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Council says it will test four different kerb materials used on the crossing during the trial, as well as alternative landscape designs.

One unknown resident came up with his/her own alternative use for one of the planter boxes by turning it into a grave site, complete with a headstone mourning the loss of Maldon's heritage on 21 May, 2021. Flowers were laid at the other end of the makeshift grave.

The headstone, which had not been removed but laid to rest against a nearby post when the *TT* went to print, sparked plenty of comments on social media – both for and against the trial crossing.

The comments included: 'Democracy at work, perfect response to an ugly addition'.

'People should realise OH&S takes priority over heritage. Always has and always will. The creator would be the first to complain if an incident affected a person. Personally I like all 4 designs. And I think they could all remain'.

'Brilliant. Someone has a sense of humour in this town'.

Tarrangower Ward Cr Stephen Gardner says he has received a lot of feedback about the trial crossing.

"I suppose the most annoying feedback I have

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The trial pedestrian crossing in Main Street, Maldon has certainly

become a divisive talking point in the historic town.

Those against the crossing say it doesn't fit in with heritage values of the town,

while those in favour say 'it's a crossing for goodness sake' and it will make things safe for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Council finished installing the 'temporary' crossing between Maldon Quality Butchers and Tres Doux Tres Beau Salon earlier this

week and it will remain in place for a month.

But as quite a few residents have already pointed out, it looks far from temporary.

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Community Diary

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This is a free community service.
It is a good idea to advertise closer to the event.

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, 9am to 1pm at the IGA carpark in Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0490 366 243.

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 1.30 for a 2pm 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.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

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

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

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

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

COMMUNITY PANTRY Delicious home-delivered meals. Order info@maldonnc.org.au or 5475 2093.

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

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

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

MALDON CROQUET CLUB 9.30am. New members welcome. Enq. Ray Austin 0448 338 251.

YOGA AND RELAXATION, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Hall. Evenings 6-7.30pm. Come and try, first class free. Enq: Andrea 0427 772 878.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

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

EASY STEPS TO FITNESS AEROBICS, 9am - 10am Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, beginners welcome. Starts 5 May. \$10 concession, \$15 full. Enq: Sean 0419 210 043.

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.

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

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

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

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

MALDON CROQUET CLUB 9.30am. New members welcome. Enq. Ray Austin 0448 338 251.

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

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

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MALDON MUSEUM HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE 10am - 1pm.

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SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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SATURDAY 29 MAY

BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT PLAISTOW HOMESTEAD GARDENS. 324 Rodborough Road, Joyces Creek 10am - 12.30pm. All proceeds to the Cancer Council. Enq: Lilian and Peter Skilbeck 5476 2450.

SUNDAY 30 MAY

MALDON'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA, 10-11.30am Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, gold coin donation for crazy hair. Bookings: 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

GUIDED RIVERSIDE WALK IN NEWSTEAD, east route of the Loddon River meet at 10.30am at the Anglican Church Hall. Morning tea afterward. Bookings are essential 5479 1000. Free and all welcome.

TARRANGOWER CACTUS CONTROL COMMUNITY FIELD DAY at 10.30am ending with a BBQ lunch around 12.30pm. Eastern end of Bells Lane, Eastville, head north out of maldon along Bridgewater Rd for 9kms then turn right into Murphys Road. Drive another 3kms and turn right into Bells Lane and we'll be another 1.5kms along. Enq: www.cactuswarriors.org.

SATURDAY 17 JULY

MALDON GARDEN CLUB welcomes you to a presentation by Penny Woodward at 1pm-4pm Maldon Community Centre. Tickets \$35 incl. 3 raffle tickets and afternoon tea. Enq: Carmel 0417 014 763 or carmelnaismith@gmail.com.



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(See Councillor’s Column on Page 5).

People in the main street have been seen chuckling,

debating and arguing over the pros and cons of the first prototype crossing all week.

Thankfully no one was arguing when the *TT* asked Main Street pedestrians what they thought of the crossing last Tuesday. (See Street Survey this Page. Also Letters to the Editor on Page 5).

One Maldon resident, who asked not to be named, said she didn’t understand all of the fuss.

“Surely safety comes up trumps over everything,” she

said. “Everyone seems to be screaming ‘it’s not heritage’ – well, neither are cars!”

Another Maldon resident, Bernie Kriss, said it makes a wonderful grave setting and it ‘would look just as good in the cemetery’.

“Also it’s a good way to discourage people from shopping in Main Street.”

Feedback forms on the

prototypes are available at Maldon Quality Butchers and the Maldon Newsagency during business hours. Completed feedback forms can be placed in the collection boxes located at those two sites.

Online feedback forms are available at shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Community input on the

trial pedestrian crossing point will be incorporated into the final design.

Submissions regarding the trial pedestrian crossing will close at 5pm on Friday 25 June 2021.

** What’s your view? Write to the Tarrangower Times, P.O. Box 18, Maldon 3463 Victoria or email editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au.*

Street Survey

What do you think of the new crossover that is being trialled in Main Street, Maldon?



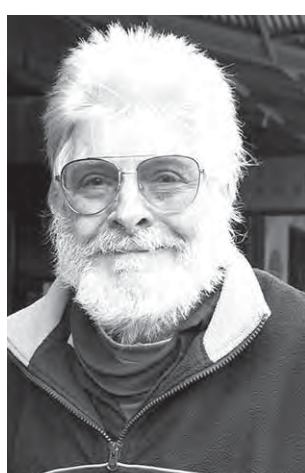
Sharon Hopkins, Maldon:

I don’t agree with people who are writing into the paper complaining about it. I think the crossing is a good idea. I’m in a wheelchair and it’s hard for me to cross the road especially if someone parks over the (existing) wooden crossovers. My friends worry about me crossing the road ... and I must admit, it can get a little bit scary.



Ross Douglass, Bendigo:

From a safety perspective, it’s a great idea especially with these deep gutters here. We used it and I’ve seen other people using it too.



Jim Dunstone, Maldon:

I think it’s pretty craptacular. I’m just waiting for the insurance claims to come into Council when they (motorists) hit one of these (planter boxes). Also there’s no signage – how does a driver know it’s there? Plus it’s taking up half a dozen parking spots.



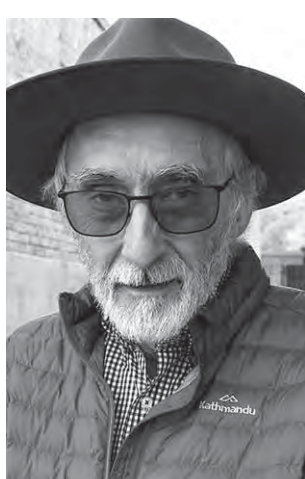
Sally Alves, Maldon:

Not much. I’ve only just seen it today. I’m hoping it will help people, particularly the elderly. The wooden crossovers that are already here can get very slippery.



Tess Walton, Maldon:

I’m happy with it. I’ve got a preference for the paving (on the left-hand-side planter box on the Newsagent’s side of the road). I think it’s great – we’re not making it into a crossing with white lines – I don’t think we need it.



John Newman, Maldon:

I don’t think it serves any purpose in Maldon. It looks like it belongs in the suburbs. They say it’s temporary – well it looks like it’s here forever, how do we get our streetscape back?

Changing of the guard



AFTER a couple of years in the editor’s chair at the Tarrangower Times, it’s time for me to move on.

