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### STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT RETURNS IN MARCH



CFA is encouraging brigades across the state to compete in this year's CFA/VFBV State Firefighter Championships in Mooroopna in March.

Mooroopna Recreation Reserve will again be the site of the events; with the Urban Junior State Championships kicking off on 16 and 17 March. The Senior Urban and Senior Rural events will be held at the same site the following weekend, 23 and 24 March.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the State Championships have a rich tradition and are an integral part of CFA.

"The Championships are a great opportunity for our members to engage in some friendly competition with their brigade and fellow firefighters," CO Heffernan said.

"It's also a great way for the community to see what we do and hopefully we can inspire them to join their local brigades. See Page 5

### All Aboard skating

For the more active types, there's also an All Aboard skating session at Skipton Skate Park on Friday 9 February from 4-6pm.

All Aboard runs inclusive and accessible skateboarding workshops to give children and young people the opportunity to learn and build skills in skateboarding.



Workshops are led by experienced instructors from the YMCA Active Sports team to create a fun environment that involves games with a social focus.

During an All Aboard session, children and young people build confidence by learning about skate skill development, injury prevention, skate park etiquette and equipment maintenance.

Each session generally runs for an hour and can accommodate up to 25 people at a time, from beginners to intermediates.

Just roll up – and bring your friends.

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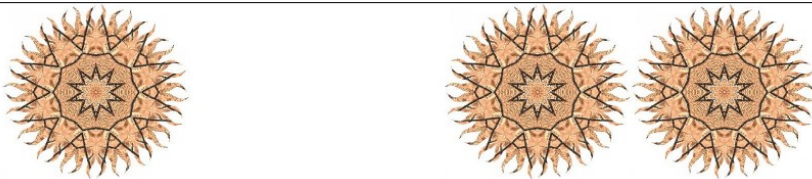
### WEATHER WATCHERS

So far in 2024, there has been rainfall on 10 days in January, but dry since the start of February.

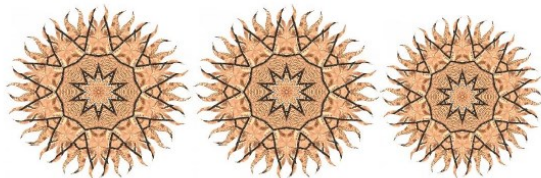
The year's rainfall total is 53.8 mm.

There have been a number of days of Total Fire Ban declared in Mallee and Wimmera, but so far we have been spared the excessive temperatures.

It is necessary to ensure that you have extra water nearby to drink if needed, to keep you hydrated, and if you have babies and toddlers, or aged relatives and neighbours ask RUOK!!!



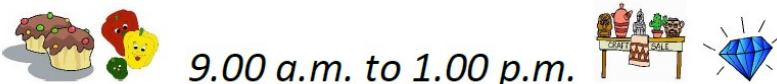
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## Public Notices

### 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.



### St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart or Belle 5349 5553 with enquires.

#### 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.



### 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, Prestwood. 508 Leith St, Redan Phone: 5331 4981,

#### Sunday Masses throughout

##### St Peter's Catholic Parish of Linton

Happy New Year all, St Brigid's Snake Valley will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary. This occasion will be marked by celebrating Mass on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.30pm. All are invited to attend

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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**Assistant Priests:** Fr James McKay. **Visiting Priests:** Fr Barry Ryan. **Parish Secretary Sacramental Coordinator** Tony Beggs. **Finance Officer:** Bernadette Prestwood. **Safeguarding Officers:** Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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

**Friday** – 12.05pm, (Reconciliation at 10:30 am until midday)

**Saturday** –10.00am (Reconciliation at 10.30am)

**WEEKEND MASSES Saturday** 5.30 pm Vigil

**Sunday** 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm



### SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

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Wed 7th February 2024, Sun 18th February 2024,

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### BIBLE THOUGHT

From Christ Jesus, God's Son, mankind has received grace upon grace.

**John chapter 1, verse 16**



## Public Notices

### Skipton Progress Association Inc.



The Annual General Meeting of the Skipton Progress Association Inc.

Will be held on

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**At 7.00 p.m.**

**In the Skipton Mechanics Hall,**  
7 Anderson Street, Skipton.

All positions are declared vacant, Nominations for positions can be made, forms to be submitted to the Secretary up to two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.



