

*This Week's Sponsor:*

*This Week's Sponsor wishes to remain Anonymous*

*Thank you very much*

## Learn About Birds and get involved with citizen science.

- Ever wanted to be involved in bird watching but don't know where to begin?
- Want to be able to identify a bird that moves quickly through the bush in front of you?
- Have an interest in science, or natural history?
- Keen on improving your knowledge of birds and contributing to scientific research?
- Are you fit and enjoy the outdoors?

**Where:** Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall, 35/43 Wright St, Skipton  
**When:** Tuesday 19 & 26 September 3, 10, 17, 25 & 31 October, and 7, 14 & 21 November, from 5 PM – 9 PM.  
**How:** Phone Greg Kerr 0418 846 993 or email [greg.kerr@ngt.org.au](mailto:greg.kerr@ngt.org.au)

### The FREE 10-week bird monitoring course\* might be for you!!

Our course can help you gain the level of skills and knowledge necessary to survey birds that most people take years to nurture and develop! You will need to be able to commit four hours a week (Tuesday 5 PM – 9 PM) over ten weeks to be trained.

Dr Greg Kerr is a behavioural ecologist and teacher with a desire to help people appreciate the complexity of biodiversity in our region and to facilitate citizen science programs.

\*Limited to 20 people

Nature  
Glenelg  
Trust



### Public Notice

#### Road Closure,

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Montgomery Road, Skipton  
 On the Northern side (side road)  
 of Montgomery Street  
 Skipton

Will be closed to all traffic,  
 From 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.  
 to ensure the safety and  
 convenience of those attending

### The Skipton Spring Festival

as stall holders, and visitors  
 in this area.

Corangamite Council officers  
 Will supervise the closure.

Secretary,

Skipton Progress Association Inc.

Phone 0437 455 049

Residents have all been notified.



### SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB INC.

together with SKIPTON FLOOD RECOVERY COMMITTEE

proudly presents the 15th Annual

SKIPTON  
 PHOTOGRAPHIC  
 SHOW  
 2023



Skipton Progress Association



CAMERAS  
TRAINING  
ADVENTURES



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](mailto:skiptonphotographicclub@gmail.com)

Skipton & District Photographic Club inc.

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entry form



SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL

## Public Notices

### Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact: Marilyn Ellis 5340 3515 for enquires

**Service times:** 9.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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, 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

The Fear of the Lord God is the beginning of knowledge, but fools scorn wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs chapter 1, verse 7

### SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

Beaufort Road, Skipton.

Transfer Station opens next on

Sun 2nd October 2023, Wed 5th October 2023,

Sun 16th October 2023, Wed 19th October 2023,

Sun 30th October 2023, Wed 2nd November 2023,

Opening Hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm.



## Public Notices

### SKIPTON "HOME OF THE PLATYPUS"

Did you know that you can officially record your platypus sightings? Go to the web site of the Australian Platypus Conservancy (APC) and then go to their 'report a sighting' page.

The Australian Platypus Monitoring Network is an initiative of the APC. Members volunteer to record sightings at one or more sites. Go to the APC site for more details.

Lately two people have seen a frolicking platypus in the creek near Hazels place. To say nothing of a rikali on the opposite bank.

We are so lucky to have these animals living on our doorstep.

We must treat our creek with the greatest care and respect.



## OCTOBER 15 KIDS ART EXHIBITION

SUBMISSIONS WANTED AS PART OF THE SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL!

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

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

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



## Skipton Town Christmas Party 2023



The flood recovery committee along with our normal sponsors will be supporting the Town Christmas Party this year. The date will be Thursday 21st of December.

Back again will be the Bike decorations with 2 sections being a bike that can still be ridden and a bike as a work of art.

Prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups [Under 11, Under 18, and Open] for the best in each section.

As well as the usual entertainment we will have pedal go kart racing and a photo booth at this year's party.



More information as we get closer to the night.

Get out and find a bike and start to decorate it soon.



# 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

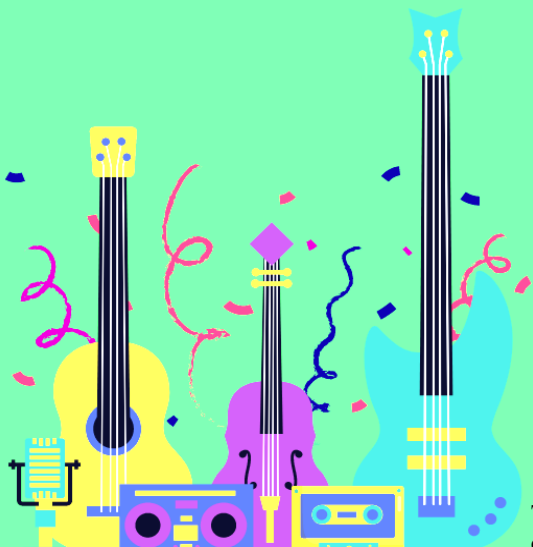
*Showcasing Skipton*

- *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.






**There are many ways you can give us a hand.**

Your local CFA Brigade needs you, and there are many ways you can help. Roles include daytime firefighters, community educators, and support roles. You don't need experience, and you'll be amazed at what you will achieve, while fulfilling a vital and rewarding role in your community.

Scan the QR code to find out how you can help.



**Beaufort Community House and Learning Centre** **Term 4 2023**

## 2023 VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL IN THE PYRENEES

To help celebrate Seniors Festival we are running a number of classes and events in partnership with the Pyrenees Shire Council.

Learn a new skill or share in some fun. Grab a friend and join up today. All events are free for seniors.

**Bookings essential**



via QR code

5349 3150

info@bchlc.org



Find us out the back of the BCRC  
72 Neill Street Beaufort  
Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu 9 - 5.30

**Lunchtime Line Dancing**



Oct 12 & 26 | 12.30 - 1.30  
Beaufort Senior Citizens Centre

**Seniors Sing Along**



Oct 16 | 10.30 - 11.30  
Beaufort Community Resource Centre

**Write Your Story**



Oct 12 & 26 | 10 - 12  
Beaufort Community Resource Centre

Oct 28 | 10 - 2  
Snake Valley Community Hall

These events are supported by funding from the Pyrenees Shire Council.



**Fresh North Queensland Mangoes**  
**Direct from the farm to you!**

Skipton Primary School are running their annual mango trays fundraiser. Trays are approx. 4.5kg / 12-18 mangoes.

Due to the national crop shortage, tray sizes are smaller compared to last year. Delivery at the end of November.

Orders will be distributed from the school upon delivery. Ballarat and Beaufort drop offs can be arranged!

**Cost \$28 per tray**

Order forms available at the Skipton Primary School or you can text/call the number below.

