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**Skipton Progress Association Inc.**

The last meeting of the year of the Skipton Progress Association Inc. will be on **Thursday 7th December At 7.00 p.m.** In the Skipton Mechanics Hall

**Followed by Supper at 8.00 p.m.** and a "Welcome and Thanks" to our Volunteers and Friends as we end this busy Year and look forward to 2024.

Please ring Secretary Lilla on 0437 455 049 If you can come to supper, or with agenda items for the meeting..

### From The Editor

Early in the week I received an email of great concern to me and to the wider Bradvale Community, regarding malicious damage that had occurred at the Bradvale Hall.

In preparation for their upcoming Christmas Get-together, residents and the Committee of the COM had turned up last weekend for a Working Bee. They mowed, and swept, scrubbed and cleaned the Hall and surrounds in readiness for annual Family BBQ and a visit from Santa.

I was asked to alert Members of the wider Community through SCN, that there people in our Community capable of such mindless acts of behaviour such as ruining the Bradvale Community's Annual Christmas Gathering.

The Hall has been "put to rights" and Santa will still be coming so those vandals achieved nothing!! Please remain vigilant and report any issues you might see to our local Police Member, or to NHW or to the Crimestoppers.

**Please Remember Skipton is a Neighbourhood Watch Area.** K.

### NHW XMAS BREAK UP

Skipton NHW will be celebrating it's Xmas break up at the Derrinallum Hotel on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm with the SFNC bus leaving from the hall at 6.30pm.



### The Court House Museum and the Old Police House

In Stewart Park Historical Precinct, Skipton

Will be open to visitors On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 From 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Remembering the Years of the Skipton Art and Craft Show, and then the Skipton Rose Festival, Which later became the Skipton Rose and Iris Show, and looking around at the Roses in today's Skipton Gardens, memories in Historical Society records.



Tickets in the Ballarat South Rotary Raffle available, fundraising for the Society.

Contact welcome via email [skipton.history.au@gmail.com](mailto:skipton.history.au@gmail.com)

Or phone Secretary on 0407 310 990

## Public Notices

### Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

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



## Public Notices

### 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. 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.



### BIBLE THOUGHT

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 He is a shield to all who trust in Him.  
**Proverbs chapter 30, verse 5**



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## Update for Christmas Great News Everyone!!

Lions will be running the Lights Competition again this  
 year with the judging to be done on the weekend of  
 16th/17th of December.  
**Results will be announced at the Town Christmas Party.**

### SKIPTON TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023.

**Will be held on Thursday 21st of December.**

The Flood Recovery Committee along with our normal  
 sponsors will be bringing the Town Christmas Party to  
 Skipton this year.

- Bike decorations with 2 sections being "A Bike That Can Still Be Ridden", and "a Bike As A Work Of Art".
- We have added 2 sections for a Decorated Scooter for 11 and under only.

Prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups [Under 11, Bikes and Scooters] and for Under 18, and Open for the best Bike.  
 As well as the usual entertainment we will have Pedal Go Kart Racing and a Photo Booth at this year's party. More information to follow closer to the night. Find a bike or a Scooter and start to decorate now. Only a couple of weeks left for you to get your decorating done. Good luck. K

### SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

**Beaufort Road, Skipton.**

**Transfer Station opens next on**

Sun 10th December 2023, Wed 13th December 2023,  
 Sun 24th December 2023, Wed 27th December 2023,  
 Sun 7th January 2024, Wed 10th January 2024  
 Sun 21st January 2024, Wed 24th January 2024

**Opening Hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm.**



### 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

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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.





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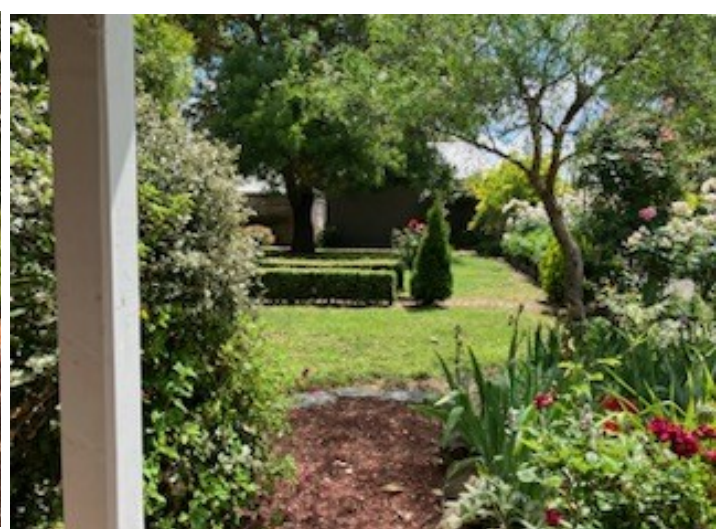


