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FRIENDS OF BUNINYONG BOTANIC GARDENS

ANNUAL WINTER LUNCHEON AND GARDEN TALK

Saturday 6th July 2013 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Buninyong Town Hall, Learmonth Street

Bookings Essential: 5341 2191

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The theme for the 2013 Friends of the Buninyong Botanic Gardens annual Winter Luncheon is '**Where Horticulture Meets Ecology**' featuring an illustrated talk by John Arnott who is the Horticulture Manager of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne, site of the multi award winning 'Australian Garden'.

The Australian Garden shares with visitors the beauty and diversity of Australian plants. It is a place to explore the evolving connections between people, plants and landscapes, and also a place to discover inspiration and information about how to use Australian plants in your garden.



The vibrant Australian Garden is now fully realised after 20 years of planning, construction and landscaping, with completion of Stage 2 comprising 11 precincts, new plantings and visitor facilities, bringing the total size of the Garden to an impressive 15 hectares.

FRIENDS OF BUNINYONG GARDENS

Following the AGM, President of Friends of Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Elizabeth Gilfillan spoke on the subject of **'Botanic Gardens and their Relevance in the Community'**.



In a March 2013 ABC interview with Dr David Mabberley, Executive Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust Sydney NSW, the question was posed, "Which is the oldest scientific institution in Australia?" A university? No. A museum, perhaps? Not quite. You're looking at a date of 1816, barely a blink after the first fleet arrived. Well, it's a garden, and a famous one, the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. Of all scientific institutions, botanic gardens have, perhaps, the longest history, some of them surviving for hundreds of years.

Although their beginnings were in Italy, Pisa in 1544, Padu, Firenze and Bologna, the oldest in the English speaking world is that founded in 1620 at the University of Oxford in England. Indeed, almost every nation and most principal cities in the developed world have botanic gardens. Developing countries are establishing them and those with surging economies, notably China, are putting literally billions of dollars into enormous new botanic gardens. Why is this? What is it that makes such institutions so important today?

The definition of a botanic garden from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature is, 'A garden containing scientifically ordered and maintained collections of plants, usually documented and labelled and open to the public for the purposes of recreation, education and research.' The core of their *raison d'être* is the fact that they exhibit scientific collections of plants; they are not merely there for display. They are there for education as well as recreation. It is this combination that has kept them going for so long. Nonetheless, through time, the balance between these two functions has changed, has caused tensions and indeed strife when, in essence, it is the melding of these two functions that makes them, just as with other collections-based cultural organisations like art museums and natural history museums, extremely precious to society.

As St Thomas Aquinas wrote, "You change people by delight; you change people by pleasure", so relaxed visitors are more receptive to overt or subtle messages. There is a huge market for these issues. The challenge, therefore, is to make the 'green wallpaper' created by the living collections tell a story. But it is the general public, particularly children, not cooped up in so-called 'children's gardens', but experiencing, preferably with their families, the whole garden who need this reconnection with plants. The role of botanic gardens has moved from medical training to collections, to economic hubs of imperial ambition, to pleasure gardens and then to conservation repositories, but now to the wellbeing of all society. They have never been more important.

What is a Botanic Garden? In the International Agenda for Botanic Gardens the definition is as follows, 'Botanic Gardens are institutions holding documented collections of living plants for the purposes of scientific research, conservation, display and education'. In a remarkable paper on the role of botanic gardens, Ferdinand Mueller (1825-1896) as Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne stated that "in all cases, the objects of a botanic garden must be mainly scientific and predominantly instructive" differing from parks or what he called "public pleasure gardens".

New botanic gardens are still being created and in recent times the focus has been on creating an awareness of the threat to ecosystems from human overpopulation and its consequent need for biological and physical resources. Botanic gardens provide an excellent medium for communication between the world of botanical science and the general public. Education programs can help the public develop greater environmental awareness by understanding the meaning and importance of ideas like conservation and sustainability; the interchange of valuable knowledge being an important function.

There is a huge role to be played in showcasing innovative ways of gardening, given the increasing importance now placed on urban greening. Singapore's Domes Development, New York's Skyline Garden and Britain's Eden Project are classic examples of cities recognising the importance of horticulture in today's society. Green spaces improve people's mental and physical wellbeing as well as aesthetic benefits, encouraging a more sophisticated approach to gardening.

The Friends of Botanic Gardens groups play an important role to foster the objectives, stimulate and sustain public interest and involve the wider community, as well as serving as a link with administrative bodies. Many botanic gardens, both old and new have the fortune to be recipient of great public benefaction, which should remain recognised and be maintained. With increasing economic restraints, this is becoming more important.

Campsis (<http://www.friendsbotanicgardens.org/campsis.htm>) is the newsletter of the umbrella organisation Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens who communicate, instruct and nurture member groups, holding bi-annual conferences Australia-wide, and are well worth taking part in.

Congratulations to the Friends of Buninyong Botanic Gardens.

