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☆ The Loftus family
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Maldon Golf Club members came up with a unique way to honour the

sad passing of long term member, Harvey Loftus, with a guard of honour for the cortège as it travelled from St Brigid's to the

Maldon Cemetery last Friday.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only a small number of family members were able to

attend funeral services, but this did not deter the members of the golf club from

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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.
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EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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.

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, 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.

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

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.

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. Damien Kennedy 0428 130 764.

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.

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

COMMUNITY LUNCH (no lockdowns) 12 noon, Maldon Community Centre. Delicious two-course lunch during school terms. All welcome. \$5. Enq: 5475 2093 **OR COMMUNITY PANTRY** (during lockdowns) Delicious home-delivered meals for a \$5 donation. Order info@maldonnc.org.au or 5475 2093.

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

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

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), 5.30pm in Maldon. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY FORTNIGHT

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

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

MALDON CEMETERY FRIENDS WORKING BEE, 9.30am - 11.30am. Please come out and help get our historic cemetery clean, weed free and blooming! 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), 10.30-11.30am at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Contact Jenny 0417 475 270 to register.

MALDON BOWLS CLUB, Bowls practice anytime Thursday until dark.

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

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

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

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

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.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

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MALDON MUSEUM HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE, 10am - 1pm.

MALDON SOCIAL WALKING GROUP, Gentle walking. 9.30am meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

HATHA YOGA WITH WENDY, 9 – 10.30am at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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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.

EVERY SATURDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 9.30am - noon. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

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SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

MALDON SHOW IN A BAG, Beanstalk Challenge entries to be emailed to secretary@maldonshow.com by today.

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Renewable Newstead

Shopfront improvement program open for business



☆ From left: Genevieve Barlow, Richard Johnston, Geoff Park, project co-ordinator Phoebe Snep, Jane Lean, Shaun Britt and Don Culvenor. Missing are Saide Gray and Mike Reeves.



☆ Building owners can apply for funding to restore the historic shopfronts on High and Main Streets.

A small-scale solar farm on Newstead's outskirts is still on track for completion by 2022, albeit, a downsized version.

After community consultation and feedback from the energy industry, the community group behind the project down-scaled it from 9 mega watts (MW) to 5MW.

Genevieve Barlow, Renewable Newstead volunteer, told the *Tarrangower Times* that the first stage of the farm would be 2.5MW with a battery to store energy and room to add a further 2.5MW of generating capacity. "2.5MW is enough to supply the community of Newstead and surrounds," she said. "Then the option to add the next 2.5MW will be up to the company who builds and operates the farm."

"We have secured a suitable site on Captains Gully Road and Clarke Lane and have obtained a planning permit from the Planning Minister.

"We have spent a lot of time assessing our community's needs by conducting regular community consultations and analysing people's electricity bills. We found there are a number of people renting or living in ageing homes, meaning placing solar panels on individual houses wasn't appropriate for everyone and it's not as efficient," said Genevieve. "A wind farm isn't an option, there's not enough wind here! We also looked at Hydropower at Cairn Curran but it was too far away and our feasibility study showed solar would be more efficient and suitable."

The project is run by a group of dedicated volunteers with a range of expertise in business, PR, communication and project management.

Renewable Newstead is currently negotiating pricing with a potential electricity retailer, Flow Power, who would also build and operate the farm.

"It's been really important to us to try and make the

project local, ensure the electricity is competitively priced and commercially viable. We want the venture to be affordable to encourage people to opt in," said Genevieve.

"It will be great when COVID-19 restrictions lift further to allow a community meeting. We've been holding meet-and-greet stalls outside the Newstead supermarket once a month to offer people the opportunity to come and chat with us, ask questions and find out more. The next meet-and-greet will be on Saturday 23 Oct and another on Saturday 27 November from 10am - 12pm in front of the Newstead IGA.

"We've generally had great support from our community and are always keen for feedback."

To find out more visit renewablenewstead.com.au.

To receive up-to-date information on the project subscribe to the newsletter via the website.

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council is continuing to support the preservation of heritage values in the historic town of Maldon through the establishment of the Shopfront Improvement Program.

The program will see Council provide funding to eligible building owners in Maldon's retail precinct to undertake restoration works that improve the appearance of shopfronts, and restore and/or reinstate the building's heritage fabric.

Under the program, Council will match funds (up to \$25,000) spent by building owners on enhancements to their buildings.

Tarrangower Ward Councillor Stephen Gardner said it was exciting to see more support for the preservation of Maldon's heritage character on the way.

"Maldon is known and loved for its heritage character, and it's fundamental to the town's identity and value," said Cr Gardner.

"I'm thrilled that through this program, building owners in High and Main streets in Maldon will have the opportunity to reinvest in buildings that may otherwise deteriorate, to the benefit of visitors and locals alike."

The types of works that will be considered for funding under the program may include:

- Façade improvements (e.g. the relocation of air-conditioning units and fuse boxes)
- Exterior improvements that contribute to a building's character

- Improvements to roofing and rainwater goods (e.g. flashings, rain heads, gutters, downpipes)
 - Timberwork (weatherboards, posts, beams, fascias, trim)
 - Reinstatement of lost heritage fabric (e.g. parapets, urns, verandah brackets, signage)
 - Glazing, painting and rendering
 - Design and other professional services including historical research and archaeological investigations.
- Works that are not eligible for funding include:

- Any work that is not consistent with the heritage significance of the property
- Work already commenced or completed at the time of application
- Business marketing activities
- Internal works (that are not associated directly with the shopfront)
- Projects which have received funding from other sources
- Works that are temporary.

The program is a component of the \$5.5 million Maldon Streetscape Revitalisation Project.

Supported by funding from the Victorian Government, the program focuses on three main areas - putting powerlines underground, restoring shopfronts and upgrading public spaces such as footpaths, crossovers, bins and seating.

"Council has consulted with Maldon building owners and the Maldon Community Steering Committee on the

Shopfront Improvement Program and we're continuing to work together with a shared vision of boosting economic activity in the town," said Cr Gardner.

Information sessions will be held in coming weeks with Council's Heritage and Urban Design Officer to further inform prospective applicants of planning scheme requirements, including the Maldon Design Guidelines, and conservation principles. Feedback will also be given on proposals and appropriate colour schemes.

To register to attend an information session, contact Eva Parkin, Economic Development Officer at Mount Alexander Shire Council via email at e.parkin@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or call 5471 1700.

