

**Buninyong & Mt. Helen
Community News**

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KIDS' CORNER

The "Buninyong and Mount Helen News" is the brainchild of a group of citizens who have seen the need for a means of communication within the local community. The aim is to produce a monthly edition containing reports from the different organisations within the area as well as news items of local interest.

It is anticipated that each edition will be distributed on the Wednesday following the Buninyong Shire Council meeting, which is held on the first Thursday of each month. Contributors please have your reports to the editors or the Buninyong School by the Friday after the first Thursday.

Hey kids! We hope you enjoy reading what's happening in Mount Helen and Buninyong. Most of you enjoyed playing in the snow that fell earlier this season.

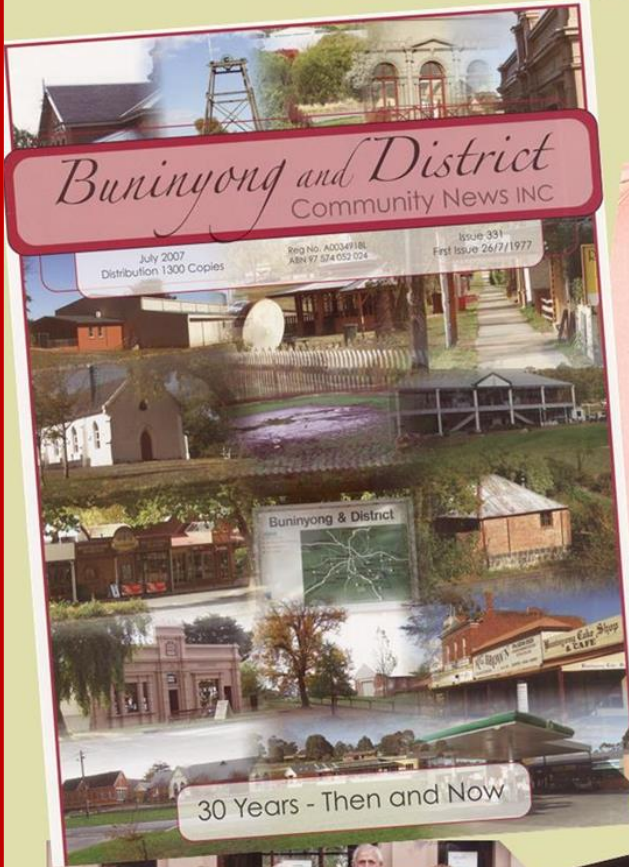
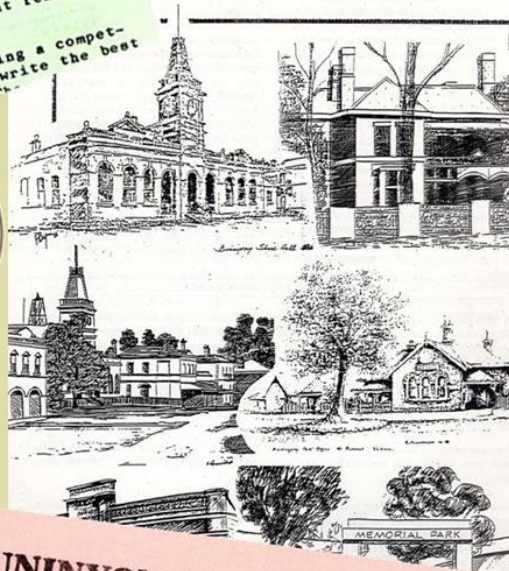
This month we are having a competition to see who can write the best poem about "SNOW". Prizes for the child.



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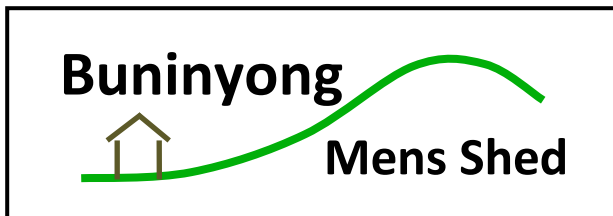
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Men's Shed News October 2013

Shed numbers are steady in anticipation of being successful with our grant application. On that front, we will not know till December, so here's hoping for a great big Christmas present. The guys are busy doing little projects, some personal others for the community. On the community side, they have made, decorated, filled and planted a number of planter boxes, and will be selling them outside the Lions bookshop on October 19th. These are ideal for that instant herb garden, and are especially good for the children to tend. At that same time, there may be little sets of tables and chairs, perfect for grandies or cubby houses. We are also helping out the Lions with their Christmas tree for Desoza Park. No more trees to be cut down in the bush, this one is totally recyclable, and will be stored between events. In the last 12 months we have built two schoolyard boats, and our reputation has spread to the Canadian Lead PS. So we will put three days into another vessel under the direction of "Admiral" Russell. Finally we have a peloton of bikes to paint red for the bike races in January.

The Australian Men's Shed annual conference is being held in Ballarat 27th to 30th October at Ballarat Lodge. A fabulous line up of guest speakers and activities are planned, and the delegates are even coming to our little shed on the 30th for a special morning tea. Among other things a group from WA are coming across the Nullabor with a scale model of a tall ship. It only just fits on a tandem trailer, it's fully rigged and will bring a lot of joy to anyone who appreciates wood craft.

Till next month, happy shedding.

The **Yendon History Group** is researching World War 1 servicemen who spent part of their lives in Yendon. We began with the Yendon School Roll of Honour book which is kept by Buninyong RSL, and widened our search through the National Archives, the Australian War Memorial, ancestry.com and other sources, but we still have many gaps.

If any readers have family links with pre-WW1 Yendon, we would love to hear from them. We are planning to restore our Avenue of Honour and dedicate a tree for each of the 16 killed in action, and are especially keen to make contact with the families of these soldiers:

Corp Bertram A Boyce	Tpr Frank W Kemp
Pte John P Morris	Pte Leo E O'Toole
Pte John A Percy Scott	L-corp Richard Y Smith
Pte William J Slattery	Pte James White
Pte George A Yung	

BALLARAT ROTARY CLUB GOLF DAY

The Ballarat Courier page 23 “Who’s In It Today” 10th September 2013 had a full page of local business men ready for their annual golf competition at the Ballarat Golf Club in Sturt Street Ballarat. Pictured among them was MacNeil team member **Scott Reynolds** and Heinz & Partners team member **Gerard McCarty**.

HISTORICAL PLAQUES POPULAR IN BUNINYONG

The Golden Plains Miner page 9 September 5th (?) 2013 photographed local historian **Anne Beggs Sunter** and **Stephen Falconer**, representing the Buninyong Community Bank, in front of one of the historical plaques that adorn several interesting old buildings around Buninyong. This was a joint project of the Buninyong & District Community Association and the local Historical Society. The funding for the project came from grants from the Buninyong Community Bank and the City of Ballarat’s Community Impact Grants program. The detailed background for the plaques was compiled by Anne Beggs Sunter and the installation of QR codes adjacent to many of the plaques will give additional information via smart phones or tablets via a website. There has been a very positive reaction to this innovation from locals and visitors alike.

BALLARAT SPECIALIST SCHOOL OPENS ITS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

The Ballarat Courier September 14 2013 page 28 “Who’s In It Today” had a full colour page of attendees at the Ballarat Specialist School, Gillies Street, Ballarat celebrating the opening of its early learning centre on September 10th. **Fiona Stewart** of Buninyong with Charlotte 3 and Anna Power of Linton were among those present on the day.

BUNINYONG’S BLUEBERRY FARM

The Ballarat Courier September 14 2013 page 35 in the “Ballarat Extra” supplement pictured **Ernie & Margaret Neale** at their blueberry farm on the slopes of the base of Mt Buninyong. They purchased the farm in 2007 from Bruce and Helen Muir and have enjoyed the challenge of supplying a top quality product to local businesses. Buninyong’s climate is well suited to growing blueberries and for Pick Your Own details (in January) log on to their website www.buninyongblueberries.com.au

ONYX PLAYERS STAGE CINDERELLA FOR COPS AND KIDS

Miranda Donald frocked up as an ugly sister for her part in her company’s production of Cinderella at the Buninyong Golf Club on 23/24/25 of September. The Onyx Players have been producing plays for children for many years and include audience participation and song and dance routines to keep everyone entertained. Miranda chose to support the local charity Cops and Kids during this school holiday production. Pictured in glorious colour in the ArtConnect section of the Ballarat Courier September 17th 2013 page 17 were cast members Adam Turnbull, Alex Gay, Kelly Hotchin and Miranda Donald.

