement, effective school crossing points and speeding habits around the schools.

The survey is available on Shape Mount Alexander, Council's online engagement platform, until 27 May and can be accessed at shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/school-traffic-castlemaine.

The project, funded by the 2021 TAC Local Government Grant Program, is part of a larger project to improve safety and traffic management around Castlemaine primary schools, however it is unclear why Newstead Primary School was not included in the survey, given the grave concerns that have been expressed by the parents and students around their road safety.

A response from Mount Alexander Shire Council regarding Newstead Primary School's exclusion from the survey is still pending.

Walks in the Park



☆ Last week's 'Walk in the Park' was a huge success.

FRIENDS of Maldon Historic Reserve, Parks Victoria and the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre held their first 'Walk in the Park' last Friday, with over 30 participants enjoying the beautiful weather and the scenic walk to the South German Mine and across to the Long Gully Area.

If you're interested in Maldon's gold-mining history, there are two more 'Walks in the Park' held on Friday mornings.

Come join us for a stroll in the Maldon Historic Reserve and discover some of our unique gold-mining landscapes. There's lots of history right on our doorstep; we're literally tripping over it!

The walk on Friday, 13 May, will be from the Beehive Mine area to Union Hill Mine and back to town along Reef Street. We'll meet at the front of Maldon Neighbourhood Centre at 9.30am. This walk is 2.5 k/m with easy-moderate walking and will take a leisurely 1.5 hours.

The walk on Friday 20 May will be around ANZAC Hill and back to town along High Street. This walk is also 2.5 k/m and is mostly easy-moderate walking but has a very steep hill climb at the beginning. So, to avoid this steep section, we'll be able to drive people to the top of ANZAC Hill and start from there. If you'd like a lift to the start, then please arrive earlier, before 9.15am.

Both walks are free, just bring some water and wear a rain jacket or bring an umbrella if it looks like raining! You're also welcome to bring your dog.

New Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator



☆ Coordinator John Bainbridge.

JOHN Bainbridge stepped into the role last month after working in Neighbourhood Houses in Melbourne for almost 20 years.

"I'm hoping to bring a fresh pair of eyes and energy to this really vibrant, interesting community," said John.

Originally working in IT, John made the shift to Neighbourhood Houses later in life and has never looked back. He largely learnt on the job before completing an Advanced Diploma of Community Management and has worked in Deer Park,

Brimbank, Richmond and Collingwood.

John's wife recently got a job in Castlemaine, so the pair moved to Chewton.

"We fit the tree-change stereotype, although that wasn't our intention," said John. "There's a really lovely village feel to it.

"Maldon is such a close-knit community, where everyone knows everyone. I was thinking about it last week, and it's like one really, really, big family. Like all families, there are differences at times, and then they will come together for those important occasions."

John is planning on spending the next six months getting to know people so he can understand everyone's needs, so make sure to pop down to the centre and say hi.

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Biggest morning tea at Plaistow Homestead



☆ Other musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join in with the 'Platform Souls' at Plaistow Homestead's morning tea.

RAISE money for the Cancer Council while enjoying a beautiful, historic Plaistow Homestead this Thursday, delicious morning tea at the 19 May.

From 10am, there will be scones freshly cooked, bottomless tea and coffee, stalls with plants, quality knitting and handcrafts and continuous music from the Maldon based Platform Souls. Other musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join in. Raffles will be drawn at the end of the morning.

After such a long dry summer, the gardens are not looking too bad. All are welcome to come, friends and neighbours, those looking to support cancer research and those who wish to see the

outside of this heritage-listed 1840s homestead or just to have a social morning in a pleasant garden setting with great views towards Cairn Curran.

Cancer in its many forms never ceases. Every family can recall numerous experiences with cancer, many with fatal endings, but as a result of your donations which help to fund critical research, many more people are surviving to live normal lives. All funds raised at Plaistow are sent directly to the Cancer Council.

If anyone would like to help the Skilbeck family during the morning, your help would be appreciated. If you wish to donate online www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/s/1610/44323/s.

Entry is by donation from 10am until midday.

Parking near the house is limited, so parking on the drive is encouraged, leaving space for the 'not-so-fit' near the house.

Plaistow is located at 324 Rodborough Road Joyces Creek, 7 kilometres west of Newstead; follow the signs and flags from the Pyrenees Highway or from the Black Duck at Campbelltown.

Further information Lilian or Peter Skilbeck 5476 2450, or 0419 884 710 plaistow@bigpond.com.

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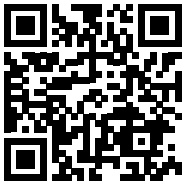
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LISA CHESTERS MP

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Mount Alexander Shire Council is planning to undertake night roadworks in Maldon as part of the [Maldon Streetscape Revitalisation Project](#).

What will the works involve?

Works to replace the road surface will take place at the following locations:

- Main Street between Templeton and High Streets
- High Street car parking between Fountain and Spring Streets

Refer to map on the following page for location of works (area is marked in red).

When are works happening?

To minimise disruption to local businesses, works will be undertaken between 6.00pm and 6.00am.

Works will be undertaken in sections, and are expected to begin at 6.00pm on Sunday 15 May 2022 and be completed by Thursday 26 May 2022 (pending weather conditions). There will be no work undertaken on Friday and Saturday nights.

How will works impact me?

Main Street will be closed to all vehicles during 6.00pm and 6.00am while works are underway. This includes access to businesses.

Pedestrian access may also be limited depending on where the work crew is located each night.

Parking in High Street (listed on map over the page) will be limited at night during the works.

We understand that there may be some disruption while works are underway, and have tried to minimise the impact of these works on residents and businesses by undertaking works at night, in small sections, and not on Friday and Saturday nights.

We appreciate your support, patience and cooperation while works are progressed on this project.

Further information

For more information on the roadworks, contact Paul Diss on 5471 1700 or email info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.



Mount Alexander Shire Council Project Update



Works underway in Maldon

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

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

Latest news

Works to improve the road surface are due to begin on Sunday 15 May from 6.00pm to 6.00am at the following locations:

- Main Street between Templeton and High Streets
- High Street car parking between Fountain and Spring Streets.

Stay informed

Get the latest project updates by subscribing to our email newsletter via our website 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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HISTORIC "PINEVALE" - 1855 ARCHITECTURAL TIMEPIECE OFFERING COUNTRY GRANDEUR ON 31 ACRES

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Superbly original colonial style Homestead circa 1800s features 7 main rooms – 4 bedrooms, 2 living areas, and a farmhouse kitchen, main and ensuite bathrooms, combustion and open fireplaces, polished timber floors and a brick paved return verandah that adjoin original, level, leafy gardens. A double brick stables feature timber red gum block flooring, 5 horse feed bays, chaffing room, high gable roof and power connected. There is a 5-bay machinery shed with original hardwood log framing, a standalone blacksmiths workshop with older equipment still in place. An original workers tearoom hut has an open fireplace, an old slab hut, jig storage shed with paved verandah, chicken run, orchard and a set of original cattle and sheep yards still being used today.

INSPECT BY APPOINTMENT



Fryerstown
1 Glens Lane

\$1,795,000

GOLDFIELDS SANDSTONE VILLAS UNDER THE FRYERSTOWN SUN ON 4 ACRES

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Quietly nestled on Fryerstown edge just 8 km south of Castlemaine, this bespoke 40-year-old sandstone home and its nearby studio cottage are immersed in a sandstone walled drought tolerant garden that includes olive and fruit trees, shade trees and a cubby house, studio outbuilding, large stone edged dam and much more. **BESPOKE SANDSTONE HOME** - North facing designed sandstone home features large windows, a new roof, polished concrete floor and a bespoke country style with much space that includes a conservatory sun-room, a large country kitchen with an imported Falcon double oven and a recycled Ammunition factory table-bench on wheels that creates a huge cooking-entertaining-dining space. There is a bedroom/sitting room with bathroom, a further bedroom that adjoins a large covered outdoor zone with raked ceiling, 8-person swim-spa and an outdoor kitchen.

INSPECT BY APPOINTMENT



Baringhup
36 Burke Street

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East Timor 20 years of independence celebration



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FRIDAY 20 May 2022 marks 20 years since East Timor (Timor Leste) gained independence.

Timor Leste is Australia's closest neighbour and is comprised of the eastern half of the island and two nearby islands. East Timor is the poorest country in South East Asia.

After becoming independent from Portugal, East Timor was invaded by Indonesia in 1975. In 1999 after sustained and mounting International pressure, Indonesia allowed a UN-run referendum. East Timorese overwhelmingly voted for independence

Indonesian militia then commenced a scorched earth campaign. Hundreds were killed, and large numbers were pushed into West Timor as refugees and remain there today. The majority of the country's infrastructure was destroyed during this attack. The International Force for East Timor (INTERFET) was deployed and brought the violence to an end.

The United Nations administered a transitional period, and East Timor was internationally recognised as an independent nation on 20 May 2002.

The Australian Timor Leste Friendship Network was established in 2009, and in the same year, Mount Alexander Shire entered into a Friendship

Relationship Agreement with the sub-district of Lolotoe, Timor Leste and Friends of Lolotoe Timor-Leste Incorporated. This friendship is based on mutual support and respect for each other's culture. The Friendship group started work raising funds for school infrastructure, school resources, scholarships and gardening programs. Teachers have been trained, a library stocked, and a chicken raising group started. It's all about food security, education and quality of life. The group also

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East Timor 20 years of independence celebration

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raised funds locally for food and basic necessities during the pandemic and when the devastating floods hit the country in 2021. The group paid for representatives of the Lolotoe community to visit Mount Alexander in 2014, so they could tour various agricultural businesses to gain expertise

in producing food. Members of Friends of Lolotoe have visited the district on several occasions to meet with the community to discuss their needs and programs the group can help establish. Friends of Lolotoe is very grateful for the support and partnerships from our local community over the last 10 years. These include schools,

community groups and individuals. The group is currently focussing on providing funds for a Librarian, Library resources, English language classes and food security programs. Images of the group’s work and the Lolotoe community will be on display for the East Timor 20 year Independence celebration in the Castlemaine library from 16 to 20 May.

