



This Week's Sponsor: Ian, Denise, James Porter "White Suffolks & Sheep Master" 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 Tomorrow
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**

For contact or any further information.

MONTH-LONG YOUTH FEST CELEBRATION KICKS OFF

The skills and achievements of young Victorians will be celebrated with a month-long festival, supported by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman joined Member for Preston Nathan Lambert to launch Youth Fest – a program of 111 events being held right across Victoria throughout September.

From live music, art and filmmaking to sustainable gardening, Youth Fest 2023 is supported by the Labor Government and features events designed for and by young Victorians.

Grants of \$2,000 have been awarded to youth sector organisations, local government, and schools to develop events in partnership with Victorians aged 12 to 25.

Bridge Darebin offers vocational and life skills training to young people who may face employment challenges, including those with disability, mental health barriers and First Nations youth.

The café will host 'Reimagining Monday' on 18th September with trainees taking over full operation of the social enterprise for the day.

For the full Youth Fest program, visit vic.gov.au/youth-fest

October is

Senior Citizens Month

*Check out the great Shows and
Events that you can go to!!*

No need to travel far!!

*Corangamite Shire and Skipton
have it all right near your door.*

*Also Golden Plains and
Pyrenees Shire have events too.*

*Assistance with Transport is
available if required, just see details
inside SCN for contact details. K*



Lost Walking Stick, maybe you have seen it?

Before leaving for a drive in to Ballarat at the weekend, one of the residents put his walking stick on to the roof of the car, as he was getting in to the car to leave.

The walking stick must have shaken off and fallen somewhere on the way around the Pools Reserve and on to the highway. If you have found it please contact the Hospital on 5340 1100 so it can be returned to its owner.

Wanted for Skipton Golf Club 4 x Wheel Motor Bike or "Side by Side" Farm Bike

*Must be in good going order and hoping
"Surplus to Requirement" and Free for
the Skipton Golf Club, to be used by
Greens Director for Course Maintenance
Please phone 0428 402 340
If able to assist.*

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 | St. James, Sebastopol |
| Thursday 9.30am | 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

And Jesus said, "Peace is my parting gift, to you, such as the world cannot give."

John ch 14, v. 27



SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

Beaufort Road, Skipton.

Transfer Station opens next on

- Wed 6th September 2023, Sun 17th September 2023,
- Wed 20th September 2023, Sun 31st August 2023,
- Wed 4th October 2023, Sun 14th October 2023,

Opening Hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm.



Public Notices

Skipton



Spring



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!

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 ROTUNDA MAIN STREET

ROCK N ROLL STROLL
 TOWN HALL



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Ian: 0429 885 750

Denise: 0428 891 683

James: 0447 725 152

18th Annual Sale Thursday 28th Sept 2023 at 1:30pm

Inspections & Complimentary Lunch from 11:30pm

**SALE WILL BE INTERFACED WITH AUCTIONSPLUS
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0447 609 466

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Troubling data shows Victorians won't leave early in the event of a bushfire

An alarming number of Victorians living in high-risk bushfire areas say they would stay at their properties until they felt threatened by a bushfire, or would wait for an official warning, a CFA survey revealed.

CFA's annual Bushfire Community Survey, undertaken since 2009-10, showed 30.9% would wait for emergency authorities to tell them what to do, 28.6% would stay until they felt threatened and 13.8% would stay and defend their property.

Victoria has experienced many damaging fire seasons in recent memory such as the February 2009 bushfires and the 2019-20 fires, and with the prediction of a warmer spring and earlier start to this year's season, CFA is concerned that not enough people are preparing themselves for fire season and heeding CFA's advice.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said it's concerning knowing around half of all Victorians in high-risk bushfire areas are risking their lives if a bushfire was to occur.

"Victoria has had quieter fire seasons the last few years but now is not the time for the community to become complacent," CO Heffernan said.

"And while our firefighters are always well prepared and your safety during fire season is a shared responsibility, so it's vital that you understand your local risks and take actions to prepare your family and property.

"We've seen in the recent release of the spring seasonal outlook that weather patterns are changing and we're expecting warmer and drier conditions across the state leading up to summer.

"Fires spread quickly and they threaten lives and properties. The community needs to be prepared and they need to know their triggers to act. Please don't rely on one source of information, utilise the multiple channels available to you. Use common sense and protect yourself and your loved ones."

The AFAC Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Spring released on 23 August, outlined that fire risk in the coming months is expected to be normal across most parts of Victoria.

The predicted development of an El Niño weather pattern will contribute to higher fire risk in some parts of Victoria this season compared to the last three years.

"Now is the time to sit down with your family or household and make sure you have a bushfire survival plan. Practice this plan and be ready," CO Heffernan said.

"On hot, dry and windy days, don't drive into or through high-risk areas. Plan an alternate route or postpone your travel if possible. Continue to monitor conditions every day."

