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VALE DERICK LEATHER

Frederick Bryan (Derick) Leather

18-3-1923 – 13-10-2012

The Newsletter would like to celebrate Derick's life in Buninyong by remembering some of the community activities that he was involved in over the course of four decades.

Derick and Shirley Leather moved to Buninyong from Ballarat Central and settled in to Netherby in Warrenheip Street and loved and maintained the extensive house and garden. Their grandson Danny attended the Buninyong Primary School for a time, but Derick's interest in the school began before this. Derick's Newsletter involvement came about when he

was a member of the Buninyong Primary School Council in the 1970's when the idea of a local community newsletter was proposed to the School Council by John Mildren and a FACS grant was acquired to begin this new project. Peter Carter and Betty Schreinzer were joint editors and Derick was Secretary/Treasurer and news reporter extraordinaire. Derick attended all manner of local meetings around the town and faithfully reported on them, hand written copperplate, sometimes a dozen pages to be typed up on the Gestetner skins. Many a time the Shire of Buninyong rang the editor to ask who had said what about certain items written up and the answer was always the same. Derick told it like it was.

When the clean up of the overgrown area that was to become De Soza Park was mooted, Derick was there with his shovel and watered the trees during the drought times to give them a good start with his Furphy towed behind his tractor.

Derick was on the Leisure Centre Committee in the 1980's and was a tireless promoter and fundraiser – he sat at the kitchen table of those he visited until he got the cheque written out that he had come for – he was a believer in sports facilities for residents of all ages.

When the Shire contemplated condemning the Old Library, Derick did the rounds of Buninyong and surrounds again and again presented a handful of cheques from various residents to begin the process of restoration by the Irish restorer, Joe, and his dog. When the builder felt the call to go back to Ireland, Derick continued on with ladder and paint brush until his return and we still appreciate the delightful building it is today.

The Information Centre started small in the one half of the Old Library, while the other half has been rented out to various enterprises over the years. Derick almost single handedly kept the Information Centre open in the early years, mainly on Sundays, and often lit the fire for whoever was on duty on other days. The wood pile was always kept stocked.

Derick was a member and office bearer of the Buninyong and District Historical Society, the RSL and the Buninyong Town Hall Committee. The Buninyong Botanic Gardens Restoration initially led by Dawn Whykes and financed by newspaper collections stacked in a shed behind the Town Hall benefited from his interest. He assisted the Gold King Festival and took part in the annual Sunday parade – generally something with an Army theme. His help with the Mt Clear Scouts Chicken and Wine luncheons on Festival Sundays was legendary – tables and chairs were carted in to the Gardens and on one occasion the Town Hall piano fell off the trailer but Mrs Lippiatt gallantly played on to entertain the crowd.

The Buninyong Cemetery grounds flourished under his leadership with his “Dad’s Army” Tuesdays and others have carried on the good work in recent years. There was a mishap with the ride on mower parting company with a trailer in transit on one occasion, but all ended well. In 1988 we toiled up Mt Buninyong to celebrate the sesquicentenary and Derick was at the top to sign our certificates to record our achievement. The wail of the bagpipes played by Hilary Bradford drowned out our heaving chests after negotiating the Zig Zag track that Derick was keen to see restored to its original condition.

Derick was a councillor and Shire President with the Shire of Buninyong and it is evident with his energy and participation in all sorts of events and committees he has been an integral part of modern Buninyong. We will miss him, but will remember him with gratitude for all he has done for Ye Ancient Village. Sincere sympathy to Shirley, Harry, Janet, Richard and families, Derick was a remarkably community minded individual and we are grateful that Buninyong was his chosen home.

BUNINYONG SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Those of our members who joined Trace on her three day trip to Phillip Island, and other places, very much enjoyed it all. On their behalf, thank you Trace and thank you Vic.

Our October competition drew a lot of very interesting entries and was won by June Harbour with a beautifully detailed, well preserved Chinese compass of many years ago. Phyllis McCutcheon’s carved wooden face mask was awarded second place.

During our latest craft class we were taught to make unusual, pretty and impressive Christmas cards. Thank you June! We now look forward to making a tree from a coloured paged magazine. Please bring along a number of small ornaments to decorate yours, if you would like it so enhanced. Date 20/11.

November competition, Tuesday 27th, is for a homemade Christmas decoration. Lots of scope there to exercise your imagination – let’s see what we can all do.

Our Christmas party is to be held at the Buninyong Golf Club on December 14th commencing at 12 noon. If you will be participating please book with our Secretary N O W.

