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### Skipton Spring Festival UNVEILING OF THE "Bennie Wilkie" Statue

Surrounded by her friends and Family Members, Rhonda Slater enjoyed talking of her many treasured memories of her wonderful dad, Leslie "Bennie" Wilkie, after cutting the official ribbon.

Local Farmer, Malcolm Fletcher, *second from the left in the front row*, was a great mate of Bennie and his brothers, and it was from an idea from Malcolm that this dedication to our famous Champion Blade Shearer from that original idea, came to fruition.

*Editor apology for not naming the group for fear of an error.*

Below: Corangamite Shire Mayor Ruth Grstrein in her address thanked Skipton Progress Association Inc and Skipton Historical Society for working together for Skipton Spring Festival.



The Official Ceremony commenced with a Smoking Ceremony with Waddawurrung man Uncle Barry Gilson from Gordon.



Photo on Right: Cutting the ribbon, Rhonda is assisted by Dave Hunneybell, President SPA and SHS.

Photo on Right: Kept very busy all day, Stallholder, Marg Cook, had a beautiful range of handknitted knitwear, in different colours, styles and plys, and people enjoyed looking through Marg's patterns and talking with her about Knitting. Former resident of Skipton, Judy Roberts made the trip from Port Fairy to attend the Festival. Cont Page 7



*Public Notices*

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- \* Week Two 10 am Skipton
- \* Week Three 10 am Skipton
- \* Week Four 10 am Skipton
- \* Week Five 11 am Lismore.



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- \* 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 .



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- Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 10.30am
- Sunday 9.00am



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**Proverbs chapter 1, verse 32**



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**Skipton Spring Festival Results Monster Raffle**

- 1st: Marg Cook
- 2nd: Pat Hutchison
- 3rd: Nathan Donnelly
- 4th: Dusty
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For further information, stall bookings, contact Jan Murphy, Skipton Market Co-ordinator 0422 785 017  
 Or via facebook/ Skipton Community Market

**PYRENEES SHIRE COULCIL NEWS**

Pyrenees Shire councillors recognized for years of service at this year’s Municipal Association of Victoria’s (MAV) Councillor Service Awards, three of Pyrenees Shire’s councillors have been recognized for their ongoing service to the community.

The Councillor Services Awards celebrate the achievements, commitment, and dedication of long-serving councillors across the state. Cr Ron Eason was recognized with the Mayor Emeritus award for serving three or more terms as Mayor. Crs Tanya Kehoe and Ron Eason were recognized for serving 10 years as a councillor. Cr David Clark was recognized for serving 25 years as a councillor.

“Congratulations to our councillors who were recognized at the MAV Councillor Service Awards. It’s not easy being a councillor and to give up so much of your time to work for the community is something that should be recognized,” said Pyrenees Shire Council CEO Jim Nolan.

“To step up and run for council is a big task. The councillors you elect are required to make a wide range of decisions in the best interests of the community, and to represent and advocate for our community in various forums. It’s important that we have members of the community willing to undertake the office of councillor for and from our community.

“Thank you to our councillors who have looked after our community consistently and reliably,” Mr Nolan said.

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

Have your say on the draft Beaufort Linear Masterplan The Beaufort Linear Masterplan is closer to completion after many different activities and meetings held with the community since the start of September.

“The Beaufort Linear Masterplan will help guide us in creating a loved and well used space for our community,” Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Cr Ron Eason said. After a series of catch ups with schools, service clubs, community groups, traditional custodians; visits to retailers; surveys; workshops; pop-up events; site walks; and face to face meetings, the feedback received from the community is being used to develop the draft masterplan.

“I am pleased to see people giving their feedback on the draft Masterplan. It’s an important document and we want to make sure that we’re incorporating our community’ needs and wishes now and into the future for this project,” Cr Eason said.

During the final stages of developing the masterplan, community members are invited to view and comment on the draft masterplan at the Beeripmo Centre Wednesday 1 November from 6pm. Feedback from the community at this drop in event will be used to write the final version of the plan.

“With the final draft ready, it’s important for community members to take this opportunity to make sure their thoughts and ideas have been incorporated into the document and to make sure that they’re happy with the direction the plan is taking. We’re looking forward to delivering this plan and meeting the community’s needs with it,” Cr Eason said.

