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Calling all kids

☆ 14-year-old Liam Anton wants a skatepark for Maldon kids.

The children of Maldon are being asked to meet on Sunday 19 September at 12pm at Hospital Street, next to the

swimming pool, to make a video petition requesting a skatepark in Maldon.
Fourteen-year-old Liam Anton, the organiser of the event, is passionate about making

sure the kids of Maldon have somewhere safe to spend time. He's put out a call to all local kids to bring their bikes, skate boards, scooters and helmets to make a short film to send to Mount Alexander Shire Council in the hopes that councillors will assist in building a skatepark. "Maldon hasn't had a skatepark for many years. I

feel that there are many young kids in the town without things to do or places to go," said Liam. "We have lots more kids in the area and not many things to do. "I also think it would be a good place for new comers to make friends and meet people." Liam posted the idea on Facebook on the Maldon

Noticeboard and received a large number of supportive messages from the local community, including a discussion of the previous skatepark that was removed in 2009. According to one comment-er the need for a skatepark in Maldon was originally included the council's Community Plan in 2015.

Stephen Gardner, representative of Tarrangower Ward said: "Liam's mum spoke to me about Liam's interest in getting a skate park in town. I encouraged Liam to talk to the local kids and come up with a plan of what they want to see happen, which I will then support at Council. *Continued on page 4*

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Community Diary

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

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

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, 9am to 1pm 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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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.

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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°).

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.

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.

CHAIR YOGA, 11am - 12 noon at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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

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

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

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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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EVERY SATURDAY

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

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SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

CURBSIDE CARNIES, a locally sourced cast of circus performers bringing free shows to the region. 10am Maldon Pop-up Park at Maldon Bank Corner. 1pm at Newstead Arts Hub, 8A Tivey St. 3pm The Village, Castlemaine, Lyttleton & Frederick Streets. More details www.facebook.com/curbsidecarnies.

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Show in a bag



☆ Maldon & Baringhup Show Committee members Robbie Stockfeld, Publicity Manager, Daniel Clarke, President and Leanne Mitchell, Secretary.



☆ This year's Maldon & Baringhup Agricultural Show will come in a bag!

COME down to Bank Corner on Saturday 18 September from 10am to collect a beautiful, handmade, 'show in a bag' and buy a raffle ticket.

Due to the pandemic the Maldon and Baringhup Agriculture Show has been cancelled for the second year running.

This hasn't stopped the show committee from organising a wonderful treat for local school children these holidays by providing a 'show in a bag' with the support of the Maldon and District Community Bank.

Included in the bags are a Bean Stalk Challenge complete with a small pot, a bag of dirt and some seeds. There will be three colouring pages which will be judged and displayed in the bank window,

a free drink bottle, pen and notepad.

The show committee is also organising Lego building and Cupcake Decorating competitions with all entries being submitted and judged online.

There will also be a Photography competition for both children and adults and a Show Your Garden competition.

The annual dog show, one of the most popular events, will still go ahead online with two categories: Dog and Owner Lookalike and Best Trick. Participants are encouraged to send in photos and videos of less than a minute.

The annual show raffle will also be held thanks to generous sponsors, the Baker Family, Baringhup Alpacas and Victorian Goldfields Railway.

"We've been fortunate to obtain a grant to cover costs from the closure last year but we do have ongoing expenses and rely on donations," said Daniel Clarke, Show Committee President. "The local businesses have always given us so much support and are still supporting us during this difficult time."

Entry into all these competitions is free and there is no charge for the 'show in a bag'. If you miss out on collecting a bag, check our Facebook page or website for details: maldonshow.com.au.

Closure of Maldon Hospital's Urgent Care Centre



MALDON Hospital is changing the way it is delivering urgent care to its community. From this Friday 17 September the hospital will no longer run an Urgent Care Centre.

Castlemaine Health CEO Sue Race said, "The hospital will still be providing urgent care to our community, but there will be some differences. In any emergency, nothing changes – if you require immediate emergency care dial 000 and an ambulance will be called.

"If you require non-emergency care, call the hospital. We will advise you on whether to come in for assessment and first aid at Maldon Hospital or direct you to another health service such as Castlemaine Health or Bendigo Health.

"The main change is that we will no longer have the capacity to provide advanced life support at Maldon Hospital, which consists of CPR, airway support and high risk

advanced cardiac situations requiring medication."

According to Castlemaine Health, attendance at the Urgent Care Centre has been declining in recent years, with around five people visiting the centre each month, and many Maldon residents already opting to attend Castlemaine Hospital or other health services for injuries or illness that need attention.