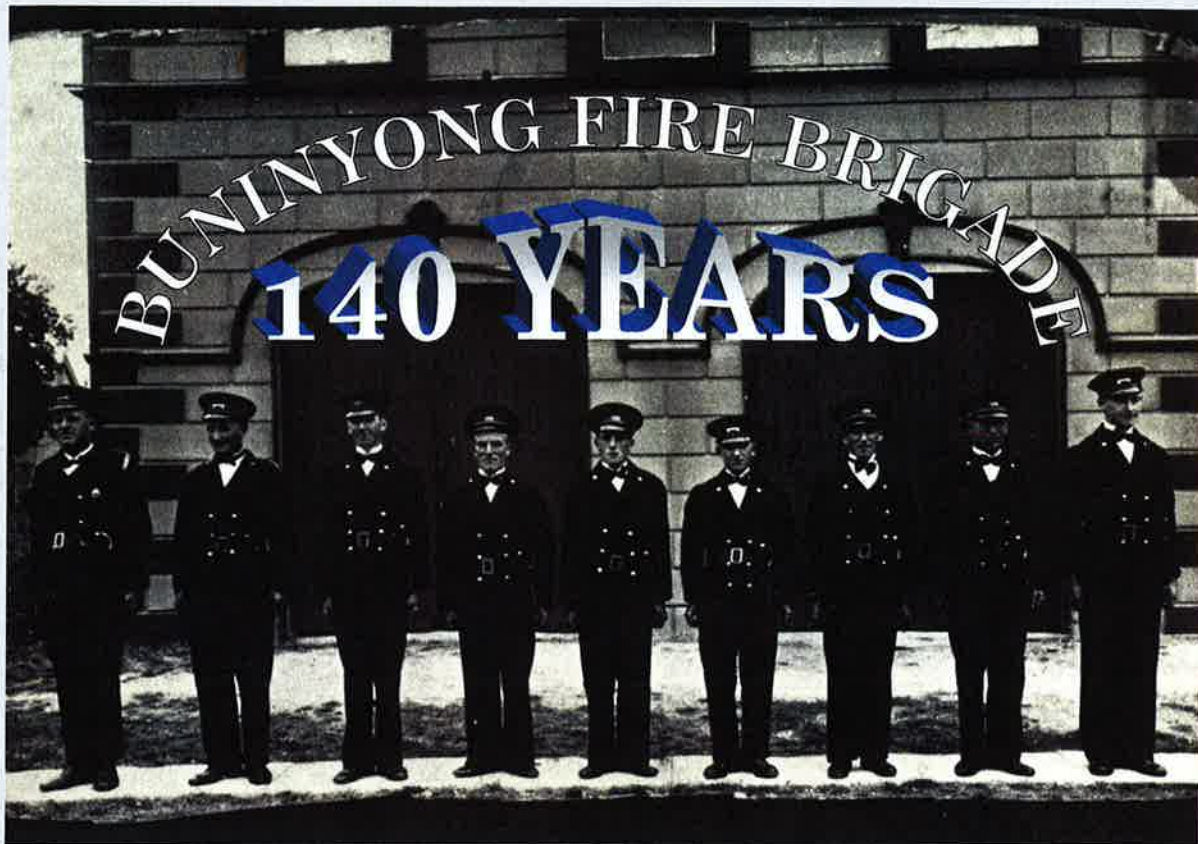
We hope all members are managing to cope happily with the variable weather and life in general. Take care!

President: David Littlejohn Ph: 5340 0209

Secretary: June Harbour Ph: 5341 7508.

Treasurer: Ron Males Ph: 5332 4284

Phyllis McCutcheon



On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Buninyong Fire Brigade, thank you to the community for your generous support over the years.

The Buninyong Fire Brigade has celebrated its 140th Anniversary in style at the Good Life Festival on 21st of October 2012. The Brigade was open to the public, and throughout the day conducted various fire-fighting demonstrations and static displays. Specialist CFA vehicles from the Eureka Group and vintage vehicles from the Fire Services Museum of Victoria also come along to the display which rounded off a very successful day. Thanks to all the volunteer members who came and helped out.

We also held an Art Competition with the local Buninyong Primary School, well done to young Miranda Bunting and Joshua Meade whose drawings were judged as first prizes. It was good to see the local school classes get involved and in the end we were overwhelmed with over 70 art pieces.

A special thank you goes out to the members of the Good Life Festival Committee for your time and effort in organising the event. It was well prepared and the Brigade looks forward to working again with you next year.



Calendars



2013

The Brigade is gearing up and on track to start delivery of our 2013 calendars, commencing on the 1st of December 2012. Members can be identified by their distinctive yellow overalls and will carry identification. We will be delivering door to door during the weekdays in the evenings and on weekends from about lunch until last light. If anyone hasn't received a calendar by mid December and would like one, please call the Fire Station on (03)53 413661 and leave a message, or write to Attn: Secretary P.O Box 616 Buninyong 3357 to arrange a pickup.

