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CWA Marmalade Goes to Cumbria

The fourth national Marmalade Fair in Buninyong on 1st February resulted in marmalade by Buninyong CWA members being selected to compete at the International Marmalade Awards in the UK.

Sectional prize winners included local CWA members Sheila Etchells and Lyn Fleming. Lyn Fleming, Sheila Etchells, Rose O'Meara, Jean Goudappel, Barbara Dennis and June Henderson were selected as members of the Buninyong XI from the 121 entries. Other Buninyong CWA entrants were Judith Lukeis and Maree Crosbie.

The Australian XI competes against an English team for the 'Marmalashes', and the Buninyong XI competes against a local English village XI.

The two teams will be air freighted to the International Marmalade competition in Cumbria, UK during March 2014.

CWA State President Dorothy Coombe attended the presentations and encouraged more CWA members to compete and support the Fair.



The marvellous colour of marmalade presented for judging in the Buninyong Masonic Hall

Many Buninyong CWA members are involved in the Marmalade Fair as entrants, stewards or with other roles on the day, as well as on the organising community committee.

Buninyong community entrants were Judy Wilson, Julie Sellens, Michael Till, Keith Chapman along with Neville Wilson, Russell Luckock, and Corina Till who were included in the Buninyong XI.



Buninyong CWA members Lyn Fleming, Shelia Etchells, Judith Lukeis, Dorothy Coombe CWA State President, Rose O'Meara, June Henderson, and Maree Crosbie.

The Friends of the Buninyong Botanic Gardens are planning a visit to the beautifully restored house and garden at Narrapumelap on Wednesday 2nd April.

Take a look at the website www.narrapumelap.com.au

Cost will be \$26 per person for members, and \$30 per head for non members of the Buninyong Friends. This includes lunch and a tour of the house and garden.

Transport will be by car pooling, with a charge of \$10 per person for passengers, payable to the driver on the day. We plan to meet at the Buninyong Town Hall at around 8:45am for a 9:00am departure.




IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING PLEASE SEND AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO IAN SALATHIEL at ijisal@ncable.net.au by 28th February.

Please indicate if you are prepared to be a driver and carry passengers.

Application forms will be forwarded in early March to those who have expressed interest, and must be returned, with payment, by 19th March.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Buninyong

Mens Shed

The new year is looking good, as reported late in 2013 we were successful with our grant application for the new shed. It's now a case of working with the Ballarat City Council and the government department as we put the whole deal into reality. The guys at the shed were able to secure a supply of pallet wood, and over the next few months we hope to turn this into furniture, boxes, planters and any other usable items. A prosperous, viable Men's Shed has bills, so items made will be put on sale and proceeds will keep the wolf from the door. We can also undertake community jobs and small commercial contracts, we have to be self-sufficient and look long term to maintain our shed.

Recently we have acquired tools and items that we have to store until we get our new premises. So we are putting out the call for a storage place. If you have any spare space in your shed or garage, we would be most grateful for assistance over the short term.

Please call David, 0410 009 000 or Bill on 5341 2068.

RSL Closes 2013 with Christmas Cheer

Buninyong RSL enjoyed the festive spirit at its December meeting when 20 members gathered for business and comradeship.

The annual dinner at the Buninyong Golf Club on 29th November attracted 105 patrons who shared fun and the many prizes on offer. RSL is grateful for the continued support by their sponsors and the community.

Over the last six years district ex-service organisations have funded a rest and recreation program to bring a wounded Digger and his family to Ballarat. Across Australia there are 120 other destinations with climate more friendly than in Ballarat. One Digger and his family did accept the Ballarat package, enjoying the district attractions.

The Ballarat committee has decided to conclude the program and transfer the \$3800 balance of funds being transferred into the Companion Dogs program for soldiers wounded in operational explosion incidents.





Ray Mendes, Dru Parker, Brian Parker, Margaret Contessa, Lyle Thorne and Ross Hocking checking the ten Christmas Hampers assembled with the assistance of Buninyong Foodworks and RSL State Headquarters.

Your local RSL Club .

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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MASONS MOVE MARVELLOUS MARMALADE

Members of Sturt Buninyong Lodge assisted with the transfer of 121 marmalade entries to the Town Hall following judging at the Masonic Centre.

Local Freemasons have been associated with the National Marmalade fair since 2011 and continues to support this valuable community activity by making their facilities available.



Entrusted with a precious product are Brian Coffey (Master of the Lodge), Mark Retallick and Lodge Secretary Ron Fleming.

Your smarter lifestyle starts at
The Buninyong
Smart Building and Living Expo

Part of the



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Lots to see and It's free!

Builders, designers, building and design consultants.

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Sunday, 23 February 2014
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
at ROYAL PARK
cnr Hedrick and Warrenheip Streets
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To apply to exhibit contact: Sue Harling: 0438 356 334
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**BALLARAT SOUTH UNITING CHURCH
(WORSHIP CENTRE)**

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.

Mainly Music Buninyong. Mainly Music is coming to Buninyong Uniting Church on Thursday morning February 6th at 9.15am. Started in 1990, Mainly Music is a fun music group for parents to enjoy together with their young child. Throughout the morning, children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills as well as socialize with others. Children are introduced to music, creativity and more. If you are interested or want more information please phone Andrea on 0403 186 406.

