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Buninyong's uniqueness recognised

ZONING WIN FOR LOCALS

An outcry from local residents, some hard lobbying by the Buninyong & District Community Association (BDCA), action from a local Councillor, and a supportive and quick-acting Council were all factors in the recent "win" on the Buninyong zoning issue.

In a recent visit to Ballarat and to Buninyong, State Planning Minister Matthew Guy made it clear that he would move "immediately" to remove any doubts about the Buninyong zoning issue by acting on a recommendation from the City of Ballarat to reinstate the Neighbourhood Residential Zone to about 90 per cent of the Buninyong township.



State Planning Minister Matthew Guy with Liberal Party candidate Ben Taylor at a meeting with Buninyong residents at the Town Hall on 23 October

The zoning issue was sparked by a claim by the sitting member for Ballarat East Geoff Howard that the new State-wide zoning changes would result in a carve-up of Buninyong into allotments as small as 300m².

This claim was angrily challenged by Liberal candidate Ben Taylor at the 9 October public forum held in the Buninyong Town Hall. At that meeting Taylor promised to bring the Planning Minister to Buninyong to clarify the issue.

During his visit to the area the Minister described the claims by Mr Howard as being “factually wrong” and “misleading”

Swift Council Action

Following the forum, the BDCA had lobbied the City of Ballarat to recommend that the Minister be requested to restore the Neighbourhood Residential Zone (NRZ) to Buninyong. In its submission to the Residential Zones Standing Advisory Committee, Council had argued that it would *provide “an appropriate balance between development and change while preserving Buninyong’s unique township character”* Council’s submission was, at that time, not reflected in the changes made.

Local Councillor Peter Innes, backed by a strong recommendation from Council planners, then successfully moved, at the Council meeting of 22 October, that the Minister should be requested that an amendment to apply the NRZ to Buninyong (replacing the General Residential Zone, which had much smaller lot size possibilities)) should be made.

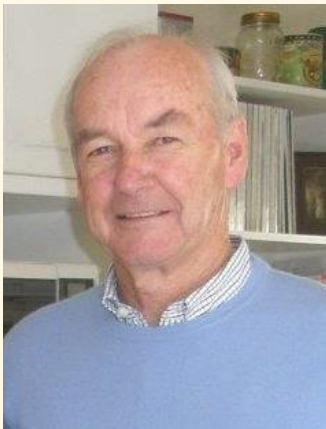
The Council passed the motion by a margin of 7-2. Subsequent to the Council meeting and the visit by the Minister on the following day, Council has moved swiftly to prepare the necessary documentation to go to the Minister who, at the meeting in Buninyong, had unequivocally said that he was *“willing to act to immediately implement (the Council) recommendations.”*

Attending the BDCA meeting held on 23 October, City of Ballarat’s Planning Strategy Manager, Deon van Baalen, said that Council staff had worked hard since the Council decision of the previous night to get the relevant paperwork to the Minister. He said that under the NRZ, as it has been for some time, the guideline for lot sizes would be 800m², but that Council would have “some discretion” to modify that marginally provided that other conditions such as local amenity, house set-backs from boundaries and house size-to-lot ratios were observed.

President of the BDCA Ian Salathiel said that the outcome for Buninyong was “a good one”. “The unique character of the area has been recognised by Council and by the Minister, and the worry about the village being carved up into tiny allotments hopefully has been sorted out hopefully once and for all” he said

Buninyong & District Community Association : Annual Report 2013-14

ANOTHER YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR BDCA



In the past year, through the activities and direct and indirect work of the Executive, members and its various Sub-Committees, the B & DCA has seen many positive results and benefits coming to the Buninyong community

Some of these relate to traffic safety matters, some to projects which have enhanced the village infrastructure in various ways, others taking the form of leadership, preparing submissions or attendance at meetings with local and State government officials and representatives concerning matters as diverse as Council's long-term planning strategies, zoning issues, cycling strategies and environmental issues

As a response to our Association's success in having input into community affairs, our membership is steadily increasing.