BUNINYONG SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Buninyong Senior Citizens continue to enjoy their time spent together with indoor games and activities making it a pleasant day for all.

Day trips are always well patronized. The next one of these being scheduled for Thursday June 20th. This bus will leave the clubrooms at 9.30am and we will be shown a number of Ballarat's interesting historic and modern buildings before being taken to a neighbouring town for a midday meal.

A committee meeting will be held directly after lunch on June 11th.

Craft days are always popular: the next one of these will be held on June 18th when we will be taught to make an unusual bookmark. There will also be a general meeting on that day.

The monthly competition for June is for a novelty fridge magnet. Date 25/6.

We hope those Club members who have not been as well as they, or we, would like, will soon be top-of-the-world again. Take care!

Phyllis McCutcheon for

Secretary: June Harbour Ph: 5341 7508.

Club rooms, Tuesday only Ph: 5341 8337



BUNINYONG-Mt HELEN LIONS CLUB Inc.

P.O.Box 254, Buninyong, 3357.

Lions Annual Changeover.

Every year around June or July, every Lions club installs a member, elected by the Club, as President for the ensuing twelve months.

The Club President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Lions Club. He/she presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors and regular meetings of the Club and appoints all the standing committees required to ensure the regular functioning and reporting of such committees. He/she is also responsible to ensure that the Club abides by the rules and regulations as detailed in our Constitution and is an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of our Zone.

Being President is a fantastic honour and involves a great deal of work.

On the 17th of June, Lion Andy Paterson will be installed as our President for the 2013/14 year by 2nd Vice District Governor Maureen Thorpe, who was responsible for nominating Andy when he first showed an interest in becoming a Lion.

The Installation will be held at the Buninyong Football Clubrooms, 6pm for 6.30pm start. The cost is \$25/head and, if you are interested in seeing this ceremony please contact Lion Bill Jolly on 5341 2068.

On this night we will also be inducting into the Lions Family, the members of the new Alfredton Lucas Club. Until this new club is chartered, our club is its parent club and as such is responsible for the new members.

Lions 50/50 Pathway. "ENLIGHTEN-EMPOWER-ENCOURAGE"

The Lions **50/50 PATHWAY** is a committee which has been formed following the Australian Lions Women's Workshop held in 2011.

The Executive Committee is represented by members from three Victorian Zones and works closely with the Governor's Management Team and the Governor's Leadership Team with the objective of increasing overall membership in Lions.

The Australian population consists of 51% females and 49% males, but the membership of females in Lions in Victoria is only about 25%. The target is to encourage 3500 more female and family members to become Lions which would match the demographic of the general Australian Community.

The purpose of the **50/50 PATHWAY** is to provide pathways into Lions for men, women, families and young people with a strong desire to be involved in an organisation which can make a huge difference to our own lives and the lives of others.

It is recognised that there is a huge need to raise awareness that females can indeed join Lions Clubs as full members in their own right.

The Patron of the **50/50 PATHWAY** is Anna Burke MP, the current speaker in Federal Parliament. Anna is a passionate Lion and is ready to help the quest to boost membership.

Internal forums are currently being held in five locations in Victoria with the focus on Family and Women's membership involving discussions about change, forming new clubs and barriers that may be stopping interested people joining our organisation.

The group are planning one external Women's Symposium during 2013 based on Lions Club International's guidelines and will draw groups of non Lions to talk about particular issues that are of special interest to women and families in their communities.

If our readers would like more information on this new and innovative program please contact our Secretary or e-mail enquiries@lions5050pathway.org.



BUNINYONG – MT HELEN LIONS CLUB BOOKSHOP

The Lions Craft Market was due to close in December 2009 and the Club needed something to replace it. At a Board Meeting Lion Val Cartledge suggested a Book Fair – Sale – Devonshire Tea event. This was set for Saturday 21st November 2009. This was also the date for the Buninyong Farmers Market which would benefit the sale.

Flyers and posters were whipped up asking the Buninyong – Mt Helen community to donate books. With no idea of how many books would be donated, the Club Members were astonished at the number of books offered. So many that Lions Members met at the Lions shed three nights a week for three weeks to sort the books into categories. As the date came closer sorting hours increased.

The Book sale was originally held in the RSL Hall and continued on a monthly basis before moving to “The Old Cake Shop” early in 2012.

The Shop is located in the heart of Buninyong Village and, thanks to the generosity of Martin Brown, M. G Brown Electrical Contractors, the Club has the use of the premises free of charge. It would not have been possible to operate in the way we do or to reach so many people without this benefit.

Just look for the big Lions Banner – you can’t miss it.

We are not a library, but everyone can find what they are looking for with the organisation of books into categories and the knowledge of volunteers of what we have in stock. We have parents and their children coming in every Saturday to check on the constant influx of books for children. Many Grandparents visit with their grandchildren. It is wonderful to see the joy on a child’s face at finding a book which will become a treasured article. Their faces as they approach a volunteer with a book clutched in their arms and a small hand held out with the required money is a delight. The Children’s section is well organised and is set up to encourage children to look for books by themselves.

