



This Week's Sponsor:

Isabel Evans and Family

Thank you very much

Council flies flag to stop violence against women

The people of Corangamite Shire are being called to work together to prevent violence against women.

Corangamite Shire Council will fly the flag to support the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

Mayor Ruth Gstrein invited community members to a flag raising event outside the Courthouse Camperdown on Monday 27 November at 1 pm.

"Each year the 16 days run from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, until Human Rights Day on 10 December," Cr Gstrein said.

"It is a time to remind everyone in the community that we can all work together year round to change the story about violence against women.

"Statistics show almost one in four women have experienced intimate partner violence so we all know more than one person who has been affected.

It affects everyone in our community, not only women. Family violence has significant consequences for children and young people.

Even if they don't see or experience abuse, they're still impacted by seeing things like injuries to a parent or damage to property.

"It can impair children's physical, emotional and brain development, their sense of security in relationships, their mental health and have long term consequences for friendships and relationships.

"It is a myth to believe that if babies or children don't see or experience abuse they are not affected. They are always impacted by the harm being caused to their parent whether it is by coercive control, physical, emotional, financial, spiritual or sexual abuse. they're still impacted by seeing things like injuries to a parent or damage to property.

"Family violence is increasing in Victoria's communities and 30% of family violence incidents attended by the police involve children. Corangamite Shire is committed to working with local and statewide services to reduce family violence and it's impacts through community awareness strategies and staff training."

Cr Laurie Hickey said while many people experienced violence, 95 per cent of perpetrators were men.

"Women mostly experience violence at the hands of men, and people who are known to them, while men mostly experience violence from other men, and those they don't know.

"Research tells us that sexism and disrespect towards women contribute to a culture that allows, justifies, or even promotes violence towards women.

"Challenging disrespect towards women is everyone's responsibility.

"As blokes we can call out disrespect, sexism and other forms of discrimination early, we can help prevent violence against women. Together we can take steps towards a future where we are all safe, equal and respected."

Respect Victoria's Acting CEO Serina McDuff said an average of one Australian woman every 10 days is killed by a man they know.

"It doesn't have to be this way. Violence against women is preventable, and this 16 Days of Activism and beyond, we have an opportunity to change the story," she said.

"This means we need to address the harmful attitudes and behaviours that drive violence in society. Let's work together to challenge harmful ideas about gender and power and create a future where all women are safe, equal and respected."

For more information go to safeandequal.org.au or respectvictoria.vic.gov.au

If you need help you can contact 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732.



Caption: L-R Corangamite Shire Mayor Ruth Gstrein, Cr Laurie Hickey, IGA Camperdown Store Manager Ebony Marshall (rear), Council Maternal and Child Healthcare Nurse Cherie Phillips and shopper Marilyn Bourke with some of the free shopping bags being given out at IGAs across the Shire as year-round reminders of the campaign to prevent violence against women. Council bought the bags with a grant from Safe and Equal, Victoria's peak body for specialist family violence services.

Public Notices

Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact: Marilyn Ellis 5340 3515 for enquires
Service times: 9.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart or Belle 5349 5553 with enquiries.

Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation
Skipton / Lismore

- * Week One 10 am Skipton
- * Week Two 10 am Skipton
- * Week Three 10 am Skipton
- * Week Four 10 am Skipton
- * Week Five 11am Lismore.



Public Notices

BRADVALE CHRISTMAS GATHERING

- Location - Bradvale Hall
- Date - Saturday 2nd December, 2023
- Time - 6pm onwards

Please bring meat, salad and dessert to share. Usual present arrangements with visit from Santa. All welcome.

Please contact Dallas 0488 196 696 or Margot 0418 125 321 for further information.



SKIPTON COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE

will be held

Sunday 17th December, in Christ Church, Anglican Church

at 6pm A plate please.

Contact Marilyn Ellis on 0438 038 776 for further information.

All welcome.



St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beaufort

- * Week One Sunday LLA 10:00am
- * Week Two Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- * Week Three Sunday LLA 10:00am
- * Week Four Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- * Week Five Sunday LLA 10:00am .