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**WHAT A FABULOUS DAY FOR THE VIST  
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Thank You to the property owners for opening this delightful  
Garden to visitors on Sunday 3rd of December and to the  
Members of Skipton Historical Society WHO Worked so hard  
on the Gate, and producing the Devonshire Teas. The vintage  
scones were delicious and the curpa nice and hot  
Photos taken by SCN Photographers are a wonderful memory  
of the day. Thank you Everyone for another fantastic day in  
Skipton a terrific social success. R.



Skipton



## Christmas Raffle

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your personalised fire plan now.

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW FIRE?

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### NEW LINTON MEMORIAL TO HONOUR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS 25 YEARS ON

Geelong West Fire Brigade unveiled a new memorial at their station today to honour and remember five of its members who lost their lives at the Linton bushfire 25 years ago.

The new plaque is a tribute to Matthew Armstrong, Jason Thomas, Chris Evans, Stuart Davidson and Garry Vredeveltdt from Geelong West Fire Brigade, who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the community.

Hundreds gathered today for a commemorative service at the Linton Memorial Fountain to mark the 25 year anniversary of the tragedy which is etched in the memories of many CFA members, the families of the fallen firefighters and the broader community.

Geelong West Captain Paul Cockerill said the service, followed by the unveiling of the new memorial at the fire station was a very special and memorable day.

“The new memorial is just one way we can continue to honour our brigade heroes for generations to come,” Paul said.

“We don’t want their story to be forgotten, I want future members to learn from it and understand the importance of safety and training so hopefully we never have a tragedy like



this again.

“I’m proud of the new memorial and I want to thank the brigade for funding this important addition to our station.”

CFA Deputy Chief Officer Rohan Luke attended the commemorative service today and said it was a moving ceremony which touched the hearts of everyone there.

“My thoughts are always with the families of the fallen firefighters and our CFA members, especially those who were at the incident that day, 25 years ago,” DCO Luke said.

“We will never forget the sacrifice those firefighters made and we will honour their legacy by continuing to improve our training, equipment and practices.

“There were many learnings about safety and procedures from that tragic day which resulted in the biggest change in CFA history with the introduction of mandatory minimum skills for firefighters.

“CFA will always strive to further develop its skills and processes to avoid a devastating incident like this happening again.”

Stories on each fallen member can be found on CFA’s [Roll of Honour](#) website.



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### VICTORIAN AND AUSTRALIAN SMALL EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR 20/11/23



When preparing this edition of SCN I noticed the above acknowledgement on the signature of the email from BASHS that they were Winner of The 2023 Victorian and Australian Small Employer of the Year.

Wow!!! Congratulations to all of our wonderful Professionals who provide this quality service for members of our community in Beaufort and Skipton and surrounding Districts. Fantastic, well done ALL!!

I clicked on the link and found these three articles to share today. Enjoy!! Kathy, Editor SCN

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### LOOKING AFTER YOUR MENTAL WELLBEING 3/10/2023

The Health Service recently hosted a Looking after your Mental Wellbeing forum. It was encouraging to see more than 30 attendees and see that the community recognise mental wellbeing as an important part of their health and wellbeing.

Presenter and qualified Social Worker and Counsellor, Freya Maberly, explained the links between the body's



nervous system, emotional regulation and mental wellbeing in a way that was simple and easy to understand. She also noted that the stigma surrounding mental health is changing and it is important to understand the link between our mind and body.

Freya also provided simple strategies for attendees to be able to implement into their daily routine to support their



resilience and promote positive mental wellbeing.

The Health Service were pleased to hold the event and receive such positive feedback and are thankful to Freya for her time and sharing her knowledge with our local community.

This event was made possible thanks to funding from Pyrenees Shire Council.

### DEMANTIA ACTION WEEK 4/10/2023

In a bid to create a more Dementia friendly future, Beaufort and Skipton Health Service last week hosted an information forum on Dementia that attracted positive engagement from the community. The event, coinciding with Dementia Action Week, aimed to provide valuable information on this condition that affects so many.