The Mount Alexander community is invited to further celebrations to be held in October during the Friends of Lolotoe annual garden fete at The Hub, corner of Templeton and Barker Streets. For further information or if you would like to be involved with the group, you can visit their Facebook page or email friendsofjolotoe@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Rights

JA Dunstone (Don’t waste your vote, TT 6/5/22) goes on about rights – the ‘right’ to work and earn a living and the ‘right’ to enter a shop to purchase goods or services. And while they are good and fine things, neither are guaranteed for Australians – not in law and not in the constitution. Likewise, there is no ‘right’ to be part of society. To participate constructively in society you must understand the relationship between rights and responsibilities. If we all had the right to work, then there would be jobs for all and no unemployment. You have an invitation (not a right) to enter my shop, as long as you behave yourself (that’s your responsibility), but it’s my shop, and I do have the (legal) right to tell you to leave if you don’t or won’t behave. And if you choose not to protect yourself and the rest of us from a potentially fatal infection, then you need to understand that you can’t just go barging in anywhere your fertile imagination thinks you have a ‘right’ to. JA Dunstone, go ahead and vote any way and for anyone you want to. That is your right (yes really, it’s in the constitution). But don’t carry on about rights which don’t exist, and

please don’t talk about the constitution when you don’t appear to have read it. You are at least correct in saying that Morrison failed to respond as a leader to the pandemic, and we should be grateful that our mostly capable state premiers stepped up to protect their citizens. In this way a catastrophic disaster – perhaps millions of deaths – was avoided. Vaccine mandates are and were a necessary part of that; like accepting that we must all wear seatbelts to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Do join those of us who believe this country needs a Bill of Rights or similar. Then perhaps we can have a

productive discussion about what those rights should be. Mike Smythe

Walks in the Maldon Historic Reserve

I had the pleasure on Friday of going on the first of the three Walks organised by the Friends of Maldon Historic Reserve. A group of approximately 25 folk did the leisurely 2.5 kilometre Green loop walk. A delightful meander starting from the Beehive Mine and encompassing the sites of the Great Western Mine, The Phoenix Tavern and Crushing Plant, the Southern Mine, Long Gully and the Caledonian Kilns and

Battery. Local resident Lee and National Parks officer Noel informatively guided us along the bush paths explaining some of the mining history of Maldon. It was a very friendly, relaxed, and enjoyable experience; some folk bought their dogs along for the walk too. There will be two more walks, in different parts of the historic reserve, each on Friday mornings starting at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre at 9.30am. I really encourage you to join us and discover some of Maldon’s history while also exploring the beautiful bushland around Maldon. Tina Fratta

MGM shows Nomadland in May



America in the Twenty First Century’ by Jessica Bruder. It stars Frances McDormand as a homeless widow, Fern. In 2011, Fern loses her job after the US Gypsum plant in Empire, Nevada shuts down; she worked there for years along with her husband, who recently died. Fern sells most of her belongings and purchases a van to live in and travel the country searching for work. She takes a seasonal job at an Amazon fulfilment centre through the winter. Linda, a friend and co-worker, invites Fern to visit a desert rendezvous in Arizona organised by Bob Wells, which provides a support system and community for fellow nomads. Fern initially declines but changes her mind as the weather turns cold and

she struggles to find work in the area. There, Fern meets fellow nomads and learns basic survival and self-sufficiency skills for the road. When Fern’s van blows a tire, she visits the van of a nearby nomad, Swankie, to ask for a ride into town to buy a spare. Swankie chastises Fern for not being prepared and invites her to learn road survival skills; they become friends. Swankie tells Fern about her cancer diagnosis and shortened life expectancy and her plan to make good memories on the road rather than waste away in a hospital. They eventually part ways. A number of real-life nomads appear as fictionalised versions of themselves, including Linda May, Swankie and Bob Wells. MGM shows 11 movies a year, and as examples of the quality of our presentations, please note that the program in 2022 will include *The Big Chill* and the new version of *West Side Story*. Membership is only \$25 pp per annum. Further information about MGM can be found via the Maldon Golden Movies Facebook page or via the website of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, or call 0459 093 452. Nancy Whittaker Secretary, MGM

MALDON Golden Movies (MGM) presents Nomadland on Thursday 19 May at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. It is a 2020 American Drama film written and produced by Chloé Zhao. Based on a 2017 nonfiction book. Nomadland: ‘Surviving

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Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years and older. If you don’t vote, you may be prosecuted. If you vote more than once it is a criminal offence.

Federal election, Saturday 21 May 2022
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☆ Kerry has three Kelpies: Milo, Daisy, Frankie and a little white Fox Terrier-Jack Russell called Laane (short for Laanacoorie).

A fourth-generation farmer out at Eastville (near Baringshup), Kerry has a busy time managing the farm (set on around 700 acres) with her husband Leigh, working casually as a relief teacher, running ceramics workshops and making sure she has time to work on her ceramics and her painting.

The farm is absolutely gorgeous. There are chooks, dogs, sheep and even a peacock running around the

picturesque property, made even more stunning by large metal sculptures made by Kerry's husband, Leigh.

A light-filled studio, bursting with artwork, complete with a view of paddocks and trees, is where Kerry works and runs her workshops.

"The building used to be a hairdressing studio on the other side of Melbourne. We cut it in half and brought it over here while mum and dad still owned the farm."



☆ Some of Kerry's fantastic works of art on display in her art studio.

Kerry started working as a teacher in 1989; she worked two years full-time before moving to supplementary teaching so she could focus on her art. She has taught primary, secondary and tertiary, usually teaching art.

"When you're substitute teaching, you expect most kids will try and change their names (to trick you), but they don't realise that we're given photos with all of their names!"

Kerry has been interested in art since primary school, but winning a ceramics award

in Year 11 at school really reinforced her desire to pursue the art form. She went on to do a Ceramics Degree, with a Dip Ed tacked on with her parents' encouragement.

"I've tried other mediums like wire and painting, but I keep coming back to clay. You can make it look like anything. It can have functionality or be a sculpture; the possibilities are limitless.

"After painting on pots for 30 years, a friend encouraged me to paint on canvas. I didn't know what to paint, but my friend said to paint what you know. So I painted farm shapes, like silos, and the exhibition sold out. And I got that buzz again.

"Teaching would pay more, but there's more to life than money."

Kerry says she doesn't watch Netflix or play video games,



☆ A striking sculpture by Kerry's husband Leigh.

which frees up her time. She works with the sheep on the farm, with around 1,200 at present.

"I don't have anything to do with the cropping; Leigh does that, he's mechanically minded. I met him in Bendigo. He used to work for ADI (now Thales), and he was happy to get out of the factory environment. He had to learn all about farming, despite his mechanical leaning."

Kerry has lived in Melbourne and Bendigo and travelled the world, starting with a 12-month working holiday when she was 23-years-old. She went to America and Canada first and then to England. She worked in potteries in Scotland and Ireland, coming back through Japan.

"I've been to Europe six times, once with the Queen's

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Green ballot paper – number **every box** in the order of your choice



House of Representatives
Ballot Paper




State
Electoral Division of Division Name

Number the boxes from 1 to 8 in the order of your choice


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INDEPENDENT




3

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PARTY



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SURNAME, Given Names
PARTY

Remember... number **every** box to make your vote count


SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper

White ballot paper – you can choose to vote either above or below the line



Senate Ballot Paper
State – Election of 6 Senators




You may vote in one of two ways

Either

Above the line

By numbering at least 6 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).


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


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


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


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Given Names
PARTY

UNGROUPED



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INDEPENDENT

7

SURNAME
Given Names
INDEPENDENT

SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper

EITHER

Vote above the line
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Trust Grant to study tile painting at an amazing tile museum in Portugal. I'm nearly ready to go back, I think. Oh, and I went on a trip to India in 2019, just before the pandemic."

Kerry recently did a Residency with Bendigo Pottery

for five months, where she held an exhibition of her works.

"It was funded through Bendigo Shire Council; there were five different residencies for different arts, part of COVID recovery. Bendigo Pottery were very generous and gave me access to everything."

Kerry's artwork is on display at the Harcourt General Store until the end of the month, along with works by Sally Anderson, so make sure to pop down and check them out.

She also runs adult ceramic workshops out of her studio twice a month for \$150, which includes lunch.

"It's a fun day without too much pressure. We make three plates in a day and learn lots of techniques."

Check out kerrypunton_artist on Instagram or her Facebook page www.facebook.com/KerryPuntonArtist/ for up-to-date workshop details.

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FIRST NATIONS AND CHRISTIANITY



TO many Aboriginal nations, the early missionaries (in keeping with the 19th-century view of Indigenous people as inferior), failed to distinguish between the gospel and European culture, which to them was 'civilisation'.

Within a few years of white settlement, settler society exhibited brutal and immoral treatment of Aboriginal people and gross contradictions between Christian values and the whites' lifestyle. These and other factors, like



dispossession and ill-health, led to the missionaries expecting little of First-Nations people and distancing themselves from them socially.

This seriously undermined their efforts to communicate their message to the First-Nations people. There were exceptions, of course, missionaries who not only believed in their essential humanity but acted accordingly.

The first fleet did not transport God to Australia. Aboriginal people already knew God, under different names



such as Bunjil or Baiame in south-eastern Australia, and were religious peoples who sought to relate to their environment in spiritual terms.

It was not in their nature to believe the white man was better than themselves or to suppose the moral and religious laws imposed by them to be better than those of their own tribe.

Few of the early missions and protectorates achieved their goals, and in Victoria were replaced by Government-funded reserves or

stations, particularly after the passing of the Aborigines Protection Act in 1886. Some stations were later handed back to the clans belonging to those lands after generations had been moved from one reserve to another away from their traditional lands.

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'.

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From Italy, to Greenland, a small town in Colorado and to 1902s Sydney, we take a journey around the world in the four books reviewed this week.

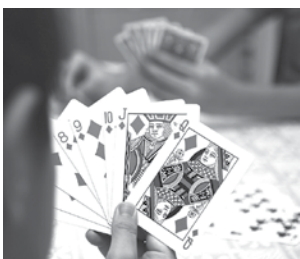
Numero Zero by Umberto Eco

From the best-selling author of *The Name of the Rose* and *The Prague Cemetery*, a novel about the murky world

of media politics, conspiracy, and murder.

A fragile love story between two born losers, a failed ghost-writer, and a vulnerable girl, who specialises in celebrity gossip yet cries over the second movement of Beethoven's Seventh. And then a dead body that suddenly appears in a back alley in Milan. Set in 1992 and foreshadowing the mysteries and follies of the

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB



BACK ON TOP – THAT'S LIFE!

*That's life
(That's life)*

*That's what all the people
say*

*You're riding high in April,
shot down in May*

*But I know I'm gonna
change that tune*

*When I'm back on top,
back on top in June*

This well-known Frank Sinatra song reminded me of what we are all going through with the uncertainty of COVID infections, general health etc. We always look forward to getting together each week for our Bridge

Often it is a last count of numbers arriving to play which then indicates how many tables should be set up.

I was an absentee this week, along with some others, but the turn-out was excellent, just the same.

A four table Howell movement was implemented with Danny playing with Associates, and a great, competitive afternoon was had.

When I read the final results, I could not help but think how appropriate 'Frank's Song' was for our winners this week.

In first place was the partnership of the husband-and-wife team, Jan and Mark, all the way from Barker's Creek, who earned the top score with 52 points. Jan sure has had a long stint away from our Bridge tables, and it was great to see that she was back in excellent form, and the duo certainly has not lost their skill at the tables. Congratulations for getting 'back on top'!!

Second place went to Aileen and Ken, who are very consistent with their play and earned 46 points. Sandy and Kevin were third with 42 points, followed by Danny and Associates with 40 points.



A snippet from other outside bridge games was, I believe, a 'Gold Medal' award for Sandy and Ken for the monthly online award. To follow up, Werner and Sandy ventured to Ballarat, where they had a good win.

A bit much for Werner, evidently, as he succumbed to sickness! Well-done everyone.

To our other 'away' friends, we do hope everyone is perhaps 'back on top in June'.

The afternoon tea break is always welcomed and gives our brains a bit of a rest before finishing for the day.

The delicious cake, fresh from the oven and topped with raspberries, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done to the Maldon Hotel team and the assistant Chef who filled in as Sherrie was away sick.

In conclusion, we do hope all mothers enjoyed their special day and also remembering with love those mothers who are not with us.

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

USE IT OR LOSE IT

Judy McKnight

following 20 years, Numero Zero is a scintillating take on our times.

Girl in Snow

by Danya Kukafka

When a beloved high schooler named Lucinda Hayes is found murdered, no one in her sleepy Colorado suburb is untouched—not the boy who loved her too much; not the girl who wanted her perfect life; not the officer assigned to investigate her murder. In the aftermath of the tragedy, these three indelible characters—Cameron, Jade, and Russ—must each confront their darkest secrets in an effort to find solace, the truth, or both.

Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy

Franny Stone has always been the kind of woman who is able to love but unable to stay. Leaving behind everything but her research gear, she arrives in Greenland with a singular purpose: to follow the last Arctic terns in the world on what might be their final migration to Antarctica. Franny talks her

way onto a fishing boat, and she and the crew set sail, travelling ever further from shore and safety. But as Franny's history begins to unspool—a passionate love affair, an absent family, a devastating crime—it becomes clear that she is chasing more than just the birds. When Franny's dark secrets catch up with her, how much is she willing to risk for one more chance at redemption?

Here's Luck

by Lennie Lower

Residing in a run-down Sydney suburb during the Depression, Jack Gudgeon, age 48, is a male chauvinist, money-owing cynic, layabout, and barroom philosopher. His wife, Agatha, having had more than she can take, has finally walked out on him. With Jack and his equally unreliable adolescent son, Stanley, left to fend for themselves, pandemonium ensues. Full of sardonic wit and mad capers, father and son blaze a trail of drunken chaos through the city's pubs, clubs, racecourses, and their own increasingly

battered home. Along the way, they fall in with a weird and wondrous assortment of lowlife characters who turn up to enliven the kind of party that Mr Gudgeon invariably

intends to be a 'quiet, respectable turnout,' but which, somehow, never is.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

A TRAGIC HOUSE FIRE

On the evening of Saturday 4 September 1875, Mrs Amelia Peard set off from her home at the top of Fountain Street to go shopping. She left at home her five children. They included two young girls aged two and six who slept together in a cot, two older boys who were in a room detached from the house and a 10-month-old infant girl who was in a wicker cradle in the parlour. When she left home, Mrs Peard turned down the lamp in the parlour but left it alight.

Soon after Mrs Peard left, her neighbour Mrs Catherine Patterson heard a child screaming. When Mrs Patterson rushed to the house, she met six-year-old Lucy Peard standing in the doorway surrounded by smoke. Mrs Patterson tried to enter the house but was driven back by the smoke. She then quickly raised the alarm.

Luckily Police Sergeant John Greer, who was on duty in the guardroom at the nearby Camp, heard Mrs Patterson's cries. Greer rushed to the site of the fire and arrived just as the fire flared up. After being told that there were children inside, he entered the house only to be overcome by smoke before he could find them. Greer groped his way back to the front door and then smashed a front window and managed to get three-year-old Louisa Peard out of the house.

Meanwhile, Mrs Patterson with, Constable Kenny and a young lad named Wilson managed to get into the room that was on fire and subdued the flames. They then roused the two older boys from their deep sleep. The boys grabbed a few clothes and ran up the hill behind the house.

At Mrs Patterson's urging, Sergeant Greer searched the house for the youngest child, Alice, who was unaccounted for. When Greer could not find her, it was assumed that Mrs Peard had taken the infant with her. Soon after, when Amelia Peard returned, she told them that she had left the infant in the cradle that now lay charred in the parlour.

Amid the following confusion cries were heard from the parents' bedroom that had not been touched by the fire. Seemingly miraculously, the infant, Alice, was found under her parents' bed with burns to her foot, arm and scalp.

The Fire Brigade arrived soon after the fire bell was rung, but the fire had already been put out. It was something of a mystery how the fire started, but one theory was that a young goat had got into the house and knocked over the lamp that had been left burning.

Sadly young Alice passed away a few weeks later as a result of infections arising from her burns.

This information was supplied by the Maldon Museum and Archives.

IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



Dinner shortly after her recent return to Australia.

Next Friday it's APEC on IMT ... no, not the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum but our trusty presenters Alison Park and Elizabeth Close. They'll be catching up with Sharon Martin to find out all about VGR Events Management; tune in for the latest activities coming up.

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

See our ad on page 26.

Mike Smythe

IT'S Friday the 13th, and what better time to explore the coming 'Goldfields Gothic festival of dark ideas' – an innovation to this year's Maldon in Winter program? Nancy and Kev will meet organiser Paul Kooperman in today's program.

Last Friday Mike and Stevo met the multi-talented Antonia Barron, pictured: writer, teacher, ballet dancer and more. We explored her various careers in diverse locations, her writing, her love of art and music and her connection to Maldon and its neighbours. She is pictured here at this year's Twilight

Are you aged 70 years or older? You must still vote in the federal election.

The federal election will be held on Saturday 21 May 2022. Voting is compulsory even if you are 70 years of age or older.

If you can't make it to a polling place on election day you may be eligible to vote early.

For more information go to www.aec.gov.au or call the AEC on 13 23 26.

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A range of COVID-19 safety measures will be in place as you cast your vote. At all times you should follow local rules and public health directions, as well as instructions from AEC staff.

To protect the health and safety of the community, you should not attend a polling place if you're showing any COVID-19 type symptoms.

Go to www.aec.gov.au for the latest updates and advice, including what happens if you are not able to vote.

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A BLESSED FEAST DAY TO EVERYONE

GREETINGS of peace and joy to you all in Maldon and beyond. I hope that you are all surviving well and keeping COVID at bay.

It has been a while since we connected together. You have all been in my daily prayer for protection and peace, especially for all our young people and children.

Today is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, 13 May, when Our Lady, the Virgin Mary, appeared to three shepherd children: Francisco and his sister Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia Dos Santos.

It is one of the main and most significant apparitions of

Our Lady, the Virgin Mary. It took place in the town of Fatima, Portugal. There were six apparitions between 13 May and 13 October 1917. During the apparitions, Mary told the children to pray the Rosary each day to bring peace to the world and to bring an end to the war.

She asks them to pray for the conversion of Russia, to do penance and that God wanted the world to have a devotion to Her Immaculate Heart. How relevant is this wonderful message for us today?

The Fatima message emphasises central truths and devotions of the Catholic

faith: The Blessed Trinity, The Eucharist (the Mass), penance (sacrifice), the Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. The Rosary is a very powerful weapon for conversion of the world. There is a spiritual battle raging, and we need all people of goodwill to connect and pray together. We gather at St Brigid's Catholic Church in Maldon every Thursday morning at 10.30am to pray the Rosary together, and then we celebrate Mass (Eucharist) at 11am. Also, Sunday morning, we have the Rosary at 8am followed by the Mass at 8.30am.

Our Lady, the Virgin Mary, always appears to children to convey her message of love to the whole world. Why the Children? Because they are very precious and open to God and the Spiritual world. God is for real, and His love is amazing for everyone. Jesus said, "Let the little Children come to me, do not stop them!!" Children can lead us all back to God. When I see children in Church with their families, I feel great joy in my heart. God is so good, and all of us need Him today more than ever.

I invite you all to connect with a Church in Maldon or

near where you live. We have wonderful Church leaders in Maldon and the whole of Mt Alexander Shire. I look after four Catholic Churches in the Shire. The main Church is in Castlemaine (St Mary's), Maldon (St Brigid's), Newstead (St Anne's) and Sandon (St Laurence's). Please don't hold back - life is too short. Our Lady is waiting for all her beautiful children to come back to Jesus and His Church.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

16-22 MAY 2022

Better Together

Our Community is Richer Thanks to Local Volunteers

Lisa Chesters, Federal Member for Bendigo



☆ "The benefits of volunteering are endless," MP Lisa Chesters says. With local volunteers, she's pictured (third from right) at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre with Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen (centre).

Across Central Victoria, volunteers enrich our communities. The past couple of years has proven, more than ever, that it's the good people who step up in times of need that get us through.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to say thank you to each and every volunteer in Central Victoria who has given up their time for the common good of our community.

Now, as our lives begin to resume some sense of normality, it's also a chance to recognise the role community organisations and the volunteers that support them are playing in reconnecting, rebuilding and re-establishing services and events in our region.

Each volunteer in our region contributes to the strength and resilience of local communities and, more importantly, makes Central Victoria a better place to live.

I know from talking with many of these organisations, and their volunteers, the pride and pleasure they get from contributing towards a strong, inclusive and vibrant community is immense.

Volunteering has a range of benefits. It's essential to encouraging economic participation, mitigates isolation and loneliness, and increases social inclusion and community participation. It's human nature to feel good after helping someone out.

Additionally, volunteers gain valuable skills and develop personally and professionally from their involvement in differing organisations.

Volunteering also provides many transitional social pathways that provide answers for people in moving from study to work; unemployment to work; disadvantage to work, and work to retirement.

The benefits are endless.

There is something beautiful about being around community members who are passionate about working towards a common greater good.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers

Next week is National Volunteer Week (16 – 22 May), and we would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who do so much for our community.

Our volunteers help to plan and coordinate events, they are trusted companions to some of our most vulnerable community members, they help us manage sports and recreation reserves, they work to improve our natural environment, and they welcome visitors to the Shire with a smile.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity for Australia-wide organisations to acknowledge the people who give their time, experience and talents freely to the community, and we would like to do the same.

Mount Alexander Shire Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Rosie Annear, said she wanted to thank our amazing volunteers and acknowledge the work they do to make sure our community is well looked after.

"We appreciate the time and energy that you give so freely to the community," said Cr Annear.

"We appreciate your dedication to ensure events, activities, and programs take place and that everyone in the community feels included.

"The last two years have been incredibly difficult for many people, but watching the community come together and volunteer their time to help one another has made me feel incredibly proud.

"To those who drive buses, coach sporting teams, shop for those who can't, welcome tourists to the visitor centres, and to the many, many others, I'd like to extend my gratitude. Your work and your generosity does not go unnoticed."

During National Volunteer Week, community members are invited to a free community forum Council is holding with Volunteer Central Vic. The forum, *Volunteering is for Everyone*, aims to understand and address the barriers to participation.

When: Friday 20 May, 9.30am–12.30pm

Where: Castlemaine Senior Citizens Centre, Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine

Cost: Free

Registration: <https://bit.ly/VolunteeringIsForEveryone>

"I'd like to encourage everyone to think about volunteering. Get involved with your community and make a difference to someone else's day – and your own," said Cr Annear.

Learn more about volunteering and find out what opportunities are available near you at www.volunteercentralvic.com.au.



☆ People enjoying a community lunch in Mount Alexander Shire.



Thank you

Thank you to all the shire's wonderful volunteers who do so much for our community.

You help to plan and coordinate events, you are trusted companions to some of our most vulnerable community members, you help us manage sports and recreation reserves, you work to improve our natural environment, and you welcome visitors to our shire with a smile.

To find out what volunteer opportunities are available near you, visit volunteercentralvic.com.au.

National Volunteer Week runs 16 to 22 May.

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16-22 MAY 2022

Better Together

The Maldon Athenaeum Library



☆ Fiona Farley has recently begun volunteering at the Maldon Athenaeum Library; she is the Volunteer Children's Library Coordinator.

The last two years have been an interesting challenge for the Maldon Athenaeum Library. Despite COVID and the ensuing lockdowns, however, our local community library has stayed afloat and all thanks to the committed and dedicated work of our team of volunteers. The Maldon library has been serving the community for 159 years, a remarkable volunteer effort for a small country town.

Volunteers make the library a vital and welcoming place to visit. They keep the library open four days a week, come rain, hail or shine. They assist members with loans and returns of books, they help people locate and reserve books, take requests for new titles, accept new memberships, stack, sort and weed the collection which holds nearly 20,000 books. They help maintain a professional library computer management system and encourage and promote the joy of reading. Volunteers have also been working on an upgrade of our website which will soon have the library's complete collection available to view online. New volunteers are always welcome. If you can give a few hours a month to supporting the Athenaeum library, please come and say hello.

