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☆ Misty mornings in Muckleford.

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COVID-19 in Mount Alexander

With a number of COVID-19 exposure sites being listed for Castlemaine in the past week and case numbers rising to seven at time of print, it's left a lot of people

wondering if our shire will go into a snap lockdown.

Rising case numbers in regional Victoria have resulted in a number of local government areas (LGA's) being placed in a seven-day lockdown over the last few weeks, including the City of

Greater Shepparton with 24 active cases and Moorabool with 32 active cases, leaving people in regional Victoria wondering 'what is the magic number for a snap lockdown?'

In September a number of regional LGA's entered lockdowns with varying cases numbers. Greater Ballarat had only four positive cases and a series of waste-water detections, Greater Geelong had 17 active cases, Mitchell Shire 15 and the Surf Coast

only had three active cases when the snap lockdowns were declared.

At time of print Greater Bendigo has eight active cases and 40 in the Macedon Ranges.

So what is the required number of cases for a snap lockdown? It appears there isn't one. The state government's decision varies significantly and is determined by the advice from health officials who examine each shire's

case numbers and additional factors such as waste water detection.

One message that does remain clear; the only way to prevent future lockdowns is to get vaccinated.

"It is critically important that we do not see these cases continue to climb and go up and up and up so that our hospital system is under immense pressure even before we open up," Premier Daniel Andrews said. "This is about

going the extra mile to protect the roadmap to opening ... and to make sure we can open, be free, not have the health system overwhelmed with patients.

"We know that vaccination is our way through this. Vaccination is the most effective tool and weapon against getting infected."

CEO of Castlemaine Health, Sue Race said, "We are working in partnership

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Community Diary

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

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB games every second Sunday at St. Brigid's at 1.30 for a 2pm start. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Andrew Leckie 5400 1054.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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. Starts 5 May. \$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°).

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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

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EVERY THURSDAY

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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

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SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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.

THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER (if COVID allows)

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES *presents: The Father*. 7.15 pm for a 7.30 start at Maldon Community Centre, Francis Street. Bring your smart phone for the QR Code & proof of double Vaxx. Enquiries: 5475 2093 or www.maldonnc.org.au.



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Renovations and roof repair at MNC



☆ Maldon Neighbourhood Centre is replacing the hall roof.

WE'RE renovating! Over the coming year the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre will be planning and preparing for some much-needed upgrades to our Centre.

First to get underway is replacement of the hall roof. Mount Alexander Shire Council have secured funding via the *Local Road and Community Infrastructure Grant* from the Australian Government. They are evaluating the tenders for the job at the moment.

We are excited to complete this important safety work and are working to ensure there will be minimal

interruption to our regular activities.

We are also preparing plans for some extension work which will include:

- Integrating the toilets into the building
- Making the accessible toilet compliant with disability access legislation
- Increasing the office space
- Improving capacity to supervise children (part of our childcare provision)
- Increasing activity space.

We will be making sure the renovations are shaped by our community and are seeking community involvement.

It would be great to hear your voice as part of the

process, so please get in touch if you would like a PDF copy of the plans or pop in to view the plans on display.

Signing up to our e-news will provide regular information about opportunities to have input, and reports about where the renovations are at as it all unfolds.

We look forward to working together on this exciting project to improve your Neighbourhood Centre.

For more information please contact us on 5475 2093, info@maldonnc.org.au or visit www.maldonnc.org.au/contact to sign up to the monthly e-news.

Public feedback on 2021-2025 Council Plan



☆ Council received feedback from nearly 700 community members.

AFTER six months of community engagement and consultation with experts and community groups, Council has released its draft 2021-2025 Council Plan for public feedback.

The plan also features a new 10-year Community Vision, which outlines the goals and aspirations the community has for its shire.

The plan outlines objectives, strategies and actions across three pillars, which reflect focus areas that emerged from working with the community to develop the Community Vision:

- A healthy, connected and inclusive community
- An environment for people and nature
- A resilient and growing economy

“While developing the plan we had input from nearly 700 people across all areas of the community,” said Tony Cordy, Mayor of Mount Alexander Shire Council.

“This engagement was via our new online platform, Shape Mount Alexander, as well as three community forums and dozens of consultations with community groups.

The result is a new Community Vision, and a Council

Plan that acts as a framework for us to work towards that vision for the next four years,” said Cr Cordy.

The plan outlines a number of objectives, with associated actions that will guide Council decision making in coming years.

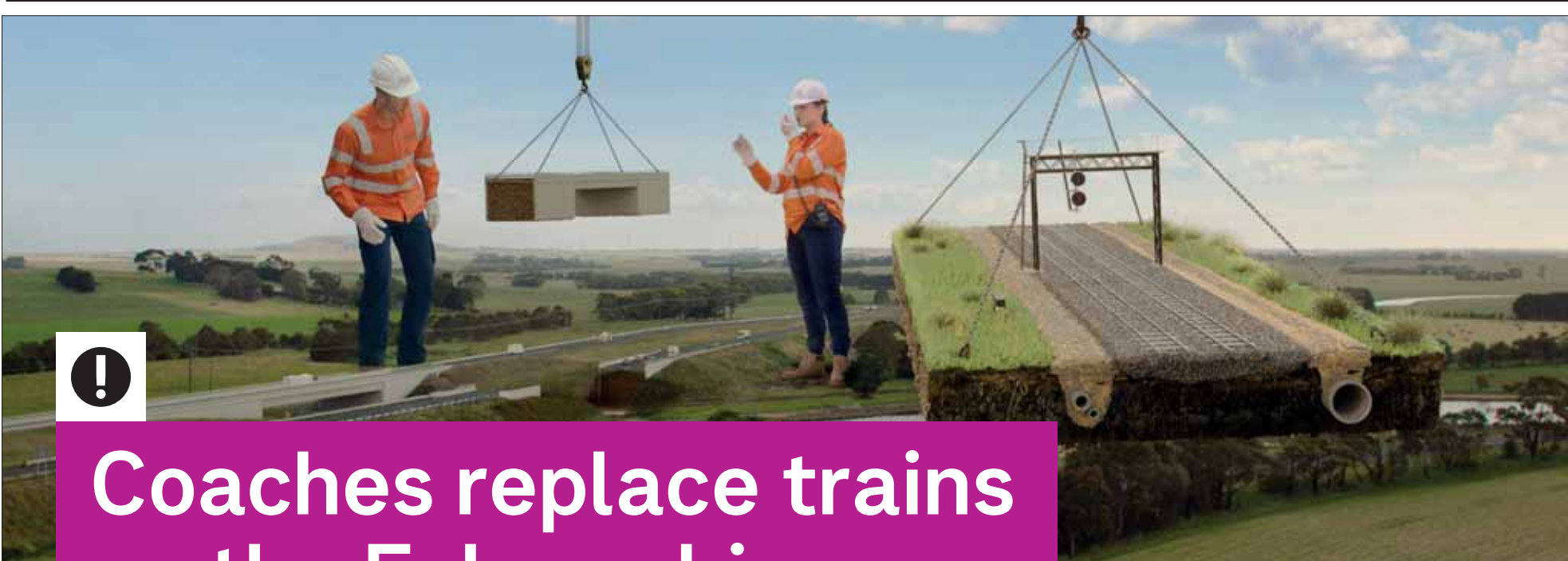
“We have listed priorities under each pillar to outline how we will achieve our objectives,” said Cr Cordy.

