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Skipton's Treescape



Australia's National Tree Day was on Sunday 30th July and we thought it would be a good opportunity to have a virtual walk around Skipton looking at some of the trees that have become part of our landscape.

Winter of course brings the brilliant yellow wattles of all varieties, and also some of the flowering gums, red especially. This year Corangamite Council's Team Leader for Parks and Gardens has been busy with plantings, and to mark Tree Day more eucalypts were put in by Mick Lodge and his team. (see page 2.)

There will be at least one more tree planted, sponsored by the Progress Association, to go in when a site at the Jubilee Centre is prepared.

Recent street plantings in Blake Street and opposite the Roadhouse are doing well. Historians among us have always been concerned to see that trees planted to record events or the lives of prominent residents are maintained and preserved.

The Historical Society is careful of the plaques that mark each tree.

In Jubilee Park we see how well the (replacement) bunya pine is marking our 1988 Anniversary, and Mick has a replacement for a casualty which commemorated the Donnelly family next to the carpark.

A drive around our streets will see the success of previous plantings in Scott Street, already home to some lovely calistemons and a glorious maple.

The north bank of Jubilee Park Lake is slowly being planted up where superannuated pine trees have been felled. Three trees planted by the Garden Club showed lovely colour this autumn.

Each year we wait for the crab apples outside the Golf Club to flower and then fruit in autumn, and round the corner in front of Anglican Christ Church, behind the Town Entry sign, the line of pin oaks are growing well.

The native plantings outside the school have stabilized now and are providing shade, shelter and environmental support.

And how well the elms are now growing down "School Hill" and around the Comfort Station opposite the shops. The Highway, west of town, is benefiting now from the shade given by grevillia robusta planted as a Memorial Avenue some 15 or more years ago, After the pines were removed.

Also doing well is a line of spotted gums planted outside the Cemetery, the wholesale planting of pine trees some hundred years ago is now coming to haunt us, as they gradually die off and have to be replaced, but have you noticed the two blue pines on Wright Street (East, near the intersection with Anderson Street)?

Some of our trees wait for the "reveal", the attention, clearing and revegetation that the creek bank needs so badly will highlight five very healthy river red gums which absolutely don't mind being flooded, and the old oak trees on the West bank of the creek do indeed deserve a mention. They are the remnants of a Memorial Avenue, the Friends of the RSL is looking for permission to replant (and quite beside the point, we would love to know who created and placed labels on the existing trees for each of the World War 2 soldiers remembered, and extended that to Stewart Park trees). Please contact the Friends of the RSL or the Historical Society for our thanks).

Never go up to the hospital in Skipton without a nod to the Lone Pine (Gallipoli pine) tree in the carpark (you might even spot an owl asleep in the branches).

If we have missed some notable trees, or your favourite, we are thinking of compiling a proper tree guide to Skipton and would welcome suggestions.

(Stewart Park and the Skipton Avenue of Trees at our end of the Rail Trail deserve chapters of their own!)

Thank you Mick, you and your team are creating a lovely environment for us all and with climate change in mind that is one thing that can be done with confidence, plant trees, and look after the ones we have.

David Hunneybell, President Skipton Progress Association Inc. 0431 104 610

Lilla Orton, Secretary, Skipton Progress Association Inc. 0437 455 049



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- * Week Two 10 am Skipton
- * Week Three 10 am Skipton
- * Week Four 10 am Skipton
- * Week Five 11am Lismore.



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- Sunday 6th August: LLA 10:00am
- Sunday 13th August: Mass 8:30 am
- Sunday 20th August: LLA 10:00am
- Sunday 27th July: Mass 8:30 am



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Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 10.30am

Sunday 9.00am



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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Wednesday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am

Friday – 12.05pm, 6.00pm

(Reconciliation at 11.00am until midday)

Saturday –10.00am (Reconciliation at 10.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

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Linocut Workshop

Sunday 20th August 10am - 2pm
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Skipton Pride is supported by Corangamite Shire and Skipton Progress Association



Free Linocut Workshop

To be held at the Mechanics Hall, SPA's Skipton Pride is delighted to offer a second Workshop for those wishing to learn a new artistic skill.

