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Great time at the Skipton Town Christmas Party held at the Recreation Reserve, the free BBQ's went well, and everyone had all they could eat, along with soft drink to wash it all down. Santa arrived to check everyone had been good, and there was plenty of free fun available for all ages with the bouncy castle, go-cart track and photo booth, as well as the usual very happy friendly crowd.

Many thanks to Stan and the Community op-Shop for putting on this annual event, as well as many thanks to their additional sponsors, Stockyard Hill Wind Farm and Bendigo Community Bank Beaufort among others.. This is a great social event, open to the whole community every year.



## Public Notices

### Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact: Marilyn Ellis 5340 3515 for enquires

#### Usual Service times:

9.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
of each month.



### Christmas Services.

Christ Church Skipton : 24th December Christmas Eve 9pm

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

### Bible Thought

The way of God is perfect,  
The Lord's word has stood the test,  
He is the shield of all who take refuge  
in him.

Psalm 18 verse 30.



### St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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#### 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 .



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Sunday 10.30am Sunday 9.00am  
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## SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

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Wed 29th January 2025

Sun 9th February

Wed 12th Feb

Sun 23rd Feb

Wed 26th Feb

Sun 9th March.

Opening Hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm.





Above, for those that missed the Christmas Light display in Skipton, put on by The Skipton Progress Association and in conjunction with the Christmas Display put on by the Skipton Community Shop. Many thanks to all those that put up the displays and put Santas slay in place etc. Great job by one and all.

### 2025 kerbside collection calendar and guide

Please refer to the calendar below to find out which weeks to put out your bins.

<b>WASTE BINS</b> collected weekly	<b>RECYCLING BINS</b> collected fortnightly
<b>FOGO BINS</b> collected fortnightly between January and September, and weekly between October and December	<b>GLASS BINS</b> collected on the first full recycling week of each month

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Sorting your waste correctly helps to reduce landfill and saves money.

Bins need to be out for collection by 8 pm the night before your collection day. Please place bins at least one metre apart with handles facing your house and ensure they are clear of nearby obstructions. Bins should have a closed lid and weigh less than 80 kg. For more information, go to [corangamite.vic.gov.au/rubbish](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/rubbish).

#### What day is my bin collected?

Timboon, Simpson & Port Campbell	Monday
Derrinallum, Lismore & Skipton	Tuesday
Gnotuk	Wednesday
Camperdown (South of Princes Highway)	Wednesday
Camperdown (North of Princes Highway)	Thursday
Cobden	Thursday
Terang, Noorat & Glenormiston	Friday

#### What goes in which bin?

 <p><b>Recycling Bin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aluminium cans</li> <li>Cardboard/ paper</li> <li>Newspapers</li> <li>Steel cans/ tins</li> <li>Hard plastics (types 1, 2, &amp; 5)</li> </ul> <p><b>No plastic bags.</b></p>	 <p><b>Waste Bin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ceramics, china or crockery</li> <li>Nappies</li> <li>Long life milk and juice cartons</li> <li>Plastic bags and soft plastics</li> <li>Polystyrene and styrofoam plastic</li> </ul>
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**Glass Bin**

- Glass bottles
- Wine bottles
- Glass jars



**FOGO Bin - Food Organics, Green Organics**

- Kitchen scraps and leftovers
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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### FEBRUARY 2025

As we settle into 2025, I am filled with optimism that this year will bring remarkable services and programs to our community, while continuing to support our residents, ratepayers and visitors across the Shire.

Last month, Golden Plains Shire Council filled the seventh position in our Councillor group after Gavin Gamble was declared a Councillor Elect following the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) countback on Monday 13 January.

This followed the resignation of Cr Lachlan Glen in December 2024,

prompting a countback held by the VEC to fill the Extraordinary Vacancy for Golden Plains Shire Council.

Mr Gamble joins Cr Emma Robbins, Cr Des Phelan, Cr Brett Cunningham, Cr Helena Kirby, Cr Owen Sharkey and myself as the Council group until the next Victorian Council elections in 2028.

This Council brings together a dedicated team of individuals who are passionate about our community. We look forward to building a brighter future for our Shire and ensuring the community's needs are reflected in everything we set out to achieve.