The masterplan will include concept plans for the future design of the project area. The draft plan can be viewed between 6pm and 7.30pm on the night. Council will be providing light refreshments for community members. All are welcome and there is no need to book. For more information about this project go to [www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/BeaufortLinearMasterplan](http://www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/BeaufortLinearMasterplan).

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**BSHS NEWS BULLETIN**

**SKIPTON OUTINGS BUS**

Would you like to join our next social outing? Our next outing will be to Ballarat on Tuesday 21 November. We will visit the Eureka Centre and will have lunch at the Lilly’s Cafe. Tickets for the Museum are \$4.



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A special addition to the Skipton Festival was the Rock'n'Roll Band, fantastic music had toes tapping and this young couple teaching dancers the steps.



"Possums in the Porch" entertained the large Festival Crowd down in the CBD. No strenuous dancing here, but great music under the Lions Club Rotunda. Thank you for entertaining us.



Local Artist, Lynette Heenan, whose sketch of the photograph of the Blade Shearer was the design for the "Bennie Wilkie Statue" met up for a chat with the Stonemason for Statue, Paul Middleton. *The Metalwork for the Statue was done by Melissa Beatty.*



Stewart Park held many surprises for our visitors, possibly the most popular were the cute and cuddly animals at the Fun Farm 2 U Petting Zoo. Everyone had a different favourite.

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**Thursday 2 November | Skipton Mechanics Hall**

Presented by David Younger, a psychologist who specialises in helping people recover from a natural disaster.

**Session One**

**2 - 4 pm**

Followed by afternoon tea.

**Session Two**

**6.30 - 8.30 pm**

Followed by supper.

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TradeMutt's vibrant workwear, aims to reduce Australia's suicide rate, by encouraging tradies and workers alike to take ownership of their own mental health, while also making a social impact through financially supporting mental health services.

Every TradeMutt purchase supports TIACS.org, as well as other charitable organisations and social initiatives. CHW team members have the opportunity to add these impactful shirts to their ongoing uniform.

CHW Managing Director, Jeff Haydon, said, "Our hope is that these additions to our uniforms help start, or continue, meaningful conversations between our team members, contractors, and the broader community, around mental health.

"The vibrant shirts work to make an invisible issue, difficult to ignore, and furthermore enable us to improve the



mental health and wellbeing of the broader community by supporting mental health services," Mr Haydon said.

As part of CHW's safety first culture and associated uniform regulations, all personal protective equipment must comply with Victorian Railway standards. Fortunately, through the partnership between Trademutt and local supplier, Hip Pocket Workwear & Safety Ballarat, we were able to meet rail requirements.

## Promote your community event in 2024 Corangamite Shire calendar

Organisers can promote their event in every home in the Shire, and beyond.

Submissions are invited for the Corangamite Shire Council calendar which will be mailed to all Corangamite Shire households in December and is offered to visitors to the region.

Mayor Ruth Gstrein said this was a great opportunity to put your event in the spotlight.

"Planning a local event for 2024? Don't miss your chance to promote it far and wide by listing in the 2024 Corangamite calendar," Cr Gstrein said.

"By being part of Council's calendar you could potentially have a presence in just about every home in the Shire, and beyond.

"Each year 10,000 calendars are printed, featuring images of the Shire and some of the fantastic natural attractions, cultural activities, goods and services 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.

"It lists the key dates and fantastic things we have to do around the Shire throughout the year, including markets, agricultural shows, festivals school holidays and special events.

"Visitors also pick up copies and it gets sent as a Christmas gift around the world which really puts Corangamite Shire in the spotlight to a far wider audience."

Register your event online at [www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/events) by Friday 10 November.

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## GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

Date: Friday 20 October 2023

# CHILDREN'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS IN GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

### Golden Plains Shire will celebrate Children's Week 2023 with a range of activities at kindergartens, child care services and community groups across the Shire.

Adults and children are welcome to join a mindful movement session at the Yerram Yaluk Bun Play Space in Inverleigh on Tuesday 24 October starting at 9.45am.

Mindful movement allows us to check in with our bodies and get moving in a way that can help us lower stress, release energy, and strengthen our mind-body connection.

Meredith Community Centre is hosting free Children's Week Mindfulness sessions for kindergarten and primary school aged groups, as well as a Mums and Bubs session.

To book a spot, call 0403 667 840.

Damashii Karate Dojo in Haddon is hosting a Children's Karate & Self Defence Come & Try Fun Day on Saturday 28 October for children aged 4 to 12 years old. Call 0419 319 411 to find out more.