“The community’s input was deeply influential in creating this plan. We heard that the big issues were things like accessibility, climate change, housing affordability, and ensuring physical and social connectedness. This is reflected, we believe, in the high-level strategies this plan outlines,” said Cr Cordy.

Have your say on the draft Council Plan before 5pm on Wednesday 13 October.

To review and comment on the plan visit shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/vision or read a printed copy at the Civic Centre in Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine or at the Visitor Information Centres at Maldon and Castlemaine.

The plan will be adopted at the Council Meeting on 19 October.



Coaches replace trains on the Echuca Line

As part of Victoria’s Big Build, works continue to upgrade the Bendigo and Echuca lines.

Works are progressing with strict COVIDSafe Plans in place. The health and safety of our workforce and community remains our top priority. For more information and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Train disruptions: Coaches replace trains in both directions

Echuca Line	1 Sep to 31 Oct	Bendigo to Echuca
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Road disruption: Closed road

Wakeman Road, Bagshot	12 Sep to 25 Oct	Closed between Sherwood and Inglis roads
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Therapeutic art workshops



☆ **Above:** Gretchen Hillhouse, founder of Artly Therapy.

☆ **Right:** Starburst Mandala.



MINDFUL Mandala Drawing Workshops and Meditative Drawing Workshops are being offered by local business Artly Therapy in partnership with Latrobe Art Institute during October and November.

The two hour long, small group workshops will be held in the outside courtyard of Latrobe Art Institute and are designed to provide rest, relaxation and restoration to frazzled souls while safely socially connecting with like-minded people as participants are guided in the ancient art of Mandala Drawing and Meditative Drawing practice.

You will be taught how to follow simple patterned templates and put your own twist on them to create unique drawings that bring balance to your life and peace to your soul.

Previous drawing experience is not required. Even if you've never drawn before, you'll be able to create a beautifully patterned image for yourself or to share with others.

All materials are supplied, and you'll draw with eco-friendly and recycled products safe for the planet.

The workshops also include a delicious morning tea of locally baked cakes, fresh fruit platter and tea and coffee and a gift bag of lovely goodies to take home.

Dr Karen Anette-Thomas, Program Manager of Latrobe Art Institute says,

"Latrobe Art Institute is aware of the crucial role art plays in shaping our culture and the well-being of people. We are committed to exploring innovative ways of delivering support to people in these challenging pandemic times and very happy to be partnering with Artly Therapy to do that."

Gretchen Hillhouse, founder of Artly Therapy says, "All these workshops are informed by neuro-associative practice designed to support positive mental health and increase well-being. So, while people will be making some beautiful mandalas in a fun and friendly workshop in a beautiful courtyard setting, enjoying a delicious afternoon tea spending time with other lovely people, they'll leave feeling relaxed, renewed and restored with their very own drawing templates to use again and again whenever they need to re-centre and re-balance.

In my practice, I'm seeing a lot of people carrying a very heavy emotional load during the pandemic and reaching exhaustion point, and these workshops provide some much needed 'me time' to help people recharge and keep on going."

People 12 years or older can book via the Artly Therapy website: <https://www.artly-therapy.com/shop/workshops>.

Book early as places are limited and filling fast.

Workshop dates:

- Sunday 3 October 1pm -3pm Mindful Mandala Drawing Workshop
- Sunday 10 October 1pm -3pm Meditative Drawing Workshop
- Sunday 17 October 1pm -3pm More Mindful Mandala Drawing Workshop
- Sunday 31 October 1pm -3pm More Meditative Drawing Workshop
- Sunday 7 November 1pm -3pm Even More Mindful Mandala Drawing Workshop



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Plea for kindness rally



☆ Protesters braved the rain at Inglewood's proposed Kangaroo processing facility.



☆ Protesters holding signs saying: 'Tourism not barbarism' and 'Say no to Kangaroo meat'.

PEOPLE protesting the proposed kangaroo processing facility in Inglewood braved the rain outside Loddon Shire Council offices in Wedderburn last Friday.

The small group holding signs with slogans; 'choose kindness' and 'say no to kangaroo meat', also visited the site of the proposed facility in Inglewood and the Main

Street of Wedderburn to engage with the public.

The Campaspe Meat Company has submitted an application to Loddon Shire Council to process 1000 kangaroo carcasses each week before being taken to another site to be packaged as pet food.

Director of Operations at Loddon Shire Council, Steven Phillips told the *Tarrangower*

Times that the application is still being assessed and there is no date set at present.

"Council planning will look at all of the objections put forward as part of the assessment," said Steven.

Wildlife Victoria volunteer and organiser of the protest Glynn Jarrett told the *Times* that unfortunately the turnout on the day was small,

mostly due to concerns about COVID-19 and poor weather conditions.

"They're a passionate group of people who are asking people to act with kindness," said Glynn. "I love Loddon Shire, it's a unique place and I'm horrified at this proposal. If it goes ahead Loddon will be known as the shire that slaughters kangaroos."

"People come from all over the world to see these beautiful animals and it will affect the region's tourism."

"Most people think we have an abundance of kangaroos, but that's simply not true, some breeds are almost extinct."

Glynn, a former resident of Inglewood, told the *Times* that while adult male kangaroos

are the proposed targets it is extremely likely that female kangaroos and joeys will also be killed during this process.

"I've been fighting for animals since I was 18, I'm 65 now and still trying. If you want to join the fight for these beautiful animals please visit the Facebook site, No Kangaroo Processing Facility in Inglewood."

Event grants for Mount Alexander Shire



☆ Vern Hardie from Curbside Carnies, one of the recipients through the events grants program.

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council will distribute \$35,000 to support 18 events in its latest round of events grants, signalling an optimistic outlook for community life in the shire in 2022.

Street theatre and outdoor performances are set to play a big role as organisers go about planning events featuring

theatre, sport, music, food and family activities.