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

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

Open Door. Wednesdays 10-30am to 12 noon at Sebastopol Mission Centre. Sandra Chapman is running a craft session each Wednesday. If interested contact Lyn King on 53413229 or Sandra on 53412047. The Sebastopol Mission Centre will reopen in the first week in February 2014.

Book Club. The Book Club now meets on the third Thursday of the month. The first meeting for the year will be at the home of Joy and Bob Whitten on Thursday 20th February at 2.00pm.

Mainly Music Group Sebastopol. The Mainly Music Program will resume on Wednesday 6th February at 9.30am. Mainly Music is held at Sebastopol Mission Centre from 9.15 – 10.15am and. If you would like to be involved in any way please phone Elisa on 53418474.

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

We joined in and enjoyed the Christmas Carols in De Soza Park last December.

Best wishes Joy Whitten.

Red Cross is able to provide free guest speakers for community organisations/ clubs and groups

Most people are aware of the presence of Red Cross and are interested to learn of the breadth of our work within our local communities and overseas.

Red Cross is offering free presentations that provide a brief outline of the work of the Society including:

- History (in 2014 we celebrate 100 years in Australia)
- International Humanitarian Law
- Social Inclusion Programs e.g. Telecross, Patient Transport, Breakfast Clubs
- Emergency Services
- How you can help?

We will also provide a range of printed information which make good reading and provide a wonderful insight to the work of Red Cross both locally and globally.



To discuss a possible speaking date or for more information please contact Raechel Gleeson on **0439 348 554** or by email rgleeson@redcross.org.au

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

MEN'S SHED TO BE BUILT AT TENNIS CENTRE

The Ballarat Courier page 11 "News" 3rd February 2014 pictured **Bill Jolly and David Searl** looking very pleased about the news for funding for a Men's Shed to be constructed on the site of the old tennis club rooms on the old Buninyong station platform. The group has received a state government grant of \$60,000, further Bendigo Bank funding and council support for the \$94,000 project. Construction will begin in the second half of this year.

The Golden Plains Miner page 6, 9 January 2014 also reported on the good news of the funding for a Men's Shed that could accommodate up to 50 members. More than 230 sheds are operating around Victoria and they provide men with opportunities to develop and use new skills, establish social networks and give back to their local community. Several members with tools at the ready were photographed at their new site including **Neville Wilson, Russell Williams, Bill Hulston, Andrew Gibson, David Searl, Graeme Jones, John Howard and Jeff Douglass.**

NATIONAL PARTY CANDIDATE FOR STATE ELECTION ON 29 NOVEMBER

The Ballarat Courier page 2 23rd January 2014. The Nationals announced that **Sonia Smith** would contest the newly realigned and named seat of Buninyong later this year. Ms Smith said she would focus on growth and development for the area. Ms Smith is a lawyer with Baird & McGregor and lives on the land at Navigators.

FIG LEAF CAFÉ WARRENHEIP STREET BUNINYONG

The Ballarat Courier January 25 2014 page 38 "Myessentials" page featured a smiling **Adam Hook** who has opened the Fig Leaf Café next to the Buninyong Post Office. Adam says he looks forward to sharing his love of new food ideas and local produce with the Buninyong community. He named the café Fig Leaf as the great leaf represents life, growth and prosperity but maybe it was also because of the link to his name and that Buninyong is his Eden. The Buninyong community welcomes another café to complement the shops in this area of Warrenheip Street.

BUNINYONG BOWLING CLUB RECORD

The Ballarat Courier "Sport" January 21 2014 page 27. Buninyong bowler **Bill Innes** has reached a 650 game milestone with the Buninyong Bowling Club. Mr Innes, 76, joined the club in 1968 and notched up his tally before the Christmas break. He has served as president, selector, part-time greenkeeper and has now taken on the job of greens director. Three of his sons also play at the club. He has five singles club championships and 11 runner-up titles to his name. He has overseen the division one side's rise up through the ranks, starting from division five back in his early years. He was described as "a great clubman".

ORGANS OF THE BALLARAT GOLDFIELDS

The Ballarat Courier "Who's in it Today" January 17, 2014 page 24 had a full page spread on some of the happy attendees at the Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields concert at Loreto College on January 14. **Jan and Richard Croggon** as well as former Buninyong resident

Mary Akers were appreciative audience members.

MARS CYCLING AUSTRALIA ROAD RACE

The cycling race in January was blessed with perfect weather and excellent crowds turned out to watch Tour de France winner Cadel Evans ride the 10km Mt.Buninyong circuit in the Elite Men's Road Race. The Golden Plains Miner "Sport" page 20, 16 January 2014, had a full page of spectators in the VIP tent and **Cr Peter Innes and Julie Innes** and **Clem Foster** looked to be enjoying a beverage out of the sun.

BUNINYONG BAKEHOUSE PREPARES FOR HUGE WEEKEND FOR BIKE RACES.

The Ballarat Courier January 11, 2014 page 3 "Road National Championships" pictured **Ashley and Katrina Murphy** from Buninyong Bakehouse and Café outside their bakery which is right in the centre of the crowds who flock to view the race as it turns the tight left hand bend at the roundabout before powering up the Mt Buninyong hill. They were prepared to feed an army of spectators and had planned for 900 salad sandwiches and wraps from 40 loaves of bread, 27 bags of coffee beans and 500 meat pies. For the last 16 years the Murphy family, along with Tony and Sue de Natris has been providing fresh baked goods for the Buninyong community.