Building owners interested in applying for funding are required to complete an application form and provide supporting documentation by 30 November 2021. Applicants may be required to obtain additional approvals or meet additional requirements depending on the nature of the works proposed.

For more information about the program, to view the guidelines, or to lodge an application form, visit www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/ShopfrontProgram or call 5471 1700.

The Shopfront Improvement Program is funded jointly by Mount Alexander Shire Council and Regional Development Victoria (RDV).

Maldon Inc resignations



SPRING is often the time for making a clean sweep – and never more so than this year! The Great Resignation is a phenomenon noted in the USA, and anecdotally the same patterns of people changing roles and careers are occurring in Australia now.

It's noticeable locally, with David Leatham (head of Council's Economy and Culture team) finishing up on Friday. We've developed a strong and productive relationship with David, and thank him for his support, and his role in the power undergrounding/streetscape projects.

Closer to home, our focus is on the AGM. As our members

will be aware, there are several vacancies on the committee. This will be my last column for the *TT*, as I'm resigning after three and a half years on the committee (the last two years as President). I've enjoyed my time in the role, despite it coinciding with a global pandemic! One major success has been the building and strengthening of relationships that matter to the town's economy, and I will continue to advocate for Maldon and its businesses in a range of business and tourism forays.

Marjorie Smidt and Rebecca Haack are also resigning from the committee. Marjorie has had a long association with Maldon Inc, and served in a range of capacities. She has worked tirelessly for both the organisation and the town in this and other organisations, and her depth of knowledge and experience has been invaluable. Rebecca has been the driving force in the Digital Refresh project, and the new Maldon Inc website would

not have happened without her focused attention.

For those still wondering, Maldon Inc is the member-based traders' association, with a volunteer committee, representing and advocating for the businesses of Maldon. We work with the council and other organisations like Business Mount Alexander, lobbying in support of our members; particularly important over the recent periods of restrictions and reopenings with all the attendant challenges. We

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“IT took about five times as much work to reschedule and relocate our events due to COVID-19 than it did to put them together in the first place”, said SteamPacket’s Clif Edwards, “but we have six huge outdoors gigs between November and March.”

The line-up includes the balance of the Blues Masters series with Australian-based international touring acts Geoff Achison, Fiona Boyes

and Jeff Lang, all moving to new dates at the Maldon Railway Station thanks to VGR. Russell Morris and New Year’s Eve both move to SteamPacket Under the Stars at the Maldon Golf Club and the name of a huge act for SteamPacket 13 on 6 March 2022 will be announced soon.

All the details of bookings, dates, times and ticketing are available at The SteamPacket Shop, 26 High Street or steampacket.com.au.

Feeling ashamed from catching COVID-19

COVID-19 is a global pandemic. So why do we still feel ashamed by catching the virus?

If you’re one of the many Australians who’ve received a dreaded positive COVID-19 result, you might be dealing with a complex range of emotions.

On top of worrying about the health risks, you might be feeling fear of having passed it on to others, regret about your movements, or even shame at having caught the virus.

Some people might be tempted to play the ‘what-if’ game, and spend time thinking about how they could have done things differently - or the worst case scenario of how things might pan out.

What if I went grocery shopping two hours earlier?

What if I didn’t fill up with petrol that day?

What if I passed it on to others?

But these thought loops, which are easy to get stuck in – aren’t helpful.

“A lot of people catch the virus after doing nothing wrong,” says Dr Clare Southerton, who researches the intersections between sociology, health and social media at UNSW’s Vitalities Lab, Centre for Social Research in Health, and Social Policy Research Centre.

“So remind yourself that this is something largely out of our control, and be kind to yourself in this really difficult time.”

But why do we often judge ourselves harshly for catching COVID-19 – and where does this feeling of shame come from?

Up until recently, you wouldn’t have been alone if you felt relatively safe from the virus in Australia.

When compared to many other countries, daily case numbers have been seemingly low since the start of the pandemic – even if they are on the rise in some states now.

But a side-effect of lasting so long with a relatively few cases is that positive cases are often pulled into the media spotlight.

“When there are relatively low cases, public attention is focused on people who have contracted the virus,” says Dr Southerton. “This can really heighten stigma and shame.”

Not long ago, it was common to see Australian media outlets describe in detail the activities of someone who was a positive case, such as visiting barbeque stores or working at IKEA. Some outlets even took this vilification one more (unethical) step further, by publishing the personal details of COVID-positive people.

These public attacks can promote shame and stigma associated with the virus, while also discouraging symptomatic people from coming forward for testing out of fear of being targeted next.

“These news stories aren’t necessarily prioritising public health information, but prioritising sensational stories that inflame public emotions,” says Dr Southerton.

“This only fosters a bad relationship between the community and public health authorities, which is the last thing we want.”

COVID-19 can affect anyone, no matter their age, sex, ethnicity, or socio-economic background.

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A photograph of a man and a woman sitting at a wooden desk. The man is on the left, wearing a maroon shirt and glasses, looking at a laptop. The woman is on the right, wearing a blue denim jacket, looking at a document. On the desk are several white coffee cups, a laptop, and a document titled 'Superannuation standard choice'. In the background, there are stacks of white coffee cups and a large orange pot.

The Australian Government logo, featuring the coat of arms of Australia and the text 'Australian Government'.

EMPLOYER SUPER OBLIGATIONS ARE CHANGING.

Multiple super accounts are costing Australians millions in fees and insurance premiums so the Australian Government is changing the system. From 1 November, an employee’s super account will follow them when they change jobs. If an employee doesn’t choose a super fund, employers must use the ATO portal to request details of the new employee’s existing super fund. For more information on what to do, visit yoursuper.gov.au

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New public space initiative brings town centres to life



☆ Old Bank Corner's new outdoor eating and entertainment area to stay for another year.

COUNCIL, with support from the Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Program, has been working with local businesses to help them cater for more patrons, while meeting COVID-19 restrictions.

As part of this, we installed a range of outdoor furniture such as picnic tables and parklets in Harcourt and Castlemaine to support local businesses to extend their trading along the footpath, or in allocated car parking bays outside their businesses. We also converted the disused carpark in Frederick Street in Castlemaine and Maldon's former vacant petrol station into active and vibrant public spaces.

From March to June 2021, we asked businesses and the community to share feedback on these temporary pop-up spaces, and received an overwhelmingly positive response.

