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CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Australia Day Award Winners Announced

2024 Community Volunteers of the Year
Ian (Bidge) and Barb Boyd, Camperdown
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Ian and Barbara have worked tirelessly as a team over the years supporting their community in many ways. They have considerable involvement in many community organisations including the Camperdown Hospital Trolley Auxiliary, Relay for Life, Good Friday Appeal, Weerite Hall Committee, Weerite Fire Brigade, Morning Melodies, Biggest Morning Tea, MND and many others. They were recently awarded the Lions Club Alan J Holding Memorial Community Service Award in recognition of outstanding community service.

[Ian \(Bidge\) and Barb Boyd are Corangamite Shire's 2024 Community Volunteers of the Year.](#)

The Camperdown couple were lauded at the Council's Australia Day Event at the Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall.

The Boyds have raised tens of thousands of dollars for various charities and organisations over the years, largely by holding country music concerts.

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Australia Day in Skipton *Reflect, Respect, Celebrate.*

On Friday 26th January 2024, it seemed that all roads in Corangamite Shire pointed towards Skipton as people from as far as Port Campbell on the coast, the townships and farming communities along the way, to the northernmost town in Corangamite Shire, Skipton, to the magnificent Volcanic Lakes and Plains for the annual Australia Day Ceremony to **Celebrate!!**

The Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall was filled to overflowing for the presentation of the Corangamite Shire Community Volunteer Awards.

Mayor Kate Makin in her welcome introduced special guests Hon Dan Tehan MP Federal Member for Wannon, and the Australia Day Ambassador, Margaret Zita OAM. *(An apology received from Member for Ripon).*

Skipton's Peter Harbinson led the singing of Australia's National Anthem "Advance Australia Fair" beautifully.

Mr. Tehan gave a heartfelt address remembering the time he and his parliamentary colleagues spent here in Skipton in the cleanup following the 2010-2011 Floods, and the numerous local volunteers who helped the Emergency Services personnel during the long recovery period at that time.

Mr. Tehan reminded us of how the annual Australia Day Ceremonies bring communities together and how they provide us the opportunity to **Reflect** on what has been achieved during the year, and to think on what we as individuals will leave behind us for the future generations who follow us, and to **Respect** each other.

Australia Day Ambassador, Margaret Zita OAM in her address spoke of her professional background, at Tennis Australia, DEYA, Newspapers, and also Margaret worked for thirty years with Qantas Airlines, and of her life in volunteering and in helping others.

Margaret spoke of her passion for volunteering and her raising her family. She described her childhood memories *(as the third daughter of four girls)*. Helping her mother in various volunteering roles as she grew up, to present day where she has helped friends who have needed her help Margaret's family were grateful for the auxiliary at the local church, and community support received when needed, right through to today where she is employed as the Coordinator of the volunteers at Royal Children's Hospital in "My Room" caring for the families of children who have cancer.

Fundraising over the years has purchased special equipment and a machine that separates red and white blood cells. Donations are always welcomed.

Many thanks to Shire Staff Members, Councillors and local volunteers for ALL of your work, the wonderful lunch, music by Lakes & Craters Band, and a great day.



Ian (Bidge) and Barb Boyd, Camperdown with Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin

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AUSTRALIA DAY IN SKIPTON 26th January 2024 cont



Above: Susanna Ryan, 2024 Young Community Volunteer of the Year.

Barb said: "We enjoy what we're doing and its lovely to bring everybody else along for the ride that comes and enjoys the music and all the other local bits and pieces we've been part of. That's just what we do in the country," she said.

"And a huge thank you to all the other volunteers who do lots of fantastic work."

Bidge said: "Thanks to all the ones that support all the various things we run for fundraising. We can't do it with just the two of us but we've had amazing support over the years and we thank those people that have supported those events."

Susanna Ryan, of Timboon, was named Young Community Volunteer of the Year for her work with Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club and Timboon parkrun.

Ms Ryan said she was excited about her award which had come as a complete surprise.

"I just enjoy doing what I do at the surf club. It helps the community. They can go to the beach and we care for them. I help the nippers so they can build their skills.

"With parkrun, it helps the community get out and be fit and active.

"I'd like to thank the people who nominated me: Natalie Powell and Darcy Tribe. I look up to them."

Camperdown Theatre Company's 75th Anniversary Spectacular won the Community Event of the Year award.

Camperdown Theatre Company President Toby McKenzie said the 75-year celebration was a great achievement.

"We're very thankful for the recognition," he said.

"It was a fantastic effort by a great group of 100 volunteers. There were 31 on stage and an orchestra of 12.

"There were about 140 hours of rehearsals. That's not including the time spent preparing for them, making costumes and construction work. It took many hundreds of hours.

"Thanks to the community for supporting our company—as always—and to everyone who contributed. It was a fantastic effort."

Other Community Volunteer Awards went to:

Michael Kevin Lee, Terang
Lynn Patzel, Noorat
Gabby and Ricky Sachs, Terang
Chelsea Hatherall, Cobden
Cheryl Ham, Terang

Sandy Gibson, Lismore
Colin Venn, Terang
Amy Rosolin, Timboon
Joyce Roberts, Cobden
Val Maynard, Cobden
Gary Cronin,
David Hunneybell, Skipton
Chris Place, Tesbury
Megan Pringuer, Cobrico
Morning Melodies, Terang RSL Subbranch
Phoenix Project, Cobden
Camperdown Show, Camperdown and
Colour Terang Festival

Mayor Kate Makin congratulated the recipients and thanked all the volunteers who contribute to community life in Corangamite.

"Our award recipients this year are all very deserving for their amazing contributions to the community."

"Their dedication and passion make a positive impact in the Shire and beyond.

"There's nothing better than giving back to your community for making new friends, learning new skills, and seeing how your efforts can benefit others.

"I can't recommend highly enough that others get involved in whatever sporting club, community group or service organisation that reflects your values."

The event also featured a citizenship ceremony for nine new Australians.

The Shire's multicultural environment is enriched by the cultural heritage the new residents bring from Ukraine, Norway, New Zealand, Ireland and Pakistan.

Special guest speaker Margaret Zita OAM spoke of her volunteering journey and how she maintains your passion for life and her work with My Room Children's Cancer Charity.



Below: 2024 Community Event of the Year Winners: Camperdown Theatre Company.





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The bike decoration competition was won by Karen Bodman who received the top award presented by Marg Clarke. Thanks Marg for your sponsorship.

