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BUNINYONG MT HELEN LIONS CLUB
& COMBINED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS DE SOZA PARK

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER



Sausage Sizzle &
Kid's Activities 5.30pm
Carols start 7.30pm
Led by Sing Australia Choir
Local artists
& Father Christmas



DE SOZA PARK DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING 28TH NOV 2013

Chair	David Searl (apology) so the meeting was facilitated by Graeme Kent
Attendees	Henk Batstra, Jenny Ryle, Lyn Lea, Megan Rosewarne, Ron Delaland, Alex Pallett
Others to be included	Cr Peter Innes, David MacMahon, Daryl Wallis, Kristy Bolton
	Council staff - Tim Grace, Adam Parrott
In attendance	Graeme Kent

Township program Background

Graeme Kent outlined the background to the group's meeting and where it connected with the Buninyong Reference Group and the Council's funding program for township development. And explained that the \$100,000 allocated will be for projects as identified by the community and Council staff do not have any projects identified. Projects will be community driven.

The intent of the meeting is to bring together those concerned about the revitalisation of De Soza Park and begin the process of gathering ideas and thoughts for the park. It is through the range of people around the table that their skills, networks and interest will enable the development of a big picture plan for the Park.

The next stage will be to bring in people with additional skills and abilities to embellish the agreed plans and start to develop timelines and specific actions.

David Searl sent his apologies due to transport problems.

Graeme opened up discussion and in doing that:-

- Ensured that opinion was genuinely sought for the revitalisation of the park
- Council was serious about community engagement
- Action would be community driven and supported by Council staff
- We need to think about the bigger picture of the park and look at it as a longer term major project. One that goes beyond the community project funding. It could be that a plan is developed for the whole site and would be a number of phases over a number of years and with significant financial input.
- This small group be seen as the De Soza Park Development Group and will oversee the project in partnership with Council staff

It was agreed that we all will:-

- Have a think of ideas for the whole park rather than just the Warrenheip St end
- Talk to others to gather ideas and thoughts to bring to a further meeting
- Consider the multi-faceted useage of the park
- Think about other partners for funds and inkind contributions that could be considered
- Share plans that have already been developed – to reconsider, rather than disregard
- Find notes and circulate them of earlier meetings
- Graeme will seek additional information regarding – land acquisition, adjacent private and public land
- A further meeting will be called for Mid February 2014

Graeme will:-

- Circulate the groups contact sheet
- Email maps, plans and other material as agreed and available
- Keep the group informed



Community Sausage Sizzles

At your local pool



Raise funds for your
community group this summer

by holding a Sausage Sizzle at

- Black Hill Pool
- Buninyong Pool
- Eureka Swimming Complex

Free space available Saturdays & Sundays, 1-6pm

Sausage sizzles can be held on a Saturday or Sunday at the three Ballarat YMCA managed outdoor pools; Black Hill, Buninyong and Eureka Pools, within specified times (subject to weather).

If you or someone you know is involved with a community group that would like to raise funds throughout the summer period we encourage you to get in touch with the Ballarat YMCA on 5329 2800.

For further information on the initiative visit www.ballarat.ymca.org.au and follow the outdoor pools link.

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2014 Cycling Australia Road National Championships

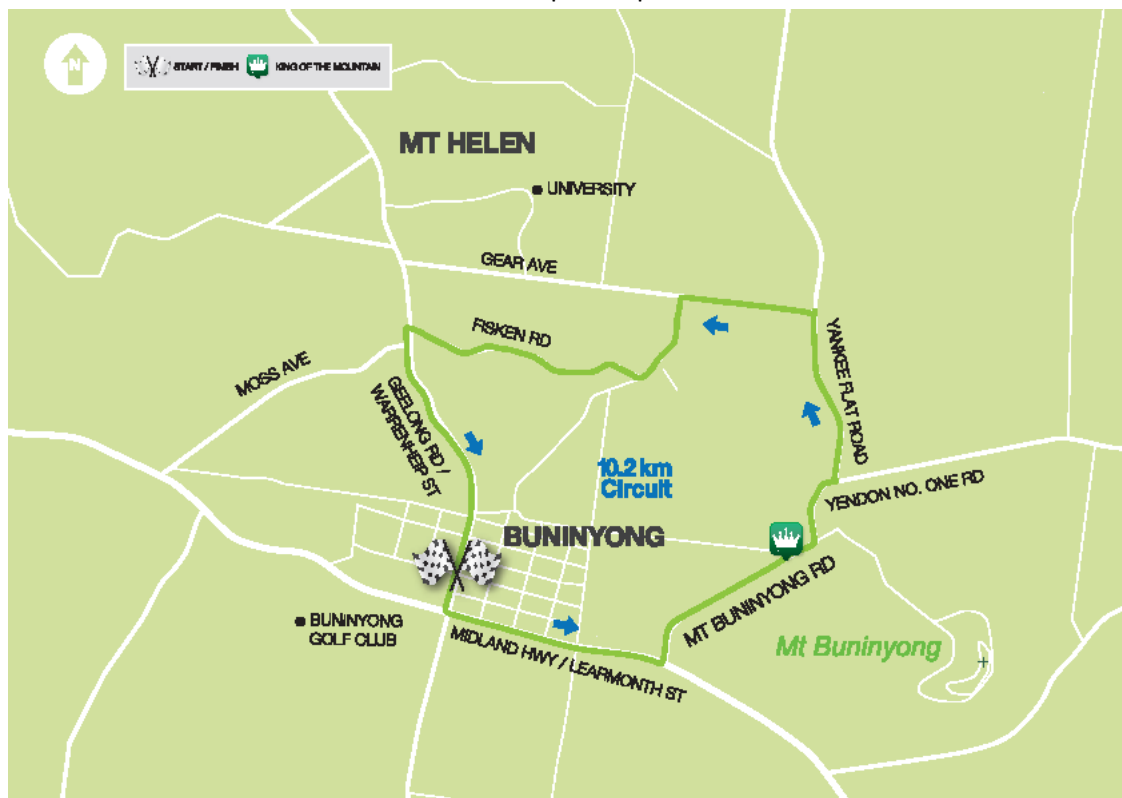
The Cycling Australia Road National Championships (CARNC) will be returning to Ballarat for the eighth time in January 2014. On Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 January, 2014, three road races will be held along the 10.2km circuit around Buninyong, regarded as one of the top road racing circuits in Australia. On Saturday, the Under 23 Men's Road Race and Women's Road Race will be held. Sunday will see the culmination of the Road National Championships with the Elite Men's Road Race, televised live on SBS.