It’s been a privilege and an honour to be at the helm of this wonderful, 162-year-old newspaper.

I’d like to thank Karen, Viv, Kerry and Beth for their support during my time on the paper. But most of all I’d like to thank the local communities for trusting me with their news and stories over the past two years.

I’ve always believed a newspaper is a reflection of the community it serves and I’m mighty proud of some of the editions we created, especially during the COVID-19 lockdowns, in 2020. It was quite a ride.

The new editor of the *Tarrangower Times*, as of yesterday, Thursday 27 May, is Jade Jungwirth.

Jade has been a resident of Maldon and Castlemaine for over 14 years. She is an enthusiastic writer and social worker and mother of two bright and spirited young children.

“I am thrilled to be joining the *Tarrangower Times* as editor and cannot wait to publish news and stories that matter to the community.

“I look forward to getting to know more local residents and would love to hear what is important to you, so make sure you send in letters to the editor!”

Good luck Jade and thanks again everyone.

Jeff Jones

Guess who’s staying at my place?



MALDON Getaways have all kinds of guests stay in the B & B’s but this Owlet Nightjar sure made them jump.

The bird was found in the fireplace at Howards End Cottage recently.

Luckily, the fire was not lit and he/she was able to be caught and was taken to

Hepburn Springs Wildlife Shelter.

Maldon Getaways would like to thank the shelter and staff who do an amazing job. Also, thanks to local resident Del who works tirelessly with other locals to rescue and advise us what to do when we find local fauna needing our help.

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☆ Looking very dapper: Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum President Alan Miller was on hand to greet volunteers as they arrived for morning tea.

THE celebratory Morning Tea at Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum to say thank you to our volunteers for all the work they do in the community proved to be a hit last Sunday morning.

About 40 people attended the hour-long event. “I was happy with the turnout and we had an absolutely beautiful day which made it even better,” said organiser Renee Thompson. She said the cakes, which included scones, muffins, slices and chocolate cake, went down ‘very well’.

“We encouraged people to come back for seconds and thirds – and they did!” Renee said. The yummy cakes were made by the lovely ladies of the Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum. *Photos courtesy of Peter Thompson.*

☆ Sunshine on my shoulders: It was a perfect day for morning tea in Maldon.



☆ All set to go: Renee Thompson prepares to serve morning tea.

MALDON'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

SUNDAY MAY 30, 10-11.30AM
MALDON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Come dressed in your floral best. Join in the Floral Fascinator fashion parade for prizes and fun! Kid friendly. Gold coin donation for crazy hair!

Help us reach our \$1000 target. \$30 donation per person.

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Can't make it? Please donate to:
<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/maldonmorningtea/vic>

Fantastic morning tea for a great cause!



MALDON'S Biggest Morning Tea at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre is on this Sunday 30 May from 10am-11.30am – and you're invited!

are held across the nation to raise money for the Cancer Council; many of us have been touched by cancer and we want to do our bit to help. There will be some fun and games, lots of delicious

foods, bubbles and a light-hearted (optional) floral fascinator fashion parade! Contact the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre to book your place, tickets are by donation (\$30). Children are welcome to come, we have a safe play-space and there will be crazy hair by donation. We are hoping to raise over \$1000 with money raised going toward research, support and prevention. Investment in research has helped increase survival rates from 49 per cent in the 1980s to 69 per cent today. The Cancer Council helps Australians reduce their cancer risk through their world-leading prevention campaigns and support families with practical information. Get in touch now to book your place at the morning tea - call 5475 2093 or email info@maldonnc.org.au. If you are online, simply donate \$30 per person to this link <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/maldonmorningtea/> and pop 'entry ticket' into the reference and we'll add you to the guest list. **Amy Atkinson**
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Councillor's Column

with Tarrengower Ward Councillor Stephen Gardner



The Maldon Streetscape project is still ongoing and you wouldn't know it but most of the street is now currently operating on the underground cables. PowerCor is on track to have everything finished by the end of June.

This is a big deal for lots of people in this community who have been advocating for the undergrounding of

power for many years; I have heard of up to 50 years. I am hoping for a community celebration when the power poles come down.

The trial cross over is now in place and obviously Council is keen to hear your feedback on the preferred mix of materials, as they will then be used throughout the rest of the project.

I have received a lot of feedback already, but I suppose the most annoying feedback I have received is about how I am personally trying to destroy the heritage of the town.

The revitalisation of Maldon is not my personal plan and has been a desire of many people in this community.

There are many local

people involved in this project from long-term residents and traders to heritage experts and building owners. The whole intent of this project is to preserve and enhance the streetscape.

There are so many heritage experts involved in this project including expert consultants, local heritage expertise, the Council's heritage advisor, and numerous and extensive heritage reports. It's the heritage aspect of Maldon that makes this community unique.

Some of the elements like new cross overs have been designed to improve access and make it safer for many people in our community. This includes the more elderly people and people with mobility issues.

The cross overs will slow down traffic and make it safer and easier for people to cross the road and gutters.

We as a community need to cater for and be inclusive of everyone. I do find it sad that, for some reason, several people seem to have no concern about this.

Apart from the cross overs, there will be new furniture, street lighting, resurfacing of roads and paths, restoration of the gutters and a grants' program to restore shopfronts.

This is a large investment from the Victorian Government and Council, and I for one am very pleased to see that Maldon is getting the attention it deserves.

May Council meeting

Council meetings are back to 'normalish' in our usual meeting place but conducted within COVID-19 rules and they are still being streamed on YouTube. The Council approved the community grants round and there were several successful groups in Maldon; I am looking forward to seeing their

projects up and running. These grants, whilst only small, make a lot of difference to these volunteer organisations.

Most of the other business at the meeting was administrative with two planning applications in Castlemaine, both of which were very difficult decisions to make. Council officers recommended that no permit be granted for the establishment of a medical centre in a residential street. I supported this recommendation due to neighbour amenity issues and that, with the current shortage of housing across the Shire, we should not

be supporting residential housing properties being turned into commercial properties. The majority of Councillors supported not issuing a permit.

The other application was to demolish a building and build a new one. The building to be demolished was an example of an original miner's cottage and whilst it was in a state of disrepair, the front façade could have been kept. Council officers recommended that no permit be issued, and I supported that. Unfortunately, most Councillors did support issuing a permit for their own reasons.

Council 2021-22 Draft Budget

In the April Council meeting it was agreed to advertise the 2021-22 budget for public consultation. I know many people have made submissions and on Tuesday 25 May a special meeting will be held to hear responses and listen to people's concerns or projects. I look forward to hearing from these people before I decide on how I will be voting on this budget.

Maldon will have another busy month no doubt, so stay safe and be kind to each other.

Letters to the Editor



Community Consultation Sham

The proposed crossover designs for Main Street, Maldon are horrific.

In recent years, residents such as myself have given significant time and energy participating in Council's various streetscape working groups/sub-committees.

These opportunities were presented to us as part of Council's commitment to 'community consultation'. It is now apparent that this was a sham. We have been used.

What has been delivered on Main Street is not what the sub-committee I sat on endorsed or anticipated. It was to be a temporary trial

of the least intrusive design possible. Plainly, we have been had. The illusion of choice was no true choice. None of the 'options' are acceptable yet we are not allowed to say no. What has been executed was clearly predetermined. I was a fool to think otherwise.