The attendance at the Associations meetings, from our South Ward Councillors, Mayor Joshua Morris, Peter Innes and Des Hudson keeps us informed on Council matters, and gives us a direct line to Council. Their support is greatly appreciated.

ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS 2013/2014

While the reports of the BDCA's sub Committees will provide more detail of major projects and activities, I shall note just some in random order here.

- Negotiation and agreement with the Buninyong Good Life Festival Group to take over the management of the Buninyong Village Market from the Ballarat East Rotary Club beginning in October.
- Following a significant graffiti attack in February, liaison with Council for provision of equipment for graffiti removal.
- Extension by Council of the street vines project from the roundabout to the BP service station.
- Completion of the Village Entrance Signs project and its official opening by Deputy Premier Peter Ryan on 10 April 2014

together with the Road Safety & Traffic Committee, resulting in the 50K speed limit in the retail area of Warrenheip St. with marked pedestrian safety 'refuges'

- The development of the concept, and lobbying about the BDCA-initiated Village Square Project with the City of Ballarat, preservation of Council funding of over \$200,000, and now awaiting on the outcome of a \$400,000 plus application to RDV by the City
- Significant lobbying of State Government and other politicians re the School Crossing on the Midland Hwy, eventually resulting in 40K flashing lights being installed, together with 60 kph, 80 kph, and 100 kph limits being moved further south on the Midland Highway to above Mt. Buninyong Rd.

Lyn Lea and the Traffic Committee are to be congratulated on these results

- Preparation of detailed submissions on issues such as the Council's 'Ten Game Changing Questions' and the proposed development in the Greenhill Road area
- Participation in reference groups concerned with issues such as the cycling championships and local cycling strategies
- Street tree planting agreed to with Council and commenced in Scott Street



- Numerous meetings with, and lobbying of VicRoads and Council by Executive members,

- Completion of the Historic Building Plaques project in co-operation with the local Historical Society and the project's being nominated for Ballarat Heritage awards



- Arranging and conducting the State Election Candidates Forum held on 9 October and which attracted a full-house of local residents at the Buninyong Town Hall. Redesign of meeting signage displayed on Buninyong entrance roads
- Provision of assistance to other community or 'ad hoc' groups such as
 - the 'Birdwood Park' group which, with the help of Graham Kent, arranged to clear and undercut trees, and improve the park for public use
 - the RSL in developing a project to restore the Avenue of Honour the Buninyong Marmalade Fair group
 - the group dealing with issues relating to the cycling championships and cycling strategy

- Updating, expansion and reprinting of the *Buninyong Visitor Guide*

Two members of the Executive have represented the BDCA on the Council's Township Reference Group which has supplied seed or part- funding for projects such as

- construction of a graffiti removal trailer to be operated by the Men's Shed members (and assisted greatly by a grant from the Department of Justice)
- the building of the Men's Shed
- the installation of youth recreational equipment and facilities at the Youth Space at the corner of Forest and Inglis Streets
- seed funding for the Buninyong World War I Avenue of Honour Restoration Project

IN CONCLUSION

The Association extends its thanks to The Buninyong & District Community Bank, The Buninyong-Mt. Helen Lions Club, and to the City of Ballarat councillors and staff for the continuing support given to the Association. Local politicians Simon Ramsay and Geoff Howard have shown interest in and provided assistance to our group.

Thanks also must be given to the Sub Committees and their convenors/co-ordinators -Neil McCracken/Peter Hiscock, Lyn Lea, and Barry Fitzgerald. Their efforts and persistence have resulted in a year of great achievements by the BDCA

Finally, I wish to record my personal thanks to our hard working office bearers – particularly to the BDCA Secretary for the past five years or so, Gayle Adams. Gayle co-ordinates many of the BDCA happenings and activities (including the design and maintenance of our web-site) and is a diplomatic and calming influence on various fronts.

Also my thanks go to Robert Elshaug, Treasurer, and Barry Fitzgerald, Vice President, for the exceptional amount of time they devote to the work of our Association on behalf of the community.