The Jumping Castle, Face Painter, BBQ and the visit from Santa kept everyone happy on the night.

The Lions light competition winner was announced with the hamper going to Rose and Derrick on the highway opposite Gorst.

Thank you to our Sponsors: The Flood Recovery Committee, Bendigo Bank Beaufort, Stockyard Hill Wind Farm, Country Grocer, Skipton Progress Association and Skipton Community Shop.

Thank you to our volunteers.

The event could not happen without the volunteers who put in the work to bring all the activities together and most importantly Santa himself.

We wish all Happy and Prosperous 2024



Skipton & District Town Christmas Party 2023



Filled with festive enthusiasm, Skiptonites turned up to the Skipton Recreation Reserve in big numbers to enjoy the annual Skipton Town Christmas Party.

A joint effort of many organisations, the Party had additional fun with the little dodgem cars and Jumping Castle.

The creativity expressed by entrants in the Decorated Bike and Skateboard Competition showed just how much work the people had put in to this aspect of the party with lots of fun and comments starting conversations during the evening. Congratulations Karen Bodman on your terrific work again this year. Well done. K

PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL Community satisfaction survey 2024

Pyrenees Shire residents are invited to share their views on Council's performance with the annual Community Satisfaction Survey.



Market research agency National Field Services will conduct the telephone survey.

"Providing answers to the questions from National Field Services will help Council to improve service delivery to residents," Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Cr Robert Vance said.

Cr Vance urged residents to take part, saying that participation in the survey is a great way to give back to the community.

"We understand that people are busy and don't always want to answer questions from survey companies, but if people can make the time to respond then this information really helps us do a better job," Cr Vance said.

The survey questions have been designed to assess the performance of Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

National Field Services will be calling up a representative number of residents during February and March to speak to them. These calls may happen out of business hours and over weekends.

Residents' details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Pyrenees Shire Council.

The results of the survey will be published by Council in the middle of the year.

Final report on Lake Bullen Merri algae trial



An 18-month trial has not solved blue green algae issues in Lake Bullen Merri.

Corangamite Shire Council recently received the final report on the Lake Bullen Merri Blue Green Algae Control Pilot.

The project tested ultrasonic equipment intended to break up algae cells.

Manager Environment and Emergency Lyall Bond said an independent scientific advisor had analysed the Pilot which was finished early last year.

"They found the process was not effective on the three key measures," Mr. Bond said.

"There was no strong evidence of a change in algae densities from the previous or following year.

"There was also minimal disruption to the dominant cyanobacteria species.

"Sampling showed no significant changes in cell walls and cell counts across the study. "The report concluded technology and pontoon reliability would need to be optimised if future pilots or trials were to be considered."

The ultrasonics did not remove the nutrients from the lake, which is one of the main contributing factors to blue green algae blooms and further work would be beneficial to understand nutrient cycles at the lake.

The final report can be found at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/BGA

The Mayor Kate Makin said it was disappointing that the pilot did not provide a solution to the lake's algae issues.

"Now that Council has undertaken this pilot, we are hopeful that the lake managers will consider trailing or implementing other control programs.

"Lake Bullen Merri is a really special place for a lot of fishers and recreational boat users from across the shire and beyond.

"We want to see it in a healthy condition for use by our residents and visitors."



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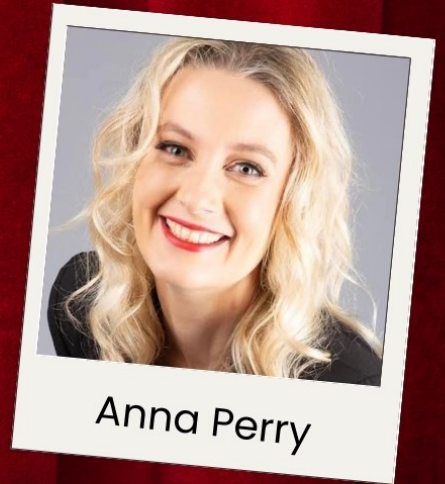
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PYRENEES SHIRE

Australia Day in The Pyrenees Shire

Beaufort’s George Kirsanovs has been recognized for his commitment to his community by being named the 2024 Pyrenees Citizen of the Year.

Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Cr Robert Vance announced the award at the Australia Day even at the Avoca Recreation Reserve on Friday.

Cr Vance acknowledged Mr. Kirsanovs’ generosity of spirit and his dedication in volunteering many hours of his time for the community.

“George was the principal of Beaufort Secondary College from 1984 to 2004 and he shaped many young minds during his time there,” Cr Vance said.

“He is also a very respected member of Beaufort Rotary, and is the main organizer and coordinator setting up the ‘Driver Reviver’ program for travellers on our roads during busy holiday periods.”

Cr Vance also recognised Mr. Kirsanovs’ contribution to the community beyond education and Rotary, especially through volunteering and involvement in many other organisations over the years.

“George has been a committee member of Beaufort Walkfest, B4B, Save the Beaufort Old Primary School Committee, and Beaufort Agricultural Show Committee. He is truly dedicated to bringing the best out of our Shire,” Cr Vance said.

The Pyrenees Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, and Leadership Award were also presented.

Beaufort’s Harrison Grant and Naomi Gerrard shared the Young Citizen of the Year title, with both young people showing outstanding leadership qualities.

“Harrison has spent many hours volunteering with many of Beaufort Apex Club’s community service activities such as Apex Global International Tree Planting Day, cutting firewood for vulnerable persons in the community, Beaufort Apex Home Help program and working in the Apex kitchen at the Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally,” Cr Vance said.

Cr Vance noted that Mr. Grant had been involved in the 2023 Western Bulldogs Leadership project and showed great promise as a young leader.

“Last year Harrison completed the Western Bulldogs Leadership Project and his project was one of two chosen by WorkSafe to be further developed. His foresight for community need is a wonderful asset for our community,” Cr Vance said.



Ms Gerrard has grown up in Beaufort, spending her time volunteering for the community.

“Naomi has shown a dedication and commitment to her community, excelling in leadership. She has received significant awards such as the Carl Gustus Citizenship award twice, the Long Tan Leadership Award, and the Queens Guide Award,” Cr Vance said.

“It’s wonderful to see our young people stepping up and volunteering for our community, making it a better place for everyone to live in,” Cr Vance said.

The Community Event of the Year was awarded to the Beaufort Agricultural Society’s 19th annual Beaufort Show held in November 2023.