L’OREAL AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WOMEN IN SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

Misty Jenkins was awarded a Women in Science Fellowship worth \$25,000 for her research on white blood cells that target infected and cancerous cells. The Ballarat scientist is now based at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne and her team at the cancer centre recently developed a tool to visualize the delivery

of the lethal hit to cancer cells by “killer T” cells. Ms Jenkins stated “The beauty of doing research is the joy of discovery”. The Ballarat Courier August 31, 2013 page 9, had a photograph of Ms Jenkins at work in a laboratory.

LEGACY WEEK APPEAL

The Ballarat Courier August 31 2013 page 27 featured a full colour page of “Who’s In It Today”. The occasion was the launch of the Legacy Week Appeal at the Trench Room at the Ballarat Town Hall on August 29th. **Vic Bradley** was in attendance and was photographed with Doug Higgins.

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This relatively new business to Buninyong was featured in the Ballarat Courier Ballarat Extra supplement under the My Essentials section August 31st 2013 page 34. **Trent and Cass Johnston** run a local motorcycle training company and retail store and share their knowledge of motorcycle skills from bush riding to advanced trial rides. In addition each year the couple takes a riding tour through Spain. Cass has been taking Spanish language classes for the last 12 months to help her communicate while on tour. The article showed a smiling photograph of Cass as well as several of her favourite things including a trials motorcycle, Enduro bike, Oscar the dog, wedding photos from last year and a group photo of bikes and riders in Spain.

BALLARAT ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

Merle Hathaway has curated an exhibition of artist Chris Nicholls’ work titled *Landscapes of the Mind* that is now showing at the Ballarat Art Gallery until October 27th. Chris Nicholls died of a brain tumour

before his work could be exhibited in Melbourne and Merle, who had a previous connection with the Nicholls family through the Horsham Art Gallery, was commissioned to display his extensive works. He lived in a small town near Stawell and spent his time painting around the Wimmera countryside. Merle said that she had always been fond of Chris’ art, particularly because of the intensity in his work, his huge passion for the land and his sheer technical mastery. This article was a Feature of the Ballarat Extra supplement in the Ballarat Courier September 28 2013 page 36.

ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL PETITION FOR FR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

Merle Hathaway was photographed with Joseph Micich and former member for Ballarat and former Mt Helen resident John Mildren outside St Patricks Cathedral in Dawson Street South, Ballarat. Merle has helped to organize a petition to present to the Sri Lankan government to disclose the whereabouts of a Tamil Catholic priest, Father Francis Joseph. He was last seen in 2009 and all attempts to gain information on his whereabouts have been unsuccessful. Mr Aran Mylvaganam, who came to Australia from Sri Lanka in 1997 is most concerned for Fr Joseph’s welfare and hopes this petition will assist with his search. Golden Plains Miner 26th September 2013 front page and page 3.

MARATHON MEETING AT CITY OF BALLARAT FOR VOTE ON DECISION ON THE CIVIC HALL

The Ballarat Courier September 26 2013 pages 4 and 5 had a detailed report on the fate of the Civic Hall. After 10 years of debate the Ballarat City Council voted 6-3 to demolish the Mair Street building. **Anne Beggs Sunter** was part of the large gallery that attended this meeting and was pictured front and centre listening intently to the proceedings. Anne is a staunch believer in preserving the well built 57 year old brick building.

HAWTHORN GRAND FINAL SUPPORTER

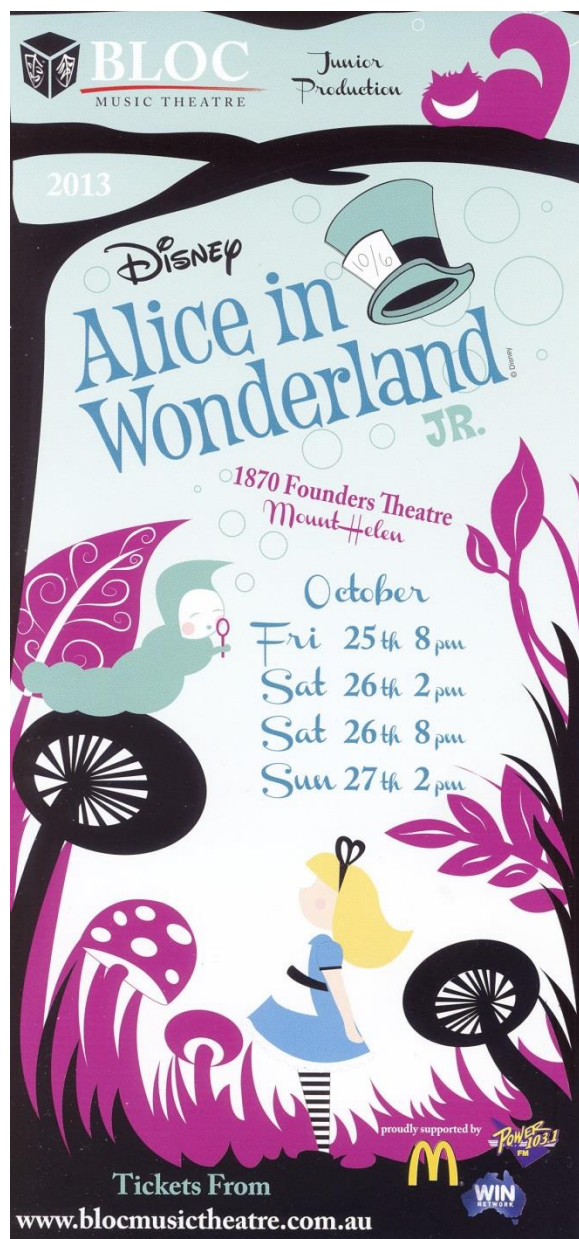
The day before the AFL Grand Final, **Peter Tilborghs** of Buninyong was confident his team of Hawthorn would win against contenders Fremantle. He was pictured on page 2 of the Ballarat Courier 27 September 2013 with a confident smile and complete with flag, scarf and teddy bear dressed in the Hawks colours. He was rewarded for his positive thinking and Hawthorn are the premiers for 2013.

COMMITTEE FOR BALLARAT On the 19th September the Committee for Ballarat held a roundtable dinner at the Ballarat Lodge. **Lynne McLennan** was one of the many attendees.

"Who's In It Today" page 28 of the Ballarat Courier 21 September 2013.

BALLARAT ART GALLERY GUIDES CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

The Art Gallery of Ballarat held a gala function to celebrate 25 years of volunteer guides at the gallery. **Yvette Hiscock** was pictured with Nicole Boardman, Geraldine Roberts and Lyn Murray who all began volunteering in 1987. The Golden Plains Miner page 12 October 3 2013.



**9am 27th October, 2013 Uniting Church Grounds
Buninyong**



STURT BUNINYONG MASONIC LODGE



September to receive the gift.

Photo: Mr Cliff Barclay accepts the gift of ten blankets from Alby Peart, Charlie Pruis and Brian Coffey Master of the Lodge.

A Warm Gift from Freemasonry

Sturt Buninyong Lodge presented 10 double bed blankets to Ballarat Uniting Care for use in their welfare program. Funds for their purchase were jointly contributed by the Lodge and the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence. This is the third year that the Lodge has donated blankets to their program. Mr Cliff Barclay Executive Director of Ballarat Uniting Care visited the Lodge on 20th



an increased level of skill. At the Lodge meeting that evening the team further demonstrated the finer points of ceremonial work to the 54 members in attendance.

Photo: Brother Ricardo Buencuseco is congratulated on becoming a Freemason by David Pratt, Brett Edgington and Master of the Lodge Brian Coffey.

Freemasonry Increases Membership

The membership of Freemasonry was increased on the 21st of September when Mr Ricardo Buencuseco was initiated into the membership of the Sturt-Buninyong Lodge. During that afternoon the Grand Lodge Exemplification Team conducted a training session for various positions in the Lodge structure. Lodge members from All Nations at Clunes and Sturt Buninyong participated and gained



Footy Fever at Freemasons Supper

Each year on the meeting closest to the AFL Grand Final the Sturt Buninyong Lodge gets into the spirit of the finals.

