



This Week's Sponsor:

Lismore Land Protection Group

Thank you very much

Skipton Structure Plan

Skipton Progress Association Inc.

Invites all interested

residents, leaders of community groups of
Skipton and

District to a

PUBLIC MEETING

To be held on

Thursday 7th September

In the Skipton Mechanics Hall

At 7.00 p.m.

To bring forward ideas about the

Structure Plan for Skipton,

and about the future of Skipton,

to discuss those plans and ideas,

and to vote on the best, the most practical
and achievable.

A last chance to have your say,

(On-line contributions close on August
31st)

Consultants will be on hand
to show progress to date.

Please contact President of the
Skipton Progress Association Inc,
David Hunneybell on 0431 104 610

Or Secretary on 0437 455 049



Important Notice

**VICTORIAN ELECTORAL
COMMISSION**

Act on Penalty Reminder Notice or Risk Enforcement Action

Victorians who have an outstanding fine for failing to vote in the 2022 State election are urged to act before the matter is referred to Fines Victoria.

Victorians who failed to vote in the November 2022 State election will start receiving a penalty reminder notice this week, which carries a fee of \$27.70 in addition to the original \$92 fine.

Electoral Commissioner, Sven Bluemmel, advised recipients of a penalty reminder notice to act as soon as possible.

'If you receive a penalty reminder notice in the mail, you have 3 options: pay the fine, request an internal review, or elect to go to court,' Mr Bluemmel said.

Please get in touch with us as once we hand it over to Fines Victoria for enforcement action it's out of our hands.'

Non-voters have 28 days to respond to the penalty reminder notice. The Victorian Electoral Commission encourages people who are unsure what to do, or who require assistance throughout any stage of the infringements process, to call 1300 551 575 or visit vec.vic.gov.au/voting/fines-and-reviews

NOTICE OF MEETING

SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.

will meet at 6.30 p.m.

for their regular (but abbreviated)

Monthly Meeting for September.

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with any questions or for further information.

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 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

Give and gifts will be given to you.
Good measure, running over, refreshing to your soul.
Luke ch 6, v. 37-38



SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

Beaufort Road, Skipton.

Transfer Station opens next on

- Sun 3rd September 2023, Wed 6th September 2023,
- Sun 17th September 2023, Wed 20th September 2023,
- Sun 31st August 2023, Wed 4th September 2023,

Opening Hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm.



Public Notices
FOR SALE

- Rinnai Heater
- Timber Outdoor 7 Piece Setting, as new.
- Pine Cupboard, as new.
- Portable Air Conditioner, Rinnai, as new.
- Fridge, V.G.C.
- 2 x Small Cupboards.

Phone: 5340 2238

FOR SALE

6 Labrador pups

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

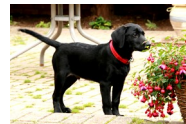
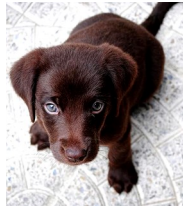
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2023 SKIPTON PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW

15th Annual Photographic Show
Presented by Skipton & District
Photographic Club Inc.
Together with Skipton Flood
Recovery Committee

SAT 7 OCT 1-4PM
SUN 8 OCT 10-4PM

entries close: 28th Sep @ 5pm
enquiries contact Terry: 0418 999 189

email: skiptonphotographicclub@gmail.com
f: Skipton & District Photographic Club Inc
QR entry form



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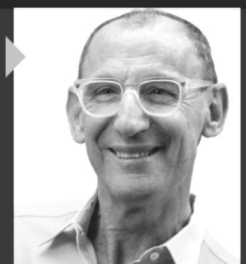


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LOCATION:

SELKIRK STADIUM
989 Norman St,
Wendouree VIC 3355



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For more information, please contact David on 0423 528 255

**Legacy Week,
27th August to 2nd September 2023.**

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 are putting on a Fundraising **Sausage Sizzle** on Montgomery Street on **Saturday 2nd September**, from “early” to “lunchtime”. 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!

Please contact Gail Ward, Secretary, Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch, for any further information or contact on 0403 530 293

**GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S ELECTION
PERIOD POLICY**

At its August Meeting, Golden Plains Shire Council resolved to put the draft Election Period Policy out for public exhibition for residents to have their say.

This important policy outlines the procedures and guidelines for Council operations during election periods, ensuring Council can continue to conduct business throughout this period in a fair, transparent and equitable manner.