"Your Say" on the same page pictured **Garry Paterson** with **Isla** of Buninyong who was asked if he was looking forward to the bike race, replied that yes, he would come down for the spectacle while not being into cycling he was nevertheless keen to have a look.

BUNINYONG BOWLING CLUB HOSTS BOWLS CHALLENGE

The Golden Plains Miner January 16, 2014 page 19 "Sport" featured Frank Peniguel sending down a bowl at the Buninyong club during his *Hit the Road Jack Campaign*. He played against the Buninyong President **Terry McDonald**. Seventy year old Mr Peniguel from Daylesford has set himself a mammoth challenge, which will take 12 months, to set the official Guinness World Record for the most lawn bowls clubs played at in one year. He has planned to play three games a day, six days a week with one day of rest with a minimum target of 600 and maximum of 900 clubs attended. He is travelling in a kombi van, which is kitted out with digital gear to record his attempt and has a trailer with a Vespa scooter for quick access to bowls clubs in the one area.

ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Road National Championships in January in Ballarat and Buninyong created a lot of interest especially as cycling idol, Cadel Evans, was in attendance. The Ballarat Courier "Road National Championships" page on January 10, 2014 page 7 ran a Vox Pop interview with residents and **Kristie Lane**, Buninyong's Chiropractor, stated that unfortunately they would be on holidays on that weekend so the family would not be going.

The Ballarat Courier also interviewed local shopkeepers on what they thought an appearance by Cadel Evans at the Cycling Australia Road National Championships would do for their business and **Trevor Whitworth**, owner of the **Red Door Pizzeria** in Warrenheip Street said that as he had only just opened he

wasn't sure how it would go, but would have a reduced menu to help with an influx of orders. **Tess McIlvena**, owner of **The Old Bluestone Café** in Learmonth Street, said it would be good for their first experience of the bike race weekend and stated it was positive for the town to get the drawcard of celebrity riders.

The Ballarat Courier "News" "Your View" December 30, 2013 page 4.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN BALLARAT

December 4 2013 saw the launch of the book *Freemasons on the Goldfields* at the Freemasons Lodge. The Ballarat Courier "Who's in it Today" December 6, 2013 page 29 had a full page of attendees including local **Ron Fleming**.

CITY OF BALLARAT CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

The Golden Plains Miner 5 January 2014 page 10 had a photo of **Cr Peter Innes**, City of Ballarat Portfolio Councillor for Destination and Economy with representatives of businesses and community groups who would take part in the Christmas Street Party on 6 December 2013 in Alfred Deakin Place, Camp Street Ballarat. Free entertainment, food, activities and a visit from Santa ensured a good night was had by all.

FOUR NEW ENTRANCE SIGNS ERECTED AT BUNINYONG

Purpose built Buninyong signs have recently been erected at each of the four main entrances to town. The signs were designed by David Turley of DHT Consulting and incorporate rough cut bluestone in a shape to mimic Mt Buninyong and are topped with sawn bluestone. The masonry work was

carried out by Ballarat Stone Cutting. The project was an initiative of the Buninyong & District Community Association with funding from the Association, the Buninyong Community Bank and Ballarat City Council in conjunction with a major grant from Regional Development Victoria. Solar lighting has been installed and the project will be officially launched in early 2014. The Golden Plains Miner December 5, 2013 page 8 had locals **Ian Salathiel**, **Hank Batstra** and **Barry Fitzgerald** leaning on their rakes and shovels while taking a break from some landscaping work. The article was submitted by Russell Luckock.

BALLARAT CYCLE CLASSIC

The Ballarat Courier 18.12.13 page 2 "News". Cyclescape owner **Matt Britton** will ride his fifth Ballarat Cycle Classic on February 15 and 16. Cyclescape received the naming rights to sponsor the event's mountain bike challenges and is giving away a \$500 gift voucher for one rider who registers early. The Classic is a charity event and funds raised will go to the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute.

THE BUNINYONG SAIL

All shipshape in the playground was the heading for an article on the ship that has been erected at the Buninyong Primary School. The Buninyong Men's Shed and the Buninyong and Mt Helen Lions Club presented it to the school as a gift. Earlier in the year the clubs had made and presented a cubby house and both these playground items will help to stimulate creative play. The Ballarat Courier December 23, 2013 page 13 had an action photo of the ribbon being cut with students **Joel Boucher**, **Joseph Matthews**, **Emily Richardson**, **Zoe Denahy**, physical education teacher Daniel

O'Kelly and Lions Club members **Bill Jolly, John Podolinsky** and **David Searl** all aboard and ready to sail.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MARS CYCLING AUSTRALIA ROAD NATIONALS

Volunteers keep the wheels turning was the caption for this major event in January. Up to 40 volunteer ambassadors from the Buninyong and Mt Helen Lions Club will again be on hand to make the event run smoothly for athletes and spectators. Lion Graeme Lukey said that they were all local people who want to see the event succeed and want to see it have a real community atmosphere. The Ballarat Courier December 23, 2013 page 10 had a photo of Ballarat City Councillor Samantha McIntosh with volunteers **Keith Chapman, Bill Jolly** and **Graeme Lukey** resplendent in their high visibility vests.