"It's been fantastic to read some of the supportive comments come in from businesses, locals and visitors to our shire regarding the outdoor dining and entertainment program," said David Leatham, Manager, Economy and Culture at Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"We received almost 200 responses, and the majority of survey respondents are very supportive of the initiative, and have expressed how much they've enjoyed the transformation of our public spaces into vibrant, innovative and connected areas."

Community feedback indicates that of the survey respondents:

- 84% strongly supported the parklets
- 92% strongly supported the installation at Old Bank Corner in Maldon
- 85% expressed positive views about the picnic tables in the Castlemaine and Maldon CBD.
- 33% want to see more events at the Village Square on Frederick Street.
- 3% expressed concern about the impact of the program on car parking in Castlemaine, and the accessibility of the spaces and furniture. Improving accessibility will be reviewed and addressed in the future.

All of the businesses that responded to the survey said the program was overwhelmingly positive; citing the ability to hire additional staff, improved safety for patrons and enhancement of the streetscape. In addition, each of the businesses in the outdoor dining program said they would host a parklet again.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 27 July, Council approved an extension of the program for up to 12 months from 1 October 2021. This will mean that businesses can continue to benefit from extending outdoor dining and entertainment areas while social distancing is still an important part of the pandemic response.

"We're delighted to be able to extend the program

until later next year," said Mr Leatham.

"The temporary pop-up spaces are welcoming and have brought life back to our streets and towns. More importantly, they've supported hospitality businesses in our towns to continue to operate in a COVIDsafe way."

In Maldon, the successful transformation of the historic Old Bank Corner into a public park has been recognised with the site a finalist in this year's Mainstreet Australia Awards for Best Regional Main Street, which will be announced on Friday 22 October.

Maldon's Old Bank Corner provides outdoor seating in the centre of town, using repurposed historic industrial materials which cater for an over spill from hospitality businesses in the area.

The Victorian Government recently announced further funding support for the Village Square in Frederick Street, Castlemaine, enabling Council to purchase an inflatable cinema screen, projector and audio system for the space. The funding will be used to develop a more solid stage and shade design solution, with the aim to open the space up for a wide range of creative uses.

"Since it launched in March, the Village Square has played host to 80 performers, eight live radio broadcasts, four festivals, and even a garden built by children," said Mr Leatham.

"It's attracted a huge number of visitors, from near and far, and offered a COVID-safe environment in the centre of Castlemaine where people can be inspired by the creativity, fine food and wine for which our town is known for."

"It's exciting to see the recognition that the various outdoor dining and entertainment precincts in the shire are receiving," said Mr Leatham.

"With the warmer months ahead, we're looking forward to seeing more people outside, enjoying these spaces in a COVIDsafe way."

To read the report summary, or find out more about the outdoor dining and entertainment program, visit www.shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/making-spaces or call us on 5471 1700.

Golf club guard of honour

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passing on their respects to their friend.

A memorial message, written using over 500 golf balls decorated the 12th green with the words 'Thanks Harvey 50'.

Harvey and his wife Maureen arrived in Maldon in February 1958 after seeing a pharmacy for sale, at the time it was very run down and the town was very quiet.

Cairn Curran was a huge economic support to the township of Maldon and this engineering project had all been completed. The population decreased and there was a big impact on businesses. Maldon was not a certified notable town at this point.

Harvey was the family chemist in town for 18.5 years until the pharmacy was sold and he continued to relieve in pharmacies all over Victoria.

From the first few weeks of being in town he developed a strong rapport and medical relationship with the local Doctor, Len Champion and then hospital matron Myrtle Seers (nee Bryant). Every chemist was automatically on the board at the Maldon hospital and this included Harvey in several hospital committee roles. He took his role as one of the town's medical professionals very seriously.

Harvey took it upon himself to become very involved in the community. He was



☆ Maldon Golf Club members formed a guard of honour complete with buggies.

Photo Courtesy Craig Borrow

involved in the progress association, was a valuable committee member for the Easter fair and sponsored at least five Easter Popular girls to raise funds for the Maldon hospital.

He was an active member, coach and committee member for the Maldon Football Club and reluctantly stopped playing at the age of 43 due to a growing family. He was a player/member at Baringhup Cricket Club and was a helper and active parish member of St Brigid's Catholic Church.

The Maldon Golf Club was something that Harvey and Maureen had great interest in, were dedicated to and it brought them great enjoyment together. He loved his 50-year membership and lifetime relationship with the Maldon Golf Club where he held all positions on the committee and was very proud to captain a winning pennant team and manage two winning pennant teams in the early 2000s.

Harvey loved Maldon and was often on a tin roof on the

weekends with a paintbrush or hammer, helping to maintain the wonderful streetscape and historic homes. He had a strong love for the community and would always stop in the street for a conversation. Nothing was too much trouble and it was Harvey's pleasure to help in any way he could.

Bob Briggs, Secretary of the Maldon Golf Club said, "He was a true gentleman to everyone. He will be sadly missed, but not forgotten."

Vale Harvey Charles Loftus 3/4/1930-2/10/2021.

There will be a memorial for Harvey to be held at the Maldon Golf Club. Date to be confirmed.

Harvey has left behind his wife of 67 years Maureen, six daughters - Robyn, Janine, Carolyn, Andrea, Sally and Kate and their families, 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Harvey will be dearly missed.

Letters to the Editor

Maldon Hospital

As a long term resident of Maldon who has used the hospital and had relatives in Jessie Bowe there seems to be a lot more going on than we, the local community, are being told about. This hospital was built by the local community and not by the government; or Castlemaine Health.

I think that we, as the community, have the right to know what is going on. Cr Gardner recently resigned, the nurse in charge left and is working at Castlemaine Health and the hospital recently downgraded its services. Something is not right.

In recent articles in the *TT*, the CEO of Castlemaine Health made a statement of, "Maldon hospital will always be independent of Castlemaine Health". I then see another article where the same CEO is talking up the amalgamation of CHIRP and Castlemaine Health and the new Mount Alexander Shire health service and how great it is. I can only draw conclusions that Maldon hospital will be soon taken over by Castlemaine Health as well.

If this is happening what is the Maldon hospital board doing about this? Are we just going to be lied to by the CEO of Castlemaine health and the Maldon hospital?

What is the Maldon hospital board doing about making sure that our hospital stays managed and run by locals? This is our facility and we should know what is going on and not be kept in the dark. I don't know any of the people or names on the hospital board who are these people making these decisions?

There seems to be a lot going on, with no one giving any real answers. I will be contacting Cr Gardner to see what is going on before it's too late.