The community is invited to actively participate in the public consultation process by sharing their thoughts and suggestions on

the proposed changes. The draft policy will be available for public exhibition for a duration of four weeks, from 25 August 2023 to 22 September 2023.

According to section 69 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council is mandated to adopt an Election Period policy. The updated policy reflects the dates of the upcoming 2024 election and incorporates minor adjustments to align with the *Local Government Act 2020* and enhance overall governance.

Mayor Brett Cunningham encourages all residents to engage in the consultation process and contribute their valuable insights to shape the policy effectively.

"Your input matters, and we're committed to ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive policy that truly represents the interests of our community," Cr Cunningham said.

To participate in the consultation, interested residents can submit their written feedback by 22 September 2023, through the following channels:

- Online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

Via email to enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au

By mail to Chief Executive Officer, Golden Plains Shire Council, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, VIC 3331

A summary of the proposed changes to the Election Period Policy can be accessed online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations and at Council's Customer Hubs located at 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn, and The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

Following the public exhibition period, Council will carefully consider all feedback received and any necessary changes will be discussed during the September meeting. The adopted Election Period Policy will play a pivotal role in shaping the democratic process for the upcoming 2024 election, with the election period commencing on September 24, 2024, and concluding on election day, being October 26, 2024.



Lino Cut Workshop with Laura Lesley

Another great creative workshop was held in Skipton last Sunday at the Skipton Mechanics Hall.

Laura Leslie led the group in a session on lino cut printmaking.

Some wonderful results came from the group!

These creative workshops are funded by Corangamite Shire Council and supported by Skipton Progress Association. Next sessions will be early in 2024 so if you want to be

on the mailing list for information, send your details to mal_sanders@hotmail.com



Left: The Hall all in readiness for the arrival of the Group.

Right: Group Coordinator Laura Lesley preparing for her participants in the Lino Cut Printmaking Workshop.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY V-LINE

V/Line is celebrating 40 years of getting Victorians around our state – marking a major milestone for the regional rail operator.

Geelong regional driver and supervisor John Mitchell has driven with V/Line for 40 years. He said V/Line had grown from a small state railway system to a large operator servicing communities far and wide.

Geelong Regional Driver Supervisor John Mitchell said, “I’ve never regretted a day on the job at V/Line. Every day you are here is a good day – it’s really been a fantastic journey.

“The metal ice box that I used to drive from in winter or the hot box in summer is so different – today it’s comfortable and modern.”

Today, V/Line has more than 2,250 rail and 1,500 coach services operating every week, with the 107th modern VLocity train recently being introduced into service and regional fare caps bringing equity for regional travellers.

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll said, “V/Line has had a huge impact on Victorians over the past 40 years, providing critical connections across the state and supporting regional Victorians and their communities.”

“The regional fare cap is one of the biggest changes we’ve seen at V/Line in the past 40 years – we’ve delivered fare equity between regional Victoria and met-

ropolitan Melbourne to help the community move around our state and support families’ bottom line.”

The V/Line brand was launched on 21 August 1983 by then-Transport Minister Steve Crabb with a bright orange train uniform and green and white V/Line logo at Spencer Street Station.

V/Line Chief Executive Officer Matt Carrick said, “Today is an important day to reflect on our proud history of serving the Victorian community for the past 40 years and with so much investment in the regional rail network, the future is bright for V/Line and our passengers.”

While the regional rail operator has modernised over the past 40 years, its dedication to connecting regional Victorians has stayed the same – and the Andrews Labor Government’s record investment in regional public transport is only adding to the significant transformation of the regional network.

This year’s Budget included \$219.4 million towards the introduction of additional passenger services, \$601 million to deliver 23 new VLocity trains and \$322 million towards Stage 2 of the South Dynon Train Maintenance Facility project.

The \$4 billion Regional Rail Revival program is upgrading every passenger rail line across the state, delivering faster and more frequent connections right across the state.



CFA is ready for fire season – but are you?

Victoria is expecting a warmer spring and an earlier start to the fire season this year and we're asking those living in high-risk areas to take action to prepare their family and property.

The new Spring Seasonal Outlook released yesterday predicts the fire risk in the coming months to be normal across the state, as well as strong drying patterns in Gippsland's forested areas and elevated grass fuel loads in central, western and northern Victoria.

While La Niña conditions have subdued Victoria's fire risk the past three years, our state is one of the most bush-fire prone areas in the world and we need people to be prepared as we approach warmer conditions.