Place your orders by: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

For Further information contact:  
**Megan Read: 0407 272 933**



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# BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

### DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK

In a bid to create a more Dementia friendly future, Beaufort and Skipton Health Service recently hosted an information forum on Dementia that attracted positive engagement from the community. The event, coinciding with Dementia Action Week, aimed to provide valuable information on this condition that affects so many. Dr. Mark Yates, a renowned Geriatrician and leading expert in Dementia research, captivated the audience with his wealth of knowledge and expertise. His comprehensive presentation shed light on key topics and helped answer some of the many questions being posed by attendees.



Meryn Pease (CEO, Dr. Mark Yates and Mary Cushing (Director of Clinical Services)

The response from the community again exceeded expectations. It is encouraging to see so much interest and engagement from the community and we hope that our forums continue to resonate with them. In addition, to gaining valuable knowledge it also provided an opportunity for community members to connect with one another and share experiences to build a network of support around them.

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service remains committed to creating a Dementia friendly future for Australian's facing this condition.







# Dundonnell Wind Farm



**Round 2 of the Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund is open for applications.**

Contact us: [dundonnellwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com](mailto:dundonnellwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com)  
[www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au](http://www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au) | Phone: 1800 WE TILT (1800 938 458)



### SIGN UP AND STAY INFORMED

We are moving to email-only newsletters, so please make sure you are signed up to receive our newsletter by email by hovering over the QR code.

If you don't have email but would still like to receive the newsletter, please call us on 1800 935 458 and we'll include you in our post-only distribution list.



### COMMUNITY FUND

The recipients of the Round 1 funding from the DDWF Community Fund have been announced. Round 2 of the Fund is still open for applications, but closes at the end of October 2023.

Applications for the Education Fund opened on 1 September 2023 and also close at the end of October.

Find out more about the DDWF Community Fund and apply at: [www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au](http://www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au)



## PRECISION AERIAL APPLICATION



[www.fieldair.com.au](http://www.fieldair.com.au)



Ph (03) 5330 9350  
[vicops@fieldair.com.au](mailto:vicops@fieldair.com.au)



**CORANGAMITE  
SHIRE**

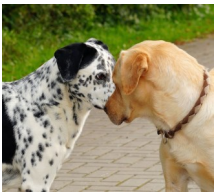
## Keep your dog confined to keep it safe

Is your dog lonely, bored or in need of an adventure? Dogs are highly social animals which is why they make great additions to our households.

Many, however, are left alone all day while their families are at work and school, so can be tempted to escape looking for company.

Many are also adventurous and need plenty of exercise so without regular walks outside their yard, they can roam.

Corangamite Shire Council is calling on dog owners to make sure their pets are restrained in a properly fenced area and suitably cared for so they don't stray.



Community Safety and Resilience Coordinator Belinda Bennett said dogs need regular socialisation with people and other animals to keep them physically and mentally healthy.

"Recently we've seen an increase in the number of reports of dogs at large. Since the start of the year, we've impounded 63 dogs.

"Containing your dog is the best way that you can keep you dog safe from hazards such as traffic and fights with other dogs.

A dog of any size or breed can become aggressive when defending its territory. Even a friendly dog may guard the area on or around its property.

"Most dog attacks in public places occur on the footpath or road in front of the attacking dog's property."

Ms Bennett said keeping dogs confined also helped reduce dog droppings in public areas creating a healthier and more enjoyable environment for everyone.



She reminded owners that all dogs and cats must be registered and microchipped so they can be returned home as soon as possible if they do get out.

"Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, owners must ensure that their dog is securely confined to their premise.

"If a dog is found wandering, Council can fine the owner and hold the dog at a pound, at the owner's cost, until works are done to confine the dog."

For more information, or to report a wandering dog, please call Council on 5593 7111."

## Where is your favourite place in Corangamite?

There are loads of amazing places to go and things to do in Corangamite Shire.

Council is planning the 2024 wall calendar and is calling on residents to recommend where it should send a



photographer.

Mayor Ruth Gstrein said the annual wall calendar was a great way to spotlight a fantastic part of the world.

"We want to hear from people where their favourite part of the Shire or their favourite thing to do," Cr Gstrein said.

"When we know what places our community love the most, we can get some great photos and bring them right into your home.

"For some people it might be their favourite beach or mountaintop; the lake they go fishing on or a park where they have family picnics. Let us know the place that's special to you and, if it's a public place and has plenty of support, we might be able to immortalise it in next year's calendar."

Cr Gstrein said the calendar would feature natural and community-based activities, rather than commercial enterprises.

"Each year 10,000 calendars are printed, featuring images of the Shire and some of the fantastic natural attractions, cultural activities and lifestyle opportunities it has to offer.

"In 2024 they are again set to be hung prominently in homes and businesses around the district so they can remind residents of what's coming up, including your event."

Tell Council your favourite spot via the online form at [corangamite.vic.gov.au/2024Calendar](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au/2024Calendar) by Friday 27 October, or call 5593 7100.



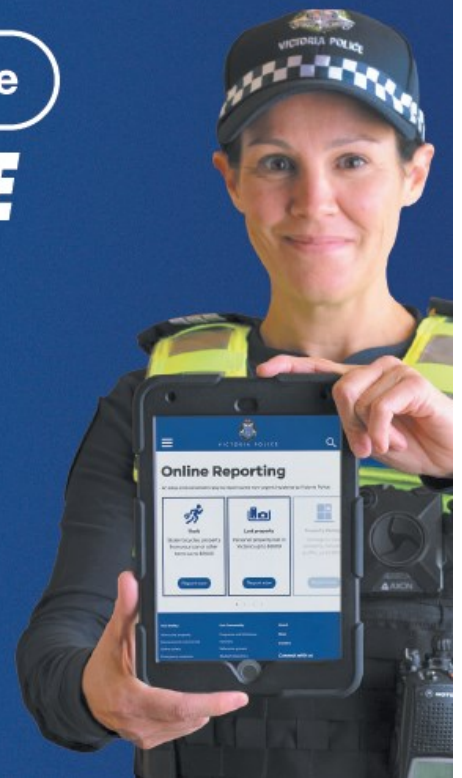
# WHEN YOU NEED THE POLICE, BUT NOT THE SIRENS

IF YOU'VE HAD YOUR 📱 OR 💍 GO MISSING, COME HOME TO FIND YOUR 🏠 HAS BEEN DAMAGED, HAD YOUR 🚲 STOLEN OR YOUR 🚗 BROKEN INTO, OR WANT TO REGISTER A 🎉 WITH POLICE...



🔍 report online

## ANYTIME



VICTORIA POLICE

LEARN MORE



# Skipton Mechanic's Hall COMPETITION.

For all clubs,  
Organizations and  
Residents.