Name and address supplied

B-doubles

Re the 'Lost Trucks' article 'B' doubles regularly u-turn at the eastern end of the station precinct, some of them belong to Pickerings, others are not well marked, or well-remembered.

Considering that the road from Allens Road to the High/Main intersection is subject to 'no trucks', far too many trucks, small as well as large, are on this road.

Morris/Hornsby streets are council owned and are not built for the weight of large vehicles; the road edges are constantly breaking down, u-turning b-doubles tear at the road surface and the adjoining gravel shoulders raise clouds of dust in dry weather.

Before the loss of the big trees at the eastern end of the station area (cut down by Powercor after years of neglect by Council and Powercor), there was not room to turn large vehicles, (indeed a VicRoads car used to park there for shade sometimes, which had a great effect on traffic speeds!). Since their destruction the station exit road has taken over, with station visitors parking on the path along the fence-line which is actually the \$1,00,000 Castlemaine to Maldon Trail. Not that you would know it!

As I see it this side of town is neglected. Council has no effective tree replacement policy, and at least one council employee has said that he would prefer that all roadside trees were removed.

Compare the approaches to Maldon from the north and south, they are grassed, well maintained and pleasant.

When approaching from Bendigo the roadsides are unkempt, ragged-edged and unwelcoming. I wonder if the difference might be that Regional Roads Victoria either maintains the roadsides or pays Council to do so, whereas Council doesn't seem to care much about its own roads?

Graham

Maldon Inc resignations

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regularly initiate projects, and recently joined with BMA to nominate the revamped Old Bank Corner for the Mainstreet Australia Awards (shortlisted in the Regional Main Streets category). Additionally, we work to promote the town where possible, an increasingly complex terrain that we navigate to the best of our budget and capabilities.

I'll end here, with massive thanks to the community for

your unfailing support for our local businesses. And with a giant callout to all members – please consider joining the committee and continuing our work! And for all those who haven't joined yet – please do! The advocacy and representation we provide is vital to our town.

(For more information please contact Rebecca Haack on maldoninc@maldon.org.au or Kate Gamble on 0409 376 263.)



McKenzie Hill
47 Ireland Street \$995,000 to \$1,045,000

LUXURY FINISH AND STYLE WITH MUCH SPACE PLUS A POOL & GARAGE 4 2 5

Superbly positioned in a highly sought-after pocket of McKenzie Hill, nearby to Winters Flat school, Castlemaine Golf Course and the local walking-riding Rail-Trail to Maldon, this impressive 4-bedroom modern property presents a fantastic opportunity for a new family to start sampling the many delights of the Castlemaine lifestyle. Set on a generous and level block of 1074sqm (approx.) the focus inside is firmly on relaxation and entertainment with 2 spacious living areas. There is a standout white-light kitchen with stone benches, quality appliances and a large butlers pantry. The expansive open plan dining-living space has glassed doors that open to a large covered alfresco area with patio blinds. The home has 4 double bedrooms with built-in robes, including a master bedroom with ensuite bathroom and walk-in robe, plus the main bathroom has a bath and separate toilet.



Castlemaine
66 Elizabeth Street \$975,000

1960s GRACE AND STYLE WITH BEAUTIFUL GARDENS & 5 CAR GARAGING! 3 1 5

Quality character and exceptional space are only a few of the property features that await a discerning buyer of this home. The lovely and solid 1960s Classic Cream brick home, is surrounded by delightful stunning gardens to create an atmosphere of a relaxing lifestyle. Spacious living rooms features natural light and garden outlooks. There is a classic formal entry patio and hallway, 3 bedrooms, modern as new bathroom, laundry and 2 toilets. There is a new crisp white kitchen with a Black and White Smeg 900mm oven, integrated fridge and dishwasher and a casual dining and living space with a gas log fireplace. A large entertaining lounge features a bar, wood fire, large windows with garden aspect, and glassed doors that lead to a covered alfresco BBQ area. The gardens and grounds are level, well fenced and feature colour, shade and privacy, plus the promise of potential for subdivision or a second home STCA.



Castlemaine
4 Bailey Court \$719,000

LARGE & LOVELY TOWNHOUSE WITH LEVEL EASY GARDENS IN THE TOWN CENTRE! 3 2 2

Boasting a spacious floor-plan, level north-east orientated gardens with a entertaining deck and a covered patio area, this brick townhouse offers stylish surrounds in walking distance to the town centre. The home has a double garage with direct entry, 3 bedrooms with robes, main and ensuite bathrooms, separate laundry and toilet. The generous north-east facing living-dining area has a well-equipped kitchen with dishwasher and gas cooking, glassed doors that open to the gardens and ducted reverse cycle air throughout. The private, level gardens offer a sunny outdoor aspect that is easy care. Positioned in a quiet cul-de-sac just 700m from the shops, this home is a rarity that offers quality easy living in the heart of Castlemaine.



Daylesford
39 Vincent Street North \$1,200,000 - \$1,250,000

HISTORIC ALLAMBEE HOUSE circa 1800s – A LOVED FAMILY HOME & FORMER BOARDING HOUSE 7 3 2

Just 700m from the centre of Daylesford's shopping hub, this original Victorian home occupies a 1,011m2 garden allotment and features 12 principal rooms with over 300m2 of living. Having been a much loved family home and formerly used as a boarding house, the substantial period home is now ready for its next chapter and custodian. The home has a classic bull-nose lacework verandah, central arched hallway with decorative timber panelling, Baltic timber linings, open fire places, French doors and original period windows. The main level has 7 possible bedrooms, a formal lounge room, kitchenette, bathroom and a study-vestibule the leads to a balcony with district views across Doctors Gully – perfect for pre-diner drinks. Downstairs has a farmhouse kitchen, dining room, lounge room, 2 bathrooms, store room and verandah. The combination of the 2 levels of so many rooms offers many accommodation possibilities.



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Pink up the town



RETAILERS in Maldon are busily covering their shop windows in pink this October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The McGrath Foundation began the initiative, Pink

Up The Town, to raise funds to place Breast Care Nurses wherever they're needed most.

Organiser of the event Kylie Trott, manager of Beatons, wishes to honour those affected by breast cancer by

raising funds for the McGrath Foundation, while having some fun.

"Everyone's been touched by breast cancer in some way. Personally I've lost three friends to the disease," said Kylie. "I also thought, given there's no folk festival running this year, it might be nice to do something fun, particularly over the Melbourne Cup long weekend."