Catholic Parishes of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol:

Communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale & Snake Valley

All Linton Parish Enquiries Contact Parish Priest: Fr. Eugene McKinnon, Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan Phone: 5331 4981,

Sunday Masses throughout

St Peter's Catholic Parish of Linton

St Brigid's, Snake Valley Saturday 6.30pm

St Peter's, Linton Sunday 9.00am

St John's, Skipton Sunday 10.30am

St. Aloysius, Redan St. James, Sebastopol

Thursday 9.30am Friday 9.30am

Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 10.30am

Sunday 9.00am



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Bishop: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR **Parish Administrator:** Fr Ed Moloney. **Assistant Priests:** Fr James McKay. **Visiting Priests:** Fr Barry Ryan. **Parish Secretary Sacramental Coordinator** Tony Beggs. **Finance Officer:** Bernadette Prestwood. **Safeguarding Officers:** Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - 12:05pm **Tuesday** - 7.00am and 12:05pm

Wednesday - 7.00am and 12:05pm **Thursday** - 7.00am and 12:05pm

Friday - 12.05pm, (Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

Saturday -10.00am (Reconciliation at 10.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

Advent Anointing Masses 2023

St. James Sebastopol - Friday 8th December at 2.00pm

Afternoon tea will follow in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share.

Please note: There will be NO 9.30am Mass.

Advent Reconciliation 2023 will occur during Masses at Redan & Sebastopol on the weekend of 9th & 10th December 2023.



SKIPTON LIBRARY Mechanic's Hall

Opening Times

Tuesday 10.00am to 12.00pm

Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Fiction, non-fiction, LARGE PRINT, DVD's, E-Books, Children books & DVDs, Biographies.

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BIBLE THOUGHT

A good man's tongue is pure silver; The heart of the wicked is trash..

Proverbs chapter 10, verse 20

Hold your tongue in the hearing of a stupid man; Because he will despise your words of wisdom.

Proverbs chapter 23, verse 9



SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

Beaufort Road, Skipton.

Transfer Station opens next on

Wed 29th November 2023, Sun 10th December 2023,

Wed 13th December 2023, Sun 24th December 2023,

Wed 27th December 2023, Sun 7th January 2024,

Opening Hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm.



NHW XMAS BREAK UP

Skipton NHW will be celebrating

it's Xmas break up

at the Derrinallum Hotel

on Thursday 7th of December

at 7pm

with the SFNC bus

leaving from the hall at 6.30pm.



Skipton



Christmas Raffle

Prizes include:

Homemade Decorated Christmas
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Made & decorated by Skipton
Staff

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Large Christmas Hamper

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Local pools ready to open this weekend



CORANGAMITE
SHIRE

Corangamite Shire's outdoor pools are ready to open their gates for the 2023-2024 season.

Camperdown, Cobden and Terang pools will open Saturday 25 November. Lismore, Skipton and Timboon will follow on Saturday 2 December.

Council Sport and Recreation Coordinator Jane Hinds said the pools were the place to be regardless of the weather.

"All of our pools are solar heated and generally operate between 25 and 28 degrees.

"So if the weather is cooler in the mornings, your local pool is still a great place to go for health and fitness and socialise with friends.

"There is a hotter than average summer predicted so when summer arrives the pool is the ideal spot to escape the heat. It really is the best of both worlds."

Council's Facilities and Recreation and Parks and Gardens Teams have been instrumental in preparing the six outdoor swimming pools in readiness for the 2023-2024 season.

This includes cleaning and preparing pools, maintaining gardens and general maintenance works including:

- Fibreglass repair and repaint on toddler pool water features at Cobden and Skipton.
- Installation of pulsar units at Timboon, Camperdown and Cobden
- Replacement of a flood light at Timboon and a power pole at Cobden and
- Pressure washing of the concourse and refreshing of tables and chairs at Terang.

Maintenance of filters at Lismore

Council Sport and Recreation Coordinator Jane Hinds said the pools were in great shape leading up to the season's opening.

"There is lots in store this season—pool parties, movie nights, inflatables and games, as well as early morning lap swimming and, learn to swim programs.

"On warm nights, open hours may be extended at the discretion of the pool manager," Ms Hinds said.

She said Council had worked closely with YMCA Victoria and swimming pool committees over winter to ensure a strong start to the season.

"The swimming pools continue to provide a range of health and wellbeing outcomes for residents.

"The pools are great fun for kids and also have relaxation and mental health benefits for people of all ages."

Mayor Ruth Gstrein encouraged residents to support their local pool and take advantage

of the fantastic facilities.

"Love your local pools. They are such valuable community assets and continue to be great value for money.

"They are a terrific opportunity to get the family outdoors and off devices over the summer holidays," she said.

Season tickets are \$185 per family, \$95 per adult and \$85 per child and can be used at all of the Shire's six pools.

Day tickets are \$15.50 per family, \$5.20 per adult and \$4.20 for a child.

Season passes are available from the Civic Centre in Camperdown or can be bought at the pools. EFTPOS facilities are available at each pool.

For regular updates and to keep up with all the activities during pool season Like the Corangamite Shire Swimming Pools page on Facebook.

For more information on pool locations, times of opening and entrance fees, go to corangamite.vic.gov.au/swimmingpools or contact Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100.