Ian Salathiel
President

Sub-Committee Reports

Environment & Development Committee Report

WINS WITH WEEDS AND WALKS

The past year has seen some significant environmental initiatives and improvements made to several areas of Buninyong and district.

Mt Buninyong South Walk

Through the efforts of Roly Nam and Peter Hiscock the South Track, which had become lost, has now been re-opened, although additional work is needed.

The City Council has now placed a map of the Mt Buninyong Walking Tracks on its web site.

Weeds

The Council has been systematically removing weeds from within the town of Buninyong. Also there has been a successful clearing of blackberries from the old rail cutting at Barkly Street and around the bridge in Warrenheip Street.

A list of weed locations is still in the process of being produced. This will need to be discussed with Council. Based on this information additional funds to what has already been allocated needs to be sought with the support of the Community Association.

Mt Innes

Weeds and dead timber have been removed by Council. Planting of trees is being undertaken by Council, in consultation with the local community.

Walking/Bike Tracks

A plan for a bike track between Aubrey's Rd and Moss Ave, along the side of the Midland Hwy, has been prepared and submitted to Council.



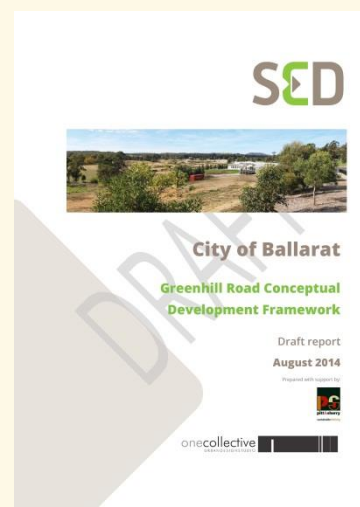
The Council will be seeking funding through the Regional Growth Fund, along with its own and community contributions.

Greenhill Rd Development

Linda Zibell has responded to a consultant's report for Council on the development of housing, on what was considered to be a 'greenbelt', north of Greenhill Rd.

No final decision has been made on the recommendation s.

The Association has had direct discussions with Council staff and Cr Innes and has proposed alternatives to several key features of the draft strategy plan



Canadian Forest

This is an area of over 600 hectares, 340 hectares having been cleared of a blue gum plantation. It is located east of Canadian Creek and North of Greenhill Road

Detailed consultations with all stakeholders have been carried out over the last two years to develop a plan for a multi-activity forest area, with the view of preventing the land being sold off for development.

There has been positive feedback from most stakeholders.

The allocation of the land for a multi use park has not been guaranteed at this point. A necessary step is for the Ballarat Council to include this concept as part of Ballarat's future.

Linda Zibell has been one of the main drivers in ensuring this land remains in public hands.

Neil McCracken, Co-Convenor

Road & Traffic & Safety Committee Report

MOVES ON TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

For almost two years since the publication of the major report – Buninyong: Traffic Impact Study 2012, this sub-Committee has been working to have some of the report's key recommendations implemented.

Again, this year there have been numerous meetings and other contacts with VicRoads, staff and Councillors of the City of Ballarat, politicians of most parties, the Buninyong Primary School, the Bendigo Community Bank, Vision Australia and others, to press for action on the Traffic Impact Study's recommendations.

It being an election year, there has been some action, some promises and some encouraging reports in the media.

Pedestrian Refuges

The pedestrian refuge lines have been painted in Warrenheip Street from the roundabout to Palmerston Street – although not quite as envisaged. Despite the Association giving publicity in the local newsletter, some drivers are unaware that they are not permitted to do U-turns across the refuge area, so 'No U-Turn' signage is also still required.

The speed limit in this area has also been reduced to 50kph.

Buninyong By-Pass Road

On the agendas of most meetings and discussions with local and State government officials, the need for planning to commence for a by-pass road for Buninyong has been included.