Last month, we also welcomed Jo Wilson who secured the role of Director of Community, Planning and Growth. Jo has extensive experience in senior Council roles and brings a fresh insight into growth area planning.

It's an exciting time around the Shire with a number of recent and upcoming openings for special projects, including the opening of the new skate bowl at the Bannockburn Skate Park, the opening of the Linton Recreation Reserve oval redevelopment, the oval upgrade at Don Wallace Recreation Reserve in Teesdale, and the expanded Bannockburn Family Services Centre.

I encourage residents to keep an eye on Council's website at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au) for updates on these exciting projects over the coming months.

Council has prepared a 'What We Heart Report' which summarises the feedback received for the development of the Council Plan 2025-2029, Financial Plan and Asset Plan.

I encourage residents to view this report at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations). Together, these documents will shape how the organisation meets community needs and aspirations, and will guide sustainable growth across the Shire, while continuing to provide critical services.

Lastly, a reminder that the rollout of the glass bins in Golden Plains is now complete.

Glass collection will begin the week starting Monday 17 February and will occur every four weeks on your regular bin collection day.

Thank you to the community for helping us build a more sustainable future for Victoria.

**Cr Sarah Hayden  
Mayor**

## GOLDEN SPACES

2025

### WINTER EXHIBITION



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN FOR GOLDEN SPACES 2025 WINTER EXHIBITION

Council is excited to announce that it is now accepting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the 2025 Golden Spaces Winter Exhibition!

This is the first opportunity to apply to exhibit at Golden Spaces in 2025, with EOIs for the Winter Exhibition open now for local artists and creative practitioners.

EOI's are open until 5pm, Friday 28 February 2025. To submit your EOI, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/golden-spaces](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/golden-spaces)

For further information, contact Council's Arts, Culture & Heritage team at [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au) or call 5220 7111.

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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.



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**February 2025**



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10 District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic	11 Nurse Led Clinic <b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Nurse</b> SSG—Araarāt	12 District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic	13 Nurse Led Clinic <b>Exercises</b> Valentines day Centre Lunch	14  District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic
17 District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic	18 Nurse Led Clinic	19 District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic	20 Nurse Led Clinic <b>Exercises</b> Centre Lunch Physio	21 District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic
24 District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic	25 Nurse Led Clinic <b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Nurse</b> SSG—Port Fairy	26 District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic	27 Nurse Led Clinic <b>Exercises</b> Centre Lunch	28 District Nursing Nurse Led Clinic

## COUNCIL INVITES COMMUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE 2025/26 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET SUBMISSION PROCESS

Golden Plains Shire Council is holding an information session on Wednesday 5 February, from 6 to 7pm, to update and inform the community about the development of its Draft Budget 2025/26 and outline the Budget Submission process.

The information session will be an opportunity to learn more about the Draft Budget 2025/26 process, including:

- An outline of the budget process,
- Budget timelines,
- Feedback received through the recent Financial Plan consultation,
- Information on how to lodge a Budget Submission, and
- Budget Submission timeframes which will be open until 9am, Friday 5 March 2025.

Golden Plains Shire CEO Shane Walden encouraged community members to attend the information session, learn more about the Budget process and ensure their voices are heard through the lodgement of Budget Submissions.

"This is an opportunity for the Golden Plains Shire community to learn about the development of the 2025/26 Council Budget. Following the session, we encourage people to make a Budget Submission, as it's important for Council to understand the community's priorities," Mr Walden said.

"Council considers the submissions and the continued delivery of important services and projects for the community in developing a financially responsible Budget," he said.

The link for the online information session is available at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events) and the session will begin at 6pm on Wednesday 5 February 2025.

**Making a Budget Submission:** Written submissions may be lodged by 9am, Wednesday 5 March 2025. Email submissions to [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au); visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations) or post a submission addressed to Director Corporate Services, Golden Plains Shire Council, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, VIC 3331.

**Presenting a Submission to Council:** Council will hold a meeting at Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn at 6pm, Tuesday 1 April 2025 and anyone who lodges a written submission may request to present it to Councillors at this meeting. A submission does not need to be presented in person to be considered as part of the Budget consideration process. The final Budget 2025/26 will be considered for adoption by Council at its meeting at The Well in Smythesdale on Tuesday 27 May 2025.