The survey also showed 44.4% believe CFA is responsible for protecting them during a bushfire, and 43.8% say CFA is responsible for protecting their home.

"We simply can't get a truck to every house during a major bushfire. Fire safety is a joint effort and the community need to also take on this responsibility when living in a bushfire prone area," CO Heffernan said.

"Our promise is to continue with our mission to protect lives and property and we are lucky to have some of the best firefighters in the world to do this."

Victorians should know where to find the best information to stay safe and never rely on just one source of information.

Victoria's integrated warning system includes the Vic Emergency website, app and social media channels, VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226, emergency broadcasters including ABC radio, Sky News TV, commercial radio and select community radio stations.

Warnings are issued when an incident is occurring, and you need to act. Make sure you understand the three levels of

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warnings and additional messages such as 'Evacuate Now':

Advice – An incident is occurring or has occurred.
Access information and monitor conditions.

Warning (Watch & Act) – An emergency is developing nearby. Conditions are changing and you need to act now to protect yourself and your family.

Emergency Warning – You are in imminent danger and need to act now.

Evacuation – An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.

We're asking people to take the following actions:

- Move your winter woodpile away from the house or sheds.
- Prune tree branches so they are not overhanging the roof or touching walls.
- Clear your gutters.
- Keep grass shorter than 10cm.
- Remove leaves and twigs from around your property.
- Test anything that is part of your fire plan such as sprinklers, pumps and generators.
- Check that your home and contents insurance is current and includes a level of cover in line with current building standards and regulations.

If you are burning off to remove green waste, register your burn-off online at Fire Permits Victoria at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au, or call ESTA on 1800 688 511.

Make sure your household has a Bushfire Survival Plan. Find out how at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan.

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2023

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Skipton Progress Association



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entry form**



COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS ROUND TWO 2023



Is your community group looking for funding for a project or program?

Applications open on 1 September for the second round of Golden Plains Shire Council's Community Strengthening Grants Program 2023.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available in four categories:

- Healthy Active Living – to support recreation, sport, health and wellbeing projects
- Creative Community – to support arts and culture projects
- Environment and Sustainability – to support projects that improve the environment
- Community Safety – to support projects that equip communities to be safe and resilient

Groups must match the amount of funding sought, either in cash or through in-kind contributions, such as volunteer work on the project. Applications are open until 2pm, Monday 2 October 2023.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss your application with Council's Community Grants team. Please enquire as soon as possible to allow adequate time to discuss your application prior to the submission deadline

For more information visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Community Development & Grants Officer at 5220 7111 or email communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au



Victorian Seniors Festival 2023



1 – 31 October

Seniors Festival returns for a Shire wide celebration in October!

Senior members of the community are encouraged to get out and about during the 2023 Victorian Seniors Festival with a range of events on offer for Golden Plains residents to enjoy throughout the month of October.

The Victorian Seniors Festival is a state-wide festival for Victorians over 60, focusing on providing fun and good times.

Council is pleased to again host the Victorian Seniors Festival in Golden Plains and has partnered with local organisations and community groups to provide a calendar of events for our local seniors, with free or low-cost events and activities taking place across the Shire.

There is a great timetable of local events on offer across Golden Plains with opportunities for participants to get active playing golf, participate in technology and art group classes, engage with other seniors in the Shire at the Linton Men's Shed or enjoy delicious morning teas and lunches, plus much more!

Several activities will be delivered at no cost, while some activities will have a low-cost participation fee. Registration is required for Council run events and transport options are also available.

To view the full calendar of events, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au. For further information, contact Council's Active Ageing and Inclusion team via email at ageingandinclusion@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

MENTAL WELLBEING EVENT

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service recently held a Looking after your Mental Wellbeing event with qualified Social Worker, Freya Maberly. Freya also has training in Psychology, Counselling, and Equine Assisted Therapy.

It was great to see many local community members attend to gain new skills and knowledge to look after their own mental wellbeing. Attendees were able to understand the relationship between their mental health and wellbeing, emotional regulation and the body's nervous system. In addition, they learnt simple strategies to implement daily to build their resilience and support their mental wellbeing.



SKIPTON OUTINGS BUS

Would you like to join our next social outing? Our next outing will be to Bacchus Marsh on Tuesday 19 September. We will visit and explore the Heritage Trail and will have lunch at the Golf Club. The bus will leave at 10am from the Skipton campus.

For more information or to book your place please call 5340 1100 by Monday 11 September.



Victorian fire agencies and regulator urge caution over lithium-ion battery fire risks

Victorian fire services are responding to at least one significant lithium-ion battery-related fire each week and this trend is expected to increase.

Energy Safe Victoria, Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) are urging the community to be aware of risks associated with lithium-ion batteries and know how to use them safely, with fires caused by them on the rise.

Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable batteries found in e-scooters, e-cigarettes, e-bikes, electric vehicles, golf buggies, power banks, vacuum cleaners, power tools and gardening appliances.