MIDLAND HIGHWAY SCHOOL CROSSING

Calls have been made for a safer school crossing for Buninyong pupils to cross safely at the corner of Learmonth Street and Inglis Street. Parent **Jane Walsh** was photographed with **Harper Daisy** and **Georgina Walsh** together with Ballarat East MP Geoff Howard at the busy crossing. A 40kph flashing sign for school hours will be assessed by VicRoads. The Ballarat Courier "News" December 20, 2013 page 5.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN BLITZ – TENNIS COACHING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hundreds of children at the Buninyong Primary School had an introduction to tennis by Buninyong and District Tennis Association head coach, Peter Joyce. Physical education teacher

at the school Daniel O'Kelly said the pupils were introduced grade by grade on 'Hot Shots' courts as part of the Australian Open Blitz. The school was aiming to raise 30,000 points for the program, to be represented by a famous player during the Australian Open. Seven year old **Isabella Pearce**, who plays tennis with BDTA, said she was having a great time. She was photographed with Peter Joyce who said tennis was a growth sport for Buninyong since the new courts were built. The Ballarat Courier "Sport" December 21, 2013 page 99.

DECORATED BIKES ON SHOW DURING CYCLING AUSTRALIA ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In a bid to get more children interested in the Cycling Australia Road National Championships a decorated bike competition was organized by Pat Hope. \$200 in prizes was donated by the Buninyong and District Community Bendigo Bank branch. Buninyong Primary School pupils **Joel Boucher, Max Wood** and **Corbin Forsyth** were pictured with a bike already festooned with streamers and bling. The Ballarat Courier "News" December 21, 2013 page 3.

MARMAL ASHES ENTRIES FROM FAR AND WIDE

June Henderson was interviewed by The Golden Plains Miner 19 December, 2013 page 12 about the Marmalade Fair that was held on 1st February 2014. June, a keen marmalade maker, was pictured with several jars of marmalade that were ready for the competition.

PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF COMPETITION

David O'Donnell was nominated for the Courier Sportz Biz Junior Sports Star of the

Week in early December. David was pictured with a medal around his neck for a second at the Primary School Golf state final at Koorungal Golf Club. He was beaten for second on a countback with a score of 69 off the stick from a field of 73 boys. David was in Grade 6 last year and entered the sport competitively three years ago. He plays off a handicap of 10 but hoped to reach single figures before last Christmas. The Ballarat Courier "The J-File" December 10, 2013 page 19.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

A medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) was awarded to **Christina Hindhaugh** for service to the community of Balmoral and to women in agriculture. Locally she is the secretary of the Friends of the Buninyong Gardens and has volunteered for many roles that earned her this honour of recognition for a lifetime of community service. Congratulations Christina, this honour is well deserved. Golden Plains Miner 30.1.2014 page 8.

MARMALADE FAIR

Buninyong and Australia's Marvellous Marmalade was on show on 1st February 2014 when the best XI and Buninyong Village XI were chosen to be sent to Cumbria in time for the March event. Russell Luckock, Lyn Fleming, and former Buninyong resident, Sheila Etchells took out prizes in the various varieties of marmalade and the Buninyong Village choices were Lyn Fleming, Sheila Etchells, Russell Luckock, Jean Goudappel, Rose O'Meara, Keith Chapman, Corina Till, and Barbara Dennis with 12th and 13th man June Henderson and Neville Wilson. The two XI teams were selected by Chief Selector, Roland Rocchiccioli in

conjunction with the CWA judges. Congratulations to all the competitors and thank you to the CWA judges Barbara Porter, Sue Gass and Ann Marston for judging the 121 entries and providing comments on each jar. The Golden Plains Miner 6.2.2014 page 15 had a full page of results and locals in the photos were **Russell Luckock** and **Cr Peter Innes**. Proceeds were donated to Ballarat Hospice.

BUNINYONG FIRE BRIGADE AT THE READY

While Buninyong district has avoided any major fires **Marc Cannan**, Captain of the Buninyong Fire Brigade said his crew was deployed as a strike team to help fight fires in the Grampians area during January. The Buninyong tanker and forward command vehicle and full crew were away for a week. Marc was pictured having a welcome drink in front of the Fire Station on a hot Sunday in early February. Golden Plains Miner 6.2.2014 page 11.

GOOD NEWS WITH NEW MS DRUG TRIAL

Tim Whiteside has taken part in a successful trial of a new drug for multiple sclerosis. He believes he is the healthiest he has ever been in his life – even with multiple sclerosis. He was diagnosed with the neurological disorder five years ago after experiencing strange feelings in his feet, itchy and hot skin, flushes lasting up to a week and double vision. His GP sent him to the Royal Melbourne Hospital where he was placed on an experimental drug trial involving Lemtrada. All of his symptoms have disappeared and he is now planning on running a marathon in October. The Ballarat Courier 6.2.2014 page 9.

BUNINYONG-Mt HELEN LIONS CLUB Inc.

P.O.Box 254, Buninyong, 3357.



As we move into a new year we look back over 2013 and the work our Lions Club has taken on in Buninyong Mt Helen and surrounding districts.

We have helped the victims of the terrible bush fires in the Carngham and Rokewood areas, tried to keep our local highways clean of rubbish through our "Clean Up a Highway" project. We have donated firewood to needy residents around the area and helped others in need in keeping gardens neat and lawns cut. We have donated funds to Lions Charities such as Childhood Cancer Research, Prostate Cancer Research, Lions Emergency Relief Program, Haemophilia Research, and assisted private causes that we thought worthwhile.