Design a  
“New Stage Backdrop”.  
**Requirements**  
(With a town theme)  
**Historic Photograph.**

**Send your Entries to:**

**Secretary Ian Nash,  
Skipton Mechanics Hall Committee,  
20 Lismore Road, Skipton, Vic 3363.**

**Phone: 0427 402 046**

**ian.nash@bigpond.com**



**HAVING AN EVENT???**  
**NEED A VENUE??**

Bookings for the Skipton Mechanics  
Hall can be made through

**Caretaker:**

**Skipton Mechanics Hall**

**Shayley Grigsby,**

**Phone: 0447 050 095**

Terrific Venue for Social Gatherings,  
Meetings, Weddings, Parties, Anythings etc.



**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





**Beaufort Community House  
and Learning Centre**

**Term 4 2023  
PROGRAM**

**IN AND AROUND BEAUFORT**

**\$135** 19 OCT | 10.15-4.30 PM  
**FIRST AID | CPR**

**\$15** 12 & 26 OCT | 10-12 PM  
**TELL YOUR STORY** SF

**\$5** MONDAYS | 9.15-10.15 AM  
**TAI CHI**

**\$50** 23 OCT, 27 NOV, 11 DEC | 10-12 PM  
**BASIC DIGITAL SKILLS** SF

**\$10** 19 OCT | 7-9 PM  
**SNAKE SAFETY 101**

**\$10** TUESDAYS | 7.30 PM  
**BALLROOM DANCING**

**\$50** SUN 5 NOV | 12-5 PM  
**BECOME A BARISTA**

**\$80** SAT 21 OCT | 10-4 PM  
**TANGLED ART**

**\$5** MONDAYS from 9 OCT | 1-3 PM  
**CRAFTERNOONS**

**\$135** 29 NOV | 10-3 PM  
**SAFE FOOD HANDLING**

**\$65** 9 & 16 NOV | 10-12 PM  
**WATERCOLOUR CHRISTMAS**

**\$5** 12 & 26 OCT | 12.30-1.30 PM  
**LINE DANCING** SF

**\$90** 29 NOV | 5-9 PM  
**RSA - EVENING**

**\$40** 26 NOV | 12-3 PM  
**CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

**\$5** 16 OCT | 10.30-11.30 AM  
**SENIORS SING ALONG** SF

**\$135** 30 NOV & 7 DEC | 6-9 PM  
**FIRST AID FOR PARENTS**

**\$70** 4 DEC | 10.30-1.30 PM  
**DUMPLING MASTERCLASS**

**\$40** 13 NOV | 12.30-2.30 PM  
**WILL KIT - DIY**

**FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE INFO VISIT**



via QR code  
5349 3150  
info@bchlc.org

Find us out the back of the BCRC  
72 Neill Street Beaufort  
Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu 9 - 5.30  
facebook.com/bchlcbeaufort



**JOIN OUR DIGITAL NEWSLETTER**

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the following partners and funding bodies



**Pyrenees**  
Shire Council



**OUT & ABOUT**

**SNAKE VALLEY**

**\$15** SAT 28 OCT | 10-2 PM  
**TELL YOUR STORY** SF

**AVOCA**

**\$10** 2 NOV | 7-9 PM  
**SNAKE SAFETY 101**

**\$40** 6 NOV | 12.30-2.30 PM  
**WILL KIT - DIY**

**\$135** SAT 11 NOV | 10-4.30 PM  
**FIRST AID | CPR**

**\$135** 15 NOV | 10-3 PM  
**SAFE FOOD HANDLING**

**\$90** 15 NOV | 5-9 PM  
**RSA - EVENING**

**LEXTON**

**\$40** SUN 3 DEC | 1-4 PM  
**CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

### The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay started in April 2023 in Pozières, France.

The Centenary Torch began its journey around the world on Anzac Day, starting in Pozières, France, where the promise was made in WW1 by a soldier to his dying mate to "look after the missus and the kids".

Today, Legacy continues to look after the families of those veterans who have lost their lives or their health in service of their country, ensuring that no Legacy family is disadvantaged based on their location, education and socio-economic status.

Wannon hosted the torch relay in Ararat, Hamilton and Warrnambool, and I was delighted to join the 'journey of the torch' in Ararat and help mark an incredible milestone for Legacy



### Council Facility Design Grants Program (Now Open)



CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Council's Facility Design Grants Program offers grants of up to \$7,500 to help organisations pay for schematic designs or quantity surveyor costs for the redevelopment or new facilities, where communities conduct, organise and participate in sport and recreation.

Applications close Friday 3 November 2023 and can be completed online.

Specific application forms and guidelines for the grant program are available by visiting [Facility Design Grants Program | 2023-24 program now open - Corangamite Shire](#)

### Sporting Club Grants Program

Access to this funding helps grassroot clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

The program has four funding categories where funding is available for clubs:

- Uniforms or Equipment - Up to \$1,000
- Volunteers and Officials - Up to \$2,000
- Access and Engagement
- Up to \$1,000 to assist with funding for tools and resources that improve accessibility, governance and strengthen engagement with members and participants Or
- Up to \$4,000 to plan and deliver a new sport or active recreation program.
- Competitors – Up to \$750

Application close 12 October 2023.

For further information please visit [Sporting Club Grants Program - Sport and Recreation Victoria](#)

### Skipton Neighbourhood Watch NHW Student Award Term 3

As Term 3 neared to its end, it was time to award the special NHW Award for the Term. The Awards are for outstanding behaviour of the student throughout time at school.

At Assembly, Hamish Mulcahy was thrilled to hear his name called as the Winner for Term Three, and his achievements were outlined as he received his award from LSC Anthony Graham, for showing great leadership during the term.

It was a very colourful day at school on that day, as all of the Staff and Students were dressed in their favourite footy club team colours for the last day of school for Term Three.



Many able to tell you all about their footy heroes and their performances on the footy field this year with many stories exchanged about the current season.

Photo Above: Hamish and LSC Anthony Graham. *Thank you Val Day. Congratulations Hamish, love the jumper, Go Cats!!!K*



# GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK OCTOBER 2023

As the vibrant colours of Spring paint our beloved Golden Plains with renewed energy and enthusiasm, I am thrilled to connect with you through the pages of your local community newsletter.

Our community is the heart and soul of Golden Plains. As the season changes, so too do the opportunities for growth and progress within our Shire. It's my privilege to share with you some of the exciting developments on the horizon.

We're committed to enhancing our infrastructure to meet the evolving needs of our residents. In the coming months we will embark on several key projects, including road improvements, expanded recreational facilities, and enhancements to public spaces that will make Golden Plains an attractive place to live, visit and socialise.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Victorian Government is partnering with Golden Plains Shire Council to deliver a multi million-dollar pipeline of early childhood infrastructure projects, giving local children access to world-class facilities close to home.

The recent Victorian Government announcement to deliver a multi-million-dollar pipeline of early childhood infrastructure projects in Golden Plains Shire has brought tremendous excitement to families with young children in our community. The initial phase of the Building Blocks Partnership is set to allocate up to \$5 million for kindergarten projects in Haddon and Bannockburn, resulting in the creation of approximately 140 additional early education places starting from early 2024.

