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☆ **Main:** Heather Lyons, employee of Harcourt Petrol Station at the site of the break-in.

☆ **Inset:** Burglars broke the front door of Maldon Newsagency at 2.40am Wednesday morning, stealing thousands of dollars worth of cigarettes and tobacco.

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LOCAL CRIME SPREE



BLUE LIGHT CAMP IN DESPERATE NEED OF FUNDS

The iconic Maldon Blue Light Youth Camp is at risk of closure due to funding losses from COVID-19.

The camp has a 30-year legacy in the Maldon

community, running school camps and education programs.

The new Executive General Manager of the camp, Jon Mitchell, told the *Tarrangower Times* that the Maldon Blue Light Youth Camp became

independent from the Victorian Police in 2014.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions camps are unable to run at present, leaving the camp without any form of revenue.

"I've inherited a deficit of lost earnings due to COVID and are currently going week by week, trying to keep staff on," said Jon.

"Funding is non-existent. We are a not-for-profit organisation and cannot access funds through state or

federal government or by local council."

Jon, who has an extensive history working with at-risk youth, took on the role as general manager, early last year, to develop a suite of programs for at risk youth and communities.

"Instead of focusing on re-engagement techniques, it's important to understand the underlying issue of engagement, which is trauma. This program focuses on mental

health and overall health and well-being."

Jon, who used to run Reconnect, one of the largest re-engagement programs in Australia said, "It's important to focus on strengths versus barriers. As Victoria starts to open up, the Blue Light Camp will be able to support children with COVID recovery by providing outdoor education, which is shown to improve anxiety and other mental health issues."

Jon and the Youth Blue Light Camp Board are currently running a crowd funding campaign to raise enough money to sustain the camp.

"The camp is an iconic institute which contributes to the economy in Maldon and from talking to locals, the community love the camp. I often have people telling me they've missed hearing the kids and seeing them ride their bikes around town.

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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

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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.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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EVERY TUESDAY

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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.

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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.

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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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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

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SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER

CAKE STALL in Main Street to support the McGrath Foundation.

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

WHEEL CACTUS FIELD DAY in Maldon Historic Reserve at 10.30am along Mount Back Road assisting Parks Victoria. Finishing with a BBQ lunch. The route will be sign-posted from South Parkins Reef Rd. See www.cactuswarriors.org for a location map.

TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

FASHION PARADE for the McGRATH FOUNDATION Starts 1.30pm at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.



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Blue Light Camp in desperate need of funds



☆ Jon Mitchell, Executive General Manager of the Youth Blue Light Camp in Maldon.

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“I’m really concerned about what will happen to the staff once we’re out of lockdown and are no longer being provided with emergency payments.

“At present there is no clear guideline from the government as to when schools will be able to resume excursions and camps, which means schools don’t want to book anything in the future.”

To learn more or make a donation visit the Victorian Blue Light Youth Camp’s Go Fund Me page at: Help Blue Light Campy Battle Youth Mental Health.

Raising money for Maldon



☆ Men’s shed fundraising at the Maldon Market: Hand Made, Home Grown.

MALDON Market: Hand Made, Home Grown was launched by the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre in November 2013 as a monthly farmers and makers market set in the picturesque goldfields town of Maldon.

The Market features the very best hand made products and home grown produce from independent makers and growers and attracts locals and visitor alike. Each month a local not-for-profit community group has an opportunity to use the Maldon Market as a fundraising platform by collecting the gold coin donation on entry, running the sausage sizzle and having a free stall site.

“We wanted the Maldon Market to be a place where locals can gather and the community can be centre stage,” explains Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator Amy Atkinson. “Ensuring that the Market can double as a fundraising opportunity for our local community groups is a great way to achieve that.

“We have about 1,200 visitors at every market and up to 2,000 during long weekends and school holidays. Community groups can sell a lot of sausages and if every

visitor pops a \$1 coin into the collection bucket it can raise a lot of much needed funds for our community.

“We estimate that over \$70,000 has been put back into the local community – whether it is into sporting clubs, Landcare, CFA or the local pre-school – all the community have benefited,” said Amy.

“It is a truth universally acknowledged that a community organisation is always in need of funds.” explains Graham Pitts, President Maldon Golden Movies. “The finances of the Maldon Golden Movies (MGM) Film Society are always boosted very nicely indeed when we are lucky enough to score a day at the Maldon Market. We couldn’t

be more enthusiastic, for it’s not just the gold coin entry fee and the sausage sizzle profits, it’s the warm feeling. Actually, that’s not true, it’s the money, the money!”

Throughout the year, a different local community group is allocated a month to fundraise by running the sausage sizzle and collecting a gold coin on entry. There is also the opportunity to have a market stall site at no cost – perhaps to hold a raffle, have a cake stall or sell your wares as did the Maldon Men’s Shed in August.

“If you are involved in a local not-for-profit community group then you are eligible to apply for a fundraising month. This opportunity is highly sought after so there is an application process and ballot system to make sure everyone has a turn.”

The Maldon Market is on from 9 -1.30pm, every second Sunday of the month at the Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve, Frances Street Maldon. The next market is on Sunday 13 November – celebrating our eighth birthday!

For more information on fundraising, please go to www.maldonnc.org.au/maldon-market/fundraising or contact the Centre Coordinator Amy Atkinson info@maldonnc.org.au or 5475 2093.

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Local crime spree

THREE masked men, believed to be in their 20s, broke into the Harcourt Service Station at 1.30am on Wednesday 27 October.

According to the station manager, William Mantri, the men's faces were covered and they were wearing gloves.

“They were driving an Isuzu ute and I was able to write down the registration details from video footage. The police told me they believe the car was stolen,” said William.

“They smashed the window and filled a bag with hats, sunglasses, chargers and a few boxes of chocolates. They took a basket of ice-creams and butane gas. They tried to get into the cupboard containing cigarettes but couldn’t break the padlock.”