Board Chair of Maldon Hospital, Vanessa Healy said, "Maldon Hospital and Castlemaine Health have a close relationship, sharing a CEO and many staff, and with Castlemaine Hospital just 15 minutes away it makes sense that we should be sharing our resources."

She added, "With a changing demographic, we need to ensure the way we operate best reflects the way our community uses the hospital and allows Maldon Hospital to support our aged care residents, our people and manage clinical risk."

Recently resigned board member Stephen Gardner told the *Tarrangower Times* that his resignation was due in-part to the decision to close the Urgent Care Centre, amongst other decisions

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The Victorian Government is making it easier for families to find a three and four-year old kinder learning program they can count on.

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Calling all kids



☆ At present there is only a dirt track for local kids to ride on, leaving nowhere for them to ride skateboards or scooters.

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“I think it’s fantastic that Liam is leading this and I am looking forward to hearing more and I’m hoping he can

then make a submission to all councillors. It’s fantastic to see our kids getting active and wanting to make a difference.”

“It would make kids socialise and spend more time outdoors, especially when we are home schooling and spending far too much time indoors,” said Liam.

From the Spotted Cow to Table et Terroir



☆ Renovations of the former Spotted Cow are nearing completion.

Fundraising for Maldon Blue Light Camp



☆ The Maldon Blue Light Camp is hoping to start welcoming children back to the facilities soon.

MALDON Blue Light Youth Camp has set themselves an ambitious fundraising target of \$50,000 to develop a range of new programs to help young Victorians cope with the mental health challenges associated with COVID-19

“We know that COVID-19 has taken a huge toll on young Australians, especially when it

comes to their mental health,” said Jon Mitchell, Executive General Manager of Maldon Blue Light Camp. “Right now, we’re developing a range of new programs to get ahead of this challenge so we can help those youths who are at risk of further mental health issues in the future.”

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Maldon man wins \$2.5 million dollars



☆ Barb Ford from Maldon Newsagency was delighted to have helped deliver a division one win to a local customer.

A young Maldon man’s dream of buying his very own home can now come true after he scored \$2.5 million in the weekend’s TattsLotto draw.

The local player held one of the four, division one, winning entries in the TattsLotto draw 4189, drawn Saturday 11 September 2021, with each pocketing \$2.5 million.

Speaking with an official from The Lott this morning, the winner admitted he was still struggling to come to terms with the life-changing news.

“I found out straight after the draw on Saturday night,” he explained.

“I was just watching some TV with my family when I checked my ticket on The Lott app and that’s when I realised I’d won division one.

“I instantly started shaking! I felt so nervous. I just couldn’t believe it!

“I screamed for my parents to check, and they couldn’t believe it either. They were blown away!

“We celebrated that night with a few drinks. It was really good.

“I am still feeling so anxious right now. I have butterflies in my stomach!

“Hopefully, it starts to feel real soon, but regardless, it’s amazing.

“I think the first thing I will do is buy myself a home.

“It seemed a bit impossible, especially at the moment, so this is great for me.

“Honestly, I am not too sure what I will do with the rest. I’ve never had this kind of money, so it’s new territory for me!”

His winning System 11 QuickPick entry was purchased at Maldon Newsagency, 56 Main Street, Maldon.

Maldon Newsagency owners Graeme and Barb Ford said they were delighted to have helped deliver a division one win to a local customer.

“Wow! We are so happy that someone’s TattsLotto dream has come true,” Graeme said.

“We will be sharing this amazing news with all of our customers. I am sure they will be very pleased for our winner.

“It’s so exciting telling everyone about the win! It’s not just great for the winner, but also for us and the local community. It goes to show any outlet can sell a division one winning ticket!”

“This is the fourth division one win we’ve had at this outlet. Our last division one win was about five years ago, so it’s a big moment for us too,” Barb added.

“We wish our winner the very best and hope it lives up to his dreams.

“We can’t wait for our next big win!”

The winning numbers in TattsLotto draw 4189 on 11 September 2021 were 17, 34, 8, 10, 26 and 23, while the supplementary numbers were 36 and 41.

Across Australia, there were four division one winning entries in TattsLotto draw 4189 – one each from Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

The Lott’s division one winning tally has now reached 318 so far this calendar year, including 120 won by Tatts customers.

Triple load in lockdowns takes toll on women

WOMEN with young children face long-term consequences from COVID-19 lockdowns, including a disproportionate impact on work and career opportunities, new research reveals.

As around 15 million people across Australia continue to live under lockdown restrictions, the RMIT University *Women, Work, Care and COVID* report reveals the experience of women and how they managed work, family and remote schooling.