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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

SKIPTON OUTINGS BUS

Would you like to join our next social outing? Our next outing will be to the Narana Cultural Centre Geelong on Tuesday 19 December. The cultural centre has an Art Gallery, Cafe, native gardens, animals and a gift shop. We will then visit Torquay for fish and chips by the sea for lunch. The bus will leave at 9am from the Skipton campus.



For more information or to book your place please call 5340 1100 by Monday 12 December.

ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service offer a range of Allied Health services to support your health and wellbeing.

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| → Connect Hearing | → Diabetes Education |
| → Drug & Alcohol Support | → Dietetics |
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| → Podiatry | → Remedial Massage |
| → Social Work | |

For more information or to book an appointment please call 5349 1610 (Beaufort) or 5340 1100 (Skipton)



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SKIPTON MARKET

ON SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

In the Skipton Mechanics Hall

Anderson Street, Skipton

From 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.



Look for Christmas gifts, Jewellery, Craft,
Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Fresh Vegetables,
and much more



Neighbourhood Watch and Vic Police will offer
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Vision Australia Raffle will be drawn, tx for sale
in Skipton stores and at the Market till 11.00 a.m.



Follow the six white boomers for Christmas cheer and
A cuppa with friends in the Supper Room



Contact Jan on 0422 785 017 for stall bookings and further information
Or check facebook Community Markets



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MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL



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[visitmelbourne.com](https://www.visitmelbourne.com)

SOUTH WEST VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT ROADSIDE BURNS AHEAD OF FIRE SEASON

Over 200 CFA personnel and 40 vehicles converged in Cressy and Lismore over the weekend to conduct a 65km roadside planned burn to prepare for the fire season in the South West.

CFA, with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), assist in planned burning across Victoria in high-risk areas that require fuel reduction.



CFA District 6 Assistant Chief Fire Officer Andrew Emery said the planned burn took two full days.

"One of the main reasons this burn was conducted was to create a large and long strategic fire break which can help us control fires that start north of the Hamilton Highway and that are pushed predominantly by northerly winds," Andrew said.



"Grass fires can move extremely fast, even under moderate conditions, so putting in place fire breaks such as the one on the Hamilton Highway gives our firefighters the best chance of stopping fires.

"We identify areas of risk through consultation with local groups and brigades using a combination of fire history, local knowledge, and modelling.

"Once these areas are identified, they are prioritised, and we can then begin putting strategic firebreaks in or other treatment options to reduce fuel loads."

CFA Vegetation Management Support Officer South West

David Muir said as well as having fire protection benefits, burn weekends such as these bring valuable training outcomes.

"Planned activities such as these are an opportunity for us to bring lots of our members together, test our systems and train our new members to help them understand fire behaviour and suppression in a more controlled environment," David said.

"During the burn, our members were able to work on their basic firefighting skills, and our incident controllers and crew leaders were able to refresh and practice their fireground leadership and management skills.

"The burn was separated into two different sectors that operated simultaneously, as this is reflective of what may occur at a real fire.

"We also had our supportive services working through logistics, everything from providing lunch, fuel, fluids, and equipment. It really was a successful day out, thanks to our dedicated CFA volunteers and staff members."



The Fire Danger Period has now commenced across the South West region. Burning off is not permitted without a Permit to Burn, which can be applied for through the Fire Permits Victoria website.



FIRE RESTRICTIONS
commenced on Monday 20th November for

- CORANGAMITE SHIRE,
- PYRENEES SHIRE and
- ARARAT (Rural City of Ararat)

Term 4 Week 8 – 24th8 November, 2023
School Phone No. 5340 2002
Email: skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
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As we are moving quickly towards the end of the year, the chaotic times of fitting everything in before Christmas is starting to hit! Please know that all of the staff at Skipton are continually going above and beyond to ensure the learning and fun still continues. These crazy times also mean that we can be taking on roles outside of our 'normal' job description, and for this, we ask for your patience!

If at any stage you need to contact the school, please feel free to call. If we are unavailable, leave a short message and we will return your call ASAP. Alternatively, you are always welcome to contact me via email. Unless I am teaching or on yard duty, I will be super speedy in my reply. Just a reminder that the school mobile number is 0493823128 and my email is chanelle.pelchen@education.vic.gov.au.

Some exciting news has been shared by a staff member recently (exciting for them, sad for us!). Dianne Britton will be taking 12 months leave in 2024. We all know that Di is a part of what it means to be at Skipton PS and we are so grateful for the care, love and time that Mrs Britton puts into every moment at our school. I'm not sure how we will survive the year without her!!! I am hoping you all will join me in wishing Di the best.



