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Public Notices

Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact: Marilyn Ellis 5340 3515 for enquires
Service times: 9.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
 of each month.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart or Belle 5349 5553 with enquiries.

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,
 Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan Phone: 5331 4981,

Sunday Masses throughout

St Peter's Catholic Parish of Linton

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| St John's, Skipton | Sunday 10.30am |
| St Brigid's, Snake Valley | Saturday 6.30pm |
| St Peter's, Linton | Sunday 9.00am |
| St. Aloysius, Redan | Thursday 9.30am |
| St. James, Sebastopol | Friday 9.30am |
| | Saturday 5.00pm |
| | Sunday 10.30am |
| | Sunday 9.00am |



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Monday** – 10.00am **Tuesday** – 7.00am and 10.00am
- 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

Bishop: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR **Parish Administrator:** Fr Ed Moloney
Assistant Priests: Fr Abraham Thomas Fr James McKay.
Visiting Priests: Fr Dan Arundell Fr Barry Ryan. **Parish Secretary** *Sacramental*
Coordinator Tony Beggs. **Finance Officer:** Bernadette Prestwood. **Safeguarding**
Officers: Tony Beggs/Maria Noonan



BIBLE THOUGHT

Is there anyone among you who will give a useless object
 when someone in genuine need seeks succour?.

Matthew ch 10, v. 9

SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

Beaufort Road, Skipton.

Transfer Station opens next on

- Wed 23rd August 2023, Sun 3rd September 2023
- Wed 6th September 2023, Sun 17th September 2023,
- Wed 20th September 2023, Sun 31st August 2023,

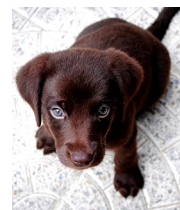
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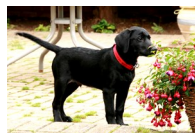
Public Notices
FOR SALE

6 Labrador pups

2 x Chocolate, 4 x Black, M/S,
 Great Natured,



MS/W 956000015967567,
 Source MB227258,
 available from 15th August,
 Phone: 0418 519 231



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Phone: 5340 2238

**Have Your say on the
 Skipton Structure Plan**

Corangamite Council's invites your
 opinions for a
Structure Plan for Skipton.



Drop In Session THIS AFTERNOON / EVENING

Wednesday August 23rd, at the Hall,
 from 2:30pm till 7:30pm

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NOTICE OF MEETING

SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.

SPA Inc invites all interested residents, of
 Skipton & District, especially leaders of local
 Groups and Organisations, to a



Public Input Session and

Public Meeting

On Thursday 7th September 2023

At 7.00 p.m.

in the Skipton Mechanics Hall.

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SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.

will meet at 6.30 p.m.

On: Thursday 7th September,
 prior to the **PUBLIC MEETING AT 7PM**
 for their regular (but abbreviated)
 monthly meeting for September.

Please contact Progress Association

President David Hunneybell on 0431 104 610
 Or Secretary on 0437 455 049

with any questions or for further information.

Vietnam Veterans Day Battle of Long Tan, 1966

Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch were honoured to be able to mount a ceremony on Friday 18th August to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day and the Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

President of the Friends, Graham Layley led those assembled in a welcome spot of sunlight through the meaning of the day and through details of the Battle of Long Tan, in which 27 Australian soldiers died.

It is the first time Friends of the RSL have marked this day, Graham promised that it would be an annual event from now on, Skipton's chance to honour and acknowledge the service and sacrifices of those who served in the Vietnam Conflict, which ended for Australia 50 years ago, though the memories and scars remain.

Let We Forget



Top: A pleasing number of Skipton's residents braved the cooler morning to remember those who fought in the war in Vietnam.

Below: Bob Baysinger and Graham Layley at the Skipton Service at War Memorial last Friday to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Battle at Long Tan.

Commemorative Services & Events

50th Anniversary of Long Tan

On Friday 18th August Australians assembled at the Country's War Memorials, to honour the service and sacrifice, for some the Supreme Sacrifice, of Australia's Servicemen and Women during the Vietnam War at nationwide commemorative services this month.

The 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August — which is also Vietnam Veterans Day — the centrepiece of commemorations honouring Australia's Vietnam War veterans.

Almost 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam from 1962 until 1975, 521 lost their lives and more than 3,000 were wounded. Many more veterans suffered, and continue to suffer, because of their service.