CFA crews have been protecting lives and property in this environment for decades – some for more than a century.

They're highly trained, professional firefighters that have made every effort to prepare their communities ahead of this fire season, as they do every year.

We're constantly working with our Victorian emergency service partners throughout the cooler months to prepare for fire season and this year is no exception.

However, while we continue our work, our crews implore people to understand that fire safety is a shared responsibility between fire services and the community.

We're asking all Victorians in high-risk areas to take simple actions to prepare their family and property as the weather begins to warm.

If you live near areas with bush, forest, long grass or coastal scrub, these actions and decisions may well save your life and property in the event of a bushfire.

Find some time to sit down with your family or household and make a Bushfire Survival Plan, and if you already have one, it's a great time to review it.

It's also the perfect time to tidy up your property, this can include clearing your gutters, pruning branches away from your roof or walls, keeping grass shorter than 10cm and removing leaves and twigs from around your property.

Landowners should also consider private burn offs to remove green waste ahead of Fire Danger Period (FDP) declarations.

All burn-offs must be registered, which can be done online at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au.

Stay informed by downloading the VicEmergency app to stay across incidents and fire danger ratings in your area.

I urge all Victorians to visit the CFA website to learn more about how they can prepare themselves ahead of this bushfire season at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare.

Stay safe,

Jason Heffernan
CFA Chief Officer



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CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Noticeboard



Corangamite Early Years Plan 2023 – 2033

Corangamite Shire is calling for quotations from suitably qualified consultants to undertake the development of an Early Years Plan to guide and inform its planning and delivery of Maternal Child Health, Early Years Education and Care programs and infrastructure needs over the next decade.

A project brief detailing the requirements is available at eprocure.com.au/corangamite. Quotations close at 4 pm, Wednesday 20 September.

Expressions of Interest

Grazing Licence – 129 Peterborough Rd, Terang

Council is seeking expressions of interest from interested persons for the purpose of entering into a grazing Licence for land only located along Peterborough Road, Terang. The property has 2.6 hectares (6.64 acres) or thereabouts and would be suitable for grazing sheep or cattle. Stock water is available on site.

Expressions of interest are invited up until the close of business on Friday 29 September 2023 at 5pm.

For inspections of the land and further enquiries please contact Property Officer, Wendy Williamson on (03) 5593 7100. By offering an expression of interest process, Council holds no commitment or obligation to proceed further.

All applicants that are interested in entering into a grazing licence for this property are encouraged to provide an application at <https://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/PeterboroughRoad> or via the QR code.



SCAN ME

Annual General Meetings

Camperdown Swimming Pool Committee of Management: Annual General Meeting

Meeting will be held 7 pm, Tuesday 12 September at the Killara Centre, Camperdown.

Cobden Swimming Pool Committee of Management: Annual General Meeting

Meeting will be held 6 pm, Wednesday 19 September at the Cobden Civic Hall (Rotary Room).

Lismore Swimming Pool Committee of Management: Annual General Meeting

Meeting will be held 10 am, Thursday 14 September at the Fairway Cafe (Lismore Golf Club).

All residents interested in the future of the pools are invited to attend. For further details contact Council on 5593 7100.

Council Meeting

Tuesday 26 September at 7 pm at the Rose Room, 129 High St, Terang.

Livestream available at [facebook.com/CorangamiteShire](https://www.facebook.com/CorangamiteShire)

The meeting will include an Open Forum, questions can be sent via email to governance@corangamite.vic.gov.au no later than 12 pm on Tuesday 22 August.

Corangamite Youth
CREATIVE EXHIBITION
What Makes You Smile
1 - 30 September 2023

Promoting positive health and wellbeing.

Featuring art by 15 young local artists.

1 - 30 September
Camperdown Courthouse Information Centre

Learn more at
corangamite.vic.gov.au/CreativeExhibition

A part of Youth Fest 2023

Positive Ageing & Inclusion
Navigation Support Program

A free and confidential service to assist seniors and vulnerable people access the services they need.

we are here to help

Want to find out more? Get in touch.

- (03) 5593 7100
- servicenav@corangamite.vic.gov.au
- 181 Manifold St, Camperdown
- corangamite.vic.gov.au

Victorian Seniors Festival 2023

Learn. Love. Live.

What the World Needs Now

Featuring Melissa Langdon

Monday 16 October | 11 am

A joyous foot stamping hand clapping celebration of the swingin' sixties. Light lunch provided.

A free event presented by Corangamite Shire.

