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**Marvellous Marmalade Fair returns to Buninyong in
February 2013**

Marmalade Entries Arriving for Buninyong Event. Organising committee members, June Henderson and Neville Wilson receiving early entries from South Australia and Western Australia for judging at the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair.

Marvellous Marmalade Fair returns to Buninyong in February 2013

Judging for the 2013 marmalade awards and MarmalAshes is fast approaching with entries now being despatched from around Australia in readiness for the Marvellous Marmalade Fair on Sunday 3 February when Buninyong becomes centre of the nation's marmalade universe. The CWA expert judges will select the Australian XI to tour to the International Marmalade Awards in Cumbria, UK and compete with the England XI.

"Marmalade-makers around Australia, our Marmy Army, are keen to beat the Poms at something else they claim to have invented", said Russell Luckock, convenor of the light-hearted challenge. "Last year, we received entries from every state plus the ACT. Australia has won the previous two contests so is on a hat-trick of three wins in a row. England is expected to rally this year after their stinging losses", he added.

CWA judges assess each feature such as presentation, colour, texture and, of course, the ever-important marmalade taste. Entrants receive a scorecard to help with their future marmalade-making.

Public viewing of the entries will commence at 12 noon on 3 February in the Buninyong Town Hall, to be followed by the awards ceremony and comments from the judges and selectors.

Last year's winner of the 'Man-made' class was novice marmalade-maker Neville Wilson, organiser of the Buninyong Men's Shed, a group more attuned to carpentry and fixing things. Mr Wilson is also keen to encourage men to try their luck with marmalade and said, "If a humble woodworker can win a class, anyone can. Just have a go and submit a marmalade entry to help Australia beat the Poms! After all, they currently hold the cricket Ashes and beat us in the Olympics medal tally, so we need to triumph over the England XI in the MarmalAshes again."

The MarmalAshes trophy is held in the old Buninyong Courthouse as the Ashes are held at Lord's. "Our Australian XI, eleven jars of our best marmalade, plus a reserve twelfth jar, has beaten the Poms over the past two years. However, if they win the MarmalAshes, the Brits will have to come to Buninyong to see their trophy", Mr Wilson added.

Further Information

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Music at the Brewery was held on **Sunday 3 February 2013** at the **old Brewery, 107 Yuille Street, Buninyong**

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BUNINYONG-Mt HELEN LIONS CLUB Inc.

P.O.Box 254, Buninyong, 3357.

Welcome to 2013. The Lions Club of Buninyong Mt. Helen wish all our readers a safe and prosperous New Year and thank all our supporters for their assistance during 2012.

School Encouragement Awards.

We had a very busy to 2012. In December we had the pleasure of presenting our annual Student Awards to two pupils from year six from four of the Primary Schools in our area. The award is a \$100 book voucher to assist with their further studies. They are given to graduating students who show high academic and leadership abilities for their last year at their school. It must be said that the standard of the winners was exceptional, and we wish all the winners and, in fact, all the graduates the very best in their ongoing educational voyage.

The winners were:-

Buninyong Primary School, Charlotte Hull and Jonathon Saxon, presented by Lion Bill Jolly.

Magpie Primary School, Bryce Leontic and Lachlan Page, presented by Lion Barbara Voigt.

Mt. Clear Primary School, Chloe Barendsen and Michael Jeffs, presented by Lion John Podolinsky.

Emmaus Primary School, Milly Hocking and Molly Johnstone, presented by Lion Wendy McCann.

In early December we put up the Christmas Trees around the town, together with the Crib and the large Christmas Tree in the DeSoza next to the Information Centre. Thanks to all those who helped. A big thank you to the pupils of Buninyong Primary School who painted the containers for the trees and also to Captain Marc Cannan and the members of the Buninyong CFA for making sure our street trees were watered.