The Road National Championships offer the opportunity for locals and up to 25,000 visitors to the region to watch some of Australia's greatest cyclists compete. Hosting an event of this scale and profile also offers Buninyong and Ballarat an opportunity to capitalise on increased visitor numbers and media focus to showcase our region as a great place to visit, work and live. In 2013, tourism from the Championships generated an estimated \$3,723,000 for the Ballarat economy.

Much like last year, road closures, traffic diversions and parking restrictions will be in place throughout Buninyong for the safety of the cyclists, spectators and road users. There will still be access to the Buninyong shops by crossing the race route at Cornish Street or Barkly Street. All Buninyong traders and residents will be sent letters from the City of Ballarat with details of the road closures and traffic diversions.

Two community information sessions will be held at the Buninyong Town Hall, Learmonth Street, on Monday 9 December at 2.00pm and 7.30pm (1 hour duration). To register your interest in attending, or to find out more, please contact the City of Ballarat Community Events Team on 03 5320 5708 or cycling@ballarat.vic.gov.au.

More information about the Road National Championships can be found at www.roadnationals.org.au.



Scotsburn Campus News Buninyong Primary School

Enrolments welcome: Contact Principal Buninyong PS Phone 53413560

Swimming Program

All Scotsburn students will be participating in a swimming program at the Ballarat University pool from December 2nd to 6th. The students are really looking forward to this.



Woodwork

Some students in grade 4 have been doing some woodwork lately, using offcuts of wood donated to us. The students enjoyed learning how to saw, hammer and put together a variety of wooden vehicles they designed and made.

Thank you to Gerry for your help. The students are looking forward to continuing with other projects.



Buninyong PS Fete

Scotsburn community were very involved with the fete held on Friday 22nd November. Students and parents helped with the lucky dip, wood raffle, corn on the cob stall and a plant stall.



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas breakup will be held at Scotsburn PS on Wednesday 18th December beginning at 7pm.

Enquiries or enrolments, please contact 53413560

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to us . . . And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24th)

- 4.15pm Free kids activities
- 5.15pm Free BBQ
- 6.00pm Child friendly Church Service

Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th)

- 9.00am Church Service

Enquiries to Mark on 5341 328
www.buninyongan Anglican.org.au



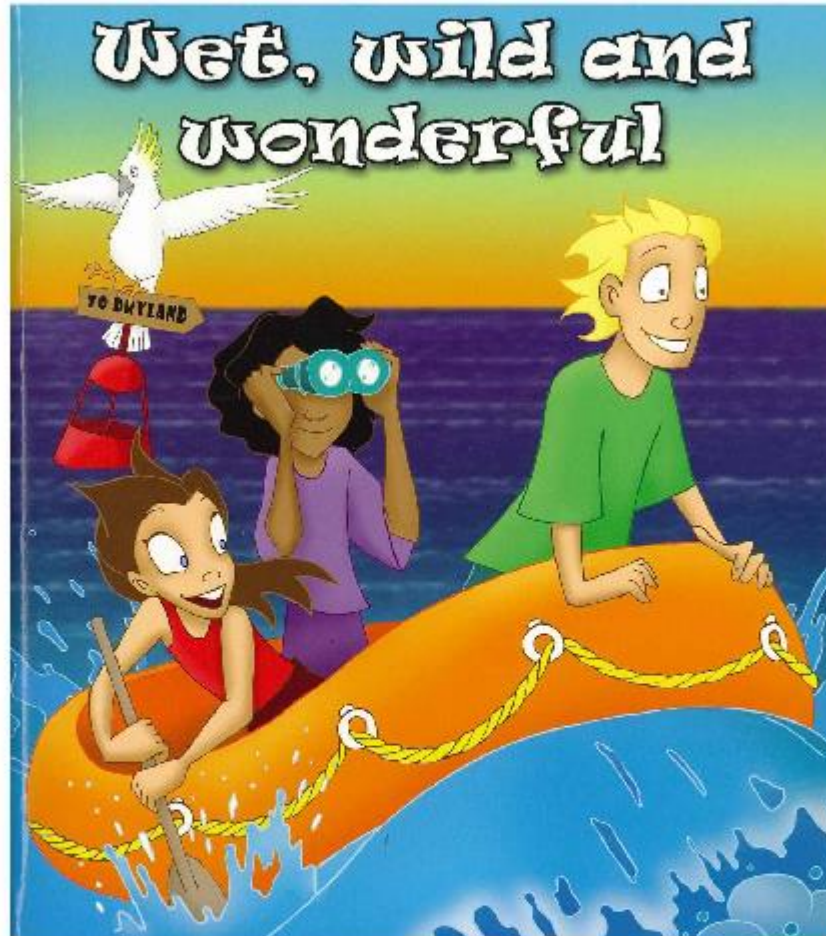
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FREE children's holiday program



A fun holiday program about Jesus for Primary School aged children

**Monday 20th to Friday 24th January 2014
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www.buninyonganglican.org.au



BUNINYONG-Mt HELEN LIONS CLUB Inc.

