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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**

Showcasing Skipton

- Live Music, Stalls and Food Vendors in the CBD
- Sausage Sizzle in front of IGA
- Jumping Castle and Historical Displays at the Court House, Police House and Police Stables, over the Bridge and in Stewart Park
- Then stroll on to the hall for more music, Food and Stalls, Spinning and Knitting Displays,
- Heaps to see and do.

See the Blade Shearer in Action, and the Sheep at the "Baa Baa"



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

To make Stall Bookings and for any Enquiries about the Spring Festival contact SPA President Dave Hunneybell on 0431 104 610. See you there.



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 Valley | 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, 12:20 pm Diocesan Historical Commission
Thursday – 7.00am, 10.00am, 12:20 pm
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, "God, My Father, gives you the Truth from Heaven to bring life for you."

John ch 6, v. 32, 33.

God gave His Son, Christ Jesus, that through Him, mankind might be saved from self-interest alone.

John ch 3, v. 16, 19.



SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

Beaufort Road, Skipton.

Transfer Station opens next on

- Sun 17th September 2023, Wed 20th September 2023,
 Sun 1st October 2023, Wed 4th October 2023,
 Sun 15th October 2023, Wed 18th October 2023,

Opening Hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm.



Public Notices

Thank you Skipton Ambos



On the first day of spring I woke up feeling a bit under the weather and NO I hadn't been at the football club the night before so thought I'd call my ambo neighbours Anna and Ian for advice and in a flash they were beside my bed even though Anna was on crutches and NO she hadn't been at the footy club the night before either.

Ian did all the checks and spoke to '000' and in another flash ambos Russell and Fiona were beside my bed as well where clearly I wasn't paying much attention because in yet another flash two Ballarat ambos were on the scene who decided to give the locals a break and carted me off to Ballarat where I spent the night and cannot speak highly enough of my care there.

Speaking of care the words haven't been invented yet to describe what our local ambos did for me and I will never be able to thank them enough – they all went over and beyond what their ambo duties would require.

I won't go into details in case you are reading this eating your lunch but just let's say the bedroom I left was not pretty but returning next day it was in pristine condition I'm just so lucky to live in this great little town surrounded by lovely people and thank you for all of the great messages I received.

THANK YOU Anna, Ian, Russell and Fiona - Val Day

Wanted for Skipton Golf Club

4 x Wheel Motor Bike "Side by Side"

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

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 TOWN'S 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!





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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

HEALTH SERVICE RECOGNISED IN AWARDS

Recently the Health Service received the news that it had been nominated as a finalist in the Victorian Training Awards for its outstanding contributions in the training sector. The Health Service was nominated in two categories, 'Employer Award for Apprenticeship Development' and 'Small Employer of the Year'. The Health Service has focused our efforts to ensure staff and teams have every opportunity to learn and grow in their respective career choices. The community then benefits from the improvement of skills which has enabled BSHS to continue to grow the services we offer.



Kim Stevens (Learning & Development Manager) and Meryn Pease (CEO)

The Health Service were delighted to be presented as the winner of the 'Small Employer of the Year' award. It was also announced that the Health Service will now represent Victoria at the National Training Awards later this year in Hobart.

Over the last two years the Health Service have supported 64% of non-clinical permanent staff to complete a variety of courses. These included Certificates in Health Service Administration, Certificate III in Leisure and Lifestyle, Certificate III in Commercial Cookery, Certificate III in Individual Support Traineeship, Diploma of Community Health Traineeship, Diploma of Nursing and Traineeships and Diploma of Community Services.



Beaufort | 28 Havelock Street | 5349 1600
Skipton | 2 Blake Street | 5340 1100

bshs.org.au
CONNECT WITH US

Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly Future

Dementia Action Week

18-24 September 2023



Join us this Dementia Action Week, for a free afternoon tea and hear more on this important topic from Dr. Mark Yates, Geriatrician, Medical Lead of the Dementia Care in Hospitals Program at Grampians Health and Associate Professor in Aged Care, Rehabilitation and Palliative Care and Deakin University.