“Given what we’ve been through over the last few years, our community really values the chance to catch up with friends and neighbours whom they may not have seen in a while and have a chat. Having social connection with people is important and the Show is a great event for the community to come together each year,” Cr Vance said.

The Pyrenees Leadership Award acknowledges a lifelong or extra special commitment that invigorates the community and inspires others along the way.

This year’s recipient was the Beaufort Service Group, who was recognised for helping many organisations in Beaufort and surrounds to continue their work in the community.

The awards were presented by Australia Day Award Ambassador Professor Paul Komesaroff AM.

Three new Australian citizens were also welcomed at the event during a ceremony overseen by Cr Vance.

Following official proceedings, attendees were entertained by local band The Chovies and Avoca Primary School Students, while children enjoyed a mobile zoo, airbrush tattooing, and Walk the Walls Parkour.

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Australia Day in Golden Plains Shire COUNCIL CELEBRATES THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

Council extends its congratulations to the winners and nominees for the Golden Plains Shire Council Community Awards 2023.

The Golden Plains Shire Council (GPSC) Community Awards 2023 were presented at an event held at Haddon Community Learning Centre on Tuesday 23 January, where all award nominees were recognised and this year's winners announced.

The Golden Plains Shire Council Young Citizen of the Year 2023 is Caitlin Cadby of Cape Clear.

While completing VCE in 2023, Caitlin was a vital member of the Young Women's Leadership Program and Youth Activation Committee. Caitlin engaged with the guest speakers throughout the Young Women's Leadership Program and at the end of the program delivered an awe-inspiring speech on women in sport. After a busy school day, Caitlin regularly attends meetings either online or in person for her commitments.

Council would also like to recognise Young Citizen of the Year 2023 nominee Paxton Turner of Batesford.

The Golden Plains Shire Council Senior Citizen of the Year 2023 is Rosslyn Bosnar of Bannockburn.

Rosslyn is a long standing and active member of the Golden Plains Arts Inc and has been instrumental in assisting in the coordination of artists, venues and other logistics for the Golden Plains Arts Trail in Bannockburn. She organises and runs the Bannockburn and District Art Group and annual Art Exhibition, sharing her knowledgeable arts practice and providing a safe space that assists in reducing social isolation and contributing to positive health and wellbeing outcomes for her community.

Council would also like to recognise Senior Citizen of the Year 2023 nominee Janet Pathe of Linton.

The Golden Plains Shire Council Community Impact Award 2023 was presented to Maddy McColl of the Meredith Tennis Club.

Maddy started the Meredith Tennis Club up again after no one had operated the club for 10 years. Meredith had no junior sport for kids but over the past five years the club now has nine junior teams and up to 50 kids in free coaching sessions and multiple weekly competitions. At the most recent presentation night, almost 200 people attended. The revitalisation of the club, led by Maddy, has been an amazing success story for the town.

Council would also like to recognise Community Impact Award 2023 nominees;

Lethbridge and Bannockburn Scout Group, Ross Creek Landcare Group, Inverleigh Playgroup, Native Hut Branch of Country Women's Association, Bannockburn Bush Parkrun and Bannockburn Golf Club.

The Golden Plains Shire Council Citizen of the Year 2023 is Lin Hocking-Turnbull of Smythesdale.

Lin is always volunteering for the community and organises events to bring the community together. Alongside her husband Graham, they bounce off each other and are always doing something for the community. Lin is a Community Coordinator and a member of the Historical Society. With any community group, Lin is always working to help bring the community together.

The Citizen of the Year 2023 nominees were John Ten Hoopen, Robert Hill, Graham Turnbull, Mandy Humpage and Julie Buyel.

Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham said all the winners and nominees of this year's GPSC Community Awards showcased the amazing attributes of people who call Golden Plains Shire home.

"On behalf of Council and the community, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for the winners and nominees for this year's awards and everything you do to help make Golden Plains a wonderful place to live," Cr Cunningham said.

"Thanks also to those community members who put time into submitting the fantastic nominations for this year's awards, and to everyone who joined us to celebrate the Community Awards event."

The annual GPSC Community Awards aims to encourage and acknowledge the valuable contributions and outstanding achievements made by individuals and groups in Golden Plains Shire.

For more information on the GPSC Community Awards, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham, left, with, from left, Caitlin Cadby, Maddy McColl and Lin Hocking-Turnbull. Absent – Rosslyn Bosnar.





Authorities issue burns warning ahead of long weekend

Media release

Thursday 25 January 2024

Following a concerning spike in preventable burns injuries since December, burns specialists at The Alfred have joined forces with CFA to issue an urgent call for action: take care around fire this Australia Day long weekend.

The Victorian Adult Burns Service (VABS) at The Alfred, which treats the most severe burns injuries from across the state, saw a 42 per cent increase in admissions in December 2023, compared to December 2022. The patients – particularly young men – suffered serious burns caused by fire pits, campfires and barbecues. Alex Tobin, 21, was camping near Lake Eildon just after Christmas last year when he fell into a campfire and sustained significant burns to 18 per cent of his body, the majority to his legs. "I had a lot to drink and I put petrol on the campfire to start it up.



I bumped into my mate behind me, and the jerry can poured petrol over my legs and they caught on fire," he said. "My mate grabbed me and dragged me to the lake until emergency services turned up.

"My message to others is just think twice, you don't need to put petrol on a fire, what happened to me, could happen to anyone."

Alex is off work for the next two months.

"This Australia Day long weekend, we know many people will be heading away camping, gathering with friends for a barbecue, or enjoying a campfire on a warm night," said Alfred burns surgeon Dane Holden.

"We ask that those people behave safely around fire – the types of injuries we have seen recently cause scars that can last a lifetime, and require weeks and months of hospital care. Many of those injuries were entirely preventable. If you're thinking about using accelerant on a fire – just don't do it."

In the last year, CFA responded to 186 incidents involving a campfire.

CFA second lieutenant at Diamond Creek Fiona Macken said Victorians needed to take care when using recreational fires ahead of the long weekend.

"We know how dangerous fire can be so it's important to be careful this long weekend if you're gathered around a barbecue or campfire. "Campfires can remain hot well after the flames have burnt down, so avoid walking on them and always extinguish them completely with water before leaving and never put an accelerant on them.

"Always do a safety check before igniting a barbecue and if you're burnt it is critical to apply cool running water immediately. You can find out more at cfa.vic.gov.au.