P.O.Box 254, Buninyong, 3357.

This will be our last article for the year 2013. All the members of the Lions Club of Buninyong Mt Helen would like to wish everybody in our community the very best for the Christmas season, and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Carols in the Park. One of our biggest events for the year, in conjunction with the Church Groups in our town, is our "Carols in the Park" on Saturday the 14th of December.

A committee consisting of several Lions members and representatives of our local Churches start to the

organise the night around February. Every member of committee is allocated a particular project related to the Carols night and our progress is monitored at each monthly meeting during the year. Jobs such as booking De Soza Park and arranging permits through the Council, booking all our performers, safety personnel, music etc. assembling our Christmas tree near the Information Centre and erecting our "Crib", plus many more things that have to be ready for the night. Then, on the day of the Carols, we have to set up the stage and surrounding area, and at the end of the day, take everything down and store away ready for next year.



This year our Christmas tree will be a little different. Instead of the typical pine tree, we have fabricated a re-usable tree which will be erected and decorated on Friday the 6th of December. The tree can be dismantled after Christmas and re-used in years to come.

Lions Russell Williams, Keith Chapman and Ian Voigt - trial run with our "new-age" Christmas tree.

In conjunction with our Carols night we are running a giant raffle. The first prize, to be drawn on the night of the Carols, is a garden trolley full of "goodies". There will also be a second and third prize. Ticket sellers will be outside the Foodworks Supermarket each Saturday morning, or you can buy tickets from The Lions Bookshop, the BP Service Station, UFS Pharmacy and the Pizza Shop.



OH&S Our members do a lot of volunteer work which puts them onto public places and exposes them to potential danger. Examples are our Clean up the Highway Campaign, traffic control around the town for events such as the bicycle races and car rallies, etc. Thanks to a grant from the City of Ballarat through their "Community Impact Grant" scheme we were able to purchase a number of approved Safety Vests which also display our Lions Logo as pictured below.

Many thanks to Sandra Kennedy, the Community Development Officer at the Ballarat Council who helped us in the preparation of our Grant Application, and to "Hip Pocket" work wear who designed and supplied the vests at a very competitive price.

District Governor's Visit At our Dinner Meeting on the 18th November we were honoured to have the District Governor Lion Stan Falloon and his wife Lion Robyn as our guests.

DG Stan has under his control, Lions clubs starting from Melbourne and covering a large portion of north-western Victoria. It is interesting to note that one of his clubs is "The Lions club of State Parliament."

The District Governor was welcomed by our Zone Chairman Lion Dawn Fischer. In his address the District Governor talked about the imbalance of female to male members of Lions. Fortunately, our Club has above the average number of female members but we openly invite ladies to approach our Membership Director, Lion David Searl on 0410 009 000 to learn more about Lions in General and our Club in particular. He also asked us to try and recruit younger people into our ranks to help us with our work.



District Governor Stan Falloon presenting President Andy Paterson with a District Governor's banner.

The District Governor also inducted a new member, Greg Pugh, into our Lions Club. Greg was sponsored by Lion David Page, who in turn was presented with a "Monarch" membership certificate for 20 years of dedicated service.



Sponsor Lion David Page, presenting our newly inducted member Lion Greg Pugh with his membership pin. Greg was accompanied by his wife Angela with District Governor Stan Falloon on the right.

Cycling Australia Road National Championships.

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For map of route please refer to page 6 of this edition.

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 and Wednesday afternoon 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.

Leading up to Christmas, "coffee table" books including cook books, books on Australia etc, will be half price.

Donations of books, CD's, DVD's and old "Vinyls" are gratefully received.

LIONS - WE SERVE



Do you need a family GP?

For appointments call 5341 3878

UFS Medical is now open in Buninyong and welcomes Dr Alana Gimpel. Dr Gimpel has relocated to the area and is taking new patients. To make an appointment contact UFS Medical on (03) 5341 3878.

Dr Alana Gimpel

Dr Alana Gimpel has relocated from Sydney to Buninyong to join UFS Medical. Dr Gimpel is originally from Russia, however her clinical experience of nearly ten years has all been undertaken in Australia. Alana worked in a hospital environment before moving into general practice. She has a special interest in mental health, sexual health, chronic disease management, lifestyle, preventive medicine and weight loss management.

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LEARMONTH STREET BUNINYONG.**

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.

We have had a busy time with four Baptisms being held in the last two weeks of November.

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 House will be suspended at the end of the fourth school term until the start of the first term in 2014.

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. The Sebastopol Mission Centre will close on 18th December and reopen in the first week in February 2014.

Book Club. The Book Club now meets on the third Thursday of the month. We will end the year with a meeting and luncheon at the Buninyong Church hall on Thursday 19th December at 12.00 noon. Everyone is to bring their own meat and a salad or sweet to share.

Mainly Music Group. The Mainly Music Program will be suspended on 11th of December until next year. 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.

There will be a Mainly Music group starting at Buninyong in the Sunday School hall, in February 2014. Applicants from children wanting to take part are very welcome. If you are interested in your child taking part please phone Lindell

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.

We held a men's breakfast on the 9th November. David Senior was the guest speaker talking about antiques and astounded those attending with his knowledge of the values and histories of the items displayed.

The Christmas Services for 2013 are displayed below.

Buninyong :- Christmas Carols at 7.00pm Christmas Eve. No service Christmas Day.