Council's Director Corporate and Community Services Lisa Knight said Council was pleased to be able to support event organisers' enthusiasm for the year ahead.

"It's so reassuring to see event organisers planning

ahead after such a long period of uncertainty," said Ms Knight.

"The big focus is on bringing the community together, especially outdoors, and that's great news for our shire."

"It's also worth noting that half the events funded in this round have never been funded before so there's a lot of innovation out there."

Funded events include a roving circus show presented by Curbside Carnies, the much-loved annual talent contest Castlemaine Idyll, an opera summer school for students, and the Castlemaine Pride Picnic, featuring fabulous costumes, rainbow paraphernalia and the Castlemaine Pride Choir.

Other events to receive funding include traditional crowd-pleasers such as the Harcourt Valley Easter Festival, the Maldon Twilight Dinner, the Castlemaine Artists and Farmers Markets

and the Mount Alexander Vintage Engine Club 25th Annual Rally.

The full list of recipient events is available on the Grants section of Council's website www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/CommunityGrants. Council has emailed all applicants regarding their submissions.

Local event organisers seeking financial support from Council are encouraged to apply for a Quick Response Event Grant of up to \$500. Events running from now until 30 June 2022 are eligible to apply.

The next round of Events Grants will open in February 2022 for events running between July and 31 December 2022.

For more information, contact the Venues and Events team on 5471 1700 or events@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

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COVID-19 in Mount Alexander

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with the Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit who ran the testing clinic in Chewton and the Bendigo Health Infectious Diseases Consultant.

"Any patients requiring care for COVID-19 are streamed to Bendigo Health while we provide them with support for non COVID-19 cases."

"While there are staffing issues across the nation with vaccination clinics and testing sites, we are confident we can provide the support needed for the community," said Sue.

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Four Good Reads for lovers of Fiction

For those of you looking for a good new read, the Maldon Athenaeum library has the following on offer.

The Liberation of Brigid Dunne, new from Patricia Scanlan

When four feisty women from the same family get

together at a family reunion, anything can happen.

Reeling from a broken marriage, Marie-Claire travels from her Toronto home to Ireland, for her great aunt Brigid's 80th birthday celebrations.

This party will be the long-awaited reunion for three generations of family: her mother, Keelin, and grandmother, Imelda - who have never quite got along. All hell breaks loose. Bitter, jealous Imelda makes a shocking revelation that forces them all to confront their pasts. **The Hideaway, new from Sheila O'Flanagan** What would you do if you discovered that you were living a lie? When a shocking news report shatters Juno Ryan's world, she suddenly finds herself without the man she loves and no way of getting

the answers she so desperately needs. She flees to Villa Naranja in Spain, where blue skies and beautiful orange groves along with Pep, the winemaker's son begin to soothe her broken heart. But then another bombshell drops. **From Cathy Kelly comes The Family Gift** Freya Abalone has a big family, a fantastic career, and a new house. On the inside however, she has Mildred - the name she's given to the nagging inner critic who tells us all we're not good enough.

Now Freya's blended family is under threat. Her husband's first wife Elisq, the glamorous manipulative woman who happily abandoned her daughter to Freya and Dan's care and left the country, is elbowing her way back into their lives. But Freya knows that when life gives you lemons, you throw them right back. **Lastly, The Poppy Wife by Caroline Scott** A sweeping tale of forbidden love and loss in the wake of World War I. It's 1921 and families are desperately trying to piece together the fragments of their broken lives. While many

survivors of the Great War have been reunited with their loved ones, Edie's husband has not come home. Francis is listed as 'missing in action', but then Edie receives a mysterious photograph in the post, hope flares, and she's determined to find him. Meantime, his brother Harry, who fought alongside Francis on the Western Front, is hunting for evidence that he survived. When Harry and Edie's paths converge, they discover a truth that will change the course of their lives. **The Maldon Athenaeum Library Team**

IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



TODAY IMT is restricted to just one presenter with a number of COVID exposure sites identified in Castlemaigne, so it's a fully-vaxed Mike turning in a solo performance.

We are replaying our smash radio drama hit 'The Plunketts' and this week it's episode two.

Last week Loz, playing superb music, and Alison (Parkie, Parko or Parkstar) fronted the program sans guest. They both wore matching pink hats (pictured) to mark the start of National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Great hats for radio and great colour for a newspaper! They discussed the upcoming fundraising 'pink' fashion parade along with positive discussions by

Maldon Traders. A lively discussion around the infamous Oxalis weed received an overwhelming number of text responses on this subject. Could it be the possible start of an annual Maldon Oxalis Festival?

Next Friday the hunt resumes for the collective noun for editors, as past *Tarrangower Times* editors Nancy and Mike chat about apostrophes and other life-or-death matters with current editor Jade Jungwirth. That was the plan at time of writing; watch this space.

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

See our ad on page 14. **Mike Smythe**



☆ Bob thanking the Bridge Club for his 80th birthday party.

THE Maldon Bridge Club members and friends were sad to hear of the passing of our Bridge Club friend from Maryborough, Bob Carrod, on Saturday 2 October.

Even though Bob's health was not the best, he ensured he was always in the car, courtesy of Aileen the designated driver, each Thursday to come and join us at the Maldon Hotel. Always in time to have his regular bowl of chips prior to play and then it was 'game on' as he seated himself in his usual South position at table one.

Bob was an astute player and always at his happiest with a card in his hand! I personally, had a special memory, back in May when we had a win and partnered for the first time.

A highlight for Bob was when we organised an 80th birthday party for him which he thoroughly enjoyed and he was so appreciative of the friendship and support we had as club members given to him.

Rest peacefully Bob you will be sadly missed.
Judy McKnight



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

PRESENT DAY EVILS

In February 1907 six local protestant clergymen wrote an open letter to the president of the Maldon Brass Band protesting against the Band performing on Sunday mornings while church services were taking place. The clergymen complained both 'on the grounds of religious conviction and ordinary decorum'. They also complained that by playing on Sunday afternoon the Band had discouraged many young people from attending Sunday school.

In the *Maldon News* 'Music Lover' responded to the clergymen. He said their worshippers were more likely to be disturbed by lively hymn singing in neighbouring churches or the drum whacking and tambourine banging of the Salvation Army at the Temperance Hall, (now the Community Centre), than by the Band playing half a mile away. He also asked them to imagine what it must be like at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne with trams and trains 'clanging, banging and whistling around'. 'Music Lover' said as a miner he spent all week underground and so he preferred to spend Sunday not in church but in the open air. He suggested that the clergy take Christ's advice to his apostles and go out and preach the gospel on the highways and byways.

The same local clergymen also decided that on Sunday 10 March 1907 they would all preach on the same subject that they termed the 'Present Day Evil'. Each minister however took his own approach to the subject.