Saturday 16th January 1897

MOUNT BUNINYONG ON FIRE - A column of smoke was seen from Ballarat rising from behind Mount Buninyong, between 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock last Saturday morning, looking says the *Star*, as though the old volcano had once more awakened its died-out fires. It could easily be seen, however, that the cause was a bushfire, and as the day grew the fire extended around the base and over the top of the mount till at night the hill seemed covered with fire at almost every point seen from Ballarat. This prominent landmark in a blaze would have proved an interesting sight to onlookers had it not been for the thought that the farmers clustered around the base might lose by the fire the result of a year's labour. The fire was gazed at by wondering groups of people at every point in the streets of the town whence a good view could be obtained and the wooden sides of the mount continued to keep up their bright appearance for four or five hours after dark when they began to pale, still. When morning broke, nothing but a few thin wreaths of smoke could be seen curling up from the lower positions of the hill. On Sunday night a few trees that remained alight on the top showed out with special brilliancy against the sky. A large number of persons visited the locality on Sunday to see what damage this immediately terrible conflagration had caused but we are glad to say that the fire was almost entirely confined to the government reserve. This was the result of the incessant labours of everybody living about the mount, who turned out one and all to keep the fire from touching the crops, which in some places adjoined the reserve. In their endeavours they were successful, the fire as we have said, doing little damage beside burning up the under wood and fallen timber covering three-fourths of the mount, a position of that side facing Ballarat being comparatively untouched. On the other side where the fire began, it burned from base to animals, and only stopped for lack of fuel, having burnt in some places right under the fence to the edge of the No. 7 Railway road. It was on the other side, however, that the greatest danger was to be fostered, as there the greatest number of farms are situated. In some places the fire came right up to the fences, on the other side of which were standing crops, or crops stocked or lying down. Happily there was very little wind during the progress of the fire, and this was a great point in favour of those who did their utmost to keep the fire from doing any great harm. Some few chains of fencing have been destroyed, but this can soon be remedied, and though the green trees, old and young on the mount have been severely scorched, a little propitious weather will soon get them right again. As to the cause of the fire, we are sorry to say that it is alleged to have been the work of incendiary, Joseph Innes a farmer living at the bottom of Mount Buninyong. From what we can gather, it seems that Innes had been heard in a hotel to threaten that he would fire the mount, and it is alleged that having fired the grass, once his act was discovered and the fire extinguished, that soon after he made no fewer than six or seven fires round the far side of the mount, which soon made headway and did all the damage we have mentioned. When this report became known the Buninyong Police quickly arrested the alleged incendiary, and lodged him in the lock up there. He was however, liberated on Sunday afternoon, bail being given in the sum of £1,000. He will appear before the Buninyong Bench on Friday. - *Argus* 23rd January 1897



MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN:

With the fire season fast approaching, now is an ideal time to update your Bushfire Survival plan. The spring weather is starting to move in, and now is a great time to get outside and spring clean those gutters and gardens so that you and your family and friends are better prepared if a fire does come through our area. If anybody has any concerns or questions about what to do in a bush fire situation or how you can be better prepared for this summer, visit the CFA website <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au> or drop in and see us at the fire station anytime you see the front door open.



Burning Off: It's common for community members to approach us seeking advice on whether it's ok to burn off on their property. Here are some rules and common sense thinking that I advise residents to consider before burning off in your area.

- **Council Local Laws:** In recent years, the City Of Ballarat has reviewed the local laws in relation to burning off in built up areas. A permit is required to burn off all year round on land of less than 2000 square metres (0.2 Hectares or 0.5 Acres) in the COB area, which includes the Buninyong and Mt.Helen areas. Permits during the Fire Danger Period (FDP) are issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO) of the appropriate council. Contact the COB office on **(03)5320 5500** for more details on permit applications.
- **Can I or Can't I:** This brochure details what you can and can't do during declared Fire Danger Periods, and on days of Total Fire Ban, when fires in the open air are legally restricted. <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/restrictions/can.htm>
- **Risk Vs Reward:** Any burn off that I consider is assessed on a risk verses reward principal. Most burn offs can be avoided. In some circumstances, it's far safer to remove material to landfill than attempt to burn. Make a common sense assessment of your area and consider the risks involved and what you will actually achieve by taking those risks. Look out for coupons available for free green waste disposals at your local waste disposal centre.
- **Weather:** Weather conditions on the day of the burn, and the days following are critical. Factors that significantly effect the fire behaviour are;
 - **Wind Speed:** Wind effects the **speed** at which a fire spreads, the **direction** in which a fire travels and the size of the fire front, the **intensity of a fire** (wind provides more oxygen), and the likelihood of **spotting** – burning pieces of leaves, twigs and bark (embers) that the wind carries ahead of the fire. **Strong Wind = High Danger**
 - **Relative Humidity:** In simple terms is the ratio of water vapour in the air expressed as a percentage. A day of low R/H (dry air) can be indicated by the time it takes to dry your washing on the line. The shorter the drying time the lower the R/H. **Low R/H = High Danger**
 - **Temperature:** Heat dries out the air, and vegetation. The drier the vegetation, the easier and hotter it burns. **High temperature = High Danger**
 - **Resources:** Visit the following websites as a guide for weather observations in the area.
<http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/ballarat.shtml>
<http://www.eldersweather.com.au/vic/central/ballarat>
- **Preparation:** Is your area well prepared? Do you have a bare mineral earth break around the fire? Do you have water handy in case the fire gets out of control? Do you have the owner of the property's written permission or consent? Are you physically fit, hydrated and well rested? Can I remain present until the fire is extinguished?
- **Communication:** Before conducting any works contact **1800 668 511** to register your burn off. This lets the fire services know that a fire is registered in the area and can assist in avoiding a false alarm call for the Fire Brigade. **Talk to your neighbours!** A large portion of the false alarms that we attend could have been easily avoided by communicating with neighbours. It's a good excuse to meet your neighbours, and it gives them the courtesy of preparing themselves too. There's nothing worse than having smoky laundry from a neighbours burning bonfire.
- **If in Doubt, Ask:** Don't be afraid to ask for advice, we more than happy to come out and assess your property. Here is a list of resources available to you:
 - **CFA District 15: (03)5329 5500** or visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au
 - **City Of Ballarat: (03)5320 5500** or visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au
 - **In an Emergency Dial:000**
 - **Buninyong Fire Brigade: 307 Learmonth St Buninyong**
 - **Enquiries: Marc Cannan (Captain) 0409415612**
 - **Fire Station: (03)5341 3661**
 - **Vicfire Burnoff Notification Hotline: 1800 668 511**



LOCAL LAW PERMITS TO BURN:

Can I or Can't I?