2012 "Carols in the Park"

Our next major event was our annual "Carols in the Park" night, held on Saturday 8th of December. This was a resounding success with over 1100 people attending. The standard of entertainment was outstanding capped off with a visit from Santa who was welcomed with great gusto by all the children. Our sincere thanks must go to the Carols Committee, chaired by Arnoud Goossens for their work in organising this event. Planning starts in May and is ongoing right through the year.



A special thanks must go to Bronwyn Booth whose expertise in organising the performers and music amongst other aspects of the night was invaluable. Santa (alias Lion Simon Jess) was one of most popular performers at our Carols Night.

We must also thank the City of Ballarat, and the Buninyong Bendigo Bank for their financial assistance which, together with help by way of our BBQ and other sale items, and donations from those at the night, enabled us to donate \$2000 to the 3BA Christmas Appeal .

Our "Volunteer Abroad"

In our October bulletin we reported that Lion David Searl was working with the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation as a volunteer in Derradon, India, as a teacher's aide. One of David's pupils, Sumit Roy, was chosen to represent India as a member of the Floor Hockey Team, to compete in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in South



Korea. This required him to purchase a special uniform and other equipment to cater for the very cold weather he was to confront. Finances were a problem for Sumit so, on a request from David, our Lions Club contributed \$200 help him buy suitable clothing.

From left - Michael Smith, a Volunteer from Melbourne, National Coach Kishan Rana, Sumit Roy and Lion David Searl.

Bike Races.

At the National Road Racing Cycling Championships held under the auspices of Cycling Australia, our Lions Club, assisted by other volunteers, work as "Ambassadors" over the weekend in Buninyong. Lion Graeme Lukey was the co-ordinator and his work starts many weeks before the event, liaising with the organisers to ensure there are sufficient numbers to fulfil our obligations. The weekend went off without a hitch and we thank those Lions members and other volunteers who helped us promote our Lions Club and hopefully made the visitors to our town feel welcome.



On duty at the Bike Races - From left - Lions Gary White, David Page, Graeme Lukey, Bill Jolly and Simon Jess.

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

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

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

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

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

It would be appreciated if papers could be laid flat and tied into bundles. They can be collected by us, or you can leave them in the green bin outside our shed in Forest Street (next door to the Tennis Club). **PLEASE, WE DO NOT TAKE ANY CARDBOARD.**

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

Book Shop Our Lions Club operates a Second Hand Book Shop, in the old Bakery, corner of Warrenheip and Learmonth Sts. We are open every Saturday morning from 10am to 1pm, except Farmer's Market day when we open at 9am.

The staff at the Book Shop are also able to source books for you. If you have a favourite title or author that is not in stock at the shop, please talk to our staff who will do their best to find it for you.

A special thanks must go to the "non Lion" volunteers who give up their time to work in our shop, especially Irene Jolly, Peta Kilmartin, Roz McIntyre and Jim Clementson.



Peta Kilmartin and Irene Jolly, hard at work??

If you have any books that you would like to donate to the shop, please drop them in or call Bill Jolly, 5341 2068 for collection. Please keep in mind - all funds raised by the Book Shop go back into our community.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE LIONS CLUB OF BUNINYONG
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ABC Open has run some courses at BUNINET recently, so keep your eye out for more interesting projects on
<http://open.abc.net.au/projects>

See our results for [Snapped: Winter](http://open.abc.net.au/projects/snapped-winter-08mz1ir/contributions/places/buninyong+vic) <http://open.abc.net.au/projects/snapped-winter-08mz1ir/contributions/places/buninyong+vic>

Web Savvy? Volunteer! We'd love to have your help.

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

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



NEWS ABOUT TOWN

BUNINYONG DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK PRESENT \$1000

Golden Plains Miner 13th December 2012 page 16. Last week Stuart McKee, branch manager of the Buninyong and District Community Bank presented the Elaine Tennis Club with a \$1000 cheque. The donation was put towards a defibrillator for the Elaine community. The club applied for a grant through the bank's grant allocation program for local community activities.