At the Presbyterian Church, the Rev Henry Swan, took as his text, 'The pure in heart shall see God'. He spoke about chastity and how its violation constituted a glaring public evil. At the Welsh Baptist Church the Rev Alfred Talbot told his congregation that he wished to speak to them on a 'delicate and difficult' subject particularly before a 'mixed' audience. He said that local ministers were concerned with the low moral tone of the town's youth. This was evident in the increasing number of 'hasty' marriages and the circulation of indecent postcards among young men. Talbot saw this decline in morality even in young children who spoke back to and defied their parents.

At the Fountain Street Methodist Church, the Rev Henry Lavers also spoke about the indecent postcards that travellers had brought to Maldon. He noted that in Melbourne several people had been fined or imprisoned for possessing these cards. At the English Baptist Church the Rev Thomas Beeson referred to 'untimely marriages' and indecent postcards but then went on to speak of the failure of parental responsibility.

At Holy Trinity the Rev Josiah Tyssen also spoke of Maldon's low moral tone. He emphasized that he did not think Maldon was any worse than any other town. He went on to quote Samuel Thornton, the late Bishop of Ballarat, who had said, "Below the surface, Australian life is deeply stained with profanity and lust." Tyssen then provided many current examples to support Thornton's assertion.

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Integration of CHIRP and Castlemaine Health



☆ L to R: Di Couch, CEO CHIRP Community Health; Jane Staley, CHIRP Operations and Integration Project Manager; Peggy Ronnau, Castlemaine Health Board Chair; Sue Race, Castlemaine Health CEO; Kerry James, Director of Allied Health and Community Programs; Lexi Randall-L'Estrange, CHIRP Board Chair; Purdy Buckle, CHIRP Acting Manager Housing, Family Services and Quality.

AS of last Friday 1 October CHIRP and Castlemaine Health have become an integrated organisation.

Castlemaine Health CEO Sue Race said, "It's business as usual. Our main focus over the last week has been our COVID response, working with Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit to set up the testing clinic."

Community health clients and the wider community will not experience any changes to the services they receive or the staff delivering their

care. Community health services currently delivered from CHIRP's premises on Mostyn Street will continue, as will the services being delivered in the community and at Castlemaine Health. Over time the integrated organisation expects to find natural opportunities to combine and grow services but this work has a longer-term horizon.

For now, the CEOs and teams from both organisations are meeting regularly to work through the detail of integration to agree how best

to navigate the operational, governance and financial issues that will underpin successful integration. Much of their work over the next few months will also focus on supporting staff and volunteers' transition into the newly integrated organisation.

Castlemaine Health Board Chair Peggy Ronnau said: "Integration is not a bolt-on. Both organisations are looking at what we do and how we do it. We're making sure that we're all ready to flex in the right direction so the two parts come together to make a whole."

Accommodation options for community health services are also being considered as part of the mix to ensure easy access for clients and the local community.

Both CHIRP Community Health and Castlemaine Health will continue to liaise with clients, community and partners over the next few months as finer details of integration are worked through.

Know Your Local

Pastor Gavin Alexander



☆ Gavin at the Maldon Baptist Church filling the church with beautiful music on the grand piano on loan from a local family.

AS I entered the doors of the Maldon Baptist Church I heard the most beautiful piano being played inside where I found Pastor Gavin Alexander seated at a lovely old grand piano.

"I can't really play," said Gavin. "Anyone with a technical ear would not think I was playing properly, but I love it. When I was a child I had lessons, until I got into trouble from my teacher for playing Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. She whacked me with a pencil and told me to never play something she hadn't taught me. It was then she said I should quit and stop wasting my mum's money. I was 10 at the time."

"Now at 66 I've bought myself a decent keyboard that has keys like a grand. I play by feel and even play in the dark half the time."

"My mum played piano too and my dad loved singing. That was how they met. They were at a party in St Kilda and my mum, who always gravitated towards pianos, was playing. My dad goes up and asks if she knows the Desert

Song. She starts playing and he starts singing."

Gavin was born in Maldon in 1955 before the family moved to Kerang in 1956 where Gavin attended school.

"Maldon was always home though. I spent every holiday and most weekends here, going to church and visiting my grandmother."

"I've always known my wife Julie. I fell in love with her when I was 8. We went to church together and I'd see her every time we came back to Maldon. We were in a youth group together and I asked her out when we were 16. She wasn't interested. But the year that I got my licence we had a big end of year break-up and I asked her if she wanted to go out to Cairn Curran because everyone else was there. We go out there and there's no one," Gavin laughs. "That was it really. We got married in this church and had three children together."

Gavin's professional life has been widely varied. He originally wanted to be an arts and crafts teacher, but as the

self-proclaimed class clown, he left school in Form Five.

He joined the police force in 1972, working first in Laverton before moving to Castlemaine Station where he worked for 25 years. After becoming disillusioned with the police force, Gavin became actively involved in the Police Schools Program working with all the local schools in the district for seven years.

"I loved it, it was a breath of fresh air," said Gavin. "Then I woke up one morning and the program had been cancelled. I didn't want to go back to regular policing so I started the Learn for Life program. I approached the principals of the schools and ran the program for 10 schools in the region from 2000-2021."

After years of being actively involved in the Maldon Baptist Church Gavin was appointed Pastor, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather who had been lay preachers.

"God had a purpose for me all along, even though I couldn't see it in the beginning."

Letter to the Editor

To Cr. Gardner

As a ratepayer faced with unprecedented trading times, I take exception to your perfunctory attitude to an extraordinary rate rise as you expressed in the *Tarrangower Times* Friday 1 October.

You conveniently skirt over the reasons behind the perplexing Council decision to swap farm rate revenue for short-term accommodation revenue, and certainly ignored the fall-out from shire visitor revenue when accommodation providers suddenly disappear. That revenue will automatically go to Daylesford and Bendigo businesses.

The intention for a commercial rating system in Victoria was always to pay for the provision of far more services

and amenities in commercial zones than are provided in residential zones.

What extra services are envisaged for residential 'commercial properties'? And given that artists, performers, event managers, bakers, caterers, consultants, programmers, architects, plumbers, electricians, Councillors, and employees who are directed by government to work from home are exempted, why just accommodation providers? Why not everyone who works from home? If it proceeds with this patch-up revenue fix, the Council will be discriminating against a single ANZSIC class – and its erstwhile supporters.

Regards
Michele Waddington

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WALKING TOGETHER

towards Reconciliation



☆ Composite sketches from the era by Solway Nutting.