Fiona Farley, one of the library's more recent volunteers, has enthusiastically embraced updating the children's library section and has some exciting ideas for its future. She states, "As someone with a passion for children's literature, I am excited about my role as the Volunteer Children's Library Coordinator. At the Athenaeum library, we are committed to bringing about a strong sense of community engagement with the library. To draw in more of our younger community members, my focus is on creating a bright and welcoming environment with a quality collection of children's books that meets the needs and interests of children, from pre-school to early adolescence. Plans are underway to network within our local community to discover what activities /events we can offer to bring more children and their parents into the library.

"Although retired, I am still a strong advocate for helping children to become book lovers and avid readers. In my past lives, I have been a primary teacher-librarian, and a development consultant working with Not for Profit Organisations in South East Asia and the Pacific, to improve the quality of the children's books and reading materials published to distribute to very disadvantaged primary school communities.

"We are privileged in our Shire to have some well-known children's authors living here that we hope to call on to help the library explore ways for keeping our young community members hooked on reading and books."

The Maldon Athenaeum library would like to thank and acknowledge all our community's volunteers for their generosity and time. They help to make our community a wonderful place to live in - thank you everyone.

Maldon Golden Movies (MGM)



☆ The Committee of volunteers behind MGM - the best Film Society in town.

The Maldon Golden Movies (MGM) Film Society provides, to its members, 11 of the world's best movies for \$25 a year. Surely such a bargain is an offer no one can refuse?

This year MGM films range from new movies like *Nomadland* with the world's best living actress to great classics like *The Big Chill* resurrecting one of the world's best dead actors. As well, we offer an ongoing community happening which for the past eight years has attracted the finest minds and most sociable people in Maldon. We are simply the best Film Society in town! You'd be mad not to join.

For me, personally, as Chair of Maldon Golden Movies, the delight I feel in watching great movies on the huge screen so ably arranged by our Chief Technical Officer, Ross Hinckley, is matched only by my pleasure in watching new and old members discover great new movies of which they were previously unaware or which they have longed to see again.

Actually, the above statement is not entirely true. Another great pleasure is in working with MGM Secretary, 'Madam Bleue' (aka Nancy Whittaker), whose ability to take minutes and make sense of the debates about programming baffle me continuously. But in MGM, we have a great Committee of other volunteers that includes the indefatigable walker and thinker Ines Jewel and theatre director Rob Jorritsma as well as Treasurer Elizabeth 'Smiley' Close and Ev 'Agreeable' Jackson. New Committee Members Robyn and Ian Riley sometimes seem astonished with the language and passions on display at meetings, but Ian has a superlative sense of humour, especially when it comes to the subject of Greyhounds.

As Chair, I can do little else but thank and admire this hard-working and wonderful committee. Mind you, I do also give great thanks to the expertise and extraordinary depth of film knowledge possessed by MGM Patron John Flaus. Most of Australia knows him as a famous film and TV actor, but he's also a cinema educator and commentator of legendary status.

Finally I must say that MGM Film Nights are held every third Thursday night at 7.15 for 7.30 at the Community Centre (Band Hall) at 6 Francis Street and that I look forward to every occasion as being, yes, a great film but also a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and old friends. Onya, everyone!

Graham Pitts,
Chair, MGM.

Maldon Museum



☆ Maldon Museum President Derek Reid, pictured with research material relating to the Maldon streetscape restoration project.

For some months, volunteers at the Maldon Museum have been involved in an exciting project: providing information to the consultants who are overseeing the restoration of Maldon's streetscape. The volunteers have spent hours trawling through old newspapers, photos and rates records to unearth valuable details about the historic buildings in the central part of Maldon.

According to Maldon Museum President Derek Reid, the project was tackled in two stages. "First of all, there was an overview of the CBD, where a list of buildings was drawn up," he said. "About a dozen were prioritised. This was done before Christmas last year."

In the second stage, Museum volunteers have been undertaking in-depth research on six buildings: the Carriers Arms, the Grand Hotel, the State Bank building, the Post Office, the two-storey weatherboard building next to the Maldon Takeaway and the shop that houses the Maldon Butchers (would you believe that this was once a two-storey building?).

Five volunteers have been hard at work on the project, which has had a tight time frame. "In return, we have been provided with some training," Derek said. "Some of our volunteers didn't have a lot of experience with researching old records, and the training helped a great deal. It has been a worthwhile job. It's great to see all the work that is being done around town and to know that we've played a part in it."

With around 80 members, the Maldon Museum is thriving. About a third of those members play an active part in the Museum's operations, according to Derek. "During COVID, some of our volunteers continued to work on family history, property and building research. That kept the Museum going financially. And we're now open, of course - on Wednesdays and Sundays from 11.30am to 2pm," he said.

Thanks to funding from the Maldon & District Community Bank and the Public Records Office, the Museum's collection of the *Tarrangower Times* is being digitised. "We've done from 1858 up to 1900, and in a month or six weeks, that will be up on the internet for all to see," Derek said.

The Museum welcomes new members, and the roles for volunteers are diverse - from cataloguing artefacts to family history research and of course welcoming visitors to the Museum itself. "There's always something happening," Derek said. "For example, during the Gothic Festival, one of our members is conducting four cemetery tours. If you're interested in history and would like to talk about volunteering, please come and see us during opening hours."

The Maldon Athenaeum Library



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Museum open every Wednesday and Sunday 11.30am to 2pm. History Research Centre open every Friday 10am to 1pm by appointment.

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Better Together

Maldon Urban Landcare Inc



☆ Hard at work at the Eaglework Pit revegetation site in August 2021, wearing COVID masks!

Maldon Urban Landcare group (MULGA), established in 1992, was Victoria's first urban Landcare group. Our main objective is to care for and preserve the natural environment in the Maldon area, and we have undertaken weed control and revegetation activities on parts of the Maldon Historic Reserve.

Last year we distributed to all residences and PO Boxes in Maldon a brochure *Indigenous plants for the garden in the Maldon area*, which describes the benefits of using local plants and provides plant lists. The brochure is available at the Maldon Information Centre and is included in the Welcome Pack for new residents, available at both the Maldon Information Centre and the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

With the support of Kaiser Reef Ltd., which hold a lease for the area, MULGA is undertaking weed control work at the Eaglehawk Pit revegetation site, between Adair St East and Polsue St, a site that is regularly used by walkers.

From 2017, MULGA has surveyed 366 original pre-1852 (pre-European settlement) eucalypts on private and public land, and roadsides in the Maldon area - 75% of the trees have an estimated age between 200-499 years, and there are four trees estimated to be older than 500 years. You can access maps and the tree list at www.connectingcountry.org.au/landcare/mulga.

In June 2018, MULGA re-planted the memorial Circles on Anzac Hill with 64 Yellow Gums, an indigenous eucalypt, as all but one of the original Mahogany Gums had died. Since then, we have continued to re-plant as necessary, and over 70% of the new trees are now growing well.

We really appreciate the MULGA and members who come to our working bees and willingly help with battling the weeds or doing new plantings - it's certainly much Better Together!

If you would like to join MULGA or find out about our working bees, contact Bev Phillips on 0407 770 350 or email maldonurbanlandcare@gmail.com.



Maldon Urban Landcare

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We welcome new members who care about Maldon's natural environment and heritage.

Enq:
Bev Phillips 0407 770 350
Ian Grenda 0428 155 436

Nuggetty Land Protection Group



☆ The Nuggetty Land Protection Group cares for the old Nuggetty School site and Peace Cairn, where ANZAC Day services are held each year.

A region of hills and rolling farmland, the Nuggetty area is situated to the northwest of Maldon. With responsibility for around 5,200 hectares, Nuggetty Land Protection Group was established in 1991 by local primary producers to prevent land degradation.

The Nuggetty Land Protection Group members are a diverse lot, made up of 'blockies' and local farmers who have plenty of experience and knowledge to share. Activities are quite varied and include weed control, nest box monitoring and revegetation.

The group also cares for the old Nuggetty School site and Peace Cairn, where ANZAC Day services are held each year.

You may not know it, but there was once a railway line that extended from Maldon out to Shelbourne. The line was opened in 1891, and it was originally going to extend to Laanecoorie before that plan was abandoned. Nuggetty Land Protection Group members conduct nature walks along the Shelbourne Railway track, finishing at the Shelbourne Station and silo complex. The group also worked with Loddon Shire to install interpretive signage along the track.

Several calendars have been produced by the Nuggetty Land Protection Group as a part of a history project a few years back, and oral histories have been collected.

If you've read as far as this, you will understand that a Landcare group doesn't just 'plant trees'. The Nuggetty Land Protection Group members range in age from one to 90 plus, and all have something to contribute.

For further information, contact Christine Fitzgerald - ckfitz5@bigpond.com - 0419 347 408.



NUGGETTY LAND PROTECTION GROUP

Help us look after our natural environment in Nuggetty and join our dedicated group.

Enq:
Christine 0419 347 408

Maldon Men's Shed



☆ New Members are always welcome at the Maldon Men's Shed.

When you join the Maldon Men's Shed, you not only become a member of a local and national organisation. You have access to a great workshop and facilities, and have support and friendship of new mates.

You also have access to the latest information on men's health. Lastly, you can become a volunteer with a say in which events you are involved in and your level of involvement.

How do Men's Shed and its members volunteer? We have fundraisers at the Maldon Markets. We make and repair items for other community groups and people in need. We run woodwork classes on behalf of the Neighbourhood Centre. Driving the bus for the Maldon Folk Festival is another fundraiser. You can never underestimate the entertainment you can get from this, especially on the last night shift.

The Men's Shed is primarily a meeting place for men, a place to learn, use and pass on skills. But for the Maldon Men's Shed, men's health is a vital issue with regular expert presentations. Last month there was a talk from one of the local district nurses on the services they provide, and previously we had a talk on making a will and advanced care directives.

New members are always welcome - whether you want to work on that special project, learn new skills, meet some great blokes, or just to have a game of pool. We are in the process of creating a very pleasant outdoor BBQ area for a relaxing BBQ and chat. Other local groups may wish to use it also.

The shed is open on Wednesday 10am - 4pm and Saturday 9am - 12pm. To join or enquire, you can just turn up and introduce yourself or contact Secretary Barry Murfett at maldon@mensshed.org.



Maldon Men's Shed
Rear of The Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum

Now open Saturday & Wednesday
Visitors & New Members Welcome

Contact Barry Murfett 0403 352 753

Thompson family Funerals

Castlemaine & District Funeral Parlors

123 Mostyn St., Castlemaine 5472 2202



- The family that cares -

Peter Thompson and family of Thompson family Funerals thank all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work in strengthening our community.



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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

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Better Together

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre



☆ Training day for Maldon Neighbourhood Centre volunteer bus drivers.

Like many groups in town, the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre relies on the hard work of volunteers. It's a cliché that's absolutely true – we would grind to a halt without them!

One of our regular and dedicated groups of volunteers are the community bus drivers who support the Community Bus service. Their work includes driving the regular runs to Castlemaine, Maryborough and Kangaroo Flat, driving the bus for day trips, and organising and sometimes driving for private charters.

All the volunteer drivers have been trained in driver safety and First Aid and enjoy the camaraderie of working together, meeting new people and getting to know the streets of Maldon, Baringhup and Castlemaine.

During COVID, the drivers remained ever-generous, using the bus to deliver frozen meals to locals confined to home. A friendly face at the door, armed with food!