Ballarat City Council Local Law No.15, Clause 3.8.1 states:

“A person must not, without a permit, light a fire or allow a fire to remain alight in the open air or in an incinerator on any land of less than two thousand (2000) Square metres located in an urban residential area or township residential area.”

A Local Law Permit to Burn is required to burn in a properly constructed incinerator* at **ANY** time of the year.

A Local Law Permit to Burn in the open is required –

- (a) Outside the CFA declared Summer Fire Danger period; and
- (b) On land of less than 2000 square metres in area.

NO BURNING WHAT SO EVER CAN BE CONDUCTED ON A DAY OF TOTAL FIRE BAN.

Can I burn off in an incinerator?	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only in a properly constructed incinerator* (see below). ▪ At any time throughout the year (Except on Total Fire Ban Days) after first obtaining a Local Law Permit.
Can I burn off in the open?	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outside the CFA declared Summer Fire Danger period after first obtaining a Local Law Permit.
Do I need to apply for a Local Law Permit to Burn on land greater than 2000 square metres in area?	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permits to Burn in the open outside the CFA Declared Fire Danger period are not required. ➤ Permits to Burn during the Fire Danger period ARE required but may only be issued in certain circumstances by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA Regional Office.
I operate a business – can I apply for a Local Law Permit to Burn in the open?	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permits to burn trade or industrial waste in the open can only be issued by the EPA.
Can I have a fire for the purpose of cooking food?	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A permit is not required if the fire is for the purpose of cooking food. • Note that there are specific requirements for such fires during the Fire Danger Period and days of Total Fire Ban – contact the CFA for details.

If I have a Local Law Permit to Burn, can I be directed to extinguish the fire?	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Local Laws Officer may direct a fire to be extinguished if it is deemed to be causing a nuisance to another person.
If I don't have a Local Law Permit to Burn, can I be directed to extinguish the fire?	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Authorised Officer of Council or a member of the Police Force or a member of the CFA may direct a fire to be extinguished if a Permit to Burn has not been issued. • Note that if a person refuses to extinguish a fire on direction, an Authorised Officer of Council may take enforcement action.

Remember: most materials that can be burnt, can be recycled!

- A properly constructed incinerator is defined as one that is made of solid brick or steel, is covered with a snug fitting lid and has a flue of adequate height and capped with a fine mesh spark arrestor. No other receptacles may be used as a 'make shift' incinerator (eg. 44gal drums and the like).
- Note: Burning noxious materials such as rubber, plastic, petrol oil, paint etc is prohibited on any land at any time.
- Note: A Local Laws Officer may direct a fire to be extinguished if it is deemed to be causing a nuisance to another person.

Contact phone numbers:

Ballarat City Council – 5320 5500 (business hours)

Local Laws Officer – 5320 5714 (business hours)





BUNINYONG FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Sunday 25th November 2012

11.00am – 1.00pm

307 Learmonth St Buninyong 3357



You and your family are invited to attend the Buninyong Fire Brigade open day Sunday 25th November 2012. The Brigade will have its doors open to the public as part the Victoria wide 'CFA Sunday' event. CFA Sunday is a chance for CFA brigades to engage and have fun with their community, and an opportunity to talk to locals in their area about preparing for the summer fire season.

Buninyong Fire Brigade Captain Marc Cannan said 'CFA Sunday' is an opportunity for families to have some fun with CFA and also discuss fire safety, preparation, planning and volunteering. "Our brigade will open our doors to encourage the community to get prepared and learn more about their local fire risk," Captain Cannan said. "We are encouraging families to come and discuss fire safety in a fun, informal setting – kids will have the chance to look at the fire trucks and "squirt" some water and take part in activities. We want CFA Sunday to be another trigger to motivate people to develop or update their own plan and importantly take responsibility for themselves and those around them this summer".

There will also be lots of fun giveaways and photo opportunities, so come down and say hi.



COUNCIL ELECTIONS SOUTH WARD RESULTS

Congratulations to the elected members for the South Ward of the Ballarat City Council.

Des Hudson has returned for his fourth term on the council with a resounding winning margin; Peter Innes has made a very welcome return to local council and Joshua Morris completes the trio. We wish them all the very best in their endeavours to serve the community in the South Ward.

OUT OF AFRICA FESTIVAL

The *Ballarat Courier* October 19, page 29 highlighted a very colourful Out of Africa Small Festival at the Lake Wendouree foreshore. Anne Chibnall was captured with a strikingly painted face and was obviously having a very happy time with an African drum. A Master Drummer was on hand to give some lessons.

BUNINYONG TENNIS COMPLEX OPEN

The Golden Plains Miner Sport page 16 on October 11 featured the official opening of the Buninyong Tennis Complex on Saturday 6th October. Ballarat Mayor, Cr Mark Harris was pictured with Mandy James, the president of the Tennis Association, in front of the new club house. There are eight floodlit acrylic courts and a new pavilion constructed over the original nine courts that cost in the region of \$1 million dollars funded by the City of Ballarat, the Buninyong & District Tennis Association and Tennis Victoria. Mandy James said that the sporting complex of the new football ground, swimming pool and new tennis courts was the 30 year dream for the Buninyong Leisure Committee formed in 1983.