Mrs Britton has been busy preparing our swimming program for 2023. This will start on Friday next week, with a chance for us to check levels of student swimming to ensure that they get the most out of the experience. Keep an eye out for some more information later on in the week.



The Choice Learning '\$10 Business students' have had an incredible day of sales. Thank you so much to the community for supporting the students and their visions! Some stalls will be selling their items again next week.

Student Voice are holding a School Disco (in school time) down at the hall next week! Students will absolutely need to bring along their dancing shoes, ready for a fun filled afternoon!

Congratulations to the Grade 2 students, Sarah M, Greg and especially Michelle for such a successful Grade 2 Sleepover!!! Students have had a wonderful time and will hopefully sleep well over the weekend, I know the adults will!

Finally, please know that you are all invited to come along to our Assembly on Monday from 2:30pm so that we will be able to listen to the School Captain Speeches. The Grade 5 students have been busy preparing, and I am so excited to see what our future leaders have to say! Thank you, Chanelle.

Parent Helpers

We are always looking for parents to come along and support our learning at school. If you have a Working with Children's Check, we would love you to come and listen to our students read! This helps the students to identify that their learning is valued and important. If you don't have a WWC, we can assist you in this process if you would like to be involved!

We would also love to know if we have any parent volunteers for our School swimming program, the more the merrier!

Past Students of Skipton

If you know of any other past students that are doing wonderful things, please let us know!



THANK YOU BBQ FOR SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS THEIR TEACHERS (AND THEIR HELPERS)



A very happy gathering was held recently for all of the students from the Skipton Primary School who have assisted with the planting out of trees and shrubs and weeding out unwanted plants at Stewart Park and in Jubilee Park during this year, to thank these young enthusiastic volunteers for their hard work in the beautification of the Park

Students have been happily wheeling their barrows of seedlings and carrying spades and tools to various locations to plant new trees in Stewart Park.

These young trees and shrubs will provide future enjoyment of those visitors to the park seeking a

shady spot to sit, or a place to enjoy a picnic, (or to simply read a book), whilst listening to the many beautiful and colourful birds who will choose these trees to build a nest in, and lay eggs in their "home".

Thank you very much children, hopefully you will enjoy the Park as you grow up in this beautiful environment.

Many thanks to those who did the work and catering for the event and also thanks to Sharon Andrewartha for her photo of the group.

Early Eel Tickets until

December 14th 2023

**for Lake Bolac Eel Festival
being held next March 2024
are available till December 3.**



With under two weeks to go, those interested can get tickets for only \$67, the same price as last year's festival.

After that, they will be \$77.

The 'Small festival with the big heart' will be held on the weekend of 22-23 March. The theme is 'Song, Story, Dance; Ceremony and Celebration'.

The festival music program just announced includes Brett Clarke, Seal Prince and the Roof Rats, Tim Scanlan, Bruce Watson, Tenzin Choegyal, Gabby Steel Band, Andy Alberts Band and headline act, Neil Murray.

With support from Ararat Rural City Council, Bendigo Bank, Pitch Festival, Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Group and Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management

Council, all ticket prices have been able to remain the same as last year:

- Art Auction (Friday 22 March): \$33 including dinner
- Full day tickets (Saturday 23 March) online \$67 until 3 December, \$77 from 4 December and \$88 at the gate.
- Under 16s are free; there is no concessional rate.

Volunteers are needed to help run the festival and are entitled to a complimentary ticket for working for 2 hours during Festival activities on Saturday 23 March, or for a minimum of 4 hours at any other time.

Contact Festival Volunteer Coordinator, Una Allender at uallender@bigpond.com

The festival has been held every two years since 2005 (except for 2020 due to COVID) and includes the Regional Art Auction, Welcome to Country, Festival Forum, workshops, music, stalls, Buskers Stage, workshops, and the Twilight Ceremony.

Access Early Eel tickets via Humanitix link at eelfestival.org.au

STEWART PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT



With Summer here, it is time for the **Stewart Park CoM** to look back at a busy year, and most importantly to thank the volunteers who have worked so hard through the year.

The floods of a year ago caused so much damage, most repaired now, and work continues on planting and replanting, weeding and nurturing new plants and trees and establishing new areas for all to enjoy, like Sharon's seat at the entry to the park, the new trees and plants we have established to give shade and beauty. And the return of little gems like the table setting in the far west corner of the park, along the creek bank, wonderful spot for nature watching. And thank you Mr and Mrs Everyman for not persisting in driving round the park, we hope the walkers see the occasional platypus as a reward for their effort.

We entertained the Skipton Primary School students to a sausage sizzle lunch in the last weeks, and Thank You to Country Grocers for their contribution of sausages and bread. With Georgie Green as their mentor the students have continued their environmental studies in the Park, giving excellent information and feedback about the water quality, the inhabitants of the Creek, frogs, and the plant life. They are the best volunteers in the world, we wish them happy holidays and thank them all.