And then there's the community lunch. A weekly social event held at the Community Centre in Maldon, with the two-course meal prepared and served by volunteers. They also set up the room to be welcoming and warm and meet and greet at the door as people arrive. And along with the bus drivers, they kept on going through the

COVID shutdowns, making meals for weekly delivery to households.

In fact, whatever aspect of the Centre's work you look at, there's some form of volunteering going on – Committee members who work tirelessly to govern the Centre, the walkers who lead and organise the three weekly walking groups, the receptionist who welcomes everyone who comes in (and makes the Boomerang Bags), our maintenance volunteer, volunteer digital mentors, community gardeners, childcare volunteers, Maldon Market volunteers the list goes on. And the opportunities for volunteering just keep coming!

"We would like to say an enormous thank you to the volunteers at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. I feel very lucky to be supported by a huge team who are involved in every aspect of the Centre – from strategic decision making to digital training, from bus driving to market set-up," said Coordinator John Bainbridge. "The success of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre can certainly be put down to the dedication and commitment of volunteers."

If you are interested in being involved in the activities of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, please call 5475 2093 or email info@maldonnc.org.au for more information.



VOLUNTEER AFTERNOON TEA

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERING AND ALL IT STANDS FOR!

FRIDAY 20 MAY
2.00 - 3.30 PM
MALDON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (MNC)

An invitation to all MNC volunteers

Afternoon tea provided

Bookings: 54752093 or info@maldonnc.org.au



Community Bank Maldon & District



☆ The Maldon & District Community Bank provides support for many community events, including the Maldon Twilight Dinner.

Volunteers don't always just happen. We know that it takes time, energy and sometimes money to recruit, train, monitor and retain volunteers. So, once you have them, you want their tasks and roles to be as efficient as possible.

Community Bank Maldon & District can help with that. Not only do we offer community grants and partnership funds for a range of different projects and programs, but we also have a number of items available to not-for-profit and community groups to try and make the life of a volunteer easier! From our marquees (with or without wind-break walls) and hand sanitising stations to the Community POS, we offer these items for free to local community groups and not-for-profits.

"Without the continuous support of the Maldon & District Community Bank, it would be impossible to run such a large-scale event on a not-for-profit basis. Through grants made available by the Bank, we have been able to purchase new lightweight tables available for community use," said Maldon Eat Drink Events Secretary Pamela Jewson. "The recently acquired marquees provided by the bank are a huge saving to us and easy for our volunteer team to erect."

The Community POS is a portable, fee-free EFT-POS machine that we make available too, which Maldon Primary School has borrowed several times for the annual Shopping Spree. Debra Watson, Maldon Primary School Business Manager, said, "Our school doesn't have an EFT-POS facility, so the ability to borrow one for fundraising events is awesome. It enables volunteers to collect money on the spot rather than waiting

for attendees to go and get cash or do a bank transfer. It also means that the school inevitably makes more money on our silent auction items as attendees have the ability to pay using a card rather than cash - after all, who carries cash these days?? Thank you, Maldon and District Community Bank, for making the lives of our volunteers easier!"

If you are a volunteer who is responsible for marketing your club or not-for-profit, you should consider downloading the free e-resource available from the Community Bank. This resource was put together by the Communications team and has a range of helpful information in it, from software and online platforms for designing flyers and social media posts to tips for taking good photos. You can get this free download by scanning the QR code below.

If you think your organisation could use any of these items, please contact the staff at any of our Community Bank Branches – Maldon, Newstead or Dunolly.



We have a number of ways to support volunteers to be Better Together

Chat to our staff today to book our marquee, hand sanitising stations or CommunityPOS®



Community Bank Maldon & District
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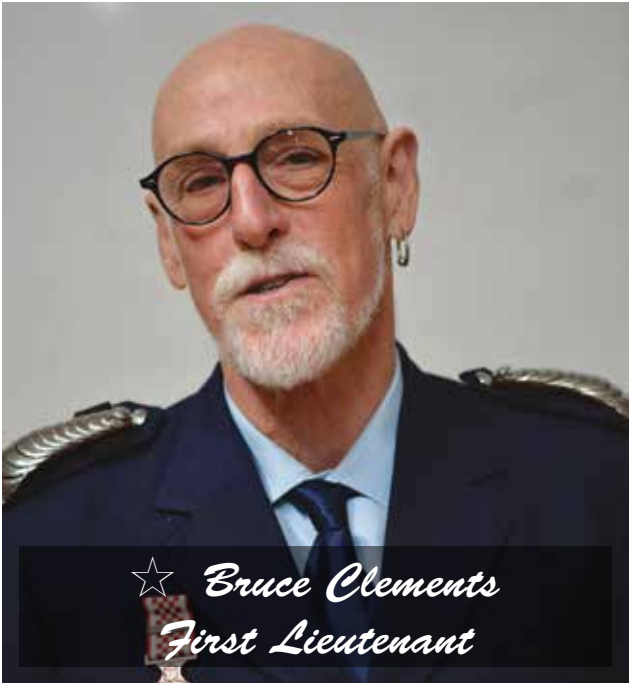
Maldon Fire Brigade Senior Members



Vehicle photos courtesy Stuart McCubbin



☆ Andrew Fedorowicz
Communications Officer



☆ Bruce Clements
First Lieutenant



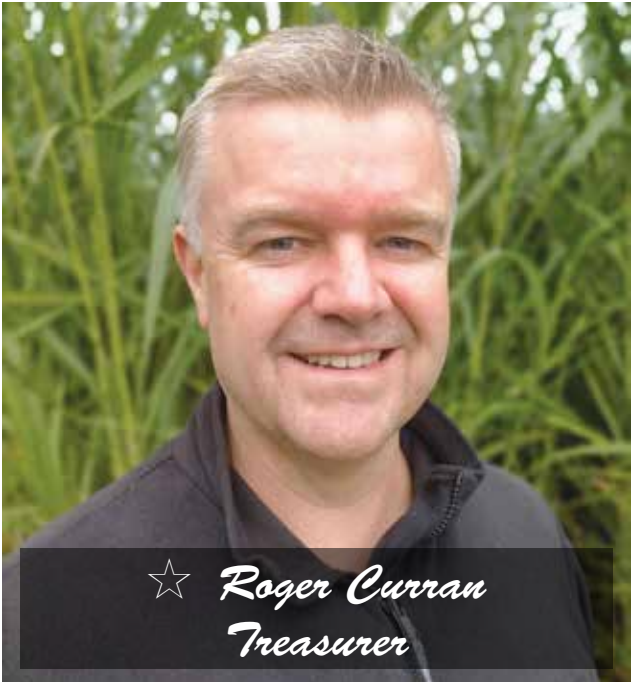
☆ Chris Dowler
Second Lieutenant



☆ Jan Elliott
Fire Equipment Maintenance



☆ Ritchie Redpath
Training Co-Ordinator



☆ Roger Curran
Treasurer



THANK YOU!
Volunteers of the Maldon Fire Brigade.
New enrolments always welcome.

Contact Maldon Captain: 0408 132 591



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Maldon Fire Brigade Senior Members



*This year in June Maldon
Brigade has given 160 years
of service to the Maldon &
District Community!*



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Maldon Eat Drink Events Inc



☆ Thanks to the town's hardworking volunteers, the Maldon Twilight Dinner is one of the Shire's most successful events.

Photo courtesy of Geoff Palmer.

Community is the heart of Maldon, and what better way to celebrate and showcase our wonderful town and community spirit than the Maldon Twilight Dinner held on the third Saturday in January.

This year the small committee would not have been able to put this event on had it not been for the many community groups and individuals that volunteered their time in the lead-up but especially on the day when we bump in and out in 12 hours for a fully catered sit down dinner and festival for 700 people.

Regulations, insurance and on top of that, COVID have changed the way the event has to run, and unfortunately a community event in 2022 has the same regulations and policies that the committee have to meet as that of the Melbourne Cup.

Time, paperwork, meeting regulations, bookings and coordinating staff and volunteers are the main challenges for the continuation of this event and others like it.

We fully believe the outcomes far outweigh the obstacles. This year alone saw over \$10,000 of profits channelled back into community organisations.

Visitor profiling and statistics gathered after the event showed a \$1.5 million boost in spending to the Mt Alexander Shire economy over that weekend.

Our heartfelt thanks goes to the many individuals that gave of their time so generously. To the volunteers at Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum who worked till 2pm to bump out and clean the street for Sunday trading. To the Masonic Lodge team for washing thousands of plates and pieces of cutlery. To the teams that put up the street lighting and fencing.

Of course the event would not be possible without the support of the Maldon & District Community Bank and Mt Alexander Shire Council.

Pamela Jewson

Secretary

Maldon Eat Drink Events Inc

Maldon Eat Drink Events Inc

*It takes a community to keep
a small town thriving.*

We thank the many volunteers and sponsors for the much needed support to render the Twilight Dinner such a huge success.

Maldon Focus



☆ The Swimming pool subcommittee of Maldon Focus has done much to improve facilities at the Maldon swimming pool.

Maldon Focus aims to work towards the township of Maldon, physically reflecting its unique heritage and its title of Australia's First Notable Town, and to promote its rich history.

We also aim to enhance Maldon as a viable, living and sustainable town and community by networking and liaising with other community interest groups and elected representatives.

Some examples of the projects and issues that the group has contributed to over the past few years are the placing of power lines underground in the Maldon CBD, the erection of interpretive signs of the CBD, planning - including compliance with the Maldon Design Guidelines, use of shipping containers and inappropriate signage.

The Swimming pool subcommittee has done much to improve facilities at the Maldon swimming pool and continues to work towards the installation of steps to provide safer entry to the pool.

Maldon Focus also aims to be a well-informed and respectful communication channel to the Shire of Mount Alexander. The committee provides input on planning and other issues to the Mount Alexander Shire Council and, during the past couple of years, has been well represented on both the Steering Committee and Subcommittees participating in planning for the Maldon Streetscape Rejuvenation project.

In the Pre-COVID era, the group was running a series of quarterly 'Conversations' covering such varied, interesting and informative topics as *Hidden stories of your house* and *The real Welsh Swagman*. We hope to resume the 'Conversations' later this year.

Our group of volunteers work together with local community and businesses and Mt. Alexander Shire Council to foster collaboration and work 'Better Together'. We welcome new members, and if you're interested in joining, please check out our website at <https://maldonfocus.wordpress.com> or contact our Secretary at relax@nuggettycottage.com.au.

MALDON FOCUS INC



**Thank you to all volunteers for their
generosity, time and commitment to the
community of Maldon.**

New members very welcome.
<http://maldonfocus.org.au>

Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve



☆ Netball in action: the Bill Woodfull Reserve is, truly, the heart and soul of Maldon.

Named after one of Maldon's most famous residents - cricketer William Maldon Woodfull - the Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve is a place where people gather to watch or play sport, visit the monthly Maldon market, or attend an event such as the Maldon Antique Fair.

A few details about Bill Woodfull: he was born in Maldon in 1897 and played cricket in the 1920s and 1930s. He was captain of the Australian cricket team during the infamous bodyline controversy in the early 1930s.

The Reserve is also a very special place - there are probably few recreational areas in Australia where you can find a historic courthouse and trees that are around 500 years old. It is, truly, the heart and soul of Maldon.

A committee of volunteers looks after the Reserve on behalf of the larger community as well as the groups that use the area - the football, netball and tennis clubs.