Adults are well catered for with thousands of books, both fiction and non-fiction, and all in great condition on offer.

The Bookshop is not just a place to buy a book, but is something of a social gathering spot. It is a place to meet people of like-minded reading choices who sometimes vie for a particular book with much glee at having got there first – particularly in the Australian non-fiction section.

All our books are donated by general people and, with the Bookshop being run by volunteers, every cent is returned to the community through the Lions Club.

Another service is the “Books Wanted Register” where readers list their details and those of the books they are looking for. Volunteers will reserve the book, telephone the reader and hold the book until it is collected.

Books are still donated at a great rate which requires some volunteers to work during the week to keep everything in order.

If anyone has books, DVDs, CDs etc., they no longer require these can be left at the Bookshop on any Saturday morning between the hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or on any Farmers Market Days (the third Saturday morning) between the hours of 9am and 1pm.

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

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

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

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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 Russell Williams on 5341 3452 or Bill Jolly on 5342 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 Forest Street (next door to the Tennis Club).

PLEASE, WE DO NOT TAKE ANY CARDBOARD.

For pick up please call Bill Jolly on 5341 2068.



"LIONS - WE SERVE"

Well Represented at CWA Annual Conference

Buninyong CWA branch members attended the Annual CWA conference in Frankston from 30th May-1st June in a number of capacities.

Club delegates were Carole Bartlett , Marg Jarvis and Lyn Fleming co managed back stage arrangements.

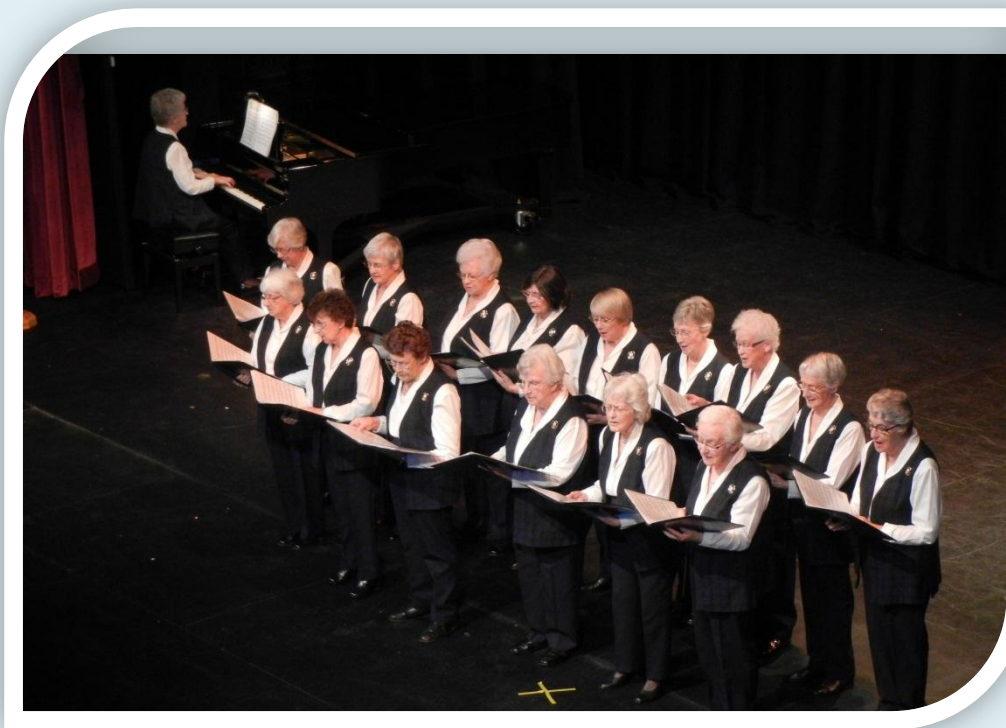
Buninyong were well to the fore in the Song in Costume, Choral and Drama program presented on the opening day of Conference.

Their 16 member choir sang "All Through the Night and Goosey, Goosey Gander". A double duet by Maree Crosbie, Marg Jarvis, June Henderson and Judith Luckeis presented "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" and the trio of Maree Crosbie, June Henderson and Judith Luckies read a selection of Australian prose .

Four Branch members also sang in the State CWA choir performed on a number of occasions during "Circus comes to Town".

Highlight of the conference was Marg Jarvis winning the vocal solo section with "One Kiss".

Other successes were; Pauline Kennedy 2nd place in the State poetry "The Postage Stamp" and Dorothy Letcher (Yarrowee) 2nd place "At the Back of the Cupboard". Fiona Darby (Ballarat Dinner), was the winner of the Emilie Wilson Literary prize.



Buninyong Choir

Buninyong Double Duet with Phyllis Quick as accompanist



Marg Jarvis (right) receives her Vocal Solo award from outgoing CWA State President Carol Clay. Marg is also the State CWA choir leader.

Ballarat Group Circus troupe performers.