And Thank You also to our "regulars" at our Working Bees, we have had the last for this year, but will continue with the monthly sessions in 2024, and would love to see

any interested folk, every little helps. Our final meeting for the year will be on

Monday 11th December, at 6.00p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall, take the opportunity to make contact, you would be very welcome.

Happy holidays, and drop by to enjoy our Park this summer, you might even see a platypus!

Victoria Lovejoy, Chair,
Stewart Park CoM,
0437 565 404

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM IN GOLDEN PLAINS

Council is proud to team up with local businesses and community centres across the Shire as part of Respect Victoria's 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2023 Campaign (the Campaign).

The Campaign runs annually from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day) and aims to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.

This year, Council sought the talents of local Teesdale artist Bec Wilson to create an artwork that represents the Campaign. The artwork showcases a beautiful, diverse and inclusive design that captures the fundamentals of the Campaign and assists with ongoing efforts to create a safer and equal future.

Local businesses and community centres throughout the Shire have received a copy of the artwork to display publicly throughout the Campaign, including:

- Le Due Sorelle Café – Bannockburn
- Meredith Community Centre
- Rustic Ram Café – Meredith
- Rokewood Takeaway
- Thru the Gate Café – Smythesdale
- Haddon Community Learning Centre
- Sonny Café – Inverleigh
- Dereel Community Hub

The artwork is also available to view at the Golden Plains Civic Centre in Bannockburn, The Well in Smythesdale, the Bannockburn Family Services Centre, the Golden Plains Youth Hub and Bannockburn Library.

Golden Plains Shire Council Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham encouraged residents to attend the local businesses and community centres to see the artwork.

"This year we're doing something different for the 16 Days of Activism Campaign and collaborating with our local businesses and community centres to display the beautiful artwork made by Bec," Cr Cunningham said.

"Council is proud to participate in this year's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign in Victoria and encourages all Victorians to work together to prevent violence against women and girls," he said.

"During this 16 Days of Activism and beyond, let's work together to create a future where we are all safe, equal and respected."

Residents are urged to follow Council's social media channels during the 16 days, where we'll gradually unveil the artwork. Starting with a jigsaw puzzle, each piece will contribute to the final reveal on 10 December.

HONOURING THE SERVICE OF VICTORIAN VETERANS

The Allan Labor Government is honouring the service and sacrifice of veterans across Victoria, with new wellbeing supports and grant programs to make sure veterans receive the support they deserve for everything they have given to our nation.

Member for Ripon Martha Haylett welcomed the announcement that applications are now open for two programs supporting facility upgrades for community organisations, as well as the recipients of the *Victoria Remembers and Anzac Day Proceeds Fund* grants.

Member for Ripon Martha Haylett said, *"These grants ensure the service and sacrifice of our ex-service men and women are remembered and appreciated forever, right across Victoria."*

"Our veterans have given so much to our rural and regional communities. These grants will improve their building facilities so that everyone can pay their respects and learn about our nation's history."

The *Veterans Capital Works* program gives local organisations funding to upgrade their buildings and facilities for Victoria's veterans. Interested organisations can apply for grants from \$5,000 up to \$50,000 for projects that can be completed within a year.

This program has supported 55 projects since 2021 to complete building and facility upgrades, including the Creswick-Smeaton RSL Sub-Branch which welcomed \$33,830 830 to continue their work on building maintenance and access improvements.

The *Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour* program provides grants of up to \$30,000 for projects that restore community war memorials, honour rolls and avenues of honour and closes on 29 January.

The *Anzac Day Proceeds Fund* supports ex-service organisations to deliver a range of activities that boost the wellbeing of veterans, with 19 organisations supported to continue their work delivering important services to veterans and their families.

Grants have also been awarded to 27 projects through the *Victoria Remembers* grant program, which provides grants of up to \$30,000 for projects that honour veterans' service or educate Victorians on veterans' contributions.

Ararat Legacy has been awarded a grant for the "Legacy in Schools" program, which includes the ANZAC Trip to the Shrine of Remembrance and Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards, in partnership with rural schools, including Marian College in Ararat, Beaufort Secondary College, and Avoca Primary School.



CR BRETT CUNNINGHAM RE-ELECTED AS GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE MAYOR

Golden Plains Shire Councillors re-elected Cr Brett Cunningham as Mayor of Golden Plains Shire for 2023-24 following a decisive Council meeting at the Golden Plains Civic Centre in Bannockburn tonight.