Two life members of the BDTA, Mike Colvin and June Henderson presented Life Membership to Mandy James and Phil Anstis, the current treasurer of BDTA. Congratulations to all involved with this auspicious occasion, and may

there be many hours of tennis played for years and years to come.

BUNINYONG GARDEN & RURAL SUPPLIES

There is a new owner of the Buninyong Sand & Soil on the Buninyong Sebastopol Road, and Wesley Smyth has introduced a wider range of goods and now sells stock feed and bottle gas. They still stock the essentials of sand, soil, crushed rock, bark, pebbles, mulch, hay, firewood, concrete, fencing, sleepers, hardware and garden needs. The new name is Buninyong Garden & Rural Supplies, open seven days and the contact numbers are Ph: 5341 3627 Mobile: 0447 456 048.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Buninyong coach Joe Gilbert will return to the helm for an eighth season in 2013. The *Ballarat Courier* page 38 on October 16 had an action photograph of Joe Gilbert playing in the CHFL grand final this year. Buninyong were defeated but Joe considered the experience for the team augers well for the next season with a grand final win a distinct possibility next year.

THE SPORTING GLOVERS FEATURE AGAIN

The Glover family of Mt Helen enjoy their sport and the *Ballarat Courier* page 34 October 15 had an action shot of Andrew Glover playing for the Buninyong District in the A1 Napoleons team. On Saturday, 13th October, Andrews team defeated Ballarat Lawn 8-1.

RUN BALLARAT

The *Ballarat Courier* October 6 page 10 while promoting the Run Ballarat in aid of the Ballarat Base Hospital's children's ward in October had a delightful photograph of three generations of the Elshaug family pacing it out around Lake Wendouree. Bev Elshaug, a volunteer newsletter deliverer in Moss Avenue Mt Helen and her daughter Samantha and brand new grandson Quinn were putting in the practice for the 12km run and 6km walk respectively.



(corner Warrenheip and Scotts street)

Sunday services:

- 8.30am** Traditional Anglican Communion service
10am All Age Service with two children's learning time groups – one for kids aged 2 to 5 and another for primary aged kids

Children, Youth and Young Adults:

Pre-schoolers: Mainly Music – Wednesday's from 10.30 to 12.00pm in school term. Contact Lissie Rixon on 5333 1300

2 to 5 year old Sunday learning time: Each Sunday during school term in the 10am service. Contact Mark Schnerring on 5341 3281

Primary Age children: KLT (Kids Learning time) during the 10am Sunday service in school term. Contact Suse Timmins on 0417 059 182

Junior Youth (grade 6 to year 9): Friday nights from 6.00 to 9.00pm during school term. Contact Mark Schnerring on 5341 3281

Senior Youth (years 10 to 12): Thursday nights during school term. Contact Lesley-Anne Elbourne on 0433 941 809

Other Groups:

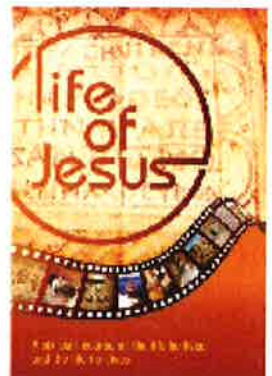
Home Groups and Bible studies: We run a number of these as weekly groups through the year. Contact Mark Schnerring on 5341 3281.

Mother's Union: meets monthly. Contact Shirley Rowlands on 5341 3091

Courses on the Christian faith:

"Life of Jesus" 6 week video based course is for all who want to know more about who Jesus really is and what historians have to say about him. Non-threatening, no pressure environment. If you are keen to be part of a course or want more information, please contact Mark Schnerring on 5341 3281. Go to www.publicchristianity.org/library/life-of-jesus for a sample video of the course.

General enquiries to Reverend Mark Schnerring on 5341 3281





BUNINYONG-Mt HELEN LIONS CLUB Inc.

P.O.Box 254, Buninyong, 3357.

Presentations.

At our last Dinner Meeting our club recognised a number of members who had served us well for a number of years and had left our ranks, for various reasons, over the last twelve months or so.

Club President, John Podolinsky, presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to the following:- Arnoud and Mary Goossens, Maureen Thorpe, and in absence, John Thorpe.

General News

The Dinner meeting was well attended and we were very pleased to welcome the following guests. Lions Regional Chairman- Maureen Thorpe, Greg and Peta Kilmartin, Ian and Barbara Voigt, Arnoud and Mary Goossens and Hol Penning.

At the Dinner meeting we were privileged to have Christine Dudley from the CFA as our guest speaker. She spoke on the dangers of bush fires, the risks of living in a heavily wooded area and what we should all do to prepare for the possibility of fires. She also had with her an emergency pack and went through each item with a description and reason for them all. Our thanks go to Christine for a very informative and important talk.

On Friday the 19th October the club assisted the Buninyong Primary School by putting on a sausage sizzle at the concert event in the gardens of the Uniting Church. The event was very well attended and we hope everyone who had our food enjoyed it.



Lion President John Podolinsky with Lions Simon Jess and Andy Paterson hard at work at the Buninyong Primary School function.