GOOD LIFE FESTIVAL

The Ballarat Courier 24 October 2012 page 23 featured a full page of festival participants at the Good Life Festival in Buninyong on October 21.

Several locals were photographed including Amy O'Dal, Betty Bunting and Lorraine O'Dal of the Uniting Church; Bob Whitten of the Uniting Church manning the BBQ; Charlie Lloyd on the dunking machine; Kim Kelly and Lana Spencer with potato swirls on sticks and Milla and Rylan Vermeend in front of the Buninyong Rescue Fire truck.

50 TOWNS IN 50 DAYS

The Ballarat Courier has been featuring different small villages and towns surrounding Ballarat and on January 11 page 9 it was Buninyong's turn. The current population is estimated at 3244 and the main industries are quoted as tourism and farming.

A beaming John Emery was photographed in front of the Town Hall and he was full of praise for the village that he and his wife Helen made their home 12 years ago. John is a former president of the Buninyong Ward Progress Association and has been a board member of the Bendigo Bank's Buninyong and District Community Bank and is in demand as an MC at various functions around the town. With the school registering 600 pupils the village has plenty of young residents to ensure a positive future.

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BENDIGO BANK'S BUNINYONG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK BRANCH

Chairman John Emery has stepped down after a six year association with the Community Bank. John was part of the initial committee that canvassed Buninyong residents and planned the opening of the bank on 6 August 2010 and he was thanked for his role in helping to deliver a positive outcome for Buninyong customers.

BUNINYONG SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

By the time we 'Seniors' commence our 2013 social year the February edition of the much appreciated Buninyong and District Community News will be circulating. We hope our members and all other recipients will have enjoyed a very happy Christmas and are now finding the new year being kind to them.

Our Christmas Party at the Buninyong Golf Club last December was enjoyed by an impressive number of members.

Happily, we are now one of the lucky areas not getting either too much water or too much fire. You are remembering to say "Thank you!" in the right place, aren't you?

Our 'arty' June will again teach us a number of craft skills during the present club year. We look forward to this.

Club activities resume on Tuesday, February 12th. Do resolve to be there on that day and each Tuesday throughout the year. And try to bring along some ideas to add extra variety and enjoyment to this time spent together.

Best wishes for good health and happiness during the new year.

Club contacts:-

President: David Littlejohn

Secretary: June Harbour Ph: 5341 7508.

Club rooms, Tuesday only Ph: 5341 8337



News for the start of 2013

REVEREND MARK SCHNERRING ON FIVE MONTHS LEAVE.

From the start of February, the Minister of Buninyong Anglican Church, Mark Schnerring will be on five months leave. A big part of this will be recovery from some major surgery, as well as some Annual leave and Long Service leave. The Parish will have a part time locum for much of this time – Reverend Lance Lawton. Please feel very free to contact him at the church office on 5309 2370 or lance@glenbaron.com

LEARNING TIME FOR 2 TO 5 YEAR OLDS AT OUR 10AM SERVICE.

The church is now offering a fun learning time for children around the 2 to 5 age group. It will be for about half an hour each week and will consist of a Bible story, an activity and prayer. We also have space for children to play in the church.

A WEBSITE FOR THE CHURCH.

The church is about to get a website up and running in the next little while. At this stage it will just have basic information about the church, including what we are about and what we do. We will add lots more to it over time. It's perfect if you are curious about us but not sure about taking the step of coming along to something yet. So, keep looking over the next couple of weeks until you see it up and going – www.buninyonganglican.org.au

Christmas Cheer at RSL Gathering

The December meeting of Buninyong RSL always provides a happy feeling and 2012 was no exception when 26 members were in attendance.

Grand parents, parents and around 40 children attended a children's Christmas party on 2nd December in the RSL grounds with activities and a special visitor. The party ceased some years ago but indications are that it will now continue.

The generosity of our community raised \$2737 in poppy sales during the lead up to Remembrance Day.