Meredith :- Christmas Carols at 10.00pm Christmas Eve. No service Christmas Day.

Sebastopol :- Christmas Day service at 9.00am.

The Christmas hampers will be delivered to some needy Delacombe families on December 20th.

Best wishes Joy Whitten.



Buninyong Mens Shed

PO Box 414

Buninyong 3357

As the year draws to a close, the fellows in the "shed" wish you a merry Xmas and a fantastic 2014.

To date our application for a grant has not made any headway, despite our optimism. A few jobs came our way which helped top up the coffers, we also had a nice donation of a few power tools, so we are ready to take off, if and when we get some extra space. On the 19th of

December, outside the Lions Bookshop, we will have a small stall selling potted herbs and a few handmade items, eg; wooden toys, garden seats etc. See you there.

All recycled, wooden garden seat.



Marmalade Entries Coming in from around Australia

The first marmalade entries have arrived for the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Awards to be held on Saturday 1st February (from 1pm) - and they have come from far and wide.

Janet from Georgetown in far north Queensland, on the Savannah Way inland from Cairns, was the first with her two entries despite the continuing drought that they face up there. Then came six beautifully presented marmalade entries made by Felicity from outside Canberra.

Last February every State was represented in the 130 entries, so Buninyong is now the centre of a national competition. One Perth family detoured via Buninyong this time last year to deliver their precious entries while there was a strong gathering of Melbourne enthusiasts at last February's Awards.

The CWA Judges took the trouble to give some very helpful comments on many entries and entrants can use these to further improve their marmalade. "It's a wonderful resource to have three highly trained judges commenting on what you produce" said June Henderson, Vice President of the *MarmalAshes* Buninyong Marmalade Association and this was backed up by Chief Steward, Lyn Fleming who also exhibits her marmalade. "It makes it much easier to improve at anything if you have the experts advising you with their judges' comments" June concluded.

Local marmalade makers are also preparing their 2-jar entries ready for delivery to the Buninyong

Service Station or the Buninyong FoodWorks Supermarket in January (by the 24th) – or they can be posted to PO Box 563 Buninyong, 3357.

Entry fees are donated to the Home Hospice movement who look after older people and \$1,024

was presented to Ballarat Hospice Care after the 2013 event.

Vice President of the MarmalAshes Buninyong



Marmalade Association and keen marmalade-maker, June Henderson, with the first entries to come in for the 2014 event on Saturday 1st February from 1pm.





Friends of Royal Park

Expression of Interest - Smart Building and Living Ballarat Expo 2014

We need your input!!

We are looking for ideas and expressions of interest from businesses, stall holders, community groups and volunteers for the **Smart Building and Living Ballarat** expo to be held **Sunday 23rd February, 10 - 3 at Royal Park.**

Activities, products and services must be in keeping with the theme of the day - sustainable building and lifestyle and might include:

- Builders and designers
- Energy, insulation, windows, retrofit or lighting products
- Food, garden
- Lifestyle products - cleaning, personal care, pets, vintage, recycled goods etc
- Community groups, Landcare, Permaculture

If you or someone you know would like to be involved please contact Andrea 0427 338 482 or email forp.buninyong@gmail.com to discuss. [Click here](#) to forward this email to anyone who may be interested. We hope to have a full registration form online soon.

Stay tuned to the [FORP website](#) for further details as they come to hand or [SUBSCRIBE to our enews](#).

If you are a Buninyong or Mt Helen resident and want to get involved in Smart Living events in Buninyong then contact us to find out how. Andrea, 0427 338 482, [_forp.buninyong@gmail.com](mailto:forp.buninyong@gmail.com)

Sustainable Christmas Presents!

If you're thinking about planting - think about using Greensmart Pots and fill them with Grow Better Organic Potting Mix – what better gift!

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BUNINYONG RSL

RSL Service Recognised

Two Buninyong RSL Women's Auxiliary members were recognised for their service to the sub branch when presented with Certificates on Remembrance day .

Mrs Joan Brusaschi received a 50 year Long service Award from the RSL State President and members of the RSL Women's Council of Victoria and awarded in grateful recognition of services rendered over a long period of time.

Mrs Helen Stephens received a 25 year certificate for her work with Buninyong RSL Women's Auxiliary.

Both presentations were made by Brian Parker the current Buninyong RSL President.

Helen Stephens, Brian Parker and Joan Brusaschi following the presentation.



Local Schools Attend Remembrance Day

A strong attendance of students, teachers, parents and community members gathered in RSL Park, Buninyong for the Remembrance Day observance on November 11th .

Again the focal point was the field of crosses in front of the cenotaph. Floral tributes from 14 ex service organisations, schools and community groups were placed at the cenotaph.

RSL President Brian Parker presented cheques to Magpie, Napoleons, Emmaus, Mt Clear and Steiner schools and a military history book for the libraries at Damascus and Mt Clear Colleges.

The sub branch extends its thanks to the Buninyong community for its continued support of the poppy appeal where the proceeds is directed to the welfare to ex-service personnel and their families.



Left: *Buninyong Primary School teacher Shaun O'Loughlin with students Emily Richardson, Zoe Denahy, Joseph Matthews, Joel Boucher and City of Ballarat Councillor Peter Innes.*

Below: *Students from the Napoleons primary School place a wreath during the Remembrance day observance.*





Members of the Buninyong RSL Women's Auxiliary who supplied morning tea for those attending the ceremony.



President Brian Parker conducts the 2013 Remembrance Day observance

STURT BUNINYONG MASONIC LODGE

Local Lodge Successful in Charity Challenge

Five Masonic Lodges from District 106 contested in a Charity Challenge at the Ballarat Masonic Centre on 14th October 2013. The previous Charity Challenge conducted by the Grand Lodge of Victoria was held at the same venue in March 2012.