The Battle of Long Tan took place on 18 August 1966. It was the one of the fiercest battles fought by Australian soldiers in the Vietnam War, seeing 105 Australians and three New Zealanders from D Company 6RAR fighting off and defeating a Main Force Viet Cong Regiment including North Vietnamese troops.

A total of 17 Australians were killed in action and 25 were wounded, one of whom later died of his wounds. D Company were greatly assisted by an ammunition resupply by RAAF helicopters, close fire support from New Zealand's 161 Field Battery, together with additional artillery support from the Australian task force base at Nui Dat, and the arrival of reinforcements in APCs as night fell.

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Skipton and District Historical Society AGM

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society on 6th August 2023

The following officers were elected to the Committee:

President: David Hunneybell ph0431 104 610

Vice President: Lilla Orton ph0437455 049

Treasurer: Terry Gosling

Secretary: Barb Pett ph0407 310 990

Assistant Secretary: Sharon Andrewartha

Publicity: Lilla Orton

New members always welcome, visit us or

Email skipton.history.au@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR A

FARMERS' NIGHT OUT

TO CELEBRATE FARMERS AND HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

FRIDAY | **22** | SEPTEMBER

6PM FOR A 6.30PM START

NOORAT RECREATION RESERVE
MACKINNONS BRIDGE ROAD, NOORAT

3 COURSE MEAL, LIVE MUSIC, PANEL DISCUSSION
AND COMEDIAN SARAH MAREE CAMERON

TICKETS: \$40 EACH, DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
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RSVP: 14 SEPTEMBER 2023



FURTHER INFORMATION: INFO@LGSC.ORG.AU OR JANE HINDS (PROJECT LEAD) 0447 787 890
This is an initiative of three 2023 LGSC Community Leadership Program participants



Let's talk about food.

Do you live in Corangamite Shire?

Do you find it tough to get the food you need?

We want to hear from you.

Survey is open 23rd August until 13th September

SCAN ME



FIND OUT MORE AND
FILL IN SURVEY

SouthWest
Healthcare
Regional Health Promotion



The Health Promotion team at South West Healthcare want to hear from people about their experience buying and eating food in the Corangamite Shire.

We know that the last few years have been tough, the cost of living is rising and it is hard for many households to get the food they need. We want to understand this issue locally, so that we can find the best ways to support our community.

You can tell us about the challenges you face, as well as what you need to support you to eat nutritious and delicious food, by completing the Corangamite Food Survey. If you would prefer to chat to us, you can contact us at healthpromotion@swh.net.au

Follow this link, or scan the QR code to complete our 10 minute survey - <https://redcap.link/corangamitefoodsurvey>

You can also find hard copies of the survey at:

Lismore Community Health
Terang Community Health
Camperdown Community House

Simpson Community Centre
Timboon Community Health

Vietnam Veterans' Day and the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan

The **Battle of Long Tan** was a significant moment in Australia's war in Vietnam. On 18 August 1966, in a rubber plantation near the village of **Long Tan**, Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles of the war

The **Battle of Long Tan** (18 August 1966) took place in a rubber plantation near Long Tân, in Phước Tuy Province, South Vietnam, during the Vietnam War. The action was fought between Viet Cong (VC) and People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) units and elements of the 1st Australian Task Force (1 ATF).

Australian signals intelligence (SIGINT) had tracked the VC 275th Regiment and D445 Battalion moving to a position just north of Long Tan. By 16 August, it was positioned near Long Tan outside the range of the 1 ATF artillery at Nui Dat. Using mortars and recoilless rifles (RCLs), on the night of 16/17 August, the VC attacked Nui Dat from a position 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) to the east, until counter-battery fire made it stop. The next morning D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR), departed Nui Dat to locate the firing positions and determine the direction of the VC withdrawal. D Company found weapon pits and firing positions for mortars and RCLs, and around midday on 18 August made contact with VC elements.

Facing a larger force, D Company called in artillery support. Heavy fighting ensued as the VC attempted to encircle and destroy the Australians, who were resupplied several hours later by two UH-1B Iroquois from No. 9 Squadron RAAF. With the help of strong artillery fire, D Company held off a regimental assault before a relief force of M113 armoured personnel carriers and infantry from Nui Dat reinforced them that night. Australian forces then pulled back to evacuate their casualties and formed a defensive position; when they swept through the area next day, the VC had withdrawn and the operation ended on 21 August.