Bannockburn Library is also offering a range of programs throughout Children's Week including:

- Toddler Time – Tuesday 24 October, 10.30 to

11.00am

- Preschool Story Time – Thursday 26 October, 10.30 to 11.15am
- Baby Time – Friday 27 October, 11.30 to 11.50am
- Stories, Stem and Making group activity – 10 to 11am

Golden Plains Shire Council Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Wheatland said Children's Week was an important opportunity to participate in free family-friendly activities.

"This year we're embracing the theme 'children have a right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy' and it's great to see so many places across the Shire offering activities for Children's Week," Ms Wheatland said.

"We encourage everyone to embrace the activities on offer and create some fun and lasting memories."

Council surveyed children from around the municipality to hear how they like to relax, play and take part in activities.

The survey aimed to celebrate children's voice and learn from our youngest residents about what is important to them.

Children from primary schools, kindergartens, family day care programs, play groups and long day care services all took part in the Children's Week survey and will receive resource packs for participating.

Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

Children's Week runs from Saturday 21 October to Sunday 29 October 2023, with thousands of Victorian children taking part in the festivities.



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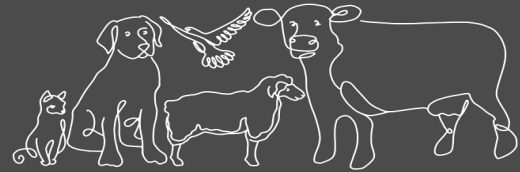


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**Scholastic Book Club**

Book Club catalogues have been handed out today. All orders must be processed via the "LOOP" app by the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Skipton Junior Cricket**

Skipton junior cricket training will be held on Thursday nights, 4pm to 5pm at the Skipton Rec Reserve. All 8-12 year old boys and girls that are interested are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or require further information please contact the coach, Rod Kennedy on 0419 503 545.



**Term 1 Week 3 – 20th October, 2023**  
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How nice it has been to see some sunshine recently! Thank you to all of the students and families who have ensured hats are at school. Please try your best to have a brimmed hat at school each day! Students are welcome to bring along their own sunscreen too if required.

It has been a very busy last couple of weeks with so many things having happened already this term. We are back from our Tasmania Grade 5/6 camp which was a great success and so much fun. A special thank you to Mrs Bourke, Nat & Greg who took the time away from their own families to provide the best possible experience for the students. I am so grateful for each of them, as well as the staff back at school who kept things moving along!

Next week, we have Summer Sports at Lismore Primary who will have a Sausage Sizzle available for lunches. Families are more than welcome to come along then too!

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

*Prep/1 - Lacey Mills - for always being helpful to others and*

*being a great leader in our classroom.*

*Grade 2 – Tilly McAuliffe - for always being a kind and considerate member of our class. Tilly always follows instructions and is a great role model for other students. Well done Tilly!*

*Grade 3/4 – George Mulcahy for working extremely hard on his persuasive speech. Your choice of persuasive devices has really enhanced your writing piece. Well done and keep up the fantastic work.*

***Grade 5/6 – 2 AWARDS THIS WEEK!***

*Iona Bulford - for her resilience while on camp, especially when feeling ill or uncomfortable. We're very proud of you*

*Marnie Smith - for her resilience while on camp—never complaining and always helping. We appreciate you*

*Principal Award – Vivienne Barr – for the leadership she has been demonstrating in our lunchtime clubs. Thank you for always making sure everything is put back in its place! I appreciate all that you are doing.*

Chanelle Pelchen

**Our Learning Next Week...**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| From Mrs Britton | We were very excited to welcome Willow and Delilah to our class this week. Next week, we will be continuing to write an exposition. We are focusing on remembering to include a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop at the end of our sentences. In maths, we will be beginning to learn about multiplication.   |
| From Michelle    | Next week we are looking forward to the Summer Sports day at Lismore. In reading we are continuing to focus on comprehension strategies. We will be continuing to focus on sentence structure and persuasive texts in writing. In maths we will be looking at division and solving word problems.  |
| From Miss Sheils | The grade 3/4 classroom have been working hard on our persuasive speeches during our writing sessions. We have worked on our sizzling starts, ending with impact and will continue to use our facts within our middle arguments throughout week 4. Now that camp is a top topic choice in our classroom, we will be focusing on location and transformation in math. The students are excited to take their chosen car and travel around the country, learning and identifying key locations using a compass. In reading, we will be revisiting our comprehension strategy, making connection. |
| From Mrs Bourke  | Week 4 in the 5-6 classroom will see our students completing their poetry unit and moving on to focus on narrative for the remainder of the term. In maths, we'll continue our focus on addition & subtraction, looking at different strategies for checking our answers using inverse operations. We've started our new literature circle texts, with multiple students extending their learning by choosing to read & respond to two or more of the group texts.   |