Venue

Theatre Royal
Bath St, Camperdown

Bookings essential

Please call Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100 to book. Taking bookings from Friday 1 September.

If you require transport to the event, please advise when booking and we can arrange this for free.

Variety Concert

Featuring Eric Read

Wednesday 25 October | 10.30 am

Featuring family friendly humour, ventriloquism, music and plenty of laughs. Morning tea provided.

A free event presented by Corangamite Shire.

Venue

Skipton Bowls / Golf Club
26 Rokewood - Skipton Rd, Skipton

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Chemical Users Course

NATIONALLY RECOGNISED TRAINING

- AHCCM304 Transport and store chemicals
- AHCCM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and disease

18 & 19 September OR 20 & 21 September

Fully Funded!

meaning no cost to you.

Please RING 1300 843 236 for us to check your eligibility for a funded place.

This is an essential course for all users of chemicals used in a range of environments including farms, horticultural operations, parks and gardens and related industry, including handling chemical merchandise. Participants who successfully complete this two-day course and assessment receive a Certificate of Attainment and are listed with the Farm Chemical User's Secretariat of Victoria.

- identify the standard required to correctly maintain and use personal protective equipment (PPE) according to label
- follow emergency procedures for chemical spillage
- follow legislative requirements for the safe transport of chemicals
- maintain storage area and chemical manifest
- preparing and applying chemicals
- define the standard required to assess the need for chemical use, comply with safety, chemical label and MSDS requirements
- prepare an application/ spray plan
- prepare and apply chemicals
- calibrate application equipment and maintain chemical records

1300 843 236

www.thecentre.vic.edu.au

Full course non-funded cost \$400

SAVE \$400

The Centre for Continuing Education Inc. Reg No. 40091838K | A Child Safe Organisation
TODD 4172 | This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth funding. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to access government subsidised training

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
MACKINNON'S BRIDGE ROAD, NOORAT

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

TICKETS: \$40 EACH, DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL

BOOKING LINK BELOW OR SCAN QR CODE:
EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/FARMER-S-NIGHT-OUT
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



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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lismore Community Health • Terang Community Health • Camperdown Community House 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simpson Community Centre • Timboon Community Health
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SUPPORT LEARNING TO SWIM WITH SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are looking for qualified AUSTSWIM instructors
OR for expressions of interest from people willing to
complete this training

What you need to know
about completing 'Teacher
of Swimming and Water
Safety SISSS00112'...

- The cost of the course will be funded by the school
- It is a 2 day weekend course
- Available dates are 8/9 & 9/9 in Ballarat or 29/9 & 30/9 in Geelong
- Contact the school for alternate course dates
- You will be required to participate in the school Learn to Swim Program between 4th & 15th of December

Contact the School on 5340 2002 or
skipton.ps@education.vic.gov.au



BERRYBANK WIND FARM COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED TO SIX COMMUNITY GROUPS

The latest round of Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants has been awarded to six community groups who will share in a combined \$115,000 over the next three years to help deliver a range of community projects and events.

The funding was available across two categories: Economic Development, Tourism Projects and Events, and Community Projects and Events over \$10,000, with one off and recurring funding available.

The successful community projects and events included:

- **Shelford Duck Race** – \$10,100 total to be delivered over the next three years to support Shelford’s largest community event.
- **Bunjil Lookout Community Gathering** – \$13,800 over the next three years for the Maude She Oaks and Steiglitz Community Planning Group to support the community event following a successful pilot event in 2022.
- **Shelford Public Hall Rejuvenation Project** – \$49,700 over the next two years for the Shelford Public Hall Reserve Committee of Management to support rejuvenation of this valuable community asset.
- **Valentines Bush Dance and Winter Solstice Bonfire** – \$15,850 over the next three years for Cape Clear Recreation Reserve to help run these annual events.
- **Greens Lighting Upgrade** – \$15,700 for Inverleigh Bowls Club to support an upgrade to LED lighting and improve visibility over the playing surface.
- **Spectator Shelter** – \$10,000 for the Inverleigh Sporting Complex to support its spectator shelter project.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham said the Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants continued to provide vital funding to support local community projects and events across the Shire.

Delivered in partnership with Berrybank Development Pty Ltd, the Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Program provides funding opportunities to support local events and projects in Golden Plains. Applications were open from 1 June until 30 June 2023.

The Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Committee, made of representatives of the company, Golden Plains Shire Council and members of the community, provide advice on the criteria for awarding community grants, evaluate applications from the public and make recommendations to Council on which local projects to support.

The funding contribution for 2023 was \$60,000 and will increase to \$102,500 annually from 2024. There will be a minimum of one round of application opportunities each year and funding will be made available over the 15-year term of the agreement between Council and Berrybank Development Pty Ltd.



Roadside grazing period to start next month

Corangamite Shire farmers are encouraged to apply for roadside grazing permits so their livestock can reduce fire hazards by eating the grass down as conditions dry out in summer.

Council Coordinator Community Safety and Resilience Belinda Bennett said roadside grazing was permissible under the local law between 1 September 2023 and 30 April 2024, provided no protected native vegetation was present.

“Grazing reduces fire risk on roadsides over the fire season, but a local laws permit is required,” Ms Bennett said.

“Council officers assess applications for grazing permits to determine the suitability of the road for grazing, which is not permitted in high conservation areas.

Stock are only allowed to graze on roadsides during daylight and owners are required to put up a temporary electric fence for safety.”

Roadside grazing isn’t permitted during the winter months because hooves compact wet soil, causing pugging, erosion and loss of vegetation. It is the permit holder’s responsibility to make sure the roadside is not grazed when wet and pugging is likely to occur. If conditions are wet, some permit holders may need to delay the start of their roadside grazing program.

Ms Bennett said roadside grazing season was also a good reminder for landholders to check their boundary fences to ensure the livestock are contained to their property.

“Wandering livestock can pose a significant risk to road users,” she said.

“Under the local laws, landholders must ensure that fences are adequate to prevent the escape of livestock and must not allow livestock to wander on a road.”

Penalties can apply for failing to contain livestock and Council has powers under the Impounding Livestock Act 1994 to impound livestock found wandering. Residents who see wandering stock on roads should immediately report it to the relevant authority:

- For local roads, contact Council’s Local Laws team on 5593 7100

- For main roads, contact VicRoads on 13 11 70.

- Both agencies provide a 24/7 response service for wandering livestock on roads.

For further information on roadside grazing permits or to apply, visit

corangamite.vic.gov.au/Local-Laws or call Council’s Local Laws Unit on 5593 7100.

“This is the second year of the Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Program and it’s clear that these funding opportunities give local community groups and organisations a real boost in making important events and initiatives a reality,” Cr Cunningham said.

“Congratulations to the latest round of successful recipients, and Council looks forward to working with Berrybank over the coming years as they deliver more funding for exciting community projects and events.”

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What a way to celebrate Book Week! A big thank you to Mrs Munson for organising our visit to Sovereign Hill, allowing all of us to explore the book 'The Farm House'. Apologies to families for the late return of the bus, hopefully the stories and experiences shared from the children made it all worth while. Thank you to families for putting the effort into preparing students for their dress ups today. It was lovely to see student wishes put into action!

This week we had a School Council meeting, where I shared some of our school NAPLAN results. As a school we received recognition for the percentage of students who participated over the testing period, as well as the number of students who achieved results in the strong and excelling categories – something to be very proud of!

The Skipton Primary Parent Opinion Survey is open now and it would be wonderful to see as many families participate in this as possible. The more voices that are heard, the more we can provide the best possible schooling experience for the children in our school.

Chanelle Pelchen

Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts in the last few weeks. Awards will be presented at our final assembly for the term on Friday 15th of September.

- Harry Guthrie – For being an active listener and responsible learner.
- Hunter D – For putting in an excellent effort across all learning areas, especially towards achieving his writing goal.
- Henry 'Bob' M - For working hard on all learning tasks this past week. This is shown through your book review about a tractor and your reading progression . Keep up the fantastic work Bob.
- Kaylee P – For her high level of resilience, consistent willingness to assist her peers and commitment to learning. Well done Kaylee!

Principals Award – Evie F – for always bringing a positive attitude to every school experience. Whether helping friends find gold at Sovereign Hill, learning maths games or even dressing up as a banana, Evie always has a smile on her face.

Parent Helpers

We are always looking for parents to come along and support our learning at school! If you have a Working with Children’s Check, we would love you to come and listen to our students

read! This helps the students to identify that their learning is valued and important. If you don’t have a WWC, we can assist you in this process if you would like to be involved!

Students that travel by bus

There have been some reports about behaviour on the school bus. If your child travels by bus, can you please encourage them to speak up to Dale, Jane or us at school if they see or hear things that aren’t ok!

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!