Other Activities in October

On Saturday the 20th October we helped the organizers of the Buninyong Good Life Festival in setting up for the Sunday event, and on the Sunday we acted as parking officers to help park all the vintage and veteran

cars that came for the owners to show off their vehicles. We also assisted in the dismantling and packing

up of all the items used during the day. We must congratulate the organisers of the Festival for the wonderful job they did. We are very much aware of how much time and effort goes into these events and pass on our thanks to them and all their helpers.

Christmas Cakes and Puddings

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings are now available for sale. The 1.5kg cakes are \$15 and the puddings are \$11. These will be available from various vendors around the town including our Book Shop in the bakery near the roundabout next door to the old bank building. If you want cakes or puddings please call Gary White on 5341 3355 or Bill Jolly on 5341 2068.

Lions Book Shop

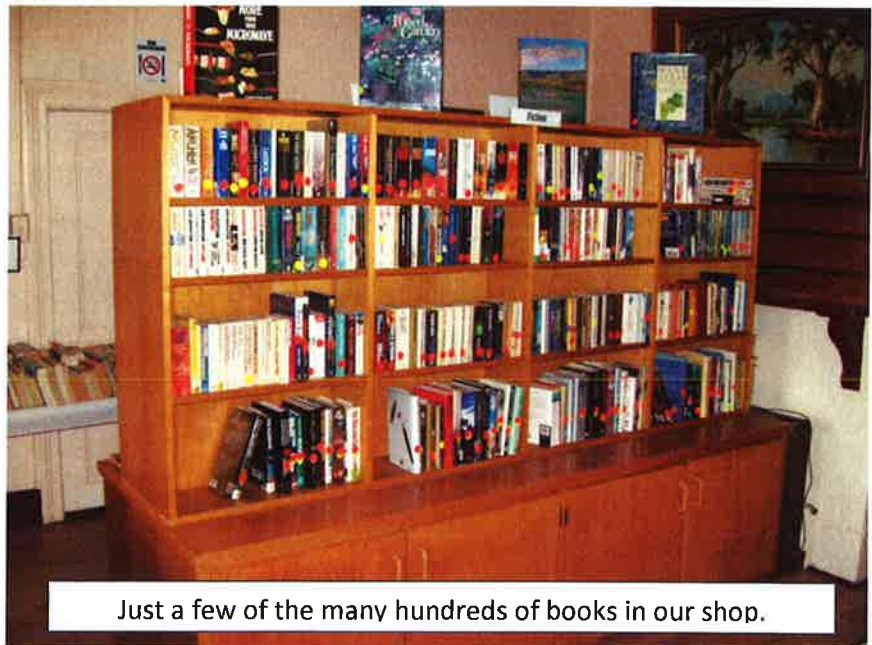
Our Book Shop in the village is open on Saturday mornings. 9am to 1pm on Farmer's Market days and from 10am to 1pm on every other Saturday.

We carry a large range of books and some gift items so please come in and browse around.

Our sincere thanks go to Lion Cathy Magire and Irene Jolly and their band of volunteer helpers who have sorted and categorised the books to make your selection so much easier. If you can't find the book you want, please ask as we may be able to source it for you.

Our thanks to all the customers who came and saw us in the shop over the Good Life Festival Weekend. Your support resulted in a record sales weekend with all monies going back into the community via Lions Projects.

If you have any books you would like to donate drop them into the shop, or call Bill Jolly on 5341 2068 for collection.



Just a few of the many hundreds of books in our shop.

President - John Podolinsky - Ph 0417 125 450 - e-mail podolinsky@giant.net.au

Secretary - Bill Jolly - Ph 5341 2068 - e-mail bandijolly@spin.net.au

Treasurer - Keith Chapman - Ph 5341 2047 - e-mail keandra@bigpond.com.

If you feel you would like to become involved in the Lions organisation, or you want further information about Lions or our club in particular, please contact any of the above.

Scrap Metal - The Lions Club will pick up your old, unwanted scrap metal. This is sorted and sold, and all funds go back into our Community.

For pick-up please call Bill Jolly on 5341 2068, or Russell Williams on 5341 3452.

Newspapers - We collect and sell old Newspapers, Glossy Magazines, Junk Mail etc., and again, all funds go back into worthy causes.

It would be appreciated if papers could be laid flat and tied into bundles. They can be collected by us, or you can leave them in the green bin outside our shed in Forest Street (next door to the Tennis Club).

For pick-up please contact Bill Jolly on 5341 2068.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUR MORE ABOUT THE LIONS ORGANISATION PLEASE CALL ANY OF OUR MEMBERS MENTIONED ABOVE, OR VISIT THE LIONS AUSTRALIA WEB SITE AT www.lionsclubs.org.au

LIONS - WE SERVE

Warts and All – With Nothing to Fear

Though Israel is never far from world headlines, its influence is minimal compared to three thousand years ago.

Back then, the gigantic historical figure of King David built Israel to lead the world: economically, politically, militarily, culturally and in religious affairs as well, and he still influences our thinking today.

He was a man of many parts. A farm-boy who achieved overnight national hero status after dropping a menacing giant with a sling shot. Then, after marrying into the royal family, he became a fugitive guerrilla leader with an intensely loyal following.

David was also the world's first Country music star (that's Country and *Eastern*, not C&W.) And though his tunes are long gone, you'll still find his lyrics in the bible - as psalms that escort us through a vast emotional range to link us with God. Even today, very few funerals do not include the comfort from his Psalm 23: 'The Lord is my Shepherd...'