BEERIPMO CENTRE
1-3 LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

2.30PM

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

5349 1600



WESTLEIGH White Suffolk & sheepmaster

IG & DA Porter
2549 Eurambeen/Streatham Rd
Lake Wongan Victoria 3373

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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3% REBATE TO ALL OUTSIDE AGENTS**

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SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB INC.

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proudly presents the 15th Annual

SKIPTON PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW 2023

SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL



Skipton Progress Association



SAT OCT 7 1-4PM

SUN OCT 8 10-4PM

entries close: 28th Sep @5pm

enquiries contact Terry: 0418 999 189

email: skiptonphotographicclub@gmail.com

 Skipton & District Photographic Club inc.

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entry form**



Skipton Bowls Club

2023/24 Bowls Season in the Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region.

The new season for Bowls is about to begin in early October



We are looking forward to welcoming new Members to our Club in this new and exciting Season – moving to the Ballarat Region gives us the opportunity to play at Clubs that are more conveniently located to us.

Practice is held 5pm Thursdays weekly at the Skipton Bowls Club – We have spare bowls and many bowlers to share their knowledge with anyone wishing to come and join us.

This year we have new Club Shirts which are supplied by our Sponsors, Shark Racing.

Contact: Secretary, Gail Ward 0403 530 293
Treasurer, Tim Clarke 0472 730 918

Skipton Structure Plan 2023

Result of Public Meeting held at the Skipton Hall On 7th September 2023.

Note: All 12 items were only separated by 1 vote each, it was very close on all items.

- ⇒ 1st Increase population with more housing suitable for all ages.
 - ⇒ Joint 2nd Rezone land for more housing/industrial options
 - ⇒ Retain Police presence in town
 - ⇒ 4 equal 3rd place: Encourage younger families with a community centre able to house variety of activities.
 - ⇒ Improve appearance of unoccupied buildings, old buildings and shops for a better streetscape, in main area of town.
 - ⇒ Helipad at the hospital and improved emergency services (i.e A&E dept).
 - ⇒ New Public Transport north and south, and improved public transport (allowing evening transport back to Skipton) from east to west.
 - ⇒ 4 equal 4th Place: Heated pool for Therapy, Relaxation Year long.
 - ⇒ Move buildings houses above flood risk.
 - ⇒ Establish RV friendly Town
 - ⇒ Establish community groups for youth and older people with Neighborhood House
 - ⇒ Last but only 4 votes behind the 1st option: more activities for youth and older people.
- 25 people attended with the option of 3 votes each.
- All options were amicably and openly debated.

Sizzling a Sausage for Legacy!



Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch, with President Graham Layley and his cheerful team of Friends and friends would like to thank the people of Skipton for their generosity in their support of the “sausage sizzle” on Montgomery Street on Saturday 2nd September.

Thank you also to Country Grocers who provided the food, to all who manned the barbeque, and to Ian whose Mini Moke provided such a great focus for passers-by.

The effort raised almost \$290.00 for Legacy, in addition to what was given by way of the purchase of badges from the Legacy boxes in town.

A great cause, a great response and Legacy thanks you all.

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and recognise Skipton's history as a Premier Sheep Town in the Western District, and in particular Bennie Wilkie, historic State and 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.

Special thanks to the quality work by the people involved.



Revitalized Community Funding Program brings new opportunities to the Pyrenees

Pyrenees Shire Council's Community Funding Program is now open for applications.

A range of grants and subsidies covering events, projects, equipment, minor capital works, business shop facade and one-off programs/activities can be accessed through the program.

Applications for grants can be made through Council's online portal, where you will find a range of useful resources including comprehensive program guidelines, answers to frequently asked questions, and information about grant opportunities through state and federal governments.

"In the 2022/23 program, Council funded some important community projects, such as kitchen upgrades for the Beaufort RSL, a Mental Health and Wellbeing Forum delivered by Beaufort and Skipton Health Service, a new gas hot water system for Moonambel Recreation Reserve Committee, Avoca's Community Food Party's Healthy Eating Initiative, and a new community connection and engagement program for the Waterloo community," said Pyrenees Shire Mayor Ron Eason.