In order to pursue the ideals of the Lions Organisation we rely heavily on the generosity of our community in supporting our fund raising activities. Our BBQ's and raffles are always well supported, our sales of scrap metal and old newspapers and cardboard are ongoing, and the support we have received via our Bookshop is absolutely amazing. An enormous thanks must go to all those people who contributed to what we think has been a very satisfying year.

Carols by Candlelight.

Our annual "Carols by Candlelight", held at De Soza Park in December was a great success. The weather was kind to us and the feedback from those who attended has been nothing but inspiring. We must thank the City of Ballarat, and the Bendigo Bank for the generous support they gave us for this event.

Our Carols Committee starts work in April in order to make sure this event goes on without a hitch and we thank all those outside our Club who helped make the night one of the best ever. Thanks to Mary and Arnoud Goossens who allow us to use their lounge room for our meetings and keep us up to date with information.



The Choir, and performers at our Carols Night.

Our thanks to John Emery, who has been our MC for some years, and especially Bronwyn Booth, our musical director whose outstanding work in co-ordinating all the performers, choir and musicians ensures the night goes off without a hitch. Also thanks to "Santa" alias Lion Simon Jess. Santa's appearance caps the night off for all the littlies.

We would appreciate any comments from our Community, whether they be critical or constructive so we can keep improving the night for all the attendees.

Our Lions Club was also responsible for putting up all the Christmas trees around the town. We must thank the CFA for helping the trees to stay alive by keeping the water up, and the shopkeepers who took the time to decorate their trees.

Lions School Encouragement Awards.

Every year our Lions Club offers two "Encouragement Awards" to each of the Primary Schools in our area to be awarded to a girl and boy student who the teachers feel has showed the most endeavour in their year six at school. Each award is a \$100 voucher from Ballarat Books.

The winners this year were:-

From Buninyong Primary School - Akalia Goriss-Eazeley and Blake John.

Emmaus Primary School - Tasya Dalem and Michael O'Keefe-Hume.

From Mt. Clear Primary School - Mikeala Howard-Smith and Lachlan Kyle

From Magpie Primary School - Nikita Dibdin and Declan Dudley.

From Napoleon Primary School - Lucy Christie and Napoleon John.

Our congratulations to these students and our thanks to the Schools teachers and Administrators for their co-operation.

Mikeala Howard-Smith and Lachlan Kyle from Mt Clear Primary School proudly displaying their Encouragement Certificates.



Australia Day 2014

We traditionally celebrate Australia Day with a BBQ in the Buninyong Botanical Gardens and this year was no exception. Twenty three of our members and friends got together and enjoyed each other's company and remembered the founders of our country, both indigenous and European.



Members and wives enjoying the fellowship of our Australia Day Luncheon.

Buninyong Men's Shed.

Our Lions Club congratulates the Buninyong Men's Shed in their successful application for funding from the State Government to build a suitable shed next to the Lions Shed in Forrest Street.

We totally support the concept and ideals of the "Men's Sheds" and wish the members, and potential members all the best in their project and the future.

We believe the Men's Shed are looking for some storage space in or around our Town so if you have any spare "lock-up" space that you could donate for their use for a few months until they have access to their own premises, please get in touch with our Secretary.

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.

We meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month, 7.30pm at the Buninyong RSL Hall for our Business Meeting, and on the 3rd Monday we have a more social Dinner Meeting at the Royal Mail Hotel, Albert Street Sebastopol. Guests are more than welcome.

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 now we can collect cardboard, 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 10am to 1pm except Farmer's Market days from 9am to 2pm, and Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm in Learmonth Street next to the old bank. Great selection of second hand books including children's, travel, biographies, novels etc.

We are currently looking for Oxford or Macquarie Dictionaries from the year 2000 to now. We have a need for these for a teacher who believes students should not totally rely on the Internet for their knowledge of words.

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

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

LIONS - WE SERVE

BUNINYONG MASONIC LODGE

Don's 50 Year Masonic Jewel

Very Worshipful Brother Don Hirth was recognised with a 50 year Masonic jewel at the December Christmas meeting of Sturt- Buninyong Lodge.

The presentation made by Past Grand Master Bruce Bartrop, indicated that Don joined Freemasonry at the Cressy Lodge in 1963 and transferred to Sturt- Buninyong in 2004.

Four generations of the Hirth family attended for the presentation.

Lodge members and their partners and friends look forward to the Christmas meeting

where they share fellowship, listen to a Christmas message delivered by RWBro Rev John Macmillan and a presentation by Wendy Bitans "A Day in the life of a Department store Demonstrator".



Don Hirth being presented with his Certificate by Bruce Bartrop

Honorary Membership for Bernie

WBro Bernie Ebbs was made an Honorary Member of Sturt –Buninyong Lodge in recognition of his commitment to a range of Lodge activities over the past 15 years.

Bernie served the Lodge as Master in 2002/03, Secretary 2004-2008, maintained the Lodge photo/scrapbook , contributed Lodge happenings to the Buninyong News and

enjoyed the vocal component of Lodge ceremonies.



Bernie Ebbs receives his Honorary Membership from the Lodge Chaplain Kaspars Bitans .

Book Vouchers for Buninyong Primary School

The Sturt Buninyong Lodge has again provided \$100 book vouchers for two Grade Six students at Buninyong Primary School

Lodge Secretary Ron Fleming presented the awards to Kaya Schwarz of the Scotsburn Campus and Jarrod Sutcliffe during the graduation evening on 16th December .