The three men then drove to the Maldon Newsagency where they smashed the door, pulling it free from the lock. They forced their way into the security doors that contained cigarettes and tobacco, causing significant damage to the doors.

Owners of the newsagency Graeme and Barb were alerted by their security company at 2.30am and Graeme drove to the shop.

“Unfortunately there was no one around, the street was deserted apart from the baker’s car, but he wouldn’t have heard anything,” said Graeme. “They took about

\$7,000 worth of tobacco and cigarettes. Then they must’ve got thirsty because they took a few drinks out of the fridge.

“We’re insured, but it will take us some time to re-stock and repair the damage.

“This is the third break in we’ve had. One five years earlier, when they broke the back door and stole cigarettes. Then a few months later I was in the back room when I heard a noise from the front. I ran to the front of the shop where a man had smashed the window with an axe.”

The Harcourt Service Station also had a similar burglary in March 2020 with cigarettes and tobacco being stolen.

“We’ve had to close the shop and the petrol pumps this morning, while the glass door gets repaired, which means we’ve lost a whole morning’s trade,” said William.

The *Tarrangower Times* spoke to Leading Senior Constable David Rose who is unable to comment on an ongoing investigation.

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Holy Trinity folk service



☆ Platform Souls performing at Nuggetty Vineyard.

DESPITE the Folk Festival being cancelled, this year the local Anglican Church, has decided to move ahead with their special service.

The folk service will be held outside at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, next to the church's Garden of Remembrance, from 5pm – 6.30pm and will feature folk music, and will also be a celebration of the Feast of All Saints.

The Feast of All Saints is when the church remembers all those who have gone before and gives thanks for their lives. As part of the service there will be an unveiling of a new installation in the Garden of Remembrance, which will feature plaques for those who have passed away, and will be remembered. And during the service people will be given

Fashions on the field at Panacea Estate



THE beautiful Panacea Estate will host a fashion parade this Derby Day with eight lovely models wearing garments from Tres Doux Tres Beau.

The parade will begin at 1pm with models dressed in clothing by two Australian labels: the Duchess of Walmer and Zephyr.

Fashions on the Field will take place after the parade with prizes of vouchers and bubbles to be won. Entry is open to anyone.

Traditionally people wear black and white to Derby Day but race goers can wear whatever colours they choose.

329 Seers Road Welshmans Reef. To book go to <https://www.facebook.com/panaceaestate>.

time to remember those loved ones who have passed.

The Platform Souls playing *Angel Band*, *Dona Nobis Pacem* and *By The Rivers of Babylon* will be performing at the event as well as one of Australia's leading harpists Andy Rigby and accompanying harpists performing some instrumental pieces.

Philippa Vaughan will be singing *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* and *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*.

Singing along will be encouraged!

According to government regulations proof of double vaccination will be required for all who attend making the cap 500 people.

CFA report



MALDON Captain was driving home from Castlemaine Sunday 24 October when he noticed a tree stump smouldering on the road verge near the intersection of O'Connors Track, Gower.

The time was 1.41pm, and a fire call was initiated. Protected roadside vegetation had also been burnt.

There was no-one in attendance at the time and the fire did not comply with *Can I or Can't I* (a CFA campaign advising what actions are allowed during fire danger periods and total fire bans. Visit cfa.vic.gov.au for more information).

Maldon T1 and T2 attended, along with VicPol. A stop was put on the fire at 1.57pm, T2 returned to the station at 2pm, with T1 remaining on-site to mop up and returned to the station at 2.45pm.

Wheel Cactus Field Day in Maldon Historic Reserve



☆ Wheel Cactus Field Day this Sunday.

THE Cactus Warriors invite you to join us on Sunday 31 October at 10.30am along Mount Back Road where we will be assisting Parks Victoria to remove Wheel Cactus plants from our sensational Maldon Historic Reserve.

We'll be armed with digging hoes and buckets and will concentrate on digging up small wheel cactus plants in an area along Mount Back

Road. If you already have a digging hoe and/or buckets at home, please bring these along to use on the day.

Small Wheel Cactus plants are really easy to dig up because they're very shallow rooted and it doesn't matter if you leave roots behind in the ground (this cactus does not re-grow from roots). Digging up small plants before they grow large and need injecting

with herbicides also means using less chemicals, which is great for the environment and reduces costs.

Come along and learn how to deal with Wheel Cactus infestations, or just to help combat the problem in our local park.

All equipment is provided just wear protective clothing and sturdy boots. The mornings activities start at 10.30am, and finish with a BBQ lunch and friendly chat.

The route will be well sign-posted from South Parkins Reef Rd, Maldon. Please check our website at www.cactuswarriors.org for a location map.

Landcare Victoria and Parks Victoria strongly recommend providing a COVID-Safe workplace for volunteers. As Tarrangower Cactus Control Group is part of Landcare Victoria we will be following COVID-Safe guidelines for this field day and also recommend all volunteers to be COVID vaccinated.

All children must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

Lee Mead
President, Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Inc.

Council adopts 10-year community vision and four-year plan for Mount Alexander Shire

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council formally adopted the 10-year Community Vision for the shire, as well as a new four-year Council Plan at its most recent Council Meeting on Tuesday 19 October 2021.

The Community Vision 2021-2031 reflects the community's hopes, aspirations and priorities for the Mount Alexander Shire for the next 10 years. The long-term strategic document was developed in partnership with the community, and is the result of extensive community engagement from March to August 2021.

The new ten-year Community Vision 2021-2031:

In 2031, our community is connected to each other, and comes together to build and celebrate an inclusive, creative shire.

We are a healthy community that values the natural beauty of the Djaara Country we live on.

We know that preserving our natural environment means living sustainably and caring for country.

We are protecting our shire from the threat of climate

change by working together at the local level.

We are a welcoming community where everybody has access to services and supports, and opportunities for housing, education, employment and creative and social pursuits.

We are known as a vibrant place which draws upon its creative spirit and shared heritage.