Footy Colours Day

Footy Colours 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 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!

WE WANT YOU TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families’ perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. This was emailed earlier in the week. If you did not receive an email with details, please let us know.

Please see Chanelle is you have any further questions. See page 20

From Mrs. Britton	We had a great time during Book Week, especially a wonderful day at Sovereign Hill on Thursday and then on Friday morning children dressed up and worked in mixed aged groups on Story box activities. Next week, we will be continuing to start our day with reading as always. In writing we will be contributing to our journals and then having a go at writing our own procedures about how to go...by matching instructions to our map. In maths we are completing addition assessments and then moving to begin learning about subtraction. Each Friday with the grade twos we work in Measurement: Length. We have learned to rule with a 30cm ruler and next week will use 1metre lengths to measure.
From Michelle	In Grade 2 next week we are going to be writing some exciting endings. Our focus in Sound waves is on the 'j' sound with the spellings of j, g, dge and ge. We are looking forward to Chloe our Pre-Service Teacher taking us for a unit of Maths focusing on Chance.
From Miss Sheils	This week in the 3/4 classroom we will be revisiting our comprehension strategy of summarising. For maths we will begin to explore and show our understanding of 3D objects and begin to compare and describe two dimensional shapes that result from combining and splitting common shapes. In writing, students will begin to write a narrative poem.
From Mrs. Bourke	Week 8 in Fabulous 5-6 will see students completing their persuasive texts and moving on to debating or developing an advertisement. We'll complete our class novel 'Blueback' and begin some book reports on our literature circle texts. Angles will be our continued focus in maths, which will include lots of hands-on measuring using protractors.



SKIPTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB Inc NEWS

With Finals being played at the weekend, our Senior Footballers playing in the Elimination Final on Sunday, and the Under 17 Netballers playing in the Elimination Final.

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Skipton's Teams who played on Saturday in the CHFNL Finals:

- * **Under 15 Football, Qualifying final** Versus Beaufort , Saturday 26th August, at Buninyong.
Skipton 8-3-51 defeated Beaufort 4-6-30
- * **Under 18 Football , Elimination Final** versus Bungaree , Saturday 26th August, at Dunnstown.
Skipton 5-5-35 defeated Bungaree 4-5-29
- * **B Grade Netball, Elimination final** Skipton played Bungaree on Saturday 26th August, at Dunnstown.
No results at time of printing.

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Book Week at Skipton Primary School

Students at Skipton had a terrific time in the time leading up to Book Week deciding on their book character and preparing their costumes. One needed to be a full time reader, to work out which story book or novel particular students represented. So much fun was had by all with amazing happy photos. K



MULTIPLE NEW TANKERS DELIVERED TO THE WEST AHEAD OF FIRE SEASON

The broader Ballarat area has received seven new Heavy Tankers as part of the rollout of 50 new tankers across the state.



The Minister for Emergency Services today visited the Buninyong Fire Station with CFA Chief

Officer Jason Heffernan to officially handover the new District 15 resources.

The new Heavy Tankers will go to the brigades of Ballan, Buninyong-Mt Helen, Creswick, Daylesford, Miners Rest, Napoleons-Enfield and Wendouree and the Ultra-heavy Tanker will be housed at Ballarat City Fire Station.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said these new state-of-the-art assets are a welcome addition to District 15 ahead of summer.

"The Heavy Tankers feature a 15-tonne crew-cab chassis with a 4000-water litre tank, electronic monitors and electric rewind hose reels," CO Heffernan said.

"Their 4x4 capability and automatic transmission

will help crews access fires in difficult terrain."

"The heavy tankers also have a 1200 litres per minute diesel engine-driven firefighting pump, crew/vehicle rollover and burnover protection and full equipment stowage cache."

"The Ultra-Heavy Tanker is a different machine and they are being deployed to areas around Victoria with open grasslands where they will be a great asset in fighting grass fires because of their water storage capability."

The Ultra Heavy Tankers have the capacity to carry 10,000 litres of water. Heavy Tankers can carry 4,000 litres.

Ballarat City Fire Brigade is the second of 29 brigades state-wide to receive one of the new Ultra Heavy Tankers. The first appliance was allocated to Berrivillock, near Swan Hill.

District 15 consists of 62 brigades. The seven brigades receiving the heavy tankers are supported by 471 volunteers that have responded to almost 570 incidents since the beginning of the year.