CFA Deputy Chief Officer Garry Cook said lithium-ion battery fires can be avoided by taking precautions and using these devices safely.

"When lithium-ion batteries are damaged, misused or fail to meet compliance standards, they pose a serious fire risk, particularly while they are connected to chargers," he said.

"These devices make our lives easier, however people should know the risks and make sure they use e-products correctly.

"The best way to keep you and your family safe is to only purchase from reputable suppliers, follow the manufacturer's instructions and use the compatible charger that came with the product."

Fire Rescue Commissioner Gavin Freeman AFSM said fire crews were responding to an increasing number of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries, often with devastating impacts.

"Just last month FRV attended a significant house fire in Port Melbourne caused by a handheld rechargeable tool, which had a faulty lithium-ion battery," Commissioner Freeman said.

"Thankfully the occupant managed to evacuate the premise and was uninjured, but the house was extensively damaged."

"It's important that people never store e-products in places that would block exits in the event of a fire."

"Stop using or charging the product if you notice strong odours, extreme heat, change in shape, leaking or hissing and popping sounds, as these are indicators the product may catch alight."

Once a lithium-ion battery catches alight it can develop dangerous, self-sustaining flames and potentially release shrapnel and toxic gas.

Fire agencies encourage people to charge these devices in a safe open space outside or in a room where a smoke alarm is present.

The issue has prompted Energy Safe to include the supply of safe lithium-ion batteries as a compliance and enforcement priority for 2023-24, ensuring suppliers sell products that meet Australian Standards.



Energy Safe has also led the expansion of international safety standards for personal e-transporters, such as electric scooters powered by rechargeable batteries.

Energy Safe CEO Leanne Hughson said one of the biggest risk factors was the use of 'aftermarket' batteries or those not made by the original manufacturer.

"All batteries come with a degree of risk but it's how you treat them and the care you take with purchasing that determines whether they become dangerous," she said.

"If they're damaged, replace them and don't take shortcuts to save some money. Common factors with lithium-ion fires are aftermarket, recycled or modified batteries.

"They may be cheaper, but they are not worth the risk. You want the safest option which is the battery that is built by the same manufacturer as the product. It's the same principle with chargers – do not buy the cheapest charger you can find unless it's made by the manufacturer of the product.

"Riding an electric scooter should be a fun pastime, not an imminent fire hazard."

Victorians who own or are considering purchasing a lithium-ion battery powered product can take the following actions to keep themselves and their families safe:

- Purchase products from reputable suppliers.
- Only use chargers and cords that are supplied with the device.
- Don't modify or tamper with the batteries and the appliances they power.
- Don't leave batteries charging in direct sunlight or for longer than they need to.
- Only charge batteries on non-combustible surfaces in a room where a smoke alarm is present.
- Don't use batteries or devices that show signs of swelling, bulging, leaking or overheating.
- Don't charge items close to a door, which would block your exit if the item did catch fire.

If your e-product does catch fire:

- Call Triple Zero (000) immediately.
- Stop using the product if you notice overheating, bulging, leaking or unusual sounds.
- Leave the area and call Triple Zero (000), even if you no longer see flames or smoke.
- It's not safe to attempt to put the fire out yourself, as batteries involved in fire can release toxic gases and generate multiple explosions.
- Ensure firefighters attend to make the area safe.
- Never throw lithium-ion batteries in your regular waste or recycling collection bins. Many battery related fires start in household bins, garbage trucks and waste facilities.

Victorians can learn more about lithium-ion batteries and how to safely use these products online at

- www.cfa.vic.gov.au/batterysafety and
- www.frv.vic.gov.au/battery-safety.



CORANGAMITE
SHIRE

Community Volunteer Award nominations opening soon

Community members are invited to nominate inspirational Corangamite Shire residents and groups for the 2024 Community Volunteer Awards.

Nominations for the Corangamite Shire Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year awards open Monday 11 September and close Friday 27 October.

Mayor Ruth Gstrein invited Corangamite Shire residents to nominate people and events who deserved recognition for their contributions to the community.

"This is a terrific opportunity to celebrate the contributions of the many volunteers, individuals, groups and organisations that have contributed to the safety, wellbeing and connectedness of our community," Cr Gstrein said.

"I encourage everyone to have a think and nominate someone who has given their time and energy to help others.

The awards will be presented at Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall on 26 January.

"We are working on two components to the day," Cr Gstrein said.

"One is an acknowledgement and recognition of what the day means for Indigenous Australians in the morning in consultation with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners.

"The Community Volunteer Awards will then be run as they have in the past, followed by a community barbecue and musical performance.

"These awards are an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals and groups in our community," Cr Gstrein said.

"There are a lot of quiet achievers who help nurture our young people, care for the sick and elderly and the environment. They help run sporting and service clubs, rec reserves, pools and halls.