We are building a place where everyone can enjoy the beauty, history and friendliness of the shire.

The vision provides a strategic direction and framework for Council for the next decade, and from that vision, Council has created its new four-year Council Plan 2021-2025.

The Council Plan 2021-2025 guides the work, decisions and efforts of Council staff and Councillors over the next four years. It includes three areas of focus, which are called pillars, and a series of objectives which relate to each.

The three pillars outlined in the Council Plan 2021-2025 are:

- We are engaging genuinely with the community
 - We are always improving
 - We are delivering together.
- "It's incredibly exciting to commit our organisation to

delivering on Council's new 10-year vision and four-year Council Plan," said Darren Fuzzard, Chief Executive Officer at Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"With the 10-year Community Vision and our new four-year Council Plan now in place, we've got a clear picture of where we're headed how we'll get there, and what progress we're making," said Mr Fuzzard.

The Council Plan 2021-2025 is part of our Integrated Strategic Reporting Framework, which supports, and is supported by a series of additional strategies and plans. These include our Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and Financial Plan (which were also adopted at the Meeting of Council), the Asset Plan, Workforce Plan, Revenue and Rating Plan and Annual Budget.

The Council Plan 2021-2025, including the Community Vision 2021-2031, are available online at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/council_plan and in print at the Civic Centre in Castlemaine, and the Visitor Information Centres in Maldon and Castlemaine.

Letter to the Editor

Re: Letter 77
22.10.21 by Ben
Laycock

I don't class myself as an anti-vaxer, but I will not be medically blackmailed into being injected with an experimental vaccine, with approval for emergency use only. As such, the manufacturers have indemnified themselves against any action for adverse reactions including death. So have the government and the indemnity has also been extended to anyone who administers this so called vaccine. In other words, you have absolutely no recourse to any recompense for any harm caused, either now, or in the future.

It would also appear that this vaccine largely does not work. As our vaccination rates go up, so do the case numbers. In England, with a 95 per cent fully vaccinated population daily case numbers are around 60,000, with several thousand daily deaths.

The second point refers to mask wearing. Despite asking political party representatives what size this virus is, none have been able to, or perhaps more to the point, willing, to give me an answer. I am guessing that the answer would be about one micron. We all know that masks are impossible to seal perfectly on the face. To put it in perspective, a quarter of a millimetre circular gap on the mask seal,

would allow 250 germs to pass unimpeded into your lungs. Most 'well-fitted' masks will have three to four gaps of five millimetres or more. If COVID germs are present, they will be charging into your lungs like people and bulls charging through the streets of Pamplona.

So I will take my chances breathing God's good clear air and by not subjecting myself to a somewhat dubious vaccine. When the good lord wants me, he can have me, but until then I will not be bullied by a dictatorial government.

If you think that the vaccine is so good, you should not be troubled at all by me being unvaccinated and maskless.

Jim Dunstone

Fundraising with a colourful flair



☆ Owner of Poppy's of Maldon, Maree, in her new shop on High Street, with neighbour Trudi from Polly and Willow.



THE retailers in Maldon are raising funds for the McGrath Foundation by taking part in 'Pink Up The Town'.

Last Friday, the shopkeepers blended beautifully with their pink window displays, as they adorned ensembles of various hues of pink, in order to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Make sure you pop into the local shops and support this worthwhile cause or buy tickets for next Tuesday's Fashion Parade at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

Saturday 30 October there will be a cake stall on Main Street so come by and buy yourself a delicious treat while supporting the McGrath Foundation.

☆ **Pictured above right:** An art installation of pink shoes to help paint Maldon pink for the McGrath Foundation fundraiser. Artist unknown.

☆ **Pictured left:** Elizabeth, owner of Forget Me not Flowers, is supporting the McGrath Foundation Fundraiser



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Train disruptions: Coaches replace trains in both directions

Echuca Line	Until 30 Nov	Bendigo to Echuca
	6 to 7 Nov	Southern Cross to Echuca
	20 to 21 Nov	
Bendigo Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At night, 5 Nov Each night, 7 to 9 Nov At night, 19 Nov 	Southern Cross to Bendigo
	6 Nov to night of 7 Nov	Southern Cross to Gisborne
	20 to 21 Nov	
Swan Hill Line	6 to 7 Nov	Southern Cross to Bendigo
	20 to 21 Nov	

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INSPECTION BY APPOINTMENT



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DELIGHTFUL COUNTRY CHARM WITH RUSTIC STYLE, SPACE, VIEWS and OVER 12 ACRES TO PLAY 4 2 7

Quietly positioned on a level 12 acre parcel with grazing land, a large dam and forest trails just nearby, this thoughtfully planned rural hamlet features a Mud-brick home with great space, design and flexibility. The country style earthen home has large windows and verandahs on 3 sides with lovely rural vistas that stretch down the valley with Mt Alexander in the background. The home offers a flexible floor plan with 4 bedrooms, 2 living zones, 2 kitchens and 2 bathrooms - it can be used as a 3 bedroom home with a self-contained unit under the roof-line. The home is light and airy, features a solid timber modern kitchen, lovely bathroom with shower and claw foot bath, wood fire heating and some reverse cycle air-conditioning. There is 5.9kW of grid connected solar too. The property has a substantial workshop-garage with power, garaging space for 6 cars, plus workshop rooms, a carport and caravan port bays.

INSPECT BY APPOINTMENT



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.

INSPECT BY APPOINTMENT



Castlemaine
14 Baird Street \$639,000

SO MUCH SPACE IN THE WONDERFUL WESLEY HILL LOCALE! 3 1 2

This smartly updated and super spacious 1960s era Brick home enjoys a sunny garden setting in Baird Street with the nearby Wesley Hill market and Moonlight Flat walks all at your doorstep. The generous floor plan has over 144m2 of living space (15.5 Squares) and features 3 bedrooms (2 with robes), large windows, central bathroom, large entry vestibule, modern timber kitchen with walk-in pantry, and a very spacious lounge-dining room with reverse cycle air, and adjoining family room with wood fireplace and large glassed doors that open to a covered garden verandah and garden outdoor area. The front gardens have roses, shade trees with a north-east aspect plus there is large sunny patio entry and plenty of parking space. Invest or occupy, enjoy the space and convenience.