This stems from the increases in the number of large vehicles coming through the village, and the commencement of the Ballarat Western Link Road which in years to come will feed significantly increased volumes of traffic onto the Midland Highway at Magpie/Cambrian Hill.

The future need for a by-pass road has been passed on to Council and to State and local politicians and candidates. It was again raised as an issue at the recent Election Forum, and with the Deputy Premier at the official opening of the entrance signage.

The Victorian Minister for Roads, Hon Terry Mulder, has given an assurance that B-Triple vehicles will not be allowed through the township (at this stage).

School Crossing

Perhaps the most significant change was the installation of flashing 40kph zone for the school crossing on Learmonth Street during restricted school times and other safety features near the corner of Cornish Street. These changes were operational soon after the commencement of Term 4.

This was one request of the many citizens of Buninyong and district who signed a petition in mid-2012.

Speed Limit Changes

At the crest of the Mt Buninyong hill on the Midland Highway entering Buninyong from the Geelong direction, there have been changes made to the speed limit signage and location to accord with changes to state-wide regulations.

The 80kph and the 100kph speed limit signs have been moved further out. This action is a step in the right direction.

However, at the western entrance to Buninyong, the speed limit signage on the Midland Highway has been raised from 70kph to 80kph (it could have been 60kph). This is not beneficial particularly in this area near the golf course where traffic safety is already causing concern.

From the Mt Helen direction the speed limit is still 70kph. Should this be changed to 80kph it will cause significant traffic safety issues related to traffic coming down that hill. In discussions with VicRoads, emphasis has been placed on the need for reductions in speed limits to be placed further out from the Buninyong village on all entrances.

Thanks go to the members of the RT&S Committee – Robert Elshaug, Marc Cannan, Ashley Bryden and retiring member Sue McLachlan. Thank you also to Gayle Adams, Ian Salathiel and Barry Fitzgerald of the BDCA, to community members, staff and parents of the Buninyong Primary School, Board and staff of the Bendigo Community Bank, and to Vision Australia.

Lyn Lea, Convenor

Village Projects and Tourism Sub-Committee Report

VILLAGE PROJECTS COMPLETED ... MORE IN THE PIPELINE!

In the December 2013 AGM report of this Sub-Committee, reference was made to the successful completion of two major projects – the publication of the inaugural Buninyong Visitor Guide and the Historic Buildings of Buninyong Plaques project and to the near completion of the entrance signage project.

At that time, several projects were proposed/flagged for the 2014 year – including those of the “village square” and the upgrade of informational/directional signage in the village

The Village Square project

At the August 2013 meeting of the BDCA we were advised that Council was about to expend \$200,000 on “repairs to the asphalt area in front of the Town Hall”. Following that advice, it was decided to lobby Council to hold those funds, and use them as seed money for a more substantial village improvement project – then referred to as the Old Bank Square. David Turley again assisted with some preliminary sketches at no cost to the Association.

After four meetings with Councillors and Council staff, that has been agreed to, general concept plans prepared, and an application lodged by Council with regional Development Victoria for additional funding of some \$400,000.

Should these funds be granted, the initial “fix up the asphalt” project will be converted into more significant village works which will include stone paved areas, levelling and provision of walls suited for seating or event-viewing, revision of traffic flow, some car parking adjustments and other landscaping.

Village Signage

Despite significant lobbying, and several meetings, Council has not yet approved the \$25,000 or so required to undertake the major upgrade of informational and directional signage in the village.

However, Cr Innes has secured minor Council funding of \$5000, and it is hoped that the balance of the required funding will be approved by the Buninyong Township development group (with funds allocated by Council) at its meeting of 30 October.

A presentation has been made to the group, and approval in principle given.

Historic Plaques Project Extended

Meetings have been held with the Secretary of the Buninyong & District Historical Society with a view to their completing the historical research and writing work required for an extra twelve plaques. This additional work is expected to be undertaken in the first part of 2015.

It should be noted that the first phase of the project was a finalist in the 2014 Ballarat Heritage Awards.