Although 1 ATF initially viewed Long Tan as a defeat, the action was later re-assessed as a strategic victory since it prevented the VC moving against Nui Dat. The VC also considered it a



victory, due to the political success of an effective ambush and securing of the area around the village.

Whether the battle impaired the capabilities of the VC is disputed.

6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR)

is a mechanised infantry battalion of the Australian Army. It was originally raised in Brisbane, Queensland, on 6 June 1965 and has since then served in a number of overseas deployments and conflicts including South Vietnam, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. During the Vietnam War, the battalion earned a US Presidential Unit Citation from the United States when members from 'D' Company participated in the Battle of Long Tan on 18–19 August 1966. The battalion is currently based at Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane and forms part of the 7th Brigade.

6 RAR was raised on 6 June 1965 at Alamein Barracks at Enoggera in Brisbane, Queensland, when a cadre of officers and non-commissioned officers (NCOs) and two rifle companies were transferred from 2 RAR to form the nucleus of the new battalion.^[1] The battalion was then brought up to full strength when an intake of 250 national servicemen marched-in in September 1965.^[1] The battalion's complement of platoon commanders was rounded out shortly after this with the arrival of six Scheyville graduates.^[2]

The battalion's first commanding officer was Lieutenant Colonel Colin Townsend, DSO, while Warrant Officer 1 George Chinn, DCM, came from the Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) based at Campbell Barracks in Perth as its first regimental sergeant major. It was initially assigned to the 6th Task Force (which was later to become 6th Brigade).^[1] In early 1966, 6 RAR received orders to deploy to Vietnam as part of the expansion of Australia's forces there. In order to prepare for this, the battalion undertook lead-up training at the Jungle Training Centre at Canungra and then at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area before the advance party flew out for Saigon on 31 May 1966.^[2]

Photo to Right: Five national servicemen assigned to 6 RAR photographed *shortly before they and the battalion were deployed to South Vietnam in 1966*

Information taken from the Long Tan website. All references throughout are for the website references. K

Lest We Forget

COMMUNITY MEMBERS INVITED TO JOIN COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Golden Plains Shire Council is inviting community members to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for participation in its Advisory Committees: Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee and Active Ageing & Inclusion Advisory Committee.

By joining these Committees, members will have an opportunity to engage directly with local issues, make meaningful impacts, influence the design and delivery of community initiatives or programs and identify advocacy issues that play a vital role in shaping the future of our Shire.

Committee members will work alongside Council

representatives, fostering collaboration to find innovative solutions for local challenges, as well as have access to support and training to ensure all members can actively participate and make valuable contributions.

Expressions of Interest will be open from Thursday 17 August until 5pm, Thursday 21 September and can be made online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations or hard copies can be collected from Council's Customer Hubs, Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn and The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

If you would like to find out further information on how you can join our Committees, contact Council at enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) supports older people who are still managing at home, but require some extra assistance to continue living independently and safely at home. We can work with you to help you maintain your independence at home.

To be eligible you must be aged 65 years or older (50 years or older for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) or 50 years or older (45 years or older for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people), on a low income and homeless, or at risk of being homeless.

Services available through the CHSP include, Allied Health and Therapy Services, District Nursing, Meals on Wheels, Social Support Groups, Individual Social Support and Personal Care Services.

For more information please call 5349 1600.

BSHS UPDATES TO RAT TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Changes to RAT testing requirements for visitors were recently announced.

Visitors to Beaufort and Skipton Health Service are no longer required to provide a negative RAT test prior to visiting the Residential Facilities or Hospitals.

Please continue to monitor for any respiratory symptoms and do not visit the facilities if you are unwell.



Legacy Week, 27th August to 2nd September 1923



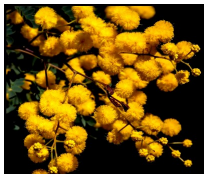
2023 marks a hundred years since the inception of an idea that would keep the **Promise** made in the trenches of the First World War by an Australian soldier to his dying mate. **"I'll look after the missus and kids."**

In 1923 Maj. Gen. Sir John Gellibrand formed a "Remembrance Club" in Hobart, followed by fellow returned soldier Lt. Gen. Sir Stanley Savige who formed a similar Club in Melbourne, which he called **"Legacy."**

This was the start of the keeping of the Promise, to care for the widows and families of those men who did not return.