A gathering of 60 supporters enjoyed dinner and later listened intently as:

St John's Lodge (Ballarat) put their case for the Men's Shed, Sturt Buninyong United-Increased capacity of the Mt Clear PS Breakfast Club, Mt Franklin St George (Daylesford) –ongoing welfare in schools in and around the Daylesford District, Guiding Star (Ballarat)-Lighthouse Foundation and All Nations (Clunes)- support to the rapidly growing Clunes Youth Group conducted under the direction of the Clunes Country Women's Association.



President of the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence RWBro Frank Fordyce was impressed with the compassion of the presentations and handed cheques sharing a value of \$6000 to four Lodges to assist their charity work with local organisations. Each Lodge will add to the value of their share.

Sturt Buninyong Lodge Secretary Ron Fleming presented the case for increased capacity in the Mt

Helen Primary School breakfast Club. The case canvassed reasons why children missed breakfast and the resulting range of issues that can follow.

Malcolm Hull -All Nations, Frank Fordyce Board of Benevolence, Peter Gallagher- Mt Franklin St George, Ray Schenk- St John's and Roy Taylor -Guiding Star and Ron Fleming-Sturt Buninyong.

Lodge Gears Up for Annual Fruit Sale Project

Fruit and Freemasonry has been linked with the Sturt Buninyong Lodge for over 40 years as its fruit project returns are directed into local charities.



On Friday 3rd January 2014 the Social Committee and Lodge members will again undertake another fruit sale with some 4 tonnes of mainly apricots from the Goulburn Valley being available for sale.

(See advertisement for details).

A snap shot from the 2012 "Operation Apricot"

Lodge Members Recognised.

Bro Ian Crosbie and Bro Jason Goldsmith have been recognised for their participation in the Victorian Bushfires 2009 fires in their role as members of the Country Fire Authority.

Both have received the National Emergency Medal with the "Vic Fires 09 Clasp" in a recent presentation ceremony at Ballarat.

The National Emergency Medal (NEM) was approved by Her Majesty The Queen in October 2011 for award to members of eligible organisations or individuals who render qualifying service in response to nationally significant emergencies within Australia.

The medal design is a stylised representation of Australia's national floral emblem, the wattle, is the central symbol of the NEM. The image around the central image is of a flowering wattle, representing the accomplishments and sacrifice made by Australians in service of others in times of crisis. The back of the medal repeats the ring of flowering wattle, and details the award and recipient.

The NEM ribbon colours match the colours of the Humanitarian Overseas Service medal ribbon. The colours are gold and eucalyptus green. Gold symbolises the Australian sun, optimism and hope. Eucalyptus green complements the symbolism of the medal design.

The seven gold coloured bands represents Australia's six states with the seventh representing the territories.

The Queensland Floods 2010-11 and Cyclone Yasi service has been recognised by the clasp "Qld 2010-11".

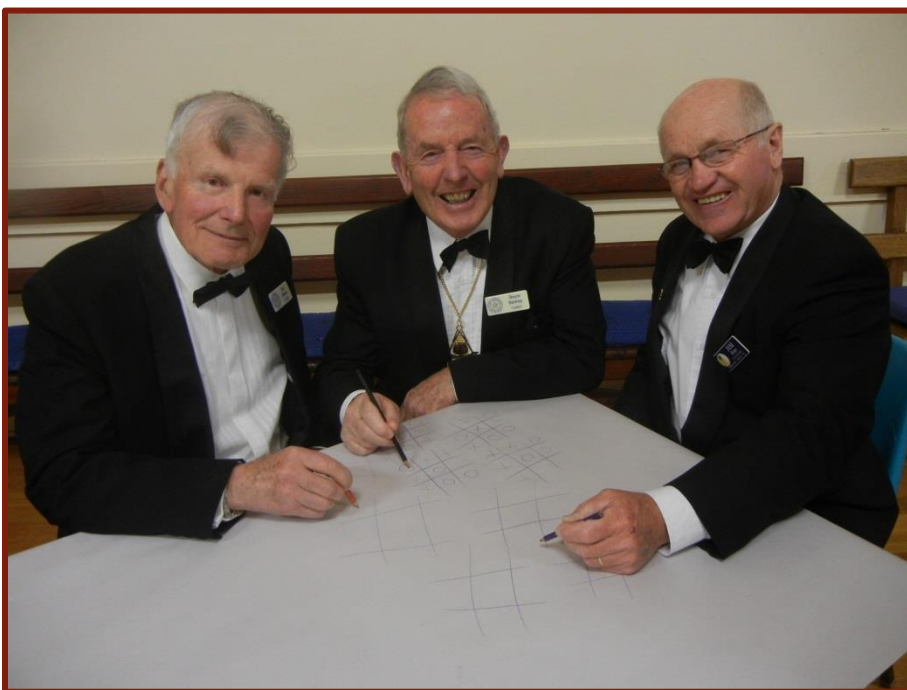
Since the establishment of the NEM 6,102 people have been recognised for their service for the Vic fires in 2009 and Qld floods 2010-11.



Bro Jason Goldsmith and Bro Ian Crosbie proudly wear their National Emergency Medal.

Never Too Old For Noughts and Crosses

Members attending supper at the November meeting of Sturt –Buninyong Lodge found a novel use for the paper table cloth. The cloths provided the perfect medium on which to play noughts and crosses.