The comradeship committee work hard at each meeting under the leadership of Mick Lamond and Max Thorne to provide the social aspect of the evening. The December event is greeted with an expectation that was amply satisfied. Well done.



With the start of 2013 now is the time to rejoin your local RSL club. Subscription is \$35 and 50% of the subscription being retained by the branch. New members both Service and Affiliates are most welcome.

Introducing your Buninyong RSL Club

Christmas hampers arranged with the support of Foodworks Buninyong were distributed to ten of the senior members.

Bill Akell, Club Secretary Dru Parker, Welfare Officer Vic Bradley and Treasurer Dennis Meehan check the hampers before delivery.



COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION -BUNINYONG BRANCH

Welcome to all our readers for the year 2013 from the Buninyong C.W.A.

In December, a Graduate of Grade 6, from Buninyong Primary School was awarded the E.J. Poynton Award. The recipient this year was Callie Lee, congratulations Callie!



Our December Christmas Lunch, at the Buninyong Golf Club was an enjoyable occasion. A donation was given to the Buninyong Fire Brigade.

A number of members attended the Ballarat District Group Australia Day Luncheon at Neil Street.

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Feb. 18th Monday. Meeting at 1.30 p.m.

Feb. 19th Tuesday, C.W.A. Group Conference, at Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria Street, Ballarat East. 9.30 a.m. for 10 a.m. start, cost \$8 per person. Hostess Branch, Dinner Branch. Competitions: a Potholder, Lemon Cordial and cup Cakes.

Mar. 15th Friday C.W.A. Ballarat District Group Celebrations of the 85th Birthday of the C.W.A. Of Victoria Inc. This will be a luncheon at the Neil Street Uniting Church Hall, 10.30 for 11 a.m. start. Entry Fee. Please bring a plate to share, try and find some recipes from the past. There will be a raffle on the day to cover costs, shared luncheon and branches' fashion parade.

Shirley Rowlands 'Phone 53413091

STURT BUNINYONG LODGE

Joshua Joins Freemasonry

During the January meeting of Sturt Buninyong Lodge, Mr Joshua Stoneham was admitted into membership of the Lodge and became part of a world wide community estimated to have over five million members.



Freemasons believe in: equality, acceptance and understanding. They are strong supporters of charity and in contributing to the wider community. Moreover, they understand the benefits of education, self development and improvement for the individual and have a commitment to honourable personal conduct.

Brother Joshua Stoneham with fellow Lodge members, Ian Judd, David Pratt and Master of the Lodge Graham Williamson.

Fruit Dollars For Charity

On the two hottest days experienced in Victoria to date (3rd and 4th Jan), the Sturt Buninyong United Lodge No23 Social Committee conducted another successful fruit sale with proceeds of \$3000 going to support their charity program.

Code named "Operation Apricot", the Lodge transports over two tonnes of Goulburn Valley fruit into Ballarat, repacks into 5kg lots and on the following day sells to its pre-contacted customers and the community.

Lodge Secretary and project convenor WBro Ron Fleming said the challenge now is to attract interest from families with young children, to purchase reasonably priced fruit for use throughout the year.

"The many forms of storage available today such as preserving, freezing and drying provide opportunities to have fruit as a regular feature of family meals" he said.

Lodge members Bro John Addicott, RWBro Alby Peart, WBro Ian Donald and WBro Doug Williams sorting some of the 300 boxes of apricots being prepared for sale.



Students Awarded Book Vouchers

The Sturt Buninyong Lodge provided two \$100 book vouchers for the Buninyong Primary School Grade 6 awards evening on 17th December.

This is the fourth year of support by the Lodge and the Master Mr Graham Williamson made a presentation to Sophie Simmonds and Josh

Mr Williamson congratulated each on their award and wished them well during the next stage of their education.