Local artist, Sally Anderson, will be creating pink angel wings in town for people to enjoy and take photos of so make sure you pop into local stores on Friday 22 October to admire the shopkeepers all dressed in pink.

As well as enjoying the bright hues in the shop windows, there will also be a cake stall on Saturday 30 October and a Fashion Parade at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday 2 November. (Due to current COVID-19 restrictions the numbers are limited to 30, however, if restrictions ease these numbers will be extended. Current government directives also require that participants must provide evidence of receiving both COVID-19 vaccinations.)

Kylie is unable to get collection tins for the event so if anyone has any formula or milo sized tins please drop them into Beatons.

Maldon Hamper



☆ Now here's a great idea for Christmas!

NOTHING screams Christmas like October!! Why not get in early and send a piece of Maldon to family and friends?

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Experience Maldon has sourced high and low in Maldon to gather all the goodies for this hamper.

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- Warral Honey (80g)
- Coffee Basic Exotica Arabica ground coffee (120g)
- Himalayan Salt and Lavender Cleanse Bath Soak by Winter Creek Flowers (100g)
- Teaporium Tea (3x10g Maldon Afternoon Blend)
- Olive Branch Preserves Groovy Green Pickles (110g)
- Dear Olive Bush Balm Mint Soap + Lemon Myrtle Soap (120g each) - Subject to seasonal scents
- Wool Stash Hand knitted 100% cotton spa cloth
- Love that Jam - Berry Balsamic Jam 240g
- Maldon Post Cards - Set of 7
- Maldon Tote bag
- KAZU Bees wax and Soy Candle (40 hours burning)

Now doesn't that sound like a great idea as a gift for Christmas?



Nothing screams Christmas like October!!



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2021 Mt Tarrengower Historic Hill-climb cancelled



☆ Ben James, 1970 250 Suzuki at Mt Tarrengower (2019).
Photo courtesy Foot in Bowl Photography

2019 saw the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Mt Tarrengower hill-climb.

However, like lots of other planned activities, there was no hill-climb event held in

2020 due to COVID-19. And again in 2021, with COVID active in our communities, the Committee of the Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria (HMRV) in conjunction with the Bendigo Car Club, has determined that the correct course of action is, to again, postpone next weekend's event until 2022. It is with significant regret that the HMRV Committee takes this opportunity to let our hosts and the community of Maldon, know we will not be enjoying their warm welcome this year.

There are not very many combined car and motorcycle

events in the Australian historic events calendar. This combination contributes to making the Mt Tarrengower hill-climb a unique event and one of the oldest such events in Australia.

Except for a previous short break, motorcycles have been doing time-trials on Mt Tarrengower since 1982 when just six bikes and three motorcycle sidecars were entered. The number has since increased until a cap of 130 solos and outfit entries was introduced in 2018. The event was so popular in 2019 that capacity was reached within a week of entries being opened.

While motorcycles have not originally been involved in the hill-climb, the motorcycle component is now one of the 'must do' events on the HMRV calendar.

The original time-trial was held on a dirt road, which is now a fire track and which can be seen from the present day carpark.

Today the course is the bitumen road up to the Mt Tarrengower lookout. It is 1.5 kms long from the start line, located at the base of Mt. Tarrengower, and finishes just short of the lookout where the vehicles wait at a designated

event 'carpark' before being escorted back to the pit area.

Recent years have seen the introduction of a chicane on the long sweeping right hand corner to control speed on the course. In the year after the introduction of the chicane, the chicane was further tightened and then finally replaced in 2019 by the installation of an Armco barrier.

A regular competitor and past winner of the event Mike Panayi, fondly recalls riding his bright yellow 1961 750cc Norton Manxman 'Elly May'. In 2019, Mike was again named King of the Mountain with a time of 44.9 seconds. The fastest outfit in 2019 was powered by a 1972 750cc Norton and ridden by husband and wife team of Brian and Leanne March who completed the course in a time of 58.9 seconds.

Not every competitor is as fast as Mike Panayi, however, Dave Reidie attracted huge attention riding a 1929 1200cc FDH Harley Davidson in 2019. Dave is a regular at this event and in 2018 rode a very rare and collectable American Crocker motorcycle he had restored himself.

Another regular, Wayne Donahue, regularly rides his stock 1971 Norton Commando. Wayne has been known to ride to the event, strip the bike of lights and indicators, add a race number, compete and then put it all back for the ride home. Wayne has been quoted as saying that this is just 'how it was done in the old days!'. The age cut off for motorcycles is 1972, resulting in the majority of participants riding British or American machines, with very few early Japanese bikes in the mix. An example was Ben James recording a 2019 time of 55.4 seconds on his 1970 250cc Suzuki.

Originally, crews attending the event, camped in the area adjacent to the dirt road leading to the start line. The ever increasing popularity of the hill-climb meant that a camping ground was required and this was organised in recent years, providing space for motorcycles on one side of the lookout road and separate space for the cars on the other.

While the time-trial is the catalyst that brings the participants together, many make this a long weekend get-together and an opportunity to enjoy the historic Maldon area.

The historic racing community is something special with everyone helping out, whether its fixing broken machines, sourcing and 'lending' parts for repair or simply getting together for a 'yarn'. The members of the HMRV and the Bendigo Car Club, their families and friends enjoy and appreciate the warm support and the welcome they receive from the community of Maldon and they look forward to sharing that long missed yarn in 2022.



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Annand Brothers and Knight Gold Mine



☆ From the left, William (Dick) Knight, George and John Annand, proprietors of Annand Brothers and Knight gold mine located at Sandy Creek. Displayed are gold ingots produced from June 1 to July 31, 1919.



☆ Taken at the mine site. George is seated in front with hands on his knees. John’s granddaughter, Wilma Allan, is a Maldon resident.

ON 2 June 1916 the *Maldon News* reported there was some excitement around Sandy Creek following the discovery of gold on the property of Mr Gordon, just below Cookman’s Ranges, about three miles (five kms) south of Maldon.