And the Promise is still kept today, widened to include the families of those who returned damaged and traumatised from all theatres of war and the peacekeeping missions in which Australia has been involved.

Legacy Week had its origins in a War Orphans Appeal which started in 1942 for financial support for the widows and orphans of those who did not return.



The Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch this year are co-ordinating the **Legacy Week appeal in Skipton**, badges will be available for sale in local outlets, and thanks to our good friends at Country Grocers we can provide a **Fundraising Sausage Sizzle** on Montgomery Street on Saturday 2nd September from "early" to "lunchtime", with all

proceeds going of course to Legacy.

The need for financial, emotional and practical help is felt today by 40,000 individuals and families across Australia, supported by 3,400 legatees; all we ask is that this year you buy and wear a badge to show you care, and drop in for a sausage too!

Gail Ward, Secretary,
Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch 0403530293
Lilla Orton, Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch

Legacy Week in Skipton

August 27th to September 2nd 2023

Badges will be for sale in Skipton outlets to support this wonderful organisation,

with a

Fundraising BBQ on Saturday 2nd September
on Montgomery Street, Skipton,
thanks to Country Grocers, Skipton.

Supported by Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch, further information from Gail Ward, Secretary of Friends' by phoning Gail on 0403 530 293.



COUNTRY FOOTY NETBALL FINALS KICKSTART WITH NEW GRANTS

As community winter sports players head towards finals season, the Andrews Labor Government is backing home-grown football and netball teams with more grants to upgrade local facilities across Victoria.

Member for Ripon Martha Haylett has welcomed Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence's announcement that the 2023-24 Country Football and Netball Program is now open for applications.

Grants of up to \$250,000 are available to make more sport infrastructure developments possible including court and oval lighting upgrades, changeroom developments and new pavilions for local clubs and communities.

This funding helps more clubs make important upgrades to facilities to ensure more players, coaches, umpires, and supporters of all abilities can get involved in local sport. Local footy and netball clubs in eligible areas are encouraged to speak to their local councils to apply for program funding.

Member for Ripon Martha Haylett said, "Sporting clubs are the heart of our rural and regional communities – it's important they are accessible for all and suitable for use for our players, coaches, umpires and supporters."

"I know so many of our beloved football and netball clubs are eager to do some much-needed repairs to their courts, ovals, pavilions and changerooms. I have written to all our clubs in Ripon encouraging them to apply for this funding."

Previous successful projects in Ripon include \$185,500 for brand new oval lighting at the Newlyn Recreation Reserve.

The Victorian Budget 2023/24 is providing more than \$213 million to deliver new and improved community sport infrastructure and support initiatives that boost participation and inclusion in local sports clubs and organisations.

The Program is a partnership with the AFL, AFL Victoria, and Netball Victoria. Since 2005, more than \$37.5 million has been invested in more than 560 projects across the state.

It's also part of the more than \$1.9 billion the Labor Government has invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014.

Applications close on 9 October 2023. For more information on the program and to apply, visit sport.vic.gov.au.



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Legacy Week 2023 (27 August – 2 September)

Our biggest annual fundraiser Legacy Week takes place between 27 August – 2 September.

This year holds special significance as we celebrate our centenary year, marking 100 years of providing essential care and assistance to our veterans’ families.



WHAT IS LEGACY WEEK

Legacy Week is an annual fundraising event in Australia that takes place between 27 August – 2 September¹².

It is a time for all Australians to show their support for the widows and children whose loved ones have served our country¹.

The Legacy Week appeal has been running since the 1940s and is a time to raise funds for the families of veterans who have given so much for our country¹.

Legacy badges are at the heart of the fundraising efforts during Legacy Week. Although they may be small in size, these badges make a tremendous impact on the lives of our veterans’ families².

During Legacy Week, you’ll find dedicated members of the Australian Defense Force, passionate Legacy volunteers and enthusiastic school children hitting the streets of Sydney CBD, shopping centres, train stations and other public places.

They will be selling Legacy badges and collecting donations, spreading awareness about the crucial support we provide to those in need².

You can also donate online at legacy.com.au/legacy-week or organise fundraising events in support of Legacy².

