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4th Sunday of Easter

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Fr. Con Bagoisan

Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter - Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

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Saturday –10.00am (Reconciliation at 10.30am)

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Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm



St. Patrick's Parish, Ballarat

Bible Thought

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Psalm 62, v 7,8.



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The Teacher Gene

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A gentle reminder to Members and Community that the Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn at the Skipton Market on Saturday, 11th May.
Members ensure that your sold tickets & money are either left with Bev Grist or early at the Market to pass them over to Yvonne or Marg.
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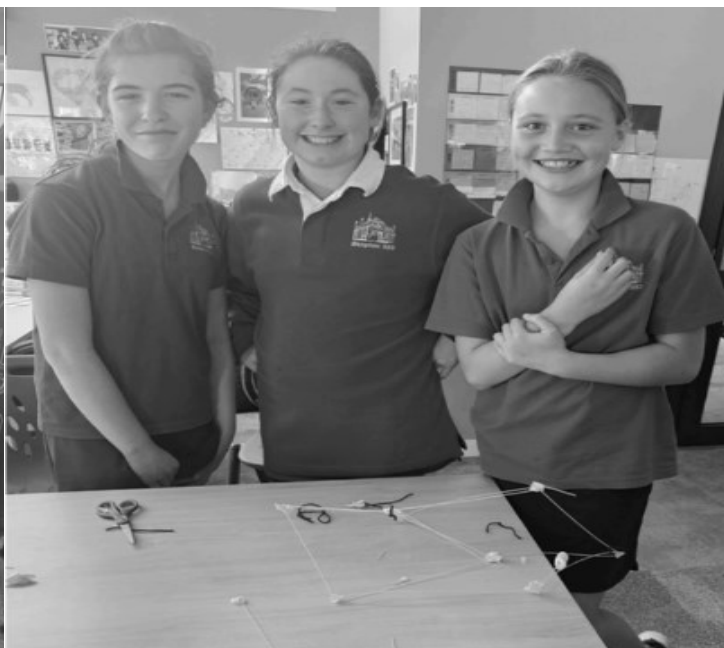


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Continued from page 6, more hardworking Skipton Primary School student's.



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Drop-in sessions so public can help grow Corangamite's agricultural future

Corangamite residents are invited to meet Council's Grow Corangamite team and discuss the future of farming in the Shire.

Council is preparing the 'Grow Corangamite: Sustaining our Agriculture Future' study to cement the Shire's position as a significant agricultural producer and food manufacturer.

Cr Geraldine Conheady is Chair of the Project Reference Group which—along with Council's project team—has prepared a background report.

"Three community 'drop-in' sessions will be held so residents can discuss the project, get further information, and provide us with your thoughts on agricultural land in the Shire," Cr Conheady said.

"Agriculture is the biggest contributor to our local economy, generating \$805 million of economic output in 2020/21, almost a third of total output. About two and a half thousand of our residents are employed in farming directly or in various supply, service and processing businesses. That makes farming vital for our families and communities to flourish.

"I invite everyone to come along to one of the sessions and share your ideas and experience so we can strengthen and sustain our agricultural future. We encourage residents to read the report and contribute their thoughts at the drop-in sessions, or through Council's website.

Manager Planning and Building Services Aaron Moyne said the *Grow Corangamite: Sustaining our Agriculture Future* project would provide a comprehensive understanding of the physical, social, and economic attributes that underpin agriculture.

"It will also identify the challenges and opportunities confronting the industry," he said.

"This will enable Council to formulate an economic development and planning framework that will support and grow agriculture into the future. There will be another opportunity to get involved at the completion of the Draft Strategy before it is finalised."

Where and when

- Terang Civic Centre (Rose Room), 131 High Street, Terang, Wednesday 15 May, 4-7 pm
- Simpson Recreation Reserve, 10 Lavers Hill Road, Simpson Thursday 16 May, 10 am-1 pm
- Skipton Mechanics Institute, 43 Wright Street, Skipton Thursday 16 May, 4-7 pm

For more information, go to corangamite.vic.gov.au/GrowCorangamite or call Strategic Planner Kristen Wilkes or Manager Planning and Building Services Aaron Moyne on 5593 7100.

Council seeks community input on timber plantations

An increase in timber plantations has prompted Corangamite Shire Council to weigh up the effect on valuable agricultural land.

At its April meeting, Council released a discussion paper to spark community conversation about current and future land use change.

Mayor Kate Makin said Council wanted to hear residents' views on the issues and opportunities raised in the discussion paper to help plan for a secure future for our agricultural industry.

"In recent years there has been an accelerating change in land use from food production to timber plantations," Cr Makin said.

"These are on highly productive land previously used for food and fibre production.

"Agriculture contributes 100 times more than forestry to the Shire Economy including 45% of the economic output, 38% of the jobs and 70% of the exports.