For Peri Urban Councils like Golden Plains, meeting community expectations would be a challenging feat without the invaluable support of the Victorian State Government. We extend our gratitude to them for their ongoing funding commitments to expand these crucial kindergarten places.

In our continuous effort to support families, Council has partnered with community organisations to provide essential parenting programs including Circle of Security and Bringing Up Great Kids. These programs are tailored to the needs of young children and adolescents. If you are a parent, caregiver or guardian, we encourage you to visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events) to see what's on offer throughout October.

On Tuesday 12 September, Minister for Early Childhood Education and Pre-Prep Ingrid Stitt announced a Building Blocks Partnership with Golden Plains Shire, which includes up to \$5 million for two modular kindergarten projects, creating up to 140 new places for local children to attend kindergarten.

The partnership includes an expansion to the Haddon Pre-School Centre, and an expansion of the sessional kindergarten facilities at the Bannockburn Family Services Centre.

Additionally, Council has arranged a diverse array of events for senior residents to enjoy as part of the 2023 Victorian Seniors Festival in October. There's still plenty of opportunities for participation, including day trips, open days and arts and crafts activities. Feel free to call 5220 7151 to get involved and make the most of these festivities.

Lastly, we are pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the Golden Plains Shire Council Community Awards 2023. We encourage you to nominate the people who make a difference in our local communities. These awards serve as a formal acknowledgement of their outstanding contribution to Golden Plains Shire. Visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au) to learn more about the nomination process.

**Cr Brett Cunningham**  
Mayor



These two projects are in addition to the delivery of a new kindergarten due to open at Napoleons Primary School next year.

Council would like to thank the Victorian Government for their ongoing support and these funding commitments which create additional kindergarten places and will benefit the many young families in Golden Plains Shire.

## Free green waste disposal helps fire preparation

Two weather systems – El Niño and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole – will mean hotter and drier conditions over spring and summer, leading to a higher fire risk.

In addition, recent wet conditions have increased grass growth, so there is a higher risk of grassfires coming into summer.

Corangamite Shire Council is offering free domestic green waste disposal to Shire residents from Saturday 14 October to Sunday 5 November to help community members get ready for fire season.

In addition, kerbside collection customers can jump-start their fire safety clean-ups thanks to extra FOGO bin pick-ups.

The green-lidded Food Organics and Garden Organics bins will be collected weekly, instead of fortnightly, from Monday 9 October until the end of the year.

Community Safety and Resilience Coordinator Belinda Bennett said non-commercial customers could drop off green waste at the Naroghid Landfill and all Shire transfer stations.

“The free green waste drop off is to encourage residents to clean up their properties in preparation for the fire season,” Ms Bennett said.

“It’s shaping up to be a drier and hotter season earlier, so we will really need to have fire risks reduced as we come into the fire danger period.

“Things are still quite green, but it only takes two weeks of hot, dry weather for green vegetation to become a serious hazard.

“Preparation is the key. Now is the time to reduce fuel loads by managing grass growth and cleaning up bark, twigs, leaves and other organic matter around your property.

“Clean dead leaves out of your gutters and off roofs, and get rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and bark that can build up in corners or under steps and decks.

“Cut back branches overhanging your home and prune lower ones to create separation from ground vegetation.

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“One overgrown block can pose a hazard to a whole neighbourhood so protect your home, and your neighbours, and clean up now.”

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“We are looking to commence fire inspections in early October.”

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GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

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### WORTH A THOUGHT OR TWO

No one ever says, "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

Ever wonder about those people who spend £2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAÏVE





CORANGAMITE SHIRE

# Noticeboard



## Community Volunteer Awards

Nominations now open!

Nominations are now open for the Corangamite Shire Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year. Closing date will be Friday 27 October. The awards will be presented in Skipton on 26 January 2024. To nominate someone, please visit [corangamite.vic.gov.au/VolunteerAwards](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au/VolunteerAwards) or scan the QR code.



## Intention to lease 10 Montgomery Street

The Jubilee Centre at 10 Montgomery Street Skipton is on Crown land managed by Council. We intend to negotiate a new five-year lease with Skipton Progress Association Inc. before the current lease expires on 30 September. If you have feedback on this proposal, please fill in the form at [corangamite.vic.gov.au/MontgomeryStreet](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au/MontgomeryStreet) by 5 pm, Wednesday 18 October.

## 2024 calendar

### Where is your favourite place or top thing to do in Corangamite?

There are loads of amazing places to go and things to do in Corangamite Shire. Council is planning the 2024 wall calendar and we're calling on you to recommend where we should send a photographer. Tell us your pick by Friday 27 October via the online form at [corangamite.vic.gov.au/2024Calendar](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au/2024Calendar).

## Mobile Cinema

Does your community group want to host a movie night? The Mobile Cinema program is available for community groups between November 2023 and March 2024. Visit [corangamite.vic.gov.au/mobile-cinema](https://corangamite.vic.gov.au/mobile-cinema) for more information and to submit an EoI.

Submissions close Friday 20 October.

## Rates hardship measures

Property owners will receive their annual rates notices in coming days. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, our hardship policy may apply to your circumstances. You can find the policy on our website or call 5593 7100 for more information on how to apply.

## Grazing licence

### 129 Peterborough Road, Terang

We seek Expressions of Interest for a grazing licence on land located at 129 Peterborough Road, Terang. The property is about 2.6 ha (6.64 ac) and would be suitable for grazing sheep or cattle. Water for stock is available on site. Submit an EoI via the online form by 5 pm, Friday 29 September. Project brief and lodgement at [eprocure.com.au/corangamite](https://eprocure.com.au/corangamite)

## Free RATs from Council

Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are available Camperdown Civic Centre and libraries. You can receive up to 10 tests (two kits) for each member of your household per visit. This initiative is delivered with support from the State Government.

## Subscribe to e-News

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## CORANGAMITE SHIRE COUNCIL

### Free green waste disposal to get your home bushfire-ready

Two weather systems – El Niño and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole – will mean hotter and drier conditions over spring and summer, leading to a higher fire risk.

In addition, recent wet conditions have increased grass growth, so there is a higher risk of grassfires coming into summer.

Council is offering free domestic green waste disposal to Shire residents from Saturday 14 October to Sunday 5 November to help community members get ready for fire season.

Non-commercial customers could drop off green waste at the Naroghid Landfill and all Shire transfer stations.

Normally a heaped trailer or ute load of green waste would cost \$38.80 to dispose of, so this is a great chance to clean up your property for free. In addition, kerbside collection customers can jump-start their fire safety clean-ups thanks to extra FOGO bin pick-ups.

The green-lidded Food Organics and Garden Organics bins will be collected weekly, instead of fortnightly, from Monday 9 October until the end of the year.