The study found that women took on the bulk of additional work at home and home schooling during lockdowns.

Lead author Dr Fiona Macdonald said the disruption caused by COVID-19 may be especially critical for women with young children, potentially increasing their career disadvantages and reinforcing traditional gender roles.

“Our study really highlighted the precariousness of women’s economic independence,” said Macdonald, a Vice-Chancellor’s Senior Research Fellow in the School of Management at RMIT.

“We found that remote working and schooling may be leading to deeper gender divisions in parenting and household work.

“During lockdowns, women managed most of the home schooling, household work and care and they often had less dedicated time and space for their paid jobs than their male partners.

“Under the triple load of work, family and remote schooling over many months women stepped back from their employment and deferred career plans as their part-time jobs became secondary, in comparison to their

partners’ jobs and in relation to family needs.”

While supportive and flexible workplaces can make a big difference to how families manage in lockdowns, the research found households relied largely on women’s flexibility, at a cost to their careers.

“If that flexibility disappeared, the capability of these households to function would likely crumble,” she said.

Macdonald said addressing the work/family issues raised during lockdowns was critical.

“We need to find better solutions, including increasing men’s access to flexible work,” she said.

“Reducing families’ ongoing reliance on women to be endlessly adaptable also requires universal access to flexible and affordable childcare.”

Community groups funded \$200,000 for local projects



☆ The Maldon & District Community Bank grants award night had to be held via Zoom this year due to restrictions.



LAST week the Maldon & District Community Bank was so pleased to be able to get a variety of community groups together (albeit via Zoom) to celebrate awarding over \$200,000 worth of grants.

This year was one of the biggest Community Grants allocation yet with over \$200,000 handed out to 28 organisations spread out through seven postcodes and across the Mount Alexander, Loddon and Central Goldfields shires.

The grant recipient, and their funding project, are all listed on page 9.

Staff, directors, interested community members and many of the Community Grants recipients were able to join in the online celebration, with a number of organisations sharing their gratitude and details of their projects.

Pamela Jewson from Maldon Eat Drink Events said being able to purchase “Lightweight tables will mean we have to rely less on the heavy lifting our volunteers need to do putting in place over 100 tables. With an ageing volunteer resource, this is so important to keep our events viable in the future.”

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Maldon
48 Nuggetty Road \$810,000

PICTURESQUE COUNTRY LIVING – 17.70 ACRES ON MALDON’S EDGE 3 🛏 1 🚿 4 🚗

With sealed Road frontage almost to the front gate and a country Laneway entry to a picturesque 17.70 acre grazing parcel with scattered gums and 2 large lovely dams, this long held property offers private country living positioned on the Bendigo side of town just 7km from the village centre. The established homestead has wide decked verandahs on all 4 sides, large windows with an outlook from every room, open plan living with wood fire place, split system air, modern kitchen and meals area. There are 3 double bedrooms, main large with robes, separate family bathroom, separate laundry and toilet. Nestled in an attractive country garden, there is a carport next to the home, bird aviaries, a 4 bay machinery shed with workshop, and the property is connected to mains underground power with 5kw of solar too.



Campbells Creek
88 Fryers Road \$765,000

1800S CHARMER WITH SO MUCH SPACE 4 BEDROOMS & OVER 3 ACRES 4 🛏 1 🚿 4 🚗

Just 5 km from Castlemaine centre, 1.7 km from the local Primary School and even closer to acres of State Forest bushlands, this special property fronts a quiet Sealed Road, has town water and over 3 acres of treed grounds that is level and a haven for local birdlife. The 1800s Timber cottage features much charm and space and comprises a traditional front verandah entry, central hallway, front sitting/bedroom with open fireplace, a further 3 bedrooms and a study. There is a central modern-farmhouse kitchen, and a very large open plan lounge-dining with painted living board ceilings and large windows that open out to a matching oversize covered-decked entertaining area. There is a modern period style bathroom with shower, claw foot bath and separate toilet, plus a large laundry with storage.



Castlemaine
7 Parkview Close \$615,000 to \$630,000

QUIET ESTATE LIVING ON PARKVIEW CLOSE 3 🛏 1 🚿 1 🚗

On Parkview Close with with north outlook to Mount Alexander over a playground, this one owner home was custom built and offers great space on a level, yet elevated 680m2 garden. The brick veneer home offers 125m2 of living including 3 double bedrooms with built-in robes, a large 2 way bathroom with toilet, and a separate laundry with second toilet. There is a generous open plan lounge room, dining area, and spacious kitchen with pantry and garden outlook. The home has gas heating, ducted evaporative cooling, large single garage with direct home entry, and a pergola-patio area. The leafy gardens offer space and privacy, plus there is a pavement driveway with adjoining space for conversion for further parking if desired. Invest or occupy an enjoy the serenity and convenience.