Nomination forms (page 5) are available in this and subsequent issues of the Skipton Community News, and should be submitted to P.O. Box 60, Skipton, 3361 or to the Secretary, Lilla Orton, from whom further details can be obtained Ph 0437 455 049

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- 9.30am at St. Aloysius Redan
- 12 (noon) at St. James' Sebastopol

#### Ash Wednesday – February 14th

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and during lent we are all asked to deepen Christian life through prayer, fasting and alms giving. Ash Wednesday is the commencement date of the Ballarat Diocesan 150 year Anniversary. Our liturgies throughout Lent, will acknowledge our ongoing need for conversion.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times** 7.00am 10.00am (St Patrick's Primary School will attend) 12.05pm 7.00pm (will be preceded by Adoration and Benediction at 6.00pm).

**Ashes for Ash Wednesday** St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Community members are invited to bring palms from 2023 Palm Sunday celebration to the Cathedral during this week or over the weekend of 10th/11th February and place them in the baskets provided. These palms are the base for the ashes used in the Ash Wednesday rite of having ashes placed on our foreheads as a sign of penitence and sorrow.

## The World Day of Prayer

will be held

**at Christ Church, Anglican Church on Friday 1 March 2024**

**at 2pm.**



The guest speaker will be The Venerable  
Catie Inches-Ogden.



Catie is recently retired to Ballarat and will speak about her life over many years as a Defence Force Chaplain.

Letter to the Editor -

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL COSTS**

30 January 2024

Dear Editor,

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Angela Henriksen

**Electorate Officer | Office of Martha Haylett MP**  
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“From Page 1

I highly recommend brigades get involved in the event which includes practical firefighting activities utilising hoses, hydrants and other equipment. It’s also fantastic for teamwork and comradeship.”



Hannah Logie from Strathmerton Fire Brigade, who has competed in the State Championships for the past eight years, encourages other brigades to take part because she says it’s the best two weekends of the year.

“I have been competing since I was 11 years old and my whole family has been involved over the years too,” Hannah said.

“It’s a great event because you make friends, you get fit and most importantly, you have a good laugh.

“What I love most is the people I’m around all day, it’s a really close-knit group. If you’re considering joining, just do it, it’s the best fun!”

Interested brigades need to register by 18 February 2024. Nominations are online via the VFVBV website: [2024 State Championships - Entries Now Open \(vfbb.com.au\)](http://2024.StateChampionships-EntriesNowOpen(vfbb.com.au))

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### ***Skipton Progress Association Inc.***



The Christmas holiday break being well and truly over, Members of the Association met on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February to get the ball rolling for 2024.

The Skipton Community News is back in community letter boxes, and we thank Editor Kathy Sproules her hard work in continuing commitment to Skipton.

Community information, news items and coming events will also be featured on our **facebook/skiptonprogressassociation** site, for those who find that more accessible.

Time was also taken at the meeting to consider the future for Skipton, we all await with interest the publication of the Skipton Structural Plan, which is to be released mid-year.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was notified, to be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.00 p.m.** in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall.**

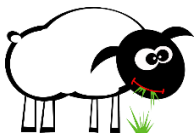
All positions are declared vacant at this Meeting, nominations for all positions can be made by completing the **Nomination Form** printed here, all the formalities to be observed.

Members of the Association are welcome to nominate, or to support nominations,

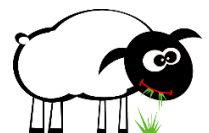
If members of the community wish to take this opportunity to become involved in the Association, the commitment costs only \$5.00, please contact Secretary for further details.

**Closing date for nominations is two weeks prior to the AGM Must be in the hands of the Secretary by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.**

**The Annual General Meeting will be followed by the regular monthly Meeting of the Association.**



David Hunneybell, President SPA, 0431 104 610  
Lilla Orton, Secretary SPA, 0437 455 049



### ***Skipton Progress Association Inc.***

#### **NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 2024-2025, SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.**

I.....

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Nominate.....

For the Position of .....

Signatures (Proposers).....

Nominee Accepting Nomination.....