Members wear their team colours, supper is consistent with footy fare and the sounds of Club songs echo in the hall.

Photo: In the spirit of the game are Gordon Cameron Clunes, Brian Coffey Sturt Buninyong and Peter Mason

from Clunes.



BUNINYONG MARMALADE

IT'S MARMALADE MAKING TIME. All cooks should start preparing for the Buninyong Marmalade Fair to be held on Saturday 1 February 2014

Entries close on 24 January 2014. Entry forms and more details from www.buninyong.vic.au/marmalade or marmyarmy@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Buninyong Marmalade Association advises that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Buninyong Town Hall on Wednesday 6 November at 4pm. All members of the community are welcome.

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RSL MEMBERS ATTEND VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY

The Ballarat Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day on a very wet and cold 18th August was attended by Buninyong RSL President Brian Parker and fellow members Dru Parker, John Dellaca, Rowan Gamble, Ray Mende, Ron Fleming and Bill Akell CSM who was Master of Ceremonies.



Photo: Pictured during the wreath laying ceremony are Dru Parker, Brian Parker and John Dellaca.



An honour roll of servicemen from the Buninyong District who served in South Vietnam between 1965-1972 resides in the Buninyong RSL Hall. Many of these ex-servicemen attended the Welcome Home March in Sydney on 3rd October 1987.

Photo: The honour shield for Vietnam Veterans from Buninyong and District. Many of these men have since left the district while a number of other Vietnam veterans have moved into the area.

BUNINYONG SENIOR CITIZENS

The Buninyong Senior Citizens meet every Tuesday for a two course lunch and activities like cards, bingo, and indoor bowls. Lunches are currently \$5.00 for the two courses meal and bus trips (approximately 6 per year) are \$20.00. You can contact David Graeme Littlejohn (President) anytime to discuss memberships or anything else regarding the club. Committee Meetings are held at 11am on the first Tuesday of each month and General Meetings at 1pm (after lunch) every second Tuesday of the month.

There is likely to be a bus trip organised for October. Members need to get in touch with Vic Bradley regarding this trip on 5330-1692.

SCOTSBURN CAMPUS BUNINYONG PS

Enrolments welcome: Contact Principal Buninyong PS Phone 53413560

FUN SPORTS

On Thursday 19th September we held our fun day sports where students were involved in egg and spoon, sack, three legged races and tunnel ball activities. It ended with the jelly eating competition which was greatly appreciated by everyone concerned. Afterwards the school community enjoyed a shared morning tea.



ECOLINC VISIT

All students travelled to Bacchus Marsh Ecolinc where we learnt about the indigenous plants of the area, including how they were used by aboriginal people for medicinal and material needs. Some of the plants mentioned we have planted in our indigenous garden at Scotsburn.



MINERALS AUSTRALIA

Grades 4/5/6 were visited by Anne from Minerals Australia who gave us a very interesting talk about different minerals found in Australia and how they are used in everyday life. The students were involved in a very interactive activity where they learnt about the impact of mining on the Australian landscape.



Enquiries or enrolments, please contact 53413560

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Some Information on the Lions Organisation.

The Lions organisation is the largest volunteer group serving the needs of the people of our world. We currently operate over 46,000 clubs and have over 1.35 million members. Lions is the only service organisation with a permanent seat at the United Nations.

Lions International, based in Oak Brook, Illinois USA, is the controlling body of our organisation. Every year, at the Lions International Conference, an International President is elected. This year, at the conference in Hamburg, Germany, Barry Palmer from Sydney was elected to this position. Barry is the first Australian to hold this post.

Lions Clubs worldwide are divided into Districts under the leadership of a District Governor. The District Governor is assisted during his elected term of twelve months by a 1st and 2nd District Governor Elect, a Secretary and Treasurer and other senior Lions who Chair various committees as required by the current Governor.

Lions Districts are then divided into Zones under the direction of a Zone Chairman. The Zones meet on a regular basis with the Presidents and Secretaries of each club providing feedback from their Clubs to the District via the Zone Chairman and vice versa.

Other than the very senior Lions Officials who receive a meagre allowance for travel and accommodation, all Lions members work on a completely voluntary basis. Under our Constitution, the only moneys used for the administration and running costs of our Club, Lions Australia and Lions International comes from member's dues or grants used for maintenance or the purchase of capital equipment. All funds raised from the public by way of fundraisers, sales, BBQ's, donations etc., are put into a separate bank account and are returned to the community in many different ways.

If you wish more detailed information on all aspects of our organisation, please go to:- www.lionsclubs.org (for Lions International) or www.lionsclubs.org.au, (for Lions Australia).

September

Each month our club holds two meetings. On the first Monday we hold our Business Meeting at the Buninyong RSL Hall where the upcoming work is organised, members decide on where and who we shall assist and other matters relating to the running of our Club. On the third Monday of each month we have a Dinner meeting at the Royal Mail Hotel in Sebastopol. This is a more social event with wives/partners and guests are made welcome. We often have guest speakers and induct new members into our club.

At our October Dinner Meeting, we will have the District Governor, Lion Stan Faloon visiting and the Youth of the Year for our Club will be decided.

If you wish to come along, meet our members and learn a little more about the Lions Organisation, please contact our President or Secretary on the numbers at the bottom of this article.

Our September Dinner Meeting was full of interest with 32 members and guests enjoying the meal and the company.

President Andy Paterson presented Lion David Searl with a "Lions Achievement Award" for his work as a "Guiding Lion". Lion David assisted Past District Governor Graeme Lukey and our Zone Chairperson Lion Dawn Fischer in advising and assisting the members of the newly established Lions Club of Alfredton Lucas.



President Andy Paterson presenting Lion David Searl with his Lions Achievement Award.

Our guest speaker was Ash Hetherington. Ash is in year 10 at Ballarat Grammar School and has been selected to attend the "Round Square" conference in Florida USA together with over 1000 students from more than 100 schools from five continents. "Round Square" incorporates six ideals of learning, Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service. Some of the activities the students will help with whilst in Florida will be assisting disadvantaged youth and helping with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.



Our Club assisted Ash with some of his expenses and President Andy Paterson thanked Ash for his very well presented talk and wished him well for his trip.

Ash Hetherington addressing our members.

President Andy had the pleasure of inducting two new members into our Club. Leicester and Ondria Cheeseman were led through the induction ceremony supported by their sponsor David Searl.

President Andy then presented Leicester and Ondria with their Badges and New Member kits and asked our members to welcome them into the Lions family.



From Left, Sponsor Lion David Searl, Leicester and Ondria Cheeseman ad President Andy Paterson.

During the month a group of us went out to Carngham where the management of Carngham Station had agreed to let us cut fire wood from an area damaged by the bush fires. We filled two trailers and are now able to assist any needy member of our community with firewood to get through the winter. Please get in touch with the President or Secretary as listed below.

So far we have helped fill the woodshed of the Lamond Family in Buninyong and taken a trailer load out to a lady at Mt Egerton.



Members unloading some of the wood from Carngham Station.

Youth of the Year.

Our quest to find our candidate for our club's Youth of the Year will be conducted at our next Dinner Meeting at The Royal Mail Hotel in Sebastopol on Monday the 21st of October. Our Judges for this year will be Ronnie Signs from the National Bank, Tony Chapman, owner of Stockdale Cellars and Jenny Relouw from the Jack Lonsdale Aged Care Facility.

The winner of our Youth of the Year Quest goes on to compete at our District level, then State and if successful, into the National Championships.

Visit to Parliament House.

Late in September sixteen Lions with some guests took the train to Melbourne. We then went up to our Victorian Parliament House where we had a guided tour of our seat of Government. The building, built in nine months in 1856, is quite spectacular and certainly worth a visit. The tours are well run with a very informative commentary by a member of the Parliament's staff.

We finished our day with a lovely lunch in the member's dining room.

Some of our party patiently waiting for lunch.



Our Lions Club.

If you are interested in knowing about our Lions Club, please go to our Web site, <http://buninyongmthelen.vic.lions.au/> or contact any of the members below.

President - Andy Paterson, Ph 0418 55 428, e-mail andrewpaterson6@bigpond.com

Secretary - Bill Jolly, Ph 5341 2068, 0414 717 507 - e-mail bandijolly@spin.net.au

Treasurer - Barbara Voigt, ph 0407 048 159, e-mail bvoigt9@gmail.com

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

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

Newspapers - We collect and sell old Newspapers, Glossy Magazines, Junk Mail etc., and again, all monies go back into the Community.