This was the fifth year that the Lodge has made these awards.

School Breakfast Club Gains Masonic Support

The Mt Clear Primary School has received \$1000 from the United Grand Lodge of Victoria to assist with its breakfast club program.

The presentation was made by Sturt-Buninyong Lodge Secretary Ron Fleming during their end of year celebration evening at the school on 18th December.

The money had been achieved by the Lodge being successful in a Charity Challenge against four district lodges.

Sturt Buninyong Lodge will also contribute equipment needed for the club and assist with the serving of breakfast.

Lodge Secretary Ron Fleming with a senior Mt Clear student following the presentation.



Fruit Sale Is Another Masonic Success

No 23 Masonic Social Committee raised \$3000 from its January sale of 1400 kg of Goulburn Valley apricots.

Each year more customers join the program and increase the funds needed to support our welfare projects.

The 2014 figure will be increased to \$6000 by a co-contribution arrangement with the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Since 1999 the Committee has distributed \$39,400 to a wide range of needs mostly across the wider Ballarat district.



Left: Ken Jenkin, Charlie Pruis, Peter Stacey and Alby Peart checking fruit boxes.

Below: Lyle Fletcher, Max Mathes, David Pratt, Cyril Hill, Nick Handley, Shelley Knight, Graham Williamson grading the apricots into boxes.



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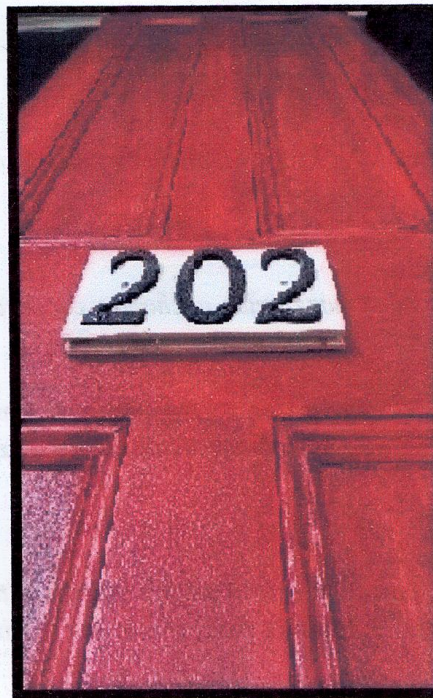
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Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair
Saturday 1 February 2014
Statement by Sonia Smith –
‘From the Community. For the Community.’

Sonia Smith is a Director of the Buninyong and District Community Bank - one of the Sponsors of the event. Sonia presented the Certificates to the winning Buninyong XI and made a Statement on behalf of the Bank.

Introduction

It is an absolute pleasure to be here with you today at the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair. It is an honour to be presenting the Certificates to the Buninyong Village XI on behalf of the Buninyong and District Community Bank. We are so proud to support this event – which is such a wonderful event for our community - and we thank you for the opportunity to be part of it. This is an event ‘From the Community. For the Community’ and it grew up from around the kitchen table where so many of the greatest ideas start. It’s a wonderful story.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the President Russell Luckock and the volunteer Committee of the Marmal Ashes Buninyong. I pay tribute to Chief Selector Roland Rocchiccioli. I would like to acknowledge the Buninyong Community Association, the Buninyong Historical Society, the Buninyong Men’s Shed, as well as many others whose efforts make up the fabric of our community. I acknowledge Carita Potts EO of Ballarat Hospice Care and the officers from the City of Ballarat, Cr Peter Innes and Mayor Josh Morris.

Most of all I acknowledge the marmalade lovers in our audience, and I think that must cover just about everyone here today!

I want to make special mention of the ladies of the CWA and acknowledge June Henderson, President of the CWA Buninyong Branch, and Dorothy Coombe, CWA State President. We are indebted to the ladies of the CWA, not only for being our expert judges today. But for being there for us in times of need with their care packages, for sponsoring education, awarding scholarships and also for handing down the old and true recipes, keeping them alive and flourishing. I am proud to be a CWA member – of the Ballarat Dinner Branch.

Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair

The story of Marmalade has a long history with lots of twists but a potted version says that a man gave a load of bitter oranges and his wife turned them into what we call modern day marmalade.

I love this story as it shows me that out of adversity great and lasting things can be made.

This same moral theme is part of the Australian story if we think of how our ancestors during times of great adversity made the majestic buildings that surround us and are still standing today.

I believe that this festival is extremely important because it shows that we care very much about our food, about where our food comes from, how it is grown, how it is prepared. We care deeply because our food is part of who we are and what we do.

Our region is very rich in history and culturally vibrant. I believe that our town and region is absolutely unique – it gives us a distinct identity in this globalized world. I know that there's nowhere else in the world that I'd rather live and work and raise a family than here.

This Marmalade Fair celebrates family. In handing down family recipes, each one a little different from the next family, it honours our Ancestors and those who have come before us. Who doesn't feel uplifted when we use our grandmothers marmalade recipe? Sending our family out to face the world with a good dollop of marmalade for breakfast. It's not just jam. It's generations of love and devotion and all that hard work that goes along with it.

Buninyong and District Community Bank

The Buninyong and District Community Bank is, like the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair, an example of the community pulling together to build something great and lasting. The Community Bank and Bendigo Bank was awarded Business Bank of the Year in 2013 and received the highest measure of Customer Satisfaction amongst all banks.