Laura Leslie will be conducting the Free Workshop, but spaces are filling quickly so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Kitchen facilities will be available throughout the session for a cuppa.

Held earlier this month, the Eco Dyeing Workshop with Helen Purvis was extremely popular and Helen is planning for a second Workshop.

Convenor of the SPA "Skipton Pride" Committee, Malcolm Sanders is delighted to offer these two Workshops to the people of the District.

Funding for these sessions was received through Corangamite Shire and has enabled these opportunities to be offered in our area.

Special thanks to Helen Purvis and Laura Leslie for making themselves available to run the two Workshops.

Community shares in grants

Ninety-four community and individual projects will share over \$215,000 from Corangamite Shire Council's 2023-2024 grants program.

Funding from Community Grants, Enabling Grants, Facility Grants, Environment Support Grants and Events and Festivals Grants programs was allocated at the July Council meeting last night.

Mayor Ruth Gstrein said allocating funding through the grants programs was an annual highlight for Council.

"It gives Council a real insight into what our volunteer groups need and it's one of the most valuable ways we can support our communities," Cr Gstrein said.

"It's really terrific that so many people in our community are proactive about such a wide range of projects that reinforce the social fabric of our Shire and make it a great place to live

"I look forward to seeing lots of these projects roll out over the next year," she said.

The Community Grants Program offers up to \$2,000 towards community activities and events including workshops and equipment purchases, planning activities and the development of new community, leisure, cultural or recreational programs. Thirty-six successful applicants received a combined \$58,618.

The Facility Grants Program offers up to \$2,000 (on a dollar-for-dollar basis) to committees and clubs or

organisations whose primary function in the Shire is to help with facility improvements or equipment. Twenty-three successful applicants received a combined \$41,157.38.

The Enabling Grants Program offers up to \$5,000 to assist community groups to develop 'shovel-ready projects'. These grants can pay for business case preparation, scoping, community consultation, plans and drawings, permits and approvals or engagement of professional grant-writing or other assistance to secure project funding.

Four successful applicants received a combined \$20,000.

The Environment Support Grants Program offers up to \$3,000 (on a dollar-for-dollar basis) for environment and sustainability projects, including installation of energy and water saving items at community facilities.

Twenty successful applicants received a combined \$46,526.

The Events and Festivals Grants Program offers up to \$15,000, made up of a maximum of \$10,000 grant funding and a maximum of \$5,000 of in-kind support. It is intended for bigger events that increase visitation and stimulate economic activity in the Shire.

Twelve successful applicants received a combined \$41,000 funding and \$15,260 in-kind support.

Those in the Northern end of the Shire who received Grants are included in SCN on page 4.

Visit Council Website to see other winners.



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Community Grants Program		
Skipton & District Campdraft Club	Fencing and shower block upgrades	\$2,000
Environment Support Grants Program		
Lismore Land Protection Group	Landcare series for land-owners in north of Shire	\$3,000
Lismore Land Protection Group	Environmental education on property in north of Shire	\$1,260
Mount Elephant Community Management Inc	Weed control to protect remnant native vegetation at Mt Elephant	\$3,000
Environment Support Grants Program		
Skipton Golf and Bowls Club	Barefoot Bowls	\$2,000
Lismore Men's Shed Incorporated	Purchase of power tools	\$2,000
Lismore Swimming Pool Committee of Management	Swimming starting blocks	\$2,000

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Public Notices

SKIPTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will hold it's
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Sunday 6th August.

at 2.00 p.m.

in the Old Police House,
in the Historical Precinct,

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phone Secretary on 5340 2186.

Pyrenees Shire Council seeks funds for flood mitigation in Avoca

Pyrenees Shire Council will be making an application for funding to further investigate flood mitigation options at the Avoca Recreation Reserve as part of its ongoing flood recovery program.

The Avoca Recreation Reserve was significantly impacted by extreme weather and flooding events in October and November 2022. This is not the first time flooding has impacted the area.

"Major flood events have been devastating for users of the Recreation Reserve and incredibly disruptive for the Avoca community as a whole," Pyrenees Shire Council CEO Jim Nolan said. "It's critical that we continue to push to find ways to mitigate future flooding events."