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 Lions Shed in Forrest Street (next door to the Tennis Club).

For pick up please call Bill Jolly on 5341 2068.

Book Shop open every Saturday morning in Learmonth Street next to the old bank. Great selection of second hand books including children's, travel, biographies, novels etc.

If you are looking for a book and it is not in stock, please ask and we will try and source it for you.

On the 19th of October (Farmer's Market Day) the shop will be having a special display and sale of Children's books as well as old and collectable books which are all listed and priced depending on their age.

Donations of books are gratefully received.

LIONS - WE SERVE



**BALLARAT SOUTH UNITING CHURCH
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Minister Rev. Lindell Gibson

Phone: Church office 53413515, or manse 53413200

Traditional style service and children's program at 9-30am on Sunday.

All welcome

Join the Prayer / Walking Group at the Labyrinth on Thursday mornings at 9.00am. All welcome.

Walk the labyrinth, pray in the centre, then go out for coffee afterwards. New faces are always welcome. Holy Communion is usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Family Service Sunday. We are now holding family services twice a month on the third and fourth Sundays. Children come and join the fun. 9-30am till 10-30am. This service has become very popular with worship directed towards families as a whole.

Heather Club. Adult fellowship is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.00am. All welcome.

Open House. Open House is held on each Wednesday morning during school terms from 10am to 12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

Open Door. Wednesdays 10-30am to 12 noon at Sebastopol Mission Centre. Sandra Chapman is running a craft session each Wednesday. If interested contact Lyn King on 53413229 or Sandra on 53412047.

Book Club. The Book Club now meets on the third Thursday of the month and will next meet at the home of Joy and Bob Whitten on 17th October at 2pm.

Mainly Music Group. The Mainly Music Program has resumed again after the school holidays. Mainly Music is held at Sebastopol Mission Centre from 9.15 – 10.15am and if you would like to be involved in any way please phone Elisa on 53418474.

Buninyong Service DVDs. If anybody would like to receive the DVDs of the Buninyong services please contact Clive on 53412082. The loan of a DVD player is possible if it is needed.

During the Goodlife Festival the children will be building a "Recycled City" in the church grounds on Sunday 17th October using boxes and other recycled goods. Kids come along and join in!

We are holding a men's breakfast on the 9th November. David Senior will be the guest speaker talking about antiques. Men attending the breakfast are asked to bring any antiques along and David will put a value on them.

Best wishes Joy Whitten

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BUNINYONG

Township Development Program

Community Engagement Summary Report

Thursday 29 August 2013 at Buninyong Town Hall

Making some great community projects happen together....



**Message from South Ward Councillor and
Chair of Consultation session on August 27
Peter Innes**

It was fantastic to see so many people attend our Community Consultation on August 27 and in doing so, hear of the commitment all have to the town of Buninyong.

We welcome the consultative phase as a start to a wide range of actions, of stronger community connection and of seeing projects achieved that will see Buninyong a town of excellence.

I mentioned in the meeting that we all want to see action and issues addressed, and again I reiterate that if we are to move forward we need to move together in a positive collective manner.

We all agree that there are a range of issues we are concerned about and I look forward to working with the Steering Group and others to see those issues addressed and our vision for Buninyong achieved.

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Community profile of Buninyong and Rural South

The history of Buninyong

The township of Buninyong was one of Victoria's first inland settlements, with a sheep station established by the Learmonth brothers in 1838, followed by the first huts and an eating-house in 1841. Local blacksmith, Thomas Hiscock was the first to officially discover gold in the area in 1851, making it the base from which the Ballarat goldfields developed. The townships wide streets were planned during the boom of the 1850s when numbers grew to around 10,000 and were anticipated to keep expanding. However, following the gold rush, Buninyong reverted to a small agricultural centre.

Buninyong has kept a strong sense of its historical past, boasting impressive examples of goldfields architecture including the town hall and court house, library/mechanics institute, and local churches including Holy Trinity Church, and several grand 'boom style' homes. Other major features of the area include the Buninyong Botanical Gardens - amongst the oldest in the state, the Gong Reserve and Mount Buninyong.

Despite being located just a 15 minute drive from the centre of Ballarat, the township has retained its independent identity and boasts a number of annual / regular events including: the Buninyong Farmers Market; Designer Craft Market; Buninyong Good Life Festival; the Australian Cycling Championships; the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair, and; the Buninyong Film Festival.

Population now and into the future

As of the 2011 Census, the population of Buninyong and the Rural South (including Magpie, Scotchman's Lead and the City of Ballarat part of the localities of Durham Lead and Scotsburn) is 4,074 – 2,009 males and 2064 females. This represents a growth of 350 residents since the previous census in 2006.

In recent years Buninyong and the Rural South has attracted a number of young families to the area. This is reflected in the larger percentage of young people aged between 5 and 14 compared to the whole of Ballarat. The community is also a popular choice for empty nesters and retirees, particularly in the 60 to 69 year old group. This age group saw the largest change in age structure in the Buninyong – Rural South area between 2006 and 2011 with a growth of 148 persons.

In comparison to the rest of Ballarat, Buninyong-Rural South has a higher proportion of couple families with a child or children, and couple families without children. There are less one parent families, lone person households and group households. The largest change in family/household types in Buninyong - Rural South between 2006 and 2011 was couples without children which grew by 83 households.

Population growth can be attributed primarily to families moving into newly built homes mostly in the Tandara Estate which will consist of 93 dwellings upon completion by around 2017. From 2014 residential development is anticipated to grow much more slowly, as will population growth. It is anticipated only an additional 131 residents will live in the area between now and 2031, a growth rate of less than half a per cent.

Diversity

397 residents of the Buninyong-Rural South community were born overseas, with the majority, 226 residents coming from the United Kingdom.

Dwellings

In 2011 there were 1,535 household dwellings in the Buninyong - Rural South consisting of 1467 separate houses and 64 medium density dwellings. When compared with the rest of Ballarat a larger proportion of households own their home outright and a larger proportion have a mortgage. Over 15% of households with a mortgage are paying high mortgage repayments of \$2,600 per month or more. Only 185 dwellings are rented (13%) compared to 29% across the Ballarat municipality.

Employment

The total labour force of Buninyong-Rural South is 2,106 of which 1,193 are employed full time, 808 are employed part-time, and 84 are unemployed. Of those in the labour force, 765 are managers or professionals. The main industries of employment are health care and social assistance, followed by education and training.

Income

Compared to Ballarat, a higher proportion of persons in Buninyong – Rural South earn a high income with 825 residents earning \$1,500 or more per week.

Levels of disadvantage

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) produces a number of Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) including the Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSED). The IRSED is derived from attributes that reflect disadvantage such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations. The IRSED for Buninyong-Rural South is 1058.4, making it one of the least disadvantaged communities in the Ballarat municipality.