Dr. Mark Yates, a renowned Geriatrician and leading expert in Dementia research, captivated the audience with his wealth of knowledge and expertise. His presentation



shed light on key topics and helped answer some of the many questions posed by those in attendance.

"The response from the community again exceeded our expectations, we have always hoped that our forums would resonate with the community and it is fantastic to see that they are", Health Service CEO, Meryn Pease stated. Attendees were eager to learn and engage in discussions around the topic, with a high level of interest from all attendance.

In addition to gaining valuable knowledge it also provided an opportunity for community members to connect with one another and share experiences to build a network of support around them. Beaufort and Skipton Health Service remains committed to creating a Dementia friendly future for Australian's facing this condition.



## Council collects phones for violence survivors



**Above: L-R Deputy Mayor Laurie Hickey, Mayor Kate Makin, Community Relation Officer Simone Mahoney and Cr Nick Cole support the DV Safe Phone Authorised Phone Drop Location at the Civic Centre in Camperdown.**

Your unwanted mobile phone could provide a vital lifeline for someone in crisis.

Corangamite Shire Council is seeking donations of unused mobile phones that will be refurbished and distributed through family violence centres and police services.

Mayor Kate Makin said registered charity DV Safe Phone collects, erases and repairs phones then provides them to front line family violence and Police services to support victim survivors of domestic violence.

"DV Safe Phone works with more than 250 domestic violence and law enforcement agencies, safe houses and hospitals across the country," Cr Makin said.

"We are launching this campaign as part of the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, until Human Rights Day on 10 December.

"Family violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

"In 2018-19, 90% of adults seeking homelessness services due to family and domestic violence were women.

"These free phones can give those in a volatile situation a safe and private way to reach out for support."

Corangamite Shire is now an Authorised Phone Drop Location where members of the community can drop off unwanted working mobile phones so they can be repurposed and used by someone in need.

Cr Nick Cole said domestic violence affects all walks of life.

"These phones will be distributed to victim survivors of domestic violence, through various frontline organisations and service providers.

"Council believes this is really important work and we are enthusiastic about partnering with DV Safe Phones to provide a location for Phone Drops.

"Council is supporting the cause by locating collection boxes at the Civic Centre with our libraries in Camperdown, Cobden, Derrinallum, Terang and Timboon to come online next month.

"This is an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of those currently experiencing family and domestic violence.

"We encourage anyone with a spare phone, or two, they no longer use, to drop them in the nearest collection box."

DV Safe Phone founder and CEO Ashton Wood said the phones are provided as part of an individual's 'safety plan' offering a lifeline to call for help when it is needed most.

"A mobile phone is something that many of us take for granted, but it can be a potential lifesaver for victim survivors of domestic and family violence, giving them a direct line to emergency responders and support services," Mr Wood said.

If you would like to be part of the initiative by nominating your organisation as a collection point or to donate, contact the group online at [dvsafehone.org](http://dvsafehone.org).

Corangamite Shire is committed to working with local and state-wide services to reduce family violence and its impacts on communities.

For more information go to [safeandequal.org.au](http://safeandequal.org.au) or [respectvictoria.vic.gov.au](http://respectvictoria.vic.gov.au) or [www.dvsafehone.org](http://www.dvsafehone.org)  
If you need help you can contact 1800 RESPECT

on 1800 737 7328.

## SKIPTON MARKET

ON SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

In the Skipton Mechanics Hall

Anderson Street, Skipton

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



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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



Service were delighted to be presented as the winner of the 'Small Employer of the Year' award. It was also announced that Beaufort and Skipton Health Service would then be representing Victoria at the Australian Training Awards in November 2023 in Hobart, Tasmania.

## CONGRATULATIONS BSHS Well Done, K

**Beaufort and Skipton Health Service is a small rural Health Service that is being noticed well outside the boundaries of the communities it serves.**

Dedicating and priding itself on providing excellent care, the Beaufort and Skipton Health Service supports its communities in areas such as residential community care and acute care to a population of just over 6,000. With two campuses, including a Medical Practice and allied health services, the Health Service plays a crucial role in meeting the healthcare needs of its local community.

The National Award event was scheduled with a delegation of BSHS representatives asked to be present at the Gala event. With no prior knowledge of who would take out the top prize, everyone waited nervously for the announcement. With the awards being live streamed other Health Service staff watched on with hearts pounding; and then the announcements were made... "Third place, second place and in 1<sup>st</sup> place...Congratulations...Beaufort and Skipton Health Service!"