While Council keeps the oval mown and maintained, the Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve Committee of Management receives funding to keep the rest of the grounds in good condition. The committee also works together to ensure that the buildings are in good repair. There have been some improvements made to the facilities recently. The netball courts have been resurfaced, and a new netball shelter has been constructed, while new coaches' shelters have been built next to the oval. And there's more good news from the committee: there have been draft designs drawn up for long overdue female-friendly change room facilities.

While the committee receives funding annually, more funds are needed. The footy clubrooms are available to hire for social functions, and this helps in supporting the Reserve financially.

"The Reserve is a special place. It is a significant part of the community," Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve Committee of Management chairman Graham Thomas said. "We are keen for the community-minded people to join us on the committee to help us maintain the Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve on Maldon's behalf."

If you would like to contribute, you can call Graham on 0414 343 766.

BILL WOODFULL RESERVE COMMITTEE

**It's a special place and an important part of
the community - join us on the Committee
and help us maintain the Bill Woodfull
Reserve on Maldon's behalf.**



Phone Graham: 0414 343 766

Thank you for making the world a better place

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Maldon Masonic Lodge



☆ Maldon's Southern Cross Lodge has been in existence for over 140 years.

Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum



☆ Are you interested in vintage machinery? Why not consider volunteering at the Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum?

The Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum has been welcoming visitors through its gates since 2006. It's run by a group of enthusiastic volunteers who, collectively, have a huge fund of knowledge and expertise when it comes to old machinery.

The Museum is home to an extensive collection of all types of machinery. There's a wide range of steam engines, including the famous Auntie Jack, a nine-horsepower Marshall engine. From ploughs and harrows to crosscut saws, there's all manner of agricultural machinery. The fire shed has been built to showcase Maldon's first fire engine plus firefighting memorabilia. There's the *Tarrangower Times* printing press, still in apple-pie order. But wait, there's so much more...!

Each Easter, the Museum hosts an engine rally and each year helps to run Mucklefest.

Hats off to the Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum volunteers, who do a wonderful job of maintaining the displays and providing assistance to visitors. If you're interested in vintage machinery and would like to work alongside like-minded people, you can contact the Museum at secretary@maldon-vintage-machinery.com.au or phone 5472 2202.



If you enjoy old working machinery, you'll enjoy volunteering with us.

Join up!

Cnr. Vincents Road & Phoenix St, Maldon
Ph. 5472 2202

Fidelity, Community, Integrity, Honesty, Compassion, Respect, Tolerance, and Fortitude - are all attributes that the Maldon Freemasons' Southern Cross lodge members aspire to.

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organisation in the world. Note the word fraternal: most lodges do not accept women as members, and the Maldon Freemasons are no exception to this general rule. If you are a woman, however, you can join the Eaglehawk Lodge, which welcomes both men and women.

Freemasons in Victoria have been active in the community for over 170 years, and there has been a Masonic Lodge in Maldon for over 140 years. In that time, it has been housed in the old Royal Theatre, then across the road at the old Masonic Lodge building. The current Maldon Lodge building opened in 1980.

The aim of Freemasonry is for members to pursue their personal development by working towards the betterment of humanity through community involvement while offering support on a number of levels - everything from local fundraising

to international relief. Regardless of your religious beliefs, you can become a Freemason provided that you believe in a higher being.

Maldon's Southern Cross Lodge draws members from across the region and has welcomed some younger members in recent years. Family and friends often join members to take part in social events.

Maldon Masonic Lodge members volunteer on a regular basis throughout the town. If you are interested in joining the lodge, you can contact Peter on 5472 2202.



**FREEMASONS
MALDON**

Be part of a lasting legacy
Supporting each other, their families and the community.

Meet 2nd Thursday every month at 7.30pm
Contact Peter on 5472 2202

Maldon Brass Band



☆ The Maldon Brass Band provides lessons, instruments and uniforms free of charge to its members.

Since it was formed in 1863 - almost 160 years ago - the Maldon Brass Band has been going strong.

The Band is one of Maldon's most-loved institutions and is often seen performing throughout the town - most notably at the Easter Fair, Anzac Day and Carols by Candlelight.

Daniel Clarke is the Band's Director of Music, and when he doesn't have a baton in his hand, he enjoys playing the euphonium. He presides over a group of 20 regular players, with visiting friends called in to play at special events.

"We're always looking for new players of all ages and at any level of expertise, plus those who have no experience at all," Daniel said. "We give free lessons and also provide free instruments and uniforms."

What an offer! If you're an absolute beginner and you've been considering taking up a musical instrument, how can you refuse? Or, if you have experience in playing one instrument and are considering trying out another, here's your opportunity to give it a go - free of charge.

The Band practises on Tuesday nights at the Maldon Community Centre, from 7.30pm. If you'd like to join the Maldon Brass Band, feel free to contact Daniel on 0409 166 388 or email maldonbrassband@gmail.com.

MALDON BRASS BAND

**Band Practice at Maldon Community Centre
most Tuesday nights at 7.30pm.
Free tuition & instruments available.**

**New members most welcome
If you are interested in joining the Band or
wanting to learn a brass instrument
Go to: <https://maldon.band/>**

Maldon Easter Fair



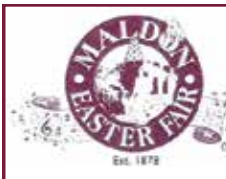
☆ This year's Easter Parade in full swing.

Is the Maldon Easter Fair Australia's oldest continuously running Easter Fair? That's a matter for some conjecture, but the odds are definitely in Maldon's favour!

You couldn't get a more family-friendly event than the Maldon Easter Fair, and it's all run by a dedicated committee of volunteers. Each year, the Maldon Easter Fair Committee organises a wide range of low-cost events that are popular with locals and visitors alike. They include the scone bake, the ecumenical church service, the Golf Club's hole in one, the concert, dancing (on the Woody these days, not in the street!) and of course the main event: the Monday Easter Parade.

This year, the weather was perfect - up until the Parade! But the rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of those taking part in the parade, or the crowds who turned out to watch them.

All those who worked to make this year's Maldon Easter Fair a success, take a bow! It was a wonderful event. If you'd like to help out the volunteers at the 2023 Fair, your input would be appreciated!



Proud to be volunteers.
Come and join us
- you'll be most welcome!
Enq. 0408 146 537



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☆ Maldon Primary School parent and volunteer Sarah Liston.

Maldon Inc.



☆ Coming your way this winter: the Goldfields Gothic Festival of Dark Ideas, which is part of Maldon Inc.'s Maldon In Winter Festival.

With over 80 members on its books, Maldon Inc. is the local volunteer organisation that looks after the interests of business and tourism in the region. Retailers, food and beverage suppliers, accommodation providers, tourism operators, sporting clubs and event organisers - Maldon Inc.'s members are a diverse group. Maldon Inc.'s aims include promoting the region and assisting in the creation of a vibrant and productive working environment for its members.

Has COVID had an effect upon Maldon Inc. and its members? "Absolutely," said Maldon Inc. President Clif Edwards. "It has been difficult picking up the pieces post-COVID, with many volunteers going missing in action. But we have a hard-working committee that's like a duck - there's so much going on underwater!"

The main focus of Maldon Inc.'s work at present is the Maldon In Winter Festival, which will be taking place from 24 June to 10 July. There will be a range of events on offer - everything from the Goldfields Gothic Festival ("A festival within a festival, really," Clif said) to exhibitions and concerts (Neil Diamond or classical, your choice) and a huge bonfire.

To help run Maldon In Winter, Maldon Inc. is sending a call out for volunteers. "You can call into SteamPacket in High Street to have a chat with me," Clif said. "We particularly welcome people who would like to receive RSA Responsible Service of Alcohol training and certification. SteamPacket will fund training courses as part of their community project, and if you volunteer for Maldon in Winter, we're also offering free passes to those events that you haven't put your hand up for."

Maldon Inc.

Maldon Inc. celebrates all volunteers and says thank you to all *Maldon in Winter* contributors

#maldoninc

www.maldon.org.au

Maldon Primary School

Maldon Primary School is welcoming back its volunteers this year, now that COVID restrictions allow it. Two volunteers who stepped up recently to organise the School's float in the Easter Procession are Sarah Liston and Alicia Mitchell. They did an outstanding job, and the Times caught up with Sarah recently to have a chat about their work.

Putting together the float - with the theme 'Easter in the Garden' - was quite a challenge. Also challenging was the rain on Easter Monday, which came down for the entire day. "The kids still came, and they had a great time," Sarah said. "The rain made no difference at all. Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces on the day was wonderful. Personally, that's what made our work worthwhile."

There's no doubt about it - these women are busy, and it's difficult to work out how they make time to be volunteers. Alicia has three children, with one at kinder and two at school. Sarah, who lives some distance out of town, has four children - one at school, one at kinder and two at home. Sarah is also the head of the Parent Advisory Group at the kinder.

Maldon Lions Club



☆ The Maldon Lions Club Op Shop volunteers work hard to support the community.

While some organisations saw volunteers drift away during the times of COVID, the Maldon Lions Club Op Shop's workers stayed loyal to the cause.

Since restrictions have lifted, the Shop is staffed by volunteers who open the doors from 10am to 2pm on every day except Mondays.

Coordinator Jenny Fitzpatrick said that while there are sufficient volunteers to staff the Op Shop on a regular basis, there are always times when workers may not be able to turn up for their shift. "It would be good to build up a roster of casual volunteers," she said. "If you're interested, please come and see us at the Shop, or give me a ring."

The Op Shop is very much part of the community and houses a great selection of bargains - everything from clothing and homewares to furniture. Jenny said that while the Lions Club was happy to receive donations of unwanted goods, they had to be clean and saleable. "We'd also appreciate it if you only dropped off goods at the shop during opening hours," she said. "There have been times when there has been so much left outside overnight that we haven't been able to get into the shop to open it the next day!"

Profits from the Shop are distributed to various community groups, and that includes the Maldon Easter Fair and Carols by Candlelight.

Maldon Lions Club

Building a brighter future for the world

"NOT ONLY IN A CRISIS BUT EVERYDAY LIONS ARE SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY".

If you are interested in joining, contact Jenny on 0407 158 833

How do Alicia and Sarah do it? "You make time," Sarah said. Why do they do it? "Volunteering is vital," Sarah explained. "If everyone takes it in turn to do their bit, it's good for everyone. Volunteering is just part of life."

Maldon Primary School is indeed fortunate to be able to count on the hard work and commitment of its volunteers.

THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who give so much of their time - we appreciate your support and dedication.

We value our partnerships with our families and the wider Maldon community.

Maldon Garden Club



☆ All aboard...! Maldon Garden Club members decorated the Sandy Creek tram for their entry into this year's Easter Parade.

After the last two years we have all had, it's great to be back to almost normal again. Once again, we can get together and visit gardens, have guest speakers and do all things garden related. This can only be made possible by the wonderful people who volunteer their time on the committee and help out during events.

Oddly enough, the Maldon Garden Club has grown during this time. So much so that we have had to move to a bigger venue to accommodate all the new members. The Maldon Golf Club is the new home for the Maldon Garden Club! It's also an excellent venue for our upcoming Big Event 'Christmas in July High Tea' on Sunday 24 July, with our special guest, Penny Woodward. For more information on joining us for our 'Christmas in July High Tea' or becoming a member of our club, please contact our Club President, Carmel Naismith on 0417 014 763.

MALDON GARDEN CLUB

CHRISTMAS IN JULY HIGH TEA

with Penny Woodward

Sunday 24 July

Maldon Golf Club

\$35.00 includes, glass of bubbles on arrival, raffle tickets and a delicious High Tea!