Left: Mr Williamson congratulates Sophie Simmonds

Right: Mrs Sue Deans Deputy School Principal, Mr Graham Williamson ,Master of Sturt Buninyong Lodge reads the award citation, Mrs Rose O'Meara ,President Buninyong CWA, , Charlie Lloyd - School Captain, Josh Findlay (recipient), and Laura Maine- School Captain.

Service to Freemasonry Recognised

Sixty years membership and service to Freemasonry was recognised when Past Grand Master Bruce Bartrop presented Certificates and Jewels to Carl Hoffmann and Peter Stacey.

Both members have served as Master of their respective Lodge-Carl at Sturt in 1968 and Peter with Buninyong in 1977 along with a range of other offices and roles.

The presentations were part of the Sturt Buninyong United Lodge Christmas meeting and attended by 85 members, ladies and guests.

Dr Anne Beggs- Sunter developed the theme of "The Importance of Preserving Our Heritage Buildings" and the Christmas message was presented by Rev David Volk.



Left: WBro Peter Stacey, Past Grand Master Bruce Bartrop and RWBro Carl Hoffmann following the presentations.



Below: Enjoying the Christmas hospitality of Sturt Buninyong Lodge



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BUNINYONG FIRE BRIGADE

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What a busy time it has been for the members of the Buninyong Fire Brigade in the community this December and January!

Saturday the 1st of December was the day of the annual Ulysses 3BA Christmas Appeal Motorcycle Toy Run, which the Brigade participated in along side the Napoleons Fire Brigade. Buninyong led the parade through town into Ballarat wailing the siren and blasting the horn to make way for the approaching riders.



Various motorcycles commencing the annual Toy Run with Napoleons Tanker at the rear of the parade. Photograph courtesy of The Courier Ballarat website.

Calendars



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The 2013 calendar deliveries are now completed. The Brigade has delivered calendars by hand to over 3000 homes in the Buninyong & Mt.Helen areas. This has been a great opportunity for the Brigade to not only fundraise, but to discuss one on one with residents about fire safety and summer preparation in our community. If you missed our delivery and would like to receive a calendar, please write to the Secretary at PO Box 606 Buninyong 3357, or come to the fire station and contact a member on a Tuesday night at 1930hrs.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN:

During the cycle race event in Buninyong the Brigade was called to an incident in Learmonth Street near the old post office. A dangerous uncontrolled natural gas leak was occurring at a residential property only a hundred metres from thousands of spectators watching the race in Warrenheip Street.



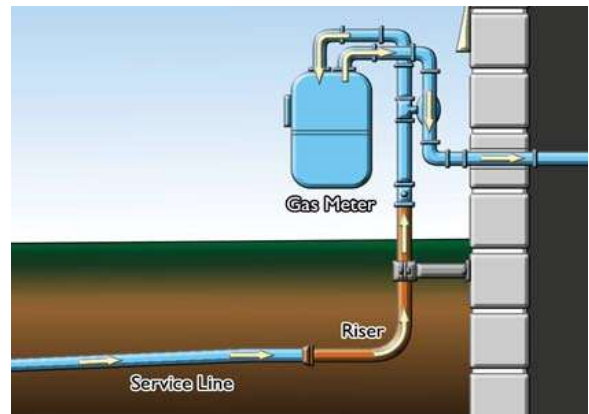
The Brigade arrived on-scene and immediately evacuated the area. Two firefighters in breathing apparatus assessed the situation to determine that a pipe had been ruptured between the domestic regulator and the street mains, a dangerous scenario for the firefighters in that a leak in that area cannot be easily isolated.

Tenix Gas & Fuel was required to attend to isolate the leak using specialist equipment, while the firefighters from Ballarat City Fire Brigade utilised their gas detection monitoring equipment to determine the extent of the vapour cloud in the area.

Fortunately there was little wind which can push the volatile vapours into the surrounding neighbourhood with the resulting gas floated harmlessly up into the atmosphere.

Thankfully due to the prevailing weather conditions and the expedient actions taken by the race local officials, there was no injuries and the cycle race was not impacted by the incident which was caused accidentally as a result of a shovel cutting the gas pipe by the gardening resident.