For thousands of years, Indigenous people in the lands now called Australia lived a well-ordered and peaceful lifestyle. Their culture included kinship, spiritual story, songlines, sustainable agriculture, large inter-tribal gatherings, territory boundaries and protocols for welcoming visitors.

When the British Fleet arrived in 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip had been instructed to ‘gain consent from the natives’ to settle in New (South) Wales, but communication proved difficult because neither group understood the language of the other.

The Indigenous people expected their visitors to wait for a traditional welcome, and to bring gifts. Customary practice was to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The newcomers had rather different expectations of how to behave, based on the impulse for colonial expansion that had begun back in the fifteenth century. They did not wait to enter territory, nor bring the anticipated kind of gifts.

Fifty years on, in the late 1830s, colonists arrived in the part of New South Wales now known as Victoria. They came to stay, ruining the grasslands with huge flocks of sheep, decimating food supplies, trampling houses, displacing and killing the Aboriginal residents. The land that had once

been so productive rapidly became unrecognisable. Yet the Europeans benefited from the knowledge of country built up by the original inhabitants over thousands of years.

When the official gold rush began in 1851 on the Victorian goldfields, Aboriginal people remained on country, trying to retain their spiritual connection to the now-unproductive land.

They guided new arrivals to the goldfields using the knowledge encapsulated in their songlines via story, music and dance. They showed them where to find water or gold, helped to cross rivers, rescued them when in danger or lost. The gold seekers were greatly aided by this fund of expertise, as it was the traditional custom for their guides to share understanding of and identity with their country.

Aboriginal people had long played key roles in the colony as native police, trackers and guides. Now added to the list of roles were gold escorts, prison guards, postmen, bark cutters, fur merchants, child minders, entertainers, prospectors and bushrangers. Thus the First Nations people took an active part in Australia’s economic history. Many learned language and manners (of miners from the world over), often with a sharp sense of humour. New sounds and sights were incorporated in their cultural networks, and

gold now featured in their creation stories.

Many formed their own prospecting parties, teamed up with non-Indigenous prospectors, or working for a wage on sheep stations. By the mid-1860s, Dja Dja Wurrung people were selling their gold to buy staples such as flour and beef, tea, sugar and tobacco and even new clothes.

According to their law/lore they expected to be recompensed for the use of their land, to receive gifts or to be compensated in other ways. Although this happened to some extent, exploitation, violence and racial vilification were too often their reward. Life for Aboriginal people became a descent into wretchedness, poverty and loss of their spiritual connectedness to the land.

After the gold rush it was still believed that the Indigenous race would die out. Clearly that is not the case.

In spite of the long history of protectorates and missions, of Bringing Them Home and saying sorry, First Nations people are still enduring social, economic and cultural disadvantage. Government interventions have failed so far to close the gap.

Only when services are designed with the full agreement of First Nations people, will there be healing. The Uluru Statement from the Heart, which was rejected by the Federal Government, points the way.

Main resource, available free online: *Black Gold* by Fred Cahir.

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

Solway Nutting

Bringing two organisations together



☆ Sue Race - CEO Castlemaine Health.

THIS week heralded a new future for community health in the Mt Alexander Shire.

Following years of shared services and partnerships between CHIRP Community Health (CHIRP) and Castlemaine Health, we’ve formally brought the two organisations together.

I’ve learnt so much about the wide range of services and programs provided by CHIRP that promote health and prevent illness. Together, we will continue to build on these strong foundations to improve access to services across the Shire.

Over the short term, our clients will not see any changes to the services or to the people they’re used to seeing, or where they access those services from.

Over time, we’re going to build on our strengths to plan how we ‘do health’ across the Mount Alexander Shire. We’re going to:

- enhance access to services for community members with a disability, disadvantaged and other vulnerable groups
- strengthen services tailored to our community
- help staff build skills through training and by working together
- reduce the compliance and paperwork burden, directing funding and attention to frontline services

So how do we build on our shared strengths, and what else can this mean in practice?

We’ve already extended our LGBTIQ+ Engagement Officer role at Mostyn Street thanks to the broader scale of Castlemaine Health. The Engagement Officer will continue to foster and develop strong partnerships to ensure the LGBTIQ+ community

has a strong voice and representation across the Mount Alexander Shire.

What else can be done? Currently most of our community services are delivered from the Castlemaine Health site and CHIRP’s Mostyn Street facility. What if we could build a new fit-for-purpose Health and Wellbeing facility?

How can we work with partners like Maldon Hospital to deliver more services closer to home?

Are there options to host community health services such as mental health support, counselling or drug and alcohol services? Could chronic disease management or allied health services such as physiotherapy be offered in Maldon?

We need to understand and map out these opportunities, sitting down with staff, clients and community groups to plan for our shared future.

It’s exciting to think what may be achieved. I’m looking forward to bringing these possibilities to a reality.

Sue Race- CEO Castlemaine Health

2022 Australia Day award nominations

COUNCIL’S Director of Corporate and Community Services, Lisa Knight said she hoped people would make the most of the opportunity to nominate those who have given so much, whether in response to the pandemic or otherwise, and over this year or a number of years.

“Whether visible or behind the scenes, and whether working individually or with others, so many people have contributed so much in our communities this past year,” said Ms Knight.

People on committees and organisations, in their jobs and in community roles have had to go more than the extra mile this year, some in very challenging circumstances.”

Why not take this opportunity to see them and their work and contributions publicly acknowledged?”

Council will allocate four awards to recipients selected by a panel of Mount Alexander Shire Councillors. The categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year - over 65 years of age on 26 January 2022
- Young Citizen of the Year - under 26 years of age on 26 January 2022



☆ Ian Gallagher, 2021 Citizen of the Year Award recipient, with Mayor Tony Cordy.

- Event of the Year (includes online events).

Mount Alexander Shire’s 2021 Citizen of the Year Ian Gallagher said receiving the award last year gave him a real lift. Now he’s planning to share the love and nominate others for an award.

“My oath I will. There are a lot of people out there doing a lot and they don’t always get recognised,” said Mr Gallagher.

Mount Alexander Shire’s 2021 Young Citizen of the Year Jade Bujeya said after winning the award she was approached by a Federal Government initiative which supported her studies to write a profile of herself

for International Women and Girls in Science Day for national publication.

“Nominating others is an incredibly meaningful way to show you appreciate the efforts others go to for our community and it’s also really valuable for nominees personally,” said Ms Bujeya.

Nominees must live in Mount Alexander Shire, be Australian citizens and have given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 26 November 2021.

Complete an online nomination form at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay.

Upgrading aged care facilities in regional Victoria

THE Victorian Government is upgrading public sector residential aged care services across regional Victoria, creating new jobs and ensuring hundreds of older Victorians continue to receive the high quality care and comfort they deserve.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Luke Donnellan announced 21 successful public sector aged care recipients of the \$10 million Rural Residential Aged Care Facilities Renewal Program.