For more information, contact Golden Plains Shire Council Manager Finance Fiona Rae by emailing [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au) or call 5220 7111.





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## People-powered campaign celebrates 600+ donors

The Alex Dyson independent campaign for Wannon now has 600+ individual donors.

Narelle McNamara from Warrnambool became the campaign's 500<sup>th</sup> donor when she donated \$100 in late November.

She joins a growing list of people across South-West Victoria donating big and small via the campaign website at [AlexDysonIndependent.com](https://www.AlexDysonIndependent.com)

Narelle was motivated to support the campaign after seeing others volunteer their time. "I think it's fantastic that Alex is getting so much community support, and I wanted to do my bit to help.

"I think integrity of the whole political system needs to improve," she said.

Alex said every donation counted. "We are so grateful to everyone who has chipped in so far, from \$10 upwards."

By donating, you are helping buy things like volunteer T-shirts, printing flyers and signs, and paying the rent for community hubs - shop fronts on the main streets of key population centres across the electorate.

Mark Wootton and Eve Kantor from Jigsaw Farms near Hamilton have pledged a \$50 boost for every new donor who donates \$10 or more.



Alex and 500<sup>th</sup> donor Narelle McNamara

Crowdfunding group Climate200 has seen the local momentum in Wannon and donated to the movement. The group supports independents who want action on climate change, integrity in politics, and equal opportunity for women. The campaign has also received money from the Regional Voices Fund - a crowd-funded initiative supporting community independent candidates standing in rural, regional, and remote electorates.

Alex said the name and amount of every donation above \$1,000 is disclosed on the 'Donate' page of the website, as well as donations of smaller amounts from people who agree to have their names published.

"Integrity and transparency issues was one of the reasons why I chose to run as an Independent. Our list of donors is updated regularly and there for all to see - I'd call on the major parties to follow suit."

## Mystery of orange kelpies revealed

Orange kelpies are popping up across South-West Victoria. Have you seen one?

Famously hard-working, loyal and reliable, kelpies are the perfect symbol for the Alex Dyson community independent movement.

Just like the kelpie, Alex was born in the electorate of Wannon - and it represents the way he wants to work for the people of South-West Victoria.

The signs have proven a popular conversation starter about the importance of this community movement. It's all about rounding up votes to get a better deal for Wannon!

Anyone wanting a kelpie sign for their front yard can request one via [AlexDysonIndependent.com/kelpie](https://www.AlexDysonIndependent.com/kelpie)



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

## THE TALKIES

### HOSPITAL BENEFIT NIGHT

Western District Touring Talkies' next big programme is to be screened at Skipton on Thursday, 7th December, and is to be a big charity picture night for Skipton Hospital.

Two big special pictures are billed to appear on the one programme, the leading feature being "Madame Butterfly," a Paramount picture based on the treasured Oriental love story of the same name. Sylvia Sydney, Clary Grant, and Charlie Ruggles are the featured players. The supporting picture is another well-known Capitol special—"Sooky"—with Jackie Cooper and Robert Coogan, and the most lovable youngsters of the day—"Skippy" and his pal "Sooky." Come and laugh at their childish pranks; cry with them in their sorrows. Newsreels and shorts will complete what promises to be a very satisfying programme.

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Some few weeks ago Regal-Tone Touring Talkies booked for an opening night showing at Skipton on Wednesday, December 6. In view of the fact that a special Hospital Picture Night has been arranged for Thursday, December 7, the management of Regal-Tone agreed to a proposal to forego their booking of the 6th and change over to the following Monday, December 11, when they will bring George Wallace, the popular Australian comedian, in "Harmony Row," Efttee Films' greatest comedy production, promising a laugh every 20 seconds. It is hoped that this action of Regal-Tone Touring Talkies will be appreciated and that a bumper house will greet the first showing here of the new company on Monday, December 11.

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### COUNCILS OPPOSE BOARD'S REFUSAL

The Hampden Saire Council has received a circular letter from the municipal clerk at Hamilton requesting co-operation in opposing the policy of the Transport Regulation Board in refusing licences to service motor cars carrying passengers and motor trucks carrying goods, which may compete with railway traffic.