**"It is an absolute honour and privilege to be the recipient of both the Victorian and the Australian award. This recognition is for all our staff, those who have undertaken further training and qualifications and our Education Team for their support in growing non-clinical education opportunities. In fact, it takes great dedication and commitment by a whole team to be recognised and then to be rewarded with such a prestigious award. We are all just so very proud."** Meryn stated.

Over the last two years Beaufort and Skipton Health Service have supported 64% of non-clinical permanent staff to complete a variety of courses. These included Certificates in Health Service Administration, Certificate III in Leisure and Lifestyle, Certificate III in Commercial Cookery, Certificate III in Individual Support traineeship, Diploma of Community Health Traineeship, Diploma of Nursing (EEN) traineeships and Diploma of Community Services.

"The Health Service takes great pride in treating its employees as individuals, recognising their unique aspirations, and providing individualised training options."

"This training equips our teams to enhance their skills and help others in our community." Meryn added.

The Health Service has this past year also fostered collaborative partnerships with various organisations to enhance training opportunities for its staff. This commitment to professional development has shown that Beaufort and Skipton Health Service is leading the way as a healthcare provider in the region.

This is the first time a Victorian Health Service has taken out this coveted National Award.



Recently the Health Service received the news that it had been nominated as a finalist in the coveted Victorian Training Awards for its outstanding contributions in the training sector. The Health Service were nominated as finalists for two prestigious awards, namely the 'Employer Award for Apprenticeship Development' and 'Small Employer of the Year'. Health Service CEO, Meryn Pease explained, "Sometimes we forget how important the work is that we do in this area, we have focused our effort to ensure our staff and teams have every opportunity to learn and grow in their respective career choices. The community then benefits from the improvement of skills which have enabled us to continue to grow the services we offer".

Winners were announced at the 2023 Victorian Training Awards gala Dinner held at the Melbourne, Convention and Exhibition Centre, with over 1000 attendees. The Health



CORANGAMITE SHIRE

# Noticeboard



## New Mayor Makin and Deputy Mayor Hickey

At their November meeting Councillors elected South-West Ward Councillor Kate Makin as Mayor for the coming 12 months. Central Ward Councillor Laurie Hickey was elected Deputy Mayor. "As your mayor I envisage a Council where every voice matters, where innovation thrives and where progress doesn't leave anyone behind," Cr Makin said. She thanked outgoing mayor Ruth Gstrein for her leadership over the past three years and Cr Geraldine Conheady for her two years as Deputy Mayor.

Cr Hickey said: "It is a good opportunity to be able to even further get into the workings of the Corangamite Shire and I would hope, with support of my fellow Councillors, I'll make the Deputy Mayor role that supports the community."

Read more at <https://go.vic.gov.au/49SCdds>

## 2024-2025 Budget input

This is your chance to provide input during the first stages of budget preparation. What would you like to see prioritised in your community?

Have your say at [corangamite.vic.gov.au/2024Budget](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au/2024Budget) or contact your local ward Councillor [corangamite.vic.gov.au/Councillors](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au/Councillors)

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## FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Fire Danger Period started at 1 am, Monday 20 November.

With a hotter and drier summer period predicted, make sure you know what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period. Visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can)

**No burning off in Corangamite Shire unless you have a permit.**

## Free RATs from Council

Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are available Camperdown Civic Centre and libraries. You can receive up to 10 tests (two kits) for each member of your household per visit. This initiative is delivered with support from the State Government.

## 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

[corangamite.vic.gov.au](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au)   

## New glass recycling across Corangamite



Photo Above:: Cr Jamie Vogels Waste and Sustainability Officer Jessica Maxwell at the Port Campbell transfer station.

Corangamite Shire residents have two new ways to recycle glass jars and bottles with a third on the way.

Councillor Jamie Vogels said the Corangamite Regional Landfill at Naroghid and transfer stations at Derrinallum, Simpson, Skipton, Timboon and Port Campbell had all been upgraded to allow for glass recycling.

"This hasn't been a small task by any means," Cr Vogels said.

"The new skips are specifically designed for recycling collection, which makes them taller than the previous bins, so we had to build retaining walls and safety rails so people can use them safely."

Cr Vogels, who represents Corangamite on the Barwon South West Local Government Waste Forum, said Council was aiming for high-value glass collection.