Recipients include Maldon Hospital for a staff amenities room at Jessie Bowe Hostel and Mountview Nursing home, Mount Alexander Hospital, Ellery House and Penhall to upgrade existing

security and nurse call infrastructure and Thompson House at Mount Alexander Hospital to replace critical equipment to provide hot water and heating.

The renewal program supports improvement projects to deliver significant enhancements for aged care residents and help meet the growing demand for services in regional and rural Victoria.

The program is helping regional public sector residential aged care services across the Alpine, Baw Baw, Campaspe, East Gippsland, Greater Bendigo, Greater Geelong, Glenelg, Hepburn, Horsham Indigo, Latrobe, Mitchell, Moira, Mount Alexander, Murrindindi, Surf

Coast, Swan Hill, Towong, Wellington and Yarriambiack areas.

“This is about ensuring aged care facilities in regional and rural Victoria have the vital infrastructure and equipment they need to continue to care for their local community,” said Luke Donnellan. “There is no more worthwhile investment – helping to rebuild our economy, while also ensuring the quality of aged care for all Victorians, no matter where they live.”

More information on the Rural Residential Aged Care Facilities Renewal Program is available at: vhba.vic.gov.au/aged-care/regional-facilities/rural-residential-aged-care-facilities-renewal-program.



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☆ First prize age 12-16: Henry.



☆ First prize age 7 & under: Ben.



☆ First prize age 8-11: Lisa.



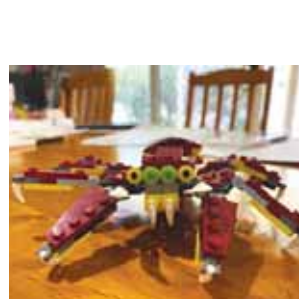
☆ First prize age 12-16: Andy.



☆ First prize age 8-11: Lisa.



☆ Second prize age 8-11: Auzzie.



☆ Second prize age 7 yrs & under: Xavier.



☆ First prize age 7 yrs & under: Ben.



☆ Second prize age 12-16: Asha.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who entered the first round of the 'Show in a Bag' competitions.

Our independent judges really enjoyed seeing all the entries and were impressed with the talent on show. There is a new team of judges already polishing their pencils ready to check out the entries in the second round of Online Show entries. Submit your Home Garden photos, Beanstalk Challenge, Dog and Owner Lookalike photos and Dog Tricks videos before Sunday 17 October.

Colouring Competition Results:

Alpaca (sponsored by Baringhup Alpacas)

5-7 years	1st	Emily Clarke
8-11 years	1st	Remi Baker
	2nd	Pippa Sheedy
	3rd	Auzzie Webster
12-16 years	1st	Matilda Webster

Cherry (sponsored by Maldon Cherry Farm)

3 & under	1st	Isaac Sheedy
4-6 years	1st	Emily Clarke
	2nd	Nicholas Clarke
	3rd	James Curnow
7-9 years	1st	Xavier Curnow
	2nd	Pippa Sheedy
10-12 years	1st	Auzzie Webster

	2nd	Matilda Webster
<i>Farmer with Tractor (sponsored by Loddon Park Corriedales)</i>		
Under 5	1st	Jack Webster
8-11 years	1st	Pippa Sheedy
	2nd	Auzzie Webster
12-16 years	1st	Matilda Webster
<i>Sheep (Sponsored by Loddon Park Corriedales)</i>		
Under 5	1st	Jack Webster
8-11 years	1st	Remi Baker
Combined ages	1st	Isaac (3) and Pippa (9) Sheedy

Decorated Cupcakes

Under 7	1st	Ben Plazzer
	2nd	Jack Webster
	E 3rd	Xavier Curnow
	E 3rd	James Curnow
8 - 11 years	1st	Lisa Plazzer
	2nd	Wilbur Carr
	3rd	Riley Haggard
	HC	Harriet Schuster
	HC	Auzzie Webster
12 - 16 years	1st	Henry Carr
	2nd	Andy Plazzer
	3rd	Matilda Webster

Lego

Under 7	1st	Ben Plazzer
	2nd	Xavier Curnow
	3rd	Jabba Welham
	HC	James Curnow
8 - 11 years	1st	Lisa Plazzer
	2nd	Auzzie Webster
	3rd	Finn Armstrong
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	HC	Wilbur Carr
12 - 16 years	1st	Andy Plazzer
	2nd	Asha Somers

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Prizes for this round can be collected from the former Gardens Etcetera Shop from 10am on the morning of Saturday 16 October. If COVID restrictions come into force by then, alternative arrangements will be made for delivering your prizes.



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Maldon PS raises money for the Red Socks Challenge for Kidney Health



☆ Red Socks family photo.

ON Wednesday 6 October, Maldon Primary School pulled up their RED SOCKS for the 25,000 people who are currently living with kidney failure. Staff and students all wore something red and donated money to show their support of Kidney Health Australia.

The day was organised by Stella and Isla Robertson. Wednesday's fundraiser

was all about raising money and awareness about kidney disease, to support Kidney Health Australia.

"This fundraiser is important to us, because our little brother, James has Chronic Kidney Disease" the girls said.

Did you know that you can lose up to 90% of kidney function before having any symptoms. Once your kidneys reach failure, there

is no cure. Dialysis or kidney transplant are the only options to stay alive. The Red Socks Walk is Kidney Health Australia's largest community fundraising event, taking place every year in October. Kidney Health Australia asks you to step out in red and take on a challenge to raise money to support those living with kidney disease. You can run, ride, walk, hop, skip or dance

your way through the month. Whatever you decide, you will be helping change lives!

Stella and Isla feel happy that they have helped Kidney Health Australia, and that their friends had something to do with it. "It's been really fun!"

Even though some students were at school and some students were learning from home, it didn't stop the students from getting behind the cause! Everyone enjoyed the fun of dressing up and having fun outside no matter where they were!

"Everyone turning up in something red and donating money makes us happy, and we feel lucky to have so many good friends!" the girls said proudly.

When discussing the day with James (Stella's and Isla's brother) he said, "It feels good that everyone knows I have tiny kidneys. I'm happy that people are helping out." Thanks to the Maldon School Community for wearing red and donating money to support and help Kidney Health Australia. Thanks also for Stella and Isla for taking the initiative to organise such an event!

If you would like to donate to the girl's Red Socks Fundraising Page, please go to the link <https://www.red-socksappeal.org.au/fundraiser/maldonprimaryschool>.