"There are so many ways that passionate contributors bring us together as a community.

"These awards give us the chance to say, 'thank you'."

Nomination forms and guidelines are available at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/VolunteerAwards or by calling Council on 5593 7100.

Details of the entertainment and guest speaker will be confirmed closer to the date.

A 10 dollar bill, a 5 dollar bill, and a 100 dollar bill all die and go to heaven. God sees the 1 dollar bill and says he's been good, so he let him in. He also let the 5 dollar bill in for being good. When the 100 dollar bill went up to him, God said, "Hmm, well I never see YOU in church."

Youth creative exhibition set to make Shire smile

The talents of young artists from across Corangamite Shire will be in the spotlight throughout September. The Corangamite Youth Creative Exhibition at Courthouse Camperdown brings together 34 artworks from 26 young artists.

Mayor Ruth Gstrein said The Youth Fest 2023 event, which opened on Friday 1 September, would run until Saturday 30 September.

"It is an opportunity for our young people aged 12 to 25 years to show us what makes them smile," Cr Gstrein said.

"Our youth bring fresh ideas, perspectives and skills, and their contributions and achievements should be celebrated.

"Youth Fest aims to provide safe spaces for young people to support their health and wellbeing by building social connections and having fun.

"For many years, the Victorian government has provided support to community organisations, local councils and schools to engage young people in Victorian Youth Week activities.

"In the wake of the pandemic and following consultation with young people and the youth sector, in 2022 Victorian Youth Week was transitioned to Youth Fest.

"The goal is to create an environment where youth-focused and youth-led events can flourish, regardless of challenges such as the pandemic."

The Corangamite Youth Creative Exhibition is supported by the Victorian Government.

CELEBRATING OUR UNSUNG HEROES

The Wannon Sport and Volunteer Awards are an annual event to thank the outstanding members of the Wannon community whose actions, achievements and efforts make a positive difference in our region.

The Sport Awards recognise and highlight outstanding sporting performances, achievements, and contributions by community members. The Volunteer Awards recognise and celebrate individual and group volunteers who have made outstanding contributions and go above and beyond for their local communities.

Please take the opportunity to honour and recognise an individual, team or community group and nominate them for either a Sport or Volunteer Award.

There are several categories within the Sport and Volunteer awards, so I encourage you to visit my website, www.dantehan.com.au and download a nomination form below.

Alternatively, you can contact my office on 1300 131 692 or 5561 6405.

Please note that nominations close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 22 September 2023.

The award ceremony is a fantastic day of celebration, and I look forward to your involvement.

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN THE SHIRE

Council is hosting a series of free activities for young people aged 12 to 25 years throughout the upcoming Spring School Holidays, with fantastic activities running from Monday 18 September to Thursday 28 September.

The free school holiday activities held across the Shire have been designed to support the needs and interests of young people, while also providing opportunities to learn new skills and connect with other young people.

The full list of school holiday activities available are:

- Monday 18 September, 12.30 to 4pm – **Drop-in MasterChef** at the Golden Plains Youth Hub, Milton Street, Bannockburn.

- Tuesday 19 September, 10am to 12.30pm – **Drop-in Acrylic Pour** at the Golden Plains Youth Hub, Milton Street, Bannockburn*

Wednesday 20 September, 9am to 6pm – **Hosier to Holbein Street Art & Gallery Visit - National Gallery of Victoria and Hosier Lane, Melbourne***

- Wednesday 20 September, 12.30 to 4pm – **Drop-in Food Fun** at the Golden Plains Youth Hub, Milton Street, Bannockburn.

- Thursday 21 September, 10am to 1pm – **All Aboard Skate Workshop** at the Bannockburn Skate Park, Moore Street, Bannockburn*

- Thursday 21 September, 10am to 1pm – **Rollerway** at the Rollerway Skate Centre, Lambert Avenue, Newtown*

- Tuesday 26 September, 12.30pm to 4pm – **Drop-in Game On** at the Golden Plains Youth Hub, Milton Street, Bannockburn.

- Wednesday 27 September, 12.30pm to 4pm – **Drop-in Food Fun** at the Golden Plains Youth Hub, Milton Street, Bannockburn.

- Thursday 28 September, 10am to 1pm – **Allover Meredith Skate Workshop** at the Meredith Skate Park, Wilson Street, Meredith*

Thursday 28 September, 2.30 to 4.30pm – **Movie Afternoon – Puss in Boots, The Last Wish** at the Golden Plains Youth Hub, Milton Street, Bannockburn*

Golden Plains Shire Council Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham encouraged young people to get involved in the exciting range of free activities on offer.

“Council is pleased to be able to offer a range of school holiday activities that cater to young people’s different interests, and from skate workshops to gaming and cooking sessions, there’s so much for young people to enjoy.” Cr Cunningham said.

“We encourage young people to check out Council’s website to see what’s on offer, and take up the opportunity to have fun in a safe environment while strengthening social connections with their peers.”