Castlemaine
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- Castlemaine Camera Club Inc - High-Resolution Projector.
- RedShed Arts Workshop Inc - Equipping the RedShed Workshop
- Newstead Arts Hub - HubConnect
- Barkers Creek Recreation Reserve Committee of Management - Barkers Creek Community Hall Upgrade

Fundraising for Maldon Blue Light Camp



☆ The Maldon Blue Light Camp is hoping to welcome children back soon.

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With the ongoing disruptions and lockdowns brought about by the pandemic,

research shows that teenagers are particularly vulnerable to increased risk and issues associated to mental health.

The recent *Coping with COVID* report, compiled by headspace, the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, found that 74 per cent of young people surveyed reported their mental health was worse since the outbreak of COVID-19.

"It's really important to us that these new programs help us achieve our goal to make a positive impact in the community amongst young people," said Jon. "COVID-19 has taken a lot away from young people at a time in their lives when they should

Know Your Local

Graham



IT'S likely you will have seen Graham sitting in the sun outside of Goldfields Cafe having a yarn with friends as they pass by.

While being interviewed he asked one of the waitresses what she thought was interesting about him.

"He's here nearly every day chatting to all the regulars. He's always lovely and helpful," she told me.

Graham and his partner Jane moved to Maldon from North Melbourne 10 years ago and spent a good deal of time renovating their new home.

"We kept Kinga employed for many months," Graham laughs.

Graham studied Geology in Ballarat and physics at RMIT before working as a physics researcher with CSIRO.

"I worked with brackets, materials and components and stuff," said Graham. "We looked at the effect of weather on things, for example your sunglasses."

He also worked front of house in a number of Melbourne theatres for almost 35 years.

"Real theatre, not the movies," said Graham. "German

opera caught my attention and Italian opera still does a little. Spoleto was very impressive."

Graham is an active volunteer and has been on nearly 20 committees in his life.

"I was 18-years-old when I joined my first committee and now at 76 I plan to retire from the last later this year.

"It's good to put your two bob's worth in. Keep management under control and give workers a voice.

"There's advantages and disadvantages of all committees and at times things aren't done as successfully as they could be."

At present Graham is on three different committees in Maldon. He is particularly enjoying being on Maldon Golden Movies and encourages people to come and see the next film being showed *The Father* starring Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Coleman.

Graham is very passionate about climate change and has invested in 30kw of solar panels and three batteries for his house.

"Climate change is so obvious. We need to start acting now so life will be easier in 20 years. We need to plant trees in every 15 metres in Maldon so we don't end up like some of the dry towns in the Mallee region."

Jade Jungwirth

Closure of Maldon Hospital's Urgent Care Centre

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made by the Maldon Hospital Board, around the long-term sustainability and the future of the hospital.

"These decisions create a conflict of interest with my role as the local Councillor

and being the representative of the Maldon community, said Stephen. "Going forward I need to be able to support my local community and to ensure transparency. Whatever the outcome is I need to ensure it is in the best of interest of the Maldon community

and is ultimately supported by them. As an elected official the needs of my local community must come first."

For more information on the change to Maldon Hospital's urgent care response visit www.maldhosp.vic.gov.au.

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An occasional column on the future of our region by Melanie Scaife



☆ Brian Morris in his garden.

RAIN. It's been as ever-present as the rolling lockdowns this year. Gushing at speed through the downpipes, skating over the paths and pooling in puddles in my garden, I've watched it flow, yet made scant use of it. My friend and keen gardener Brian Morris, on the other hand, has been making the most of it while it's here – with good reason.

Over the coming years, rainfall is projected to decline in winter and spring in our region, while extreme rainfall events will become more intense. “How water comes to us, particularly in the Goldfields, is changing, and you can see that in the climate modelling,” says Brian. “There's going to be these big, erratic dumps of water at different times to what we expect, so it's about putting strategies in place where you live to harvest the rain when it comes.”

Put simply, rainwater harvesting is the practice of collecting and storing rainwater, and it's an excellent strategy for building your household's resilience, whether you're harvesting it to drink, storing it for later, or diverting it to plantings around your home. Over the past decade, Brian has trialled numerous methods on his property in Barkers Creek, from terracing

to de-compacting the soil. But where to begin? As a starting point, Brian suggests three things:

1. Spend time observing what the water does – how it moves through your property.
2. Slow the water down and spread it out where you can.
3. Build the soil – it stores much more water than you think.