Cr Cunningham will serve a second term as Mayor following his appointment as Mayor in 2022. He will serve a one-year term leading up to the next General Council Election on 26 October 2024.

At the same meeting, Councillors voted not to elect a Deputy Mayor in Golden Plains Shire for 2023-24.

Assuming the role of Mayor, Cr Cunningham expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him by his fellow councillors.

He pledged to lead with dedication, transparency and a focus on initiatives that enhance the wellbeing of Golden Plains Shire residents now and into the future.

"Council will continue its commitment to deliver

sound financial management allowing for the provision of 70 individual services that are used by residents of our Shire, and continue to work hard to invest in the health and wellbeing of our community," Cr Cunningham said.

"I also make the pledge as I did during my Council Election campaign to continue to implement a professional style of leadership that holds not only myself but fellow Councillors accountable for our actions and behaviours.

"This leadership pledge extends to not only our community but also within our Council organisation where we will continue to assist with implementing a positive workplace environment.

"I look forward to the coming year working together with my fellow councillors, CEO Eric Braslis, Executive Council Officers and Council staff to continue to serve our communities to deliver sound governance, financial management and continue to make Golden Plains such a great place to live.

"To the community, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to serving another term as Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire, working for you, representing and advocating on your behalf."

The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 November. For more information and to read the Meeting Agenda, available the Friday prior to the meeting, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au

SKIPTON PHONE BOOK UPDATE 2024

With only three more weeks until the school holidays time to notify your changes and inclusions for SCN Telephone Directory Update for 2024 is fast running out.

Skipton's Community is indeed fortunate to have an updated Telephone Directory annually which allows new residents to have their details entered as they arrive in the community rather than having to wait a number of years to be a part of this wonderful service to residents and businesses.

The Skipton & District Telephone Directory is produced (and updated annually), as a service to the local Community of Skipton & Districts and farming communities by Skipton Community News. *All care is taken to ensure that the information contained is accurate and correct at the time of publication.*

New residents who have arrived during 2023 can complete the attached coupon and return it before 21st of December to ensure inclusion of listing.

Draft Copy with the listings for the proposed 2024 "White Pages" Directory is available for your reference at the Skipton Post Office, the Roadhouse and Country Grocers Supermarket in Skipton, to check your listings and to make any alterations needed. New residents are invited when filling in their details to add a note that

there has been a change of occupancy of address, so listing of the previous owner can be deleted.

Feel free to alter any errors that you might see.

I need your help to find the little typos and errors prior to printing. Accuracy is dependent on you all to provide all of the details with care.

I want the 2024 Directory to be as accurate as possible.

Advertisers please check your ads for any changes you might like to have made to your advertisements.

There will be a slight adjustment to Rates for 2024.

Rates are in the local Telephone Directory. **K**

LISTINGS FOR 2021 SKIPTON AND DISTRICT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY TERM 4.

Drop in top one of SCN Boxes either at The Roadhouse, or Supermarket (Winnie the Pooh on outside of box.)

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Residents practice fire plans as danger period arrives

Summer is fast-approaching and people across the Shire are getting their properties fire ready and practicing their bushfire plans with their families.



CORANGAMITE
SHIRE

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) started on Monday 20 November and Corangamite Shire Manager Environment and Emergency Lyall Bond encouraged residents to clear around their properties before summer arrives.

“With a drier and hotter El Niño summer forecast, CFA have declared the Fire Danger Period earlier than previous years,” Mr Bond said.

“The fire season has begun so it’s a good time to start preparing now instead of leaving it until the last minute,” Lyall Bond said.

“We live in one of the most bushfire prone areas of the country so even if you live in town, significant bush, long grass or coastal scrub is not far away.

“Because the pressure is on in an emergency, we might not think clearly.

“Having a written, and well-practised plan will help you remember what needs to be done during a crisis.

“Everyone’s home and needs are different so it’s important to have a personalised plan.

“What action will you take when the fire Danger Rating is High, Extreme or Catastrophic? When will you leave? Where will you go? What will you take?

“You might need to plan alternative exit routes in case a road is cut. You need Plans A, B and C for when parents are at work and children are at school, and other variables.

“To help you plan, you can download the CFA’s *‘Bushfire survival planning template – Leaving early’* from cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan”



Council Fire Prevention Officers have been inspecting properties around the Shire to identify any dangerous fuel levels that need to be cleaned up and issued 277 Fire Prevention Notices (FPNs).

Property owners who received FPNs must comply with the notice by the date identified or face fine of more than \$1923.10, as set by the State Government.

“This date will be set for the end of November, so we encourage the community to contact Council if properties have not been cut and fire fuels reduced after that time,” Mr Bond said.

For further information about fire inspections please call Council on 5593 7100.