It's a timely reminder to all residents that accidents like this can and do happen, and are easily prevented by knowing the location of the utilities on your property. Dial before you dig is a service you can use to seek further information.



Saturday 4th November

CALL FOR HELP - On the 4th November, 1876, a messenger arrived at the Ballarat Brigade from Buninyong, saying that a large fire had started. The Brigades' help was required and all expenses for same were guaranteed.

A most calamitous fire, or it might almost be said the only conflagration which Buninyong has had to suffer since the ancient village received its name, occurred early Saturday morning. All buildings on the north side facing Learmonth Street which were composed entirely of wood comprising the twelve shops, one private house and a large number of old houses in the rear were in less than half an hour, burnt to the ground. The only building left standing was Mrs. Parsons Saddlery Establishment, a brick building much injured by fire, Mr. Hedricks Store and a greengrocer's shop at the corner. The former being almost fireproof, prevented the flames extending any further in that direction. Had this building not intervened the probability is that the devouring element would have extended to the whole block, if not destroying nearly the whole town

The first indication of a fire was received a little after 3 o'clock by Mr. Warren who lives at the back of the block and who lost no time in raising the alarm. A blaze was observed to proceed from the gateway of Bradshaw's or from Parson's shop adjoining. The inmates were aroused as quickly as possible. So speedily did the flames spread that they had barely time to save themselves. The strong hot wind was blowing from the north, which fanned the flames to nearly the strength of a blazing furnace, licking up the well stocked store of Messrs. Harris and Co. Ironmongers and Furniture Dealers. The next building following in less time than it takes to narrate, the flames leapt over the space of twelve feet to an apartment stocked with funeral paraphernalia, the whole of which was in flames just as a mourning coach was driven out.

Mr. Caffrey's large building, used as a Veterinary Forge, was the next to follow, here nothing could be saved. A horse confined in one of the stables was set loose,

There being nothing more to consume for a considerable distance in this direction, the flames died out themselves. Adjoining the store of Mr. Harris (Furniture Dealer), where first observed was Mr. Bradshaw's General Store and Butcher Shop, here nothing could be saved.

Next to this was the shop of Mr. Dooley (Baker), Mr. Taylor (Hairdressing), an uninhabited house, a large establishment of Mr. Greaves (Draper) and the brick building before alluded to

Such was the reaping of the flames and so great was the intensive heat that nothing or little could be done in the way of salvage. The Buninyong Fire Brigade turned out and endeavoured to pull down with the grappling irons the shop of Mr. Taylor, this proved useless.

In the meantime a despatch had been sent for the Ballarat Fire Brigade who arrived with their engine and other equipment which commenced to play on Greave's shop and succeeded in preventing the flames spreading further. Good service was done in pulling down some buildings at the back and by great exertion the flames were prevented spreading into Warrenheip Street. During the conflagration the strength of the wind was so great that a mass of light debris was carried a distance of a mile, setting fire to grass, and in several instances to buildings situated a considerable distance from the scene of the fire, but nothing serious occurred from this cause.

Various rumours were afloat as to the origin of the catastrophe, but it would be impudent to allude to any of them pending an inquest. Nearly all the sufferers were insured. Mr. Harris, the largest loser was said to be insured for £1,000, Greaves for £800, Bradshaw for £300 and Sleeman for £100. Considerable sums of money and other valuables were lost in the flames. A number of gentlemen worked to save what they could, amongst them Mr. Williams of the Flour Mill who received injuries from some falling timber, and became disabled from doing



Built in 1906 by Lawrence Middleton who was a store keeper and ironmonger. In 1928 he erected, in front of the store, five petrol bowsers, the first in Buninyong.