Registration is required for some events and transport options may be available. To register, or find out more information, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/school-activity-program or contact Council’s Youth Development Team on 5220 7111.

**Registration is required for these events.*



FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON ROADSIDE WEEDS AND PESTS CONTROL PLAN

Golden Plains Shire Council is dedicated to managing roadside weed and pest issues and is actively seeking input from the community for the creation of its Roadside Weeds and Pests Control Plan 2023-2026 (the Plan).

The Plan will assist Council to identify the prevalent weed and pest species along Council’s roadsides to enable the implementation of appropriate measures by Council officers.

Community feedback is vital in shaping this Plan, ensuring that it aligns with local priorities and concerns.

Council’s Roadside Weed Control program is part of a broader state-wide initiative aimed at preventing the spread of invasive weeds and pests on rural roads.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham welcomed the development of the Plan, emphasising its importance in controlling invasive weed throughout the Shire’s roadsides.

“I encourage residents from all across the Shire to consider their local roadsides and identify any invasive weeds and pests that may be affecting the native flora and fauna across our Shire,” Cr Cunningham said.

“Council is committed to tackling invasive weeds and pests, which change the natural diversity and balance of ecological communities, threatening the survival of many native plants and animals.” he said.

“Contributions from Council’s roadside weed control program has so far seen roadside weed control of more than 1600 kilometres of the Shire’s roadsides, a number we aim to keep growing.”

The Roadside Weeds and Pests Control Plan is funded by a \$49,128 grant from the Victorian Government’s Roadside Weeds and Pests Program.

The funding will be used to support Council’s Roadside Weed Control program and development of the Plan, targeting declared weeds including Serrated Tussock, Gorse, Blackberry, Sweet Briar, Broom sp., Boxthorn and Hawthorn.

Once the Plan has been finalised, it will be submitted by Council to Agriculture Victoria for endorsement.

The survey will be open from Monday 28 August to 5pm, Monday 25 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.

For more information, contact Council’s Environment and Sustainability Team at environmentandsustainability@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

Time to Study for End Of Year Exams

It was time for the final and one student wanted to get at least one right answer on the chemistry test. The question was, “If h20 is water, what is h204?” This was a quick question for most, but it took the student some thinking time.

Finally, he wrote down his answer: For drinking, washing, and cleaning.

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Chemical Users Course

NATIONALLY RECOGNISED TRAINING

- AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals
- AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and disease

18 & 19 September OR 20 & 21 September

Fully Funded!

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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

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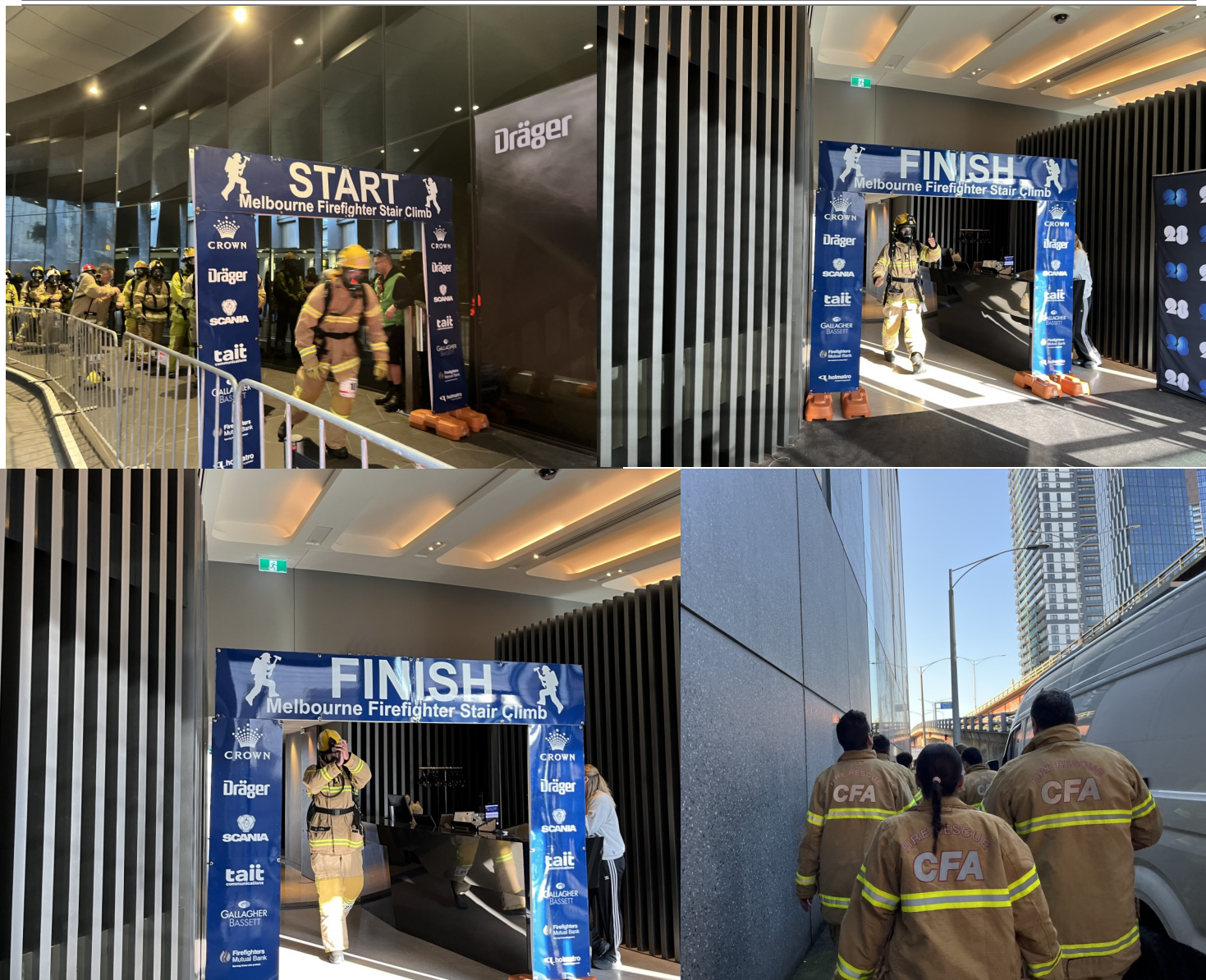
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CFA members climb to new heights for mental health