All four designs are out of keeping with the precious heritage streetscape for which Main Street is celebrated and frequented by tourists.

These 'off-the-shelf' designs are better suited to a run-of-the-mill urban environment.

Why can't we have an inexpensive and low key solution (to what is actually an unquantified and poorly understood problem)?

For example, a plain white wooden post either side of the gutter crossing (similar to outside the Post Office) would give pedestrians greater space between parked cars to cross and avoid the need to introduce new materials into the fabric of the street. Or better still, reduce the speed limit on Main Street.

Just because Council has money to burn does not mean they have to go shopping for something we do not need or want. Perhaps they could focus on repairing footpaths and maintaining heritage gutters. Get the basics right first.

Based on my engagement with Council, there is a total lack of respect for residents and no genuine desire to listen or understand. The goodwill has gone.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. The design selected will be rolled out throughout the town as part of her 'beautification'.

Those who are actually making the decisions for us do not live here and will move on to another Council someday with their burgeoning portfolios. We will be the ones struggling to answer 'how did you let this happen to Maldon?'

Our town is special. It deserves expert care and sensitivity. I feel she is lost. RIP Maldon heritage.

Millicent Lang,
Resident,
Maldon.

Driver fined



UNSAFE loads pose a danger to all road users, property and the environment.

When out on patrol last Friday morning, Maryborough Police came across a vehicle (pictured) and dished out a \$578 fine to the driver for carrying an unsafe load.

Fallen debris from unsafe and unsecured loads can cause road closures, traffic disruption and worse case can lead to serious accidents.

Here are some tips for carrying your load safely:

- Choose a suitable vehicle

for your load;

- Position and place the load so that it is secure;
- Select suitable restraint equipment – it should be 'rated' and meet Australian standards;
- You may need to adjust your headlight when your vehicle is loaded; and
- Drive carefully and regularly check your restraints.

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Indigenous plants in your garden – what to plant in Maldon



☆ There was a great turnout for the launch of MULGA's latest brochure last Sunday.



☆ Frances Cincotta launching the brochure.

A terrific new brochure featuring a wide range of indigenous plants for gardens in the Maldon area was launched at the old Battery site in Adair St East, Maldon last Sunday morning.

The brochure, *Indigenous plants for the garden in Maldon*, was produced by the Maldon Urban Landcare Group (MULGA) thanks

to a Mount Alexander Shire Community Grant.

Frances Cincotta, from Newstead Natives, (recently featured on ABC's *Gardening Australia*) had the honour of launching the brochure.

"Traditionally, Landcare groups have mainly worked on public lands but I also think it matters what we plant on our land because it's linked to wildlife in the area," Frances said.

"This (wildlife) includes butterflies and a lot of creatures who don't have the ability to travel very far."

Frances said she is really proud that Landcare is so strong in the Mount Alexander Shire - 'there's one (a Landcare group) about every five kilometres'.

"(Locally) we're thicker on the ground than anywhere in the world."



☆ Relaxed: Guests enjoy the launch of the brochure.

She said it was great to see the brochure was being delivered in the local area.

It will be delivered to all letterboxes in Maldon in the next two to three weeks, and will also be available at both the Maldon and Castlemaine Information Centres.

The brochure contains valuable information about the benefits of indigenous

plants, and explains about fire wise plants, planting methods; the brochure also includes websites for more information.

"It makes it very simple for people," Frances said.

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

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betterhealth.vic.gov.au/flu



Murder charge

HOMICIDE Squad detectives have charged a man with murder following the death of an 80-year-old man in Castlemaine on Monday morning 24 May.

A 53-year-old Castlemaine man was interviewed by detectives and charged the same night.

He was remanded to appear before the Bendigo Magistrates' Court on Tuesday when he was remanded in custody to reappear in court in October.

The charge follows the discovery of an 80-year-old man's body at his Wimble Street address about 10.45am.

The parties were believed to be known to each other.



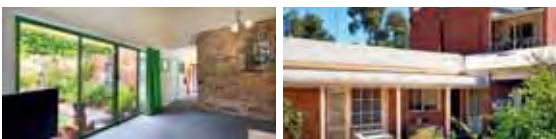
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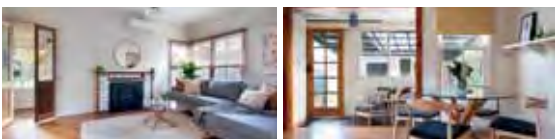


Castlemaine
1/104 Mostyn Street \$535,000

BOUTIQUE GARDEN TOWNHOUSE MOSTYN STREET LOCALE OFFERS A PEACEFUL, WALK EVERYWHERE LIFESTYLE! 2 1 1

Tucked away between Mostyn and Forest Street sits this amazingly spacious and low maintenance, smartly styled 2 bedroom townhouse that offers exceptional town convenience. Set in a peaceful setting of the small block of units, the home features a garden courtyard area that is north facing, private, leafy and secure - a perfect haven for outdoor relaxation or entertaining.

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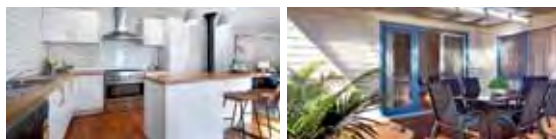


Castlemaine
4 Douglas Crescent \$545,000

CHARMING MID-CENTURY TIMBER HOME WITH NATURAL LIGHT & TALL CEILINGS LEAFY, PRIVATE GARDENS! 2 1 2

Situated in a quiet street, nearby the Winters Flat Primary school and within walking distance to the shops and train station, this charming 1950s property is ready for new life. With a sunlit entry vestibule and French doors opening to the main living area, the home is intriguing from the first step. The kitchen has a functional layout with servery window to the lounge, electric cooking and dishwasher.

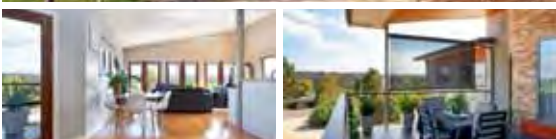
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Newstead
41 Panmure Street \$525,000

DELIGHTFUL DOUBLE FRONTED 50S HOME WITH A FABULOUS INTERIOR PERFECT TO ENJOY THE VILLAGE VIBE AND CONVENIENCE OF NEWSTEAD! 3 1 1

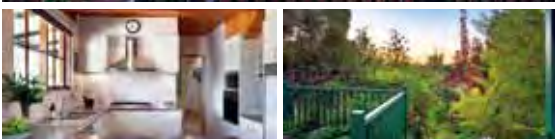
Behind a classic country façade lies this cozy home that has been tastefully updated and maintained. Highlights of the property include timber flooring throughout the living space, three generous bedrooms with quality carpet and both electric heating/cooling and traditional wood fire.



Campbells Creek
16 Penhallurick Street

LUXE COUNTRY STYLE WITH VIEWS & NATIVE GARDEN 4 2 2

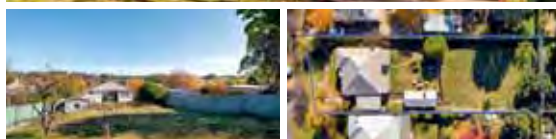
Positioned on 1835m2 (0.45 Acre) land with town services, views and a luxuriously spacious interior, this special custom built home offers a unique lifestyle in the heart of town. The property is a modern and perched among native trees, offering stretching views throughout the property. Both inside the home and a number of entertaining areas too. The spacious 200sqm living space comprises 4 oversize double bedrooms with robes, a large main and separate ensuite bathroom, and master suite with a fitted walk-in robe.