"I urge all Victorians to take care this weekend and stay safe."



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Community satisfaction survey 2024

Pyrenees Shire residents are invited to share their views on Council's performance with the annual Community Satisfaction Survey.

Market research agency National Field Services will conduct the telephone survey.

"Providing answers to the questions from National Field Services will help Council to improve service delivery to residents," Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Cr Robert Vance said.

Cr Vance urged residents to take part, saying that participation in the survey is a great way to give back to the community.

"We understand that people are busy and don't always want to answer questions from survey companies, but if people can make the time to respond then this information really helps us do a better job," Cr Vance said.

The survey questions have been designed to assess the performance of Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

National Field Services will be calling up a representative number of residents during February and March to speak to them. These calls may happen out of business hours and over weekends.

Residents' details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Pyrenees Shire Council.

The results of the survey will be published by Council in the middle of the year.



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Council calls landowners to join war on ragwort

Well into its \$250,000 annual weed control program, Corangamite Shire Council is calling on landowners to help control ragwort.

A contractor has been treating Ragwort in December and January on 346 km of Council-managed roadsides and Council land in the South of the Shire and is due to undertake the second round of control in the coming weeks.

Council's work complements weed control undertaken by landowners to control weeds across the region.

Mayor Kate Makin said the weed is poisonous to grazing animals, both when fresh and dried in fodder.

"It causes liver damage and can kill cattle, horses, pigs and chickens," Cr Makin said.

"Dairy cattle forced to graze ragwort produce tainted milk which makes it a major threat to the most important industry in our Shire.

"Council is encouraging landowners to take care of any outbreaks on their properties that might spill over onto neighbouring land or roadways.

"As they say, one year of seeding means seven years of weeding.

"Weeds outcompete native vegetation and cause problems for our agricultural industries. Everyone playing their part will make a huge difference."

In Corangamite Shire, ragwort is most prolific south of Cobden and around Timboon.

It is most notable during spring and summer when it has bright yellow daisy-like flowers. Seeds are spread by wind, water, animals, farm implements, produce including hay, on clothing and other equipment.

Ragwort's dense foliage close to the ground prevents regeneration of other vegetation.

It outcompetes more desirable plants, reducing pasture productivity and the value of agricultural land. It also displaces native vegetation on our roadsides and reserves.

Recommended measures include applying a registered herbicide, cultivation and physical removal. Seeds can remain in the ground for well over seven years, so annual follow-up control is required.

Landowners with ragwort on their property are encouraged to seek advice from their local chemical/farm supplier on methods and herbicides fit for their purpose and region.

Agriculture Victoria provides information on weeds and weed control at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au

For more information on Council's weed control program, please call 5593 7100 or go to corangamite.vic.gov.au/weeds

Landowners and land managers are responsible under the Catchment & Land Protection (CALP) Act 1994 to control ragwort and other state prohibited weeds on their land. Agricultural Victoria is responsible in ensuring they comply.



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To report ragwort on private land contact Agriculture Victoria on 136 186 or e-mail weed.spotters@agriculture.vic.gov.au

To report ragwort on RRV/VicRoads arterial roads contact RRV on 133 RRV (133 778) Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm or message via <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/contact-us/feedback-and-enquiries>

To report ragwort on Council-managed roadsides (not including arterial roads managed by VicRoads) call 5593 7100.



Flowering Ragwort - Photo – Source, Agriculture Victoria



Ragwort prior to flowering

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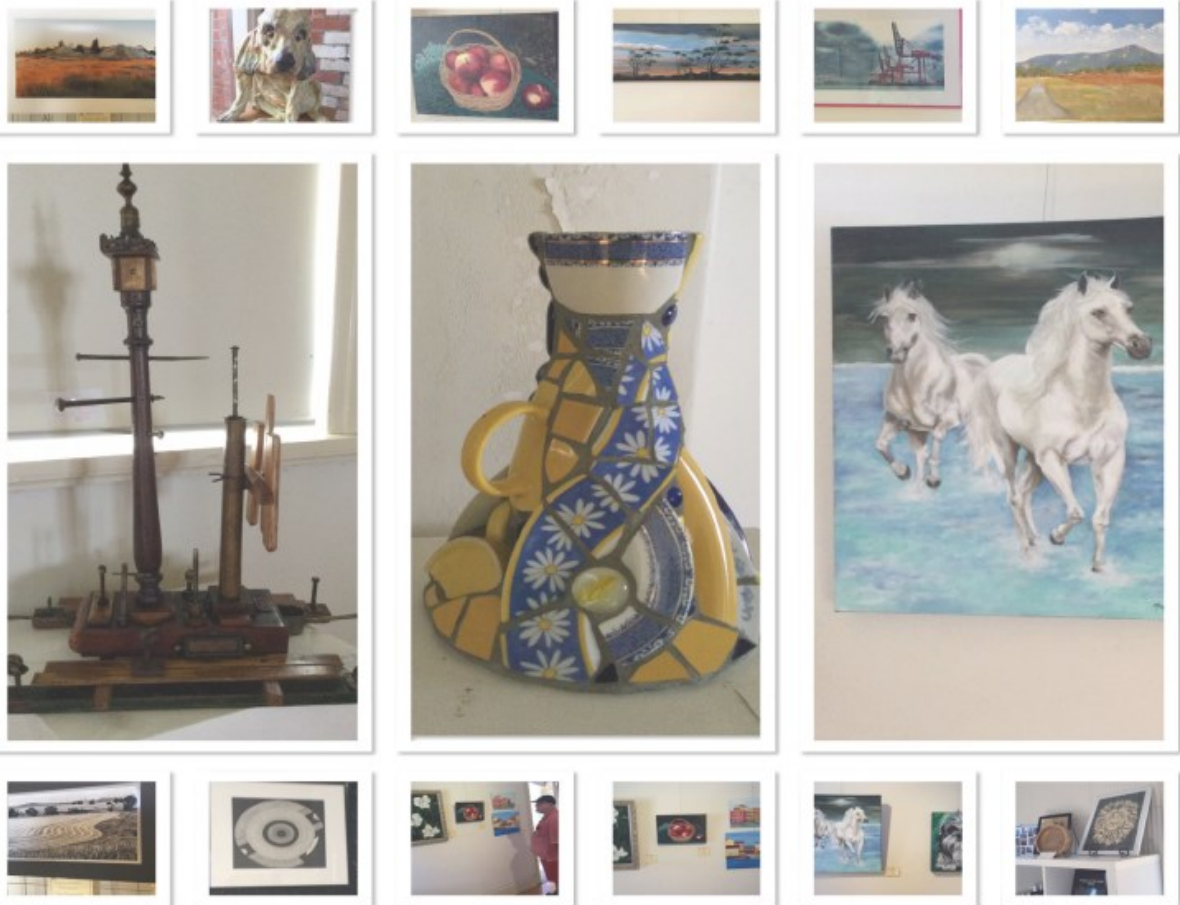
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Rates and charges due 15 February

Corangamite Shire ratepayers are reminded that the 2023-2024 Rates and Charges are due for full payment by Thursday 15 February. If paying by instalments, the third payment is due by Wednesday 28 February.