Up to 700 participating Victorian and interstate emergency services members climbed the stairs of Crown Metropol in Melbourne today, to raise money and awareness for mental health and cancer research.

The 10th annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb, organised by the 000Foundation, raised a total of more than \$605,000.

This year's beneficiaries are Lifeline, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation and 000Foundation.

The challenge saw firefighters get into 25kg of protective gear and race up 28 floors of the tower one-by-one.

CFA Deputy Chief Officer Garry Cook said it's positive to see emergency services personnel come together in person to support such a worthwhile cause.

"Our members are enthusiastic participants of this event and it's great to see their contributions make a difference by raising money and awareness for mental health programs and cancer research," he said.

Firefighters and emergency personnel from all over Australia flocked to Melbourne to be part of the stair climb.

CFA firefighters climbed alongside members from FRV, FFMVic, Victoria Police, VICSES, Ambulance Victoria and members from Tasmania, New South Wales, South Australia and New Zealand.

Since the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb Challenge began in 2014, the event has raised more than \$3.5 million, benefitting charities and organisations such as Alfred Hospital Burns Unit, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Lifeline, Black Dog Institute, Emergency Services Foundation and 000Foundation.

People can still donate and learn more about the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb online at www.firefighterclimb.org.au.

CLIMBING FOR A CAUSE THIS SEPTEMBER

CFA Volunteer Tom Prunty held his late brother's helmet this Saturday while competing for the first time in the tenth annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb 2023.

Last year Tom's older brother, Connor aged 24, died of bowel cancer after a six-week battle.

The stair climb challenge is a fundraiser for Lifeline, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation and the 000 Foundation. Participants climbed 28 floors of Crown Metropol Hotel wearing 25 kilos of turn out gear and breathing apparatus.

To donate visit <https://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/climber/tomprunty/>

Term 3 Week 8 – 1st September, 2023
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This week, we have been hit with quite a few illnesses around the school. I'd like to thank families for being so cautious in keeping students home to ensure that we aren't spreading anything through the school. Please be reassured that classrooms are being cleaned very thoroughly through the week (thanks Bek!), staff are actively using their air purifiers and students have been using masks and sanitiser as required. Fingers crossed everyone will be feeling better and back at school before we know it!

Good luck to all of the students representing Skipton Primary School at the Eureka Athletics on Tuesday. We have some wonderful, new Western Plains tops for them to wear so not only will they be making us all proud with their sporting abilities, they will look the part too! As students arrive at Llanberris on Tuesday, look out for Greg, Mrs Bourke or myself and we will get you all organised!

Happy Father's Day Sunday for all of the Skipton Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Brothers, Mums and everyone who does the 'dad stuff'. The students appreciate you and I am sure will spoil you all!

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

Our Learning Next Week...

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!

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 if you have any further questions.