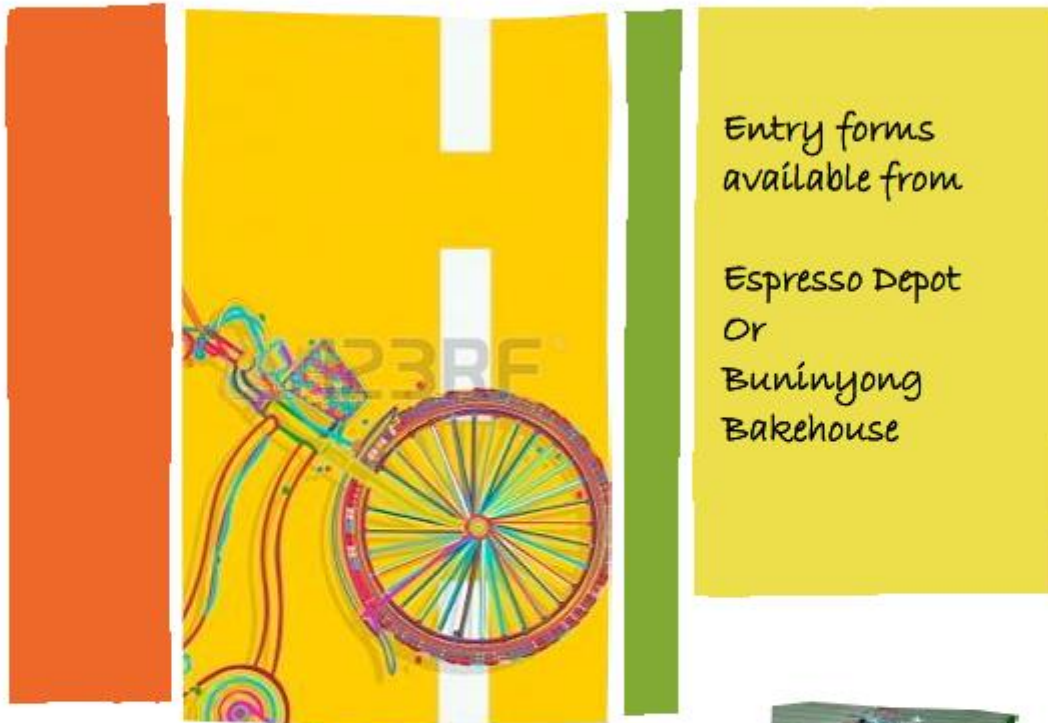


After a tentative start the enthusiasm and chatter rapidly increased. In fact some tried their skill in artistic design but most stayed with the original activity. It was different and all enjoyed the fun.

SBU members Kaspers Bitans and Bruce Bartrop try their skills against Guiding Star member Jim Hems.

National Bike Road Race Championship weekend
11th & 12th January 2014

Decorate Your Bike



Entry forms
available from

Espresso Depot
Or
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Bakehouse



Win Great Prizes
To be judged on Saturday 11th January 2014

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National Bike Road Race Championship weekend
11th & 12th January 2014
Entry Registration

Decorate Your Bike



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Contact phone/email
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Great prizes to be won, judging

9.00am Saturday 11th January

Post entry by 15th December to

Decorated Bike Competition

313 Eyre street

Buninyong 3357

Decorated Bike Competition

Buninyong & District Community Association Inc.

Buninyong & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch

 **Bendigo Bank**

What to do when you enter your bike:

- 1 Fill in registration form and either return the form to Espresso Depot or post or take to 313 Eyre Street, Buninyong.
- 2 Decorate your bike – or if you don't have one contact Pat on 53413711 and we can lend you one, then just go for it. You can find lots of images on your computer, or just use your imagination.
- 3 Bring your decorated bike to DeSoza Park on Saturday 11th January 2014 by 9.30am as judging will take place at 10.00am, your bike will then be allocated a place in the town so everyone can see your work, bring a lock if you would like your bike to be locked up.
- 4 Make sure your name is somewhere on your bike so that we know who it belongs to.
- 5 Take your bike home after the race on Saturday after watching the women's National Championship, bring it back on Sunday morning for the men's race, then take it home again on Sunday after you have watched the winner of the race become the National Champion.
- 6 Have a great weekend!!!



BUNINYONG RSL LADIES AUXILIARY

We wish everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Prosperous New
Year



Helen Stephens – Secretary – Ph: 5341 3393

BUNINYONG RED CROSS SERVICE GROUP

May the Spirit of Christmas be
with you all

Happy New Year everyone!

New members are most welcome



Helen Stephens Ph: 5341 3393

LEIGH CATCHMENT GROUP

RIVER HEALTH SUCCESS

Leigh Catchment Group has just received notification of \$45,344 (ex GST) for five projects on the Yarrowee and Upper Williamsons' Creek. This is a part of the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority's program 'Securing the health of the Barwon Basin ' and is the fifth year this funding has been available. The work will include fencing out livestock, revegetation and some willow removal. If you are interested in undertaking some natural resource management work on the Upper Leigh reaches next year, and are looking for a contribution, please contact Jenny for an Expression of interest form. 0353412364 or leighcg@ncable.net.au.

GARIBALDI/NAPOLEONS WEED ACTION PROJECT

We have had an excellent response to this community led gorse control program with 28 landholders contacting the Gorse Officer, Jenny Johnston.

We have been able to complement this with some funding from Golden Plains shire for adjacent neighbours. If you are interested in a financial contribution towards gorse control on your property (not public land) in this area, it is worth contacting the Landcare office for advice

and leaving your address, but funding is now nearly all allocated for the present time. This is a good time to start gorse and other woody weed control as the weather warms up and the plants are actively growing.