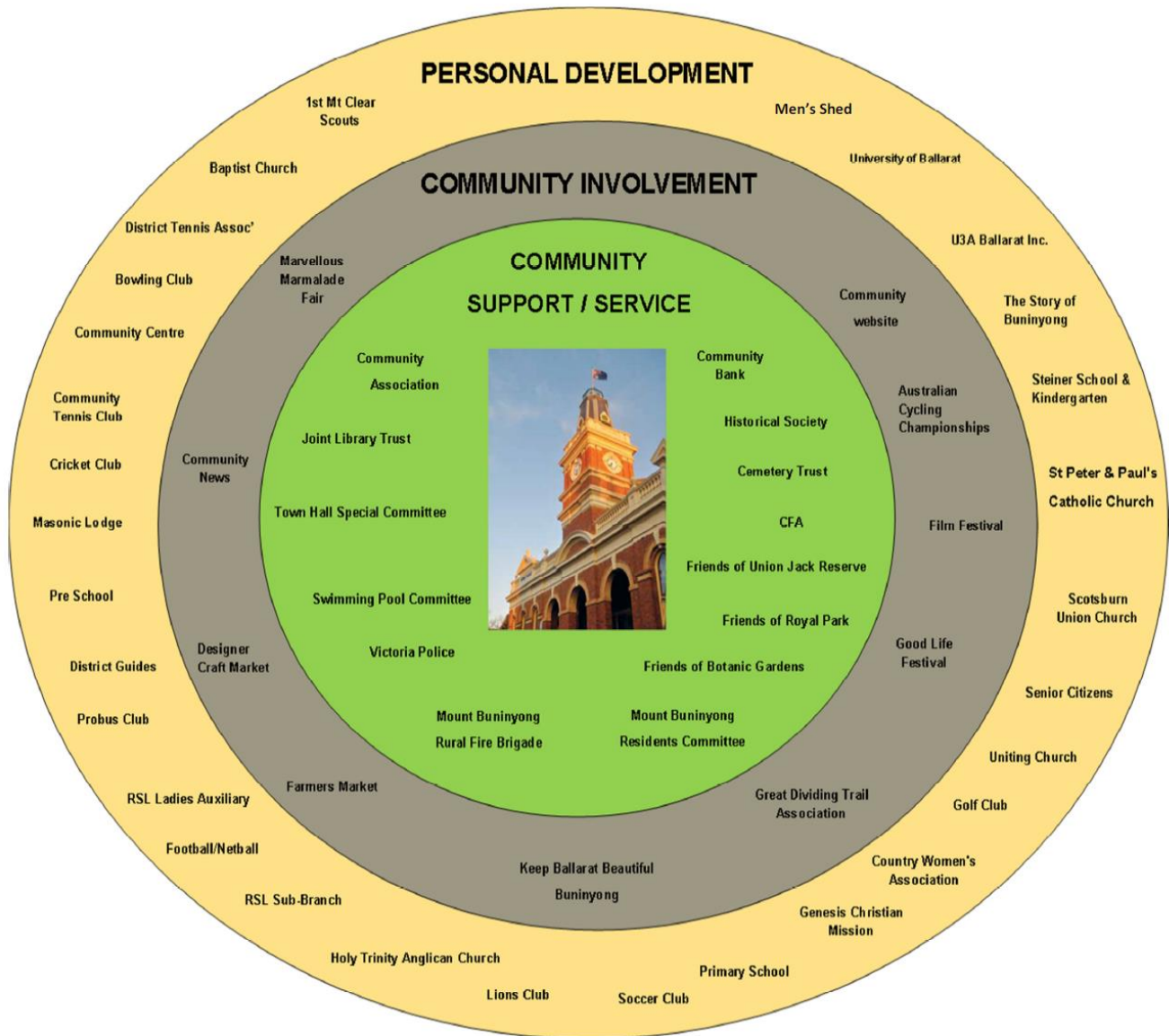
Childhood development

The Australian Early Development Index measures how young children are developing as they enter grade prep across five areas: physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive skills and, communication skills and general knowledge. Across all five areas the proportion of children from Buninyong – Rural South who are developmentally vulnerable is very low compared to state and national averages.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

At the commencement of the night, Graeme Kent highlighted some community features –

- Over 70 community organisations
- 30 street based business
- Over 200 home based businesses



Please note:- if a group or organisation has not been listed please contact City of Ballarat Community Engagement Officer Graeme Kent 5320 5861.

BUNINYONG PROJECT UPDATES

UPDATES SHARED AT THE CONSULTATION MEETING

City of Ballarat Community Impact Grants 2012/13

In the 2012/13 financial year nine City of Ballarat Community Impact Grants were awarded to Buninyong projects – a total of \$19,825 in funding.

The following organisations were successful recipients of the Community Impact Grants which enabled them to extend or deliver projects within the local community.

• Buninyong / Mount Helen Lions Club	\$2,000
• Buninyong Marmalade Association	\$1,220
• Buninyong Bowling Club	\$700 & \$1,800
• Buninyong Ward Progress Association	\$1,120
• Buninyong & District Tennis Association	\$1,595
• Buninyong Good Life Festival	\$1,450
• Buninyong Joint Library Trust	\$2,000
• Buninyong Soccer Club	\$7,940

For further information about the **Community Impact Grants Program** please contact City of Ballarat's Community Engagement Support officer, Sandra Kennedy on 5320 5746 or email sandrakennedy@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Children's Centre development Project

Work is currently underway to expand the Buninyong Children's Centre, thanks to funding by the City of Ballarat and the State Government. The redevelopment will see additional services offered to Buninyong families and their children.



Contact: Rosemarie Calvert
Position: Manager Family & Children's Services
Tel: 5320 5751
Email: rosemariecalvert@ballarat.vic.gov.au
Investment: \$688,300
Status: Project completed December 2013

Library Outreach Service Expansion

Due to the popularity of the current service, extended operating times are being considered to ensure an additional service is available for the wider community.



Contact: Tara Hossack
Position: Libraries and Learning Manager
Tel: 5338 6864
Email: tarahossack@ballarat.vic.gov.au
Status: An additional service will be available as soon as a suitable site is secured

Youth Activity Spaces Project

Consultation will be undertaken with young people of all ages to seek ideas as to the use of spaces, resources and facilities.



Contact: Jonathon Van Der Ploeg
Position: Youth Engagement Officer
Tel: 5320 5644
Email: jonathonvanderploeg@ballarat.vic.gov.au
Investment: \$50,000
Status: Project completed by June 2014

Town Hall Parking redevelopment

Local input is being sought as to the improvements of traffic flow, parking and surface treatment in and around the Town Hall precinct.



Contact: Ross Cowie
Position: Manager Infrastructure Development
Tel: 5320 5664
Email: rosscowie@ballarat.vic.gov.au
Investment: \$200,000
Status: Project completed by June 2014

Bowling Club redevelopment

Community consultation and preliminary design work is underway aimed at the provision of a more functional facility servicing the bowling club members and associates



Contact: Lukas Carey
Position: Manager Sport and Recreation
Tel: 5320 5739
Email: lukascarey@ballarat.vic.gov.au
Investment: \$450,000
Status: Project aimed to be completed by December 2014

Buninyong Men's Shed

An application has been submitted to the Department of Human Services seeking funding support for the establishment of the shed.



Contact: Bill Jolly
Position: Chairman
Investment: \$80,000
Status: Awaiting State Government decision

Buninyong and District Community Association

Township entrance signs, the street vines project, historical building signage, a tourism booklet, and 'mapping' of the old burial site are some of the projects being undertaken by the Community Association.



Contact: Barry Fitzgerald
Position: Vice Chairman
Status: Ongoing projects and activity

Buninyong and District Community Bank

Since its establishment in Buninyong only three years ago, the Bank has become a vital community partner in funding and project support.



Contact: Steve Falconer
Position: Chairman
Status: Ongoing community support through the Bank's community project program.

THE TOWNSHIP PROGRAMS:

The City of Ballarat Council Plan 2013-2017 includes reference to the Township Programs in a strategy about developing and implementing community / neighbourhood planning initiatives in partnership with the community.

The actions are:

- Establish a township empowerment program for Miners Rest, Learmonth and Buninyong to facilitate and seed a local neighbourhood investment program
- Review the township empowerment program and investigate the application of the program to other areas of the city.

The Township Program as adopted by the City of Ballarat:-

- \$300,000 over three areas including Buninyong, Miners Rest & Learmonth
- Buninyong \$100,000 allocation
- Funds are one-off fund to seed a number of local projects
- Funds are additional and do not replace existing budgets
- Flexible timeframe – does not have to be spent by end of financial year.

And to take this process forward the following was suggested and adopted at the meeting on the 27 August.



To form a working group to.....

1. Review all information from the session on 23rd September
2. Consider future governance & allocation process arrangements (not allocations)



Suggested group is.....

X 3 COB South Ward Councillors (Chair),
X 1 B&D Community Assoc., x1 Bendigo Bank & x3 Community Reps
*Community Reps are independent of Community Association or Bank



Proposed next steps are.....

That the working group meets in September
All attendees receive a summary report in September and other updates
That a follow up project session take place within the next three months

FINDINGS LISTED AT THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The last phase of the community consultation was to break the meeting into four workshop groups to list issues of concern, interest or focus.

Each group was facilitated to enable all in them to list their items and then time was given to look at the complete list and perhaps tick those that were seen as highlighting three priority projects.

A member of each group was asked to report their findings back to the meeting.

The following areas combine the issues listed highlighting common threads and whilst at the same time showing the breadth of issues raised.