SCOTSBURN CAMPUS NEWS

On Friday 7th June, Scotsburn Campus put on a sausage sizzle at Buninyong PS to raise funds for playground equipment at Scotsburn. Hard working parents did a wonderful job and \$850 was raised . Thankyou everyone for your support of our venture.



Grandparents Day

On Thursday June 6th, Grandparents Day was held at Scotsburn with grandparents and friends traveling some quite long distances to visit and see the work of our students. It was wonderful to see the children proudly showing their visitors their work.



Japanese Day

Students were involved in a great day of Japanese activities recently at Buninyong. Students saw a display of kendo as well did a variety of Japanese activities such as origami and Japanese painting.



**Enquiries re enrolment for Scotsburn Campus, please ring
Bernie Conlan, Buninyong PS Ph. 53413560**

MASONIC LODGE

Brian is Master at Buninyong

Freemasons at Buninyong have each year at a stated time, Installed a Master to oversee the work of the Lodge for the next year.

A Victorian Grand Lodge Ceremonial team installed Bro Brian Coffey as Master of the Sturt-Buninyong United Lodge and invested the other officers of the Lodge team in an impressive ceremony on Saturday 18th May.

Sixty seven members, visitors and ladies attended the evening. The ladies also learnt about the Ballarat program of the “Cops and Kids” program from its organiser Mr John Maloney.

Mr Frank Fordyce President of the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence presented a co-contributed cheque from the No23 Social Committee (the charity arm of the Lodge), and the Board for \$1000 to Mr Maloney.

The evening concluded with a roast supper and coffee.



The Sturt- Buninyong Lodge 2013-14 Team

Photo: The Lodge room at the Buninyong Masonic Centre has seen many Installation since being opened in 1929.

FREEMASONS SHOW NO BIAS

Freemasons from Buninyong have been enjoying an annual indoor bowls evening against a number of other district lodges since 1974.

This year on May 15th at the City Bowling Club in Ballarat, our dedicated 13 member team did battle against Guiding Star Lodge in an effort to regain the competition shield.

Using deep concentration and the correct degree of bias, the Sturt Buninyong members and partners were successful in winning back the shield and also having the winning rink of Glenys Bowers, Heather Pruis and Ron Fleming.

A hearty hot supper concluded a fun evening of concentration and fellowship.



The winning Sturt Buninyong team L to R Brian Coffey, Albie Peart, Helen Peart, Robert Bowers, Heather Pruis, Glenys Bowers, Graham Williamson, Harold George, Charlie Pruis, Bernie Ebbs, absent Len and Marilyn Bradford and Ron Fleming.



Graeme Brown, Master of Guiding Star Lodge congratulates and passes on the Shield to Brian Coffey Master of Sturt Buninyong Lodge

“Not playing for sheep stations but it is nice to know who is the closest”. Watching with interest as Wayne Clarke, City Bowling Club selector does the measuring is Charlie Pruis, Heather Pruis, Ray Stowe.



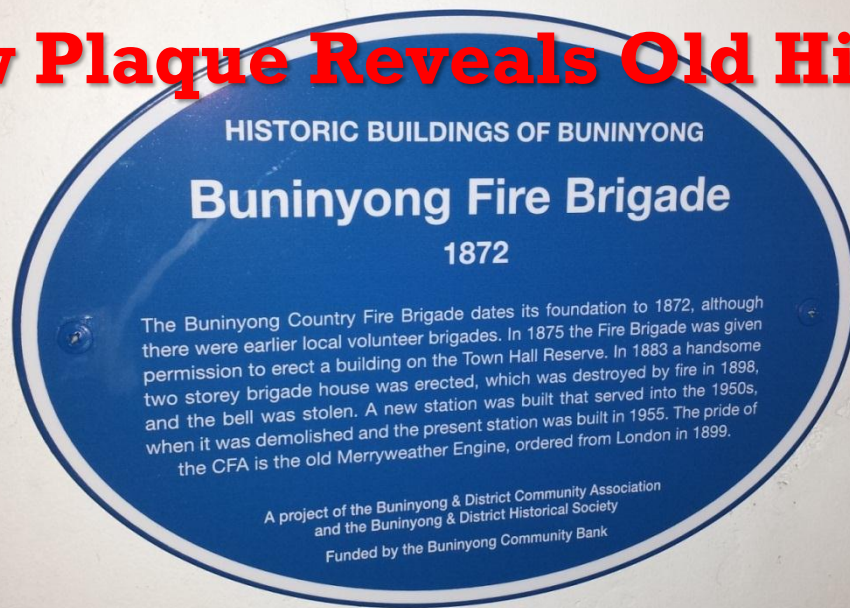
BUNINYONG FIRE BRIGADE

Proudly serving Buninyong, Mt.Helen & Victoria since 1872



***Buninyong Fire Brigade
conducting prescribed burn works
at Macs Rd near the Buninyong
Golf Course. FF Bruce Morley***

New Plaque Reveals Old History



Thankyou to Barry Fitzgerald and the team from the Buninyong & District Community Association, Buninyong & District Historical Society, and the Buninyong Community Bank for facilitating this plaque installation which displays some of the history that occurred on the fire station grounds.