<p>From Mrs. Britton</p>	<p>We will finish reading the last of our new storybooks from Scholastic this week and then return to Big Books for our whole class read. In big books, our focus will be watching and listening for Upper case letters, full stops and other types of punctuation. During task board each day, we work with our reading group on Guided Reading, read to self, read to someone, listen to reading and word work tasks across the week. On Fridays we are reading a Poetry Big Book and then choose our own daily task. Please remember to return bookbags in P/1 on Mondays and/or Fridays to freshen up books, practice Magic words and have the diary checked.</p>
<p>From Michelle</p>	<p>We look forward to Chloe taking some more lessons next week. She will be taking us for reading, writing and maths. In reading the focus will be on inferring. We will be writing some acrostic poems and in Maths we will be looking at measuring Area with informal units.</p>
<p>From Miss Sheils</p>	<p>The 3/4 students have been working hard on their summarising strategy, using the Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then strategy throughout our reading lessons. Our narrative poems are underway, students have used a planning template and will continue to write, edit and publish these. In maths we are learning to identify what 2D shapes make up other shapes 2D and 3D shapes.</p>
<p>From Mrs. Bourke</p>	<p>Week 9 in Grade 5-6 will see students critiquing their Literature Circle texts and beginning to consider what they would like to read in Term 4. They will be experimenting with Canva to create persuasive advertisements and completing some hands-on Volume and Capacity challenges. On Tuesday, 12 students will head to Eureka Athletics to represent Skipton.</p>

Meetings & Coming Events

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Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October: **SKIPTON PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** together with **SKIPTON FLOOD RECOVERY COMMITTEE** See page 2.

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.

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 16th October: **VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL 2023 “What The World Needs Now”** featuring **Melissa Langdon**. Theatre Royal Bath Street, Camperdown, at 11 am. A free event presented by Corangamite Shire. Please call Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100 to book. Taking Bookings to 1st September. If you require transport to the event, please advise when booking and we can arrange this for free.

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Monday 23rd October: **THE 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)

Wednesday 25th October: **VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL 2023 “VARIETY CONCERT”** featuring **Eric Read**. Skipton Bowls/Golf Club, 26 Rokewood-Skipton Road Skipton. at 10:30 am. A free event presented by Corangamite Shire. Please call Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100 to book. Taking Bookings to 1st September. If you require transport to the event, please advise when booking and we can arrange this for free.

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SKIPTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB Inc NEWS

Semi-Finals played at the weekend, saw our Under 18s and our Senior Footballers playing Gordon and Hepburn respectively.

Congratulations to the Under 18s on a great win. They continue on next week in the Preliminary Final.

Good luck Boys!! K.

Head along and cheer our Team on and hopefully they will come back to Skipton with a special week of preparation for them to face The Big “Grand Final” the following week for them.

Results:

* **Under 18 Football, Semi Final** versus Gordon, Saturday 2nd September.

Skipton 12-12-84 defeated Gordon 3-3-21

Best Players: Finn Cullen-Ward, Andrew Willis, Bailey Meek, Campbell Kennedy, Cooper Cahill, Jordan Martin.

Goals: Andrew Willis 4, Jordan Martin 3, Jesse Kennedy, Robert Read, Billy Kirby, Hamish Draffin all with one.

* **Senior Football, Semi Final.**

Hepburn 12-12-84 defeated Skipton 8-9-57

Best Players: Jacob Maddox, Matthew Romeril, Alex Twedde, Tim Hughes, Joe Mason, Josh Draffin.

Goals: Josh Draffin 3, Rhys Monument 2, Lakota Stranks 1, Jack McClure 1, Nathan Olver.

Sadly, for the Skipton’s Senior Team their Season has ended this last weekend. Congratulations to the Team for making the Finals, Hepburn just too strong on the day. K

* No weekend Football Report from the Club at time of printing. Hopefully next week.

Skipton Spring Festival will be held throughout the Township of Skipton
 On Sunday 15th of October 2023.

“Focus On WOOL”, Unveiling the Plaque of Bennie Wilkie Statue.

So many ways to get involved:

To Book A Stall, contact Jan Murphy on 0422 785 017
 or to Volunteer to assist on the day in the many facets of the Event
 contact SPA President David Hunneybell on 0431 104 610

The Bureau's [long-range forecast](#) for spring 2023 shows below average rainfall is likely for most of Australia along with warmer than usual temperatures.

The warmer spring forecast comes as winter 2023 looks to be Australia's warmest winter on record.

The national mean temperature for winter is currently tracking to be 1.54°C above the 1961–1990 average, which would make it Australia's warmest winter since 1996.

Bureau of Meteorology climate services manager Dr Karl Braganza said unusually warm days are likely for almost all areas over spring, especially Western Australia and parts of the south-east.

"Spring is forecast to be warmer than usual across the country," he said.

Dr Braganza said there is a significant contrast in climatic conditions this spring compared to last year when Australia had its second-wettest spring on record.

"This spring, the forecast shows most areas have a high chance of below average rainfall, and many areas have an increased chance of an unusually dry spring," he said.

Areas with the highest chance of an unusually dry spring are the south-west and parts of the east.

There is always the risk of dangerous and destructive fires in Australia during spring.

Australia's fire agencies have identified an increased risk of fire this spring for regions in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory as part of their [Spring 2023 Bushfire Outlook](#).