Group 1 – Feedback highlights:

- Strategic Traffic Planning – Preserving the Buninyong Village
- De Soza and Royal Park
- Market
- Artspace
- Youth Foundation with space to meet

Group 2 – Feedback highlights:

- Parking in a variety of settings
- Signage, planting, vines extension
- Pedestrian infrastructure
- DeSoza Park upgrade

Group 3– Feedback highlights:

- DeSoza Park development
- Signage
- Catering better for tourists

Group 4 – Feedback Highlights:

- Traffic study
- Multi focussed projects
- Communication - website

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THE BIG PICTURE

- Strategic planning for villages – desktop review
- Annual Buninyong directory
- Sustainability plan
- Village preservation
- Project - what is special about Buninyong – Preservation planning
- Solar panels on community buildings

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Pedestrian crossing in Learmonth St
- General Parking
- Post Box – south side
- Footpath – Inglis St / Forest St
- Footpath – north side Learmonth St
- Traffic issues
- Parking in town study
- Heavy traffic
 - Divert traffic
 - Get results of BCA traffic report
 - Safety islands – better connectivity
- Vandalism – signage
- Land for aged care facility

TOWN ATTRACTION - TOURISM

- Parking for Caravans
- Burial ground – community tourism
- Walkways to Mount
- Streetscape planting
- Bike races – revenue back into Buni
- Vines project – extend
- Gardens
 - signage from highway
 - irrigation
- Streetscape planting
 - Heritage precinct replanting
 - Timing

- Vines project
 - Extend into Warrenheip St
- Signage – standardisation – retail area
- Update historic walks
- Signage – community – tourism
 - Standardisation
 - Retail signage – village feel
 - Meeting to discuss priorities
 - Trails / maps / signage
- Library - website owned by Trust – great but under resourced - IT
- Arts space
- Improve website
- National sculpture prize

DESOZA PARK

- (Community, tourism) redevelopment
 - Seating
 - only one bridge
 - Bus parking
 - Parking in general
 - poppet head – wheel – playground
 - upgrade / revitalisation

ROYAL PARK

- Redevelopment
 - sustainability, overlay for funded projects
 - community space
 - Get it activated
 - Venue
 - Community gardens and allotments
 - Primary school involvement
 - development / landscape / crown land issue - committee of management
- Tree removal – Cypress trees at Royal park
- Heritage orchard at Royal Park
- Community equipment - tractor / mower

RECREATION

- Exercise equipment – circuit (Koondrook)
- 0-3 playground

EVENTS

- Community market – rebuild – village market
- Better market

YOUTH FOCUS

- Youth Space
 - German
 - Geometric rope structure
- Youth link
- Youth Activities
- Audit of youth groups
- Student profiles
- Youth foundation with space to meet

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Closer link to University connections
- Register of Community organisations
- Number of empty shops - training – restaurant program
- Saturday market study – locals don't use it
- Community Bus
- Student accommodation

UNION JACK CREEK AND JAMES PARK

- Major project opportunity
- Urban Arboretum
 - James Park – Eyre St
 - Indigenous seed-bank
 - Maintenance
 - Survey planning with University students (Union Jack creek)

MT INNES

- Mt Innes –
 - 'Restored'
 - Who owns

REFER TO TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

We will endeavour to maintain contact with those you raised these concerns and to follow up, inform and report on the related actions.

For further action please contact the Customer Service Team:-

Address 25 Armstrong Street South Ballarat Vic 3350
Postal Address PO BOX 655, Ballarat Vic 3353
Phone Number 03 5320 5500
Website www.ballarat.vic.gov.au
Office Hours 8.15am - 5pm, Monday - Friday
Email ballcity@ballarat.vic.gov.au

For further project information

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Manager Community Engagement
Ph: 5320 5627
E: peterappleton@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Graeme Kent
Community Engagement Officer
Ph: 5320 5861
E: graemekent@ballarat.vic.gov.au

South Ward Councillors

Cr Peter Innes
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E: peterinnes@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Cr Des Hudson
Ph: 0409 865 093
E: deshudson@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Cr Joshua Morris
Ph: 0407 325 693
E: joshuamorris@ballarat.vic.gov.au

- Town Hall
 - Blinds able to be operated from floor



CUSTOMER SERVICE

A staff member from the Council Service team was present and took the opportunity for participants to identify their concerns.

47 local issues were documented and each one of these will be followed up after referring to the appropriate Council staff for action.

Buninyong Community Consultation Requests as listed on 27 August

Fisken & Simpson Sts pot holes.	Fisken & Simpson Sts pot holes.
"Buninyong Township Roads & Infrastructure Strategy Draft"	"Buninyong Township Roads & Infrastructure Strategy Draft"
Traffic Calming – Somerville and Cornish Sts	Traffic Calming – Somerville and Cornish Sts
Footpath works – thankyou	Footpath works – thankyou
DeSoza Park relocation	DeSoza Park relocation
Maintenance of grassed areas - Thankyou	Maintenance of grassed areas - Thankyou
Road upgrade enquiry – Herriot St	Road upgrade enquiry – Herriot St
Suggestion to Davis Bus Lines via Public Transport Vic	Suggestion to Davis Bus Lines via Public Transport Vic
Road upgrade – Somerville St	Road upgrade – Somerville St
Road grading – Somerville & Cornish Sts	Road grading – Somerville & Cornish Sts
Parking options CBD	Parking options CBD
Trucks parking on kerb – Learmonth St	Trucks parking on kerb – Learmonth St
Seniors Week brochures	Seniors Week brochures
Slides from Community Consultation	



Arts Trail 2014 - Entries Close Soon

To be a part of this iconic Golden Plains event you need to have your application in by October 25. No late applications will be accepted. This is so the promotional material, including the map and brochure can be completed with enough time to advertise the event properly. The next Arts Trail is to be held on March 15 and 16 2014. Click [here](#) for an application form. If you need some help with your application (for example around providing images of your work or have questions regarding Insurance) you can attend the Bannockburn Cultural Centre on October 19 from 10am until midday for assistance in completing your application. For more information on the Arts Trail go to www.artstrail.com.au or contact Shannon Fielder, Arts Officer sfielder@gplains.vic.gov.au Ph. 5220 7212

Following the Trail - Pick your Favourite!

With 60 - 80 artists, food, wine, live performance, gorgeous Autumnal weather and the splendid scenery of the Golden Plains, you'll want to keep up to date on all the great art and stories to explore and celebrate. Never before have there been more ways to keep informed!

Golden Plains Arts Inc.

The first AGM for Golden Plains Arts Inc. has been held and a new committee elected. The group meets regularly at the Meredith Community Centre and new members are always welcome. You do not have to be a practicing or professional artist to join, simply have an enthusiasm and interest in arts and culture. Enquiries can be made to Alison Hardy, Secretary, ahardy0@gmail.com Ph: 0425 715 421



Shine a Light On....Inverleigh

Head to the Inverleigh Public Hall on October 27 from 2pm - 4pm for a unique musical experience. Tim 'Tonic' Hulsman will host prominent musicians Luke Leg and Dan Warner. Luke Legs was recently voted winner of the Year in the Unpaved Reader Awards. ABC Australia describes Dan Warner as follows: "Warner has words which carry the listener away into a world where conversations, thoughts and emotions swim up and put themselves on show with exquisite choice and

timing". Don't miss this chance to experience music in a way you never have before! Tickets at the door \$15 (including Coffee and Cake). Check the performers out at:

www.lukelegs.com

www.danwarner.com.au

facebook.com/timtonichulsman

Call for Entries - Rick Amor Drawing Prize 2014

Entries are now open for the 2014 Rick Amor Drawing Prize. The prize was established in 2010 by one of Australia's most eminent living artists for small drawings and is now being held every second year at the Art Gallery of Ballarat. The award is for \$10,000 and is acquisitive for the Gallery collection. Each entry must be no larger than 56cm x 76cm (which is the size of the most readily available watercolour paper). Entries due by Friday 1 November. The judge for the third Rick Amor Drawing Prize will be Alyssa Bunbury, Curator - Prints & Drawings, National Gallery of Victoria. For more information PH 5320 5858 or radp@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Alice in Threadland...