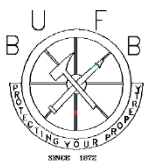


Buninyong Fire Brigade 140th Anniversary celebrations at the Good Life Festival – Oct 2012.



New Fire Station circa 1955 – Note the rubble from the original fire station demolition in the background.

Do you have any past photographs of the **Buninyong Fire Brigade?**



If so, we would love to hear from you. There's over 140 years of history out there which over the years has become either lost, misplaced or almost forgotten. Contact either the Captain on [0409415612](tel:0409415612), Secretary on [0488731447](tel:0488731447), or by mail to

[Buninyong Fire Brigade PO Box 606 Buninyong VIC 3357.](mailto:info@buninyongcfa.com.au)

MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN:

With the winter rains and cold conditions fast settling in, the summer fire season comes to an end. Our focus turns to fire safety in the home. A working smoke alarm provides vital early warning in the event of a fire. When people are asleep, they can't smell smoke, and smoke alarms are essential to wake people if a



You're 60% less likely to survive a house fire without a working smoke alarm.

fire breaks out; they give occupants early warning and time to evacuate safely. Do your kids know what to do when the smoke alarm goes off? Take some time to remind family members what actions to take if they smell smoke or see flames inside the home. Simple actions like getting down low and crawling under smoke save lives, and every family should have a home fire escape plan that identifies all possible escape routes. Remember to clean your smoke alarm!



Despite the regulations, research suggests only 45 per cent of properties attended by fire services had smoke alarms and, of those, 31 per cent were not working. You can ensure your smoke alarm is constantly protecting your family by keeping it in good working order.

- Test weekly by pushing the test button with a broom handle to make sure it beeps.
- Dust the alarm with a vacuum cleaner brush.
- Change the battery at least once a year (even if you have a hard-wired model). It's easy to remember if you do it when you adjust your clock for daylight saving.

Smoke alarms don't last forever, they have a lifespan of about 10 years. After that, you should replace them. Most smoke alarms have a use-by date printed on them. If your alarm is still beeping after you have changed its battery, it should be replaced with a photo-electric model. Old smoke alarms can be safely thrown out with household rubbish.



April/May In Pictures



Above: Buninyong Fire Brigade members 1st Lieutenant James Witham, Secretary Megan Earls and 2nd Lieutenant Daniel Stewart participating in the 'Run for the Kids' in Melbourne this March.

Wednesday 31st December 1884

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT BUNINYONG – A disastrous fire raged at Buninyong yesterday, completely obliterating the oldest landmark in the village, the Crown Hotel, owned by Mr. A McDonald, and occupied by Mr. Helterhoff. The flames broke out shortly after 3 o'clock. Six horses met their deaths in the flames four of them belonging to Mr. McDonald. Of the other two, one was Mr. A.J Cameron's fine mare Gaelle, the other was Mr McTaggart's Forget Me Not, which ran third in the Trial Stakes. One of the jockeys, who was staying at the hotel had a rather narrow escape. The organ belonging to the Masonic lodge was saved and the Masonic dispensation was pluckily rescued from destruction by Mr. D.M. Davies M.L.A., and Dr. Hardy. Several other vulnerable documents from the lodge room, belonging to the Masonic and Foresters lodges were also saved. The hotel and stabling were insured in the South British for £800, and the horses and carriages for £400 in the Colonial Company of New Zealand. By the loss of the horses, carryalls and grain alone, not estimating the building Mr. McDonald will be a loser by about £4,000, Mr Halterhoff, the occupant of the hotel, had his furniture insured in the Australian Alliance and Union Companies of New Zealand for £1,000. Mr. McDonald will erect a temporary structure immediately for the convenience of the public, prior to rebuilding on the old site. – *The Argus. 1st January 1885*



Buninyong in 1862

BUNINYONG BAPTIST CHURCH

Playing the Bad Guy

In old-time westerns, the good guys in their white hats always had to win. Bad guys wore black; so we knew who to suspect and who to support.

The ground shifted when anti-heroes arrived in the sixties. They helped us to appreciate how bad guys' minds tick, but they fed our suspicions about the good guys' legitimacy or integrity.

Colours of hats could no longer determine any character's character!

Despite this, many actors enjoy playing the bad guy. These roles allow them to express attitudes or actions they would never get away with in real life. After all, it's only a play or a movie, and the curtain will fall; or the credits will roll.

Religion defines good and evil, but it can sadly produce holy huddles that cut themselves off from their world. Yet the bible describes how Jesus spent much of his time with those who were not religiously acceptable. He healed their hurts and their hearts, and invited them to enjoy an open-hearted, eternal relationship with him.

This was too much for the religious leaders, so they killed him—unaware that he could turn his death to everyone's advantage. For Jesus did not just *play* the bad guy, he actually *became* the bad guy!