Maldon
45 Parker Street

SPLENDID SPACES OFFER A COUNTRY FEEL WITH VILLAGE CONVENIENCE BUSH-LAND AT YOUR DOORSTEP WITH TOWN SERVICES! 5 3 4

Set on a lush almost half acre with a Maldon Mill, this exceptional 2 level home and extensive living spaces and options for short occupancy or B&B accommodation. The ground level of the main home has a formal entrance off the large balcony, open plan kitchen/dining/living area.



Castlemaine
42 Richards Road

1950S DOUBLE FRONT POSITIONED ON OVER 900M2 CLOSE TO THE GARDENS, TRAIN STATION AND MILL COMPLEX! 3 1 2

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Food Links: connecting people, gardens and food



WALMER resident Deanna Neville has been appointed as the new Food Links coordinator.

Deanna will be the link to connect and strengthen the web of existing community gardens, their gardeners, and the local food projects and community members who benefit from them.

She has started visiting community gardens in the region to understand how they operate and start building connections.

Deanna is a community development facilitator who has been involved in a range of sustainability and community garden projects and activities across Mount Alexander Shire over many years.

With an appreciation for wholesome home veggie

gardening that began as a child at her family farm in the Mallee, Deanna has networked with like-minded friends, neighbours and the local community gardens to gather knowledge, training and materials needed to develop and manage her own rather large home garden in Walmer.

"I see the Food Links project as a way for the community gardens to work together to discover innovative ways of tapping into new and existing gardening resources. Mount Alexander is full of people, places and products that can help strengthen and secure gardens and gardening well into the future," Deanna said.

The purpose of Food Links is to create more

resilient communities in the region by increasing participation and connection to community gardens and community food programs and bringing them together in a supportive and collaborative network.

Supported by the Steering Group, Deanna will take the lead in the project to create a seasonal calendar of gatherings and community workshops, build the capacity of community gardens locally and create a flourishing network of community gardens and food programmes, starting with a network gathering on Sunday 19 June at the Newstead Community Garden.

"We are so pleased to have someone of Deanna's experience and passion working on the Food Links network", said Amy Atkinson, who is a Steering Group member and Coordinator of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. "We're looking forward to bringing people together at our first network gathering."

If you are interested in connecting with the Food Links network or would like to come to the first gathering, contact 5472 4842 or foodlinks@cch.org.au.

Council on track to slash greenhouse emissions



☆ The Dundonnell Wind Farm near Mortlake will be one of two wind farms to provide renewable energy for the VECO project.

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council is one of 46 Victorian Councils to sign on to VECO, the Victorian Energy Collaboration, the largest ever emissions reduction project by local government in Australia.

VECO, led by Darebin City Council in Melbourne's north, will provide 45 per cent of all Victorian Councils' electricity requirements with 100 per cent renewables, reducing greenhouse emissions by 260,000 tonnes of CO2-e every year.

Provided by Red Energy, the 240GWh of clean power is equivalent to powering 48,000 homes with

renewables or removing the emissions from 90,000 cars every year.

The ground-breaking project will reduce each of the Council's current energy bills and reduce electricity prices by using clean renewable energy generated in Victoria.

By joining the project, Mount Alexander Shire Council will power 100 per cent of its total electricity use with 100 per cent renewables.

This includes streetlights, public toilets and facilities such as the Civic Centre, Castlemaine Town Hall, community buildings and

the Castlemaine Library.

"I'm delighted to say that by signing on to the VECO project, we've met a key milestone of Council's Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality 2020-25," said Council's CEO Darren Fuzzard.

"As of January next year, we anticipate to have zero-emissions electricity for all Council-managed operations, cutting out over 700 tonnes of greenhouse emissions per year."

The renewable energy will be provided by two wind farms in Victoria – Dundonnell wind farm near Mortlake and Murra Warra II wind farm near Horsham.

Exciting time for our new citizens



SEVEN new Australian citizens were welcomed to Mount Alexander Shire last week after a citizenship ceremony was held at the Civic Centre in Castlemaine.

Local Aboriginal elder

Uncle Rick Nelson provided a Welcome to Country and an individual welcome for each new citizen to keep them safe on country.

Mayor Tony Cordy congratulated each of our

new residents on their journey to become an Australian citizen.

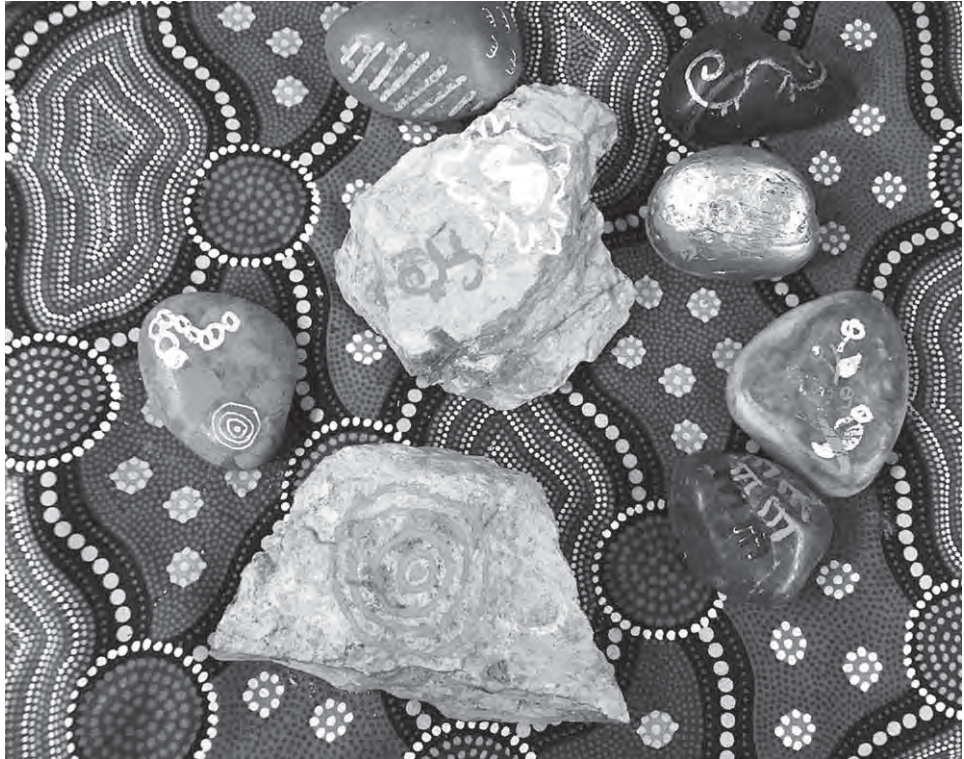
"We are very proud of our creative and connected community here and are pleased our new citizens have chosen Mount Alexander Shire as their home," he said.

The new citizens hail from France, Malaysia, the Irish Republic, the United Kingdom and the United States.

New citizen Marie Goodhall (pictured), originally from Somerset, England, said she was excited to be part of the day's celebrations.

"I've been in Australia nine years, almost to the day, so to now have the privilege of being able to vote and take part in the direction of the country is something that I'm really looking forward to," Ms Goodhall said.