For more information on the collection changes, please visit our website and download the kerbside calendar from [corangamite.vic.gov.au/Waste](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/Waste).

Council officers are carrying out inspections this month and will issue fire prevention notices to properties that need to reduce vegetation. For more information about fire prevention, go to [corangamite.vic.gov.au/Fire-ready](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/Fire-ready) or call 5593 7100.



### Seven steps to safety

To safeguard yourself and your neighbours:

- Tidy up around your yard, especially in gutters and around your house.
- If you have one, clear your firebreak. It is still possible for grass to grow in gravel.
- Move firewood away from your home.
- Cut your grass.
- Create and discuss a Bushfire Plan with your family.
- Always have a secondary plan in case something goes wrong.
- Plan for pets and livestock as well as your family.

All residents should have a fire plan and know what to do if there is a fire. Now is the best time to understand your fire risk and get prepared, not when a fire starts.

You can download a helpful guide from [cfa.vic.gov.au/firereadykit](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/firereadykit)

### Know the Fire Danger Ratings

As the summer approaches be sure to monitor conditions and check the

VicEmergency app or website at [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au) at home and before travelling. Daily fire danger ratings can also be found at [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)



<b>Catastrophic</b> For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas	<b>Extreme</b> Take action now to protect your life and property
<b>High</b> Be ready to act	<b>Moderate</b> Plan and prepare

*The CFA urges us all to start to prepare for Summer's Heat NOW!! Decide on your Fire Plan and be sure the whole family knows your Plan*

## Victoria's fire season set to begin

The start date for this year's Victorian fire season has been set by fire authorities, following a hotter and drier start to spring and warmer conditions ahead.

CFA declared the first **Fire Danger Period (FDP)** for the 2023-24 fire season, commencing on **Monday, 9 October** for the **Wellington and East Gippsland Shire Councils**.

The predicted El Niño weather pattern means Victorians can expect a hotter and drier summer than recent years, and communities should begin preparing their properties and creating a Bushfire Survival Plan.

CFA will be introducing further FDPs for Victorian municipalities in the coming months, based on assessments of the amount of rain, grassland curing rate and local conditions.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the FDP declaration is earlier this year which is an indication of what we can expect for the summer ahead.

"While crews are ready to respond and support communities this bushfire season, fire safety is a shared responsibility and we ask Victorians to prepare and know their local risks," he said.

"We are asking anyone burning off in the next two weeks before the official FDP begins to be very careful.

"Take this opportunity ahead of the FDP to clean up your property, prepare your bushfire plan with your family and download the VicEmergency app."

CFA Deputy Chief Officer South East Trevor Owen said we're really conscious of the increasing dry conditions in Wellington and East Gippsland Shires as a result of reduced rainfall during Winter and now Spring.

With increased day and night temperatures and low rainfall than

average forecast over coming months, the timing for the early introduction of the Fire Danger Period is necessary.

Those conducting burn-offs must notify authorities online at the Fire Permits Victoria website ([www.firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au)), or by calling ESTA on 1800 668 511.

By registering your burn-off online, you allow emergency call takers to allocate more of their time taking calls from people who need emergency assistance immediately.

No burning off is permitted during the FDP without a Permit to Burn, which can be applied for through the Fire Permits Victoria website.

Fire Danger Period information:

- A written permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the FDP. You can apply for a permit at [firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://firepermits.vic.gov.au).
- Lighting fires in the open without a permit can bring a penalty of more than \$21,800 and/or 12 months imprisonment. For a full list of conditions, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/can](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/can).
- Farmers can find legal guidelines and practical advice at [cfa.vic.gov.au/farms](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/farms).
- More information about FDPs is available online at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firedangerperiod](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firedangerperiod).
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## HAY SEASON TO START EARLY IN STATE'S WEST AND CENTRAL DISTRICTS

An earlier hay season has Victorian farmers and CFA talking about the dangers of high moisture content in hay as they begin cutting, baling and storing it in warmer conditions.

Although we have endured wetter than usual summers over the last three years, CFA still responded to almost 52 haystack related fires between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

Confirmation from the BOM to El Nino conditions, and a positive phasing to the Indian Ocean Dipole, hotter and drier forecasts are expected, which means this year's agricultural activities are set to kick off a lot sooner and have elevated risks of fire ignition and spread.

With hay season running around three weeks ahead of time, and farmers in the West starting to bale their hay in late September, early October, farmers and CFA are calling on everyone to be attuned to the risks of spontaneous combustion.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said if hay is baled with high moisture content and is green, it can heat up like compost, which can lead to spontaneous combustion weeks or months later.

"Farmers who have decided to carry on with hay production need to be extra vigilant this year to make sure conditions are right for making hay and for the future storage and transport as well," he said.

"Hay fires are a real threat to properties and stock in primary production areas.

"Whether you're a seasoned hay grower or switching to hay this year, it's imperative to take care of your hay and crops this fire season.

"Consider the storage of your hay to avoid spontaneous combustion which can lead to ignition. "

When hay is either not properly cured and dried out before baling, or not stored to protect it from rain or damp conditions, moisture content in the bales is then higher than the recommended level.

If stored in environments with high temperatures and little airflow, a biological reaction could lead to a fire.

**Haystack fires can also start easily from lightning strikes or sparks from equipment.**

- "You should regularly monitor your haystacks by using a temperature probe or a crowbar to detect heating hay.
- "Signs of heating hay can include steam rising from the stack or unusual odours like burning, must, pipe tobacco smell or a caramel smell.

- "By being vigilant, you're protecting yourself from the financial impact of losing valuable fodder and protecting your property and family from the potential danger of hay fires."

### Haystack Tips

- ◇ • Ensure hay is well cured before baling.
- ◇ • Know the history of the hay you purchase.
- ◇ □ Keep haystacks to a limited size and separate your haystacks.
- ◇ • Monitor moisture and temperature of your hay regularly.
- ◇ • Watch for unusual odours such as pipe tobacco, caramel, burning or musty smells.
- ◇ • Store hay in separate stacks or sheds away from farm equipment and other buildings.
- ◇ • Keep your hay dry. Protect it from rain, leaking rooves or spouts, and runoff. Cover stacks with tarps or hay caps.
- ◇ • Don't stack hay right to the top of a hay shed. Allow some air to circulate at the top - this helps to carry away moisture.

**Temperature Guide – what to do when your hay is overheating** Use a thermometer in a probe or insert a crowbar into the middle of the stack for 2 hours.

- • **Less than 50°C** Can handle the crowbar without discomfort. Check temperature daily.
- • **50°C - 60°C** Can only handle crowbar for short time. Check temperature twice daily.
- • **60°C - 70°C** Can touch bar only briefly. Check temperature every 2 – 4 hours. Move hay to improve air flow.
- • **Over 70 °C** Bar is too hot to hold Potential for fire. Call 000 immediately. Avoid walking on top of haystack. At this stage pulling apart the hay may provide the oxygen it needs to ignite.