He has personally shouldered the full effects of our mess; to help us overcome our past and to embrace personal fulfilment, as we find creative, authentic ways to help anyone around us—good guys or bad guys—to discover his grace for themselves.

Noel Mitaxa,

On behalf of Buninyong Baptist Church.



On a Saturday evening 2nd June 2007 Adam Baskijin left his home in Werribee at about 8pm to attend a 21st birthday party at 2 Byron st, Bannockburn. We have no information as to what events took place at this address in Bannockburn. Sometime later that night Adam left



in his own vehicle (a white falcon classic very similar to the one pictured above), along with another vehicle from a Bannockburn address to travel to Ballarat. Adam's life ended that night when he arrived in Buninyong, (just by the golf course). He was found at around 01:50 Sunday morning by unrelated driver/s. The vehicle that originally left Bannockburn together with Adam was unable to help with any investigation.

This 3rd June was six years since Adam died, my son was 20 years old. This June 23rd Adam would have turned 27 years of age.

If anyone has any information about this night 2-3 June 2007 please contact, Adam's mother on 0402957047, email dkopunovic@ymail.com.au, or Facebook Adam Alexander Baskijin.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY AT EUREKA

The weekend of May 4th and 5th saw the grand reopening of the refurbished/reconstructed museum at the Eureka Stockade in Stawell Street Ballarat East. It is now known by the acronym M.A.D.E. Doubts about the exact positioning of the stockade are still under discussion but it is generally regarded as the logical site for the short lived battle. **Anne Beggs Sunter** and Peter Butters attended the festivities and no doubt expressed their individual points of view on the day. *The Ballarat Courier May 4 2013 page 5.*

The *Ballarat Courier May 6 2013 page 6* contained more pictures celebrating the opening weekend of M.A.D.E. and former MP and M.A.D.E. patron **Rob Knowles** was photographed in a line up of politicians and distinguished guests.

BALLARAT TOWN HALL KEEPER RETIRES

"Who's In It Today" *The Ballarat Courier May 6 2013 page 17* had several photographs of the retirement function for Norm Hand that was held on May 2 at the Ballarat Town Hall. Buninyong locals among the well wishers for Norm's happy retirement were **Grafton, Jane and Leroy Hand** along with **Robin Nutall**. **Norm Hand** was pictured talking to John Barnes and Erroll Camilleri.

In 1981 Norm Hand started his service to the City as a part-time duty manager at the Civic Hall. After a brief time in Traffic he began 29 years of Hall Keeping at the Ballarat Town Hall. It was then a live in job, and the family lived in what is now the Long Room reception area. Norm enjoyed meeting the public, tourists and visitors to the city. Norm was photographed on the grand and decorative internal stairway at the Ballarat Town Hall looking very content after a job well done. The Newsletter wishes Norm a long and happy retirement. *The Ballarat Courier May 3 2013 front page and page 4.*

UNIVERSITY

GRADUATIONS

During May nearly 1000 students graduated from the University of Ballarat. Paralympian **Greg Smith** was awarded an honorary doctorate for his efforts in representing Australia five times at the Paralympic Games. Greg was photographed with vice-chancellor Professor David Battersby with piper Aram Haroutunian in the background. *The Ballarat Courier May 4 2013 page 9.*

NBN CO SEEKS APPROVAL TO BUILD A 40M TOWER IN MT HELEN

The National Broadband Network has lodged a planning permit with the City of Ballarat for a 40m high monopole in Eddy Avenue, Mt Helen near the Ballarat Bird World. NBN said the tower was necessary to provide fixed wireless broadband to surrounding properties that would not be catered for with fibre connections. It is understood that several nearby residents have lodged objections. *The Ballarat Courier May 4 2013 page 9.*

The City of Ballarat has received 10 objections to the planning application for the 40m tower in Eddy Avenue, Mt Helen. Nearby residents to the National Broadband Network tower, **Peter and Shirley Martin**, are citing environment and health concerns. They said the bushland between Mt Helen and Buninyong was home to a variety of birds and wildlife, including kangaroos, kookaburras, echidnas and magpies. Planning documents lodged by NBN Co show the construction will result in 150 trees being removed from the area. *The Ballarat Courier May 21 2013 page 4.*

JAPANESE DAY AT BUNINYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students were instructed in the art of Japanese drumming by Toshi Sakamoto. A photograph in the *Ballarat Courier May 4 2013 page 11* showed students **Morgan Di Domenico** and **Michaela Shirley** dressed in traditional kimonos enjoying their taiko drumming lesson from Mr Sakamoto. Other students took part in bracelet making, tai chi, calligraphy, animae drawing and ink painting on

fabric. The school has held Japanese Day annually since 2010. Buninyong Primary School has a sister school Toyohama Primary School in Iwata.

20th ANNUAL AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

A morning tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council was held on May 1st at Sovereign Hill's New York Bakery. Locals, **Helen Stephens, Barbara Glover** and Yvonne Edwards were very happy participants. The *Ballarat Courier May 4 2013 page 28*.