**Both persons nominating should be financial members of the Skipton Progress Association Inc. as should the nominee. (Membership \$5.00) Nomination forms may be submitted to the Secretary of the Association, P.O. Box 60, Skipton, Vic 3361 to be received two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Skipton Mechanics Hall at 7.00 pm. In the absence of formal nominations for an elected position, nominations will be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.**

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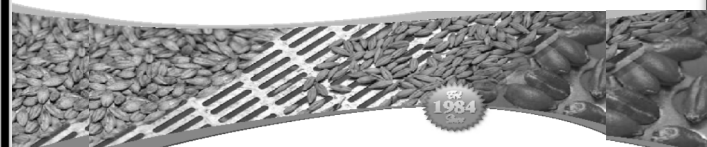
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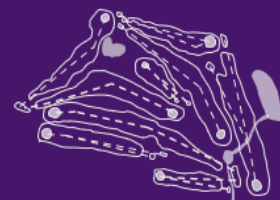


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The rate rebate available is 50% of rates and charges capped at a maximum of \$253.20 for 2023-2024. A maximum \$50 rebate also applies to the Fire Services Property Levy.

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

## Business Assistance Scheme Launch and networking event

Thursday 15 February,  
5.30–7 pm

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Please join us to launch Corangamite Shire's new Business Assistance Scheme; a program to enable Council to support new and existing local businesses. The event includes the opportunity to network and to hear from three local guest speakers from Alderwood Manor, Timboon Fine Ice Cream and Murfett & Whiting Electrical.

Light food and refreshments provided. Alcoholic drinks available for purchase. Please register via the QR code, or website below.

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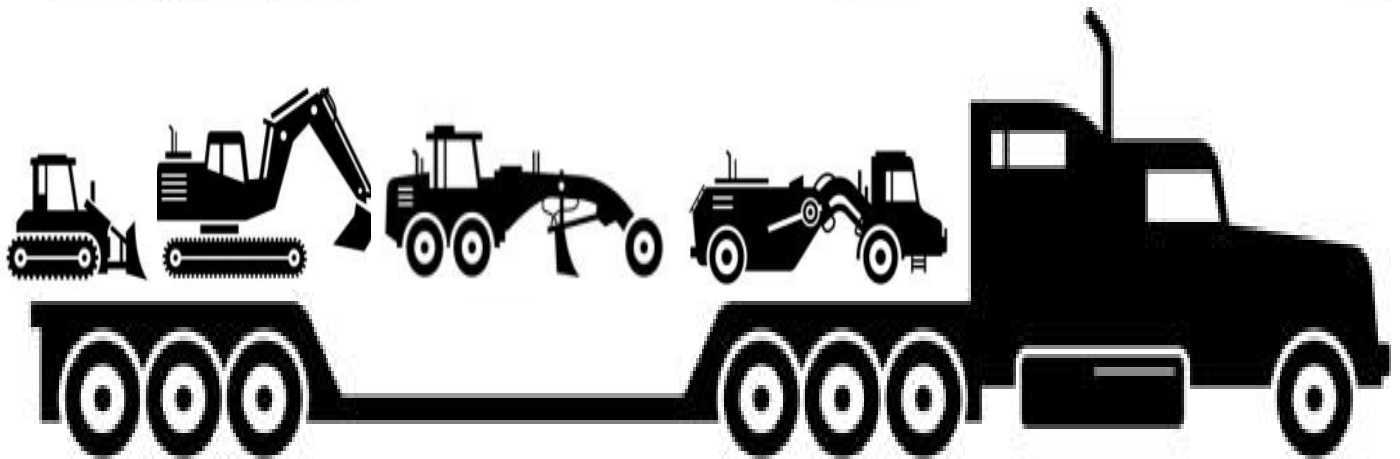
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We would like your feedback on our new Environment & Sustainability Strategy.

Corangamite Shire has compiled a 10-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 until 5 March. Find out more and have your say at [corangamite.vic.gov.au/EandSStrategy](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au/EandSStrategy) or scan the QR code.



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### 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.

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### 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 call 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

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## CFA

**Keeping our heritage safe**

Cultural landmarks, artefacts and other evidence made over thousands of years of continual occupation by Victoria's Indigenous communities are irreplaceable and protected by legislation.

CFA actively encourages a proactive approach to protect heritage values, whether they are of Indigenous or non-Indigenous (historic) heritage:

We include cultural heritage values advisers in incident management teams (IMT).

We include cultural heritage awareness information in the annual preseason incident management team briefings.

Joint Fuel Management Program plans as part of CFAs vegetation management program include thorough heritage values assessments for each treatment.

The annual program of vegetation management activities across Victoria includes a range of different treatments. Fuel reduction burning along roadsides, some reserves and private land is the main method of fuel management we undertake, usually in spring or autumn.