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Closing Statement

In these last few moments I would like to pay tribute to the grandparents who are with us today. For those of us who are not yet grandparents, our dearest hope is, of course that one day we will be.

I want to pay tribute to this generation because in every culture including our own the role of grandparents is a very important one - they are the custodians of the family values, the tellers of family history, the teachers of the young, whether it be cooking, gardening, fishing, the love of music and literature, the list is endless. Grandparents have a very special role to play.

Today's Marmalade Fair showcases wonderful skills and know how that we hope will be passed on for generations in the most delicious and delightful way.

Toast

I want to say that I believe the Marmalade Fair has a very illustrious future before it. Like the Booktown Festival it is an example of the spirit and vibrant culture of country and regional communities who come together around kitchen tables and do great things.

Finally I toast all the contestants and I wish those going on tour the very best at the International Marmalade Awards in Cumbria where hopefully we will continue our winning streak this year.



**Photo left to right:
June Henderson
Vice President CWA
Buninyong;
Lyn Fleming, Chief
Steward, member of
Buninyong
Marmalade
Association and one
of the winners;
Dorothy Coombe,
CWA State
President; and
Sonia Smith, on
behalf of the
sponsors the
Buninyong and
District Community
Bank.**



Save Civic Hall
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Council back flips and blocks Lower Hall inspection

Late last year, City of Ballarat's CEO Mr Anthony Schinck said that could see no problem with granting permission to give access to the Lower Civic Hall to a group of tradespeople offering their services to **Save Civic Hall**.

Therefore the group was disappointed at last night's meeting to hear Councillors vote against their own decision to allow an inspection, including an annual hazard audit inspection by their own staff!

Save Civic Hall was formed last year to encourage Council to retain the Civic Hall for community purposes. The group has been offered the services of a number of local tradespeople willing to assess the condition of the Lower Civic Hall and make the necessary repairs free of charge. This would allow that part of the Civic Hall to be opened again for community use while the larger issue of potential demolition or retention for repair, adaptive re-use etc is decided.

The large, main hall of the Civic Hall was opened to the public in 2012, and proved to be in excellent condition. However access to the Lower Civic Hall was not allowed at that time.

The request for access to allow an inspection of the Lower Civic Hall by Council, the tradespeople and other experts was made at a Council meeting in December. Ballarat businesses that have offered free labour include an established plumbing firm, painters, electricians and a local carpenter whose grandfather helped build the Civic Hall in the 1950s.

With over twelve months of further delay expected, even if Council pursues its current application for demolition, the smaller, Lower Civic Hall could be being used. **Save Civic Hall** has drawn up a calendar of potential events that could be held at the Lower Civic Hall over the next 18 months.

Community use would ensure that the Hall is better protected from vandalism and unauthorised entry.

The motion put by Cr Coates requested a video to be made during the inspection and this was used falsely by Cr Coltman to suggest that the community did not trust Council, and she later voted against access.

Save Civic Hall was surprised as they had not asked for a video, just the date when they could inspect, and the aim of the inspection was to inform the volunteer repairers and Council what work was needed to comply with current safety regulations.

Save Civic Hall believes that an inspection is urgently required to ensure that this community asset is being maintained in a safe and proper manner so that any final decision taken on the Civic Hall can be facilitated.

A Midsummer Night's Dream with a distinctly local spin

William Shakespeare's timeless classic **A Midsummer Night's Dream** has been interpreted in a multitude of ways, from Indian settings to futuristic.

On St Valentine's Day, Friday 14 February, 6 – 7pm, Ballarat audiences and visitors to the Rockabilly Festival can enjoy a short and wonderfully zany version adapted especially for kids, but with plenty of adult appeal.

Directed and written by Jacqui Cleverly and Alison Robertson, the **Save Civic Hall Players**, which include students from local schools in some key roles, are joined by young Maryborough pianist Chooka Parker. Chooka soared to fame as a finalist in **Australia's Got Talent**. He will contribute incidental music throughout the play and a short performance afterwards. His CDs will also be on sale.

As you might expect, the Civic Hall, Lake Wendouree and local identities find their way into the plot!

A Midsummer Night's Dream will perform in the delightful old theatre at the Trades Hall, 24 Camp Street, Ballarat. The entrance is off Camp Street where the Rockabilly Festival will be in full swing.

Entrance is by gold coin donation and all funds raised will go to saving the Civic Hall from demolition.

Alison Robertson is a Ballarat music and drama teacher and performs with Ballarat Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Theatre and Quintessential Winds. Jacqui Cleverley has taught music and theatre in England and Australia.

Children are encouraged to wear their fairy costumes to the performance.

Spokespeople for this article are:

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Jacqui Cleverley: 0410 641 357



A garden party to save the Civic Hall

The shady gardens and rustic 1850s bluestone buildings of Buninyong Brewery will host a garden party with live acoustic music, poetry and multimedia by local artists on Saturday 22 February 2014 from 6 to 9pm.

Local performers include the popular, fun-loving Ballarat Ukulele Kollektive and the more mellow Measure 4 Measure, which performs early and folk music for guitar, flute and recorders.

Nathan Curnow is a well-known, much published poet and David Farnsworth will not fail to delight with his whimsical poetry. Another feature of the evening will be the launch of Chai Lim's new blog, ***Vex the Story***.

For \$20 you will also have a choice of cold platters, tea and coffee and soft drink will be available for purchase at low cost.