Interview with Our New School Counsellor

On 16 September I interviewed our new School counsellor Scott Ramsay. I asked him some questions so you can understand a little more about him.

Can you tell me what your role is as a school counsellor?

"My Role as school counsellor is to help people who are feeling sad, unhappy or disappointed. I will help people that have problems they want to or need to talk about."

What days will you be here?

"All day Wednesday and Thursday until lunch time."

Who can come and see you?

"Anyone. I'm here for the school community which

means students, teachers and parents can come and see me."

So what do some people come and see you for? "People come to see me for lots of different reasons, but the main two reasons would probably be confidential problems and personal relationships with friends."

Where you are going to work on the days that you are at the school? "I will be working mostly in the classrooms but for very personal problems, or a teacher or parent problem, I will be working in a vacant classroom."

Now working slightly into Scott's past life. What other work have you done in the past?

"I have had a rather interesting life by being a Teacher, Assistant Principal, Leading Teacher, Senior College Manager. I have also lectured at three universities, and I have directed professional theatre as well."

You have done a lot of very interesting things but of course you would have had to study a lot of different studies, so can you tell me what different studies you have studied?

"That is a good question Grace, I would say I have studied at least five studies

and they would be drama, dance, professional writing and editing, English and last but not least literature."

"Yes! I have (studied a wide range of studies). If you see an opportunity you should take it because you never know where it could take you or how it might go. My careers have all helped each other like my theatre career has helped my teaching career."

Well, thank you Scott, I now hope that other people will know the importance of a school counsellor, and everyone, please welcome our new school Counsellor, SCOTT RAMSAY!

Written by Grace S.

Poets Comer



Spring By Eva Gross

Wind whistles through the air, causing leaves to weave around the sky, so bright that it looks nearly newly painted in the nicest shade of periwinkle blue.

Petals of roses and stems of lavender fly off their bushes, dancing a synchronized performance, pulled along by the wind.

The feeble light of the sun peeking through behind the clouds, allowing the world below a ray of sunshine to cocoon around the layers of cracking frost and melt it.

The first day of spring brings a sense of anticipation, bubbling like lava in bellies, flitting around like fireflies and bouncing around like a child on a trampoline.

This, is Spring.

Nature By Stella Robertson

The street calls me,
Trees dance in the wind, the sun smiles at me.
The wind leaps around in the sky,
Leaving the leaves to drift onto the ground.
The grass dances in the wind,
The flowers bloom like an opening hand.
Nature calls me.

A World Beneath By Harry Morgan

There was a world beneath my feet.
Here with the wind screaming in my ears and the sun beating down on my back it doesn't look like it.
But there is.
I pick up my magnifying glass and look through the lens at a small cactus.
I angle it wrong and suddenly the cactus is burning and disintegrating.
I look at it sorrowfully and then, in the heap of ash a spider shoots out of the ground, the remains of the cactus crunching beneath it's hooked feet.
My frown changed to a grin.
There was a world beneath my feet.



DEATH NOTICES

CARROD, Bob

1939- 2021
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and your daughters Robyn, Janine, Carolyn,
Andrea, Sally and Kate.

You were a true legend,
a great pal to many
and you lived life to the fullest
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Rest In Peace Harvey Charlie.

For funeral details please see Harvey's
tribute page on the website of
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Harvey was an active Member of our Club for over
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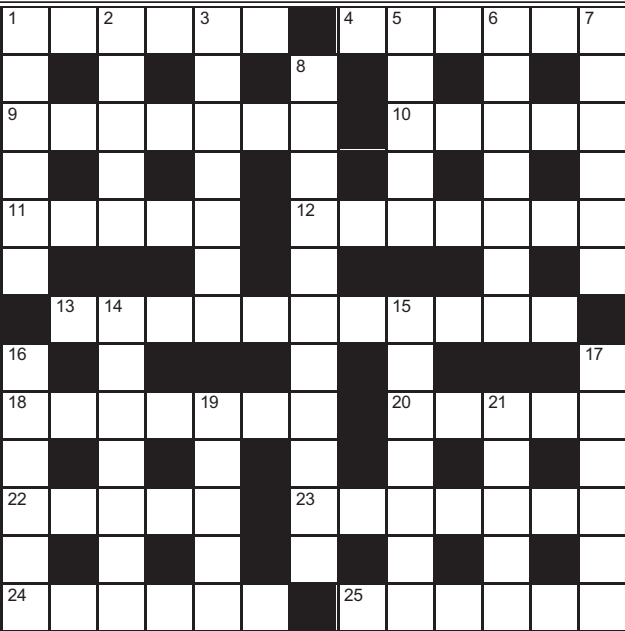
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- 22 Concur
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- 24 Robberies
- 25 Overjoyed

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- 17 Pleaded
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Solution to No. 820



Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 5.10.21

41.6mm

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	41.6	47.1	4.9
Nov		25.7	38.6
Dec		29.1	3.9
TOTAL	474.0	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 5.10.21

35.8mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	83.4	35.2	4.8
Feb	17.0	52.8	21.6
Mar	83.8	37.0	7.6
Apr	14.4	145.4	5.6
May	53.6	66.2	115.5
June	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	35.8	73.2	8.6
Nov		37.2	43.0
Dec		39.2	9.8
TOTAL	546.4	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 5.10.21

50.8mm

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	41.4	56.2	9.8
Nov		22.8	42.0
Dec		31.2	8.4
TOTAL	532.0	593.8	416.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 5.10.21

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	95,740	% Full	65.07
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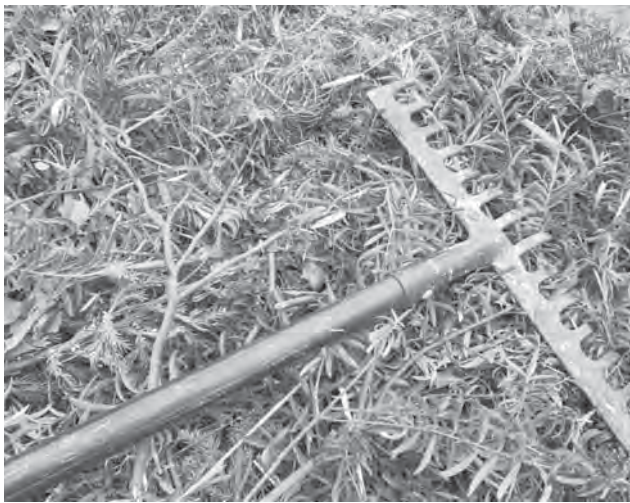
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Free green waste disposal



TO help prepare your home and properties for the Fire Danger Period, Mount Alexander Shire Council is offering free green waste disposal to local residents and ratepayers between Saturday 30 October and Monday 15 November.