Graffiti

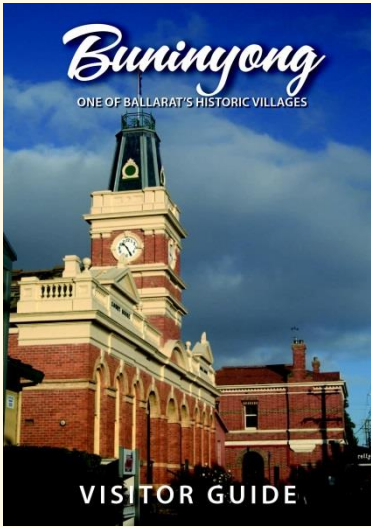
In the 2013 report of this Sub-Committee, reference also was made to the possibility of the group “becoming active in the graffiti issue”. It is pleasing to report that after initial approaches to Council resulted in Council’s provision of a loan ‘wheely-bin’ graffiti removal unit, subsequent action by the BDCA has resulted in funds of some \$21,000 being obtained (\$5000 from the Township Development Fund, and, with the help of Council’s Community Engagement team, a grant of \$16,000 from the Department of Justice) to enable the construction and equipping of a state-of-the-art mobile graffiti removal unit.

The great cooperation of the Men’s Shed is acknowledged. They have agreed to store the trailer and to provide the basis of a ‘rapid response’ team able to tackle graffiti removal within a short space of time.



Buninyong Visitor Guide

Another major project undertaken and completed over the past six months has been the revision and reprinting of the *Buninyong Visitor Guide*.



With funding assistance from Ballarat Regional Tourism through its Director George Sossi, this guide has been updated (especially to include details of the expanding number of businesses in Buninyong) and is now of 28 pages in full colour

The BVG again includes a wide range of information about Buninyong and district, its history, parks and gardens, churches and cemeteries, various local walking, cycling and driving choices, picnic and recreational possibilities, food and wine outlets, accommodation, businesses and various website links.

Buninyong Retail Group

In the context of work undertaken to update information on local businesses for the BVG, suggestions were made about the desirability of establishing a new group able to work independently and/or with the BDCA in lobbying and township projects

At the initiative of the BDCA a data base of village businesses was completed, contact made with all retail owners/operators, and an inaugural meeting of what is now known as the Buninyong Retail Group, chaired by Barry Fitzgerald, was held on 30 September.



A 'working' sub-committee of five business owners was appointed and the group is scheduled to meet again on 11 November. Cr Peter Innes and a BDCA representative will continue to assist the group.

World War I Avenue of Honour

This is a project of the Buninyong Sub-Branch of the RSL. But assistance has been sought from the BDCA to assist in preparing project specifications and submissions for funding.



There is a budget in excess of \$50,000 for this project, with the following objectives

- to remove large self-sown trees and scrub now intruding into significant areas of the original 1917 planting of deciduous trees
- to replace dead or missing trees
- to provide a plaque to each tree commemorating local service people killed in action or who otherwise did not return from WWI service
- to prepare and install interpretative signage

At this time, funding of \$19,500 has been obtained from the Township Development Fund and an application submitted for State Government funding of an additional \$20,000. It is hoped to have the Avenue of Honour project completed in time for its "reopening" 100 years after its first being planted.

Barry Fitzgerald, Convenor



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 held each Thursday morning during school terms at 9.15 am. In Mainly Music children are introduced to music, creativity and more. The group is now full but if you would like to go on the waiting list or want more information please phone Andrea on 0403 186406.

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 Mission Centre is now providing free soup to anyone on a Wednesday at 12 noon.

Book Club. The Book Club now meets on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting for the year will be at the home of Sandra Chapman on Thursday 20th November at 2.00pm. There are positions available. Any-one who would like to join the group please phone Joy Whitten on 53418189.

Mainly Music Group Sebastopol. 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 Bronwyn on 53301574.