Castlemaine
34 Wheeler Street

WONDERFUL CENTRAL POSITION WITH GARDENS AND GARAGING One Owner – beautifully cared for Brick Home, so close to the town centre! 4 2 4

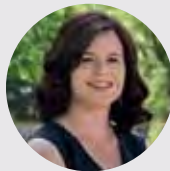
Positioned on Wonderful Wheeler Street, just off the main road, close to the Supermarket and Shops, this special long held property offers a great lifestyle without the compromise. The home has been thoroughly renovated and is so close to both Wheeler and William Streets. The home features a large front and rear garden room outdoor entertaining area, 3 bedrooms with robes and new carpets, main and ensuite bathrooms, 2 living zones, a study with garden outlook, a modern kitchen with dishwasher and stainless steel oven, plus meals area. There is ducted gas heating and ducted evaporative cooling throughout.



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Daring Magpie rescue

A young magpie was found trapped in a tree 15 metres high earlier this week.

One of the bird's legs was entangled in twine causing it to dangle upside down every time it tried to fly from the nest.

Locals rang Wildlife Victoria who attended the bird with the assistance of tree climber Rueben Williams, from Arborea Tree Management in Newstead, who donated his time free of charge.

Reuben quickly scaled the tree and within 30 minutes



had freed the bird from the nest, securing him in a bag. Although according to Wildlife Rescuer Ian Slattery, "The magpie gave him a peck for good measure."

Ian then took the young bird home and removed the twine from its leg before

taking him to Hepburn Wildlife Shelter the following day.

"Luckily he's going to be ok," said Ian. "If the twine stayed on his leg for a long period of time the leg would have become constricted and caused a lack of blood circulation and nerve damage. If

people wouldn't leave their rubbish lying around it could prevent problems like this.

"He is only a baby, so the shelter will make sure he is ready to be released in a few weeks' time, back to where he was found."

Help is at hand for COVID-19 Vaccination proof



COUNCIL is supporting residents to obtain proof of their COVID-19 vaccination certificate through a number of face-to-face sessions being held in the coming weeks.

The sessions are designed to help people access their COVID-19 digital certificate online, and add it to the Service Victoria app on their smart phone. Support can also be provided to help residents print a copy of their COVID-19 digital certificate.

Council's Community Support Officers and volunteers will run the sessions on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 2pm at the

Castlemaine Senior Citizens Centre, Mechanics Lane in Castlemaine. Bookings are required, and can be made by calling 5471 1807. Please note: sessions will not run on Monday 1 November 2021.

From Friday 22 October, all residents aged 16 or over will be required to show their digital vaccination certificate or immunisation history statement when checking-in at certain venues, including businesses.

Acceptable forms of proof of COVID-19 vaccination status include:

- COVID-19 digital certificate via the Service Victoria app

- COVID-19 digital certificate saved to smartphone
- Printed copy of COVID-19 digital certificate together with photo ID
- Printed copy of immunisation history statement together with photo ID
- Medical exemption together with photo ID.

Digital support sessions are also being held at Castlemaine Community House, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, and the Castlemaine Library.

For instructions on how to get your proof of vaccination status, visit www.service.vic.gov.au/covid-19/add-covid-19-digital-certificate.

Improve your skills for best practice farm management

FOR some farmers, running a business according to best practice management techniques is something to aspire to, but for many it's not always easy knowing where to start.

To help farm business owners understand what best practice looks like, Agriculture Victoria is presenting four webinars: Planning, Budgeting,

Managing Profits and Succession Planning.

The Planning, Budgeting and Managing Profits webinars will be presented by Meridian Agriculture farm business consultant Paul Blackshaw, The Succession Planning webinar will be presented by lawyer Claire Booth, a Nuffield Scholar and cropping and beef farmer.

Mr Blackshaw says the webinars will help with the short and long-term running of a farm business. "The more you understand your business and where it is heading in the longer term, the more you can make informed decisions," Mr Blackshaw says.

"Planning and Budgeting gives you the roadmap for financial performance and allows you to identify deficits or opportunities and make adjustments along the way.

"As for Managing Profits, a lot of businesses are generating profits they haven't been used to in the past. Here is an opportunity and they need to

know how to best use these profits to benefit the business in the long term."

The free, one-hour Farm Business Essentials webinars will be held at 7.30pm on:

- **Wednesday 27 October: Planning:** How to develop, document and use strategic, tactical, and operational business plans.
- **Wednesday 10 November: Budgeting:** How to create a budget, review it regularly, and use it as a communication tool.
- **Wednesday 24 November: Managing Profits:** How to make the best of high prices and good conditions and ensure business profits are put to best use.
- **Wednesday 8 December: Succession Planning:** How a succession plan helps a farming business manage succession challenges.

Register for any of these online events by 5pm on the afternoon of the webinar. To register, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/events.

Roadside slashing is underway



MOUNT Alexander Shire Council has started its annual roadside slashing program, which is expected to continue until Christmas.

Council slashes vegetation along the road shoulder of the majority of Council-managed sealed roads and rural intersections in the lead up to the Fire Danger Period each year.

"Slashing vegetation along roadsides reduces the risk of grass fires when cars pull over onto the side of the road," said Brett Quarrier, Works Co-ordinator, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"It also improves safety for road users by creating clearer lines of sight," said Mr Quarrier.

"With the increase in vegetation growth this season due

to recent rain, some areas may be too wet to slash now and we may even need to go back and slash some areas again."

Council began the roadside slashing program at Barin-gup in mid-October. Over the next two months the team will progress through Maldon, Newstead, Guildford, Harcourt, Sutton Grange, Metcalfe and Taradale.