"If people don't help by doing right thing, we'll wind up with a downgraded product.

"Cradle to cradle describes the circulation of materials in a continuous circular economy. In this case "cradle to cradle" means glass bottles and jars getting recycled into new bottles and jars.

"If people put in the wrong materials they will go from "cradle to grave" and be used as road base. It's still recycling but not a circular economy

"As a Council we're aiming high and we just need to

bring the community along with us."

Cr Vogels said the \$320,000 in works were funded by the State Government through the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Transfer Station Upgrade Fund and completed by local contractors.

"They will allow Council to meet new Recycling Victoria legislation to separate glass materials from recycling by 2027."

The new skips are labelled "Glass Only" with another marked "Comingled Recycling".

Council Waste and Sustainability Officer Jessica Maxwell encouraged people to make the most of the new services.

"Not all glass is the same," Miss Maxwell said.

"It's handy to keep in mind that the new skips are only for glass bottles and jars. Other types of glass and crockery must still be disposed of in the landfill bins and is not recyclable"

"We need to keep out other glass products that might contaminate the whole skip, such as windows, mirrors or drinking glasses that can't be recycled back to glass jars.

"If you bring your glass in a box or bag, make sure you empty them into the skip loose.

"Best of all it's cheaper! A bag of glass costs \$1.40 for you to recycle as opposed to \$3 for comingled recycling."

The option for recycling household glass comes on top of a new State Government Container Deposit Scheme. Council is not involved in the container deposit scheme which is run by private enterprise on behalf of the State Government.

Machines are available at Coinda in Terang, Cobden Golf Club and Timboon Fuel. Find out what can go in the machines and how to collect your refund at [cdsvic.org.au](http://cdsvic.org.au)

Additionally, new 120L wheelie bins will be delivered to Council's kerbside collection customers across the Shire in February with glass collections to start in March 2024.

The kerbside transition will happen over the coming months so residents can keep putting bottle and jars in their yellow wheelie bin until the glass service starts.

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# Christmas and New Year arrangements

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The Mayor, Councillors and staff wish our community a happy and safe festive season.

## CLOSURE OF OFFICES

The Camperdown Civic Centre will close on Friday 22 December 2023 at 12.30 pm for the Christmas New Year period, re-opening on Tuesday 2 January 2024 at 8.30 am .

## LANDFILL/TRANSFER STATIONS

Corangamite Regional Landfill (Naroghid) will be closed Monday 25 December , Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January. Simpson Transfer Station and Port Campbell Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday 26 December. All other Transfer Stations won't be affected by the public holidays and operating as normal.

## RUBBISH, RECYCLING AND GREEN ORGANICS COLLECTION

**Wheelie Waste office will be closed for the public holidays.**

### Timboon, Simpson and Port Campbell

Collection will be Tuesday 26 December 2023 and Tuesday 2 January 2024

### Lismore, Derrinallum and Skipton

Collection will be on Wednesday 27 December 2023 and Wednesday 3 January 2024

### Camperdown - south of the Princes Highway

Collection will be on Thursday 28 December 2023 and Thursday 4 January 2024.

### Cobden and Camperdown - north of the Princes Highway

Collection will be on Friday 29 December 2023 and Friday 5 January 2024.

### Terang, Noorat & Glenormiston

Collection will be on Saturday 30 December 2023 and Saturday 6 January 2024.

## Weekly Green Organics Collections

Please note that the weekly green organics collections finish on Friday 30 December 2023.

## Bin Collection

For any missed waste and recycling bins or bin collection issues please contact Wheelie Waste on 5561 2286.

## SWIMMING POOLS

The Camperdown, Cobden, Lismore, Skipton, Terang, and Timboon pools will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday 25 December 2023.

## SPORTING CENTRES

The Timboon Sporting Complex will be closed from Friday 22 December 2023 and the gym reopen Monday 8 January 2024 For further details on school holiday activities, classes and programming in January 2024 please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/timboonsportscentre/>

The Camperdown Community Stadium will be closed from Friday 22 December 2023. For further details on school holiday activities, classes and programming in January 2024 please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CamperdownStadium/>

## LIBRARIES

All the libraries in the Shire will close from Friday 22 December at 1 pm, with normal hours resuming on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Signs will be placed in all libraries notifying members of the closure and notification will also be given on library website.

## VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES

The Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre will be closed on Monday 25 December 2023.