1-4pm, Doors open at 12.30pm

Bookings essential: Carmel 0417 014 763 or email carmelnaismith@gmail.com

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Castlemaine Health



☆ **Wendy Barron:** Harcourt Walking group volunteer.

☆ **Amanda Turner:** Castlemaine Health Pet Therapy volunteer.

☆ **Angela Sye:** Maldon Hospital Entertainment volunteer.

How long have you been volunteering?

I have been a member of Harcourt walking group since the group started, about five years I think.

What does the Volunteer Week theme 'better together' mean to you?

Our group always has fun together; we always have a few laughs, and no one takes offence. We're a walking group, but it doesn't matter how fast you walk. There are one or two in our group who walk really fast; they can walk off ahead and then back to join us, and we stick together.

How has it felt to return to volunteering after COVID?

It's been fine. During COVID, we kept the walking up but went walking in socially-distanced pairs. We didn't do big walks, just a couple of times a week to keep each other out of mischief.

What do you get out of volunteering?

Meeting new people, the exercise and networking. It's good company. And if you want to go for two walks a week, it really helps to have people relying on you.

What would you say to others thinking about volunteering?

It's good value; it's worthwhile. Everything you do for other people comes back to you in a good way.

How long have you been volunteering?

It would be about four years at Thompson House. I will also be at Ellery House moving forwards.

What does the Volunteer Week theme 'better together' mean to you?

Well, I just think we need one another.

How has it felt to return to volunteering after COVID?

Oh, it's been great. I missed it, and I'm positive the dogs did too!

What do you get out of volunteering?

Well, although I feel like a bit of a youth, it could be me in the future and there are a lot of people who don't have anyone. A lot of people have visitors, but it's very important to think of others and not just yourself.

What would you say to others thinking about volunteering?

I think it's one of the best things you can do. The rewards work both ways, and you get a lot out of it. It keeps your own social interactions going too!

How long have you been volunteering?

I have been volunteering about 11 years across Castlemaine Health and Maldon Hospital. I volunteer at Ellery House and Maldon Hospital, and I also play the hymns for the church service. I also teach music classes at the University of the Third Age (U3A), and I'm very active in that organisation. I also volunteer in the local church, the Uniting Church and I assist them where needed.

What does the Volunteer Week theme 'better together' mean to you?

It is very important to interact with everyone for your mental health and wellbeing. Music is a very important subject for those with mental illness and those with disabilities, so music is very good for bringing people together.

How has it felt to return to volunteering after COVID?

The lockdown was very bad; it was hard to communicate with friends and family. Although we were isolated, I would meet friends in the park and play music to keep connections and communication open. I wanted to keep the stimulation going as much as possible. It helped me, but it helped everyone as well.

What do you get out of volunteering?

The pleasure! Volunteering generally, I see in the nursing homes how much people enjoy what I play. To see them humming and clapping along brings me pleasure because I've brought a bit of life and happiness to their days. At U3A, people originally can't play and, after a few weeks, are playing. I love sharing what I have and the happiness I can give these people.

What would you say to others thinking about volunteering?

It's a great thing to do because you're helping other people and yourself as well. It is a tremendous thing to do!

Tarrangower Village Inc.



☆ Tarrangower Village Inc. is a not-for-profit association run by volunteers, managing an independent living community.

Founded in 1976 on altruistic principles still adhered to in the present day, Tarrangower Village is a not for profit organisation.

It provides low-cost retirement housing for those eligible from the Maldon District. Over the past 40 years, 16 one-bedroom and three two-bedroom self-contained units have

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Tarrangower Village Inc. cont.

been built at No 4 and No 9 Chapel Street South in Maldon. The last was completed in 2020.

Tarrangower Village is managed entirely by a volunteer committee, which is committed to operating the Village for the benefit of its residents through the provision of maintenance and administrative services for those capable of living independently.

We appreciate and are proud of the efforts of our volunteer committee, all of whom are personally and actively involved in all areas of the operations of the Village, from ensuring we meet our statutory obligations to garden working bees.

The transition to living in the village community is strongly supported by a committee member assisting new residents in re-locating to and individualising their new home.

Further information can be gained from our website: www.tarrangowervillage.com.au or by contacting the secretary via email at: secretary@tarrangowervillage.com.au if you are interested in a place on our waiting list.

We are seeking new members for our committee. If you feel you have skills that will assist us in our task of managing and improving the Village, please contact the secretary at secretary@tarrangowervillage.com.au.



International Volunteers Week 2022: Better Together

Thank you

We would like to express our deepest thanks to all of our volunteers.

To our current volunteers, we are incredibly grateful to you for giving your time so generously to help others and to support your community.

To our returning volunteers, we look forward to welcoming you back over the coming months.

To new and potential volunteers, we invite you to join us. Call our Volunteer Office on 5471 3566 to start your volunteering journey with us today.

Castlemaine Health, Maldon Hospital and CHIRP Community Health have come together as one organisation called Dhelkaya Health. Dhelkaya means 'good/being healthy' in the Dja Dja Wurrung language.

NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022 VOLUNTEER Better Together WEEK

Maldon & Baringhup Agricultural Show



☆ Don't miss the Maldon & Baringhup Show this year! And if you're able to help out in a voluntary capacity, the Committee would love to hear from you.

The Maldon & Baringhup Agricultural Show will be in full swing this year on the third Sunday in October. For an enjoyable family day out, there's nothing like a country show - so make sure you put Sunday 16 October in your diary.

The show has everything: horses, sheep, dogs, children's rides, craftwork, painting, photography, preserves, cookery, flowers, stalls and much more.

A dedicated committee of volunteers works hard to run the show, but they can always use a helping hand. "We have a very good committee, but the age factor is a worry," Show Secretary Leanne Mitchell said. "Some of our volunteers are in their eighties, and they could do with some help. We'd love to have some extra people to help us set up beforehand, as well as on the day itself."

There are many jobs that you might be called upon as a volunteer, from helping out at the horse events to bringing out a much-needed cup of tea to a thirsty judge. If you think you may have a few hours to spare to help out, the Committee would like to hear from you. You can email Leanne at secretary@maldonshow.com.au or give her a call on 0407 833 380.



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IMT



☆ Each year, the IMT Team puts a float in the Easter parade. This year, it was a wet event...!

The IMT Team has been broadcasting from community radio Station MAINfm94.9 each Friday morning for the past nine years. Since then, this enthusiastic group of volunteers has produced 433 shows – that's an impressive result!

"The only time we have missed a broadcast has been because of COVID," IMT's Nancy Whittaker told the *Times*. Nancy, together with Ian Slattery, are the founding members of the IMT team. There are now eight team members who each week interview guests, play music, discuss news items in the *Times* and chat about all matters Maldon. It's obvious that the gang thoroughly enjoys every minute in front of the mike, particularly if Des Dodgy (aka Tony) turns up!

The IMT crew is in the enviable position of not requiring any further volunteers. "We have enough people to put together a show each week, and we now have gender equity – four women and four men," Nancy said. "When we began, it was only me and the men. What we DO need is more listeners. We would love it if a lot more people were to listen. You can listen in live, or from your computer at a more convenient time. We also welcome your input during the program. You can send your signed SMS to us on 0488 863 186. Our Number One fan is John Arnold, who often sends us an SMS. You can also like us on Facebook."

Why does the IMT team keep on turning up, week after week? "We have amazing fun on-air," Nancy said. "Our planning meetings are also hilarious – we should actually record them! So we'll keep going for as long as we're enjoying ourselves."

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Maldon Cemetery Trust



☆ Maldon Cemetery volunteers, l. to r. Bill Barnes, Robbie Stockfeld, Maldon Cemetery Trust Secretary Ian Grenda and Linda Craig.

Situated at the foot of the Rock of Ages and with many old European and Chinese graves, the Maldon cemetery is a beautiful place with a well-deserved heritage listing. The Maldon Cemetery Trust - a group of volunteers - runs the cemetery on behalf of the community.

Keeping an area as large as the Maldon cemetery looking good is quite a job. The Cemetery Trust is helped by local volunteers who meet once a month. They enjoy spending time outdoors while they mow, snip and weed. Some of the volunteers are so keen that they come on a weekly basis, while one volunteer turns up two or three times a week.

"We are hopeful that this year we may get some help from the women at Tarrangower," Cemetery Trust Secretary Ian Grenda said. "Everything stopped during COVID, of course, and it's great that we can now meet up as a group and get stuck into it."

There's no doubt about it - the work undertaken by the volunteers has made a huge difference, as they tidy up the graves and the surrounding areas. In addition to keeping the weeds and eucalyptus seedlings at bay, they have rebuilt the rose garden.

"You're welcome to come and join us, from 9.30 onwards on the fourth Wednesday of every month, to do some work and then enjoy a coffee or tea afterwards," Ian said. "We're also looking for new board members for the Cemetery Trust. For more information, you can ring us on 0408 599 173 or email us at info@maldoncemetery.com."

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

16-22 MAY 2022

Better Together

Maldon Folk Festival

The Maldon Folk Festival will be on this year! The Folkie runs from 6pm on Friday 28 October with the Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony on the stage at the old Bank corner. It finishes late on Monday 31 October at the Maldon Hotel.

You can see details of all the performers who have already been booked on the Folk Festival website. All venues will be within walking distance of the centre of town.

This year's program will be an absolute ripper. There are concert performances; instrumental, singing and dance workshops; spoken word; street performers; and a free circus for the children on Saturday and Sunday.

In order to run an event of this size, volunteers are needed to work in the Festival office, checking wristbands at venue entrances, set up and pack-up, bar work and MCs for the stages.

All volunteer shifts are eight hours. Also needed are local billets to accommodate performers - you only need to supply

a bed and a bathroom. In return, all volunteers and billetters receive a full weekend ticket. Now, that's a great deal!



☆ Rich Davies and the Low Road performing at the Progress Hall.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Folkie, please contact Pam. Volunteer applications will open online on Monday, 23 May, or you can give her a call on 0421 643 478.



Tarrangower Cactus Control Group



☆ Tarrangower Cactus Control Group volunteers treating Wheel Cactus infestation.

Thank you to all 'Cactus Warriors' for your continuing commitment and energy, especially during the past two very challenging years.

The 'Cactus Warriors' are a group of volunteers dedicated to the eradication of Wheel Cactus, a noxious weed that has infested thousands of hectares across the Maldon, Baringhup, Nuggetty and Sandy Creek districts. This introduced weed displaces our native flora and fauna, threatening our natural biodiversity, the Maldon Historic Reserve and the viability of local farming land.

Our volunteers provide landowners with practical advice and assistance in combating Wheel Cactus infestations on their property and assist Parks Victoria to control infestations in our spectacular Maldon Historic Reserve.

Our community field days are a great opportunity to learn about control and management of the weed and to spend a rewarding morning in the outdoors helping your neighbours and natural environment.

Everyone concerned about the impact of Wheel Cactus is welcome to join us; whether you're a landowner seeking advice or a 'townie' who'd like to help - it'll all work 'Better Together'. Please contact us on our website - cactuswarriors.org.

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There is far more to running a railway than driving the engine. There are important roles such as firemen, guards, signalmen, conductors, stewards, station masters, ticket office, kiosk operator and bus driver.

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Maldon RSL



☆ The Maldon RSL Sub Branch provides comradeship and support to veterans and their families.