"Many of these programs and projects wouldn't be able to happen without this support from Council's funding program. We're very pleased we can continue to provide this kind of support to our community," said Cr Eason.

Information drop-in sessions are being held across the Shire where Council staff can help community groups with their grant application questions, including how to apply online.

"Please speak to a Council officer before applying,

this will make sure you understand the eligibility criteria and give your application the best chance of being successful," Cr Eason said.

Applications for grants and sponsorship are open until 23 October.

In addition to these annual grants, the Community Funding Program has monthly responsive grants of up to \$500 to quickly assist with unexpected community need.

Responsive grants and event signage subsidies run year-round, with applications closing at 12pm on the last Friday of each month.

"We are delighted to launch the 2023/24 Community Funding Program and continue offering support to our wonderful community groups who do important work in our Shire.

"Talk to our grants team and get your applications in as soon as you can," said Cr Eason.

To find out more visit www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/funding.

- * Community grand drop-in information sessions will be held at:
- * Amphitheater Mechanics Institute/Hall: 20 September from 10:30am to 3:30pm
- * Avoca Library and Resource Centre: 27 September from 10am to 3pm
- * Beaufort Library and Resource Centre: 2 October from 10am to 12pm
- * Avoca Information and Community Centre: 11 October from 10 am to 3:30pm
- * Beaufort Library and Resource Centre: 16 October from 1pm to 4pm
- * Natte Yallock Reserve Pavilion: 18 October from 10:30am - 3:30pm

Variety is the spice of life in Seniors Week

The Victorian Seniors Festival is back. Corangamite Shire seniors are invited to enjoy two fun, free shows.

Council is presenting the events to celebrate the Shire's seniors and provide a memorable day out with friends.

Coordinator of Positive Ageing Belinda Rowbottom said the first, *'What the World Needs Now,'* would be at the Theatre Royal in Camperdown at 11 am on Monday 16 October.

"The show features the fabulous Melissa Langton who has performed cabaret shows in New York, Germany, Australia and New Zealand since 1991," Mrs. Rowbottom said.

"She has appeared in many major professional productions including *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Les Misérables*, *We Will Rock You*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, and many more.

In *'What the World Needs Now'* she performs some of the absolute favourite songs of a generation as she takes the audience back to the swinging sixties.

"It will be an unmissable event with a light lunch to follow."

"Tickets have nearly sold for this event.

On Wednesday 25 October, from 10.30 am, Eric Read will perform a variety show at the Skipton Bowls / Golf Club.

"The show will feature family friendly humour, ventriloquism, music and plenty of laughs," Mrs. Rowbottom said.

"Eric is a long-time all-rounder – drummer, singer, songwriter, guitar and bass player, storyteller and comic who just loves entertaining and making people laugh.

"Morning tea will be provided.

"While the shows are free, bookings are essential. Call Council on 5593 7100 to reserve your seat. If you need transport to the event, let us know when you are booking

and we can arrange it for free."

Now in its forty-first year, the Victorian Seniors Festival encourages more than one hundred thousand seniors to get active, try something new, meet new people and sample what is on offer in their local area.

This major state-wide festival for Victorians over 60 focuses on providing free or low-cost events and activities across the month of October. Events and activities designed to bring seniors together to enjoy themselves, learn new skills and make new friends.

The Festival returns on Sunday 1 October 2023 and features:

live and local events across the state, delivered by local councils, community groups and clubs

eight days of free public transport for Victorian Seniors Card holders from 1 to 8 October 2023

return of flagship events held in Melbourne's CBD and regional Victoria including:

Celebration Day at Federation Square on Sunday 1 October, 12–7 pm.

This event will launch the festival with a 6-hour line-up of free entertainment and activities for older Victorians

Town Hall Dances at Melbourne Town Hall on Monday 2 October from midday and Hawthorn Town Hall on Friday 6 October from 7 pm

ACMI Seniors Film Festival at the Australian Centre of the Moving Image

Country Tour delivering live entertainment across regional towns in October

Aged Care Tour, taking the magic, music and fun of the festival to aged care residents across Victoria throughout October.