At its July meeting, Council supported an application be made for funding under the Victorian Government's Risk and Resilience Grant Program, which aims to reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters on communities and economies.

The funding would be used to build on the 2019 Avoca River Flood Study, which outlined several potential ways to reduce the impact of future floods, including channel clearing, raising levee banks, and building a bund at the Avoca Recreation Reserve.

Mr Nolan says that if funding is secured, the next step will be to engage with the community about the range of options available.

"No decision has yet been made on whether to build a flood barrier," said Mr Nolan. "If this application is successful, we'll be working closely with local residents, user groups at the Recreation Reserve and the broader community to figure out which of our options is the most viable."

My local chip shop has started using magazines instead of newspapers. I'm currently eating them out of "House and Home"

CALL TO HONOUR INSPIRING ABORIGINAL VICTORIANS

The Andrews Labor Government is calling for nominations to recognise the outstanding work and achievements of Aboriginal Victorians, past and present, to celebrate their contributions to Victoria.

Nominations are now open for the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll, which formally recognises Aboriginal people who have made a significant contribution to the community and the state.

Since it was established in 2010, the Honour Roll has recognised 139 Aboriginal people for their work in a wide range of fields including health, education, justice, sport, the arts, community leadership and military service.

Honour Roll inductees come from across the state and throughout history and include:

- legendary singer-songwriters Uncle Archie Roach AM and Ruby Hunter
- artist and activist William Barak, who played a key role in founding and maintain the self-sufficient Aboriginal community Coranderrk near Healesville in the nineteenth century
- activist, entrepreneur and theatre producer William 'Bill' Onus, who is also thought to be the first Aboriginal filmmaker and subject of the recent documentary *Ablaze*
- former Co-Chair of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria Aunty Geraldine Atkinson, who from 2019-22 helped negotiate the Treaty elements required to begin Treaty negotiations in Victoria.

Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Gabrielle Williams said, "*The Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll is our opportunity to celebrate the remarkable dedication and determination of Aboriginal people across the state and their contributions to a better future for all Victorians.*"

"I encourage Victorians to nominate an Aboriginal community member they know who has made a difference – whether in the past or today – and have their leadership, achievements and contribution to the community formally recorded for future generations."

The 2023 inductees will have their personal stories added to the Honour Roll, which is on permanent display in the Victorian Parliament.

Nominations for the Honour Roll will close at midnight on Sunday, 20 August. For more information, visit www.firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/VAHR.

Just For Fun

My mate told me that he thought he was the worst vet in the world. I said "Don't put yourself down."

I said to my doctor, "Call it a hunch, but I'm pretty sure I have an abnormal convex curvature of the upper spine."

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Eco-dyeing workshop with Helen Purvis

Many thanks Malcolm Sanders for the Photos of the Group and their wonderful work.

New skills taught at the Mechanics Hall on 9th of July saw a diverse range of completed works for the group of Ladies to take home to cheer up a smaller spot in the home with colour with a practical use as well.

Some of the ladies travelled distances to attend the Workshop and locals able to make new friends whilst assisting each other as they learnt from Helen Purvis, an extremely talented resident of Skipton. Congratulations Helen and ladies, K



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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

BSHS NAMED AS FINALIST

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service have been named as a finalist in the 'Small Employer of the Year' and the 'Employer Award for Apprenticeship Development' categories of the 2023 Victorian Training Awards.

The Victorian Training Awards recognise the excellence in the vocational education sector, celebrating the achievements of apprentices and trainees, students, teachers, trainers, employers and training providers throughout the state.

Traineeships for several sectors were developed and implemented, including Diploma of Nursing, an apprenticeship upskilling cooks through a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery, and a Diploma in Community Health for community case managers.



Meryn Pease (CEO), with Learning and Development Manager, Kim Stevens.

RIPON PEACE AND DELAMA REACCREDITED

We have received official confirmation that both Ripon Peace (Beaufort Nursing Home) and Delama (Beaufort Hostel) have received full accreditation for the next three years. Both sites are fully compliant with all 42 requirements.