**Grade 3 and 4 Camp**

Camp information has now been processed on Compass and permission and payment should be done through the Compass app please. A hard copy of the information and a what to bring list has been sent home with the students today. Any questions please see Sarah or Natalie.

**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!

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## Meetings & Coming Events

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023**, “at the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month” will be marked by a ceremony at the Skipton War Memorial, on Anderson Street, Skipton, at 11.00 a.m., mounted by the Friends of the RSL



Skipton Branch. Everyone is welcome to attend, please contact Secretary, on 0403 530 293 for further information.

Saturday 4th November: Round 5 BHRBC BMS 5 v Skipton 1

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: **STEWART PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT** will meet for it's regular “second Monday” meeting in the Small Meeting Room at the Mechanics Hall at 6.00 p.m. **Anyone interested in joining us is very welcome to come along**, and volunteers are also very welcome at our regular Working Bee's in the Park, next one is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. For further information contact Victoria on 0437 565 404.

Saturday 11th November: Round 6 BHRBC BMS5 5 v Skipton 1

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 0437 565 404** for further information,

Saturday 18th November: Round 7 BHRBC Skipton 1 v Ballarat East 2

Saturday 25th November: Round 8 BHRBC Victoria v Skipton 1

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.

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## Mayor Gstrein invites new premier to visit Corangamite

New Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan has been invited to come and enjoy what Corangamite Shire has to offer.

Mayor Ruth Gstrein congratulated the Premier on her recent appointment to the State's top job.

*"On behalf of Corangamite Shire Council, I would like to congratulate Ms Allan on being sworn in as Victoria's 49th premier," Cr Gstrein said.*

*"I have always believed that it is important for all tiers of government to cooperate so we can build positive outcomes for the people we represent.*

*"Council looks forward to continuing our working relationship with the Victorian Government to achieve results for the residents of Corangamite.*

*"I extend an invitation to Ms Allan to come to our Shire, meet some of our residents and experience our Shire firsthand.*

*"It will be an opportunity to discuss our hopes and aspirations for Corangamite Shire and the contribution we make to the State, particularly through agriculture and tourism."*

Cr Gstrein also congratulated Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney on her portfolios of Regional Development and Skills and TAFE.

*"Historically we have had a productive relationship with Minister Tierney as our local representative.*

*"Regional Development Victoria has been an extremely valuable collaborator with Council on many projects that have benefited our community.*

*"Council looks forward to continuing that relationship with a department led by a minister with an intimate understanding of our region's strengths and challenges."*

## Central Highlands Water customers invited to provide feedback on products and services

Central Highlands Water (CHW) is committed to ensuring the highest level of customer satisfaction. From today, 10 October, customers have an opportunity to offer feedback via the Annual CHW Customer Satisfaction Survey.

As part of CHW's commitment to continually enhance the water and sewerage services provided to the community, a sample of customers will receive an email and be asked to complete a short survey. The survey provides customers with an opportunity to share their thoughts and level of satisfaction with their water and sewerage services.

The survey forms part of a larger customer satisfaction piece across seven participating water corporations, including Westernport, South Gippsland, Gippsland, East Gippsland, Goulburn Valley and Coliban.

To encourage participation, and recognise the contribution of those sharing their feedback, each corporation is offering customers the chance to win one of ten \$100 bill credits. Those who complete the survey before 6:00 pm, Tuesday 31 October will be eligible and winners will be announced in early November 2023.

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Personal information collected for competition entry will remain private and be used solely for the purposes of the competition and the information of those participating will not be linked to feedback.