Procedures are in place to identify areas of high value vegetation and to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.

"The team regularly cleans down and washes equipment to remove seeds in areas of known weed outbreaks. This may be up to six times a day in certain areas," said Mr Quarrier.

"This has shown to be a very effective way of reducing the spread of weeds," he said.

Council works with the CFA to understand areas of fire risk and the team takes weather conditions into account when planning the days' work.

"Please take care if you see the teams out and about as they are operating heavy equipment. We encourage you to drive carefully as you overtake, and of course give them a wave when you see them," said Mr Quarrier.



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Know Your Local

Gary Leung



ON interviewing Gary I realised he isn't, in technical terms, a resident of Maldon. However, I think given Gary has given each of us advice on coughs and colds, sores and nappy rash for quite a few years, we can make an exception.

"It was 10 years ago and I wrote a note saying due to unforeseen circumstances the shop will be closed for the remainder of the day. And it was unforeseen, because she was born prematurely!"

When I asked how it's been for Gary during the pandemic

so I gave him two rolls from my personal stash."

Gary and his wife Ann, who is also a pharmacist, both grew up in Hong Kong. Gary, who had travelled and studied in Australia, said it was brave of Ann to move to a country she'd never been to before.

Like many others with families overseas, it's been difficult for Gary and Ann not being able to return and visit their families, particularly as Gary's father died during the pandemic.

"If we were to go and see my mum and sisters we'd need to quarantine in Hong Kong for 21 days and then another two weeks in Australia. It means five weeks of quarantine which is just not possible."

Gary doesn't have much in the way of down time, particularly since he's opened another pharmacy in Bendigo. He does, however, enjoy taking his one year old golden retriever MoMo for her daily walks and spending time with his 16-year-old son Augustine and 10-year-old daughter Lauren.

Jade Jungwirth

"I treated the locals ok at the time, I didn't snap at them or anything!" Gary laughs.

Gary bought the pharmacy on April Fools' Day in 2009. He found out about the sale of the pharmacy through his networks and came up to have a look during the Folk Festival in 2008.

"It was a good first impression, such a vibrant town. I've never regretted it."

Gary and I are sitting in the back of the pharmacy for the interview, he never takes a lunch break and informed me that he's only closed the shop early once, the day his daughter was born.

he said, "I think there was a lot of responsibility on a pharmacist's shoulders during that time. It was a little messy to begin with, everything happened at such a fast pace. I didn't sleep much, it was very stressful, trying to figure out what medications to order and stocking up on hand sanitiser and toilet paper.

"I treated the locals ok at the time, I didn't snap at them or anything!" Gary laughs. "I remember one guy came in and was in tears because he couldn't find any toilet paper,

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Great new reads at the Athenaeum Library

Written by a teacher of English, *Songbird* by Ingrid Laguna is a great new read for our junior readers.

Jamila has left her friends, school, and home in Iraq for a new home in Australia. Jamila misses her best friend and worries for her father's safety back in Iraq.

Her mother, who needs help with many things as she knows so little English, begins

to call her school saying that Jamila needs to be excused for various reasons.

Jamila feels happy when she is selected for the school choir.

This is a story about belonging, the importance of friendship and so much more.

For our adult readers we have a new book from Nick Trout, *The Wonder of Lost Causes*.

Dr Kate Blunt will do anything for her son, Jasper. Jasper has cystic fibrosis and Kate has told him he can't have a dog. Kate's in charge of an animal shelter always full of dogs that need forever homes; each dog is on a two-week deadline to find a human that will take them in.

A mistreated wreck named Whistler turns up and forms an instantaneous bond with Jasper. The clock's ticking and the dog's future hangs in the balance, Jasper would do anything to find him a home; but Whistler has chosen them for a reason.

And for lovers of Marian Keyes, we have *Grown Ups*,

featuring the glamorous Casey family!

Johnny Casey, his brothers Ed and Liam, their beautiful wives and all their kids spend a lot of time together - birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, weekends away. Johnny's wife, Jessie insists on it.

Under the surface, though, conditions are murkier. While some people clash, others like each other far too much.

Everything stays under control until Ed's wife Cara, gets concussion and can't keep her thoughts to herself.

We also have from Karen Swan, *The Spanish Promise*.

Charlotte, a wealth counselor who knows from personal

experience the complications that sudden inheritance can bring, helps her clients navigate the emotional side effects of sudden wealth. When asked by Mateo Mendoza, heir to a huge Spanish estate, to fly to Madrid to help resolve an issue with his father's will, she's confident it will be straightforward.

But Carlos Mendoza's final bequest opens a generation of

secrets. Charlotte uncovers a story of a family divided by Spain's Civil War, and a love affair across the battle lines that ended in tragedy.

And then Charlotte's own tragic past catches up with her.

With thanks to reviews from Good Reads.

The Maldon Athenaeum Library Team

Direct from Graceland: Bendigo to rock'n'roll with Elvis



IN an Australian exclusive, Bendigo will celebrate the life and legacy of the 'King of Rock 'n' Roll' Elvis Presley with a major exhibition

curated by Bendigo Art Gallery from 19 March-17 July 2022.

The exhibition will feature 300 artefacts owned by Elvis including his military uniforms, a 1976 Red Bicentennial Custom Harley Davidson, some of his famous jumpsuits and includes personal items like baby clothes from his daughter Lisa Marie, his first job application and his first-grade crayon box he took to school.

IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



IMT is nothing if not optimistic, so today Nancy and Mike will be chatting with Blakey about his weird collection of gizmos, and later with Mark Blythe.

However, if Plague Rules no. 493 sub-section 42 paragraph 57 is enacted something else may happen. Who doesn't love a surprise?