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Council's four week 'Spring into Summer' program returns to Golden Plains in 2023 with the program running across the Shire from Monday 18 September to Sunday 15 October.

The program offers a range of physical activities to be delivered across Golden Plains, delivered by experienced local health, fitness and sport professionals with options suitable for all ages, interests and fitness levels.

The program allows community members to explore new ways to move with a range of different activities that encourage physical activity and social connection.

The timetable will be released shortly, with a mix of free and low-cost activities, there is something for everyone.

To get involved in this year's Spring into Summer program, or if you have any queries, contact Council's Recreation Team on 5220 7111 or email:

recreation@gplains.vic.gov.au

For further information and updates, visit Council's website:

goldenplains.vic.gov.au/activegoldenplains



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COUNCIL CELEBRATES YOUNG ATHLETICS CHAMPION - GRACE CROWE

Ross Creek teenager Grace Crowe has been recognised for her exceptional athletics achievements with a Citizen Recognition Award at the Golden Plains Shire Council meeting on 25 July 2023.

Grace is 14 years old and recently represented Victoria in sprint and relay events at the 2023 Australian Track & Field Championships in Brisbane, taking home bronze as part of Victorian Under-16 4X100 metres relay team. Grace also excelled at Victorian Under-16 Championships in Melbourne earlier this year, taking home gold in the 100 metre and 200 metre sprint events.

In addition to representing Victoria, Grace is an invaluable member of the Ballarat Harriers Athletics Club, contributing her talent and commitment to the team. Furthermore, she competes individually and as part of relays for Ballarat at the state level, displaying her determination and sportsmanship.

Grace joined Little Athletics at the age of eight and has demonstrated her passion and talent for the sport ever since.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Cunningham congratulated Grace on her well-deserved recognition.

"Grace's achievements inspire us all, and we are proud to have her as an exemplary member of our community.

"The Citizen Recognition Award is a testament to Grace's remarkable success, resilience, and dedication to athletics. Golden Plains Shire celebrates her achievements and looks forward to witnessing Grace's continued growth as an athlete and as a role model for our youth."

Council's Citizen Recognition Award program recognises Golden Plains Shire residents who take part in State Level or Above competition. To nominate yourself, or another resident, visit www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/community/awards-and-recognition/recognising-local-citizens



Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham with Grace Crowe



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My Climate View

The Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO have unveiled a new name for their digital information product 'My Climate View', along with updates to help more farmers make informed decisions now to build climate resilience for decades to come.

Previously known as the Climate Services for Agriculture online platform, My Climate View is unique in providing farmers with critical data to assess how climate trends, including changes to temperature and rainfall, might impact their business for specific commodities and date ranges in their location, to a 5 km² resolution.

Along with the new name, My Climate View has been updated with:

- climate information on new commodities – avocados, cherries and chickpeas
- significant improvements to how users access and view their local and commodity-specific climate information
- details on how climate information is calculated.

The Australian Government's Climate Services for Agriculture program is a collaboration between the Bureau of Meteorology and Australia's national science agency, CSIRO.

Bureau of Meteorology Program Director, Climate Services for Agriculture, Elizabeth Johnston said My Climate View is a product that has been designed by farmers for farmers.

"The Climate Services for Agriculture team has engaged

extensively with Australia's agricultural sector to understand what climate information and services the sector needs and how it is best presented," Ms Johnston said.

"It is critical Australian farmers and communities have the locally relevant and commodity-specific information they need to prepare for the future," she said.

"The product presents past and future climate information, all in one place."

The program team, which includes agricultural scientists, climate scientists, social scientists, digital product developers, and communication and engagement specialists, continues to integrate feedback from farmers and their advisers across Australia into the My Climate View product.

CSIRO's Drought Resilience Mission lead, Dr Graham Bonnett, said more than 2,000 people who work in agriculture had been engaged across Australia.

"My Climate View has been developed to help farmers understand the aspects of future climate that are most relevant to them and what they farm," Dr Bonnett said.

The Climate Services for Agriculture program is part of the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund's investment into the development of better climate information for Australia's agriculture sector.