**Managing Director, Central Highlands Water Jeff Haydon said,** *"This year we are reaching out to a sample of customers via email to gain insights into their perspectives on our products and services, and I encourage our customers to be as honest as possible.*

*"Gaining insight into the customer experience allows us to identify whether we are meeting customer expectations for water and sewerage services.*

*"The survey is one of the most important ways we learn from our customers and improve our services.*

*"Regardless of whether customers receive an email invitation, everyone can participate by visiting our website and taking the survey to ensure their voice is heard."*



**Referendum 14th October 2023  
JOINT STATEMENT ON  
VOICE**

Sunday, 15 October 2023

We know that a lot of First Nations people will be hurting today.

We know that for many Australians, the pain they feel will linger – and for others, it may never fade at all.

To First Nations people, we say this clearly: Victorians respect you and your culture.

We want a better future for you.

We want a better future for your communities.

We want a better future for your children.

And we want a better future for the generations to come.

The Voice was intended to be a way to hear what First Nations people have to say, and work to build a better future – together.

We can all get behind that principle.

Australians have decided that the Commonwealth approach to change the Constitution – in this particular way – was not the right way to go.

There is one truth we know to be self-evident: when Aboriginal Victorians thrive, we're all the stronger for it.

Four years ago, we had an election where every Aboriginal Victorian got the opportunity to pick their representatives. From those elections, the Victorian First People's Assembly was set up.

This year, we had our second round of elections. Aboriginal Victorians put their faith in the process – the doubling of voters on the Assembly roll is testament to that.

It's a model with bipartisan support. It has proven to be an effective way for Aboriginal Victorians to get to have a say, and for us to work together towards reconciliation.

We have a lot more to do, of course – in health, education, employment, housing and justice.

We'll keep working towards a stronger, fairer future for Aboriginal Victorians – led by, shaped by and driven by Aboriginal Victorians.

And at all times, we'll remain in awe of the extraordinary strength, resilience, and survival of First Nations people across this country.

Jacinta Allan  
Premier of Victoria  
First Peoples

Natalie Hutchins  
Minister for Treaty and

**Fire restrictions announced for Northern Grampians**

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) will begin at 1.00am on Monday, 6 November for the Northern Grampians Shire.

The 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 District 16 Assistant Chief Fire Officer Bernie Fradd said while local grass loads are still relatively green and benign it only takes a few warm days for grass to dry off enough to become a fire hazard.

"With September and October having historically low rainfall it is important that people take care while clearing up around their property," ACFO Fradd said.

While CFA's 52,000 members are poised to respond and support communities this bushfire season, they're urging people to use common sense and take responsibility for preventing fires.

Residents in Northern Grampians Shire are asked to take this opportunity ahead of the FDP to clean up their properties and for landowners to conduct safe private burn-offs where possible.

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.

There are very strict conditions attached to these permits and the liability sits with the permit holder to ensure they always act safely.

**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). It can also be issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District Office.
- 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).

*Sporting News*



**Pennant Bowls Results Division 7**

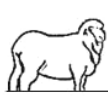
**Saturday 21st October 2023:**

Skipton Bowlers were at home to Ballarat 3

**Skipton (1) 96 shots def Ballarat (3) 60 shots**

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|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Cheryl Sturgeon | Darryl Rowe | Madelaine Lincoln | Frank Ellingham  | Won 20-15 |
| Chris Slater    | _____       | Scott Ferdinands  | Tim Clarke       | Won 23-21 |
| _____           | _____       | Elizabeth Bolton  | Stu Haley        | Won 18-13 |
| _____           | Bev Grist   | Jim Hinton        | Brendan McIntyre | Won 35-11 |

Mount Emu Creek



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## Meetings & Coming Events

**EUCHRE Card Group Meet Wednesdays**  
@ 1.30pm In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall.. All Welcome

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**SKIPTON LIBRARY IN** Mechanic's Hall

Opening Times: Tuesday 10.00am to 12.00pm  
Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Fiction, non-fiction, LARGE PRINT, DVD's, E-Books, Children books & DVDs, Biographies.

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**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.

**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.



**On Thursday nights, Skipton Junior Cricket Training** will be held for all 8-12 year old boys and girls from 4pm to 5pm at the Skipton Rec Reserve. If you have any questions or require further information please contact the Coach, Rod Kennedy on 0419 503 545.



**Tuesday 24th October** Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will meet for final planning for Remembrance Day at 6.00 p.m. in the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Please contact Secretary on 0403530293 for further information.

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 29th October: Join **SKIPTON GOLF CLUB Inc** for a **GOLF ENTHUSIASTS' GATHERING!** Meeting at 3 o'clock and Golf at 4:30 pm. \

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.