Buninyong Fire Brigade Volunteers **Assist Local Resident In Need**



Rear Left: FF Mark Rankine, FF Matt O'Brien, FF Bruce Morley, FF Nigel Butterworth, FF Alex Van Der Linden, FF John McCleod, FF Dean Garlick, FF Taylor Connell. Front Left: Paulene Sunderland, Sharon Jacobson, Stephanie Rauchberger, Capt Marc Cannan, Lt James Witham, Lt Dan Stewart.

During our calendar deliveries in the Mt Helen area in December, we met Steph Rauchberger, a 92 year old widow who was surrounded by an overgrown garden and storm damaged front yard of her one hectare property. Steph's passion for her garden was obvious, but with the recent storm damage compounded by her restricted movement she was now unable to bring the garden back under control without help. The brigade decided to offer Steph some assistance, and on the 16th of December we came with mowers, chainsaws, blowers and made short work of the storm damage, tall grass and leaf litter. Steph was ecstatic, and we were more than happy to help her out. Thanks to all of our volunteers for taking the time to help out, another example of good community work by our firefighters.





Road National Championships



Buninyong Fire Brigade was involved in the cycling race event in January holding two stalls, one in the town CBD and one at the king of the mountain sector. It was a huge success for the Brigade, and we left thousands of hungry persons well fed and talked to hundreds of locals and visitors about fire safety and education. For our catering officer, Nigel Butterworth it was a very busy time. Nigel said "It's the busiest event of the year for the Brigade, and I don't want to see another sausage or cut an onion

for another year. But the support from the members this year has been fantastic." There were a total of 19 members who committed to help out over the two day event, a big increase from last year which helped to make the day a huge success for the Brigade.

Thankyou to the community and its various visitors for your generous donations towards the Brigade, it is very much appreciated.





CFA Recruitment Information Evening

On Tuesday January 8th, the Brigade invited the community to attend a recruitment information evening in which over a dozen locals attended to learn more about the CFA and what we do in the community. A good mix of skilled people attended, with students, teachers, tradesman, and office workers present. How to become a volunteer was the key topic, with the majority of attendees keen to sign up to support the community. The CFA is a great way to not only help others, but to help yourself and your family to prepare and protect in a wide variety of emergency situations. Following this session we have an unprecedented amount of expressions of interest to become volunteers. This support has been fantastic, and we are endeavouring to get all those people who contacted us involved.

Buninyong Primary School Visit

On Tuesday 18th of December, the Grade 3SD & 3HA classes of Buninyong Primary School led by their teachers Mrs Sally Davie and Mrs Helen Arts, visited the fire station to present something very special to the Brigade. For their Christmas project this year, instead of a Kris Kringle the students decided to give without expecting anything in return. A combined donation of over \$200 was raised by the students and their families by work done through chores such as washing dishes, cleaning rooms and emptying bins. Each student's story and donation was presented to Captain Marc Cannan, and 4th Lieutenant Ken Malins in a humble ceremony in the fire station motor room.





The students also presented a hand made quilt, with messages of thanks and support for the hard work of all the volunteers at the Buninyong CFA. This is the second year that the school has made such a presentation, and on behalf of all the members and officers of the Buninyong Fire Brigade thankyou for your donations and messages of support.



The students weren't left empty handed. After a turn each at holding the hose, a red helmet and a bag of stickers were given as a show of thanks. We look forward to seeing the students again next year!

Ballarat South Uniting Church

(Worship Centre)

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Phone Church Office 53413515

Community Hymn singing at 9.30am on Sundays before the service.

Traditional Style service and children's program at 9.45am on Sundays.

All welcome.

On Friday 8th Feb. the induction service for our new minister **Lindell Gibson** will be held at 7.00pm followed by supper. Lindell will conduct her first service on Sunday 24th Feb at Buninyong at 9.45am. On Sunday 10th Feb our Supply Minister David Leach will conduct his last service for us. We thank him very much for the dedication and care he has extended to us while in this position.

