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This Week's Sponsor: Squadron Energy, thank you.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a very happy, healthy, prosperous and safe 2025



Skipton OP Shop Milestone

Last Tuesday the 10th of December saw the Skipton Community Shop celebrate it's final mortgage repayment – while no champagne corks popped, shop co-ordinator Stan Foote slaved away over a free BBQ, generously donated by Country Grocers which was most welcome to the many travellers and locals throughout the day.

The dear old building has spent most of it's life as a food shop/supermarket owned by the Elder family for 95 years followed by other owners and finally by Russell and Beryl Adams from 1987 to 2011 where the floods ended the business and the Adams move a few doors up the hill to a safer position.

With no hotel after the floods the community minded Adams opened up the refurbished shop as a tavern for locals to have somewhere to socialise again and when it closed in 2015 it was offered to Stan Foote and group at a very reasonable rent and later at a very kind mortgage repayment to open a Community Op Shop and the rest is history.

The shop which so far has been able to donate over \$200,000 to the community is open seven days a week and Stan (who clearly has too much time on his hands) has estimated in that eight and a half years the volunteers have clocked up 432,500 hours.

Stan also wished to thank the volunteers, many who have been there from day one and the most generous donors who come from far and wide with such a great variety of goods for the many customers that come through the door.

Zublic Sotices

Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact: Marilyn Ellis 5340 3515 for enquires

Usual Service times:

9.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

Christmas Services.

Christ Church Skipton: 24th December Christmas Eve 9pm

St Johns Beaufort: 24th December Christmas Eve 6pm.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart or Belle 5349 5553 with enquiries.

<u>Service Times:</u> Presbyterian Congregation Skipton / Lismore

* Week One
* Week Two
* Week Three
* Week Three
* 10 am Skipton
* Week Three
* 10 am Skipton

* Week Four* Week Five10 am Skipton11am Lismore.



St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beaufort

* Week One
 * Week Two
 * Week Three
 * Week Three
 * Week Four
 * Week Four
 * Week Five
 * Sunday LLA 10:00am
 * Week Five
 * Sunday LLA 10:00am



The Annual Combined Christmas Carol Service.

This year it is to be held at: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church December 22^{nd} 6.00pm

And could everyone bring a plate of food to share for supper.

Thanks,

Belle McKerrow

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The phone will be transferred to the on-call priest so that Hospitals, Aged Care facilities, Funeral Directors or others seeking the services of a priest may be responded to.

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Bible Thought

The woman at the well said "I know that messiah, that is Christ is coming".

Jesus said "I am he,
I who am speaking to you now".

John ch.4, v. 25, 26.



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For Linton Parish enquiries contact Fr. Con Bagaoisan

The parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

redan Parish Mass Times

St. Aloysius, Redan St. James, Sebastopol Thursday 9.30am Friday 9.30am Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 10.30am Sunday 9.00am

St. Brigid's, Snake Valley St. Peter's, Linton St. John's, Skipton Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 9.00am Sunday 10.30am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024 Christmas Eve Mass – Tuesday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan School Auditorium - 6.00pm Mass St. Brigid's Snake Valley – 6.00pm Mass St. James' Sebastopol – 7.00pm Carols & 7.30pm Mass St. John's Skipton – 7.30pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday 25th December

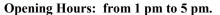
St. James' Sebastopol – 9.30am Mass St. Peter's Linton – 9.00am Mass

New Year's Eve Mass – Tuesday 31st December 2024 at 9.00pm at St. James' Sebastopol New Year's Day Mass - Wednesday 1st January 2025 at 9.30am - St. Aloysius Redan

<u>SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION</u>

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> Wed 18th December Sun 29th December Sun 12 January 2025 Wed 15th January Sun 26th January Wed 29th January







ABOVE: Skipton Friends of the RSL members enjoyed a Christmas break up morning tea at BBB – L-R Lilla Orton, Ian Phillips, Gail Ward and Graham Layley – thanks Louise Lane our roving reporter.