From the pen of the Ever Chatty EC (that's her in the mask): 'Last Friday's show explored the delights of storytelling on the radio. There was Arlo Guthrie's iconic 'Alice's Restaurant Massacre', also 'Quite Early One Morning' spoken by Dylan Thomas and, of course, IMT's very own The Plunketts. These stories provided a wonderful way to fill the space left by not being able to have a guest. Discussion ensued on how to advise two COVID vaccinations. Could it be double vaxxed or fully vaxxed? Once booster shots begin to be taken all this may change again.'

Next Friday Nancy's back with Kev to meet Peter Christin from the new Panacea Estate Winery. If it doesn't happen because of Plague Rules no. 394 sub-section 24 paragraph 75 there will be no point in whining.

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

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Mike Smythe

BLAST FROM THE PAST

A CASE OF FORGERY

On Tuesday, 15 November 1859, Maldon cattle dealer John Subritzky went to the Bank of New South Wales to deposit 90 pounds in his account. The money included two £5 bank notes issued by the English, Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank. When he presented these notes, the teller told Subritzky they were forgeries. Subritzky had received them from two local butchers, Charles Bull and Henry Cox. Soon after several other businesses discovered that they had also accepted forged notes.

Police Sergeant Thomas O'Brien acted promptly. Based on descriptions provided by the duped tradesmen, the next day he arrested three men and a woman at Sandy Creek. In their tent forging materials were found including a £1 note with the 'one' cut out and letters cut from newspapers that could convert notes into higher denominations. The police also confiscated 50 genuine £1 notes they believed the forgers planned to alter. O'Brien recognised one of the men as Thomas Beasley who had absconded from Carisbrook after being charged with horse stealing and passing forged coins.

On Thursday 24 November those arrested appeared in the Maldon Police Court. Two of them, Eli Burchett and Mary Reed, were immediately discharged due to a lack of evidence. Extensive evidence however was heard against the other two, James Reed and Thomas Jones, also known as Beasley. Among the witnesses was George Walker, the chief teller of the ES&A Chartered Bank in Melbourne, who confirmed that the notes were forgeries. When the hearing closed Reed and Jones were committed for trial at Castlemaine. The Police Magistrate Robert Mackenzie also congratulated Sergeant O'Brien on the way the police had investigated the case and presented their evidence in court.

On Friday 9 December Reed and Jones faced trial in Castlemaine. Reed appeared on two charges. The first charge related to the forged notes offered to Bull and Cox and the second to notes he passed at Warnocks' Beehive Stores. Despite the jury recommending leniency on account of his youth, Reed was sentenced to three years hard labour on the roads on each charge. Jones was found guilty on one charge and was sentenced to five years on the roads.

George Leech, the barrister who represented Reed and Jones, asked the Court to rule that the police release the genuine bank notes confiscated when the men were arrested. This would allow them to pay their solicitors and Leech's fees. The Court agreed to release £10. When Leech protested that this was not enough, he was told that it was more than enough to conduct such an ordinary case.

Following the convictions, the Chief Commissioner of Police presented Sergeant O'Brien and two of his constables each with a reward of £5. Later the ES&A Chartered Bank awarded O'Brien with £10 for his cleverness in tracing and bringing Reed and Jones to justice.

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HEALTHCARE FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF MOUNT ALEXANDER

Planning for stronger regional health and wellbeing for the communities of Mount Alexander

Maldon Hospital and Castlemaine Health are formally exploring the unification of Maldon Hospital and Castlemaine Health. The Boards are commissioning a proposal that will examine the potential benefits of unification. Change will only happen if the boards are in unanimous agreement, if community benefit is assured, and if the State Government accepts the boards' recommendations.

Why is this happening?

This process has been motivated by demand from patients and residents, changes in the Mount Alexander demographic, dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, the implications of two health Royal Commissions and reassessing how we allocate resources. Now is the time to build on this collaboration – in fact, it's overdue.

What is the process from here?

We are going to work together now, to involve staff, patients, stakeholders and communities in planning for better regional health and wellbeing in the communities of Mount Alexander. In early December, we will present back to the community with what we've heard. This community feedback will also help inform the proposal, which if endorsed by both boards, will be submitted to the Department of Health by the end of the year.

Will there be loss of services?

Definitely not. There will be no loss of services at either of the healthcare services. Our proposal is driven by a desire to improve the breadth, accessibility, quality and sustainability of local healthcare in the region.

Will we lose our identity if we amalgamate?

No. Whatever happens in this process, we can guarantee that Maldon Hospital and Castlemaine Health will remain here under their current names in the future.

Will staff lose jobs?

No. This is about recruiting and investing in our staff. There will be no reductions in staffing levels and people will be able to work when and where they work today, unless they wish to change.

What about governance – will it be diluted in a bigger health service?

Not at all. Any health service would be underpinned by clear governance structures. In fact, a unified service would significantly reduce the time taken to fulfill two separate compliance structures, ensuring better focus on these important issues.

Will we lose our board? How can you ensure local representation?

Should we come together, it is correct to say that there would only be one board. Local representation on the board for both communities would be strongly

recommended to the Minister for Health, and community advisory committees in Maldon and Castlemaine would be mandatory.

Assurances for Maldon

- Maldon Hospital has a proud 161-year history of care in our community. This will continue into the future, with the same name and connection to the people of Maldon.
- There will be the same access to high quality care at the Maldon Hospital, with no loss of services.
- Aged care will always be at Maldon Hospital. In fact, we are looking at ways to enhance this offering.
- There will be no reductions in staffing levels and people will be able to work when and where they work today unless they wish to change.
- Past and future fund-raising in Maldon will always stay in Maldon unless otherwise advised.
- Ensuring local board director representation, with appropriate skill mix, is a key priority for any new health service.

Next week a staff and community survey will also allow community members to have their say on the future of healthcare for the communities of Mount Alexander. Keep a close eye on local media, subscribe to email updates, or get in touch by email, phone or writing.

For more information visit www.maldhosp.vic.gov.au/community-engagement

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Occasional Childcare and Playgroup

Children's Week 23 October – 31 October 2021



THE Children's Week Council of Australia National Theme for 2021 is based on United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 15: Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others.