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

All Maternal and Child Health Centres will close from 12.30pm Friday 22 December 2023 and be closed for the Christmas/New Year period. The MCH service will reopen from Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Please call the 24/7 Maternal and Child Health Line on 13 22 29 for advice and support. If your baby is unwell, please contact your closest medical service. The 24/7 Parent line is also available on 13 22 89.

## CHILD CARE

All Child Care Services across the Shire will close on their normal operational days starting Friday 8 December 2023 to Monday 18 December 2023 and will recommence from Monday 29 January 2024 depending on the service venue start date.

## KINDERGARTENS

All Kindergarten services will finish for the Christmas/ New Year holiday period from 5pm Wednesday 20 December 2023 and recommence from Tuesday 30 January 2024

**For urgent requests over the Christmas and New Year period, please call 5593 7100 and follow the prompts.**

**For all other non-urgent requests, please contact us after 8:30 am on Tuesday 3 January 2023.**

# GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

DECEMBER 2023

It is my great honour and privilege to be re-elected Mayor of Golden Plains Shire for 2023/24.



I would like to express my gratitude for the trust placed in me by my fellow Councillors and pledge 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.

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.

**Cr Brett Cunningham**  
Mayor

## BE PREPARED. STAY PREPARED.

This Summer will see extreme heat, dry conditions and increased fire danger.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has declared two major climate drivers; El Nino and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) that will impact our weather this season. It's important to not only prepare for yourself and family, but also learn how you can support your community.

Golden Plains Shire entered the Fire Danger Period (FDP) at 1am on Monday 20 November 2023, with fire restrictions in force until the Country Fire Authority (CFA) announces the end of the season.

During the FDP, there are a number of restrictions that residents must adhere to and landowners are required to maintain the levels of fine fuels on their properties.

Landowners in Golden Plains are required to keep grass on their residential properties cut so it is no higher than 100mm during the Fire Danger Period. On properties more than two hectares, grass must be kept below 100mm, up to a minimum of 20 metres from a house or outbuilding.

Council commenced its Fire Hazard Inspection Program on Monday 13 November 2023. If you believe you have been issued with a Fire Prevention Notice but have not received one, please contact Council at [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au) or call 5220 7111.

Residents who have been issued with a Fire Prevention Notice are required to complete necessary works to limit hazards by 4 weeks after the date of issue.

To help prepare and familiarise yourself, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/community/fire-flood-and-emergencies](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/community/fire-flood-and-emergencies)



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Bannockburn, VIC 3331

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Smythesdale, VIC 3351

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**Term 4 Week 9 – 1st December, 2023**  
**School Phone No. 5340 2002**  
**Email: [skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)**  
[www.skiptonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.skiptonps.vic.edu.au)



Our Student Voice have done it again! A huge thank you to each student for their ideas, leadership and excitement displayed at our School Disco! It was so wonderful to see. If you haven't seen the happy snaps on our school Facebook page yet, please check them out, they are adorable!

A huge thank you to Megan and Parent Club for the hugely successful Mango drive. I know lots of people will have a mango supply to last through summer. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser.

It was a pleasure hearing the potential 2024 leaders of the school give their speeches on Monday. It has been an extremely close vote and I am looking forward to working our way through this process.

I am excited to see the Skipton Swimming Program in full swing next week! A big thank you Di Britton for all of the hard work and dedication she has put into ensuring that we are offering the best possible program.

Thank you. Enjoy the weekend!!!

Chanelle

**Our Learning Next Week...**

Next week ALL classes will be taking part in our Swimming Program. We are trying, as much as possible, to keep the day normal with our literacy block in the morning, moving into a rotation style afternoon with Maths, Water Safety lessons and Concert rehearsals. It will be an incredibly busy week and I am sure we will have some very sleepy students (and staff). Don't forget – we are always on the lookout for parent helpers. If you are free, let us know!

**Swimming Program**

All students will participate in our school swimming program beginning next Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

A compass notification was sent out on Thursday and consent must be provided for your child via Compass before Monday. Students will need to bring bathers, rashie (compulsory) and goggles if needed. Please make sure all items including school uniform are named as some times things go missing in the changerooms! Students are always extra hungry after swimming also, so please make sure to send extra lunch or snacks for energy!