FIBRE ART COMPETITION 2014

Corangamite Waterwatch invites entrants to take part in our Fibre Artwork Competition to coincide with World Environment Day, 5 June, 2014. The theme is **"Everything and anything to do with water and our environment"** and is open to entrants in these categories:

- Primary School Class Entry
- Secondary School Class Entry
- Open Individual Entry

You may use embroidery, textiles and assorted fibres to create a hanging work that celebrates World Environment Day. Prizes are available and your entry will be displayed at an exhibition space in Ballarat in June. Entries close Friday 16th May, 2014. For enquires and conditions of entry, phone or email Kristen on 52329141

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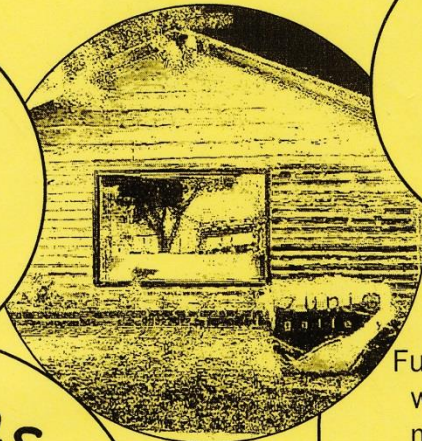
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BALLARAT DISTRICT BOWLS

DIVISION ONE

The Ballarat Courier page 36 "Ballarat District Bowls" 2nd December 2013 pictured **Steve Albin** about to roll a bowl against Mt Xavier. Buninyong is currently 6th on the ladder and on the day defeated 9th placed Mt Xavier by 19 points.

WENDOUREE SENIOR CITIZENS 39TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Ballarat Courier page 18 "Who's In It Today"

2nd December 2013 pictured Buninyong Senior Citizens **Jean Tatt and Alan Westrup** at the birthday celebration for the Wendouree club.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION

The Ballarat Courier November 29 2013 page 17 "Opinion" page pictured attendees at the Diwali: Festival of Lights – Bringing Cultures Together function that was held at the Ballarat Showgrounds recently. Guest speaker **Sonia Smith** was pictured with the chairman of Australian Association for Indian Culture and Education **Ambitabh Singh**, **Goldy Brar** from the Curry Star restaurant and **Dr Helen Smith**. **Sonia Smith** is a local lawyer and active member of the community and she spoke about her year in India in 2003/2004 where she had experienced the Festival of Lights.

DE SOZA PARK POPPET HEAD DISMANTLED

The Golden Plains Miner November 28 2013 page 3 devoted a full page to the dismantling of the poppet head that was deemed to be unsafe after 30 years in DeSoza Park. The poppet head was designed by mining engineer **Graham Gooding** and it was erected by locals from the Buninyong Mt Helen Lions Club, led by builder **Russell Williams** with assistance from **Ron Nicholls** and his sons, **Frank and Chris**, and their heavy machinery in 1982



for a reenactment of the crowning of Henry Joseph DeSoza (commonly known as Simon but later corrected to Henry Joseph) the Gold King of Buninyong. The Buninyong Festival was originally named The Gold King Festival after the philanthropic Mr DeSoza, who had a prosperous gold mine at Scotchmans Lead, handed out gold sovereigns to the citizens of Buninyong. The reenactment featured local primary school teacher **Ray Riordan** as the gold king and **Jane Bath**, the daughter of **Alan** and **Myra Bath**, accompanied him in the horse drawn cart. DeSoza wore a gold crown made from gold from his own mine. The Golden Plains Miner was on the spot to photograph the sheave wheels being hauled away and also took a photograph of **Chris Nicholls** with the two wheels that his family had donated in 1982. Buninyong Mt Helen Lions Club member **David Searl** is the convenor of the DeSoza Park Development Group who will lead the discussions on the redevelopment of the park.



BUNINYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE A HUGE SUCCESS

The Golden Plains Miner page 9, 28 November 2013 had a full page spread on the fun at the fete on 22nd November. The cold and showery weather did not deter a large crowd of locals out to enjoy the different activities. A full page of photographs showed the two Nathans busking, Mums Tabettha Pearce and Sally Pope making fairy floss, Indy wielded the nail polish brush and painted Alison's fingernails while Lucy looked on, Blake was hurling balls at the dunking machine trigger and other school kids tried their hand at whacking with a mallet in a show of strength.

1948 OLYMPIC GAMES MEMORIES

Buninyong resident **Ray Weinberg** and his wife **Shirley** shared many anecdotes with Golden Plains Miner correspondent Debbie Kolarik. Ray was an Olympic Games participant in London in 1948 in the hurdling section of athletics. His wife Shirley was an athlete in her own right and held many records for sprinting in State and National championships. Ray was ranked in the top eight in the world for four years, was an Olympic finalist, in 1952 had the fastest time in the world for 220 yards hurdles and held the national 110 metres hurdles record for 20 years. He coached the Australian team in the 1968 Mexico games and later became involved with a group of retired athletes who mentored and sponsored promising competitors. The Golden Plains Miner pages 10 and 11, 28 November 2013 had a photograph of Shirley and Ray in action in their younger days and a current photo with Ray holding an autographed photo of his role model, Jesse Owen.

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The Ballarat Courier November 30 2013 page 35 "Ballarat Extra Food/Wine *IntheKitchen*" pictured **Brigid Corcoran** from Saltbush Kitchen. Brigid has packaged a range of foods with a native Australian flavor to cater for parties and events. She travels to the local farmers markets and is about to have a Pop Up kitchen evening at the Known World Bookshop in Sturt Street on December 5 and 12 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

UNITINGCARE UNDER THE FLOORBOARDS EXHIBITION

The Ballarat Courier November 23 2013 page 143 "Who's In It Today" featured a full page of attendees at the UnitingCare Auction Night for artworks from the Under the Floorboards Exhibition at the Ballarat Lodge, Main Road, Ballarat recently. **Cr. Peter Innes and Julie Innes** enjoyed the black tie event.