"At Maldon Neighbourhood

Centre we have explored this theme with our Occasional Childcare and Playgroup Programs," explains Anna Robertson, Childcare Coordinator and Playgroup volunteer.

This year each child has been invited to add a picture of themselves to a group portrait to be displayed at Maldon

Neighbourhood Centre as a celebration of belonging to our community. After which the artwork will be displayed at the Maldon and District Community Bank during Children's Week.

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre has a strong focus on respect for others,

participation, inclusion and community wellbeing. This is also reflected in The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia: *Children are connected with and contribute to their world.*

"At the Occasional Childcare Program we have explored the idea of friendship and safely connecting with others," said Anna.

"I like to run and play with my friends," said Ned (4-years-old).

"Friends, when they play with me, I love it!" says Reuben (3-years-old).

In previous years our Young at Heart Playgroup was held in conjunction with the residents of Maldon Hospital. In recent times our playgroup has moved to the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre grounds, where we have welcomed many new young families.

To celebrate Children's Week 2021 and continue to foster relationships and safe connections with our friends at Maldon Hospital, the children at both our Occasional Childcare and Playgroup Programs have created colourful gift bags filled with craft and artworks to share. Thank you

to Jacinta Onans, Health and Wellbeing Officer at Maldon Hospital, for continuing to foster intergenerational relationships in our community.


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☆ Abi's clay pot.



☆ Thomas's stitched flowers artwork.



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☆ Jack's clay pot.



☆ Cohen's clay hand.

One Spooky Night

By Cohen, Grade 2

One spooky night at a graveyard a soul came out of the ground. A lady was working late. As she walked out the door, she saw a soul floating around. She ran back inside and called the police.

"Police, there's a soul floating around the cemetery."

"Okay, we are on our way." The police said.

BANG! The police shot ghost killer darts at the soul. The soul tried to go back in the ground, but it didn't know that when a soul comes out of the ground, it can't go back in. The soul tried to hide, but it didn't work. So the soul flew as fast as he could. The police shot ghost killer darts through the air like a bullet. In a flash, the police chased after the soul and shot it. The ghost turned invisible. The police could never find him again.

The Mysterious Jungle – Part 1

By Elsa, Grade 3

The sun was out and the birds were chirping, cars drove the children to school, and Bakers got kind compliments about their cakes.

Far away in a damp kingdom of trees, two tigers were lurking in the long grass, looking for prey. The story of the *Mysterious Jungle* starts here.

Ivy had lived here all her life. It was a small, but beautiful town, full of kind people to play with and exciting things to see. But, now Ivy was moving to the boring city, full of boring people and boring things to look at. Ivy was sitting in the car, looking VERY glum. She was staring at blue, yellow and orange bikes, people walking their dogs and the kids playing on the public playground. Soon Ivy and her mum and dad were driving past meadows of heather, forests full of bushes and mountains that were up to the sky. Soon the sky had darkened and a thick layer of fog spread out from the car to as far as they could see. Then just as Ivy was about to ask how much longer the drive was, the car skidded on a patch of ice and jerked off the road. Ivy screamed. A flash of lightning, like a gold star shot down from the sky and Ivy slung her backpack over her shoulder and ran. She ran into a forest, deeper and deeper until she could run no more. She crawled over to a nearby bush and fell asleep, dreaming about the horrors that had taken place...

The amazing Life cycle of a frog

By Bjorn, Grade 2

First a frog lays 10,000 eggs (to be exact) in the water. Then the eggs hatch and become tadpoles! A tadpole is like a fish, but smaller. Then the spores make froglets that look like a small frog, which in time turn into frogs. This is the last evolution and then it happens all over again.



☆ Addison's stitched flowers artwork.



Halloween Jokes

Q. What do you call two witches sharing an apartment?
A. Broom mates

Q. Why did the ghost not dance at the Halloween party?
A. Because he had no body to dance with.

Q. What do you call a witch at the beach?
A. A sand-witch

Q. What kind of shoes does a ghost wear?
A. Booooooots!

Q. What is a ghost's favourite food?
A. Spook-etti

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All resumes and proof of Double vaccination must have arrived prior to 6 November, via email to chef@porcupinevillage.com.au. (Kitchen, restaurant and bar staff).
or
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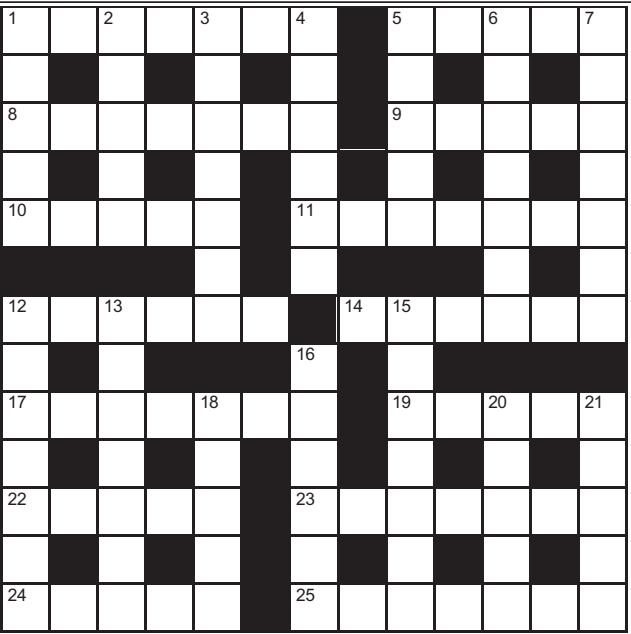
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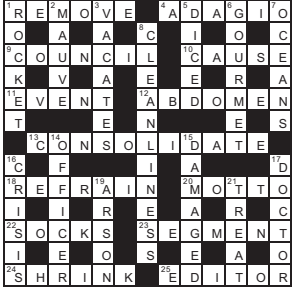
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Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 26.10.21