[My Climate View](#) is available now and free to all users. Farmers and the agriculture sector are encouraged to explore their local climate information and share their feedback: CSAEnquiries@csiro.au.

What is National Tree Day?

Established in 1996 by Planet Ark, National Tree Day has grown into **Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event.**

The program is a call to action for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to their community

Each year, around 300,000 people volunteer their time to engage in environmental activities that educate Australians about the world around them. While every day can be Tree Day, we dedicate celebration of Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day to the last Friday and last Sunday in July. It's a day to venture outdoors, get to know your community and, most importantly, have fun!

Why plant trees?

Trees are natural carbon sequesters – meaning they absorb and capture carbon from our atmosphere. The timber they produce is also an important, environmentally friendly building material because it stores carbon and is a renewable resource. So it's important we continue to plant trees and look after our



natural environment.

Being in nature is also good for your health and wellbeing! Having a dedicated day to plant a tree (or more) gets us all out and into our beautiful landscapes.

What is The Seedling Bank?

The National Tree Day program has seen Australian communities plant almost 26 million trees since 1996. These trees have been supplied through fundraising and campaigns at a local level.

To help further support Australian communities with their tree planting efforts, we created The Seedling Bank in 2019. Through generous donations from individuals and businesses, we can provide financial support to schools and community groups where seedlings are needed the most.

Financial grants are awarded directly to successful applicants to get seedlings in the ground and help restore our unique Australian landscape.

*Without trees there is no life. National Tree Day is a celebration of trees and the many benefits they have in society from many different perspectives, such as health and wellbeing to environmental sustainability. I love that this program aims to connect people with nature, and to inspire and educate our future generations on the importance trees play in society – Simone Horder, National Tree Day Manager

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This week has been all about being settled. Students and staff are becoming comfortable in their new spaces and have been doing all that they can to adjust once again to the changes.

It has been great to have so many visitors into the school, checking out how things are going and having a look at the new building. Our students are loving the new outdoor space, using it regularly for eating their snacks, playing games with their friends and having a quiet place to just sit!

I have seen some wonderful acts of kindness around the school in the last week and think I might start keeping an extra special eye out to try and share some moments with our community! Like when a particular Grade 6 student gave a prep their ribbons on Sports Day because the Prep lost theirs or when a Grade 5 student took on a leadership role in choice learning, supporting the Grade 3/4s to learn new skills. These are the little moments that make me proud to be at Skipton.

Next week will be a very busy week of learning! I am going to endeavour to share with you each newsletter some of the up and coming learning for the week ahead through a little message from the teachers. This will support communication with the students being able to share their learning at home.

From Mrs Britton - Preps are celebrating their first 100 days of school on Monday. They will participate in activities around the number 100, including with their Grade 6 buddies for one session. They will show off their "100 year old selves" during assembly at 10:45. Grade ones are looking forward to working with Michelle and the grade 2s on Monday.

From Michelle - Next week in Grade 2 we are focusing on identifying character traits during reading time, reading and writing fairytales and addition and subtraction strategies.

From Miss Sheils - The 3/4 students will continue to develop their fractions knowledge. We have enjoyed our new game 'make a whole'. Also, this week in cooking we will be planning a meal based on current food guides and policies.

From Mrs Bourke -

Next week in 5/6, students will be practising their ability to engage their audience with 'Sizzling Persuasive Starts'. They'll be aiming



to incorporate persuasive devices including rhetorical questions, imagery, figurative language (including lots of hyperbole!), using research and quotations, imagery and anecdotes.

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Tuesday 22nd August: **CFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on at 7.30pm at the Fire Station. All CFA members invited.

Central Highlands Football Netball League Finals: (Not yet official)

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- * Sunday 27th August: Elimination Final
- * Saturday 26th August: 2nd SEMI FINAL
- * Saturday 26th August: 1st SEMI FINAL

- * Sunday 27th August: PRELIMINARY FINAL
- * Saturday 16th September: **GRAND FINAL**

Monday 28th August: **THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** meet at 7:30 pm, in the Supper Room Mechanics Hall, Skipton. **Theme for August: "TBA"**. Everyone welcome, young , old, amateur, professional or just interested. Enquires Karen Crosbie ph 0448871784 or Karen Bradshaw ph 0439 630 884

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Monday 25th September: **THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT**

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We are interested in your opinions on existing facilities in developed areas of Skipton, and your thoughts and aspirations for the future of Skipton.