Information from Legacy Webpage. K

INTERACTIVE ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION FOR VICTORIAN STUDENTS

Students across Victoria now have access to a new interactive road safety education program – delivered at school,



Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne launched the in-school *Road Smart Interactive* program which will boost road safety education in all Victorian secondary schools. It is delivered in partnership with Museums Victoria and will be facilitated by skilled road safety educators.

The interactive program uses the latest immersive technology to guide students through a series of educational exercises, all aimed at teaching young people about road safety.

Students learn about safe road environments, safe vehicles and explore the impacts of crash forces. Students also test their knowledge of road safety issues like speed, drink driving and distractions.

Road Smart Interactive and Road to Zero are part of a suite of road safety programs and initiatives being delivered under the Road Safety Education Victoria partnership. For more information on the *Road Smart Interactive* program, visit the Road Safety Education Victoria website at roadsafetymeducation.vic.gov.au.

Road Smart Interactive is free for all secondary schools across Victoria and targets Year 9, 10 and 11 students and those undertaking the VCE Vocational Major – helping to shape the next generation of safe road users.

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO BOOST THE MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing its expansion of Victoria’s mental health workforce, offering 20 scholarships at the Hamilton Centre for workers wanting to specialise in the field of addiction.

Valued at \$10,000 each, the Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours scholarships will be delivered online by Monash University from February to November in 2024.

A collaborative network coordinated by Turning Point, the Hamilton Centre’s specialised addiction services are delivered by St Vincent’s Hospital, Eastern Health, Western Health, Austin Health, and Goulburn Valley Health – playing an important role in guiding best practice in integrated care across metro, rural, and regional Victoria.

Applications for the Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours scholarships close on 1 October 2023. For more information, visit turningpoint.org.au.

Term 3 Week 6 – 18th August, 2023
School Phone No. 5340 2002
Email: skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.skiptonps.vic.edu.au



What a busy week it has been! Mrs. Britton has started transition with the Prep students of 2024 with the first of her kinder visits taking place. Michelle has welcomed a pre-service teacher to the Grade 2 classroom and I hope if you see Chloe around, you will make her feel welcome. Ms Sheils has kept the Grade 3/4s busy with their learning and the Grade 5/6 students have enjoyed a wonderful (but chilly) camp at Sovereign Hill! It has been so exciting to have so many wonderful things happening around the school at the moment with lots of updates below of more special things to come! Keeping things short today, as we are getting ready to head back to the Ragged School at Sovereign Hill. There is a day full of hard work today, as our special guests, the Jones sisters are looking for some new apprentices for their business! Chanelle Pelchen

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.

Save the Date (and your batteries)

Parent Club will be holding a battery drive early next term. This will be a wonderful fundraiser with more information coming soon, but in the meantime, start collecting your old batteries!

Whole School Book Week visit to Sovereign Hill

On Thursday the 24th of August, the whole school will visit Sovereign Hill as part of Book Week celebrations. Permission and payment (\$15.00 for bus transport to and from) is now open on Compass. Students will need to wear full school uniform, with coats and appropriate footwear and take a packed lunch.

Footy Colours Day

Footy Colors Day will be celebrated on the last day of Term 3, Friday the 15th of September. Order forms for the special

lunch have been handed out today with this newsletter and must be returned by Friday 1st September at the latest, so get them back quickly! Don't forget to wear your favourite sports team colours!

School Photos Update

Did you miss out on School Photo Day? Please call MSP Photography on 5333 5577 and find out when their catch up days are!



<p>From Mrs. Britton</p>	<p>Next week is Book Week so Prep/One will be celebrating books and reading. We will be learning about a procedure in writing. We should be finishing addition in maths with some revision and assessment. We are very much looking forward to our visit to Sovereign Hill for Book Week on Thursday. For some of us it is our first visit.</p>
<p>From Michelle</p>	<p>In reading we will be looking at identifying the 'big idea'. We will be exploring synonyms in word work and the 'ay' sound using the spellings ai, ay, a_e and a in Sound Waves. In writing we continuing to focus on narrative writing, in particular tightening the tension. In Maths we are going to continue to explore fractions including halves, quarters and eights of shapes and collections.</p>
<p>From Miss Sheils</p>	<p>This week in the grade 3/4 classroom we will continue our book reports for our book week celebrations. In writing we will begin to draft our own narrative poems. In Math we are exploring open ended questions.</p>
<p>From Mrs. Bourke</p>	<p>Week 7 in 5-6 we will be completing some post-camp Sovereign Hill activities, analysing texts, and continuing to develop and improve our persuasive essays. We'll shift our maths focus to 3D shape and angles, through which we'll practice some maths processes, such as addition and subtraction. If you have a deck of cards at home, please challenge your child to a game of 'Target 36' so they can continue to develop their understanding of Order of Operations. (Details of how to play Target 36 can be found at this link: Michael Minas - Target 36 or on Michael Minas' 'Love Maths' Website, under 'Operations 3-6').</p>