To learn more on how to prepare your property for the bushfire season, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare



CORANGAMITE SHIRE COUNCIL Local pools ready to open this week

Corangamite Shire’s outdoor pools are ready to open their gates for the 2023-2024 season.

Camperdown, Cobden and Terang pools will open Saturday 25 November. Lismore, Skipton and Timboon will follow on Saturday 2 December.

Council Sport and Recreation Coordinator Jane Hinds said the pools were the place to be regardless of the weather.

“All of our pools are solar heated and generally operate between 25 and 28 degrees.

“So if the weather is cooler in the mornings, your local pool is still a great place to go for health and fitness and socialise with friends.

“There is a hotter than average summer predicted so when summer arrives the pool is the ideal spot to escape the heat. It really is the best of both worlds.”

Council’s Facilities and Recreation and Parks and Gardens Teams have been instrumental in preparing the six outdoor swimming pools in readiness for the 2023-2024 season.

This includes cleaning and preparing pools, maintaining gardens and general maintenance works including:

- Fibreglass repair and repaint on toddler pool water features at Cobden and Skipton.
- Installation of pulsar units at Timboon, Camperdown and Cobden
- Replacement of a flood light at Timboon and a power pole at Cobden and
- Pressure washing of the concourse and refreshing of tables and chairs at Terang.
- Maintenance of filters at Lismore

Council Sport and Recreation Coordinator Jane Hinds said the pools were in great shape leading up to the season’s opening.

“There is lots in store this season—pool parties, movie nights, inflatables and games, as well as early morning lap swimming and, learn to swim programs.

“On warm nights, open hours may be extended at the discretion of the pool manager,” Ms Hinds said.

She said Council had worked closely with YMCA Victoria and swimming pool committees over winter to ensure a strong start to the season.

“The swimming pools continue to provide a range of health and wellbeing outcomes for residents.

Thank You to the Committee of Skipton War Memorial Swimming Pool for all of the hard work done at the Pool during the off-season. Lovely new Shade Sail over Toddler Pool. K

Meetings & Coming Events cont

Special interest in **Neighbourhood Watch** contribution with Vic Police program for securing vehicle number platers, **Vision Australia Raffle** will be drawn, and familiar and new stalls offering gifts, craft, cakes, bric-a-brac, jewellery, plants, and **fresh vegetables**, and a Christmassy welcome in our Supper Room. Contact Jan on 0422 785 017 for stall bookings and further information.

Saturday 9th December: Round 11 **BHRBC Skipton 1 v Invermay 2** at Skipton.

Sunday 10th December: **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM** (Streatham) **open from 11:30am until 4:30pm** (will be a week early as Bruce will be unavailable on the third Sunday)
Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer, 0466 286 011.

Monday 11th December **STEWART PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT** will meet for the last time this year at **6.00 p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall**. Interested visitors welcome, or phone Victoria on 0437 565 404 for further information or contact .

Saturday 16th December: Round 12 **BHRBC Ballarat 3 at Skipton 1**.

Sunday 17th December: **THE COURT HOUSE MUSEUM** and

the **OLD POLICE HOUSE** will be **OPEN TO VISITORS from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.** Skipton Historical Society welcomes all to visit for the last time in 2023. Next Meeting and Open Days will be in February 2024. Contact welcome by Secretary on 0407 310 990 or via email skipton.history.au@gmail.com

Sunday 17th December: **COMBINED CHURCHES CAROLS SERVICE** will be held in Christ Church, Anglican Church at 6pm A plate please. Contact Marilyn Ellis on 0438 038 776 for further information. All welcome.



Thursday 21st of December. **SKIPTON TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023**. The flood recovery committee along with our normal sponsors will be supporting the Town Christmas Party this year. Back again will be the Bike decorations with 2 sections being "A Bike That Can Still Be Ridden", and "a Bike As A Work Of Art". Plenty of time to get your bike decorated.



Prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups [Under 11, Under 18, and Open] for the best in each section. As well as the usual entertainment we will have pedal go kart racing and a photo booth at this year's party. More information as we get closer to the night. Get out and find a bike and start to decorate it soon.



SKIPTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

invites Everyone to join them for a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon",

And DEVONSHIRE AFTERNOON TEA

*On Sunday 3rd December
From: 1.30pm till 4pm*

to be enjoyed in the
Local Historical Garden

"GUMBOWER",

at 5 West Boundary Road Skipton.

SKIPTON SWIMMING POOL

11 am-7 pm
Weekends, public holidays,
school holidays

2.30-7 pm
School term

6-7.30 am
Morning lap swimming
Thursday | Full Season

9-10.30 am
Mid morning swimming
Tuesday | Full Season

Open Saturday 2 December 2023

New To Skipton?? Play Bowls or Golf??