Reconciliation takes action



THIS week is National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June) and this year's theme is More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.

Reconciliation Week started with an event on the steps of the historic Market Building in Castlemaine to commemorate Sorry Day on Wednesday 26 May. Dja Dja Wurrung Elder Uncle Rick Nelson opened proceedings by conducting a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country. The event also included key note speeches by Aunty Maxine Briggs and Uncle Larry Walsh, who will share their personal stories.

An exhibition to mark Reconciliation Week Exhibition, also at the Market Building, opened the following day.

The exhibition, which is open to the public all week, features historical displays, Indigenous artefacts, local stories and a range of Aboriginal art by talented local artists.

It also features a speech from Uncle Ron Murray, a Wamba Wamba man who lives locally in Yapeen. He is also a renowned storyteller, musician, didgeridoo maker and wood sculptor.

A range of stimulating

and educational activities will also run as part of the Reconciliation Week program across the shire including story time at the Castlemaine Library, films at the Theatre Royal, cultural tours and walks, a Spirit of Country celebration and more.

For more information on the full range of events visit Nalderun's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nalderun, pick up a program from the Civic Centre, the Castlemaine Library and other locations across the shire, or contact Council on 5471 1700.

Act now or risk further action

THE Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging Victorians who have outstanding non-voting fines to take action before the matter is referred to Fines Victoria.

Only a small number of Victorians, who failed to vote in the 2020 local council elections, will be receiving a Penalty Reminder Notice from this week, which

carries an additional fee of \$25.80.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately, advised recipients of a Penalty Reminder Notice to act as soon as possible.

"If you receive a Penalty Reminder Notice in the mail you need to take action," he said.

"Do not ignore the notice, or your details will

be provided to the Director of Fines Victoria for further enforcement action."

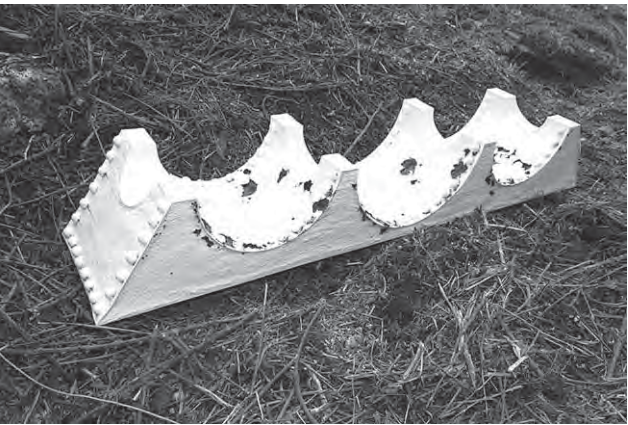
Non-voters have 28 days to respond to the Penalty Reminder Notice.

The VEC encourages people who are unsure what to do, to call 1300 551 575 or visit vec.vic.gov.au/voting/fines-and-reviews.

Maldon shines through in artists' work



☆ Artist Lewis Fidock in his studio.



☆ Lewis Fidock & Joshua Petherick's sculpture, *Herring*, 2021.

Image courtesy of the artists.

ARTIST Lewis Fidock lives part-time in a tranquil Maldon cottage, which was once the home of his late father, Stephan Fidock.

Stephan, a well-known musician, very sadly passed away on April 26, 2020 at the age of 60.

Lewis, 32, juggles his time and commitments between life in Melbourne and in Maldon, the latter being a place to recharge the batteries and work on his sculptures with fellow artist Joshua Petherick.

The pair recently finished putting together their third

body of work from a shed-turned-studio located on the property at the base of ANZAC Hill.

"It became clear as we approached the latest exhibition, that the general persona of the town and its beautiful surrounding bush lands have had a significant influence both directly and indirectly on the works, and on us as artists," Lewis said.

Their current exhibition is showing at the Robert Heald Gallery in Wellington, New Zealand.

"Predominantly we create sculptures but also mixed

media and have done some video work," Lewis said.

A graduate from the Victorian College of the Arts, Lewis has been practising his art professionally for the past six years.

Joshua on the other hand is self-taught and the pair just click when it comes to collaborating on a project.

"Our work is all very open ended," Lewis said. "We source material from the Goldfields region, we also create it from scratch and the end result is open to interpretation."

"We're not driven by anything didactic or even sensible," he laughs. "Basically we began collaborating because we both share an interest in hobby activities, special effects and applications."

The exhibition at Robert Heald Gallery looks at appearances in nature.

"It's about how the natural environment goes about ageing man-made objects that we find really interesting."

To check out Lewis and Joshua's work, visit www.roberthealdgallery.com.

Volunteers Welcome to attend Cactus Warrior Field Day



☆ Tarrangower Cactus Control Group volunteers treating Wheel Cactus infestation.

THE Tarrangower Cactus Control Group sincerely thanks all the volunteers who have helped control local Wheel Cactus infestations.

Many community members have contributed to maintaining our 'war on Wheel Cactus' over the past years.

Volunteers have helped clear Maldon Historic Reserve of major infestations, helping to preserve our native plants and animals and restore our stunning park.

Many local property owners have been assisted over the years by the 'cactus warriors' giving valuable

assistance and advice.

There's also been many devoted and passionate volunteers who have served on our committee, bringing an amazing range of skills and talent – thanks to all of you.

Old and new volunteers are all invited to our next Community Field Day on Sunday 30 May. The morning's activities begin at 10.30am and end with a delicious BBQ lunch and friendly chat around 12.30pm. We supply all the necessary equipment, so please come and join us for a rewarding morning in the outdoors.

The location for this field

day is at the eastern end of Bells Lane, Eastville. To get there, head north out of Maldon along Bridgewater Road for 9kms, then turn right into Murphys Road. Drive another 3kms and turn right into Bells Lane, and you'll find us another 1.5 kms along, on the side of the road in Bells Lane. The route will be well marked with our 'cactus' boards.

These events are COVID-Safe and family friendly, but children must be accompanied by a parent at all times. If you have any queries or want to see a map for directions, please go to our website at www.cactuswarriors.org.

Lee Mead

Community grants announced



☆ Previous recipients Maldon Tennis Club used their community grant to purchase new tennis nets.

SEVENTEEN local groups, including the Maldon Bowling Club and Cairn Curran Sailing Club, will share in more than \$40,000 in grants to deliver a range of projects as part of Council's 2021 Community Grants Program.

"These projects will benefit our community in many ways from improving access to recreational activities, communication about events and projects, training, volunteer recruitment,

landscaping and more," said Mount Alexander Shire Council's Corporate and Community Services Director Lisa Knight.

The first round of funding for 2021 will support projects including radio training opportunities for people with disabilities at MAINfm, and Get into Golf for Women at Castlemaine Golf Club.

Other projects include the design and building of a website for the Elphinstone

Progress Association, the purchase of bowls for community use at Maldon Bowling Club and the incorporation and launch of Mt Alexander Cycling.

Cairn Curran Sailing Club Inc. will receive \$2,800 to upskill 20 people.

The next round of Community Grants opens on Monday 19 July 2021. For details call 5471 1700 or email grants@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Learners permit online

THE Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell has welcomed the introduction of a new testing system allowing young Victorians to obtain their learners permit online but questioned why the system was not available state-wide

now.