The Geelong branch of the Embroiderers Guild of Victoria presents their embroidery and textile art exhibition 2013 "Alice in Threadland" from Friday October 25 to Sunday October 27 from 10am-4.30pm. The exhibition will be held at 49 Vines Rd Community Centre, Hamlyn Heights. Handmade gifts will be on offer for sale. Refreshments will also be available. \$5 entry, enquiries to Sue 5255 5490 www.embroiderersguildvic.org/branches/geelong



Digital Enterprise Program

Free Mentoring sessions are still available for art businesses. The mentor will come to you and will work with you based on your individual needs - business start-up/planning, IT security, using publisher & powerpoint, Online shopping carts, cloud computing, mobile phones and tablets. Three hours face-to-face consultation plus pre and post sit-down support. Mentor profiles and registrations on the website www.digibiz.net.au or contact Hayley Collins, Centre for ecommerce and communications, University of Ballarat on 5327 9364 or email h.collins@ballarat.edu.au

Good News Story!

Jeanette Skrokov, Moment in Time Gallery, has won first prize for her watercolour painting, "Iris" which she entered into Australian Artist Magazine's floral and gardens competition. She was subsequently interviewed by the magazine and has since been asked to do a series of articles for the magazine about her art work. The first article is a progressive piece



which follows the creation of a bark picture and will appear in an upcoming issue. Congratulations Jeanette and we will keep a keen eye on Australian Artist Magazine for your articles!

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NECKLACES EARRINGS BRACELETS RINGS

CHRIS NICHOLLS: LANDSCAPES OF THE MIND

An unusual exhibition opened at the Art Gallery of Ballarat at 4pm on 28 September: the work of the late Chris Nicholls, a prolific but rather reclusive artist.

He lived with his wife and daughter in an isolated locality of the Wimmera. The old house and studio are surrounded by ancient eucalypts, often-dry creek beds, farming flat, cropped fields.

Chris Nicholls devoted his life almost entirely to drawing, painting and sometimes film-making, mixing rarely with other artists and exhibiting little. Disliking self-promotion, he was only occasionally persuaded to exhibit in the public galleries of Horsham, Ballarat and Ararat. His last exhibition was **Landmarks**, with painter Graham Brindley, at Horsham Regional Art Gallery in 2003.

A major Melbourne art dealer saw his work in Horsham Regional Art Gallery's collection and offered him an exhibition, scheduled for October 2011. Nicholls had completed a new body of work for this, but the exhibition was cancelled when the artist died of an aggressive brain tumour in 2010.

Chris Nicholls work is largely landscape based, sometimes incorporating figures - usually himself or his family, and often interpreted within a spiritual or psychological framework. The intense images are often almost monochrome or earth-toned, dark and brooding with bold, expressive gestures and rich textures. His work

shows a strong connection with the natural world and a concern for the havoc wreaked by development and lack of care for the environment.

This exhibition will focus on work dating from the 1980s to 2009, and includes some of the artist's diaries and sketchbooks. His drawings, whether realistic, abstracted or playful, show a mastery of the medium.

His main muse and model, his widow Rosslyn Nicholls, has worked with independent curator, Merle Hathaway to catalogue and raise awareness of the work of this important regional artist through exhibitions such as this one at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, 28 September to 27 October 2013.

Chris Nicholls Landscapes of the mind

Saturday 28 September to Sunday 27 October

Artist Chris Nicholls had an intimate acquaintance with his environment, the country around the Grampians and Stawell in western Victoria—a landscape of ancient eucalypts and flat, cropped fields intersected by the Wimmera River, which he celebrated in his drawings and paintings.

His landscapes, which often contain autobiographical elements, are imbued with a sense of melancholy. They reveal the artist's strong connection with the natural world and concern for the havoc which human occupation has wreaked on the environment.

An Art Gallery of Ballarat exhibition

Opening event

Saturday 28 September, 3.30 for 4pm

Opening Speakers: Merle Hathaway,
freelance curator and former Director, Horsham Art Gallery
and actor Claire Nicholls

RSVP by 5pm, Monday 23 September
to artgal@ballarat.vic.gov.au or 03 5320 5858

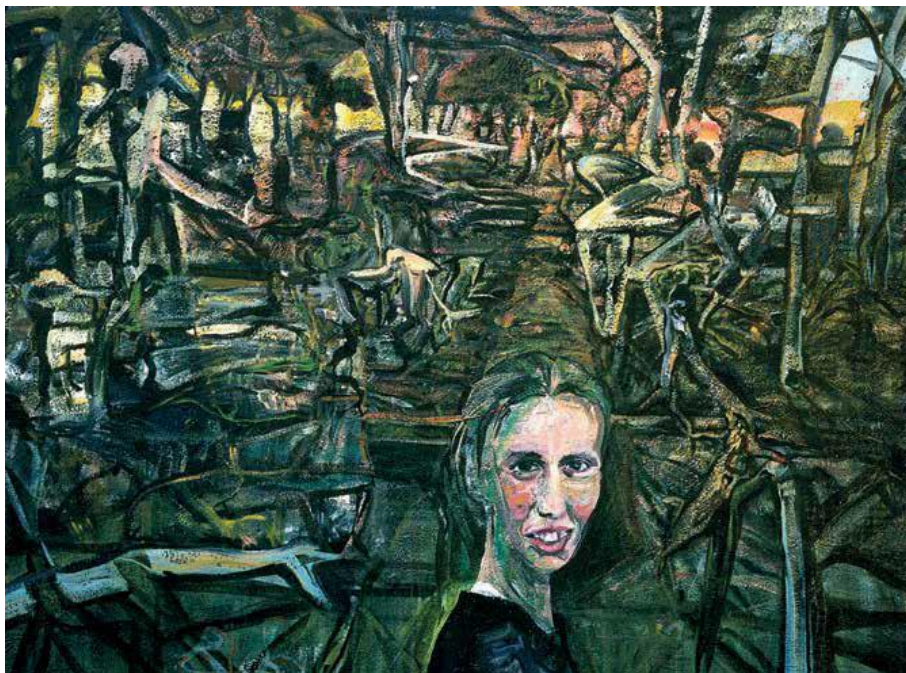
Artist
Chris Nicholls
Date in the Region Festival (until 2012)
Artist in residence
1972 to 1978
working for art

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The free one-hour workshops will be held at the Anakie Hall. You will have the opportunity to learn how to identify native orchids and peas by key characteristics.

Program

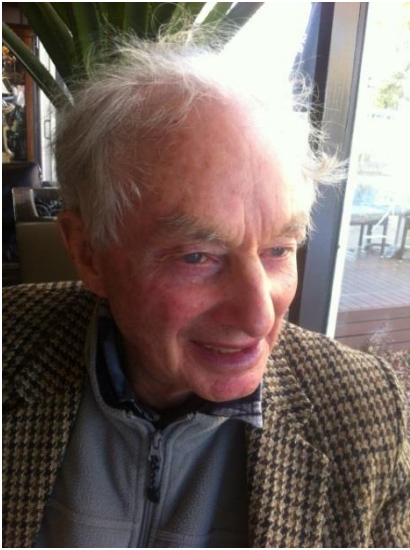
Bus Tour - Arrive 20mins earlier for registration (\$10pp book online, includes free entry to the show).

Workshops - arrive 15mins earlier to reserve a spot (free)

	AM Sessions	PM Sessions
Wildflower Bus Tours	10.00 - 12.00	1.30 - 3.30
Pea (Fabaceae) Identification Workshop	10.30 - 11.30	
Orchid Identification Workshop		2.00 - 3.00

Event organized by Friends of Brisbane Ranges
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fobr/>

Photo by Cathy Powers: *Grevillea chrysophoea*, Golden Grevillea



Neil Cameron

Graduated from the Melbourne University of Agricultural Science in 1951 with, as Neil puts it, “the odd honour”.

He became a livestock farmer in 1952 and for over the last two decades has been exporting cheeses half way round the world from his Meredith Sheep and Goat Dairy.

Neil has been very involved in his community by standing as a councillor on the Bannockburn Shire and sitting on various conservation committees. He has also supported the Woodburn Creek School and the Geelong College as secretary for one and president for the other.

Being a scientist has not prevented Neil from pursuing theological beliefs and as such has been an elder with the Uniting Church since 1956 as he states “struggling to bring the church into the 19th century”.