For more information please visit: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/hay-and-fire-safety](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/hay-and-fire-safety)



## Don't get stuck on hold, register your burn-off online

As hundreds of thousands of Victorians begin preparing their property for fire season, emergency services are encouraging landowners to register any planned burn-offs online, through the [Fire Permits Victoria](https://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au) website.

Landowners will be looking to take advantage of the coming long weekend and spring conditions, ahead of an earlier start to this year's fire season. Therefore, authorities expect a surge in burn-off registrations this weekend and over the coming weeks.

The quickest and easiest way to register your burn-off is by using the Fire Permits Victoria website at [www.firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify](https://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify).

ESTA's Chief Operating Officer Nicole Ashworth says while the burn-off registration phone line (1800 668 511) is still available, callers can experience long wait times on days of high demand.

"Using the Fire Permits Victoria website to register your burn-off also ensures ESTA's fire call takers can focus their efforts on taking emergency triple zero calls," she said.

"Earlier this year, we experienced days with more than 1200 non-emergency calls to register burn-offs on private land, so we're encouraging people to start pivoting to the easy-to-use Fire Permits Victoria website."

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the Fire Permits Victoria website is the preferred platform for community members to register their burns.

"By registering your burn-off, it allows emergency services to verify the fire is a planned burn if Triple Zero (000) receive any good intent calls to report it as an actual fire," he said.

"Unregistered burns can lead to unnecessary call outs for your local fire brigade."

The website allows you to notify emergency services of your burn, and also check and apply for a permit, if necessary.

However, if your burn is taking place within the next two hours, you must register your burn via the phone line on 1800 668 511.



For more information about burning off safely, visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff).

**Before you notify us, make sure you:**

- Follow regulations or laws by CFA and local council.
- Notify your neighbours if the burn will generate fire and smoke.
- Check the weather conditions are safe to burn. Postpone your activity if high fire risk conditions develop.
- Establish a gap in vegetation or fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.
- There are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively. Never leave a burn-off unattended.



### **COUNCIL ADOPTS SMYTHESDALE GARDENS & BREWERY DAM RESERVE MASTERPLAN**

**Council adopted the Smythesdale Gardens and Brewery Dam Reserve Masterplan (the Masterplan) at its meeting on Tuesday 26 September.**

The Masterplan was developed following an extensive community engagement process which included in-person consultations with the Smythesdale Progress Association/Committee of Management (CoM) and online community consultation from Wednesday 26 July to Wednesday 23 August.

Key objectives of the Masterplan include improving and enhancing the reserve landscape, establishing options for additional facilities and infrastructure, improving recreational opportunities for reserve users and resolving access issues.

The Masterplan also identifies current and future needs and issues while also providing clear direction for the responsible development of each reserve within resource constraints.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham said the Masterplan establishes a clear framework to guide strategic planning for the reserves for the next 10 years.

"This Masterplan assists with the prioritisation of projects, decisions about investment and supports advocacy and opportunities for both Smythesdale Gardens and Brewery Dam Reserve," Cr Cunningham said.

"We would like to thank the Smythesdale Progress Association/Committee of Management for their invaluable input into the development of the Masterplan, and we also thank those who made a submission during the public engagement process."

The Masterplan can be viewed online at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultation](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultation)



## Prepare your property now for the Fire Danger Period

Pyrenees Shire Council is reminding residents to prepare their properties for summer as the weather quickly starts to warm up.

The Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC) released its seasonal bushfire outlook for spring this year, identifying an increased risk of bushfire for large areas of eastern and central Australia, including Victoria.

“With the weather so warm, there is a risk of the bushfire season starting early. We’re also seeing lots of grass growth with the warm weather and light rains,” said Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Cr Ron Eason.

With the Bureau of Meteorology formally declaring Australia to now be in an El Nino event, a warmer spring and summer could mean a more dangerous bushfire season.

“El Nino coupled with the warmer than average winter we’ve had means we need to be preparing our properties a little sooner and keeping on top of that preparation.

“Remember to also review your fire survival plan and make sure your family knows how to follow this plan in case of fire,” Cr Eason said.

Making sure your property is prepared before the Fire Danger Period is declared is important. You can make sure your property is ready for summer by

- keeping grass 10cm or shorter in length,
- Cleaning your gutters regularly,
- removing flammable items from decks and verandas,
- removing dry leaves, twigs and other fire

hazards,

- pruning shrubs and trees, and
- moving woodpiles away from your house.



Even if you don’t live in the bush, your family and your home is still at risk of fire. Property owners can take advantage of free green waste disposal at all Council transfer stations when cleaning up.

“We have free green waste disposal for residents and ratepayers, making it easier to keep your property well maintained and fire ready,” Cr Eason said.

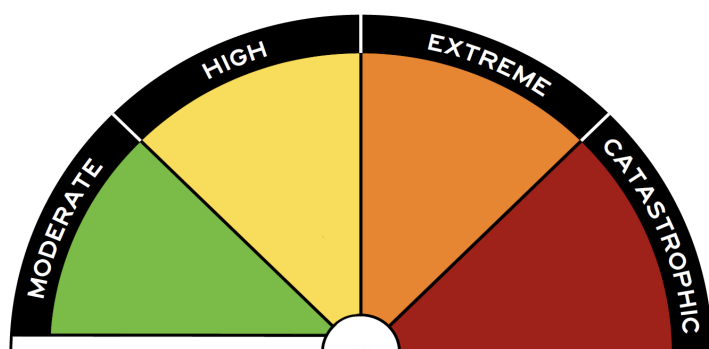
Reducing the vegetation around your home will help keep you, your family, and the community safe. This your responsibility, and failure to remove a fire hazard on your property may result in Council issuing a fire hazard removal notices and fine.

“We take fire prevention seriously with our compliance team issuing over 600 fire prevention notices across the Shire last year. About 40 properties did not comply with the notice and so our team issued them with hefty fines.

“Of these, 15 matters were prosecuted in the Magistrates’ Court and the court increased some of these fines significantly. We know how important it is to look our own safety and that of the Shire and we’d rather not have to remind you by issuing a fine or going to court,” said Cr Eason.

Check out [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) for more information and resources to help you get fire ready.

To find out when the Fire Danger Period is for the Pyrenees region, keep checking the CFA’s website: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period-restrictions](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period-restrictions).



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For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

### There are four levels of fire danger in the new system:

- **Moderate** - Plan and prepare
- **High** - Be ready to act
- **Extreme** - Take action now to protect your life and property
- **Catastrophic** - For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

### Fire Danger Ratings will be issued on days when there is a fire risk.

Each fire danger rating will have a clear set of messages including the actions the community can take to reduce their risk.

Ratings are forecast using Bureau of Meteorology data for up to four days in advance, based on weather and other environmental conditions such as vegetation.