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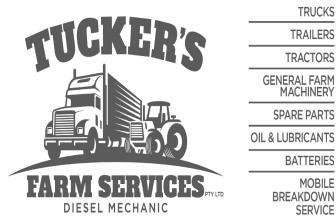
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Some old news, but good news

As many of you will recall, we were appealing for the missing gazebos to be returned so we could use them for the Spring Festival.

And faith was restored in the local community after seemingly no response, to their whereabouts.

On the eve of the festival, they were found at the Rotary Club site, where they had clearly been left in the open for many months. So the reason nobody responded to having them, was simply because they had already returned them, to what they thought was the original location.

So we now have all the gazebos back.

Council wishes residents happy, safe Christmas

Essential staff will be on call for emergencies while Corangamite Shire Council is closed for the festive season.

The Civic Centre and some services will close over the Christmas and New Year period but residents with urgent issues can still call Council on 5593 7100 and speak to an on-call officer.

The offices will close at 1 pm, Wednesday 23 December and re-open at 8:30 am on Monday 4 January 2021.

Mayor Kate Makin wished all residents a happy and safe festive season.

"On behalf of councillors and council staff I would like to wish all of our Shire residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," she said.

"It's been a huge year and I encourage everyone to take a well-earned break.

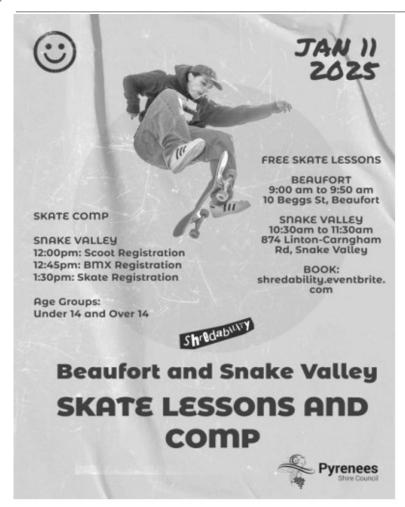
"While there's no such thing as a day off in farming, it's important to look after yourselves and what better way to recharge the batteries than spending quality time with loved ones.

"I hope you all have a safe, restful and peaceful holiday season and we look forward to achieving great things together in the new year."

Cr Makin encouraged everyone to be careful on the roads and in the water, and to remain alert for fire danger warnings.

"If you haven't already, you can download the VicEmergency to get warnings and updates, or watch Council's Facebook page and website," she said.

For details of specific services closures, go to <u>corangamite.vic.gov.au</u> or Council's Facebook page.



Calling all young Skate / Scoot / BMX enthusiasts!!

Former world champ Renton Millar will be in Beaufort and Snake Valley on Saturday January 11 for 'SHREDABILITY' Pyrenees.

He's holding free skate lessons in both locations, culminating in a friendly competition at the fab Snake Valley skate park.

Register online for the lesson Beaufort/Snake Valley event (s) Bring your own wheels and helmet, or Renton will have some equipment you can borrow!

Yours in gnarly-goodness, Liz



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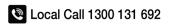
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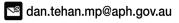




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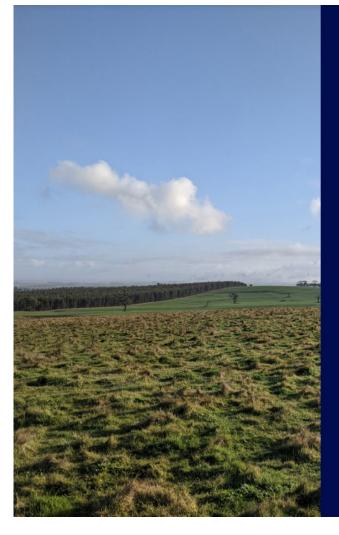
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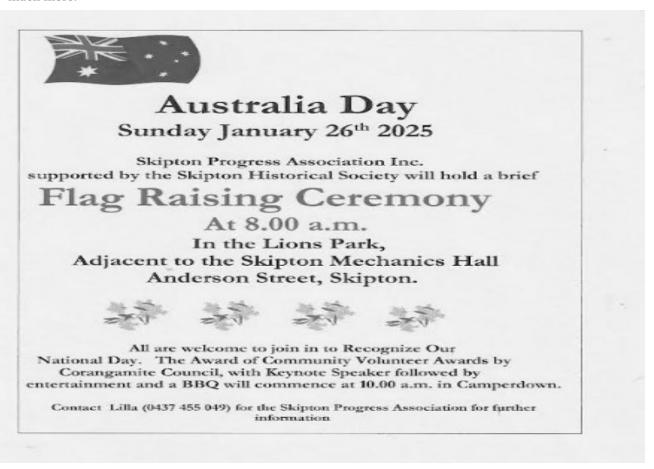
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Dan's Listening Post