Join the Prayer/ Walking Group at the labyrinth on Thursday mornings at 9.00am. All welcome. **We walk the labyrinth, pray in the centre then go out for coffee afterwards. New faces** are always welcome. We usually have communion on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Family Service Sunday. **Children come and join the fun 9.45 till 10.30am.** This service has become very popular. On the 3rd Sunday of the month there is a band and children are involved in the service both in the band and in other ways. There are drama presentations and music – worship is directed towards families as a whole.

Heather Club will resume after the school holidays on Monday morning 4th Feb. Heather Club is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.00am.

Open House will also resume this week on Wednesday morning at 10.00am. Open House is held each Wed. during school terms from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

Book Club now meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month and will meet at the home of Joy and Bob Whitten on 21st Feb at 2pm. The book we have read and will discuss is the Happiest Refugee by Ahn Do.

Interested singers. A choir has been formed to record a 4th CD of hymns. Practices will be held on 5 consecutive Sundays starting 17th Feb 2013 at Ballarat Central Uniting Church. (Lydiard street) at 2.00pm. For any enquiries phone Ann Pryor on 53413397. **New singers very welcome!!**

Best wishes from Joy Whitten

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Entries close

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MEDIA RELEASE



Wednesday 12 December 2012

New Pathology Collection Centre at Buninyong

St John of God Pathology has just opened a Pathology collection centre to meet the needs of the Buninyong and surrounding community. This collection centre is situated within a growing vibrant area of rural Victoria, and St John of God Pathology hopes to increase its presence within the region.

- Buninyong Medical Centre, 316 Learmonth St, Buninyong.

Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday 8.30am – 1.00pm
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As an operating division of St John of God Health Care, the pathology provider is a not for profit organisation, with all funds generated returned to the communities they serve, in addition to providing an extensive Social Outreach and Advocacy program.

For further information about St John of God Pathology please visit
www.sjog.org.au/pathology.

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Copy for the next issue should be submitted to Ann Gooding, 626 Eyre Street, Buninyong. Ph 5341 3820 by **5pm Friday 1 March, 2013.** News items can now be forwarded to the Newsletter at the following e-mail address:

buninyongnews@hotmail.com

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

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

If you are interested please go to www.friendsofroyalpark.org.au

The advertisement for Sixtyone Design features a large, stylized number '61' in white on a dark background. Below the number, the word 'DESIGN' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the number, the text 'AT SIXTYONE IT'S ALL ABOUT CHOICE.' is displayed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the phone number 'p 1300 72 80 50' is listed, followed by the email address 'e contact@sixtyonedesign.com.au', the address '61-63 Humffray Street North, Ballarat Vic 3350', and the website 'www.sixtyonedesign.com.au'. At the bottom left, the text 'DESIGN / PRINT / WEB' is written in a small, white, sans-serif font.

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Jesus – The Real Deal

Whatever scams they hatch; con-men manage to fall on *other people's* feet, once they can clear their final hurdle of faking integrity.

When scams are exposed, victims all agree on how convincing they have been. Naturally, many victims are groomed and softened over enough time to blind them to what's behind the final sting. But I've never heard victims confess that greed or stupidity made them think they could gain or sustain the promised rewards without any effort, or even finding out whom they were really dealing with.

With our minds hard-wired to hope, and our bodies geared to healing from all kinds of illness, it points to the fact that we are made in the image of God. And God is not only an optimistic creator, he also wants us to get to know him, so we can tune into his wisdom and timing whenever we face opportunities or challenges.

Con-men feed our fantasies with promises that push us towards risking what no con-man would ever sacrifice. By contrast, Jesus feeds our faith; having put his whole life on the line for us. Now, having bounced back from death, he fearlessly keeps putting himself up for total scrutiny by anyone at all.

Jesus' promises are not only for life to come, they also hit the ground right here, so anyone can know him and explore his plans - for our personal fulfilment and for our personal effectiveness - as we help people around us to also experience what he can do for them and through them.

Noel Mitaxa

On behalf of Buninyong Baptist Church.

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



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