David had the integrity to spare his sworn enemy's life when no-one else would have let on; yet he also stooped to the lowest manipulative depths when he put an army hero to death after seducing the man's wife.

The bible describes David as "a man after God's own heart." Not to excuse his excesses, but to show that God's grace reaches way past anyone's noblest or nastiest actions or attitudes. And however we rate ourselves; or however others measure us; God still finds room and time for anyone to plug into his love and release forgiveness, healing and hope into the future.

Noel Mitaxa
On behalf of Buninyong Baptist Church.

You're welcome to drop in for relaxed, informal worship any Sunday in the Town Hall at 10 am, and our pastor Tom Buscombe is available for any pastoral care concerns you may have on 5330 2657



Greetings arts people of the Golden Plains!



As usual there's a lot happening in the Golden Plains Shire. I've enjoyed meeting many more of you, the wonderful creators and supporters of arts and culture, particularly at the recent public forums contributing to Council's first Arts & Culture Strategy.

If you would like your events, ideas and activities included in this newsletter, please contact me - Merle Hathaway, Arts & Culture Coordinator for Golden Plains Shire Council. mhathaway@GPLAINS.vic.gov.au (03) 5220 7162 or 0437 000 216.

Golden Plains Arts Inc.

Golden Plains Arts Inc is a peak arts body was formed out of the former Golden Plains Arts Trail Advisory Committee, which is now the interim committee. However, new members are more than welcome! This is a volunteer group, so it needs your assistance to address issues relating to all artforms of the Golden Plains. It is envisioned that GP Arts Inc will meet every second month, with any special interest working groups meeting on the alternate months and reporting back to the main committee.

Then the full group will meet on 21 November at Henry's Corner (Old Royal Hotel) Meredith. 6pm for dinner, then the meeting at 7pm.

Golden Plains Arts Trail 2014



At the 18 July meeting it was resolved that the best time of year for the Arts Trail, considering weather & access to studios, is March. Therefore the next Arts Trail will be held in March 2014, allowing plenty of time to get organised. A survey of artists involved in previous Arts Trails has been circulated. If you didn't get this, please contact Merle Hathaway. A Sponsorship Plan is also being written. 0437 000 216, or mhathaway@GPLAINS.vic.gov.au.

Bannockburn Movies Film Society Inc.



Recently formed by film enthusiasts, Robert Timms, Phil Adams & Greg Vaughan, the group is planning a series of classic and historic 16mm movies, shown along with their own 35mm handmade slide ads (which are a hoot!). These film nights will be aimed at film buffs and "mature" audiences. Membership is \$10. The next film will be "The Third Man" - look out for

posters confirming the date. And coming up - A Night of Nostalgia - TV shows from the 50s & 60s. Bannockburn audiences are already familiar with "Movies in the Bush" - family friendly outdoor community events. More information at bannockburnmovies@hotmail.com

Art Sparks On the Green

A free, family-oriented arts afternoon, *Art Sparks on the Green*, is currently in planning with Ballarat Arts Alive and the Woody Yaloak Historical Society. Put it in your diary: 2 - 6 pm, Saturday 24 November at the Historic Precinct, main street of Smythesdale. Featuring arts practitioners of the Ballarat end of the Golden Plains, the programme will include arts displays, workshops and demonstrations, readings, live music, projections as well as tours and talks about the historic buildings of the area. If you're based in the northern part of the region and would like to participate, contact Barry Wemyss on 0487 225 881.



This annual major music festival is held near Meredith, December 7 - 9, 2012. Promising fans 'everything ecstatic', including Grimes, The Sunnyboys, and *Curb Your Enthusiasm* comedian J.B. Smoove. Local acts include Chet Faker, Saskwatch, Twerps and Snakadaktal. See the full line-up at <http://2012.mmf.com.au/>

Exhibitions



Barry Wemyss' *Arid Land #2*

2- 17 November at Fairbanks Eye Gallery, 917a Sturt Street, Ballarat. Opening event 2 November, 7pm.

"Arid Land is, in part, an ongoing body of ceramic forms that take inspiration from my interaction with the landscape."



Flora, Fauna & Fantasy

The Spring Exhibition at Gordon Edgerton Galleries, 64 Main St, Gordon includes the work of Vida Pearson of Haddon (image), Marion East of Meredith, and 8 other artists. Open 11 - 5 Friday - Sunday and public holidays. 5368 9240.

Another new space!

Galleria Piccola is about to open in the shopping centre at Buninyong. Declaring it is "Arguably the smallest public gallery in the known universe"! it measures about 1 X 3 metres deep. and the owners are keen for it to be used for all sorts of exhibitions including installations, happenings and performances. Contact 0438 414004 or 0417 525620



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COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION BUNINYONG BRANCH

Congratulations to our Choir and Drama Group who were successful in the Competitions in Mildura in October!

October was our Annual Meeting with Rose O'Meara being elected President for her second term, we wish her well for the coming year.