Our Maldon RSL Sub Branch celebrated its 100th birthday in May 2020. The members meet in their hall behind the Athenaeum Library on the second Friday of each month at 3pm. The hall is open for visitors every Wednesday afternoon.

The RSL was founded in 1916 to provide comradeship and support to Australia's veterans and their families. The RSL's mission is to provide the best possible support and services to all generations of Veterans in Victoria.

The RSL works to ensure that every Veteran in Victoria is respected and supported, together with their families. Empathy, Tradition, Integrity, Mateship, Transparency, Compassion, Respect are powerful motto words for a powerful group.

Annually on 25 April, the Maldon RSL Sub Branch holds the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, followed by a hearty breakfast provided by the members in their hall behind the Athenaeum Library. The main Service on ANZAC Day is held at 11am in the Shire Gardens.

Membership of the RSL is open to serving and retired members of the armed services - including those of our allies. Associate membership is open to police and emergency service personnel and relatives of those who served.

If you would like to find out more or would like to join, contact Brian Fitzgerald on 0412 324 893 or Sharon Telford on 0409 434 851.

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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

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Continued from page 28 had a crack! We had probably painted the wrong picture for ourselves and came out onto the ground with the wrong mindset. Maldon Park definitely challenged us for the first half, and they went in at halftime with a 7-point lead. At half-time, the team certainly got a talking to about effort and mindset, and they definitely took that on board in the second half as we piled on 10.8 to the opposition 3.3 and ran away 40-point winners. Next week we take on Campbells Creek away.

Best: Alex Farrow, Billy Miller, Ash Woodman, Julian Lockwood, Hayden Kelly and Bryce Coffey.

Netball

Under 11s Maldon 1 def by Royal Park 13

Royal Park came out early as they scored 9 to our 0 in the first quarter. With a player down, they were kind enough to share a different player for us each quarter.

Our girls in defence were amazing, keeping them to only 4 goals for the rest of the game. Allowing us to move the ball into our attacking spaces, but Royal Park had some height in the defensive end, only allowing us 1 goal for the game.

Best: Connie Maclaurin and Isla Robertson.

Under 13s Maldon 9 def by Royal Park 13

Huge effort from the team this weekend. Everything we have done at training they put into play over the weekend. End of the first quarter, we were 2 all. Beautiful intercepts

Round 3 v Royal Park

down the court with some unreal shooting.

Best: Eva Gross.

Under 15s Maldon 26 def Royal Park 22

The U15s were again victorious on the weekend, with Royal Park certainly bringing their game. The team was off to a slower start than normal and, at the first change, were behind 7-9 Royal Park's way. The team was still behind at halftime by 4 goals.

The second half saw the team come alive and, with many intercepts and excellent driving, were able to turn the game around.

Best: Eva Gross.

Under 17s Maldon 25 def by Royal Park 26

This game was always going to be tight, and the girls certainly had to bring all their tactics and athletic ability to the game. The Royal Park team were very defensive, but we were able to come back into the game and put the game right up to the Royal Park team.

Best: Ciara Mackenzie.

C Grade Maldon 28 drew Royal Park 28

We came off the blocks quickly and were able to convert with Royal Park also

going shot for shot; it was a 9-8 first quarter Maldon's way. The second quarter was a repeat of the first, and Maldon were only able to keep its 1 goal lead, 18-17. The girls hit the court in the third quarter and could only again get a 2-goal break at the last change.

Best: Sophie Lillie.

B Grade Maldon 35 def Royal Park 29

The game was a challenge, and the ball was contested at every centre pass by all teams; however, we were able to show that we are a united team.

When the pressure was applied, Maldon responded and was able to sneak away goal by goal each quarter.

Best: Renee Williams.

A Grade Maldon 63 def Royal Park 47

Coming off an impeccable battle last week Maldon was determined to get back in the winner's circle.

The Royal Park team certainly did not lack anything in height.

The team was able to convert many interceptions, and the teamwork down the court with speed and accuracy was an absolute pleasure to watch.

Best: Katie Tong.

Luke Cox



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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.4	92.9	44.6
Feb	0.5	8.9	56.3
Mar	68.9	72.3	32.8
Apr	73.9	9.8	99.6
May	3.2	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	236.9	596.0	535.8

Rainfall Maldon Week Ending 10.5.22

N/A

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	90.0	83.4	35.2
Feb	1.0	17.0	52.8
Mar	74.4	83.8	37.0
Apr	91.0	14.4	145.4
May	0.0	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	256.4	683.8	685.0

Rainfall Newstead Week Ending 10.5.22

4.2mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2022	2021	2020
Jan	103.4	101.6	53.6
Feb	0.0	13.6	38.0
Mar	48.0	67.2	35.8
Apr	80.8	11.4	107.6
May	4.2	53.2	56.2
June		62.6	46.6
July		68.2	29.4
Aug		44.0	69.6
Sept		70.0	46.8
Oct		85.4	56.2
Nov		70.4	22.8
Dec		18.6	31.2
TOTAL	236.4	666.2	593.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 10.5.22

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	79,130	% Full	53.78
Site	Malmsbury	Max ML	12,118	Current ML	1,372	% Full	11.6

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BALIC, Bob

5 May 2022 Maldon Tennis Club extends their heartfelt sympathy to Faye and Family.

Bob was a 'Tennis Master', a great sportsman, gentleman and friend. He will be greatly missed.

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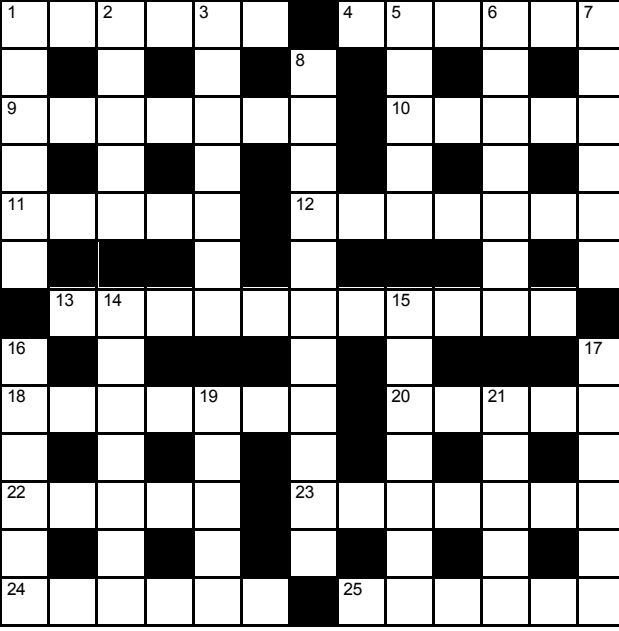


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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

Round 3 v Royal Park

THIS week we returned home for a very cold day on the field and court, coming out with some all-round, excellent results.

The footballers were able to bring home 5/5 wins, and the Netballers kept up the fight, with low numbers, to get over the line with some outstanding teamwork and enthusiasm and some great scores on the board. The club also celebrated Mother's Day with a special Ladies' Day function and some great raffle prizes donated from our Netballers and local shops in Maldon.

Reminder to juniors. Due to fixture changes, please see below details for this weekend's matches:

Under 17.5s Lexton V Maldon at Harcourt 8.30am

Under 14.5s Talbot V Maldon at Talbot 11.15am

Football

11.5

Maldon 36 def Royal Park 5

Seth displayed a steely performance and captained the team's best game of the season with a convincing win over a strong Royal Park Tigers. Team defence and pressure was

MALDON GOLF CLUB



THERE'S no stopping the run of Chris Mulholland as he won his second event in a row, albeit on a countback from good scores by Wayne Brasher and Ian Long.

Saturday's win will see Chris compete with other Monthly Medal winners for the prestigious Medal of Medalists award in October.

Golfers are eyeing off the turfing works at the back of the 11th scrape and are eagerly awaiting the opportunity of playing with this improvement and challenge. Well done to Ash McKnight and his team for great work! Golfers are also enjoying the fairways of green grass and the cooler playing conditions of late.

Congratulations to Club Champion Simon Sheedy on adding to his trophy cabinet and bragging rights with his mates on a great win in the Club Championship for Castlemaine Golf Club.

RESULTS

MAY MONTHLY MEDAL and COUNT-PUTTS

WINNER

Chris Mulholland 65nett on countback

RUNNER-UP

Wayne Brasher 65nett on countback

GOOD SCORE

Ian Long 65nett

Ash McKnight 66nett

John Arnold 66nett

COUNT-PUTTS

Noel Oliver 24 putts

NEAREST the PINS

Bruce McGregor HOLE 2

Nic VanWamel HOLE 10

Ca\$h-HOLE

Ian Long HOLE 17

GOLF TOMORROW

Registration 12noon.....hit-off 12.30pm

Bob Briggs



☆ Julian Lockwood Rucking in the Seniors.

outstanding, with Mini Zav clocking 10 tackles, Ess 4 tackles and a goal-saving mark from Vance. The whole team continues to improve, especially Lucas, Oliver, Heath and Darcy. A breakout game from Auzzie and two slick goals from 'Robbie Gray' play like and lookalike Nashman, pieced together a strong win. Next up C Creek.

Best: A. Webster, V. Jones, Z. Slickerodt, S. Gross, L. Pascoe and E. Egleton.

14.5

Maldon 224 def Royal Park 0

This week they played well as a team and followed instructions perfectly. If they can maintain this level of football, we will be there at the pointy end of the season in really good shape. Well done boys, great win.

Best: Ryan Burchell, Jack Smith, Brodie Doyle, Izaak Mason, Jack McLeod and Levi Mason.

17.5

Maldon 150 def Royal Park 15

17.5s had a good win against Royal Park, but they still have some work to do. The boys are still finding their way with each other, but when they do put a quarter together, they are unstoppable. We just need to put four quarters together and have plenty of time to do this before finals. All that said, the boys are undefeated after three rounds.

Best: Flynn Rowbottom, Jovian Goulton, Daniel Zammit, Noah Thompson and Blayne Cananzi.

Reserves

Maldon 220 def Royal Park 1

The Reserves took on an undermanned Royal Park team. Right from the outset, the boys were able to hit the scoreboard freely. A solid four quarter effort was put in as we won by 219 points. Jack Fowler was at his hard-working best kicking 8, with 15-year-old Callum Buchanan also kicking 5. The highlight of the day was Matt Baker, who was playing his first Football Game ever at 45, who was able to slot home 2 goals. Other good players were Bailey Muscat, Coby Bennett and Beau Kitchingman.



☆ Jaylea Ford having a shot for goal.

Seniors

Maldon 105 def Royal Park 65

It was a bit cold, but great conditions for footy, and to give credit where credit is due, the Royal Park boys turned up and

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SOCIAL PETANQUE

*On Mothers Day,
The Boss was away*

LAST Sunday 10 SOPs (Sociable Old Petanquers) turned out at the Penny School pistes for their fortnightly games.

All mothers were congratulated, and we welcomed back our landlord Julian for his first visit since the pandemic outbreak.

There were two triples teams and two doubles teams in action, and after the first round, it was by coincidence that the two winners were to play each other in round two, and the round two losers

were also to play each other. Both round two games were exciting events.

At the end of play, the only team with 2 wins was Jenny and Kevin who had 4 points, following them were Stevie W, Joan and Geoff 1 win 6 points, then also with 1 win but -6 points were Phil, Judy and Julian. Fourth placegetters were Carole and Steve; no wins -4 points.

A good day was had by all.

Next games at the Penny School pistes will be on Sunday 22 May starting at 2pm at the Penny School pistes.

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