The group hopes that people will also bring along their own musical instruments for some impromptu performances.

Organised by ***Save Civic Hall*** all funds raised will go towards opposing demolition of the Civic Hall, Ballarat's only large flat-floored arts venue (it seats 1500!). Save Civic Hall plans to take the battle to VCAT. Although the group has the benefit of some pro bono legal advice, this will still be quite costly. If Council changes its mind and allows the community to use its Civic Hall again, funds raised will go towards a community event at the Civic Hall.

For additional information please contact:

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Secretary & Communications, Save Civic Hall PO Box 114, Buninyong VIC 3357

0419 324 042 or 5341 2751

FORTUNATE'S LIFE

Nine year old Fortunate was born with severe Cerebral Palsy in Kampala, Uganda. She has a little brother Nassai who adores his sister and tries to make her giggle. As Fortunate cannot talk, walk, sit up or feed herself this entertainment helps make her day a little happier.

In October 2012 Lyn and Richard Lea from Buninyong met the family and have been supporting the medical needs of Fortunate. This year they have donated paintings and organised a fund raiser for Fortunate with the generous support of Ballarat artist, Robyn Kittelty-Redman. Robyn donated two of her paintings and local residents Des and Margaret Burke and Natalie Squire were prize winners.

Fortunate's family is most grateful for this assistance. The Buninyong Foodworks Supermarket is also thanked for their cooperation. Special thanks to Robyn and everyone who is supporting Fortunate. Other

paintings are available.

Phone 5341 8357.

Photo:

Fortunate with her Mum, Nakamya and brother, Nassai.



*Des Burke with "Sea Spirit"
by Robyn Kittelty-Redman*



*Natalie Squire with "Australian
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Dr Alana Gimpel

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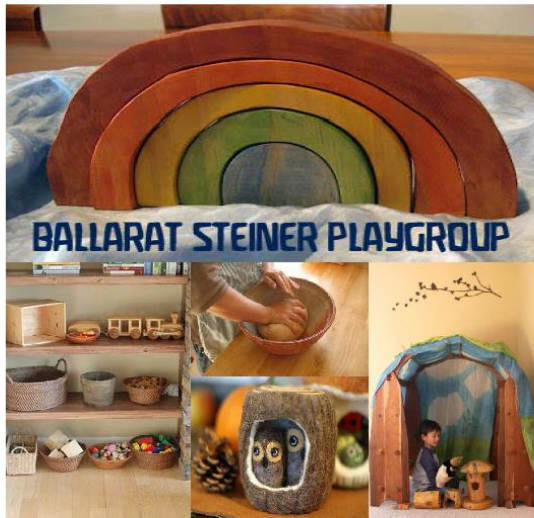
Alana worked in a hospital environment before moving into general practice. She has a special interest in mental health, sexual health, chronic disease management, lifestyle, preventive medicine and weight loss management.

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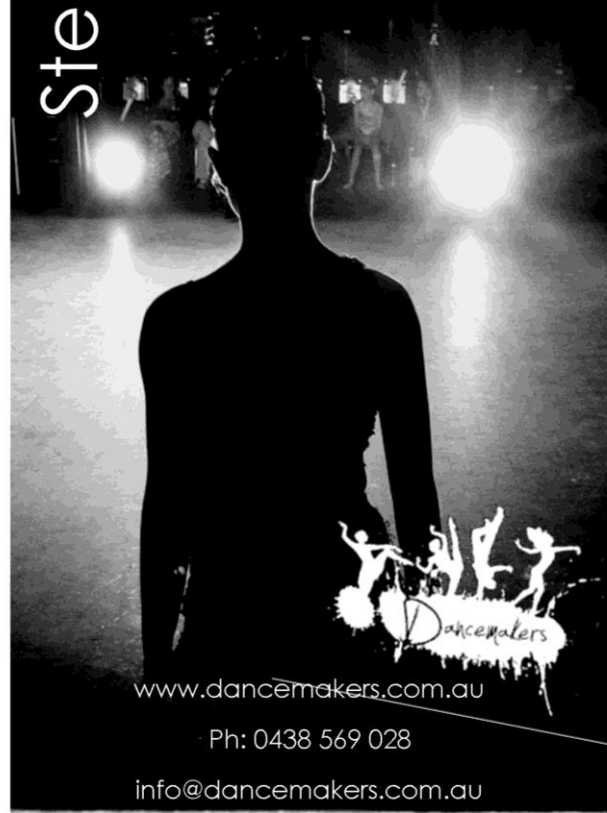
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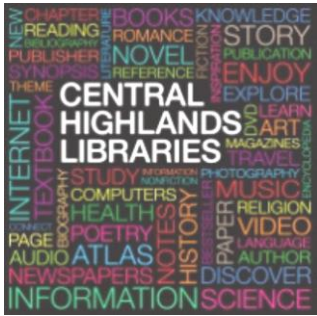
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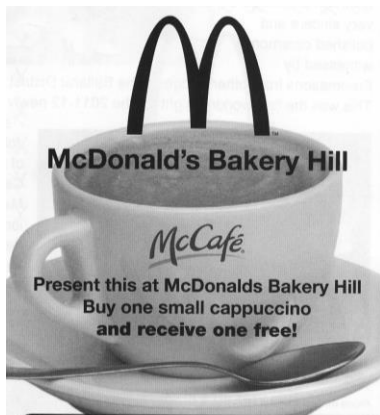
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