For more information on the festival, go to <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival>

New Furniture Additions to Stewart Park for Added Comfort of Walkers and Visitors to the Park

Work has been commenced in Stewart Park for the addition of new seating for walkers to take a break and enjoy the peace of the beautiful parkland in Central Skipton. Ivan Sanders and Landscaper John La Mude have been busy with the slab which will change again in coming weeks. The Committee of Management would welcome new members to help them at the monthly Working Bees and Monthly Meetings. Keep an eye on the Catendar of dates for more info. K



Term 3 Week 9 – 8th September, 2023
School Phone No. 5340 2002
Email: skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.skiptonps.vic.edu.au



Congratulations to all of the students who represented Skipton at the district sports this week. We had 7 students who placed in their events throughout the day and are excited to announce that 4 students have made it through to the next level. Logan has qualified for triple jump and Charlotte, Freddie and Matilda T have made it to the next stage in Discus. We can't wait to see how wonderful they compete in the next stage. *(photos on page 19)*

We have some very exciting things happening in the final week of term. The Grade 5/6 students will be heading to a BioCats excursion, we will be working on our artwork for the Skipton Spring Festival, we have a special lunch thank you to parents club and Footy Colours Day on Friday! We will also be introducing to you all our Skipton Primary School Student Voice! This will be a group of students, selected by their peers to work alongside our school captains to ensure that Skipton Primary School is the best school of all! Students are busy preparing speeches for their classmates and sharing their ideas on how to improve the school.

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised by their teachers over the last two weeks...

Prep/1 - Emma W for working hard to complete a great job on her map and procedural text. Well done!

Grade 2 - Matilda for working really hard to achieve her writing goal.

Grade 3/4 - Alfie for being a caring and compassionate classmate. You are always there to support your peers throughout learning and social challenges. Thank you Alfie.

Grade 5/6 - Tamati for his high level of enthusiasm and extensive knowledge when exploring geometry.

Principal Award - Poppy for her continued positive attitude and for being a wonderful role model. Poppy has been incredibly encouraging to her peers in Winter Sports choice learning and is always happy to share her expertise. Thank you!

Our Learning Next Week...

Stay warm over the weekend – looking forward to A great last week of term!

Chanelle Pelchen

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!

We would also love to know if we have any parent volunteers for our School swimming program, the more the merrier!

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!

Mango Drive

Order forms have been included with today's newsletter for this year's Mango Drive. Unfortunately, due to extreme weather conditions the boxes are a little smaller than previous years, but the quality will still be terrific. Order forms must be returned with payment to school by Friday 20th of October.

Grade 5/6 BioLab excursion.

Just a reminder that on Monday Grade 5/6 will be attending BioLab in Geelong. Students are to wear school uniform suitable for sport and bring lunch, snacks and a drink bottle for the day. Sun hats are recommended. Students should arrive at school at 8:00am and will depart at 8:15 sharp then return at 3:40pm.

From Mrs. Britton	Next week P/1 will be working with Michelle and Grade 2 on Monday, completing our whole school writing task. In maths, we have started subtraction. We have been playing race to zero and net we will use number lines when we try to avoid walking the plank!
From Michelle	In Grade 2 next week we will finishing off our reading assessments for the term. In Sound Waves we will be focusing on the 'l' sound using the l and ll spellings. We will be writing narratives of our own choice. In Maths we will be learning about data. It is our last week with Chloe. We would like to thank Chloe coming to work with us. We wish her all the very best for her future teaching career.
From Miss Sheils	Week 10 has arrived! This week in the 3/4 classroom we will complete our focus on 2D and 3D shapes, the students have been working hard and can now explain how many edges, vertices and faces these shapes have. We will be sharing our poems and create a book for the classroom so we can continue to enjoy them for the remainder of the year. We have been working extremely hard throughout our spelling lessons, and our focus sound to finish off the term will be 'n' for net focusing on the following graphemes <n, nn, kn>
From Mrs. Bourke	Week 10 in 5-6, we will head to BioLAB for an excursion, thanks to Georgie. Students will participate in dynamic scientific experiments, using problem-solving, statistical analysis and observation skills to learn about the science and mathematics of football and career pathways in sport. We'll also be completing some 'Student Voice' speeches, finalising our persuasive text unit and completing some assessments.