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- Nov. 19th Monday, Meeting at 1.30 p.m., Carole to tell us about her overseas Christmas last year
- Nov. 12th Monday, Ballarat District C.W.A. Group Christmas Break-up at Neill Street Clubrooms, 11 a.m for 11.30 a.m. Shared Lunch, cost \$5.00. Performance by Group Choir.
- Nov. 21st Wednesday, Brown Hill Pre-cup Luncheon, Noni B Fashion Parade and entertainment, craft Stall, spot prizes and "Lady of the Day", entry cost \$15.00.
- Dec. 7th Friday, Christmas Luncheon at the Buninyong Golf Club, cost \$25.00.

Enquiries—Shirley Rowlands

'Phone 53413091



Busy Time in Freemasonry

The Sturt-Buninyong Lodge has been busy in its membership consolidation and charity work.

Brother Ian Crosbie and Brother Wayne Knight have become Master Masons of the craft. Both joined during 2011 and worked through the stages of advancement to reach this level.



Photo: Alan Glasson was Ian's proposer, Master of Lodge Graham Williamson, Keith and Ian Crosbie



Photo : Master of the Lodge Graham Williamson presents Wayne Knight with his case and apron. Also pictured is Max Stevenson Wayne's proposer.

Lodge Gains Full Accreditation Status

Sturt –Buninyong Lodge having reached the Grand Lodge standard for Administration, Ritual Work and Lodge Management, received its Certificate of Full Accreditation at the September meeting of Grand Lodge held in Melbourne .

The Lodge received Provisional status in March 2010 and has progressively raised its standards in all areas of activity.



Photo: Pictured following the presentation in Melbourne are Charlie Pruis, Ron Fleming, Brett Edgington and Brian Coffey

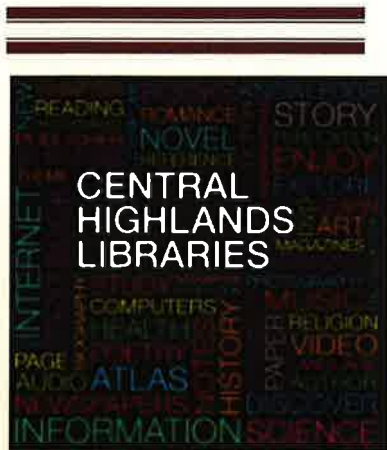
Blankets help Uniting Care Ballarat

Charity is one of the corner stones of Freemasonry and Sturt-Buninyong Lodge along with its Social Club conducts an active program distributing around \$5000 annually to local charities and needs.

The Lodge donated a number of double blankets to Uniting Care to help in meeting the heavy demand for blankets during the exceptionally cold winter.



Photo: Master of the Lodge Graham Williamson makes a presentation to Sue Adam of Uniting Care Ballarat of blankets. Ian Judd President of the Social Committee presented a cheque for \$1600 being a combined effort by the Lodge, Committee and Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence for the provision of meals from Breezeway.



The City of Ballarat has introduced a new Library outreach service to replace the previous mobile library. The new service is being held each Saturday from 9:30am – 12:30pm at the Maternal & Health centre 208 Learmonth Street, Buninyong. We have a wonderful collection of library resources including books, magazines, DVD's, e-Audio and e-Books. New members are most welcome!



BUNINET

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Phone: 5341 3515 Email: buninet@gmail.com
The 2012 hours of operation are Monday 10am to 12 noon, or other community use by arrangement.

ABC Open has run some courses at BUNINET recently, so keep your eye out for more interesting projects on <http://open.abc.net.au/projects> See our results for **Snapped: Winter** <http://open.abc.net.au/projects/snapped-winter-08mz1ir/contributions/places/buninyong+vic>

Web Savvy? Volunteer! We'd love to have your help. We are looking to offer more internet help to the people of Buninyong, so if you have computer skills with images, cameras, facebook, twitter, security, Microsoft or MAC, please email buninet@gmail.com to volunteer your services and skills to the Buninyong community!

BUNINET is totally non-profit and operates solely for the benefit of the Buninyong community

New joomla 2.5 style web site at <http://buninet.buninyongwebservices.com.au>

Copy for the next issue should be submitted to Ann Gooding, 626 Eyre Street, Buninyong. Ph 5341 3820 by **5pm Friday 7th December, 2012**. News items can now be forwarded to the Newsletter at the following e-mail address: buninyongnews@hotmail.com

Please note: Karen Hulston will (Ph 53413 947) will acknowledge that your email has been received.

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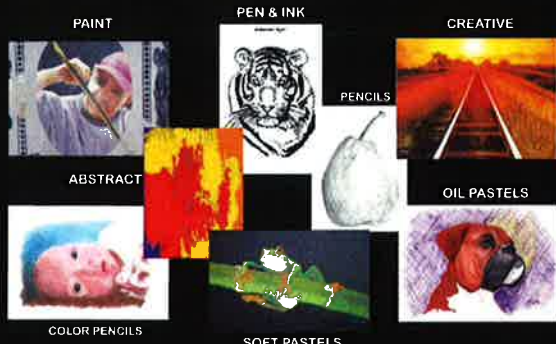
The **Friends of Royal Park** have recently had several people take up a plot in the community garden but there are still plenty available.

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Art Workshops will be held in Buninyong at the Town Hall from the 29th November. The workshops will be operating on a Thursday evening for a 2hr class at 7 -9pm. The workshops will run over a period of 4 weeks, continuously, covering various different mediums & topics, changing every 4 week period. We will be welcoming people of all ages. Hopefully if I get enough interest for a day class that would be held also on a Thursday too.

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