A survey has been prepared to identify and discuss key structure planning considerations, namely activities and land use (residential; enterprise, retail and business; civic, cultural and community facilities), character, open space, movement and transport, and cultural and environmental values (European and Aboriginal heritage, environmental).

Council invites you to use the QR code or go to corangamite.vic.gov.au/Skipton-Structure-Plan-feedback to access the online survey, and have your say.



Additionally, a community 'drop-in' session will be held on Wednesday August 23 in the Skipton Mechanics Hall. You are invited to meet with Council staff and the project team anytime between 2.30 pm and 6.30 pm to discuss the project, get further information, and provide us with your ideas for the future of Skipton.

For more information, please visit corangamite.vic.gov.au/SkiptonPlan or call Strategic Planner Kristen Wilkes or Manager Planning and Building Aaron Moyné on 5593 7104.

Berrybank Hall AGM

The Berrybank Hall Annual General Meeting at the hall at 10 am, Thursday 10 August. A Committee of Management will be elected or the forthcoming term.

All district residents interested in the operations and future development of the Hall are invited to attend. For further information, please call Council on 5593 7100.

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LITERACY

We have started Literature Circles, and students are focused on delving deeply into one text for the term. They will also have time to read a variety of genres from the classroom library and MARC van. Students will be refining their summarising, synthesising, analysing and critiquing skills. They shall also use Kids News to remain current with current affairs - which will link to our writing focus. Below are some texts we are exploring this term.



This term we are focusing on **PERSUASIVE** writing. Students will be practising their debating skills, including their ability to form a substantial argument. They may also create:

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Even though she might find a choccie biscuit in the staff centre for her birthday, but no luck!

OSHC

Just a little reminder that OSHC is now taking place in the Mackinnon Hall. The best access for this building for families is through the double gates on School Street, just near the bus gate. Having OSHC in this space ensures the safety of our students with close access to everything they need before or after school. Just a reminder that school supervision does not start until 8.45am. If you think your child will be arriving before then, please book them into OSHC.

Winter Sports Day

Winter Sports will be going ahead for all students on Friday the 4th of August. Please keep an eye out for details on Compass and let us know if you are arranging your own travel. We will leave Skipton around 9:15am, taking our lunch with us, and leave Rokewood to come back to school after 1pm.

Parent Teacher Conferences – Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th of August

Times have been made available on Compass for Parent Teacher Conferences. We would really appreciate everyone trying their best to either come into school or have a phone call to discuss the goals of each student.

Prime Drinks

Prime drinks have been coming to school lately. We ask that students please don't bring this drink to school as the recommended age for consumption is 15 and older. We appreciate your support.

School Swimming

We are on the hunt for anyone in our school community that may be AustSwim accredited to support our swimming program in the last 2 weeks of Term 4. If you have your training, or would like to complete this training, please let us know! We would love the support in teaching this vital skill to our students.

School Photos – Thursday August 10th

School Photos will be held on Thursday the 10th of



Look at these 2 cheeky faces enjoying their new space. Trying to stop themselves from giggling too hard!

August. Orders can now be placed via the Compass App. Full school uniform with jumpers please.

Harvfest

The kind people on the HarvFest Ball committee have once again donated to our Breakfast club program. The generous \$3000.00 donation helps us feed the extra hungry tummies that we are seeing at the moment by supplying toast, cereal and other options. We seem to be busier than ever so we very much appreciate the financial help to keep this service going.

Grade 5/6 Overnight at Sovereign Hill

Our Grade 5/6 students will be attending our bi-annual overnight camp at Sovereign Hill on Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18th of August. Parents will be required to provide transport to and from Sovereign Hill both Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. The cost will be \$220.00 per child. More information about photos and costume requirements will be sent home early next week. Approval and payment is now open via Compass.