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Skipton 8-3-51 defeated Beaufort 4-6-30

Best Players: George Wills, Joshua Hooper, Harrison Collins, Colby Haley, George King, Noah Connell.

- * **Under 18 Football , Elimination Final** versus Bungaree , Saturday 26th August, at Dunnstown.

Skipton 5-5-35 defeated Bungaree 4-5-29

Goals: Andrew Wills 2.

Best Players: Bailey Meek, Andrew Wills, Lachlan Gardiner, Tim Cullen-Ward, Archie Connell, James Reid.

- * **B Grade Netball, Elimination final** Skipton played Bungaree on Saturday 26th August, at Dunnstown. No results at time of printing.

Skipton's Teams who played on Sunday in CHFNL Finals:

- * **Senior Football, Elimination Final** at Waubra.

Skipton 10-8-68 defeated Dunnstown 8-14-62

Goals: Rhys Monument 5, Jethro Kirby 2, Jack Peeters 1, Josh Draffin 1, Lakota Stranks 1

Best Players: Rhys Monument, Patrick Graham, Matthew Rommerill, Jacob Maddox, Mitch Gilbert, Tim Hughes.

- * **Under 17 netball, Qualifying Final** versus Learmonth Sunday 10.35 at Learmonth.

No results at time of printing.

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Meetings & Coming Events

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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** together with **SKIPTON FLOOD RECOVERY COMMITTEE** are mounting a return for their **15th ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE HALL**. Enquiries to: Terry Gosling, 0418 999 189, Email: skiptonphotographicclub@gmail.com
Entries Close: 28th September 2023. See page 2.

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, National Champion Blade Shearer.

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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Sunday 15th October: **“SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL”**, join **Skipton Progress Association and the Skipton Community** in a **“DAY of FUN, GAMES, MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFTS, “SHOWCASING the “SHEEP AND WOOL INDUSTRY” and LIVE MUSIC.**

See advertisements pages for how you can be part of the Spring Festival and for contact details. watch this space for more details, or find us on Facebook @theskiptonprogressassociation

Sunday 15th October: **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM** (Streatham) **open from 11:30am until 4:30pm**
 Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer 0466 286 011.

Monday 23rd October: **SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** meet at 7:30 pm, in the Supper Room *Mechanics Hall, Skipton.* **October: “TBA”.** Everyone welcome, young , old, amateur, professional or just interested. Enquires Karen Crosbie ph [0448871784](tel:0448871784) or Karen Bradshaw ph [0439 630 884](tel:0439630884)

Sunday 19th November **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM** (Streatham) **open from 11:30am until 4:30pm** be a week early as I am unavailable on the third Sunday)
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Thank you to this week's sponsor Sponsor name *Lismore Land Protection Group*

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FROM THE EDITOR: Further to my comments in the last edition, I have had a great response, (and a busy week). In relation to the future of SCN Skipton Progress Association Inc at a recent Committee Meeting resolved to continue SCN as a weekly newsletter for Skipton & District Community. The photocopier SPA has had on lease WAS updated with signing of a new three year lease on Monday, and although you will not see any noticeable change it will mean that it will be business as usual at the SCN Office. I will continue as the Editor (at Committee request), and hope to encourage others to be part of the weekly production of the local News. Many thanks to the ladies who responded to my request for assistance to produce the newsletter, which will continue as it is currently compiled. Full training will start soon so there will be no interruption to the weekly production of SCN. The wonderful Advertisers and regular Sponsors can be assured that their support will continue to be acknowledged and will continue to gain support from SCN with assistance to spread the word of their wonderful Companies, Businesses and Services. Thank you all so much. So deeply appreciated as always. 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. Editor Kathy Sproules 14 Scott St Skipton, Phone 03 5340 2340, fax 5340 2434. Email: skiptonscn@bigpond.com

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



Meetings & Coming Events

Legacy Week, 27th August to 2nd September 2023

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.

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!

Please contact Gail Ward, Secretary, Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch.

For any further information or contact on 0403 530 293

Saturday 2nd September: **CHFNL Finals: SEMI FINALS**

Saturday 2nd September: **FUNDRAISING BBQ** 15 Montgomery Street, Skipton, **to raise money for Legacy.** Thanks to Country Grocers. Supported by Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch

Sunday 3rd September: **CHFNL Finals: SEMI FINALS**

Sunday 3rd September. The **SKIPTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will hold it's monthly meeting at **2.00 p.m.** in the **OLD POLICE HOUSE**, in the Historical Precinct, Montgomery Street, Skipton. Please ring Secretary Barb Pett on 5340 2086 mob. 0407 310 990 for contact or information, or email on skipton.history.au@gmail.com

Saturday 2nd September **SKIPTON FRIENDS of the RSL FUNDRAISING BBQ for LEGACY WEEK.** Badges will be for sale in Skipton outlets on Montgomery Street, thanks to Country Grocers, Skipton. Badges will be for sale in Skipton outlets Supported by Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch, further information from Gail Ward, Secretary of Friends' by phoning Gail on 0403530293.