Another Biggest Morning Tea was held at the KROOZE IN CAFÉ, MT HELEN on May 22. *Who's In It Today, People and Places from the Region* had a full page of photos of happy tea sippers. The *Ballarat Courier May 24 2013 page 19*. Heading the page were Rob Petrie and **Helen Stephens**, followed by Russell Lindsay and Max Lawson; Ken Peterken and Nola Musgrove; John Dellaca and **Bill Akell; Barbara Glover** and Janeen Sternberg; Jill James and Brian Speechley; **Carole Akell** and Sue Fry; and Pam Allen and Pam Dellaca.

And not to be left out, the BUNINYONG UNITING CHURCH held a Biggest Morning Tea on May 22nd. The *Golden Plains Miner May 23 2013 page 7* had a full page of citizens enjoying each others company along with their morning tea.

Six photographs featured Baby Pria Saha, Karan Andrews, Michaelia Saha and Ann Russell; Andrea Haddad, **Marjorie Skewes, Glennys Bowers** and **Betty Bunting; Flo Simpson, Betty Schreinzer** (inaugural Newsletter editor) and **Molly Pond**; Eunice Jebb, Pat Michell, Jean Breguet and Pam Stepnell; **Marjorie Skewes** (again), **Val Coulter** and Grace Bright; **Helen Slater, Clive Brooks, Margaret McCarty** and **Wendy Furlong**. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea supporters have raised \$20 million for Cancer Council Victoria's research, prevention and support services since the event began in 1994 – helping to increase Victorian cancer survival by

almost 20% and this year they are hoping to raise \$2.8 million.

BUNINYONG SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB'S 37TH BIRTHDAY

A very special day was held on May 13th to celebrate the 37th Birthday of the Buninyong Senior Citizens Club. The *Ballarat Courier May 15 2013 Page 33* contained several smiling photographs of the attendees on that day. Gwen and Rex Muir; Sandra Harvie and Doreen White; Pauline Holloway, Noreen Mullane and Pat Dobbyn; Val Dunstan and Val Lythgo; Elvie Gleeson, Emmie Martin, Lois Matthews and Ken May; and last but not least Vic Bradley, Sandra Spratling and Alan Westrup with the celebratory birthday cake. Congratulations on this achievement Senior Cits.

MT BUNINYONG RURAL FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

The Mt Buninyong Rural Fire Brigade is based in Yendon and covers Clarendon, Lal Lal, Yendon, Scotsburn and Navigators. President Shirley Smith said the anniversary lunch at the Royal Mail Hotel in Sebastopol was an enjoyable day. The auxiliary works to support the brigade and the community and along the way many friendships have been made. Several members were presented with certificates on the day - Joan McKee, **Shirley Smith**, Pat Dobbyn, Noreen Mullane, Dot **Lorensene** and Evelyn Grey were photographed in a thank you line up. The *Ballarat Courier "Scrapbook" April 30 2013 page 2*.

BUNINYONG SOCCER CLUB

Buninyong Soccer Club, which was formed in 2009, now has its own home ground. President Sue Mroczkowski said player numbers were now over 60 and five teams have been fielded from under-eights to under-15's. Several action photographs showed the Buninyong Redbacks Jake Sbardella; Max Matthews; Tom O'Loughlin, Will Gibson; and Matt Snibson enjoying the game.

UNESCO INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

A concert was held at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute to celebrate International Jazz Day on April 30th. The concert was streamed live around the world. Former newsletter deliverers in Mt Helen, **Denise Wilson** and **Bernadette Reus** were on hand to enjoy the evening. The *Ballarat Courier* May 3 2013 page 21.

BALLARAT REGIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CENTRE OPENS

The face of the BRICC fundraising campaign, **Libby Cornish**, had a special tour of the building in Drummond Street South. Ms Cornish is currently in remission from a cancer diagnosed in 2009 and was chosen to advertise BRICC because she was such an inspiration to other patients.

The *Ballarat Courier* May 18 2013 page 9.

NEW DIRECTOR FOR MUSEUM OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES IN SYDNEY

Congratulations to **Rose Hiscock** who has been appointed director of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences in Sydney. Ms Hiscock will oversee the Powerhouse Museum and Sydney Observatory for the next five years starting in July. The *Ballarat Courier* May 23 2013 page 7.

POLICE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY TO RETIRE

Former Buninyong resident Greg Davies who is currently the Police Association secretary is to retire in 2014 when his contract expires. Mr Davies joined Victoria Police in 1977 and spent the years 1992-2002 working at Ballarat and Buninyong police stations. He was very involved with the community and served on the Primary School Council. In 2009 Senior Sergeant Davies took over as secretary of the Police Association and has worked tirelessly for the good of all members. We wish him well in his well earned retirement. The *Ballarat Courier* May 22 2013 page 7.