This last point is critical. “Because of our sun, our heat, the soil hardens up, it gets compacted, and it can become hydrophobic, where the water just skates across it. You can de-compact the soil in simple ways, just with a pitchfork, leveraging the soil and opening it up for water and air to get in,” says Brian.

“Then there's planting the soil out with something appropriate – plants hold so much water. You can catch water off your roof and put it in a tank, but good soil is the best reservoir of water that you can possibly have. So having ground-covers, for example, mulching, those things really help the water sink in and stay in the land, and improve the overall ecology of your place.”

It's worth researching which plants are suitable for our climate. Maldon Urban Landcare's brochure *Indigenous plants for the garden in*

the Maldon area – recently distributed through our letterboxes – is a fantastic guide. Also consider ‘zones’ for plants that have similar water needs. “One of the earliest things I did on our property was to build a dry garden that I knew would never be watered once established, and it's been really successful,” says Brian.

“For us, rainwater harvesting has been a long-term fix, and we've really noticed that water retention building. There's the variability of drought years and so on, but overall, we've seen things stay greener for longer.”

For more information visit:

- Rainwater harvesting: www.harvestingrainwater.com
- Newstead Natives (specialising in plants native to Mount Alexander Shire): www.newsteadnatives.wordpress.com
- Goldfields Revegetation (specialising in native plants for the Goldfields region): www.goldfields-revegetation.com.au
- Lambley Nursery (specialising in dry climate gardening): www.lambley.com.au

Melanie Scaife is a Maldon resident and graduate of the ADAPT Loddon Mallee Region Climate Leadership Program.



Billy's Choice



☆ Billy's Choice - Photo by Denise Martin.

YOUNG Indigenous playwright stages Victorian premiere *Billy's Choice* which is written by Wamba Wamba man and Western Australia Academy of Performing Arts Aboriginal Performance graduate, Brodie Murray, who is currently a Castlemaine State Festival Artist-In-Residence.

Billy's Choice sheds a light on how young people can feel when confronted with big decisions. Something that Brodie is familiar with, having moved from his regional

hometown to pursue his career in theatre.

Fresh off the success of *Soul of Possum*, a play commissioned for YIRRAMBOI in 2021 and supported by Castlemaine State Festival, Murray is not slowing down.

Billy's Choice is set on Wamba Wamba country near present day Swan Hill and explores the conflict that can arise as young people seek independence. Brodie focuses on the cultural and societal contexts of contemporary Indigenous Australians. It is a story about the power of

becoming grounded in culture, and the challenges of moving away from family and Country.

Dates: 30 September to 3 October.

Times: 5.30pm, Sunday 4.30pm (30 minutes).

Venue: Festival Hub – Common Rooms Lounge at Trades Hall Melbourne.

Tickets: Full: \$14.50 / Concession: \$9.50 / Mobtix: \$8 / Fringe Dweller \$8 / Fringe Binge \$8.

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Kinder Tick



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THE State Government is making it easier for parents and carers to find quality kindergarten programs.

The new initiative being rolled out across Victoria makes it easier for families to identify approved and funded kindergarten programs – ensuring their children are attending the best programs.

Signage will be placed on services that deliver kindergarten programs, whether that's in a long daycare setting or a standalone kinder.

Only services that are led by a qualified teacher, provide a play-based learning program and are funded by the Victorian Government will received the Kinder Tick.

This is one of the many initiatives the Government is launching to support the sector and deliver consistency across Victoria as we roll out universal Three-Year-Old Kindergarten.

In an Australian first, the State Government has committed almost \$5 billion to deliver 15 hours of funded kindergarten programs for three-year-olds to children in Victoria by 2029. The Three-Year-Old Kindergarten reform has already been rolled out to 21 local government areas and will expand across the rest of the state in 2022.

“We are making it easier for families to find good quality kindergarten programs that suit their needs,” said Ingrid Stitt Minister for Early Childhood.

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Exciting plans for the Athenaeum Library



☆ Acting Treasurer Tina Fratta and President Suzette Phillips are excited about future plans for the library.

THE Tarrangower Times met with recently appointed President Suzette Phillips and acting Treasurer Tina Fratta, who have been vol-

unteers at the Athenaeum library since 2015- 2016.

“COVID-19 restrictions have resulted in membership declining. We’re hoping to

initiate a click and collect service for local residents,” said Suzette. “We’re also looking at increasing our opening hours.

“We really want to make sure there is equitable access for everyone, whether it’s those with a disability or parents with prams, and are currently involved in conversations with relevant parties to discuss how to make this a reality.

“We’re also wanting to make the library more accessible by updating the website and trying to get Wi-Fi.”