Ms Lovell called for online learner permit testing in August last year after being inundated with constituents complaining about the huge backlog of applicants waiting to do their tests created by the COVID-19

pandemic.

The Government launched the program in Gippsland last month but the system will not be available to all young Victorians until the end of June.

"This is a common-sense move by the government, and while the delay has been frustrating, I encourage the Minister to meet his own timeline and implement the new system state-wide as quickly as possible," Ms Lovell said.

The new online test takes learners through a course that is a mix of theory, visual graphics, and interactive videos prior to a final assessment.



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Expo proves a hit

A big crowd attended the Castlemaine Emergency Services Expo at Western Reserve last Saturday.

Youngsters were clearly loving the display of fire trucks with lots of kids taking turns to hop into the driver's seat to play firefighter.

There was a huge range of emergency vehicles on show including police cars and ambulances.

The highlight of the day was watching the SES conduct a live vehicle rescue demonstration.

Emergency services in attendance on the day included

Forest Fire Management, Victoria Police, Red Cross, CFA, Ambulance Victoria and Mount Alexander Shire Disability Advocacy Group.

All of the groups hailed the day a success, with many saying they had recruited new volunteers on the day.



☆ Young Leo, 2, who loves anything truck-related, was in his element at the Expo.



☆ Lorraine Le Plastrier and Paul Gianni were on hand to recruit mentors for the Mount Alexander Shire Disability Advocacy Group.



☆ Paramedics Justyne Kristic and Kelli Jones signed up some new volunteers for Ambulance Victoria.



☆ The next sequence of five photos shows Castlemaine SES members demonstrating how they undertake a vehicle rescue.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW

On the evening of Tuesday, 20 May, 1902 the Maldon Methodist congregation opened their third annual Flower Show and Industrial Exhibition at the Maldon Temperance Hall (now the Community Centre). The Show ran over three days and featured not just horticulture, but also cooking, music, art and handicrafts. The organising committee offered prize money in over 150 categories.

At an organising meeting a week prior to the Show it was decided to include a ‘Ping-Pong’ table with a small charge to play. Edward Lloyds also offered the use of his dart gun and Mrs Jane Rowe was elected as convener of the ‘Look Out’ committee that was charged with seeing that the exhibits were not interfered with.

On the opening night, after Rev Charles Fowler offered a short prayer, Rev William Palamountain welcomed all those present. In his remarks he emphasised the refining influence of horticulture, music and the other arts. He also asked everyone to patronise the various stalls that had been set up and so drop ‘a few coppers in our coffers’. He concluded by thanking the judges who had provided their valuable services and in particular, Rev Edward Sugden, Master of Queen’s College at the University of Melbourne who had agreed to judge the musical and vocal competitions. The opening evening also featured items by the Maldon Orchestral Society and concluded with a dumb bell performance by

girls from the Maldon State School.

The recent lack of rain meant that the floral exhibits were disappointing. Despite this, there were some magnificent floral displays and artistic bouquets. The competition in the cookery classes was very keen but local orchardist Ernest Schuttloffel dominated the fruit and vegetable sections. There were several novel entries including a violin cut by Percy Phillips from a kerosene tin and an electric merry-go-round made by Charles Axberg.

The second evening was dedicated to vocal and instrumental competitions. It featured Sam Le Mert a talented amateur performer from Melbourne who was known as the ‘whistling comedian’. The most keenly contested categories were the female vocal competitions.

On Thursday, 12 June, all the volunteers who had worked on the Show and their partners were invited to a social at the Methodist Sunday School in Fountain Street. The evening featured musical items, parlour games and some interesting chemistry experiments performed by Horace Paull. The highlight of the evening was a ‘Ping-Pong’ tournament. At the end of a very enjoyable evening the Rev Palamountain thanked everyone for supporting the Show and announced that the proceeds would be used to improve the Sunday school building.

This information was supplied by the Maldon Museum and Archives.

the height of the Women Suffrage Movement and with World War I looming, this extraordinary novel reveals words that were lost due to the dominance of men writing history.

In 1901 Esme is a little girl whose mother has died and her father and a team of lexicographers are collecting words for the first Oxford Dictionary. Esme spends her time under the table where the men are working and unobserved by anyone, she starts collecting words which the men have discarded and over time this helps her to make sense of her world.

The Territory is a classic saga by famed Australian author Ernestine Hill. This too was a donation to the Library following our recent visit to the Outback. This is the story of the first hundred years of white exploration, pioneering and settlement in our far north. It was first published in 1951 with many reprints since then.

Present day readers will understand that some of our ideas have changed but this is really a timeless book about the development of the Northern Territory. There was the great isolation and hardship to contend with as the people built the Overland Telegraph, explored unknown wilderness and tried to live with the Aboriginal people.

Shatter is by popular author of thrillers, Michael Robotham. This unusual book is said to be inspired by true events in two countries but not based on either of them. It’s a chilling story of a naked woman perched on the edge of a suspension bridge and weeping into her mobile phone. Joe O’Loughlin, a clinical psychologist is nearby and trying desperately to persuade the woman to come off the bridge. She whispers, ‘You don’t understand’, and jumps. Joe is haunted by his failure to save the woman but when

In Maldon Today



TODAY Alison and Kev meet Wendy McLean of The Lolly Shop and find out what prompted her to forsake the sweets and move into crystals.

Last week Nancy and Mike learned all about Kate Hayward’s gardening methods and her amazing meals, in which she uses fresh seasonal produce from her prolific garden. Kate, pictured, discussed living in other countries and greeted our listeners in Mandarin. She described how she works in her garden making mulch in layers like lasagne, using decaying vegetable matter including bark to make a

very rich mixture that causes her plants to thrive. Her 15-kilo warty wonder pumpkins were a hit in Tasmania. Kate brought in a basket of vegetables freshly picked that morning to show our listeners!

Next Friday EC and Stevo meet Deb Baird from the revived Porcupine Village, already doing duty as a film set and with much more planned.

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Mike Smythe

her teenage daughter visits him many more complications emerge as the daughter maintains that her mother would never have committed suicide like that.

Death Of A River Guide by Richard Flanagan is a book that has been at the Athenaeum for some years and has proved very popular but now we have been given the audio version of this special story. It tells the story of a brave man taking tourists down Tasmania’s Franklin River. When a tourist falls overboard, the guide Aljaz

offers his own life in trade. As the water rises above him he sees his own past life and that of his family and forebears and the soul history of his country. This is regarded as one of the most important Australian novels of all time, so why not take the opportunity to enjoy it in the audio format or in the traditional print medium.

As always I wish you happy reading with either one of these books or any of the others available at the Athenaeum Library.
Joy Leneaux-Gale.

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Roll Up Roll.....Read All about it!



‘Roll Up! Roll Up! Come and see...’ is a phrase usually heard at the Circus or similar venues.

And.....yes, the Bridge Players did! Perhaps we could have a similar shout out by a ‘Town Crier’ to encourage people to come and try the amazing game of Bridge.

Many ‘heard the call’ and we had a great turn-out with five tables in play which meant five sets of boards were to be played at each round. A table of three was implemented due to there being ‘overs’ and each player rotated to make sure everyone had a turn at playing.

The North-South teams were announced which meant those pairs would remain in their position for the afternoon with the East-West moving to the next table after each round. It can be a bit confusing sometimes but the main thing is to remember your pair number.