Payments can be made

at corangamite.vic.gov.au/payments

- by BPAY (phone or Internet)
- by POSTbillpay (phone or Internet)
- in person at any Australia Post agency or at Council's Civic Centre, 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown
- or by post to Corangamite Shire, PO Box 84, Camperdown 3260.

Any ratepayer unable to pay by the due date should contact the Rates office. You can also apply for a Payment Arrangement at corangamite-pay.enotices.com.au

Pensioner rates rebate

Are you eligible for a rebate or concession on your rates bill?

If you have a current Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Pensioner Concession Card, or a DVA Repatriation Health Card specifying 'War Widow' or 'TPI', you may be eligible for a concession.

The rate rebate available is 50% of rates and charges capped at a maximum of \$253.20 for 2023-2024. A maximum \$50 rebate also applies to the Fire Services Property Levy.

Rebates are funded by the State Government and you can find out more at services.dffh.vic.gov.au/municipal-rates-concession

You can download an application form from the website above or collect one from the Civic Centre in Camperdown.

We would like your feedback on our new Environment & Sustainability Strategy.

Corangamite Shire has compiled a ten-year draft strategy for what we, as a Council, can achieve in environmental management and sustainable practices.

The draft strategy is open for community feedback between 25 January and 5 March.

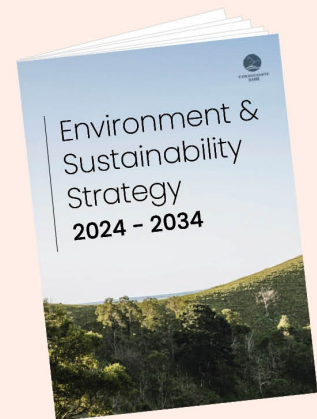
Council officers will be attending these upcoming events to answer any questions community members may have:

Terang Market
Saturday 3
February

**Camperdown
Rotary Market**
Sunday 4 February

**Timboon Makers and
Farmers Market**
Sunday 11 February

**Heytesbury
Show**
Saturday 2 March



Find out more
and have your say.

visit corangamite.vic.gov.au/EandSSstrategy

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Free workshops

Understanding AI

Wednesday 21 February, 10 am-12 pm

Rose Room, Terang Civic Hall

Learn how to tap into this new age and use AI in small business.. Participants will also dive into platforms such as ChatGPT and how they can work for you, along with what to watch out for.



BYO device, Android or Apple.

Register at bit.ly/3vCjza7 or scan via the QR code.

Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) Course

Wednesday 20 March 2024, 9 am to 5 pm,

Killara Centre, Camperdown

Face-to-face training day for Corangamite businesses and community groups to complete the Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) Course.

At the completion of the course you will receive a Statement of Attainment for SITXFSA006 Participate in Safe Food Handling (Food Safety Supervisor Certificate).

Please contact Kellie Duynhoven on 0429 471 288.

FREE ART SESSIONS

for youth aged 12 -25

- Acrylic Painting, Thursday 8 February, 4-6 pm
- Textured Art - Pallet Knife Art, Thursday 22 February, 4-6 pm
- Watercolour - Textures & Paper, Thursday 14 March, 4-6 pm
- Collage - Animals, Thursday 28 March, 4-6 pm
- Decorating Shoes With Art, Thursday 11 April, 4-6 pm
- Stencil Art, Thursday 9 May, 4-6 pm
- Magazine Collage Art, Thursday 23 May, 4-6 pm
- Paper Mache Mask/Wall Hanging - Session 1, Thursday 13 June, 4-6 pm
- Paper Mache Mask/Wall Hanging - Session 2, Thursday 27 June, 4-6 pm

Facilitated By Stacey Williams Alderwood Manor, 56 Curdie Street, Cobden

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- \$81,696 - \$89,184 based on experience
- Based in Camperdown

Applications close 5 pm, Monday 12 February.

Financial Services Coordinator

- Permanent full-time
- 19-day month and flexible working arrangements available
- \$90,378 - \$100,241 based on experience
- Based in Camperdown, Victoria

Applications close 5 pm, Monday 12 February.

Position descriptions and applications at corangamite.vic.gov.au/employment

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Weekly smalltalk topics are introduced to explore how young children develop & learn.



PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION	Skipton Community Playgroup Beaufort and Skipton Health Service 2 Blake Street Skipton
DATE/TIME	Commencing 7 February 2024 Wednesdays 10am-12pm
WHO	Parents/Carers of children 0-5 years. Eligibility criteria may apply
COST	FREE
CONTACT	Please contact Meli on: 5231 4740 earlyyears@meli.org.au

GEOCACHING FILM A WIN FOR SKIPTON

Just over a year ago, a group of geocachers came to Skipton to celebrate New Years Eve, to explore the town via the local caches, and to make a film about geocaching in an aged care setting.

Written, directed and produced by local Registered Nurse Jo Brock (geocaching name "chooknchunk"), the film was strongly supported by the Beaufort & Skipton Health Service, giving her access to the Skipton Day Centre and front garden area for the filming.

The short three and a half minute film is a take on what geocachers might imagine their ideal aged care facility would be like. While sprinkled with many geocaching gags, it is based on the Montessori Model of Dementia and Aged Care (<https://montessorifordementia.com.au/>), where the aged geocachers continue daily engagement in their passion of geocaching with the support of their nurses.

The film, titled "Geocare - Home for the Aged Geocacher", was made to be part of a local geocache and was also



submitted for the 2023 Geocaching International Film Festival (GIFF).

Given the lack of previous film making experience, there were no expectations that the film would make it to the final reel, so the squeals of delight were deafening when advised that it was one of 18 finalists from nearly 60 worldwide submissions.