Increasingly, we support Traditional Owner groups to carry out cultural burning, which can also help reduce local fire risk. Other methods we use to reduce fire risk include non-burn fuel treatments including mechanical such as mulching or slashing of weedy vegetation, and sometimes biological such as grazing animals to remove and lower grassy fuels.

Each treatment option has a different level of risk to identified heritage values present within the landscape. To reduce potential damage to any known or recorded values at a site, whether Indigenous or historic origin, steps are taken to identify and protect those identified values.

CFA's cultural heritage adviser reviews every fuel treatment nominated in the Joint Fuel Management Program to identify any recorded Indigenous or historic heritage values. If a recorded value does exist, a suitable way is found to protect the value identified.

Heritage values vary greatly, from the conspicuous and obvious to the indiscernible and intangible. The identified value may be a living or dead tree with a shield, coolamon or canoe tree, or even climbing toe

holds cut to make possum hunting easier. Or it could be a large, fire-hollowed veteran tree.

"In CFA, as in emergency services more broadly, we do our best to make sure our people on the ground have the best information at hand," Cultural Heritage Adviser Michael Sherwen said.

"But we always ask our people in the field to keep their eyes open to the possibility of new finds. For example, after the 2020 Budj Bim fires near Heywood, the leaf litter layer was burnt off and revealed previously unknown ancient stone eel traps and stone house sites.

Another example was at Ruffy after a wildfire. During site rehabilitation works CFA members noticed grooves in rocks.

"Later inspections by Traditional Owners confirmed they were previously unknown axe-grinding grooves, and nearby they found birthing trees and other artefacts. More of our heritage is always being revealed."

Certain areas are known to hold burial mounds, ceremonial sites (such as Corroboree rings), stone formations or birthing sites. You may also find axe heads (see the main photo of an axe head in situ).

Areas where flood plains occur in riverine environments, such as along our major river systems including associated wetlands and billabongs, are likely to have numerous cooking mounds throughout.

In the Budj Bim World Heritage Landscape in south-west Victoria, an entire landscape is identified as having "living cultural connection".

The recognised value may also relate to the heritage gates of a parkland reserve, mining, historic bridges, or an Avenue of Honour viewed as a local or regional landmark and icon.

Ways to protect a particular value will depend on the physical nature of the identified value, the fuel types and the proposed fuel treatment. Mitigation measures are developed in consultation with the person who has nominated the treatment, usually the district's vegetation management officer, and may be as simple as excluding a section from treatment if there is a need to do so.

Victoria's heritage belongs to all of us, just as it belongs to generations who will come after us. It is our obligation to carry out our activities ensuring the legacies of heritage left to us are safe-guarded.

Q. What's the difference between the English cricket team and a funeral director.

A. The funeral director doesn't lose the ashes.

Q. What's the difference between the Australian cricket team and Cinderella

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## 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](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events).

For more information, contact Council's Youth Development team at [youth@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto: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](https://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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## Meetings & Coming Events cont

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Wednesday 14th February: **ST VALENTINE’S DAY** Mass Times are on Page 2.

Saturday 9th March: **ART TRAX ‘ARTISAN’ MARKET & OPEN GALLERY** Art. Craft. Art Supplies. Other Stalls. 9 am—3 pm Railway Station, Pratt St Beaufort. Site Enquiries Phone 0427 492 082

Saturday 9th March: **BEAUFORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAR BOOT / GARAGE SALE** Open Court Room with Historical Display 9 am – 3 pm 9 Livingstone St Beaufort Cost \$15.00 per Site Contact Ph: 0428 963 222

Sunday 10th March: **WATERLOO HALL CAR BOOT / GARAGE SALE** Free Entry Event 9am – 2 pm 885 Beaufort – Lexton Rd Cost \$15.00 per Site Ph: 5349 3009 or 0439 477 309

Monday 11th March: **STEWART PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING** at 6:00 pm in the Skipton Mechanics Hall Small Meeting Room.

—Tuesday 13th February: **SHROVE TUESDAY “PANCAKE DAY”**

Wednesday 14th February: **ASH**

Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd March: **LAKE BOLAC 14th EEL FESTIVAL.** Festival theme: “Song, Story, Dance: Ceremony and Celebration” 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:

- Basketweaving with Bronwyn Razem Gunditjmara Artist/ Weaver.— Aunty Bronwyn is such a talent and has worked her magic on a brolga and yellow cockatoo in previous years.