Be wary of electrical fire risk in the home

Victoria's fire services are calling on households to keep the safety and maintenance of their electrical equipment and appliances front of mind following a recent clothes dryer fire which destroyed a home.

Firefighters responded to the dryer fire in Berwick which started in the middle of the night. Thankfully the three residents escaped unharmed, but firefighters worked for 30 minutes to control the blaze, which had extended through the roof space and quickly engulfed the whole house.

Once a house fire starts it can spread rapidly and engulf your home in a matter of minutes. By adopting fire-safe habits and reducing potential hazards there is a lot you can do to protect yourself and the people you live with.

In an average year, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) and Country Fire Authority (CFA) respond to more than 3,000 residential fire incidents across the state. Too many of which are preventable.

Fire Rescue Victoria Commissioner Gavin Freeman, AFSM said Victorians should be wary of overloaded power boards, phone and laptop chargers and electric blankets.

"Electrical hazards in the home are a common cause for house fires these days, but you can greatly reduce your risk by taking some simple safety measures," Commissioner Freeman AFSM said.

"Make sure you're not overloading power boards. Don't leave your phone charging overnight. And never put electrical appliances like hair straighteners and laptops on soft surfaces.

"Take the time to service your ducted heating and clean your range hood and oven regularly, prevention is the best policy when it comes to fire safety."

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the Berwick dryer fire is a relatable reminder to residents to check their appliances are in good working order with good air flow around them.

"Using damaged or faulty electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire, so please, play it safe, and only use certified electrical tradespeople to repair faulty appliances," CO Heffernan said.

"No one thinks a house fire is going to happen to them, but CFA attended 137 electrical fires last year and we've already responded to 84 this year."



"To prevent a fire from igniting, take the time to check your home office is set up safely, with no loose cables,



overloaded power boards or double adaptors and switch off any appliances at the wall when they're not being used."

For as little as \$20, households can help safeguard their homes and loved ones by purchasing and installing affordable smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways and living areas.

Remember, for electrical appliances:

- Using damaged electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire. Only use appliances in good working order.
- Turn off all electrical appliances at the power point when not in use and ensure your home office is set up safely.
- Don't use double adaptors.
- Only use power boards according to manufacturers' instructions, never overload or have loose cables, and check regularly for damage.
 - ◇ Ensure monitors, laptops, televisions and other equipment have good air flow around them and are not in confined spaces or covered.
 - ◇ Only use certified electrical trades people to repair damaged/faulty electrical appliances, wiring or equipment.
 - ◇ Do not charge electrical devices like phones and laptops on soft surfaces such as couches and beds.
 - ◇ If you are going away on holiday, make sure to turn off power to electrical appliances and let a neighbour know you are away.





Dangerous Cypress trees to be removed in Snake Valley

Pyrenees Shire Council has announced plans to remove several cypress trees from the Smythesdale-Snake Valley Road, just east of the primary school.

These ageing trees are in poor health and pose a danger to community safety.

The threat of falling limbs is a hazard for school children who use the footpath daily, buildings on private property nearby and road users who drive or park under the trees.

Council acknowledges that the trees also provide shade and contribute to the amenity of the streetscape, which many residents value highly. While this is an important consideration, the safety of members of the community has been prioritized in making this decision.

Following a recent storm, for example, one tree had to be completely removed and many other trees suffered multiple broken limbs.

An assessment of this tree revealed the structural integrity of the tree was compromised with significant decay and dry rot. It is highly likely neighbouring trees would also be suffering similar deterioration.