Car Boot Sale The next car boot sale will be held in the church grounds at Buninyong on Saturday 29th November from 7am for 8am start. Stall fee \$25.00. If you would like to book a site or for enquiries phone David or Caron on 53413682 or 0411389275.

Morning Coffee Party: There will be a morning coffee party with Blumes Fashions in the Buninyong hall on Wednesday 12th November at 10 am. Entry is \$5.00. For enquiries phone 53301934.

Buninyong Service DVDs. If anybody would like to receive the DVDs of the Buninyong services please contact Lyn King on 53413229 or Lindell on 53413200. The loan of a DVD player is possible if it is needed.

Best wishes Joy Whitten.

ZUNI

1st Birthday Celebrations

To mark this occasion we are having a

Student Art Exhibition

**Saturday 8th Sunday 9th November
10am onwards**

All Art For Sale

Saturday open 10am with food,
refreshments, face painting and music
from 3pm onwards.

Come join us... Trudy.

Zuni Gallery/Studio

305 Warrenheip Street

Buninyong.

RSVP. trudynicholson@ncable.net.au

Mobile. 0407613038

Buninyong Uniting Church
invites You To A

Morning Coffee Party
With Blumes Fashions

Wednesday 12th November

In the Church Hall

Time: 10am

Entry \$5



Enquires: Ph. 5330 1934

Ballarat South Uniting Church, incorporating
Buninyong Delacombe Meredith Sebastopol

BUNINYONG RSL NEWS

Restoration of the Buninyong Avenue of Honour

A project to restore the Buninyong World War One Avenue of Honour in Learmonth Street in time for the Anzac Centenary is making steady progress.

The project will remove feral trees, replace missing and comprised trees, install tree markers with soldier's names and establish three interpretive panels along the avenue.



The Buninyong RSL is awaiting the outcome of an application for funding from the State Government to support the contribution by the RSL and City of Ballarat.

Photo: One of the remaining original avenue trees near the RSL Club rooms.

RSL Annual Dinner

The Annual RSL dinner will be held at the Buninyong Golf Club on Friday 28th November at \$33 per person. Bookings to be made with Max Thorne 5342 0755.

Past President now Deputy Mayor

Cr Peter Innes a past President of the RSL was installed as Deputy Mayor of the City of Ballarat during a special meeting of ordinary Council on 27th October 2014. Cr Innes was RSL President in 2010-2012.

RSL members Bill Akell and Ron Fleming attended the Council meeting.

Buninyong Masonic Lodge

Roof Repairs at Masonic Centre

Major repairs have been undertaken on the Buninyong Masonic Centre roof. The roof was erected during the 1910's and has weathered a range of climatic events during its time.

The current repairs will extend the life of the roof and protect the hall from water damage for years to come.



Photo: Roof repairers working of the Masonic Centre roof.

Fruit Sale for Charity

Sturt-Buninyong United Lodge has conducted its annual fruit sale for charity and in the past money raised is distributed to a range of organisations and needs throughout the wider Ballarat district.

MASONIC CHARITY FRUIT SALES

- * Apricots and other fruit
- * Available Late December early January
- * Sales arrangements and prices will be advised by telephone

Ring **Ron Fleming 5341 3225** or rj_ljfleming@bigpond.com to be added to the telephone sales list.



An initiative of the Masonic Lodge at Buninyong

Presentation of Research Funds Cheque

The Sturt Buninyong Masonic Social Committee has provided a boost to the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute with the presentation a \$1000 cheque.

Committee President Charlie Pruis made the presentation and indicated that \$500 came from the 2013 fruit sales project and a matching grant from Freemasons Victoria –Board of Benevolence.

The committee has made two previous contributions to the Institute.