Last week quite a few local residents took advantage of one of Federal Member for Wannon Dan Tehan's regular listening posts.

The listening post held outside the Post Office is always a great opportunity to have your say about local matters some of which on this day included the recreation reserve, childcare expansion, seating outside the Caltex service station, availability of more services and of course roads and much more.



Sunday January 26th 2025. **Australia Day.** Skipton will hold a brief **Flag Raising Ceremony in the Lions Park, Anderson Street at 8.00 a.m.** Corangamite Council will host the **Australia Day Awards** event, followed by a BBQ and entertainment from 10.00 a.m. in Camperdown. All Community members are very welcome to attend either (or both) events to mark our National Day. Skipton contact: Lilla, Skipton Progress Association on 0437 455 049.



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BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1934 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO

LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.

These extracts are researched and provided by: Terry Gosling (Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)

Flood Week.

ROARING WATERS SCOUR STREETS

MOUNT EMU CREEK A TORRENT

Warnings were sent about midday last Friday for owners to remove stock from the flats along M.t. Emu Creek, as a big floud w s coming down from the upper levels. The waters commenced to rise rapidly shortly after, making two feet and hour under the main bridge, and by six o'clock even the hand-rails on the plank bridge were submerged. Rising steadily, the waters were into the main street before midnight and business places were being flouded.

Great masses of debris and big logs of timber were swept down in the raging stream, becoming a danger to the bridges. One branched log became wedged against the main support of the new footbridge, with water washing the decking. It remained there till Saturday morning, when men acting as an axe and saw brigade managed to release it after operations involving considerable risk.

The flood was at its highest point between to and it o'clock on Satnrday morning, and then receded very slowly.

HARPOONING A FORTUNE

Captain Ingbrigsten, of the Aukra Whaling Company, recently secured a whale worth a hundred times as much as any ordinary single whale. The average whale is worth about £400 for the oil obtained from its blubber. The one killed by Captain Ingbrigsten was worth more than £40,000.

It was not a very big whale, and it gave no more blubber than usual. But when it was being cut up members of the crew gave a sudden shout of astonishment and delight: Within the whale was found a shapeless lump of yellow matter weighing more than a hundredweight.

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Some of the crowd eagerly watching the draw of the Skipton Friends of Vision Australia Christmas Raffle, held at the December Christmas Market in the Skipton Mechanics Hall. There were great prizes, which had been donated to this great cause, and put together by the hard working volunteers. The next Skipton Market will be held in February 2025. I believe there are still some calendars available for sale. D.



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Above: Skipton Progress Association Dinner held at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club Room's. Many hard working volunteers —the backbone of the community were invited to this dinner, which reflected the large number of people who had worked on Skipton Progress Association events through the year.

Below: Another picture of the Skipton Froends of Vision drawing of their wonderful raffle, and the following letter:

'Sincere thanks to all who donated to our raffle and sold tickets—lpocal business, community, and members. Thanks also to the op—shop and Country Grocers supermarket for having the prizes on display.

Very much appreciated everyone—amazing!

Winners: 1st. Sherelle Crags; 2nd. Doreen Ringin; 3rd Michael Grist.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful New Year".

Yvonne Shady President PH. 53 402 113. Marg Fraser Secretary PH. 53 403 515.