Council regularly prunes the trees in an attempt to keep the avenue safe for the local community, but the cost to maintain these trees in a safe and healthy condition has become difficult to justify.

While no firm date has yet been set for the removal of the trees, Pyrenees Shire Council CEO Jim Nolan says Council aims to complete the works during school holidays.

“The road will need to be closed while we remove these trees, so we are looking to schedule the works during school holidays to keep disruption to a minimum,” Mr Nolan said.

“Council has an annual tree planting program designed to improve our streetscapes by planting more appropriate species, and we will talk to local residents about future tree planting in Snake Valley.

“As well as keeping the community safe, removing these trees will allow for future investment in the area for the benefit of school users and local residents.”

Meetings & Coming Events

Saturday 16th September: **CHFNL Finals: GRAND FINAL**

Sunday 17th September: **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & Continued from Page 24**

MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS continued from Back Page (MUSEUM (Streatham) open from 11:30am until 4:30pm
Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer, 0466 286 011.

Sunday 17th September. **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.**, members are focusing on collecting or borrowing and displaying blade shearing equipment and memorabilia to support displays linked to the Dedication of the Blade Shearer Sculpture in Skipton on 15th October 2023. For further information please contact Secretary Barb Pett on 5340 2086 or mob 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com

Monday 25th September: **THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** meet at 7:30 pm, in the Supper Room Mechanics Hall, Skipton. **Theme for September: "Windmills"**. Enquires Karen Crosbie phone [0448 871 784](tel:0448871784) or Karen Bradshaw phone [0439 630 884](tel:0439630884). Everyone welcome.

Monday 2nd October **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** Meeting at 7:30 Monday the at the Supper Room. A guest speaker from N.H.W. will be attending. All welcome

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October: **SKIPTON PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** are mounting a return of their **PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE HALL. (Details when known.)**

Sunday 15th October: Join **Skipton Progress Association and the Skipton Community** in a **"DEDICATION OF THE BENNY WILKIE SCULPTURE"** and recognise Skipton's history as a premier sheep town in the Western District. and in particular Bennie Wilkie, World Champion shearer. Please keep the date free. We plan a whole day of activities and celebrations when we dedicate the sculpture and recognise Skipton's history as a premier sheep town in the Western District.

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**SKIPTON FOOTBALL
NETBALL CLUB Inc
NEWS**

Bungaree was barely visible through the mist and drizzle when we arrived for the under 12s. The excellent surface soon turned to the familiar red mud as the games progressed.

The end of the season has come for the under 12s, the lessons learnt from good coaching and culture will stand them in good stead next season with another year of development. Congratulations to the players, Warwick , Anthony and the rest of the support staff for the way the team has conducted themselves this year. Not always successful, but always learning.

Skipton 0.0-0 to 4.4-28.

Best, unavailable.

The under 15s had a good win in slippery conditions, setting themselves up for a finals campaign.

Skipton 6.7-43 to Bungaree 1.5-11 Best were George Wills, Jesse Belchambers, Patrick Gowans, Harrison Collins and George Collins.

Finishing fourth on the ladder, Skipton now play in the Qualifying Final at Buninyong, Saturday the 26th at 9.15. The opponent will be Beaufort.

The Under 18s went into their game knowing that a win would assure them a finals berth. Unfortunately this wasn't to be as an inaccurate Skipton wasted opportunities.

Skipton 1.8-14 to Bungaree 2.4 16. Best, were Finn Cullenward, Bailey Meek, Andrew Wills, Thomas Unwin, James Read and James Mackinnon.

The side came off the ground despondent, ruing the missed chances it all seemed over until word came through that other games had fallen Skipton's way, the mood lifted considerably as we realised the season still lived on!

The Under 18s now play an elimination final at Dunnstown on Saturday against Bungaree at 10.45.

The Reserves mixed season came to and end in a tough game as the ground dried out. Finishing eleventh on the ladder, we rued what could have been. Unfortunately hampered by injury and unavailability the good performances were overshadowed by the lesser ones.

Skipton 0.1-1 to 21.17-143

Best were Fraser Morcombe, Matthew Whiteford, Will Fay, Mark Smith, Brandan Creelman and Anthony Bedggood.

The senior game was a clash between Bungaree chasing top spot and Skipton looking to maximise our finals chances. The surface had dried to an tacky consistency and good play was able to take place.