The lucky prospectors were John Annand and A Thomas. John had discovered gold in that locality in 1902, and had been prospecting there since. News of the later discovery appeared in newspapers around Australia. The *Launceston Daily Times* reported that many of the old mining identities were of the opinion that the mine was one of the best ever discovered in those parts. John, his brother George, and brother-in-law Richard Knight formed a private company, Annand Brothers and Knight, to operate the mine. In a short time extremely high yields of gold were being produced. Reports of the yields appeared regularly in newspapers around Australia. The *Launceston Daily Times* referred to it as the famous Annand Brothers and Knight Mine. In September 1919, the *Bal-larat Star* reported that 98

ounces had been recovered from a crushing of 12 tons, and that a total of 1,000 ounces had been recovered from the last 100 tons crushed. At today’s gold price of about £2,390 per ounce, that total would be worth about £3.6 million. The *Yearbook Australia* - 1911 stated that the average yield from Australian gold mines was about 9½ penny-weight (about 1/3 of an ounce) per ton. In January 1924 the *Bal-larat Star* reported that ‘Annand and party who had successfully worked a private mine at Welshman’s Reef, and obtained 1,600 ounces of gold, have disposed of their interest. The mine is now under flotation, and 20,000 shares are offered to the public at 6 pence (5 cents) a share. The vendors are to be paid 210 pounds (£400) cash and 3,000 shares paid up to 10% per share, and in addition 400 pounds (£800) is to be paid to the vendors at 10% of gold won by the company.’ The new company was called Annands Reward, John was appointed a director of the company. The *Star* added that the vendors had obtained about 16,000

pounds (£32,000) worth of gold during the previous three years from various makes of stone. Their deepest shaft was 70 feet (21 metres). At today’s gold price of about £1,750 per ounce, 1,600 ounces would be worth about £2,800,000. *Courtesy of Kel York*

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Know Your Local

Maldon Vet - Dr Andrea Khong



☆ The welcoming new outdoor area at Maldon Vet Clinic.

OUR new local Vet, Dr Andrea Khong, previously worked as a scientist in Perth. She has a PhD in Viral Immunology and used to work in a parasitology lab studying neglected parasites for DNDID (Drugs for Neglected Disease Initiative), an organisation which is funded by Bill and Melinda Gates.

She studied sleeping sickness and Chagas, conducting trials and publishing papers. Andrea also worked at the University of Western Australia, conducting tumour research looking at Mesothelioma, a form of Cancer caused by asbestos. Her research involved looking at ways to combine surgery with chemotherapy and immunotherapy. “Science is very broad. The more you learn, the more you realise you don’t know. My knowledge became narrower and narrower in one field. Whereas, being a Vet, there are so many different areas and you never stop learning. “I decided to change fields because I really wanted to help every day rather than working on the big picture things, which can sometimes take years. I’m really passionate about animals and love helping people.” Andrea is very passionate about educating clients and with the help of her husband has created a beautiful outdoor area at the clinic. “I want the clinic to be comfortable for people to

come at any time of day and for them to be involved and have an understanding of what’s going on for their pets. “Jacqui Lowry, the Vet Nurse and I, did a course on Fear Free Animal Handling. The outdoor area is a big part of that. If you don’t have an appointment you can wait outside with your pet able to roam around in a welcoming space.” Andrea has a beautifully respectful practice when it comes to having pets put down. She is able to come to your home or can do the procedure out in the back garden of the veterinary clinic. One of the highlights of visiting the clinic is getting a sneak peak into Andrea’s scientific past as she encourages you to look through the microscope and explains the immunology of a pet’s disease. Her passion and knowledge is exciting.

The clinic is putting out a newsletter with a new topic every few months. The last series was on arthritis and it enabled owners to come into consults with information and assist in taking away some of the fear and uncertainty. The next series will be the launch of Fear Free Animal Handling that the clinic has adopted. Andrea is loving life in the country and has taken to it with gusto, learning how to make sourdough, successfully keeping her starter alive for two years. However, she did inform me she had killed her rye starter. Last year she started sewing and began selling face-masks, bags and kitchen sponges at the Maldon Market. She is an avid reader and a painter and generally such a humble and welcoming person.



☆ Andrea looking into the microscope.

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On the Chin by Alex McClintock

The sport of boxing provokes love and loathing. It's a ticket out of poverty and a promoter's goldmine. McClintock uses his own progress through the amateur ranks to explore the history, culture and contradictions of the sweet science with detours through some of its notable

characters, including: Benny 'The Ghetto Wizard' Leonard, 'The Boxing Barista' Luigi Coluzzi, the immaculately named Trenton Titsworth, and the great Ruben Olivares, once described as 'the undisputed champion of the bender and the cabaret'

The Boy Behind the Curtain by Tim Winton

Winton reflects on the accidents, traumatic and serendipitous, that have influenced his view of life and fuelled his distinctive artistic vision. The unexpected links between car crashes and religious faith, between surfing and writing, and how going to the wrong movie at the age of eight opened him up to a life of the imagination. This is Winton's most personal book to date, providing an insight into the man who's held us enthralled for three decades. Behind it all, from risk-taking youth to surprise-averse middle age, has been the crazy punt of staking everything on becoming a writer.

Truth and Beauty by Ann Patchett

Ann Patchett and the late Lucy Grealy met in college in 1981 and began a friendship. In Grealy's critically acclaimed memoir *Autobiography of a Face*, she wrote about losing part of her jaw to childhood cancer. In *Truth and Beauty*, the story isn't Lucy's life or Ann's life but the parts of their lives they shared. This is a portrait of unwavering commitment

that spans 20 years, from the long winters of the Midwest to surgical wards to book parties in New York. Through love, fame, drugs, and despair, this is what it means to be part of two lives that are intertwined and what happens when one is left behind.

Under the Lino: The Mystery - The History - The Community by Caylie Jeffery

When Caylie and David Jeffery renovated the worst house on the busiest street in Milton, they had no idea what treasures they would find secreted inside.

The intriguing discovery of 1950s money and bankbooks hidden under old lino had Caylie turning to social media for help.

An online community of curious amateur sleuths reveal a trail of evidence leading to secret stories of fraud, missing gravestones, theft, brothels, and murder.

This week's reviews have been sourced from goodreads.com.

Enjoy!
The Maldon Athenaeum Library Team

IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



TODAY'S IMT is anyone's guess.

Plan A is for Nancy and Mike to co-host and chat with *TT* editor Jade Jungwirth about fabricating stories and being a role model for students of grammar. That all hinges on a relaxation of the COVID-related restrictions at MAINfm. Plan B is for one - just one - of our team of presenters to go solo. Tune in to find out what happens.

Last week it started with an inflammatory political rant and finished with peace and love in the air. Letting Mike off the leash for two hours resulted in a wireless whirlwind of book reviews, local gossip, COVID pep talks, readings from 'The Mulberry Tree', some eclectic music and a

tribute to our beloved Prime Minister ('an advertisement looking for a product to sell'). Here's a photo of the man himself - Mike, not the PM - looking suitably outraged about something-or-other, in that shop he wouldn't stop talking about.