Residents and ratepayers can dispose of garden and green waste at the Castlemaine and Maldon transfer stations at no charge over the period, which includes three weekends.

Green waste includes garden waste such as grass, sticks and branches (less than 10cm in diameter).

The green waste must be free of contaminants such as rubbish and declared noxious weeds, and removed from plastic bags prior to disposal.

"Many people have spent a lot of time in the garden this year, so we're expecting the free green waste disposal period to be very popular," said Glenn Brown, Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"It's important we all take steps to reduce the risk of fire around our property in the lead up to summer," said Mr Brown.

"Things to do before the Fire Danger Period include

pruning bushes, cutting branches that overhang your home or sheds, clearing out gutters and relocating piles of wood away from buildings," he said.

"We have planned the free green waste disposal period to help you get your property ready for summer," he said.

Normal green waste fees will apply to businesses or residents acting on behalf of businesses.

Loads containing items other than green waste will be charged accordingly. Normal gate fees will apply before and after the free green waste period.

Residents are also encouraged to compost as much material as possible at home.

Proof of residence in the shire will be required to make the most of the free green waste disposal period, and proof of identification will be required before entry is permitted. COVIDSafe requirements will be in place.

For more information, including opening hours for the Castlemaine and Maldon transfer stations, visit www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/WasteFacilities.

Thunderstorm asthma and spring pollen survival guide

AUSTRALIANS with asthma and allergies are being urged not to forget that peak spring and thunderstorm asthma season starts 1 October and lasts until the end of December.

This year, the Bureau of Meteorology is predicting that much of Australia looks set to be hit with heavy spring rainfall, which can lead to above average grass growth and critically, ryegrass pollen.

National Asthma Council Australia Director and respiratory physician Professor Peter Wark said people with hay fever and allergy to ryegrass pollen may be at risk of thunderstorm asthma - even if they have never had asthma symptoms before.

"People with asthma who live in, or are travelling to, a region with seasonal high grass pollen levels, should remember to take their inhaled corticosteroid 'preventer' medicine as prescribed by their doctor. If they are using anti-inflammatory reliever therapy, they should take their inhaler as needed. These steps offer the best protection from worsening asthma.

"If you have hay fever, the regular use of a nasal corticosteroid spray every day, at least during pollen season is the best treatment to control allergy symptoms.

"Hay fever can cause upper and lower airway inflammation and result in itchy watery eyes, runny nose and sneezing, but even more concerning, hay fever can lead to an increased risk of serious asthma flare-ups," he said.

Keris Arndt, Victoria Manager Hazard Preparedness and Response, Bureau of Meteorology said the risk this year of thunderstorm asthma in late spring/early summer is higher than normal.

"Forecast wet and warm conditions will lead to good grass and vegetation growth over the spring period and this forecast is largely driven by a negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), which is the first negative IOD event since 2016," said Mr Arndt.

Professor Wark said the best protection is to have good control of your asthma or hay fever, and where possible avoid exposure to springtime thunderstorms and the wind gusts that come before them.

"Check grass pollen counts for your region every day during spring and early summer on high grass pollen days and avoid exposure to outdoor air when a thunderstorm is approaching, especially during wind gusts just before the rain front hits. If you can, stay indoors with your windows closed and the air conditioner off or on recirculation mode, or if driving, shut your car windows and only use recirculating air.

"Now is a great time to check in with your GP to review your Written Asthma Action Plan, check your inhaler technique and make sure you know what to do during a spring thunderstorm or asthma emergency, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Good day to day

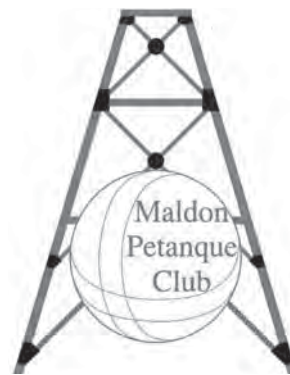
control of your asthma and the correct use of your preventer is the best protection against worsening asthma.

"The symptoms of asthma, hay fever and COVID-19 can be similar, and it can be difficult to tell the difference between them, so if you are unsure - get tested for COVID-19 and stay home until you get your results," he said.

For easy-to-follow information on how to manage your hay fever and asthma and prepare yourself for thunderstorm asthma season explore the National Asthma Council's website.

Check the pollen forecast daily at <https://www.sensitivechoice.com/> or download the Pollen Count app here: <https://www.melbournepollen.com.au/>.

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB



*Variable weather is an annoying thing
Then again it is Spring*

LAST Sunday morning the sun was shining and not a cloud to be seen, however as the day moved on, so the weather deteriorated.

Before games started we welcomed Rod Gell from Woodend and John Stacey

from Nagambie who were keen to join us.

At the start of play the conditions were fair but by the start of the second games it was raincoats all around. At the end of the second round it was decided to call it quits and finish for the day.

The leading player before the rain interrupted the day was John Stacey, 2 wins 23 points, followed by Barry Droney, 2 wins 19 points then Rod Gell, 2 wins 14 points. Our two visitors did well.

In these difficult times it is hard to put the calendar together, however, we hope to gather again on the St Brigid's pistes on Sunday 17 October for a 2pm start.

Geoff McLennan

Castlemaine's outdoor Youth Film Festival

COUNCIL'S second annual Youth Film Festival will head outdoors this year and be screened in Castlemaine's Village Square on Friday 15 October.

Headlined by the box office hit, Zootopia, the festival will also feature short films made by local young people.

The 'shorts', ranging from 50 seconds up to 25 minutes, are entries in the local equivalent of the film industry's Academy Awards, the COscars.

"This is a festival organised by young people where the films screening are made by young people," said Grace

Shooter from Council's Youth Advisory Group which, with Council's FReeZa committee, created the COscars Youth Film competition, awards and festival.

COscar awards will go to winners of seven categories in the competition which is open to eight to 25-year-old makers.

Organisers said screening the festival outdoors was a way of continuing with this great event in COVID-restricted circumstances and that all the usual trimmings of a cinematic experience - ice-cream, popcorn and hot drinks - will be on sale.

They're also encouraging attendees to pre-order and bring take-away meals from local restaurants and cafes to the outdoor festival which runs from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

"This is a great way to support our community's young film makers and our local businesses at the same time," said Grace Shooter.

The Village Square is in Frederick Street, Castlemaine and was converted from a car-park into a public space as a key part of Council's Making Space project funded through the Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package.

For more information, contact Council's Youth Development Team on 5471 1700 or email youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Check youth events, activities and training opportunities on Facebook @MountAlexanderShireYouth or on Instagram @mountalexandershire_youth or go to the local youth website www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au.

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