"Our towns and communities rely heavily on farming with most of the 2,400 plus jobs and \$60 million in wages annually coming from dairy, meat production, sheep and cropping and agricultural services.

"It is important that we plan for what effects land use change may have on the Shire economy and the future of our communities."

Cr Makin said potential concerns included:

- national food security;
- job losses across farming, support and service industries, manufacturing and processing;
- threats to the viability of small communities as agricultural workers and their families leave the region;
- loss of biodiversity, pest and weed incursion;
- increased fire threat;
- Excision of farm dwellings creating isolated rural residences.

Cr Makin encouraged residents to download the discussion paper from corangamite.vic.gov.au/GrowCorangamite or email shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au.



Berrybank Wind Farm

Community grants committee nominations

As part of its wider community benefits program, Berrybank Developments Pty Ltd has established a Community Enhancement Fund which provides grants to community groups and individuals to support local projects in both the Corangamite and Golden Plains Shires.

Two community members are needed to serve on the five-member Committee which will assess and recommend projects for funding.

For more details and a copy of the nomination form, please email garry.moorfield@corangamite.vic.gov.au by Friday 17 May.



SKIPTON GOLF CLUB INC

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Hi all in the local Skipton Community, we have two up coming events at the Skipton Golf Club. We have a Ballarat District Junior event on the 19th May, then also our annual fundraiser for Fiona Elsey Cancer Research—the Col Sharpe Memorial Event.

The junior event will have some of the best juniors in the district coming to Skipton in an event the District have provided us, as a new annual event.

We ask any locals that might be able to help tidying up the course prior to the 19th May event (lot of debris on the course) for the junior event.

We've had some incredible support from two of the Districts Green keepers, who have provided some key renovation work on the greens to ensure they are ready for the Junior District event.

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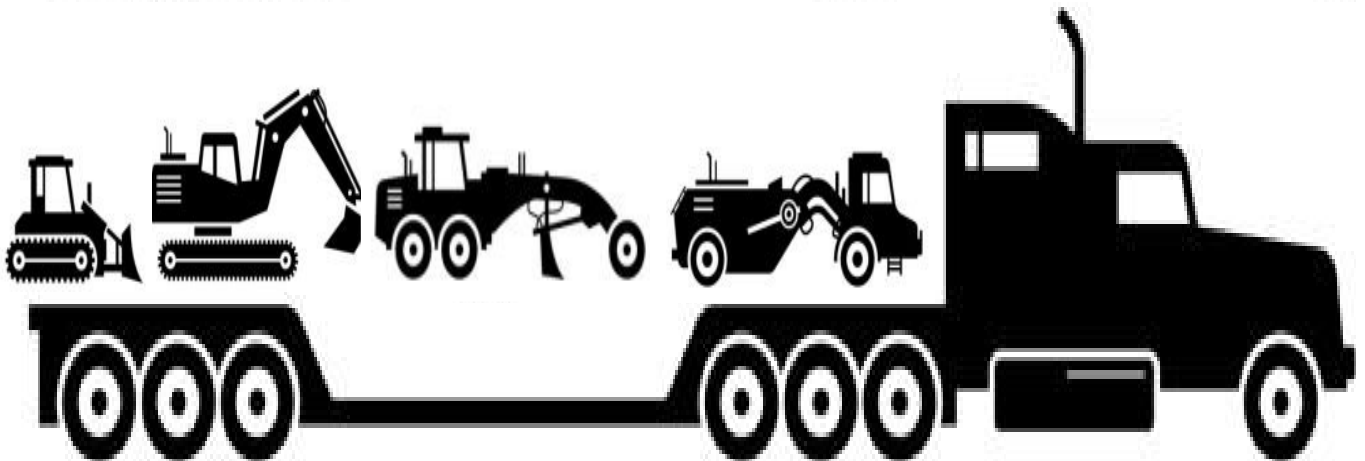
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The following is an extract from the book "Of sheep and men" published by Claud Notman a well known entity to older residents of Skipton & District. I will publish extracts from chapter 31 in episodes—this is episode one.

Chapter 31

FIRE, FLOOD AND FAMINE

The vagaries of the weather in the Western District have always kept its occupants struggling to overcome the ravages of flood, drought or fire. Beginning with the dry period of settlement in the 1838-41 period, and the destruction of that terrible week that ended up with Black Thursday, in 1851, the following years provided floods of rare intensity. Down on the lower Werribee, in August, 1852, Edward Davey Wedge, his wife and daughter, were washed away, and the surviving son, Thomas, sold out his last 125 acres, and went to live at Brighton, at that time out from Melbourne. These people had been some of the earliest settlers, but they sold their interests in 1849 to Alexander Irvine, who died abroad in 1856. His executors sold then to Thomas Chirnside, already in at Point Cooke, from 1851 on. William Taylor had established a stone hut there about 1849, but later took Overnewton, on the Keilor Road. Starting with small pre-emptive purchases, Thomas Chirnside went on to build up 90,000 acres around the Werribee River, and, with the boom after gold, his purchases previously described would create their own story of family history.