Next Friday Alison and Kev will be talking with Suzette Phillips about developments at Maldon's Athenaeum Library. That is, unless the alternative universe continues to rule our lives - in which case your guess is as good as anyone's.

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

See our ad on page 14.

Mike Smythe

Feeling ashamed from catching COVID-19

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But this doesn't mean the virus is experienced equally.

"COVID doesn't discriminate, but it is discriminatory," says Dr Southerton.

"Some people are much more vulnerable to the disease because of the positions they're in. But that doesn't mean those people have put themselves at risk - it's that we, as a society, have put them at risk."

Frontline and essential workers are frequently exposed to the virus because our society demands that our systems work. For example, for food to be on supermarket shelves, there needs to be people driving the delivery trucks, stocking the shelves,

and working in distribution centres. These people work so the rest of us can eat and live.

There are also many groups of people who are particularly vulnerable to COVID, such as Indigenous people, older people, people with disability, and immunocompromised people.

"As a society, we're not very good at understanding the risk of contracting COVID isn't experienced equally," says Dr Southerton.

"We therefore need to protect and take care of the people who are at higher risk."

If you need support, or if you're concerned about someone you know, you can find support through Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

THE FIRE BRIGADES' DEMONSTRATIONS

In March 1907 the United Country Fire Brigades' demonstrations were held at the Camp Reserve in Castlemaine. The Maldon Fire Brigade was one of 85 brigades that competed at this event, which ran over four days. Special trains operated each day from Maldon bringing as many as 500 locals to the demonstrations to support their brigade.

The demonstrations opened on Tuesday 5 March with the discipline events. Maldon only managed to place 9th out of 11 brigades in their class. In the evening more than 1,200 firemen took part in the torchlight procession through the streets of Castlemaine. The Maldon Brass Band was one of a dozen bands that provided music for the procession.

On the second day the Victorian Governor, Sir Reginald Talbot, attended the competitions. The day's premier event was the hose practice for eight men. A faulty hose marred the contest but eventually the Ballarat brigade took out first place. For Maldon the day's highlight was Tom Baxter's win in the one man engine event. Baxter had only recently joined the Maldon brigade and had just started training for the event a few weeks earlier. He recorded a time of 28.8 seconds almost two seconds better than the next competitor. For his win, Baxter was presented with a championship medallion and a handsome clock.

On the third day Maldon did well against some of the larger brigades by placing fourth in the eight-man ladder and hose event. However, on the final day Tom Baxter again stole the show by winning the one man Y coupling and marshalling event. The *Mount Alexander Mail* noted that while many of the other competitors made basic errors in this event, Baxter's run was almost faultless.

The Maldon Brigade returned home by train on Friday evening. A large crowd of family and friends greeted them at the railway station and the Brass Band also turned out and marched them back to the Fountain Street fire station. The Brigade and their supporters later retired to the Lounge Hotel in High Street where they celebrated Tom Baxter's victories.

The next day the *Maldon News* noted that Baxter's performances were another example of his versatility as an athlete. Although still young, he was already a champion footballer and had excelled in foot racing, cycling, (including trick riding), pigeon shooting, iron quoits, walking and billiards. Later in 1907 Baxter played his first VFL match for Collingwood. He went on to play in their 1910 premiership team.

This information was supplied by the Maldon Museum and Archives.

☆ Costa the Garden Gnome.

COLIBAN Water has teamed up with water organisations from around the state and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to provide a range of exciting online experiences for this year's National Water Week.

Managing Director, Damian Wells, said Explore your Backyard is the theme of the week, which runs 18 to 24 October.

"We're very excited to be part of this online learning festival which will celebrate and nurture our connection to Country and water.

"It will feature live webinars, on-demand workshops, tours, videos and resources, all designed to get everyone outside and using water efficiently in the garden," Mr Wells said.

"National Water Week will be launched at 4pm on Sunday 17 October by special guest, Costa the Garden Gnome from television series *Dirtgirlworld*.

"I will co-host the launch event - we have a great program planned for people of all ages and gardening abilities," Mr Wells said.

Details for the events will be posted on the Explore Your Backyard Facebook page at facebook.com/ExploreYourBackyard2021 and also at coliban.com.au/national-water-week.

"We are proud to be collaborating with water organisations across Victoria - the team has created an exciting program of water-themed events.

"Following the huge success of last year's inaugural online learning festival and uncertainty around restrictions, it made sense to bring back a bigger and better event this year."

The festival focuses on water efficiency and exploring nature in your local area - whether that is a local waterway, vegie patch or a balcony garden.

The activities and events have been designed to suit a range of ages, interests, topics and learning goals and can be accessed from the comfort of homes or classrooms.

"Most importantly, we hope participants have a bit of fun, learn something new and enjoy exploring their backyard," Mr Wells said.

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☆ Carmen displaying her delicious fudge and ice cream at the new shop.



☆ Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery has some unique gift ideas - their Wooderful Life Music Boxes are beautifully crafted collectables.

THIS much loved Maldon business has been making its delicious Fudge and Ice Cream recipes in High St since it was called Cherry's many moons ago.

Saying goodbye to the old building, packing up and moving proved to be a difficult few weeks, but the business is now up and running in its new location at 29 Main St Maldon between IGA and the Pharmacy.

Much of the old shop is reflected in the new premises. The distinctive heritage signage has moved with the business. Owners Carmen and Stephen were sad to move at the end of their lease. However, they are excited about the new premises.

A larger retail area has allowed them to showcase several new product lines along with the yummy Fudge and Ice cream the business is renowned for.

The move seems to have also kick-started some creative activity with several new flavours of Ice Cream introduced. Sour Orange, Burnt Sugar, Vegan Cherry Coconut have all proven to be popular.

Stephen has also started making several flavours of Nougat. There are some yummy choices - traditional Roasted Almond, Salted Butter, Raspberry and Cream and Licorice.

Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 4.30pm. Later in the year, the business will move to five days per week, Wednesday to Sunday.

Maldon residents are welcome to drop in and try some of the Fudge, Nougat and Ice Cream on offer. Or just come in to browse the new range of products on offer, or check out the new shop!