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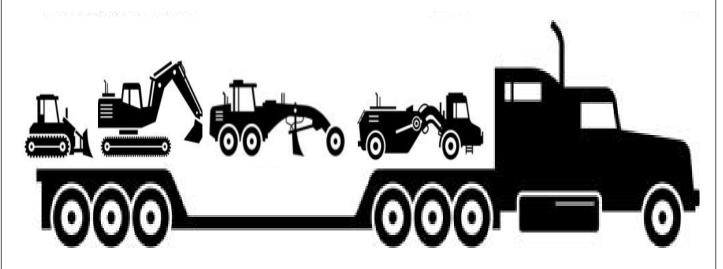
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then come to the movie, screening 8:00pm
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(Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)

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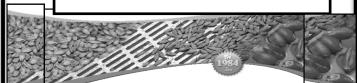
Below: Some of the people taking advantage of the free sausage sizzle being held outside the Community Op-Shop who were proudly celebrating the final payment for the shop they now own, and the fact this great group of hard working community volunteers have put back more than \$200000 into the local community - magnificent effort! And one of the hard working volunteers, Stan Foote working hard on his day off feeding the hungry hoard .





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Skipton walk against family violence

Last week a small group including hospital staff gathered in Stewart Park for a walk against family violence.

Manager of People and Culture at Beaufort and Skipton Health Service, Kim Bush spoke about the importance of recognising the growing incidence of family violence and the need to create awareness in our communities.

Support services available include:

The Orange Door, Ballarat 1800 219 819

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Closed







Our Urgent Care Centres respond to all emergencies including life threatening and urgent medical care.







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Be patient if you don't yet see your details because others come first.

Got an Event Coming Up? Need a Venue? To make BOOKINGS FOR SKIPTON'S MECHANICS HALL

Contact: Shayley Grigsby on 0447 050 095

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.

SKIPTON LIBRARY IN MECHANIC'S HALL

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

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Meet on Wednesdays @ 1.30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.

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BEAUFORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Open hours every Wednesday 10am till 4pm And Last Sunday of the month from 12noon till 3pm Except for the months of June July & January. All welcome.

Tuesday 17th December 2024. Stewart Park Committee of Management welcomes volunteers to the last Working Bee of the year, in Stewart Park, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Pease wear sensible clothing, hats especially, and closed toe shoes, and join us for a coffee/tea break at 11.30a.m. Thank you to all have contributed this year, we see the results in our beautiful park, Happy Christmas and happy holidays to all. Phone Lilla on 0437 455 049 for further information.

Thursday 19th December 2024 Skipton Town Christmas Party

Presented by the Skipton Community Op-Shop, Free children's entertainment, and BBQ starting 4.30 pm at the Skipton Recreation Reserve Football & Netball Club Rooms, all welcome.

Sunday 22nd December 2023 The Annual Christmas Carol Service.

This year it is to be held at:

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

December 22nd 6.00pm

And could everyone bring a plate of food to share for supper. Thanks.

Belle McKerrow

Sunday 19th January 2025: FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM (Streatham) open from 11:30am until 4:30pm Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer 0466 286 011

Sunday 20th January -Skipton Seniors Centre, is in recess, will resume January 20th 2025 Monday.at 2.00pm The Seniors club wishes the community a joyful and safe holiday season and looks forward to welcoming you all back next year. Anna Nash President.

Friday 24th January 2025. Movie: AUSTRALIA with Nicole Kidman. Time: Doors open 6.00pm for 7.00pm start. Supper to follow. \$10.00 for all over 12 years. Door prize. Proudly presented by the Skipton Hall Committee. Anna Nash

Sunday January 26th 2025. Australia Day. Skipton will hold a brief Flag Raising Ceremony in the Lions Park, Anderson Street at **8.00 a.m**. Corangamite Council will host the Australia Day Awards event, followed by a BBQ and entertainment from 10.00 a.m. in Camperdown. All Community members are very welcome to attend either (or both) events to mark our National Day. Skipton contact: Lilla, Skipton Progress Association on 0437 455 049.

WISHING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A VERY HAPPY Christmas and a very healthy, happy, safe, and prosperous New Year