The GIFF film reel was shown in over 540 venues around the world during November 2023, but the ride didn't end there. Viewers from around the world voted on their favourite film and in December it was announced that Geocare was the winner of the People's Choice Award, with an unprecedented 59% of the vote.

The film, and its associated geocache, has already encouraged more geocachers to visit Skipton, including some from interstate.

Geocare - Home for the Aged Geocacher (and it's backstory) is now on YouTube for public viewing.

<https://youtu.be/fHarjEGbHjo>

(For general information about geocaching, go to www.geocaching.com)

Workshop to explain how Artificial Intelligence can boost your business

Corangamite business operators have an opportunity to learn how artificial intelligence can benefit them.

The free 'Understanding the Basics of AI' will be at the Terang Civic Hall from 10 am to 12 pm, Wednesday 21 February.

The workshop will be run by Tara Fry and Nat McGregor from the Social Connection—a contemporary media management company that connects businesses and audiences.

Participants will learn how to tap into this new age and use AI in small business.

They will also discover platforms such as ChatGPT and how they can work in the real world.

"AI is well and truly here and whether your end goal is to increase productivity or profitability, small businesses should at least have a basic understanding of the technology's uses, advantages and equally, downsides," Tara said.

"Let us teach you how AI can save your brand time and money, and when to steer clear," Nat added.

Council Manager Economy and Prosperity Katy McMahon said artificial intelligence was no longer science fiction but is here and now.

"Technological change is taking off across all industries," Ms McMahon said.

"It is in businesses' best interests to build digital skills so they can connect with customers and provide responsive services that give them the edge over the competition.

"One of the key themes in the Great South Coast Regional Digital Strategy is to build capability and opportunities for a thriving and sustainable digital economy.

"This workshop is one of the ways Corangamite is encouraging digital innovation and improving skills in our community."

A recent Forbes study found businesses increasingly use AI to attract business through product recommendations, manage customer relationships, inventory, logistics and recruitment, as well as for cybersecurity and fraud management.

To register for the free workshop, go to <https://bit.ly/3vCjza7> or scan the QR code.



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GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

FEBRUARY 2024

As we step into another promising year, I'm thrilled to share some of the exciting initiatives and programs we're undertaking as we pave the way into 2024.



I would like to congratulate the winners of the Golden Plains Shire Council Community Awards 2023.

The achievements of this year's nominees and winners were truly impressive. Among the many volunteers in the Shire, we had another fantastic set of individuals and organisations nominated.

Each year, the Community Awards are a great way to showcase and celebrate those who enrich their local communities with their dedication and commitment. For the full list of this year's winners, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news.

In the spirit of community engagement, we're launching a range of programs to amplify local voices. Our Community Refresh 2040 has commenced, and we're inviting the community to share their thoughts

and make a difference. Head to goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations to find out how to get involved in this important project.

We're also eager to provide the community the opportunity to find out about our engagement programs, events and initiatives by registering for our electronic e-Newsletters, including Engage, eGazette and Business News. Sign up now at our website to be part of the conversation and stay informed about what's happening in Council.

As we embark on this journey into 2024, let's celebrate our achievements, embrace the challenges and build a future that we can all be proud of. Your involvement is crucial, and I invite you to join us in making this vision a reality.

Cr Brett Cunningham
Mayor

FREE PREVENTATIVE BREAST CANCER SCREENING

Registrations close
at 11pm on Sunday
3 March



To celebrate International Women's Day, Council has partnered with BreastScreen Victoria to host a free event at the Ballarat BreastScreen clinic for local women aged between 40 and 74 to have their regular mammogram screening.

Women are invited to register for the event, which in addition to a breast screen mammogram appointment (performed by female radiologists), will include:

- Transport from Bannockburn and Smythesdale into Ballarat.
- Refreshments
- A social wellness activity hosted by Council staff.

The event at Ballarat BreastScreen will be held on Tuesday 5 March from 10am to 12pm. Participants will be picked up

and dropped off at The Heart, 11 Milton St, Bannockburn and at The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

Due to availability of mammogram appointments, places are limited to 15 people and registrations close at 11pm on Sunday 3 March.

Additional transport options are available to help residents get to pick up points. Please call 5220 7111 or email GPSHealthandWellbeing@gplains.vic.gov.au if you require assistance.

For more information and to register, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events.

To learn more about BreastScreen Victoria and your screening choice, visit breastscreen.org.au.



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Skipton

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WHO Parents/Carers of children 0-5 years. Eligibility criteria may apply

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MORE MACQUARIE PERCH STOCKED TO SUPERSIZE RECOVERY

The future of the endangered Macquarie perch continues to shine brighter with nearly 80,000 fingerlings stocked into Victorian waters to re-establish wild populations across the state, backed by the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos today announced more than 78,000 Macquarie perch produced at the Victorian Fisheries Authority’s (VFA) Snobs Creek hatchery near Eildon have been stocked into nine rivers and lakes to fast track the recovery of the once-prominent native fish.

Steve Dimopoulos said *“Macquarie perch were once abundant throughout much of northern Victoria and these stockings are a vital step in rebuilding wild populations so future generations can enjoy these magnificent native fish.”*

“The work being done to crack the code when it comes to breeding Maccas will lead to reliable production and achieving the long-term goal of sustainable recreational fisheries for Macquarie perch in years to come.”

The production and release of the ‘Macca’ fingerlings has been supported by the Labor Government’s \$96 million Go Fishing and Boating Victoria plan and recreational fishing license fees – boosted by the VFA’s record-breaking fish stocking program which as its sights set on stocking 10 million fish for the second time in three years.

More than 20,000 Macquarie perch fingerlings have been stocked in the King River while the Goulburn River has been boosted with 13,100 fish.



Cudgewa Creek received 12,800 fingerlings, the Ovens and Buffalo rivers have each been stocked with 10,000 fish and Broken River welcomed 5,000 fish. Dartmouth Dam was topped up with 3,000, while Seven Creeks gained 2,800 and 2,000 went into Hughes Creek.

This year of production is the first to benefit from a three-year, multi-million-dollar research project led by the Albanese and Allan Labor Governments to ‘crack the code’ on breeding Macquarie perch.