BALLARAT PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION Eyre District track and field sports

On May 20 at Llanberris Athletic Centre in Golden Point, Ballarat, several Primary Schools competed in track and field sports. Pictured in action were Buninyong Primary School students **Ayshe Demirceviren** and **Eliza Lepair**. The *J-File, Ballarat Courier* May 21 2013 page 20.

BUNINYONG WELCOMES NEW MINISTER

The *Golden Plains Miner* May 23 2013 page 3 had a full page article welcoming the new Uniting Church Ballarat South Parish minister the **Reverend Lindell Gibson** and her husband **Andrew** to the district. The Ballarat South Parish covers Buninyong, Delacombe, Sebastopol and Meredith. The Rev Gibson said she has been made very welcome by the Buninyong congregation and is thoroughly enjoying meeting everyone connected with the Ballarat South Parish.

TO SEAL OR NOT TO SEAL

The *Ballarat Courier* June 3 2013 page 2 *Readers' Champ* page had opponents **Gerard Ballantyne** from Espresso Depot Café and **Bill Jolly** discussing the issue of whether all roads in Buninyong should be sealed. Gerard was quoted as saying that unsealed roads add to the character of the village and Bill pointed out the problems of gravel roads not being maintained properly.

HOMELESS FOR A NIGHT

The *Ballarat Courier* June 3 2013 page 10 pictured a trio of Ballarat community leaders trying out their sleeping bags before participating in St Vincent de Paul CEO sleepout at Etihad Stadium. UFS Dispensaries CEO **Lynne McLennan**, **Janet Dore** from the TAC and Dental Health Services Deborah Cole will help to raise money for homelessness. To sponsor a CEO visit www.ceosleepout.org.au.

COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION - BUNINYONG BRANCH

Our May Meeting was both a discussion for the Agenda for State Conference and a Social Afternoon.

In May, The State Conference was held at Frankston for two days. On the first day this included "Song in Costume" and Public Speaking and our Choir of Buninyong providing some items.

2013

June 17th Monday, Branch Meeting at 1.30 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Christine Hindhaugh.

July 12th and 13th State Art and craft Exhibition to be held in Bendigo.

July 15th Monday is Buninyong's "International Day" to which other branches have been invited, Time 1.30 p.m.

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Traditional style service and children's program at 9.30am on Sunday.

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Our Minister Rev. Lindell Gibson is leading our worship with great talent. She and her husband Andrew go to so much trouble to prepare for each worship.

We were treated to a new and entertaining way to celebrate Pentecost on 19th May. The children also enjoyed taking part in the service. Because Pentecost is the church's birthday we shared a magnificent birthday morning tea after the service.

Join the **Prayer / Walking Group** at the Labyrinth on Thursday mornings at 9.00am. **Walk the labyrinth, Pray in the centre, then go for coffee afterwards.** Holy communion is usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

Family Service Sunday. Children come and join the fun 9.30am 'til 10.30am. During the service we have a band and the children are involved in the band and in other ways. There are drama presentations and music. Worship is directed towards families as a whole.

Heather Club Adult fellowship is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.00am. They are holding a Danny Blume coffee party on Wednesday 5th June at 10.00am everyone is welcome to attend.

Open House. Open House is held on each Wednesday morning, in the hall, during the school terms from 10.00am to 12.00pm. All welcome. They recently held a successful "Biggest Morning Tea" to raise funds for cancer research.

Book Club. The Book Club will meet at the home of Jill Mitchell on Thursday 20th June at 2.00pm.

Mainly Music Group. Mainly Music is held at Sebastopol Mission Centre from 9.15 until 10.15am. If you would like to be involved in any way please phone Elisa on 53418474.

Lindell is holding a study session at the manse on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. The study is on "**Embracing an Adult Faith**" by Marcus Borg. For further information please contact Lindell on 53413200.

We will be holding a Men's Breakfast on Saturday 29th June at 7.00am. Guest speaker will be Barry Golding the person responsible for the formation of Men's Shed in Ballarat. All men are invited.

Best wishes Joy Whitten



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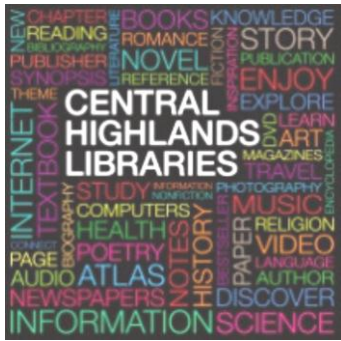
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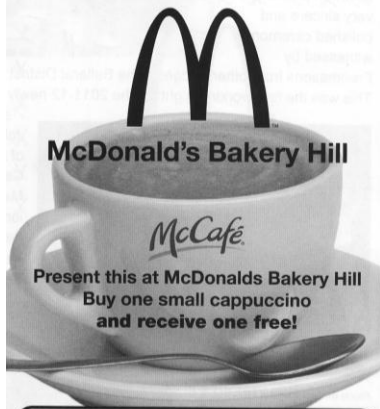
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