Thursday 2nd November. **SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.** regular monthly meeting for November will be held in the Skipton Mechanics Hall, at 7.00 p.m.



Business will include a report on the activities of the **Skipton Spring Festival**, all welcome to attend, especially those who might like to participate as members in future events.

For further information contact Secretary on 0437 455 049 or President on 0431 104 610.

Saturday November 4th. **GETTING' READY FOR BEAUFORT'S NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT** We're looking forward to seeing you all at Beaufort Croquet Club again. It's always a fun, social Golf/Croquet Day and we enjoy catching up with members from our BDCA Clubs. Contact: Barbara Blamey, Secretary Beaufort Croquet Club Inc. Ph 0417 053 909. Email: [barbarablamey@gmail.com](mailto:barbarablamey@gmail.com) or [beaufortcroquet@gmail.com](mailto:beaufortcroquet@gmail.com)

Sunday 5th 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)



Saturday 11th November. **Skipton Market** returns to the Skipton Mechanics Hall from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. with an exciting range of activities and stalls, plants, craft, bric-a-brac, produce and cakes, a chance to start early with your **Christmas shopping** list. A warm welcome in the **Supper Room** as always, and the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will offer free morning tea following the **Remembrance Day Service** at the Skipton War Memorial. For stall bookings and inquiries ring Jan on 0422785017, or check facebook/ Skipton Community Market.



Saturday 11th November. **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023**, "at the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month" will be marked by a ceremony at the Skipton War Memorial, on Anderson Street, Skipton, at 11.00 a.m., mounted by the Friends of the RSL



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LISTINGS FOR 2021 SKIPTON AND DISTRICT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ARE WELCOMED DURING TERM 4. Kathy Sproules, Editor SCN  
Send to The Editor SCN 14 Scott Street Skipton 3361 or  
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## SKIPTON PHONE BOOK UPDATE 2021

**A big Skipton welcome to all new residents to the Community, I hope you enjoy your stay in our lovely Town.  
I'd like to invite you to include your Telephone Listings in our "Little Local Phone Book", K**

Skipton & District Telephone Directory is produced (and updated annually), as a service to the local Community of Skipton & Districts and farming communities by Skipton Community News.

All care is taken to ensure that the information contained is accurate and correct at the time of publication.

Changes can be made at any time during the coming weeks throughout the lead up to the end of 2021 and the festivities of Christmas time.

I will accept changes until the last of the changes are collated after which you will be too late.

There is a Draft Copy with the listings for the proposed 2021 Directory "White Pages" Directory is at the Skipton Post Office available for you to inspect and to make any alterations as needed, and to check listings to ensure accuracy of information prior to printing.

New residents are invited when filling in their details to also add a note to say that there has been a change to the occupancy of that address, regarding the previous owner so that their listing can be deleted.

To make it a bit easier I have asked business owners to have a copy at a few other outlets to assist you to check your listings in more locations. Making it a little more convenient for you.

Some people when they leave Skipton choose to leave their new details included in the Directory to keep in touch with friends. There are "No Rules"!! Only what suits you!!

Everything is possible. Just be sure listings are legible and accurate please.

Feel free to alter errors that you know about as you check through the Draft Directory. I really don't want to leave in any errors if I can help it. I need your help to find the little typos and errors to ensure that it is accurate.

Accuracy is dependent on you all to provide I want it to be accurate.

You can assist by marking any changes that are required but only those you are sure about please.

The new 2021 books will be available in the New Year.

**Advertisers are advised that the Rates for Advertising in SCN will remain basically unchanged, but many people are asking about the possibility of "Coloured Advertisements" This will be quite exciting for SCN**

**All avenues are possible at SCN, Just ask!! K**

- **The Rate for the advertisers who place ads in the "Coloured Pages" Only, in 2021 Telephone Directory will be \$150.00.**
- Those people advertising in SCN receive their Directory Ads "Free of Charge".
- Bookings for advertising is being accepted now, for 2021 SCN advertising. New advertisers always welcomed.

**Simply complete the coupon below and send to Editor SCN. 14 Scott Street, Skipton 3361, or drop it in to one of the SCN Collection Boxes which are located at the Skipton Roadhouse, at Country Grocers Skipton, and at the lovely new Skipton Post Office at 44 Montgomery Street, Skipton., K**