With collaboration across community and educational organisations, catchment management authorities, research partners and recreational fishers, the project ensures we learn more about the best nutrition, hormones and breeding conditions for Macquarie perch to thrive in the hatchery environment.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes said *“Rivers across the north-east are already showing positive signs from recent years of stocking, the future looks bright for the Macquarie perch”.*

The recovery of Macquarie perch is also supported by significant upgrades at the VFA’s Snobs Creek and Arcadia fish hatcheries, with \$15 million invested in world-class infrastructure. Snobs Creek now features a new captive breeding centre with leading aquaculture technology.

The VFA is also protecting wild populations of Macquarie perch with new rules for recreational fishers across Victoria.

For more information visit vfa.vic.gov.au/recoveringmaccas. **Steve Dimopoulos MP** Minister for Environment Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Minister for Outdoor Recreation

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Four Victorian firefighters awarded Australian Fire Service Medals

Four highly regarded and dedicated CFA members have been named as this year's Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) recipients, in recognition of their devoted service to CFA and their communities.

The AFSM is the highest award for a member of an Australian fire service and as part of the Australia Day honours list, is awarded to a select group of outstanding fire service members each year.

The four firefighters have been recognised for their profound leadership and mentoring contributions which have focused on implementing innovative opportunities to improve resources for volunteers to best serve the community.



The recipients led their regions through major emergencies of fires and floods such as February 2009 bushfires, 2019/20 Black Summer, 2014 Hazelwood Open Cut Mine fire, Delburn 2009 and the 2022/23 floods, while imparting extensive support and expertise towards technology development and training. Their dedication and influence have spanned from the fireground to CFA's District Headquarters.

The 2024 CFA Australian Fire Service Medal recipients are:

- Ross Sullivan – Deputy Chief Officer North East Region
- Paula Grosveld – Golden Beach Fire Brigade
- John Katakouzinis – Commander – Aviation
- Bill Johnstone – Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Regional Commander, Loddon Mallee Region

Throughout his 45-year CFA career Ross Sullivan has exemplified all values of CFA and is well-regarded by volunteers and staff as an assured, knowledgeable, supportive, empathetic and humble leader. He started his career at CFA as a 16-year-old, volunteering for Bolinda and Monegetta brigade in 1978 and has successfully progressed through the ranks to his current role as Deputy Chief Officer of North East Region. Ross has been commended for his instrumental involvement in enhancing the design and development of CFA tools, vehicles and equipment, strategic fire suppression plans, and rehabilitation and repair processes.

Paula Grosveld has served CFA for 36 years in many leading roles, from strike team leader to the current Captain of Golden Beach Fire Brigade, deputy group officer, treasurer and health and safety officer of Banksia Group, and a Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria executive. She is a local source of expertise for a variety of CFA training courses, a mentor in the well-respected CFA Captain Peer Mentor Program and is highly regarded by other agencies.

Paula continues to champion women in CFA and has been influential in organising further training opportunities, including chainsaw and women-only sessions.

Commander John Katakouzinis began his career with CFA as a volunteer at Springvale in 1991 and became a career firefighter in March 1999. He has held a range of operational roles



Saturday 2nd March: **SKIPTON MARKET** will be held in **Skipton Mechanics Hall**, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Stall bookings and inquiries to Jan, Market Co-ordinator on 5340 2204 or check [facebook](#) Skipton Community Market.

Thursday 7th March: **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of **SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.** will be held at 7.00 p.m. in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall**, Anderson Street, Skipton. Please take this opportunity to become involved with Skipton Progress Association Inc, contact Secretary Lilla on 0437 455 049 or President, David Hunneybell on 0431 1204 610 with queries.

Monday 10th March: **STEWART PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING** at 6:00 pm in the Skipton Mechanics Hall Small Meeting Room.



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. The Workshops include:

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Saturday 9th March 2024: The **BEAUFORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc** will be holding a **CAR BOOT SALE**

Sunday 17th March: **Open Day** at Skipton's **Court House Museum and the Old Police House**, located in the Historical Precinct, Montgomery Street, Skipton. Visitors very welcome from **2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.** For further information please contact Secretary Barb Pett on 5340 2086 or mob 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com

Monday 25th March: **THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** meet at 7:30 pm in the Supper Room Mechanics Hall, Skipton. **Theme TBA:** Everyone welcome, young, old, amateur, professional or just interested. Enquires Karen Crosbie ph [0448871784](tel:0448871784) or Karen Bradshaw ph [0439630884](tel:0439630884)

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Come along and "Have A Roll".



Ballarat Highlands Bowls Pennant Results Division 7
Saturday 20th January: Skipton Bowlers v. Midlands at Skipton.
Skipton 1 97 shots 16 points def Midlands 69 shots 2 points

_____	Jim Hinton	Douglass Smith	Brendan McIntyre	Won 25-18
Cheryl Sturgeon	Darryl Rowe	Ian Collins	Frank Ellingham	Won 28-13
Diane Hand	_____	Stuart Haley	Tim Clarke	Won 28-13
_____	Gail Ward	Elizabeth Bolton	Stuart Haley	Lost 16-25



Ballarat Highlands Bowls Pennant Results Division 7
Saturday 27th January: Skipton Bowlers v. Mt Xavier 3 at Skipton.
Mt Xavier 88 shots 16 points def Skipton (1) 70 shots 2 points

_____	Jim Hinton	Douglass Smith	Brendan McIntyre	Lost 19-22
Cheryl Sturgeon	Darryl Rowe	Ian Collins	Frank Ellingham	Won 21-12
Diane Hand	_____	Stuart Haley	Tim Clarke	Lost 21-22
Elizabeth Bolton	Gail Ward	Madeleine Lincoln	Scott Ferdinands	Lost 9-32



Sporting News



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Memberships are now due for 2023-2024

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At the Meeting held at the end of 2023, the Club future was discussed and events for 2024 dates Fiona Collins offered to run a Junior Golf Clinic for our younger golfers on Tuesday afternoons. It was fantastic to see the group of enthusiastic golfers learning more about the great sport.

This will continue now that school has returned for 2024. Enjoy the Clinics.

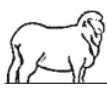
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The next Tournament date to keep free is in May for the Annual Colin Sharpe Memorial Event. Details will be published when determined but it will be near to the 8th of the month.



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Issue 01

FROM THE EDITOR: Welcome Back Everyone!!! This first edition of SCN each year is filled with news of Australia Day celebrations from the three Shire Councils, and outlines an exciting new year ahead with announcements of meetings and events, that will be advertised in the calendar below with details updated as dates come closer. Secretaries are pretty good at providing information of local fundraisers and activities for inclusion in SCN and also for Facebook; but please remember, not all of us read Facebook on a regular basis, so the dissemination of news via that medium can be limiting, as to who you might reach.