Play was underway and it was evident from the start that the card distribution was going to be perplexing, to say the least as we heard many lamenting, ‘What should, I bid?’ It appeared that keeping to basics was the strategy to use and not to attempt to ‘save our partner’ when you can see that a contract is not going to be achieved with a great loss of points! We will do better next week!

Now it is on to the scores for the day. There was some concern re getting the scores entered correctly for each pair but we quickly got organised ready for the announcement.

In first place, with a great score were Mark and Sandy with 122 points and the best of the North-South teams. Werner and Jo were second with 113 points East-West. Just one point behind there was a draw for third place between Ken and Judy Mac North-South, along with Lillian and Roger East-West with 112 points. Fifth place went to the table of three, Danny, Campbells Creek Jan and new player Peter with 104 points, East West. Annie and Andrew came in at sixth place with 103 points North-South. Congratulations to everyone for great results.

Soon it was afternoon tea time provided by the Maldon Hotel team and there seemed to be ‘drips and drabs’ getting to the bar for refreshments as some tables were still playing. We all managed to get our share and soon it was back to the tables to complete the day’s play.

We have a couple of birthdays happening, with Elizabeth and Prakash. Elizabeth turned 92 on Monday 24 May.

A Happy Birthday will be celebrated next week.

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Millions for Maryborough

A \$95 million allocation in last week's State Budget to fund the upgrade and expansion to the Maryborough District Health Service has been welcomed by Central Goldfields Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor.

He said the funding, on top of the \$5 million already allocated, will significantly expand the shire's health services but also encourage many more visitors to Maryborough and the wider Goldfields region.

When it comes to cash being splashed about, it's been a big month for Maryborough.

As previously reported in the *TT*, Regional Development Minister Mary-Anne Thomas recently announced \$1.8 million for Stage 2 of Maryborough Railway Station.

The Minister then

announced an additional \$1 million to support Go Goldfields and its focus on the early years in the new Go Goldfields HQ in the Maryborough Resource Centre.

"We will continue to lobby for added train services and

sewerage for Talbot so we can have all the components of the Ballarat-Maryborough's growth corridor in place to capitalise on the diverse range of opportunities a major regional centre creates," Cr Meadows said.

Regional rail upgrade

PASSENGERS in the Greater Bendigo area are set to receive more frequent train services, thanks to work underway to introduce new technology on the regional network.

The new electronic train order (ETO) system will be installed on the Bendigo to Swan Hill and Echuca line.

The upgrade will see more train services delivered to Eaglehawk, Epsom and Echuca.

Local MP and State Minister for Transport and

Infrastructure, Jacinta Allan, said, "This project will triple the number of services to Echuca and make those services faster, connecting passengers in these communities to more opportunities for work, education, health and recreation within Bendigo and Melbourne."

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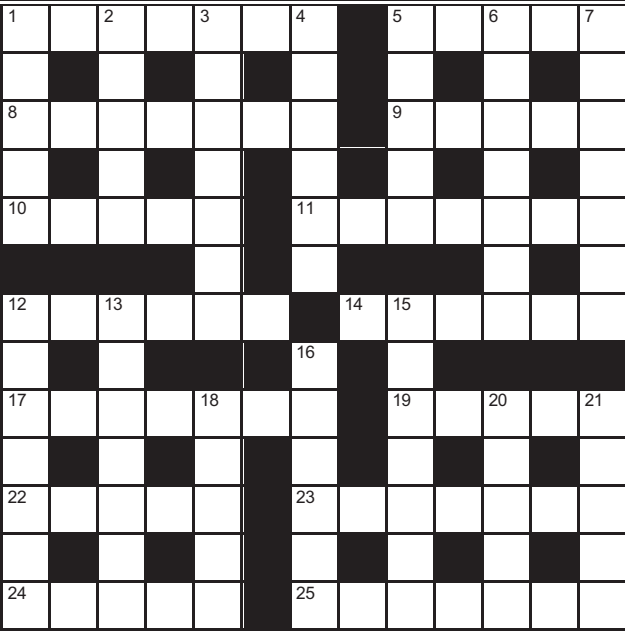
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Week Ending 25.5.21

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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	92.9	44.6	3.2
Feb	8.9	56.3	12.6
Mar	72.3	32.8	4.3
Apr	9.8	99.6	4.5
May	41.4	49.2	100.8
June		38.3	75.2
July		23.5	35.3
Aug		48.7	45.7
Sept		40.9	19.1
Oct		47.1	4.9
Nov		25.7	38.6
Dec		29.1	3.9
TOTAL	225.3	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 25.5.21

18.8mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	83.4	35.2	4.8
Feb	17.0	52.8	21.6
Mar	83.8	37.0	7.6
Apr	14.4	145.4	5.6
May	53.6	66.2	115.5
June		49.2	92.2
July		32.8	53.6
Aug		62.2	57.6
Sept		54.6	29.4
Oct		73.2	8.6
Nov		37.2	43.0
Dec		39.2	9.8
TOTAL	252.2	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 25.5.21

19.4mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	101.6	53.6	5.0
Feb	13.6	38.0	18.2
Mar	67.2	35.8	6.2
Apr	11.4	107.6	5.0
May	53.2	56.2	113.6
June		46.6	82.8
July		29.4	43.0
Aug		69.6	51.6
Sept		46.8	31.2
Oct		56.2	9.8
Nov		22.8	42.0
Dec		31.2	8.4
TOTAL	246.4	593.8	416.8

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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT



Round 6

Continued from page 16

A GRADE NETBALL

This was the third win in a row for Maldon's A Grade. Royal Park and Maldon both went out hard from the starting whistle. Maldon's accuracy under the ring secured them an early lead.

All players on the court put their best foot forward in a hard fought win.

The Maldon girls are keen to continue building on their game so they can keep in touch with top-of-the-ladder

sides which they are due to face in the coming weeks.

Best on: Katey Cutlack.

B GRADE NETBALL

Maldon 47 def
Royal Park 20

This Saturday Maldon B Grade took on Royal Park, and the girls went into the game with their heads held high, ready to get another win under their belt but Royal Park did not give up without a fight.

The Maldon girls played an incredible game from defence to mid court, with

the shooter finishing off the job. The determination from the girls saw them come away with a big win

Best on: Katey Cutlack

C GRADE NETBALL

Maldon 46 def
Royal Park 31

This week had Maldon travell to Royal Park. Even though they are below us on the ladder, we still knew we had to play hard. In the first quarter, we were down by four goals and in the second quarter down by four again so we needed to

up our game, which at that stage was very tight. In the second half we got away from them with Royal Park only scoring two goals. With Maldon scoring 16 for the third quarter we got ahead and with the determination of all the girls, they pushed out the last quarter to come away with the win.

Best on: Jacqui Roberts.

UNDER 17s NETBALL

Maldon 39 def
Royal Park 17

The U17s started very well on the weekend and

never looked back, with great goaling and excellent defence and the team scored a great win.

The girls now move into the top four.

Best Player was Tia Tait with her defence and drive out of backline.

UNDER 15s NETBALL

The U15s were again victorious on the weekend with Royal Park certainly bringing their game.

The U15s were able to settle well and again recorded a good victory.

Maldon 41 defeated

Royal Park 24

As a result the Maldon U15s remain undefeated.

Best Player was Madison Drummond, who was very good in defence in stopping her opponent.