The reasons for opposition are that service cars are a modern means of transport, which, by reason of their speed, comfort and mobility serve a useful purpose in enabling travellers to save time and money when travelling from outlying parts of the State to Melbourne; and that motor trucks save double handling of goods, enabling the producer to have his produce carted and delivered to its destination by the one carrier. It is further claimed that service cars and trucks contribute towards the cost of road maintenance by the fees charged for registration.

The circular suggests that the Railways should meet the motor competition by an adjustment of freights and fares rather than seeking the exclusion of commercial motor traffic from the roads.

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Central Highlands Water (CHW) has options available to help customers manage their water bills and has doubled the amount of financial assistance available to customers to \$2.5 million.

General Manager of Customer and Business Services, Philippa O'Sullivan said people across the Central Highlands region are facing difficulties covering their bills, some for the first time.

"Cost of living has been an issue for many people for quite some time and this time of year can be especially hard with extra expenses adding up over the holiday period," Philippa said.

"Our Customer Assistance team provide our customers with confidential, caring and individualised support, helping them to develop a straight-forward approach to managing their bills."

"We understand every situation is different, and we have a range of solutions to support our customers, including one-off payment extensions to ease short-term pressure, and longer-term payment arrangements to fit all budgets," Philippa said.

"In 2024 we were able to support over 1,500 customers through our financial assistance programs. For those who are becoming concerned about their ability to stay up to date with their payments, we are here to help, and I encourage our customers to contact us either by phone, email, webchat or visiting us at our locations so we can provide a tailored support plan."

"Our transition to quarterly billing is another way we hope will help support household budgets, spreading customers' water bills across four payments per year, rather than three," Philippa said.

CHW financial assistance programs provide tailored options to customers who are having difficulty paying their water bill, including:

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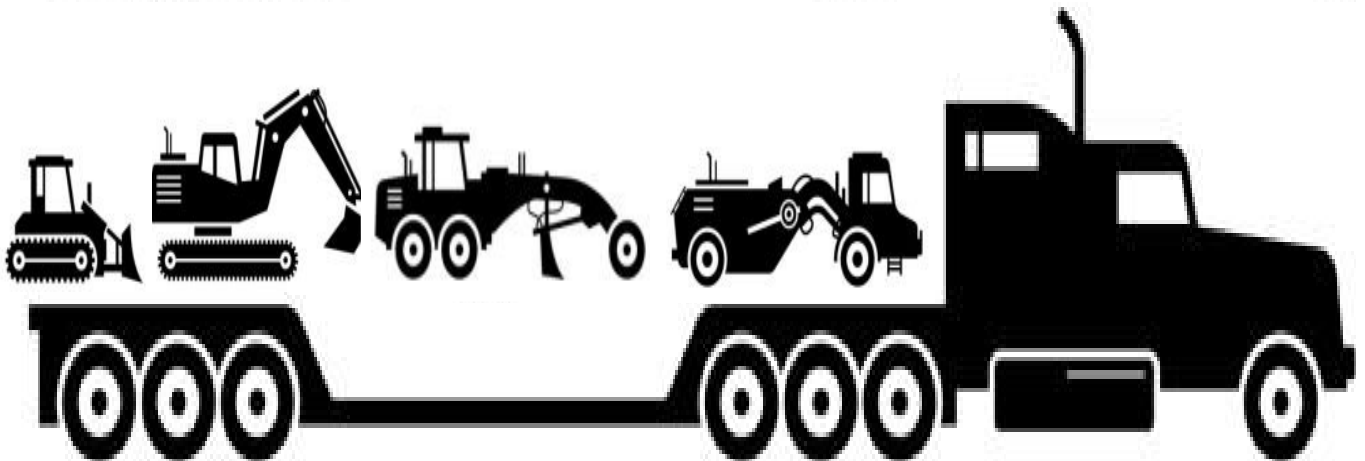
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### 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey

Independent market research agency, National Field Services will start 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey phone calls later this month and continue into March.

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

The survey will involve interviews of a representative sample of residents which will then be analysed by JWS Research.

Details and individual responses are confidential and only the overall results will be shared with Council.

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Specialist help is available to people in the agriculture industry affected south-west Victoria's ongoing drought and fires.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service offers a free and independent service to farmers, with wellbeing counsellors and financial counsellors.

1300 735 578 [wswrcs.com.au/wellbeing](http://wswrcs.com.au/wellbeing).