Tom Anderson's diary records the big flood in Mount Emu Creek at Darlington, in 1853, the year of the first Darlington Show, and the Skipton Show and photographs, fortunately preserved by the Elder family descendants, whose people were storekeepers at Skipton for almost 100 years, tell us about the flood in 1870 that troubled the show of that year. The wooden bridge at Skipton was washed away before the stone bridge was built in 1877.

Late in the 1870s, a fire started near the Banongill bridge over Mount Emu Creek and it created havoc across country to the east. Fanned by a strong south-westerly, it sped over Banongill, through Borriyalloak, and out to the Linton ranges. Older generations were known to have described the devastation south of Skipton as complete and there was no grass anywhere left for stock to feed on. Grasshoppers following as a plague did not help matters, either, as the Francis Ormond story illustrates.

There were dry years in the 1890s. The year 1892 saw the banks collapse, and, from 1896 on, to 1902, wool men were struggling with poor prices and lack of rain. Stony Point records indicate that 1902 was the driest year ever, the total rainfall to Christmas being only 10.81 inches, and with over 3 inches in thunderstorms after that period the tally amounted to only 14.17 inches for the year.

In 1894, there was another major flood, following the fire that swept over the plains from the northwest of Mount Bute run, through Glenfine and Naringal and down to the lakes below Cressy. The great snow storm of 1901, following the drought years through the 1890 period, was followed in 1905 by a blizzard that killed thousands of shorn sheep as late as the 3rd of December. Wooriwyrite suffered dreadfully in that storm, losing many thousands of their flock, and within two months the property was burnt out by a fire bearing down from Woorndoo, in January, 1906. After they had suffered these two disasters, half the original flock had been wiped out.

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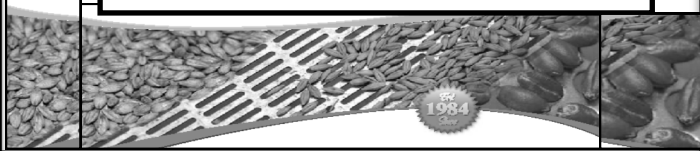
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From **2pm till 4pm** on Monday, and on the **fourth Monday** have an earlier start of **12 noon** for Lunch. Committee Meeting follows at 2pm. "Seniors" is a fantastic way to enjoy a weekly outing and to make new friends. Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "lots of Other Stuff"!!

- * Seniors also have trips and outings throughout the year.
- * Just come along, you will be happy you did.

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Wednesday 8th May Skipton Progress Association BINGO NIGHT at the **SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLING CLUB** doors open 6pm, eyes down 7pm sharp. Bar open, come and have a fun night all welcome. See ad on page 18 any enquiries please contact skiptonscn@gmail.com

Saturday 11th May Skipton Market in the Mechanics Hall Anderson Street 9am to 1pm. Stalls offer goodies, craft, presents, bric-a-brac, produce, and more.
For stall bookings and information contact Jan on 0422785037

**Saturday 11th May Skipton Football & Netball Club
Round 5** Playing at home against Hepburn

Monday 13th May. Stewart Park Committee of Management will meet for their regular monthly meeting in the Skipton Mechanics Hall (the Small Meeting Room) at 6.00 p.m. **Anyone interested in joining us, or volunteering for working bees in our lovely Park very welcome.** Please contact Victoria on 0437 565 404 for further information.

**Saturday 18th May Skipton Football & Netball Club
Round 6** Playing away at Ballan

Sunday 19th May: FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM (Streatham) **open from 11:30am until 4:30pm**
Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer 0466 286 011

Sunday 19th May Skipton Golf Club, new annual Junior District Event. More details please contact David Sprouls Vice President Skipton Golf Club on 0423528255.

Sunday 19th May 2pm Mannibadar Hall Palque Unveiling 1944 Bush Fire Victims. The unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the victims of the 1944 bush fires will take place at the Mannibadar Hall. If anyone would like to attend would they RSVP to Graeme Ellis at 0407403515 for catering purposes by the **10th May.**

Tuesday 21st May Working Bee in Stewart Park, join members of the CoM from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 and help with the wide variety of jobs to be done to **maintain and improve the Park** (have you noticed the white native irises flowering along side the main road?) Sensible clothes, closed toe shoes and gloves please, talk to **Victoria on 0437 565 404,** meet at the picnic table in the Park (opposite the Police Stables), a cuppa and chat to follow.

**Saturday 25th May Skipton Football & Netball Club
Round 7** playing at home against Learmonth

Sunday 26th May Skipton Golf and Bowls AGM, will be held at the Clubroom at 6pm
Contact secretary Gail Ward on 0403530293.

Sunday 26th May Skipton Golf Club annual Col Sharpe Memorial fund raiser event for Fiona Elsey Cancer Research