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**

Saturday 9th September. **SKIPTON'S SPRING MARKET**, in the Mechanics Hall, Anderson Street, Skipton, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00p.m. Wide variety of stalls, all welcome to snacks and a cuppa and a warm welcome in the Supper Room.



Please ring Market Co-ordinator Jan for further information or stall bookings, on 0422 785 017, or check [facebook/Skipton Community Market](https://www.facebook.com/SkiptonCommunityMarket).

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

Sunday 17th September: **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & 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 or Karen Bradshaw phone 0439 630 884. Everyone welcome.

Monday 2nd October **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** Meeting at

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OCTOBER 15 KIDS ART EXHIBITION

**SUBMISSIONS WANTED
AS PART OF THE SKIPTON
SPRING FESTIVAL!**

**WORK MUST BE SUBMITTED
TO THE SKIPTON OPSHOP
BY FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER**

SHOW OFF YOUR ART SKILLS AS PART OF AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING OUR TOWNS RICH HISTORY IN SHEEP & WOOL FARMING.

CHOOSE ANY MEDIUM: DRAWING, PAINTING, COLLAGE, PHOTOGRAPHY ETC. ART WORK MUST BE NO BIGGER THAN A3 SIZE AND SHOULD FEATURE SHEEP, WOOL, FARMING OR SHEARING OF SOME KIND!



Come and join us for a great day out in Skipton as we celebrate our town's rich history in Sheep and Wool Farming.

We are excited to unveil our newest artwork - our Blade Shearer Statue; monument to local and internationally recognised Blade Shearer Ben Wilkie. Join us for our LIVE BLADE SHEARING (using Ben Wilkie's original shears!) and wool classing demonstration from 12pm onwards.

We will have a fantastic range of COUNTRY MARKET STALLS showcasing local and artisan products, as well as informative stalls with information about the sheep and wool trade and how it has sustained our town over generations.

Enjoy LIVE MUSIC from 12pm-4pm with "Possums on the Porch" playing in the Rotunda in the Main Street, and "Rock 'n Roll Stroll" playing in the Mechanics Hall.

REFRESHMENTS available from several food vendors situated throughout our township. Don't forget to grab a sausage from the Skipton Progress Association Sausage Sizzle or pop into the Supper Room at the Mechanics Hall for tea, coffee, cold drinks and home made slices.

KIDS ACTIVITIES available with an Exhibition of local Children's Artwork in the Mechanics Hall and Colouring and Crafts available in the Supper Room. Head on over the bridge to Stewart Park for more fun and games by the Historical Society.

Parking is available throughout the town. Please make use of Jubilee Park (and visit the Children's Playground) and the Football Oval if additional parking is needed.

More details to be added - watch this space or find us on Facebook @theskiptonprogressassociation

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Market

On Saturday 9th September

In the Skipton Mechanics Hall,

Anderson Street, Skipton

From 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Browse our stalls: craft, plants, jewellery, tools,
bric-a-brac, books and collectibles, preserves and cakes,
even a hint of Barbie?

Join your friends and neighbours for a cuppa and a snack
in the Supper Room



For further information, or for stall bookings, please ring
Jan Murphy, Market Coordinator on 0422 785 017
Or check face/book Skipton Community Market



OCTOBER 15 SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL

**CELEBRATING OUR RICH HISTORY
IN SHEEP & WOOL FARMING**

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 10AM - 4PM

**LIVE BLADE SHEARING, WOOL CLASSING DEMO,
SHEEP SHOWING, COUNTRY MARKET STALLS,
FOOD VENDORS & MORE!**

LIVE MUSIC 12PM - 4PM!

POSSUMS ON THE PORCH
ROTUNDA MAIN STREET

ROCK N ROLL STROLL
TOWN HALL



**JOIN US FOR THE OFFICIAL
LAUNCH OF OUR MONUMENT TO
LOCAL BLADE SHEARER BEN WILKIE!**