The library committee is hoping to find ways to make the library more attractive to younger people by running activities and projects. The committee intends on focusing on education and hope to have local writers give talks, hold discussion groups and early learning literacy sessions.

“Being inclusive and culturally diverse is really important,” said Tina. “We’ve changed the Athenaeum’s name on Facebook to recognise the local Dja Dja

Wurrung people and are hoping to get a plaque, amongst other initiatives”

The library is also part of the Dementia Friendly Alliance and they are looking to obtain funding for signage to make the facility more accessible for those living with dementia.

“We really want it to be a vibrant, social hub,” said Suzette. “We hope to get more comfortable seating and perhaps have a quiet reading room. We’re also trying to minimise the library’s carbon footprint. By putting more things online, we will be able

to reduce printing, as well as efficiently sharing information and encourage people to come in.”

“We want the library to be community led. It’s your library and we need your support,” said Tina.

If you’re interested in becoming a member or a volunteer please go to www.maldonlibrary.org.au or visit the library on 97 High Street.

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☆ Charles Webster advertisement.

Charles Webster was a chemist who traded in Main Street during the 1860s. He was highly regarded and many of his clients preferred to consult him rather than qualified doctors. Dr Henry Lewis O’Hara came to Maldon in August 1863 from Ballarat and set up consulting rooms in Webster’s store. At the time Webster was recovering from a long illness and was being treated by Dr Thomas McGrath.

On Friday 19 August 1864, in the *Tarrangower Times*, Webster published, under the heading ‘CAUTION’, a ‘little bill’ he had received from Dr O’Hara. In his account O’Hara claimed more than £27 for three consultations each day from August 24 to September 17, 1863. In his paid advertisement Webster said that Dr McGrath was his medical attendant and O’Hara had only offered to attend him as a friend and watch over him as a part of a medical study.

In the next edition of the *Times*, Dr O’Hara published ‘an explanation’. He said that he had attended Webster during a long period of serious illness. It was absurd to claim that he treated Webster as a ‘friend’ as he had not met or heard of Webster before his first consultation. As Webster was not a qualified medical practitioner, he was not entitled to the traditional courtesy of ‘gratuitous services’.

Dr O’Hara also said that his treatment of Webster had not been part of a medical study. O’Hara had spent many years in hospitals, gaols and lunatic asylums researching various forms of disease and did not need to undertake any further studies. O’Hara also claimed that his attendance was not limited to three visits per day but that he had often been with Webster late into the night fearing each hour would be his patient’s last.

In his response Webster agreed that O’Hara had been a ‘perfect stranger’ to him and so there was no reason for him to consult O’Hara. Webster admitted that, while Dr McGrath was treating him, O’Hara had paid him many unwanted visits. However he would have preferred that O’Hara paid more attention to the inmates of Victoria’s gaols and asylums.

On Wednesday 31 August 1864 the dispute had a sequel in the County Court. Webster sued O’Hara for the cost of drugs he had provided. O’Hara acknowledged the debt but said that Webster still owed him £27 for professional services.

The case then revolved around O’Hara’s bill. Dr McGrath told the Court that even at the height of Webster’s illness he had only visited him a few times a week. Judge John Forbes found that Webster was entitled to recover the cost of the drugs but that O’Hara was only entitled to claim fees for one visit per day.

This information and photo was supplied by the Maldon Museum and Archives.

about the victims. The implications are shocking. A mystery informant disappears, joining the ranks of missing women in grave danger, all evidence points to a sordid international crime operation. It will take the combined skills of Lindsay and Joe to protect their city, and themselves, from a monster.

The 20th Victim by James Patterson

Sergeant Lindsay Boxer tackles an ambitious case that spans San Francisco, L.A., and Chicago. Three victims, three bullets, three cities. The shooters’ aim is as fearsomely

precise as their target selection. When Lindsay realizes that the fallen men and women excel in a lucrative, criminal activity, she leads the charge in the manhunt for the killers. As the casualty list expands, fear and fascination with this suspicious shooting gallery galvanizes the country. The victims were no angels, but are the shooters villains ... or heroes?

This week’s reviews have been sourced from goodreads.com and from readings.com.au.

The Maldon Athenaeum Library Team

IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



TODAY Nancy and Mike will co-present IMT as we get back into the swing post-lockdown.

At the time of writing we have invited Pamela Jewson to let us know all about the Phantom Pheast and Phizz event - now postponed to 1 October. Des Dodgy is again threatening to gate-crash the studio and share his latest money-making scam.