Communities in these regions are urged to prepare and review their bushfire plans.

Other areas have normal fire risk.

Dr Braganza said: "The recent wildfires in Canada and Hawaii underscore risks that Australians are familiar with, in particular the catastrophic potential of fires that can occur near urban areas during periods of low rainfall."

Springtime also sees the beginning of northern Australia's wet season in October. The first significant rains of this northern wet season are likely to be later than usual for northern areas.

Climate influences on the spring long-range forecast include the possibility of an El Niño forming this year, with the Bureau currently at El Niño Alert.

When El Niño Alert criteria have been met in the past, an El Niño event has developed around 70% of the time.

Bureau of Meteorology senior climatologist Catherine Ganter said climate models also showed a positive Indian Ocean Dipole event is likely to form during spring.

"This increases our chances of below average rainfall for much of south-eastern and central Australia," she said.

"If a positive IOD occurs with an El Niño, the drying effect is typically stronger and more widespread across Australia, compared to either event by themselves."

Global sea surface temperatures have been the highest

on record for the months of April to July 2023.

The oceans play an extremely important role in global climate, including the climate of Australia.

Bureau of Meteorology senior hydrologist Dr Masoud Edraki said the global climate system is looking very unusual right now.

"Record high warm sea surface temperatures in all of the global oceans are likely to continue to impact the weather we experience for many months," he said.

"We know that a warmer climate does increase the risk of extreme weather including heatwaves and drought," he said.

"We are already seeing longer fire seasons, and an increase in the number of dangerous fire weather days over most of Australia."

"We don't know yet how global warming, and particularly the increased warmth in the oceans, is affecting our typical climate drivers. We'll continue to monitor this closely and how it is likely to affect Australia's climate forecast."

"Our climate forecast model is consistent with the international climate forecasts that show Australia is trending dry and warm for the coming season, particularly in the south-west and much of south-eastern Australia."

For more information:

[Long-range forecast for spring](#)

More summary information about winter conditions will be on the Bureau's website from 1 September: gov.au/climate/current/season/aus/summary.shtml

Latest Climate Driver Update: [Climate Driver Update \(bom.gov.au\)](http://Climate_Driver_Update(bom.gov.au))

Winter summaries for each state, territory and major capital city, will be published on Wednesday, 6 September.



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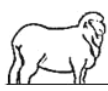
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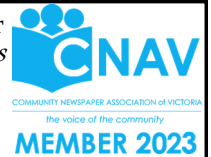
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Meetings & Coming Events

Thursday 1st to 30th September: VICTORIAN YOUTH FESTIVAL, Corangamite Youth "CREATIVE EXHIBITION"
"What makes You Smile?" Featuring Art from 15 young, local artists. *Learn more at Corangamite.vic.gov.au/CreativeExhibition.*

Thursday 7th September: **SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.** will meet at 6.30 p.m. for their regular (but abbreviated) **Monthly Meeting** to be followed by **PUBLIC MEETING AT 7PM.**



Thursday 7th September. **SKIPTON STRUCTURE PLAN** will be the focus of a **PUBLIC MEETING** will be at **7.00 p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall.** All welcome, the meeting called by the **Skipton Progress Association Inc.** to discuss and submit ideas for Skipton's future development. 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**, will be held in the Mechanics Hall, and outside Stall in Anderson Street, Skipton, **from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Wide variety of stalls, all welcome. Enjoy a Light Lunch, snacks, a cuppa and a lovely warm welcome by Val and her Friendly Staff 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).

Monday 11th September: The **STEWART PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT** will have their regular **Monthly Meeting in the Small Meeting Room** at the **Skipton Mechanics Hall at 6.00p.m.** with reports on progress on ongoing projects and our contribution to the Skipton Spring Festival in October. Interested Community members and volunteers very welcome. Please phone Victoria on 0437 565 404 for further information or contact.

Friday 15th September: **START SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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

Tuesday 19th September: All are welcome to join the **WORKING BEE in lovely Stewart Park**, on Montgomery Street, Skipton, behind the Platypus statue. From **10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.**, there's always something to do. Please wear sensible clothes, boots or closed toe shoes, gloves a good idea. Last two Working Bees have been rained off, let's see if we can get working this time!

Please **contact Victoria on 0437 565 404** for further information, or just come along on the day.

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.

OCTOBER IS SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH Check out the great Shows and Events that you can go to!! No need to travel far!! Corangamite Shire and Skipton have it all right near your door. Golden Plains Shire and Pyrenees Shire also have great events for you too. Assistance with Transport is available if required.

See details inside SCN for contact details. K



Sunday 1st October: **SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will hold it's regular monthly meeting at **2.00 p.m.** in the **Old Police House**, in the Historical Precinct, Montgomery Street, Skipton. For further information please ring Secretary on 0407 310 990 or via email on skipton.history.au@gmail.com

Monday 2nd October : **BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 4.**

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

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