All in all a very interesting and knowledgeable man who is certainly not hesitant to state what he believes and he does believe that our planet is warming since reading, [Greenhouse : planning for climate change / edited by G.I. Pearman](#)

CSIRO. Division of Atmospheric Research [Conference Proceedings : 2 versions : 1988]
Keywords: Greenhouse effect, Atmospheric - Australia - Congresses.; Australia.; Climatic changes - Australia – Congresses

Twenty four years ago, Neil was made aware that the very delicate balance of our planet is being disturbed by human activity.

Neil has presented his logical and indisputable findings in 4 articles ;

- (1) It has rained in Antarctica
- (2) Burning of Fossil Fuels: the Logical Connection with the rise in Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide.
- (3) Carbon Dioxide and Global Temperature
- (4) Earth’s Energy Balance and the concept of “Greenhouse”.

Earth’s energy balance. The Earth receives an almost constant amount of radiant heat from the sun, on its sunny surface. To maintain a constant global temperature, the earth must radiate from its whole surface, day and night, the same total amount of heat. Climate is governed by the transfer of radiant heat from the sun to the cooler earth and thence by radiation from the earth into cold space. Just as the uptake of CO² had balanced the amount respired; so, too, throughout the *Holocene Period*, until 1750, the Earth’s heat gain and loss had been in balance. Neither are any more in balance.

Twentieth century science has elucidated the action of the atmospheric gases chiefly responsible. Carbon dioxide and water vapour, etc, are of a molecular size or shape to intercept some of the out-going long-wave terrestrial radiation. Their molecules get hotter, and themselves re-radiate their heat in all directions; a proportion of it back to earth. (The sun being a lot hotter than earth, bathes us with shorter wave-length radiation to which the greenhouse gases are transparent; so solar heat can reach the earth; but outwards long wave-length radiation is impeded.)

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The Solar 'Constant'. The sun is the engine of climate: its internal nuclear furnace produces a constant amount of heat, but magnetic storms at its surface can cause some to be temporarily stored and released later, so that the solar radiation received by the earth can vary by about a tenth of one percent ($\pm 0.1\%$) over time spans averaging eleven years – the 'sunspot cycle'. In 2008 there was a lower than usual minimum, with no sunspots at all, which may account for the cooling that year: recovery from that minimum seems to have been slow. Zero sunspots were also observed around 1912, which was another cool period. There were few or no sunspots observed during the extended period between 1650 and 1715 – the so called Maunder Minimum, which happened to coincide with a European mini-ice-age, and there may have a slight but progressive increase in solar radiation since then. There remains a great deal of uncertainty, for instance, about whether such centuries-long changes in solar activity are cyclical; although the level in tree rings of the radio-active isotopes of carbon and beryllium, ¹⁴C and ¹⁰Be, indicate that over the last two thousand years, solar activity has been constant, which other proxy data confirm. (¹⁴C and ¹⁰Be are formed by cosmic rays, whose action is impeded by strong solar activity, but don't worry about it!)

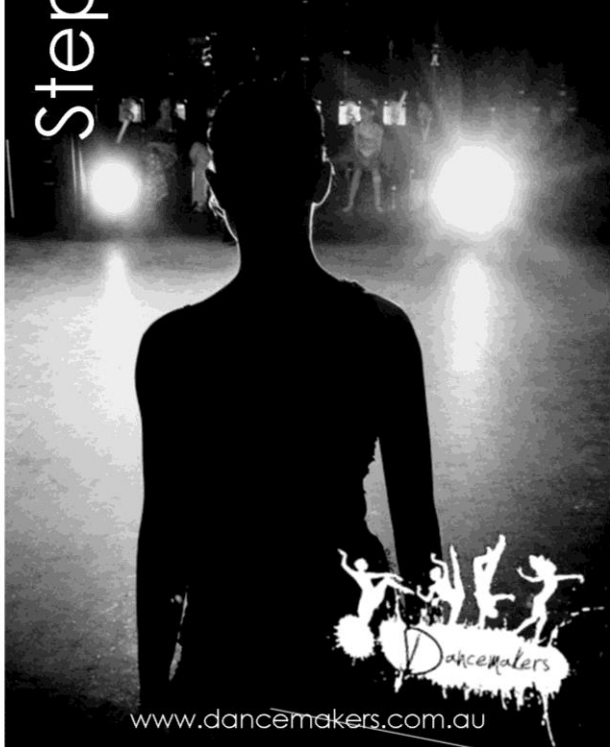
The energy balance. A flat surface directly facing the sun at the top of the earth's atmosphere receives, in daytime, 1368 Watts per square metre. Of solar radiation received, thirty percent is reflected from the atmosphere and from the earth's surface straight back into space; the remainder (960 W) is absorbed by atmosphere, earth and ocean.

So the Earth absorbs, at its surface or in its atmosphere, averaged over its whole surface, day and night, a quarter of that i.e. 240 Watts per square metre (240 W/m²): a possible increase of just 0.04% over the last few hundred years, which rise if real, may be cyclical. To maintain an even temperature the earth has to radiate back out into space, all around the globe, day and night, a similar total amount, i.e. 240 W/m². Now all things radiate heat according to their absolute temperature (Absolute Zero being -273Deg.C). If the Earth had no atmosphere the equilibrium temperature between incoming and outgoing radiation would be much less—below freezing point, which is what Fourier calculated . However, of the heat radiated outwards from the earth, some is captured by the atmosphere and re-radiated back to the Earth, keeping the earth around its average temperature (over the last 10,000 years, until recently) of around 13.7°Celsius.

Step into the Spotlight

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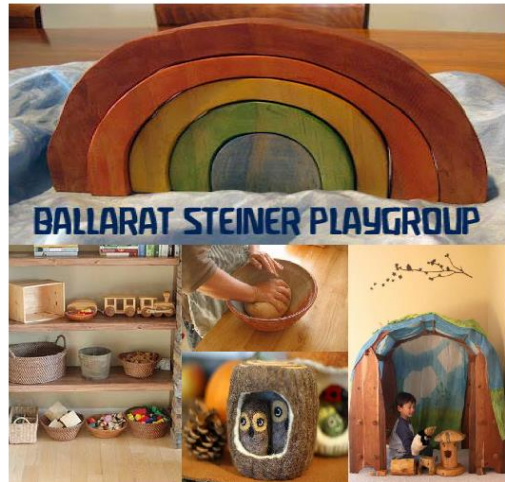
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Sunday 20th October 10am – 4:30pm

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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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"WESTH REUNION"

Sat 26th & 27th October 2013

The Descendants of Cornelius Andrew Westh

Born: 26th Feb 1842 - Died: 25th Oct 1909

- Burial: 27th Oct 1909

And his wife Agnes Harriet Westh Nee Shannon - who were parents of 13 children.

The Reunion will commence at The Crown Hotel in Buninyong on Saturday evening of the 26th of October for dinner, and gather on Sunday the 27th Oct for a tour of the town with the Historical Society.

The main event of this weekend is to place a memorial stone plaque on the grave of Cornelius and Agnes Westh and to acknowledge the citation of **Bravery Award/Royal Humane Society Medal** that was bestowed to Cornelius on the 23rd June 1891 for saving a miner "James Brown" in a mine disaster at the Hiscocks Imperial Mine.

Anyone who may be interested in this auspicious occasion is most welcome.

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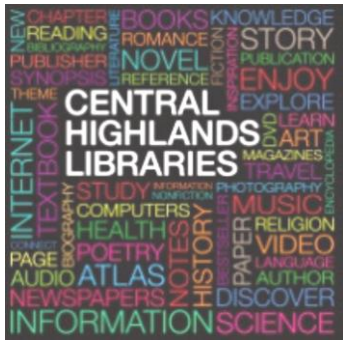
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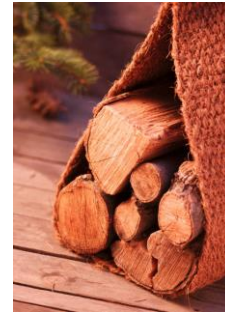
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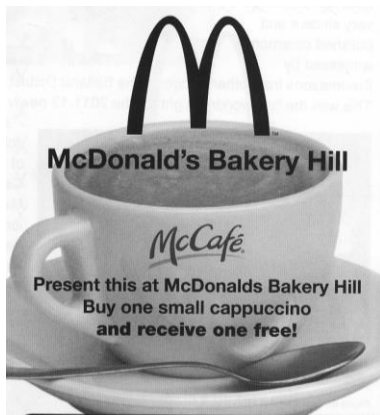
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