School News cont

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Meetings & Coming Events

From Page 24

Constitutional Change will be held in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall**, Anderson Street, Skipton from **8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.**

Saturday 14th October: **SKIPTON MARKET WILL "POP-UP" on Montgomery Street from 9.00 a.m.** onwards with outdoor stalls only. Please contact Market Co-ordinator Jan on 0422785017 if you are interested in having a stall or check *facebook* Skipton Community Market.

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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:0439 630 884)

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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Sunday 10th December: **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM** (Streatham) **open from 11:30am until 4:30pm** (will be a week early as Bruce will be unavailable on the third Sunday)
Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer, 0466 286 011.

Monday December (Date TBC): **THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS BREAKUP**
Many thanks to our Office Bearers: President: Terry Gosling. Vice President: Amr Rasheed. Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Bradshaw phone [0439 630 884](tel:0439 630 884).

Sunday 14th January: **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM** (Streatham) **open from 11:30am until 4:30pm** (will be a week early as Bruce will be unavailable on the third Sunday)
Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer, 0466 286 011.

Many thanks for Ballarat Courier Tim Bottams for the article below about Skipton's Bowling Club, who are busily preparing for the upcoming Bowling Season 2023-2024.

If you are hoping to join the Club's Team for the exciting move into the new competition contact Tim Clarke, or Gail Ward, Club Secretary and let them know you are interested.

Club seeks to grow with regional move

TIM BOTTAMS

MEMBERS of Skipton Bowls Club are calling out for new members to hit the greens with following the group's joining of the Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region.

With 21 players currently in the team, treasurer Tim Clarke said the club is looking for about half a

dozen to secure a dedicated weekly roster for the upcoming pennant season.

"When you need 16 people a week and people are unavailable at certain times especially being farmers during harvest, it's giving that security," he said.

"We'd been seeking this for a while, and getting out amongst

people to help drive this."

With the BHRB season set to start in early October, the club's members are planning to an open day later this month at the Skipton Golf Bowling Club where they practice every Thursday afternoon.

Clarke previously played with Ballarat Memorial Sports in Alfredton before spending the

past three seasons at Skipton after moving to the town.

As well as reuniting with old friends, he said Skipton's approval to join the Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region will bring many benefits to the team.

"It's a big boost not only financially, but it gives us the opportunity to reach new members and it cuts down

on our travel time," he said.

"We used to go two hours to play in competitions in the West Coast Bowls Region. It's greater exposure too for a little country town.

"We were sort of lost amongst the other little country towns but now being in Ballarat, we're closer to Beaufort and Linton who we play tournaments with."

Rates notices sent out to property owners

Corangamite Shire ratepayers should have received their 2023-2024 rates notices.

An increasing number of residents choose to get their notice electronically and will receive it by email. The option of traditional mail remains available.

Director Corporate and Community Services David Harrington said Council had adopted the rate cap of 3.5 per cent set by the Victorian Government.

"This means total rates revenue will increase by that amount," Mr Harrington said.

"Individual property rate charges may be higher or lower than the rate cap depending on valuation movements.

"Valuations are determined annually by the Valuer General Victoria.

"The key factor in determining the change in rates each ratepayer pays is how their property value has moved compared to the average of other properties in the municipality.

"This year, about 60 per cent of rateable properties in Corangamite Shire will have a rate increase lower than 3.5 per cent rate."

Rates across all properties will contribute \$24.7 million to Council's 2023-2024 budget.

Ratepayers have the option of paying their rates as a lump sum by 15 February 2024, or by quarterly instalments. The first instalment is due by 30 September 2023.

In addition, Council is this year introducing payment via Flexipay.

This includes self-managed direct debits where ratepayers can pay the lump sum or instalment amount as a one-off payment, or by regular direct debits which can be weekly,



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fortnightly, or monthly.

Ratepayers needing a different payment arrangement can apply and manage payments at corangamite-pay.enotices.com.au.

Pensioners are again eligible for a rate concession.