Last week Mike (see picture, always looking his best for the listeners) was unleashed without a seatbelt or any kind of restraint; all alone in the studio and talking COVID, Albert Einstein, the Taliban,

local gossip and reading from Antonia Barron’s soon-to-be-published book of her recollections of Maldon in the 1980s titled, *‘The Mulberry Tree’*.

Next Friday EC and Stevo will present the show and introduce Annette Gilham and Kelli Jones from CERT – hoping to drum up some more volunteer workers for this excellent community initiative.

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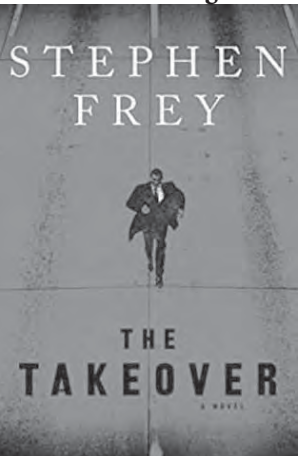
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THIS week’s reviews are books that are Pulse-pounding Thrillers of smart characters and shocking twists.

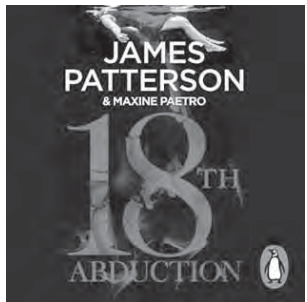


The Takeover by Stephen W. Frey

This is a thriller set in the world of high finance about a mergers and acquisitions specialist who finds himself in the middle of a conspiracy involving a huge leveraged buyout that has the potential to topple a presidential administration.

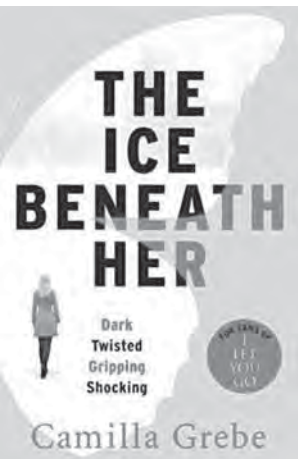
A young woman is found beheaded in a business tycoon’s marble-lined hallway. Jesper Orre, the scandal-ridden CEO of the retail chain Clothes&More, has vanished. Who is the dead woman? And who is the brutal killer who wielded the machete?

Rewind two months to meet Emma Bohman, a sales assistant for Clothes&More, whose life is turned upside down by a chance encounter with Jesper Orre. Insisting that their love affair is kept secret, he shakes Emma’s world a second time when he suddenly leaves her with no explanation. As frightening things begin to happen to Emma, she suspects Jesper is responsible. But why does he want to hurt her? And how far would he go to silence his secret lover?



18th Abduction by James Patterson

Detective Lindsay Boxer and her husband Joe Molinari team up to protect San Francisco from an international war criminal. Three female schoolteachers go missing in San Francisco. As Lindsay digs deep, with help from intrepid journalist Cindy Thomas, there are revelations



The Ice Beneath Her by Camilla Grebe



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Pauline Monica

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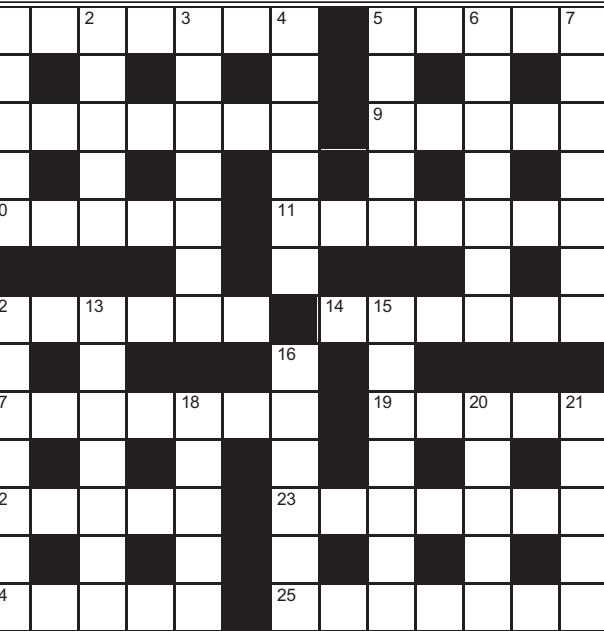
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Rainfall Baringhup

Week Ending 14.9.21

1.0mm

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	41.6	40.9	19.1
Oct		47.1	4.9
Nov		25.7	38.6
Dec		29.1	3.9
TOTAL	419.6	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 14.9.21

0.4mm

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	36.8	54.6	29.4
Oct		73.2	8.6
Nov		37.2	43.0
Dec		39.2	9.8
TOTAL	494.6	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 14.9.21

4.0mm

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	49.4	46.8	31.2
Oct		56.2	9.8
Nov		22.8	42.0
Dec		31.2	8.4
TOTAL	470.0	593.8	416.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 14.9.21

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	93,560	% Full	63.59
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MALDON GOLF CLUB

BITTER, SWEET & COMPLIANT



GREAT news for our Golfers last weekend with favourable variations to the previously mandated Lock-

down rules...