**Parent's Club**

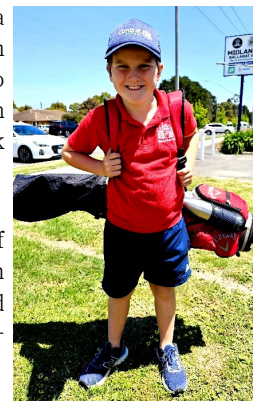
**AGM Tuesday 5th December, 2.30pm at the school.**

All committee positions will be open. We are mainly looking for an amazing person in our school community to take on the President's role for 2024!

This position has been simplified with a 'how-to' document outlining each fundraiser and event. Feel free to contact Megan for further information or to discuss 0407 272 933. Thank you

**Belated photo of Angus!**

Angus came 16th at the regional golf with a score of 50. Top 8 went through with scores ranging between 35 and 43. Tough course, most holes 200-300m, longer than we remember!!





## GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

Date: Thursday 30 November 2023

### REGISTER YOUR CAT IN GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

**Golden Plains Shire is emphasising the importance of animal welfare, calling on residents to register their cats and keep vaccinations up to date. With a nationwide shortage of cat vaccines, local shelters are no longer accepting unvaccinated cats.**

Recently, the animal shelters Golden Plains Shire Council has contracts with have advised they are unable to accept cats whose vaccinations are not up to date. As a result, Council officers cannot take cats to an animal shelter and Council has no holding facilities for wandering or abandoned cats. If Council officers cannot locate the cat's owner, the cat cannot be retained after business hours.

To address this issue, Council encourages cat owners to:

- Keep their cat indoors wherever possible.
- Update registration and microchip details
- Ensure their cat is wearing its Council registration tag at all times.
- Consider desexing their cat.

Considering installing an outdoor enclosure for cats accustomed to being outdoors.

Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham said the best way to ensure residents are swiftly reunited with their lost felines is to ensure registration is up to date.

"We are asking cat owners to check their cat's registration details and ensure your phone number and your emergency contact's phone number are current," Cr Cunningham said.

"When your cat is scanned for their microchip, Council's community safety officers can look up the microchip and if your cat is registered, Council officers will have your details readily available so that you can be contacted and reunited you with your cat," he said.

"Council offers a range of incentives for cat owners including reduced registration fees for people with cat enclosures and a subsidised cat desexing program for eligible residents. I encourage cat owners to visit Council's website and see what's available."

Due to the cat vaccine shortage, Council has also suspended its cat trapping services, effective immediately. People with a cat trap are asked to cease using the traps and return these to Council as soon as possible. Cat trapping services will resume when contracted animal shelters resume accepting cats again.

For more information about cats in Golden Plains Shire, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/resident/pets-and-animals/cats](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/resident/pets-and-animals/cats) or contact the Customer Experience team by emailing [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au) or call 5220 7111.

## NEW TINY TOWNS FUND

### BRINGING BIG LOCAL BENEFITS

Tiny towns across our region can now apply for grants to create more local projects and stronger connections through the Allan Labor Government's new *Tiny Towns Fund*.

Member for Ripon Martha Haylett today encouraged local community groups to apply for a Tiny Towns grant, with applications open from today, Monday 27 November.

From new barbecues at the park to upgraded community halls, these projects will make a difference to the communities that need them across our region.

**Member for Ripon Martha Haylett said** *"So many small communities across Ripon have been on the edge of their seats waiting for the Tiny Towns Fund to launch - I'm so excited applications are now open."*

*"Our region is made up of incredible tiny towns, filled with hard-working locals and community groups who will be able to benefit from this Fund. It will help many of them turn their wish lists into reality"*

The Fund will offer grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 to deliver infrastructure projects, such as hiking trails, splash parks, playgrounds, community centre and library upgrades, public art and more.

Eligible applicants include community and non-profit groups and councils in towns with under 5,000 people across regional and rural Victoria.

**Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney said** *"Our tiny towns have so much to offer and we're helping them unlock new reasons for people to visit, explore, work and live in them."*

The Victorian Government's record \$41 billion investment in rural and regional Victoria over the past decade means small communities are already growing from projects that have helped them become even better places to live and visit.

With more people than ever before choosing lifestyles away from major cities, new initiatives like the *Tiny Towns Fund* will help ensure our smaller communities continue to flourish.

Round 1 of the *Tiny Towns Fund* is open until February 2024, with further rounds to be available from next year. To find out more about the Fund and apply, visit [rdv.vic.gov.au/tiny-towns-fund](https://rdv.vic.gov.au/tiny-towns-fund).

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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.