Ratepayers having difficulties paying their rates are encouraged to contact the Rates office to discuss available options.

Mr Harrington said property owners suffering financial hardship should be aware of the hardship policy which may apply to their circumstances.

"The policy provides them with a clear and transparent understanding of the options and assistance that are available," he said.

"Eligible applicants will be able to access deferred payment options and interest waivers on debts due.

The policy applies to all amounts owed to Council for rates, service charges, municipal charge and fire services levy, as well as non-rate debts including animal registrations, permits, fees and user charges.

Ratepayers can opt to receive their rates notice electronically by signing up at corangamite.enotices.com.au - simply provide your email and the reference number on your rates notice. Alternatively, ratepayers can contact the Customer Service team.

"If you have a specific question about your rates notice, call the Customer Service team on 5593 7100 or drop into the Civic Centre at 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown," Mr Harrington said.

For more information about rates, go to www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/rates



Skipton Spring Festival Sunday 15th October 2023



Unveiling of Plaque to "Bennie Wilkie Statue,

Stalls, Music, Shearing, Wool & Historical Displays, Stalls, Music, Food Vendors, Kid's Fun,

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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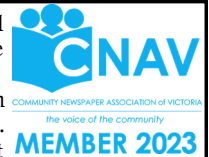
FROM THE EDITOR: This is the final edition of SCN for Term Three, School Holidays commence on Friday afternoon. SCN will return on Wednesday 4th of October 2023. Lately, people ask me why their newsletters are arriving on different days of the week, many complain "It's very late!" if delivered on Thursday, nobody thanks me when it arrives early though on Tuesdays. The actual date for delivery should obviously be on Wednesday which is the day of the date on the mast of each edition. Reason for the variation is that our Friendly Postman, Amendeep Singh is the only delivery person in Skipton delivering to all areas solo. In the past we had three people doing what he now does on his own, so spare a thought for the workload of this important Australia Post, Postie and be grateful that Skipton Progress Association Inc provides this wonderful weekly service to you, the Household of Skipton & District at no cost to you at all. Costs to SPA are quite considerable including the cost for the delivery \$70.00 each week, plus all of our supplies, and the photocopier expenses to provide this service; and your donations are always welcomed. If you wish to contribute to offset some of these expenses, our direct deposit banking details are: Branco: CBA Skipton, BSB 063 838 A/C 1001 9206, Account name is Skipton Progress Association Inc. For ALL Enquiries contact The Editor SCN, details below. The Editor is able to respond to all of the queries you may have. I have in recent times been seeking to hand SCN over to a new Editor or to an Editorial Team, but so far haven't been able to get that transition begun, I have two ladies I'm hoping to train next month, so hopefully in Term Four the changeover may begin. Please give it serious consideration because I seem to be ageing at the rate of knots and would welcome some personal time to spend with my family. It can be some assistance in my role as the Editor or if possible a full handover to hand over the reins completely. Seems it's harder to do than I thought it would be. I just originally told the then Editor I would assist her, and from day one fully became the Editor teaching myself as SCN evolved to what it currently is. K "SCN Rates" are on the inside cover of 2023 Skipton & District Telephone Directory available in local Stores. Skipton Directory 2023 has a *Pink Covers featuring Skipton's fantastic sporting facilities. Just \$2.00.* Contact Editor with all enquiries or send an email.

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Meetings & Coming Events

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

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

Sunday 17th September: **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & (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, 15th October 2023. For further information please contact Secretary Barb Pett on 5340 2086, or mobile 0407 310 990, or by 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.

Wednesday 27th. September. **Skipton Progress Association Inc.** will hold an extended monthly meeting to finalise items not dealt with at our abbreviated September Meeting on 7th September, at **7.00 p.m.** in the **Skipton Mechanics Hall**. Members are urged to attend, we will also look at the results of the Skipton Structural Plan meeting on September 7th. Please contact **Secretary on 0437 455 049** for contact or for further information.

OCTOBER IS SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH Check out the great Shows and Events that you can go to!! 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.

Sunday 1st October: **SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will hold its 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

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.

Saturday 14th October. **Voting for the Referendum on Proposed**

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