Our New Building! Is now in use, thanks to builders and Tradies for your great work. Thanks Nat for photos. K



SKIPTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB Inc NEWS

Skipton took on Rokewood at home on Saturday, a welcome return to sport after a week off.

We also took the opportunity to hold our Sponsors, Donors and life members day. I have since found that a couple of life members missed out on their invitations, a situation that we would like to apologise for. This is clearly something that we don't want to repeat and steps will be taken to ensure our life members are recognised properly.

The sponsors day was otherwise a great success. MC Graham Layley handled the job with ease, adding his own commentary on the importance of volunteering and value of the club to the community in general. Guest speaker Robert DiPierdomenico was very entertaining with a wealth of stories from his football career, life in general and the characters of the game.

The football was a similar one to past weeks for the under 12s, unfortunately not bothering the scorers, but working hard on learning the game, skills and self confidence.

Skipton 0.0-0 to Rokewood 4.5-29

Best were Lachie Barr, Harry Dumayne, Billy King, and Freddy Weatherly.

The under 15s were also defeated and may be rueing the lost opportunities caused by inaccurate kicking. Skipton 2.8-20 to 3.5-23

Best were Joshua Hooper George Wills, Harrison Collins, George Collins, Noah Connell and Patrick Gowans.

Th under 18s was a similar story, Rokewood more efficient and making the better of their chances. Skipton 2.4-16 to 4.2-26

Best include Bailey meek, Cooper Cahill, Jordan Martin, Lachlan Gardner, Campbell Kennedy and Hamish Draffin.

The reserve side managed to turn things to our advantage, but it took the last kick of the day to do it according to Fraser Morcombe. A good kick too, he tells me.

Skipton victorious 5.9-39 to 5.6-36

Best Sam Peeters, Andrew Robertson, Xavier Connell Jethro Kirby Fraser Morcombe and James Blackburn.

The senior game commenced with special guest "Dipper" tossing the coin and making his allegiances clear to the Rokewood team.

Skipton started strongly and apart from a period in the second where Rokewood managed three goals in succession, controlled the game, finishing strongly 16.9-105 to 9.9-63

Best players, Ben Krol, Mitch Gilbert, Josh Draffin, Rhys Monument, Lakota Stranks and Jack McClure.

After a post game drink with the opposition we headed down to the local hall for a very successful and entertaining goods and services auction. Thanks again to Kate Fay for organising, everyone for the generous donations and of course the spirited bidders.

Next week we travel to Springbank for a test against a quality side. Look forward to seeing you all there.

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CLICK AND COLLECT – MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WAITING TO BE CLAIMED

Victorians have been encouraged to go online to find out if they are among thousands of people with a claim on a pool of unclaimed money topping \$109 million.

The State Revenue Office (SRO) holds records of money that remain unclaimed after 12 months including refunds, rents and bonds, share dividends, salaries and wages, debentures, interest and proceeds from sales. The majority of entitlements have been held by the SRO for less than 10 years.

A man last listed as living in Box Hill with \$882,697 waiting to be claimed and an Ardeer woman who is sitting on a potential \$259,828 windfall are among the Victorians who could be a few clicks away from securing a windfall.

A South Yarra woman has 72 entitlements worth \$170,105 recorded in her name while a Doncaster man has 65 entitlements totalling \$80,264.

The SRO has a record of 45,653 entitlements in the City of Melbourne worth \$13,633,759 while Stonnington (\$7,516,798), Boroondara (\$7,103,869) and Port Phillip (\$5,620,411) are also home to many potential claimants.

In regional Victoria, Mornington Peninsula leads the way with \$2.8 million followed by Yarra Ranges (\$2 million) and Greater Geelong (\$1.9 million). Across the state, there are some 678,000

entitlements waiting to be claimed.

In addition to unclaimed money, the SRO also holds all Tattersalls, Intralot and Tabcorp prizes, as well as TAB winnings, that have remained unclaimed for six months or more.

The highest unclaimed gaming entitlement is \$2,136,327 from Tattersalls which was received in March 2016. To claim these winnings, you must supply your original ticket.