SCN each week is delivered to each home throughout Skipton and surrounding farming communities, and sent to others by mail.

Having received no response to my earnest requests for sponsors at the end of 2023, SCN still urgently needs Sponsors for 2024, to continue delivery of the newsletters throughout the district. This money is vital in order for SCN to be able to pay the almost \$3,000.00 to cover this cost in order for SCN to continue to be delivered each week. It is currently \$68.15 each week, making the asking cost in 2023 of \$70.00 just reaching the costs involved. To assist please contact The Editor, and send payment of \$75.00 to contact details below. Your assistance pays for the weekly delivery for newsletters to be delivered to all of the homes and properties in this district, there are 324 altogether, with additional 156 copies distributed to neighbouring communities.

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Meetings & Coming Events

Wednesday 31st January: **Return of SCN for 2024.**

- **Sponsors needed for SCN please.** (see above).
- School is back with students and their teachers all rested and ready for a new and busy year of learning.
- Looking to learn new skills?? Beaufort Community House and Learning Centre have their Term One courses advertised on page 8, and also an evening of laughs and entertainment, see below and also page 9 for the details.
- Groups and Organisations will soon resume their regular meetings with AGMs giving the opportunity for new people to become involved in administration and decision making processes heading in to the future.. The Calendar of Events below contains nearly all of the details you will need.
- The uniqueness of Skipton & District and our network of wonderful Volunteers ensures that our Community pulls together in times of need, (acknowledged by Dan Tehan MP on Friday). K

Thursday 1st February: **SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc. MEETING** will be held at 7.00 p.m. in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall**, 5 Anderson Street, Skipton. Please try to become involved with Progress Association as 2024 promises to be a great year for Skipton. Contact Secretary Lilla 0437 455 049 or President, David Hunnebell on 0431 1204 610 with any queries.

Sunday 4th February: **SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Meeting at 2pm in the Police House, Historical Precinct, Montgomery Street, Skipton. Further information from Secretary, Skipton Historical Society, 0407 310 990 or by email skipton.history.au@gmail.com

Sunday 4th February: Join us at **ART TRAX GALLERY BEAUFORT** for the **"OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PYRENEES ARTISTS' EXHIBITION"**, at **ART TRAX Gallery** (Beaufort Railway Station) 30 Pratt Street Beaufort, from 2:30pm—4:00pm.

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Saturday 10th February: **Pyrenees Community House** presents **"LAUGHING TOGETHER"** featuring Dave O'Neill, Billy Stiles and Anna Perry., at Beaufort Community Bank Complex 39 Park Road, Beaufort. Entry \$15.00. See advertisement Page 9. Book on 5349 3150 or TRYBOOKING.COM/COBGK

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

Monday 12th February: **STEWART PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING** 6:00 pm in the Skipton Mechanics Hall Small Meeting Room.



Sunday 18th February: **SKIPTON GOLF CLUB** is holding a **FOUR PERSON AMBROSE EVENT \$60.00 per Team of Four, Men, Women or Mixed. BBQ throughout the day. 11:00am Shotgun start. Great prizes.**

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Friday 3rd March: **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at 2pm. All welcome. Afternoon Tea at the Hall afterwards.

More information of the church venue when known. K

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GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AT MOVIE AFTERNOONS

Golden Plains Shire Council is excited to announce two free movie afternoon events in February 2024 courtesy of the Victorian Government's Crime Prevention Strategy.

Join us for these exciting community events:

- On Saturday 17 February from 1 to 5pm at the Cape Clear Recreation Hall, Recreation Road, Cape Clear, featuring the movie 'Lilo & Stitch' and
- On Saturday 24 February from 1 to 5pm at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre, 27 High Street, Bannockburn, featuring 'The Lego Movie.'

Join us for a delightful afternoon where you can experience a fun movie, indulge in diverse food truck delights, enjoy face painting, an animal petting zoo, and live music.

Golden Plains Shire Council Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham encouraged young people and families to attend the movie afternoons.

"We extend a warm invitation to families and community members across the Shire to come along with your family, grab some popcorn, and settle in for an afternoon full of entertainment you won't want to miss," Cr Cunningham said.

"These events play a crucial role in fostering pro-social behaviour and positive community engagement among young people, their families and friends," he said.

To register for the movie afternoons, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events.

For more information, contact Council's Youth Development team at youth@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

The movie afternoon events are made possible through funding from the Victorian Government's Crime Prevention Strategy.

COMMUNITY VISION 2040 REFRESH – SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Golden Plains Shire residents and visitors have an opportunity to review Council's Community Vision 2040 to ensure we continue to work towards our community's goals.

Between 2019 and 2020, community members shared their thoughts and aspirations to create the Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040. The Community Vision 2040 identifies four priority areas; Community, Liveability, Prosperity, and Sustainability to be focused upon for the next 20 years.

Community members are now invited to help review this important strategic document through an extensive community engagement process from Monday 15 January to Friday 29 March 2024.

Community engagement activities will include an online Have Your Say survey, meetings with key community groups, opportunities for residents and visitors to engage at local community events, including markets, and a Community Engagement Workshop available to attend in Bannockburn and Smythesdale.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham said Council wanted to ensure the Community Vision 2040 continued to reflect community aspirations and goals.

"When developing the Community Vision 2040 document throughout 2019 and 2020, community members told Council they envisioned enhanced social networks, increased spaces for young people and the aged and disability community, as well as upgraded civic amenities.

"There was also a focus on education, and the promotion and protection of sustainable practices were sought while greater employment, community events, and connectivity were also recommended," Cr Cunningham said.

"As our community evolves, we are now asking if the Community Vision 2040 still reflects their aspirations to ensure we're still working towards the right goals.

"I really encourage people to share their thoughts and make a difference through the consultation process," he said.

To learn more about how you can get involved and register for the Community Engagement Workshop available in Bannockburn and Smythesdale on Friday 22 March, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

Once the consultation is complete, Council will prepare a What We Heard report summarising the feedback provided by the community in mid-2024. Council will then prepare a draft updated Community Vision 2040 document which will be considered for endorsement by Council in September 2024.

After November's Council election, the document will then assist the newly elected Council in preparing the next Council Plan.

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