- Connect Hearing
- Drug & Alcohol Support
- Exercise Physiology
- Podiatry
- Social Work
- Diabetes Education
- Dietetics
- Physiotherapy
- Remedial Massage

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



**SOME RIDDLES FOR THE CHRISTMAS BON BONS**

Q: How much does a grand piano cost?  
 A: \$1000.  
 Q: Why do golfers carry two pairs of trousers with them?  
 A: Just in case they get a hole in one.  
 Q: What do you get if you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle and a rooster?  
 A: Cockerpoodledoo!  
 Q: Why do dogs run in circles?  
 A: Because its hard to run in squares!  
 Q: What do you get when you cross a judge with poison ivy?  
 A: Rash Decisions!  
 Q: Have you heard the joke about the peach?  
 A: It's pitiful!  
 Q: What happens when cranberries get depressed?  
 A: They turn into blueberries!  
 Q: What did the judge say when the skunk walked in the court room?  
 A: Odor in the court.  
 Q: What is a pretzel's favorite dance?  
 A: The Twist!



**Sporting News**



**Ballarat Highlands Bowls Pennant Results Division 7**

Saturday 2nd December 2023, Skipton Bowlers travelled to Ballarat to play Ballarat 3.

**Ballarat 3 106 shots 18 pts def Skipton 1 65 shots 0 points**

Maureen McNamara	Jim Hinton	Douglass Smith	Brendan McIntyre	Lost 16-23
Cheryl Sturgeon	Darryl Rowe	Ian Collins	Frank Ellingham	Lost 15-23
Diane Hand	_____	Stuart Haley	Tim Clarke	Lost 15-24
Gail Ward	Elizabeth Bolton	Imogen Clarke	Scott Ferdinands	Lost 19-36



**Sporting News**



**Ballarat Highlands Bowls Pennant Results Division 7**

Sunday 3rd December 2023, Skipton Bowlers travelled to Ballarat to play Sebastopol 6.

**Sebastopol 6 84 shots 14 pts def Skipton 1 62 shots 4 points**

Maureen McNamara	Jim Hinton	Paul Ellingham	Brendan McIntyre	Lost 16-20
Cheryl Sturgeon	Darryl Rowe	Ian Collins	Frank Ellingham	Won 19-11
Diane Hand	_____	Stuart Haley	Tim Clarke	Lost 13-28
Elizabeth Bolton	Imogen Clarke	Madeleine Lincoln	Scott Ferdinands	Lost 10-26

**Meetings & Coming Events cont**

**HOUSE** will be **OPEN TO VISITORS** from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Contact welcome ring Secretary on 0407 310 990 or via email [skipton.history.au@gmail.com](mailto: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 AT THE SKIPTON RECREATION RESERVE.**

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.

A new Section this year is a "Decorated Scooter" eligible for Under 11 entries only.

Prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups [Under 11, Under 18, and Open] for the best bike 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 started and decorate it soon, only two weeks to go.



Monday December (Date TBC): **THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS BREAKUP**

Many thanks to our Office Bearers: President: Terry Gosling. Vice President: Amr Rasheed. Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Bradshaw phone 0439 630 884.

Sunday 14th January: **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.

Saturday 20th January: Round 13 **BHRBC Skipton 1 v Midlands 4** at Skipton.

Saturday 27th January: Round 14 **BHRBC Skipton 1 v Mt Xavier 3at** Skipton.

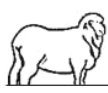
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**Saturday 24 March 2024: NEXT LAKE BOLAC EEL FESTIVAL** This will be our 14th festival and work is already underway by the Committee. The 2024 Eel Festival will include the well-loved Healing Walk, Art Auction, Smoking Ceremony, Music Program, Forum, a multitude of workshops, and the Twilight Ceremony. Our 2024 theme will be finalised soon. Stay tuned.



Mount Emu Creek



# Skipton Community News

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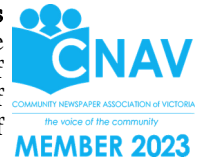
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## Meetings & Coming Events

**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

### 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.

### FIRE DANGER PERIOD has 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](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can)

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of December **SKIPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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 9<sup>th</sup> December: Round 11 **BHRBC Skipton 1 v Invermay 2** at Skipton.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December: Round 12 **BHRBC Ballarat 3 at Skipton 1.**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Skipton Historical Society welcomes visitors to **THE COURT HOUSE MUSEUM** and the **OLD POLICE**

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