Treasurer Tim Pallas said, "I encourage Victorians to go online and conduct a search – this is money that belongs to citizens and we want it in their hands."

"If the SRO is holding unclaimed money in your name you'll know within seconds, and the process for recovery is straight forward."

All Victorian businesses and trustees holding \$20 or more in unclaimed money are reminded they must record and keep the money for at least 12 months, then lodge it with the SRO. Lodgements can be made via the SRO website.

To search for unclaimed money, visit sro.vic.gov.au/unclaimedmoney. You will need your name or company name, and the address that you believe the unclaimed money lodging organisation would have had on file.

See bottom for top-10 tables and go to sro.vic.gov.au/unclaimedmoneylga for details of unclaimed money in each local government area.

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Meetings & Coming Events



Wednesday 2nd August 2023: **DARLINGTON FILM NIGHT**, featuring "LOVING VINCENT" 7pm DARLINGTON HALL, \$5 including supper, Drinks for Sale

Thursday 3rd August. **SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.** reminds all **members** that they are urged to attend the August meeting of the Association, at 7.00p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Please contact Secretary on 0437 455 049 or President David on 0431 104 610 for further information.

Saturday 5th August: Round 15 CHFNL: **Springbank v SKIPTON (Away)**

Saturday 5th August: Round 15 MDFL **SMW Rovers v Great Western (Home)**

Saturday 5th August: Round 15 MDFL **Lismore Derrinallum v Glenthompson Dunkeld (Home)**

Sunday 6th August: **SKIPTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will hold its **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** at 2.00p.m. in the Old Police House in the Historical Precinct, Montgomery Street, Skipton. Visitors welcome, new members especially welcome as we move to the next 10 years assured of our home in the Historical Precinct. Contact via email skipton.history.au@gmail.com phone Secretary 5340 2186.

Monday 7th August: **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** Meeting at 7:30 at the Supper Room. All welcome.

Tuesday 8th August. **FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH** will meet at 6.00 p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall to plan for the coming year (this meeting re-scheduled attend, please contact Secretary Gail on 0403530293 or President Graham Layley on 0407278120 for further information.

Saturday 12th August: **SKIPTON MARKET** will be held in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall**, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., with a wide variety of stalls, and a warm welcome to a snack and coffee with friends in the Supper Room. Stall bookings and inquiries to Jan, Market Co-ordinator on 5340 2204 or check [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SkiptonCommunityMarket) Skipton Community Market.

Saturday 12th August: Round 16 CHFNL: **SKIPTON v Beaufort (Home)**

Saturday 12th August: Round 16 MDFL **SMW Rovers v Hawkesdale/Macarthur (Home)**

Saturday 12th August: Round 16 MDFL **Lismore Derrinallum v Ararat Eagles (Home)**

Monday 14th August **Stewart Park Committee of Management** will meet at 6.00 p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall.

Are you interested in volunteering? Please drop in or come to our Working Bee on Tuesday 22nd August. Contact Victoria on 0437 565 404 for further information.

Friday 18th August. **On this day in 1966 27 Australian soldiers died in the Battle of Lon Tan, in the Vietnam Conflict.** Friends of the RSL will hold a brief ceremony at the Skipton War Memorial on Anderson Street, Skipton to recognise their sacrifice. **Lest We Forget**

Friday 18 August 2023: **DARLINGTON FILM NIGHT**, featuring "YESTERDAY" 7pm DARLINGTON HALL, \$5 including supper, Drinks for Sale



Saturday 19th August: Round 17 CHFNL: **Bungaree v SKIPTON (Away)**

Sunday 20th August: **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM (Streatham)** open from 11:30am until 4:30pm (Compliance with appropriate COVID regulations is required. Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer, 0466 286 011.

Sunday 20th August: **The SKIPTON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM and THE OLD POLICE HOUSE** in the Historical Precinct in Stewart Park, Skipton, will be open to visitors from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. All very welcome, please contact **Skipton Historical Society** via email skipton.history.au@gmail.com for further information or to have your questions answered.

Tuesday 22nd August. **WORKING BEE IN STEWART PARK, Skipton.** You are invited to join members from 10.00 a.m. to

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