## Sporting News

**Ballarat Highlands Bowls Pennant Results Division 7**

Saturday 4th February: Skipton Bowlers v. BMS 5 at Skipton.

**Skipton 170 shots 2 points def by BMS 5 85 shots 16 points**



Cheryl Sturgeon  
Diane Hand  
Elizabeth Bolton

Jim Hinton	Douglass Smith	Stuart Haley	Lost 19-21
Darryl Rowe	Ian Collins	Frank Ellingham	Won 35-15
—————	Andrew Nethercott	Tim Clarke	Lost 13-26
Madeline Lincoln	Brendan McIntyre	Scott Ferdinands	Lost 7-23

Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd March: **LAKE BOLAC 14th EEL FESTIVAL.** Festival theme: “Song, Story, Dance: Ceremony and Celebration” Art Auction, Music and Heaps More

**Friday Art Auction: Smoking Ceremony; Feature artists – Kylie Moroney & Howard Brandenburg; Where Water Meets.**

The 2024 Lake Bolac Eel Festival – Kuyang Lapakira (Plenty Eels) will be blessed and opened with a smoking ceremony in the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall on Friday night just prior to the art auction by local Gunditjmara/Djabwurrung man, Paul Kelly.

Where Water Meets, a mesmerising Tasmanian chamber-folk duo of violin, guitar and shakuhachi flute, will then continue to set the mood for an inspiring evening of art and creativity, transporting listeners into spacious soundscapes as art auction attendees mingle and peruse the artworks to be auctioned.

Murnong Mummas, a Castlemaine Indigenous catering service, will prepare a vegetarian supper,

featuring bush tucker ingredients, for art auction attendees during the dinner break.

Artworks by nineteen Victorian artists will be offered at auction on the night. Two of those artists are Howard Brandenburg and Kylie Moroney.

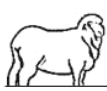
**Howard Brandenburg: Love of Leptocephalus', a work in progress**

Howard is a painter and scientific illustrator from New Mexico who now resides in western Victoria. In his paintings, he combines freedom of expression with fascinating designs and structures that have evolved in the natural world.

**Kylie Moroney: 'Buluk Puae Buae'**

Kylie is a Warrnambool based teacher and photographer who has been capturing the big skies of South West Victoria for the past ten years. From the coast to Lake Bolac, Kylie has captured the Milky Way, storms and auroras in places which are otherwise often overlooked.

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## Meetings & Coming Events



Friday 9th February: **ALL ABOARD SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS** Skipton Skate Park Jubilee Park, 2 Montgomery Street, Skipton, from 4pm to 6pm. **Free for ALL People** Equipment provided.

Saturday 10th February: **MIDSUMMER FUN at the SKIPTON MARKET** from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson Street, Skipton. Wide variety of stalls, including fresh veggies, preserves, cakes, jewellery, craft, bric-a-brac, books, plants and much more. Coffee, snacks and a big welcome in the Supper Room for all, meet your friends and neighbours, new Skipton residents especially welcome. For more information or for last minutes stall bookings, please ring Jan on 0422 785 017 or check *facebook* Community Markets

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. Book on 5349 3150 or [TRYBOOKING.COM/COBGK](http://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.



Tuesday 13th February: **SHROVE TUESDAY**

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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.**

Tuesday 13th February: **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Sunday 18th February: **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 mobile

0407 310 990 or email [skipton.history.au@gmail.com](mailto:skipton.history.au@gmail.com)

Saturday 24th February: **3rd ANNUAL VINTAGE MACHINERY DISPLAY AND VINTAGE TRACTOR PULL**, at the Lismore Showgrounds. \$5.00 entry, kids free. Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

And, on

Sunday 25th February: **Sunday 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.** Displays, Vintage harvesters, working engines. More information ring 0429 949 739, **WESTERN PLAINS MACHINERY PRESERVATION GROUP INC.**

Monday 26th February: **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 phone [0448871784](tel:0448871784) or Karen Bradshaw phone [0439 630 884](tel:0439630884)

Friday 1st March 2024: The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held at the Anglican Church at 2pm. The guest speaker will be The Venerable Catie Inches-Ogden. Catie is recently retired to Ballarat and will speak about her life over many years as a Defence Force Chaplain. All are welcome to come and join us for a short service followed by afternoon tea.

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.



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