REMEDIAL, SPORTS AND RELAXATION THERAPIST

Rhiannon Taylor has recently set up her practice in Warrenheip Street, Buninyong near the Post Office. The holistic health and wellbeing business **Ribbon** shares the building with GMC Chiropractic. Rhiannon likes to support the local community and during the Buninyong Good Life Festival in October, Ribbon performed free 10 minute massages over the course of the day. The Ballarat Courier "Ballarat Extra Myessentials" page38 November 23 2013.

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Trudy Nicholson has opened a gallery and art space in Zuni Gallery. The log cabin, the previous residence of the late Lucy Hathaway, is now Trudy's new studio and encompasses a gallery space as

well. Trudy is a retired art teacher and will be available for art lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Ballarat Courier "ArtConnect" page 33 November 26 2013.

MY GREEN WALL PROGRAM

The My Green Wall Program, sponsored by the power tool company Stihl, encourages primary school children to become interested in growing their own vegetables. The Buninyong Primary School Grade 3 students have a vertical wall of plant pots and have potted up Asian vegetables to tie in with their Japanese lessons. The photograph in The Golden Plains Miner 21.11.13 page 8 showed Emilie helping Thomas with the watering while the rest of the grade looked on.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS LIGHT UP STURT STREET BALLARAT

Cr Peter Innes was photographed with Santa on the median strip of the 300 block of Sturt Street Ballarat with one of the delightful reindeers that are covered in flowers and fairy lights. The floral reindeers have made a welcome return to help celebrate the Christmas Season.

TENNIS SHOTS

The Ballarat Courier 12.11.13 page 21 Junior Sports Extra *The J-File* featured a full page of action shots from the junior tennis. **Hunter Donald** from Buninyong Gold B1 team and **Matthew Schaper**

from the Mt Helen C4 team showed their individual styles during play.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

The Frock and Filly Melbourne Cup lunch at the Lydiard Wine Bar in Lydiard Street Ballarat was enjoyed by a large crowd on November 5th. Among the smiling faces was **Georgia Shillito** (Buninyong) who attended with **Julie Byrne** (Mt Helen) and Emilie Ashley (Mt Pleasant). "Who's in it Today" The Ballarat Courier 11.11.13 page 18.

DAMASCUS COLLEGE PIANO STUDENT PLAYS FOR CHARITY CONCERT AT BALLARAT ART GALLERY

Jason White has been playing piano since he was seven, and has recently begun learning with Bronislaw Sozanski who has taken the teenager further with his music. Jason has been busking and playing to assist with Damascus College's fundraising for Project Compassion, an annual event at the school. The Golden Plains Miner 7.11.13 page 6.

DIVINE VINTAGE

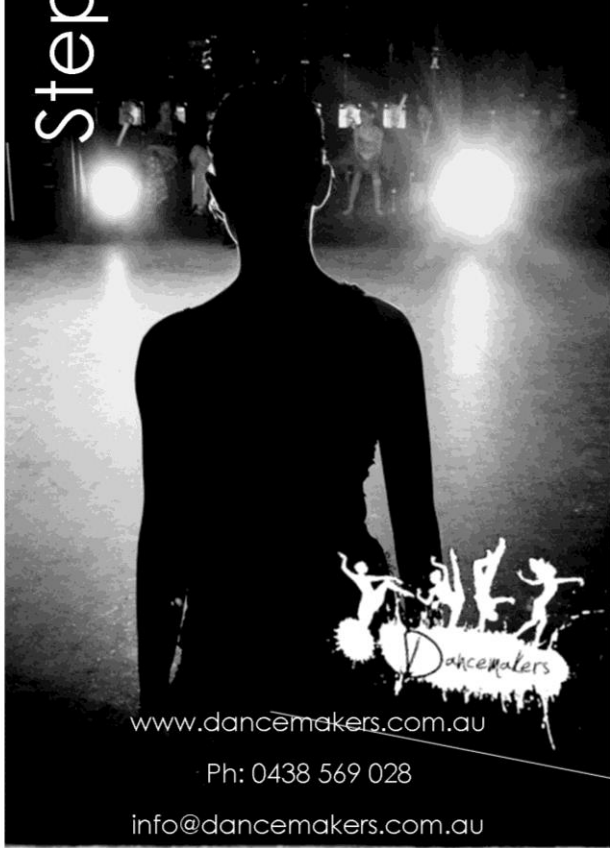
"My Essentials" in the Ballarat Extra of the Ballarat Courier 2.11.13 page 38 featured a full page of **Wendy Chalker** and her favourite things from her Divine Vintage shop in Warrenheip Street Buninyong. Wendy has been in vintage retail for more than a decade and recently opened her shop in Buninyong.



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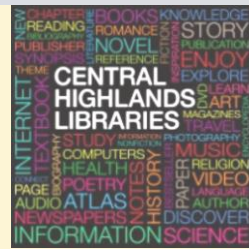
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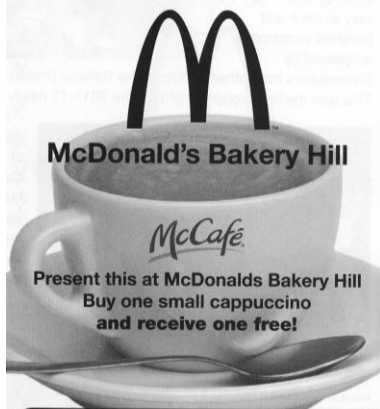
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