Skipton was away early taking the lead with accurate kicking and solid tackling. Bungaree to their credit chased hard all game but may rue missed chances that Skipton's pressure caused. C with Bungaree closing fast in the last quarter, it took discipline and determination to lock the game down, then a game saving mark sealed victory in the goal square. Skipton6.5-41 to 4.14-38.

Best, Ben Krol, Daniel Kilpatrick, Jake Maddock, Rhys Monument Nick Strangio and Sam Romeril.

Skipton head into the elimination final at Waubra on Sunday at 2.35 pm. Opponents will be Dunnstown.

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So to reiterate the finals this coming week..

Skipton's Teams in the CHFNL Finals:

- * **Under 15 Football, Qualifying final** Versus Beaufort , Saturday 26th August, 9.15am at Buninyong.
- * **Under 18 Football , Elimination Final** versus Bungaree , Saturday 26th August, 10.45am at Dunnstown
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- * **Under 17 Netball, Qualifying final** versus Learmonth Sunday 27th August, 10.35 at Learmonth.
- * **Senior Football, Elimination Final** versus Dunnstown, Sunday 27th August, 2.35pm at Waubra.

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See there, and everywhere else!

#emu4life

Thinking of the Military today I thought I'd add this. K

The Marine Drill Sergeant noticed a new recruit and barked at him, 'Get your ass over here ! What's your name?'

"Paul," the new recruit replied.

"Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy bull-shit they're teaching in boot camp today, but I don't call anyone by his first name," the sergeant scowled.

"It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in

authority. I refer to my recruits by their last names only ---

Smith, Jones, Baker. I am to be referred to only as 'Sergeant.' Do I make myself clear?"

"Yes, sir, Sergeant!"

"Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?"

The recruit sighed "Darling, My name is Paul Darling."

"Okay, Paul, here's what I want you to do"



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Skipton Community News will hopefully soon start to see a transition to a new Editorial Team in the not-so-far-away-future. My only real break from the production of SCN was in mid-2009 when I visited my eldest son and his wife in England. There has only been one member of Staff at SCN (except for the folding). With a need to take some "Personal Time Off" I had hoped my recent advertisements for assistance would yield a response, but that hasn't occurred so I'm unsure at present how it will pan out. (After thirty years) I need to focus on issues nearer to home and if that may mean discontinuance of the weekly news for this community so be it!!! Many will miss it dreadfully and others won't miss it until it ceases, but it can't be helped. K



"SCN Rates" on inside cover of 2023 Skipton & District Telephone Directory available in local Stores. Skipton Directory has *Pink Covers for 2023 featuring Skipton's great sporting facilities. Just \$2.00.* Contact Editor with all enquiries or send an email.

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SCN is back online at www.skiptonaustralia.org and on Facebook, for those who prefer the newsletter electronically. K

Meetings & Coming Events

Wednesday 23rd August: A **COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION FOR RESIDENTS** to discuss the **SKIPTON STRUCTURE PLAN**. will be held by **Corangamite Council** in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall** from **2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.** Council Staff and Project Team will be available for discussion, and will provide further information to residents answer questions. They will note all ideas and submissions. Visit corangamite.vic.gov.au/Skipton Plan or ring Strategic Planner Kristen Wilkes or Manager Planning and Building, Aaron Moyne on **5593 7104 or 5593 7100.**

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August 27th to September 2nd. **LEGACY WEEK.** Badges will be for sale in Skipton outlets to support this wonderful organisation, with a **FUNDRAISING BBQ** on **Saturday 2nd September** on Montgomery Street, thanks to Country Grocers, Skipton. Supported by Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch, further information from Gail Ward Secretary of Friends' 0403530293.

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

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Thursday 7th September: **SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.** will meet at 6.30 p.m. prior to the **PUBLIC MEETING AT 7PM** for their regular (but abbreviated) monthly meeting.

Thursday 7th September. **SKIPTON STRUCTURE PLAN** will be the focus of a **PUBLIC MEETING** called by the **Skipton Progress Association Inc.** to discuss, submit ideas for Skipton's future development. All welcome, the meeting will be at **7.00 p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall.**

For further information please contact President SPA David Hunneybell 0431 104 610 or Secretary Lilla on 0437 455 049.

Sunday 9th September: **CHFNL Finals: PRELIMINARY FINAL**

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