BITTER (not really)... that we were unable to play Competition Golf and catch-up on previously cancelled Club Championship, Monthly Medal and Tournament events.

SWEET... being now able to play unrestricted social and practice golf 24/7.

COMPLIANT... playing in our face masks and observing social-distancing requirements.

Just a reminder that NO competition play until further notice, but 12 noon/12.30pm Social Golf each Saturday.

FOOTY JOKE of the week

Geelong lost last Saturday night in their game against the Demons because Coach Chris Scott didn't select Dan Andrews in the team...after all, he is the only one who can be relied on to consistently shut down Melbourne.

Bob Briggs

Snakes start to slither out this spring



☆ Red-bellied Black Snake (Pseudechis porphyriacus).

WITH the weather warming up, snakes are starting to emerge from their winter hibernation to bask in the sun and search for food and a mate.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Senior Wildlife Management Officer, Leila Brook said: "People are starting to see snakes out and about in the Loddon Mallee Region.

"Snake species commonly found in Loddon Mallee include the Eastern Brown Snake (Pseudonaja textilis), the Red-bellied Black Snake (Pseudechis porphyriacus), and the Tiger Snake (Notechis scutatus).

"While these three species are venomous, it is rare for them to bite people. Most snake bites occur when people try to capture or kill a snake.

"Snakes have been known to bite animals, such as dogs, if they feel threatened. If your dog or cat encounters a snake,

the best course of action is to remove your pet from the area or tie it up while the snake passes and if you suspect your pet has been bitten take it to a vet immediately.

"Snakes are generally very shy and prefer to keep away from people and often when a snake is found in a backyard it's because it's moving through the area to another habitat.

"Snakes are more common around the urban fringe or in rural parts of Victoria, but they can also be found close to cities and towns, particularly around watercourses and parkland.

"Whether you're exercising outdoors or gardening, please be aware that snakes may be around, and make sure you're informed about how to react to them if you encounter one," Ms Brook said.

If you live in an area with snakes, please remember:

- When left alone, snakes present little or no danger to people.

- If you see a snake, keep calm and move yourself and anyone with you (including pets) away from the area.
- Don't attempt to capture or harm snakes. Instead call DELWP on 136 186 for further advice.
- Maintain lawns and clean up around your house, as snakes are attracted to shelter such as piles of rocks and timber, sheets of metal, and building materials.
- Undertake first aid training and ensure your first aid kit contains several compression bandages, and if someone is bitten, call 000 immediately.

Snakes are protected under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and it is illegal to harm or kill them or capture them without authority. Reports of people willfully destroying protected wildlife will be investigated by the Conservation Regulator.

DISCOMBOBULATED GAMES



☆ Brenda pointing out the closest boule to the coche.

ON Sunday 12 September a few Piste Artistes gathered together like lost souls.

Having been in isolation for so long, it was hard to remember how to interact with other humans. We were, to say the least, somewhat discombobulated. I know I was.

Despite this, we managed to play two games with all the COVID limitations firmly in place, no touching of anything but one's own boules, or each other. The sun came out as we started and went away promptly as we finished.

Six teams played quite quickly, despite one pair scoring slowly point by point. COVID rules entail using only one coche per team and refraining from picking up

each other's boules. No bodily contact was entered into, apart from a ritual round of rather jarring elbow bumping at the end of each game.

At the conclusion of the games, first place went to André, Brenda, and Gaz with 2 wins and +7 points. Second place went to Geoff and EC with 1 win and +4 points.

Matt and Stevie Wonder took third place with 1 win and +1 point. They were followed in fourth place by Viv, Mme Bleue and Joan, with 1 win and 0 points. Fifth place

went to Phil and Judy, with 1 win and -2 points.

Carole and Steve were 'lucky last' with 0 wins and -10 points, thus winning the *Losers' Chocs*. It has been yet another month since we last played. It's a miracle we remembered how to play at all, with all the distracting limitations imposed by the 'dreaded lurgy'.

We play again, COVID willing, on Sunday 26 September, at 1.45 for a 2pm start. Come and join us on the Penny School piste.

Mme Bleue

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