4.7mm

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	42.0	49.2	100.8
June	54.0	38.3	75.2
July	63.1	23.5	35.3
Aug	35.0	48.7	45.7
Sept	47.7	40.9	19.1
Oct	72.1	47.1	4.9
Nov		25.7	38.6
Dec		29.1	3.9
TOTAL	504.5	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 26.10.21

6.2mm

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	81.0	49.2	92.2
July	82.8	32.8	53.6
Aug	41.8	62.2	57.6
Sept	49.2	54.6	29.4
Oct	66.8	73.2	8.6
Nov		37.2	43.0
Dec		39.2	9.8
TOTAL	577.4	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 26.10.21

N/A

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	67.6	56.2	9.8
Nov		22.8	42.0
Dec		31.2	8.4
TOTAL	558.2	593.8	416.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 26.10.21

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WALKING TOGETHER - towards Reconciliation

Aboriginal language and culture

FOR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, being able to speak in language has a deep connection to their cultural identity. There are teachings in language for which there is no English equivalent. Language is essential for passing on cultural knowledge, kinship, songlines and stories from generation to generation.

Whilst cultural practices and beliefs may change and evolve, many of the basic aspects remain the same. When people are disconnected from their culture, as has happened

since colonisation, it has a deep impact on their sense of identity and belonging. This loss and damage takes away their sense of meaning and purpose.

The importance of language and culture to First Nations Australians is one of the 16 socio-economic targets of the new National Agreement on Closing the Gap, a target relating to the number and strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

Up to 160 languages are still in use, many critically endangered. Only about eight percent of Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander children speak an Australian Indigenous language at home.

Currently no more than 12 traditional languages and two of the new ones are considered strong.

Land, family, law, ceremony and language are elements that play a crucial role in shaping all our lives, regardless of our culture or heritage. These five elements are intricately interconnected in Indigenous culture.

The relationship between Indigenous people and the land, or Country as mob call it, is one of reciprocity and respect - the land sustains and

provides for the people, and the people sustain and manage the land through culture and ceremony. Honouring this reciprocal relationship with the land is central to Indigenous culture.

If the land is disrespected, damaged or destroyed, it can have real impact on the well-being of the people.

Families are connected to Country through the kinship system, and this connection to land comes with specific roles and responsibilities, which are enshrined in the lore/law and observed through ceremony.

A person's position in the kinship system establishes

their relationship to others and to the universe, prescribing their responsibilities towards other people, the land and natural resources. Traditional kinship structures remain important in many Indigenous communities today.

Some individuals and families protect particular knowledge, such as specific dances and songs, while others protect other types of knowledge, such as body design or symbolism, or are guardians of sacred sites. These guardians hold great religious and spiritual power within a language group, and conduct ceremonies accordingly.

The Dreaming refers to the complexity of Aboriginal cultural, spiritual and religious beliefs, practices and lore. Ceremonies ensure that vital components of the lore and The Dreaming stay intact. They provide a time and place where all people in a language

group and community work together to maintain and ensure the ongoing survival of cultural beliefs.

Recovering language, which could bring with it traditional ceremony, lore/law, respect for sacred sites and ancestral country, may be the key to restoring dignity, identity and purpose to First Nations people. When other Australians learn more about their culture, it will help lead to healing for both First and Second Nations.

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

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

Solway Nutting

BRISK, BLANKETED BOULES



☆ Ian and Chris's simultaneous action.

ON Sunday 24 October after lots of overnight rain, again, the sun tried to come out, but it was overlaid by a particularly freezing wind, which caused sociable piste artistes to don warm things like coats and in one case, a woolly blanket!

Before the games commenced, Matt had spent some

time raking the piste, which helped to get rid of some of the gum tree debris including leaves, twigs and gumnuts.

Two very quick games ensued, made even brisker by the need to keep moving and warm. We didn't quite run from end to end, but it was tempting.



☆ Blakey, Judy and blanketed Barb.

At the conclusion of the afternoon, first place went to Phil and Geoff with 2 wins and +15 points (the same highest score as last week). Second place went to EC, Cap'n P and Mme Bleue with 2 wins and +12 points.

Steve and Carole came third, again, with 1 win and +2 points. Chris and blanketed Barb followed them in fourth place, with 1 win and - 8 points. Fifth place went to Matt and Judy, with 0 wins and -10 points.

Maxeen and Gaz were 'lucky last' with 0 wins and -11 points, celebrating with the *Beautiful Losers' Chocs*.

The games were the shortest ever played in local pétanque history, perchance due to the brisk weather forcing a brisk approach to every shot. We play again, hopefully mask less, on Sunday 7 November, at 1.45 for a 2pm start. Come and join us. Bring your smart phone to scan the QR code.
Mme Bleue

MALDON GOLF CLUB



HIP, HIP, HOORAY...

GOLFERS ARE BACK TO PLAY

Great enthusiasm from members with COVID-19 regulations allowing for the resumption of competition golf and the opportunity to complete a number of cancelled events.

With course playing conditions as good as they have ever been, albeit experiencing some periods of rain and chilly winds, golfers enjoyed this opportunity to challenge once more for clubhouse bragging rights for those with winning scores.

At the end of play, a contested leaders board resulted in Burris Keen winning on a countback from Harry Murray and Chris Mulholland. Well played to all golfers!

RESULTS

...18-HOLE STROKE and COUNT-PUTTS...

WINNER	Burris Keen...on countback	67 nett
RUNNER-UP	Harry Murray	67 nett
BALL-WINNERS	Chris Mulholland	67 nett
	Colin Windebank	68 nett
	John Fitzpatrick	68 nett
COUNT-PUTTS	John Fitzpatrick	23 putts
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JACK LONG MATCHPLAY

Wayne Brasher defeated Adrian Palmer 5/4
Steve Moore defeated Garry Hutchins 1up

Wayne will now contest the last qualifying round with Colin Windebank with the winner to play Steve in the final of this prestigious event on Saturday 27 November.

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