The rating is your trigger to take action to stay safe.





## GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

### PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES TO IMPROVE SAFETY

**As part of Council's commitment to improve road safety for all road users and pedestrians in the Shire, we're seeking community feedback on a proposal to lower the speed limits on a number of roads across the Shire.**

Following feedback from the community, Council is proposing to lower the speed limits on:

- Wilsons Road, Haddon – Reduce the speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h along the entire length of the road due to roadside hazards and residential properties.
- Teesdale-Inverleigh Road, Inverleigh – Reduce the speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h between 250m South of Jolly's Road and Hamilton Highway due to roadside hazards and the narrow road width, and 80 km/h to 60 km/h on approach into Teesdale township.
- Vaggs Road, Ross Creek – Reduce existing speed limit of 100 km/h to 80 km/h for the 1730m stretch of road from Sebastopol-Smythesdale Road to Lacys Road.
- Bowes Road, Ross Creek – Reduce existing speed limit of 100 km/h to 80 km/h for the 1870m stretch of road from Sebastopol-Smythesdale Road to School Lane.
- Scotchmans-Lead Road, Napoleons – Reduce existing speed limit of 80 km/h to 60 km/h from 460 Scotchmans-Lead Road to the bridge (390 Scotchmans-Lead Road)
- Clyde Road, Bannockburn – Reduce existing speed limit of 80 km/h to 60 km/h from Midland Highway to existing 60 km/h past Lowndes Road.
- Thomas Road, Haddon – Reduce existing speed from limit of 60 km/h to 50 km/h for the full stretch of road.
- Kelly Road, Bannockburn – Reduce existing speed limit of 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr from Midland Highway to existing 60 km/hr near to 75 Kelly Road.

Sebastopol-Smythesdale Road, Smythesdale – Reduce existing speed limit of 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr from Brooke Street to intersection of Pascoe Street and 100 km/hr to 80 km/hr from Ross Creek Road to Kirks Road.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham encouraged the community to have their say on the proposed speed reductions.

“Council is continually looking to improve road user and pedestrian safety across the Shire and these speed limit

reductions are the next step to ensuring increased safety for all residents and visitors to the Shire,” he said.

“I encourage all residents to review all roads with proposed speed limit changes and provide their valuable feedback for the safety and benefit of everyone in Golden Plains.”

Feedback is invited from Community members and road users from Monday 25 September until 9am, Monday 25 October, 2023 and can be made online at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations) or hard copies of the survey can be collected from Council's Customer Hubs, Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn and The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

If Council determines to proceed with the proposals, Council will finalise an application with the Department of Transport to have the speed limits reduced. This process is expected to take some time before any potential changes take effect.

For more information, contact Council's Asset Services Team at [enquires@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquires@gplains.vic.gov.au) or call 5220 7111.

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## SKIPTON GOLF CLUB Inc

### Join Us for a Golf Enthusiasts' Gathering!

**Date:** October 22nd, 2023

**Time:** Meeting at 3:00 PM

**Venue:** Skipton Golf Club



### Calling All Skipton Locals!

Are you passionate about golf and eager to see Senior and Junior Golf thrive in Skipton once again? Skipton Golf Club invites you to a special gathering on the 22nd of October at 3:00 PM.

### All Are Welcome!

Whether you're a seasoned golfer, a budding enthusiast, or simply interested in supporting the growth of golf in Skipton, this meeting is for you. We value your ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment to making golf an integral part of our community.

### Agenda:

- **3:00 PM - 4:30 PM:** Informative Meeting
- Discuss the future of Senior and Junior Golf in Skipton.
- Share your thoughts and ideas.
- Learn about upcoming events and opportunities.
- **4:30 PM - 6:00 PM:** 5-Hole Golf Competition
- Join in on the fun with a friendly competition!
- Golfers of all skill levels are welcome to participate.
- Prizes and bragging rights up for grabs!



### Refreshments:

A delicious BBQ will be served during the event to keep you energized and satisfied.

### Contact:

For any inquiries or to RSVP, please get in touch with David Sproules:

Email: [davids@e2e.org.au](mailto:davids@e2e.org.au)

- Mobile: 0423 528 255

Let's come together to support the return of Senior and Junior Golf in Skipton. Your presence and enthusiasm can make a significant difference. We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd of October at Skipton Golf Club!

## Meetings & Coming Events

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there's always something to do. Please wear sensible clothes, boots or closed toe shoes, gloves a good idea. Please **contact Victoria on 0437 565 404** for further information, or just come along on the day.

Monday 23rd October: **SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** meet at 7:30 pm, in the Supper Room Mechanics Hall, Skipton. **October: "TBA"**. Everyone welcome, young, old, amateur, professional or just interested to learn more about your camera and photography in general. Enquires Karen Crosbie ph 0448871784 or Karen Bradshaw ph 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. If you require transport to the event, please advise when booking and we can arrange this for you for free.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November: **SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will meet for their **regular monthly meeting at 2.00 p.m. in the Old Police House**, in Stewart Park Historical, Precinct, on Montgomery Street, Skipton. Contact very welcome, phone Secretary on 0407 310 990, or via email [skipton.history.au@gmail.com](mailto:skipton.history.au@gmail.com)

Sunday 19th November **FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM (Streatham) open from 11:30am until 4:30pm** be a week early as I am unavailable on the third Sunday) Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer, 0466 286 011.

Tuesday 21st November: All are welcome to join the **WORKING BEE in lovely Stewart Park**, on Montgomery Street, Skipton, behind the Platypus statue. From **10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.**, there's always something to do.

Please wear sensible clothes, boots or closed toe shoes, gloves a good idea. Please **contact Victoria on 0437 565 404** for further information,

Monday 27th November: **THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** meet at 7:30 pm, in the Supper Room Mechanics Hall, Skipton. **November: "TBA"**. Everyone welcome, young, old, amateur, professional or just interested. Enquires Karen Crosbie ph 0448871784 or Karen Bradshaw ph 0439 630 884

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.

Thursday 21st of December. **SKIPTON TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023.** The flood recovery committee along with our normal sponsors will be supporting the Town Christmas Party this year.

Back again will be the Bike decorations with 2 sections being "A Bike That Can Still Be Ridden", and "a Bike As A Work Of Art".

Prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups [Under 11, Under 18, and Open] for the best in each section. As well as the usual entertainment we will have pedal go kart racing and a photo booth at this year's party.

More information as we get closer to the night. Get out and find a bike and start to decorate it soon.



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.

### *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" or "Free" for the Skipton Golf Club, to be used for Course Maintenance*  
Please phone 0428 402 340 if able to assist.  
*Little car being pensioned off from duties.*

**Chess says everything about men & women.**  
The King has to take things one step at a time, while the Queen can do whatever the heck she wants.