UNDER 13s & 11s

NETBALL

It was a very tough day at the office today even though it was a beautiful day. Both teams tried very hard to move the ball forward into our attacking zone. It was a day for our defenders.

We displayed numerous moments of growth, long passing and strong leads to the ball. Our catching and feet were on point but we just couldn't get the ball in the ring - they had the longest arms out there.

U11s

Maldon 1 def by
Royal Park 17

U13s

Maldon 6 def by
Royal Park 26

Encouragement awards went to Elsa, Alice Jess and Kloe.

Croquet, a game for all ages!



THEY'RE teaching them young at the Maldon Croquet Club these days.

The club is currently playing host to more than a dozen Maldon Primary

School students who are learning the game from members of the club.

"We have had 13 children from different classes and ages from the school

and they have been playing for the first two weeks of a proposed five-week program, with a view of another five-week program later in the year," said Ray Austin, who

is a committee member and publicity officer for the club.

"Bill Humphreys from Northern District Croquet Association and his helpers, including at least three Maldon members, are co-ordinating the program."

Ray said that Cheryl Kane from Maldon Croquet Club along with the committee have been working with Maldon Primary School for a couple of years to get this program up and running.

He said the club was successful in receiving a \$2,400 grant from the Active Kids Grant Victoria, which has enabled the club to purchase two sets of balls and eight hand-made mallets suitable for the children to play with.

"They seem to be really loving it – the teachers come with them and they have a crack at playing the game too!"



MALDON GOLF CLUB



ANOTHER great day for golfing with enjoyable weather conditions, a well-grassed course and golfers eager to compete in the day's Pinehurst events.

Maureen McQuillan and Ian Long's win in the Club Championship will necessitate an extension to both their trophy rooms, with their win this year adding to an impressive previous 12 Championships. Congratulations on a great win from their closely contested game with the very competitive Kerryn and George Healy team.

Outside of the Club Championship, John Fitzpatrick and Colin Francis played steady golf for their win, and included a great shot from John on the 10th hole for his nearest-the-pin and ca\$h-hole win.

Advice to members of one of our season's most enjoyable golfing events - the annual Frank Fitzpatrick Memorial Golf Day and the visit to Maldon of 20 to 30 family and friends for a weekend of golf and friendship, which includes a 9-hole event for social golfers.

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RESULTS

18-HOLE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP-MIXED PINEHURST CHAMPIONS

Maureen McQuillan/Ian Long 88 gross defeated
Kerryn Healy/George Healy 92 gross

...18-HOLE PINEHURST EVENT...

WINNERS John Fitzpatrick/Colin Francis 61 5/8 nett
RUNNERS-UP Gary Hutchins/Bob Briggs 63 nett
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MALDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB REPORT

Round 6

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Maldon 21.18-144 def.
Royal Park 5.3-33

Looking for three wins on the trot, the Senior team travelled to Hedges Oval treating this as a danger game being they were sixth on the ladder and were only one step ahead in fifth place!

The mind set for this game was to bring intensity from the first bounce and the boys certainly did that! At half-time they found themselves 53 points in front, which gave them an opportunity to change things up a bit and

try some players in different positions. It was a difficult task to name our best six of the best players because everyone played their role and contributed on the day! The side played great football for four quarters and ran out easy winners by 115 points!

Best players: Hayden Kelly, Alex Farrow, Nick Kelly, Jordan Hynes, Darcy Connell and Tom Horne.

Goal scorers: Tommy Horne 7, Rhys Ford 6, Jack Fowler 4, Andrew Wilson 1, Kyle Winstanley 1, Hayden Kelly.

RESERVES FOOTBALL

Maldon 24.12.156 def.
Royal Park 2.1-13

The reserves were able to make it six on the trot with a 143-point win over Royal Park. The home team were able to kick the first goal within the first minute of the match, however, the Dons were able to take over from then on. A 12-1 goal first half was the catalyst for the win with Jamie Cox kicking 8, and Dave Carroll continuing his good form in front of goal with 5.

Andy Davidson was again a strong voice down back and received solid support from Macabe Turner and Riley Taft on the wing.

Best players: Andy Davidson, Riley Taft, Macabe Turner, Justin Trevan, Jamie Cox, Loche Brennan.

Goal scorers: Jamie Cox 8, David Carroll 5, Beau Kitchingman 2, Jordan Baldwin 2, Nick Petersen 1, Loche Brennan 1, Marc Carroll 1, Dylan Ross 1, Brett Cole 1, Doug Gray 1, Aaron Millen 1.

UNDER 17.5s FOOTBALL

Maldon 1.3-9 def by
Royal Park 6.10-46

UNDER 14.5s FOOTBALL

Maldon 14.15-99 def.
Royal 0.1-1

Best Players: Brodie Roberts, Nash Turner, Sam Aherne, Brodie Doyle, Levi Mason, Aaron Peaslee.

Goal Kickers: Robbie Muscat 5, Brodie Doyle 3, Blake Farrell 1, Jake Parsons 1, Daniel Zammit 1, Shaun Walker 1, Levi Mason 1,

Liam Anton 1.

UNDER 11.5s FOOTBALL

Maldon 8.9-57 def.
Royal park 0.0-0

Best Players: Xavier Turner, Tom Hamilton, James Peace, Jack Smith, Xavier Silckerodt, Aiden Turner.

Goal Scorers: Jack Smith 3, Tom Hamilton 2, Xavier Silckerodt 1, Seth Gross 1, Francis Walls 1.

A GRADE NETBALL

Maldon 52 def
Royal Park 42

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I MUST NOT RECORD THE SCORES



☆ Ann intent.



☆ Blakey and shadows on the piste.

ON Sunday 23 May in glorious autumnal sun the Piste Artistes gathered on the Penny School Piste once again.

Overcome with excitement at finishing the first game very quickly, 'she

who shall not be named' decided to help Geoff Mac by recording the scores in her spare time. She stuffed it up so badly that she was threatened with detention and having to write out *I must not record the scores*, 100

times. The mess on the score sheet was so bad that suggestions of using whiteout, or a pencil and eraser were made.

Slats took over and tidied it up, but somehow it was still wrong. Eventually at the very moment of declaring the winners and losers the mistake was discovered and quickly corrected by Geoff.

Two teams tied for first place, thus the overall winners for the afternoon

were Carole, Steve and Cazz AND *Cap'n P*, *Mme Bleue* and Blakey with 2 wins and +14 points.

Third place was taken by Geoff, Sonia and Phil, with 2 wins and + 8 points. Followed in fourth place by Maxeen, Stevie Wonder and Elaine with 1 win and +1 point. Fifth place went to Kevin and Jenny, with 1 win and -7 points.

Sixth place went to EC

and Clif with 0 wins and - 7 points. Seventh place went to Matt and Stephen with 0 wins and -9 points. Lucky last and winners of the *Losers' Chocs* were Ann, Mike and Joan, with 0 wins and - 14 points.

It must be admitted that it is hard to keep track of the Steves, there being three: hence Stevie Wonder, (who brought his Scottish Passport), Steve and Stephen are

named thus to avoid further confusion.

Our next games are on Sunday 6 June, at 1.45 for a 2pm start. Come and join us, help rake the piste, or just enjoy a bit of pre-game *fellership* (as my Aunty Flo used to call conviviality). You have to be in it to win it! Losing is even more fun than winning, go figure!

Mme Bleue

- ALAN
- CHERYL
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