The National Centre for Farmer Health distributes mental health resources and information for managing stress and mental health, tailored for Victorian farmers and agricultural communities.

[farmerhealth.org.au/support-hub-victoria](http://farmerhealth.org.au/support-hub-victoria)

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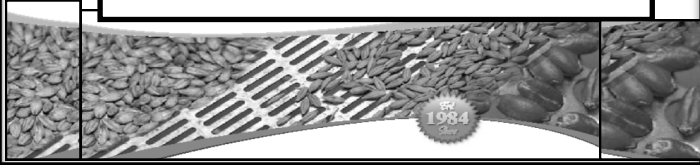
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## 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey starts soon

Independent market researchers will soon call random households to find out the community's opinion on Corangamite Shire Council's performance.

Mayor Kate Makin said the annual survey was a vital tool for making sure Council's services to the community were on track.

"From Tuesday 28 January through to mid-March National Field Services will carry out the community satisfaction survey on Council's behalf.

"The survey has been designed to assess Council's performance across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective services for our residents.

"It will involve 400 interviews with a representative sample of residents.

"We appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback.

"Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential.

"Only the overall results are shared with the Council."

The callers don't have names of residents at a particular number so will never ask for a specific person.

They will always identify as National Field Services and introduce themselves by name and say how long they expect the survey to take

Calls will come from a (03) 9977 number, and never a mobile.

The survey will involve 400 interviews with a representative sample of residents of all ages and backgrounds. The results will then be analysed by JWS Research.

The survey will address a number of the 59 mandatory performance indicators under the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF), which will be included in Council's annual report.

Results are expected by the middle of the year and will rate Council in comparison to similar sized Councils and the state average.

For more information, call Council on 5593 7100.



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#### CALENDAR DATES AND MEETING DETAILS

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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

#### EUCHRE CARD GROUP

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

#### BEAUFORT ART TRAX GALLERY

Is Open: Friday and Monday 11am—3pm  
Saturday & Sunday 10am—4pm .  
Phone: Heather: 0427 492 082

#### 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.

**Saturday 1st February 2025 Skipton Historical Society** General Meeting. 2pm in the Old Police House museum Montgomery Street Skipton. All welcome. Further Information: Secretary on: 0407310990 or email: [skipton.history.au@gmail.com](mailto:skipton.history.au@gmail.com).

**Wednesday 5th February Skipton Progress Association BINGO** at the Skipton Bowls & Golf Club. Doors open 5.30pm eyes down 6.30pm Back to School Theme night, Bar open, free tea & coffee, Light supper \$5. Hope to see you there

**Thursday 6th February Skipton Progress Association Inc, general meeting** 7pm start, at the meeting room Skipton Mechanics Hall Anderson Street. For more information please email [secretaryskiptonpa@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryskiptonpa@gmail.com)

**Sunday 16th February 2025: FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM (Streatham)** open from 11:30am until 4:30pm  
Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer 0466 286 011

**Sunday 16th February 2025. OPEN DAY** at the Skipton Court House Museum and the Old Police House, Skipton Historical Society welcomes visitors from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. A chance to look at our considerable collections, ask those questions that have been bothering you about your Skipton connections, see how we are going with our plans for the old Police Stables, all in the Stewart Park Historical Precinct, Montgomery Street, Skipton. Please contact Secretary on 0407310990 or email: [skipton.history.au@gmail.com](mailto:skipton.history.au@gmail.com)

Make sure you get down to the Skipton Community Op-Shop on the following days to buy a sausage in bread as part of the annual Christmas Party Fund Raiser BBQ for Christmas 2025:

Saturday 1st February

Saturday 1st March

Saturday 5th April

No BBQ May

Saturday 7th June

No BBQ July

Saturday 2nd August

Saturday 6th September

Saturday 4th October

Saturday 1st November

Saturday 6th December

In other words the first Saturday in most months.

#### TO Whom It May Concern.

Missing from the Mechanics Hall one High Raiser Office Chair, belonging to the Seniors Group. Taken between December 2024 and January 20th 2025. This chair is essential for the activities of the Seniors group, and needs to be returned immediately. If anyone knows of its whereabouts they can call Anna Nash 0407324403, or return chair to the hall library Tuesdays 1000am till 1200. Or Fridays 3.00pm till 5.00pm.

Anna Nash.