### *Skipton Spring Festival*

*Sunday 15th October,*

*10am till 4:00 pm*

*See Advertisements for more information and how you can become a part of the day. K*

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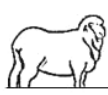
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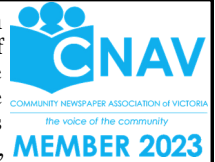
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Thank you to this week's sponsor **Sponsor name This Week's Sponsor Wishes to Remain Anonymous**

**FROM THE EDITOR: Welcome Back Everyone!!** This is always my favourite edition of SCN, the first edition for the fourth School Term, because it marks the Anniversary of the first edition I published as the SCN Editor (*thirty years ago*) on the 8th of October 1993. Longer term residents will have witnessed many various incarnations in SCN during this time, and those in the Skipton Progress Association and the Volunteers who have been associated with our "Little Paper" and assisted with the preparation of the newsletters for distribution over the past 46 years of SCN will have seen numerous changes as SCN has evolved from when it was typed on an electric typewriter and printed at Skipton Primary School on a Gestetner Off-set Printer, through to our recently installed BizHub C658 which will take us through the next three years.



The newsletter you are currently reading is the first edition of the newsletter copied on the new photocopier (*was installed during school holidays*). SCN welcomes your contributions of News, Academic and Sporting Endeavours, Handy Hints, Recipes, Poems or Short Stories, along with Shire Council News and special reports from Organisations in the District. If you would like to lodge an advertisement or an article for publication,

**Contact: Editor Kathy Sproules 14 Scott St Skipton, Phone 03 5340 2340, fax 5340 2434. Email: skiptonscn@bigpond.com**

**SCN can also be found online at [www.skiptonaustralia.org](http://www.skiptonaustralia.org) and on Facebook, for those who prefer to read the newsletter electronically. K**

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*Kathy Sproules Editor.*

## Meetings & Coming Events

**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. Check out the details for



a morning's entertainment at the Skipton Golf Club on Wednesday 25th of October, see below!! Assistance with Transport is available if required. Golden Plains Shire and Pyrenees Shire also have great events for you too.

### SKIPTON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MEETS EVERY MONDAY

**AT SKIPTON MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL**  
From 2pm till 4pm on Monday, and on the **fourth Monday** have an earlier start of **12 noon** for Lunch. Committee Meeting 2pm.

Fantastic way to meet new friends and enjoy a weekly outing.

Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "Other Stuff"!!

Seniors also have trips and outings during the year.

Just come along, you will be happy you did.



### SKIPTON EUCHRE PLAYERS

**MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT THE SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL**

From 1:30pm till 3:30 pm Enjoy a Cuppa and Chat after Cards.

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](mailto:skiptonphotographicclub@gmail.com)  
**Entries Close: 28th September 2023.**

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

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](https://www.facebook.com/theskiptonprogressassociation)

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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, 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.

Sunday 15th October: **SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S COURT HOUSE MUSEUM**, the **OLD POLICE HOUSE** and the **"WOOL MUSEUM" DISPLAY IN THE POLICE STABLES**, all in **Stewart Park**, Skipton will all be **OPEN** from **10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.** as part of the **Skipton Spring Festival**. All welcome. For those interested in contact and with friends, why not "Rendezvous at the Historical" for a cuppa and a lot of history?



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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.

Tuesday 17th October: All are welcome to join the **WORKING BEE in lovely Stewart Park**, on Montgomery Street, Skipton, behind the Platypus statue. From **10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.,**

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# OCTOBER 15

## THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**CELEBRATES SKIPTON'S RICH HISTORY IN SHEEP & WOOL FARMING & THE LAUNCH OF THE MONUMENT TO CHAMPION BLADE SHEARER, BENNIE WILKIE, THE WILKIE FAMILY & SHEARERS OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT**

THE SKIPTON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM AND THE OLD POLICE HOUSE IN THE STEWART PARK HISTORICAL PRECINCT WILL BE OPEN TO ALL DURING THE SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH.

OUR NEW AND GROWING WOOL MUSEUM IN THE POLICE STABLES WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION WITH DISPLAYS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY, AND ESPECIALLY THE BLADE SHEARERS.

ALL WELCOME TO VISIT, PLEASE COME IN FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT THROUGH THE DAY, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO MAKE FAMILY CONTACTS

**-RENDEZVOUS AT THE "HISTORICAL" ...**

**CONTACT US: [SKIPTON.HISTORY.AU@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SKIPTON.HISTORY.AU@GMAIL.COM) OR 0407310990**



Join Skipton Progress Association and the wider Skipton Community in a "DEDICATION OF THE 'BENNY WILKIE' SCULPTURE" at Skipton Spring Festival on Sunday 15th October, between 11am and noon

- \* Learn more about Skipton's History as the Premier "Sheep Town" in the Western District, in particular Bennie Wilkie, Champion Blade Shearer
- \* Learn about the versatility of WOOL, there will be Shearing & Wool Handling Demonstrations, Spinning and Knitting with Stalls featuring Wool.
- \* A whole day of activities and celebrations.

*Special thanks to the quality work by all people involved.*





# Skipton Market

On Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

Will be a pop-up affair with stalls  
on Montgomery Street, Skipton  
From 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.



For further information contact Jan Murphy, Skipton Market Co-ordinator  
Ph 0422 785 017 or via facebook Skipton Community Market for further information

## 2023 REFERENDUM 14 OCTOBER 2023

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**YOUR  
Answer  
MATTERS**  
REFERENDUM 101

- **The question**

A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?

- **To vote, write either 'yes' or 'no' - in full - in the box provided on the ballot paper.**

You can even practice ahead of time.

- **Official Yes/No case pamphlet**

Read the cases authorised by Parliamentarians. This document has been delivered to all Australian households.

- **Polling Booth is at Skipton Mechanics Hall.**

Polling Booths open at 8:00 am and close at 6:00 pm.

**Voting is COMPULSORY for Australians over the age of 18.**

## Skipton Spring Festival

Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Celebrate Skipton's rich history in Sheep and Wool Farming  
And the Launch of the Monument to Champion Blade Shearer

### Bennie Wilkie And the Wilkie Family

and the Shearers of the Western District

Visit **Skipton Court House Museum** and the **Old Police House**,  
in the Stewart Park Historical Precinct.

Our new and growing **Wool Museum in the Police Stables** will  
be open for inspection with displays about the history of the wool  
industry, and especially the Blade Shearers.

**All welcome to visit, please come in for a cuppa and a chat**  
especially if you are looking to make family contacts

**"Rendezvous at the "Historical"...**

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Or phone Secretary on 0407310990



**SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL  
DON'T MISS IT!!**

- Learn to Rock'n'Roll at the Mechanics Hall.
- Great Live Music from 12 noon till 4:00pm
- Market Stalls with focus on WOOL
- Fantastic Kids Entertainment and Food Vendors.