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MALDON FUDGE AND ICE CREAMERY

Made Here
SMALL BATCH PREMIUM
ICE CREAM

The graphic features a yellow background with a large ice cream cone in the center. The cone is topped with a swirl of white and pink ice cream. At the top, a black banner with white text reads 'MALDON FUDGE AND ICE CREAMERY'. Below the cone, the text 'Made Here' is written in a large, stylized red font with a white outline. Below that, 'SMALL BATCH PREMIUM' is written in a smaller, bold, brown font. At the bottom, 'ICE CREAM' is written in a large, bold, red font with a white outline.

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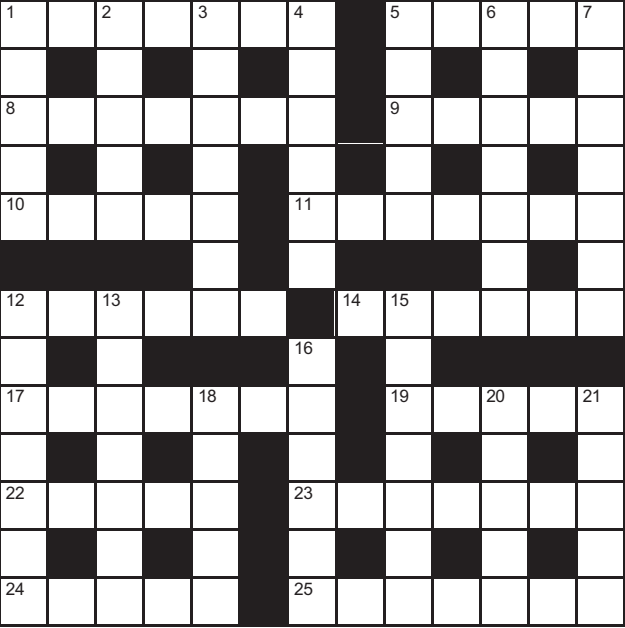
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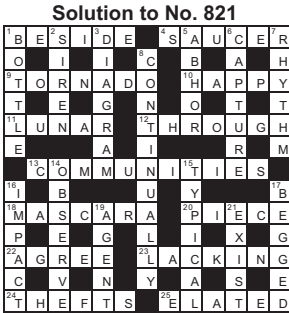
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Monthly Totals So Far:				Monthly Totals So Far:			
Month	2021	2020	2019	Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	92.9	44.6	3.2	Jan	83.4	35.2	4.8
Feb	8.9	56.3	12.6	Feb	17.0	52.8	21.6
Mar	72.3	32.8	4.3	Mar	83.8	37.0	7.6
Apr	9.8	99.6	4.5	Apr	14.4	145.4	5.6
May	42.0	49.2	100.8	May	53.6	66.2	115.5
June	54.0	38.3	75.2	June	81.0	49.2	92.2
July	63.1	23.5	35.3	July	82.8	32.8	53.6
Aug	35.0	48.7	45.7	Aug	41.8	62.2	57.6
Sept	47.7	40.9	19.1	Sept	49.2	54.6	29.4
Oct	43.2	47.1	4.9	Oct	37.0	73.2	8.6
Nov		25.7	38.6	Nov		37.2	43.0
Dec		29.1	3.9	Dec		39.2	9.8
TOTAL	475.6	535.8	348.1	TOTAL	547.6	685.0	449.4

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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	62.6	46.6	82.8
July	68.2	29.4	43.0
Aug	44.0	69.6	51.6
Sept	70.0	46.8	31.2
Oct	43.4	56.2	9.8
Nov		22.8	42.0
Dec		31.2	8.4
TOTAL	534.0	593.8	416.8

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GOLD STARS AND CHOCOLATE...



☆ Phil's winning shot.



☆ Spud, pétanque fan/mascot.



☆ Barb's wrist action.

ON Sunday 10 October after lots of overnight rain, the sun came out and smiled on the sociable piste artistes.

It was somewhat foiled by a freezing breeze. Before the games commenced, Geoff, Phil and Judy earned virtual

gold stars for doing a bit of hand weeding, to rid the Penny School piste of the dreaded grassy knoll.

Two brisk games ensued, while lovable Spud, the dog, explored people's bags in the hope of finding some edible

treasure. He was our most observant fan or maybe mascot.

At the conclusion of the afternoon first place went to Judy, Phil, and Elaine (in spirit, if not in presence), with 2 wins and +15 points. Second place went to Matt and Stevie

Wonder with 1 win and +12 points.

Steve and Carole came third with 1 win and +1 point. EC, Cap'n P and Mme Bleue followed them in fourth place, with 1 win and -3 points. Fifth place went to Joan,

Geoff and Maxeen, with 0 wins and -10 points.

Blakey and 'new bug' Barb were 'lucky last' with 0 wins and -15 points, celebrating with the *Beautiful Losers' Chocs*.

We play again, COVID willing, on Sunday 24 October, at 1.45 for a 2pm start. Come and join us. We have a QR code. It's always fun regardless of the weather.

Mme Bleue

CRICKET IN MUCKLEFORD



☆ The under 16 team celebrating a wicket.

THE season was initially due to begin last Saturday, but due to COVID-19, has

been delayed.

It is hoped the season will start on November 13, but



☆ Our inaugural ladies team after their first win.

this is all dependent on restrictions being lifted by then.

Muckleford have nominated the following teams:

- Four Senior Mens teams (one in A Grade, one in A Reserve and two in B Grade) - Games Saturday.
- One Ladies/Youth/Girls team - Games Friday night.
- One under 16 Boys/Girls teams - Games Saturday morning.
- Two under 13 Boys/Girls teams - Games Wednesday night.

We are on the lookout for any new players, particularly junior and ladies/youth girls.

We have multiple accredited coaches to be able to assist all abilities.

Training is happening at the moment for the following: Senior Mens/Ladies/Youth Girls - Tuesday 5.30pm, Thursday 5.30pm, Saturday 10am.

Under 13 and under 16 - Tuesday 4.30pm.

We are hopeful that we can have an intra-club practice match on November 6 for our Juniors, as well as Senior Mens and Ladies. More details will be provided on our Facebook and team app pages.

Brett Cole

MALDON GOLF CLUB



COVID-19 regulations continue to restrict the playing of Competition Golf and for the completion of Club Championship rounds, the Jack Long Matchplay and our annual Tournament events.

This 'non-competition' hurts as the condition of the course is so great at the moment and a credit to the many

hours of volunteer work from the mowing and maintenance crews.

Nevertheless, members have been enjoying the opportunity to gather on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons for some very competitive social golf and the opportunity for the odd bragging right or two for a good round of golf.

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