New Members to play these great sports are always welcomed. Skipton Bowling Club needs sixteen Bowlers each week for their four teams, but you really don't need to be a Pennant Bowls player to enjoy the gamey. Members practice on Thursdays afternoons from around 3:30 pm. Just turn up and introduce yourself, to simply:

"Have A Roll".

Tuesday Night Darts played at Skipton Golf and Bowls Club.



Sporting News



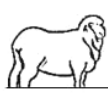
Ballarat Highlands Bowls Pennant Results Division 7

Saturday 25th November 2023, Skipton Bowlers travelled to Ballarat to play Vic 5

Vic 5 98 shots 16 pts def Skipton 1 77 shots 2 points

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| Darryl Rowe | Scott Ferdinands | Ian Collins | Lost 20-21 |
| Diane Hand | Andrew Nethercott | Tim Clarke | Won 29-18 |
| Maureen McNamara | Jim Hinton | Douglass Smith | Brendan McIntyre Lost 15-20 |
| Elizabeth Bolton | Madelaine Lincoln | Imogen Clarke | Stuart Haley Lost 13-39 |

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**Got an Event Coming Up? Need a Venue?
To make BOOKINGS FOR SKIPTON'S
MECHANICS HALL
Contact: Shayley Grigsby on 0447 050 095**

SKIPTON LIBRARY IN MECHANIC'S HALL

Opening Times: Tuesday 10.00am to 12.00pm, Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Fiction, non-fiction, LARGE PRINT, DVD's, E-Books, Children books & DVDs, Biographies. Free membership, all welcome. Come and check us out

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EUCHRE CARD GROUP Meet Wednesdays

@ 1.30pm In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall.. All Welcome all ages will enjoy Cards.



SKIPTON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MEETS EVERY MONDAY AT SKIPTON MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL

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.

On Monday 20th November at 1am, FIRE DANGER PERIOD commenced for CORANGAMITE SHIRE, PYRENEES SHIRE AND ARARAT (Rural City of Ararat).

Make sure you know what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period. Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can

NO Burning Off in Corangamite Shire, Pyrenees Shire, City of Ararat, unless you have a Permit.

16 days run from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, until Human Rights Day on 10 December,"

Thursday 30th November: **BAMBOO MAKING WORKSHOP** 6pm to 9pm at the Farmhouse 153 Manifold Street, Camperdown. \$40.00 per person.

Saturday 2nd December: Round 9 **BHRBC** Ballarat North 3 v **Skipton 1** in Ballarat.

Saturday 2nd December: **BRADVALE CHRISTMAS GATHERING** at the Bradvale Hall, from 6pm onwards. Please bring meat, salad and dessert to share. Usual present arrangements with

visit from Santa. All welcome.

Please contact Dallas Connell 0488 196 696 or Margot Barr 0418 125 321 for further information.



Sunday 3rd December: **SKIPTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** invites everyone to A Devonshire Afternoon Tea Local Historical Garden "GUMBOWER", at 5, West Boundary Road, Skipton, from 1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. \$15.00 entry, \$10.00 Concession, children by donation. Tickets in the Ballarat South Rotary Raffle available. Further information from Secretary, Skipton Historical Society, on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com

Sunday 3rd December: Round 10 **BHRBC** Sebastopol 6 v **Skipton 1** at Sebastopol.

Tuesday 5th December: **FRIENDS OF THE RSL Skipton Branch** will meet for the last time this year to review our busy year and to start planning for 2024. All members urged to attend, and well as our wonderful volunteers and anyone interested in joining our ranks. **Meeting at 6.00 p.m. in the Small Meeting Room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall.** Please contact President Graham Layley on 0407 278 120 or Secretary Gail Ward for further information or contact.

Thursday 7th of December **NHW XMAS BREAK UP** NHW will be celebrating it's Xmas break up at the Derrinallum Hotel at 7pm with the SFNC bus leaving from the hall at 6.30pm.

Thursday 7th December: The last meeting of the year for the **Skipton Progress Association Inc.** will face a busy agenda at 7.00 p.m. in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall.** Meeting will be followed at 8.00 by a **social Christmas gathering** to wind up a busy year. Please contact Secretary Lilla on 0437 455 049 for further Information or agenda items, newcomers to Skipton and potential members very welcome to come meet us all.



Friday 8th December: **"LIGHT UP CAMPERDOWN"** Light and Lantern Festival. 4pm to 9pm in The Avenue, Camperdown. BYO Lantern.

Saturday 9th December: **SKIPTON'S CHRISTMAS MARKET** will see out the year with a bang in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall**, Anderson Street, Skipton from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00p.m.

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