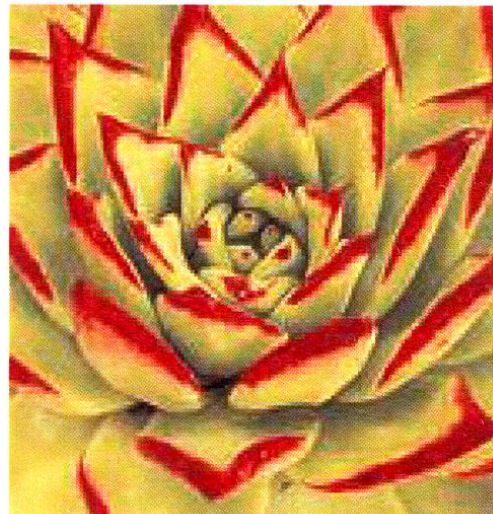


BALLARAT CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Show and Sale November 22nd and 23rd

Robert Clark Centre Ballarat Botanic Gardens

Saturday 22nd 9.30 am-5pm Sunday 23rd 9.30 am -4pm



Come along and meet the grower, discuss the plants suitable to our area and ask questions on any aspect of our plants.

Sales include Cacti, Succulents and Collector plants.

A large range of Bromeliads will also be available.

Crowsfoot Pottery superb ceramics will be on sale.

Don't miss this opportunity to grab a bargain or just have a look.

Admission \$3 includes a cup of Tea or Coffee.



The 2015 Smart Building and Living Expo
will be held **Sunday 22nd February 2015, at Royal Park, Buninyong, 10am to 4pm.**

The Expo Team:

Would you like to sponsor, exhibit or help out at next year's expo then call one of the team to discuss or email forp.buninyong@gmail.com

Expo Director: Andrea Mason, 0427 338 482

Sponsors and New Exhibitors Coordinator: Andrew Aitken, 0419 823 376

Artistic/Entertainment Coordinator: Sue Nunn, 0400 885 672

Registrations Coordinator: Sue Harling, 0438 356 334.

Team support: Tanya Wiggins, Keith McCallum, Paul Ryle.

Sponsorship and Registration information is available [online](#).

A logo for Yardgear Australia. The word "YARDGEAR" is in large, bold, green, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, "AUSTRALIA" is in a smaller, bold, green, sans-serif font, flanked by two horizontal lines. The background of the logo is blue. Below the logo, the address "12 Whithorse Rd Mt Clear 3350" is written in yellow, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the address, the phone number "PH. 5330 3233" and the website "www.yardgear.com.au" are written in yellow, sans-serif font. Below the address and phone number, the text "Outdoor Power Equipment Sales Servicing & Repairs" is written in yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the logo, a list of equipment types is written in yellow, sans-serif font: "MOWERS GENERATORS BLOWER VACS TILLERS SPRAYERS SPARES CHAINSAWS WOOD SPLITTERS BRUSH CUTTERS PUMPS GARDEN CARTS".

LIONS CLUB OF BUNINYONG MT HELEN

Presents

LIONS RED FACES



WHERE: Buninyong Town Hall

WHEN: Saturday 15th November 2014

TIME: 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start

COST: \$10.00 per head

BYO: Drinks and nibbles (plate of supper to share)

RSVP: Fri 3rd October 2014

CONTACT: Cathy, Mb: 0419 895 651 or e-mail cl.maguire@hotmail.com

BOOKINGS: Essential. Why not book a table

Tea and coffee included. Prizes.

We would like individuals or groups to present an item to last no longer than three minutes.
REMEMBER THE GONG!! It could be stand up comedy, reciting poetry, dance, singing, aerobics, playing a musical instrument, or other.

You may wish to be part of the audience only.

So take up the challenge now for a night of fun and frivolity.

Looking forward to your company at **LIONS RED FACES**

Thanks to the Buninyong CFA from Scotsburn Primary

During the holidays, Gareth Smith along with some members of the Buninyong CFA burnt the large bonfire for us at Scotsburn Primary. With the weather starting to heat up, it was great to be able to clean it all up in such a safe and controlled way. Thanks Gareth and your wonderful team of volunteers.





**BUNINYONG MT HELEN LIONS CLUB
& COMBINED CHURCHES**

**COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
DE SOZA PARK**

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

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

COLLECTION FOR 3BA CHRISTMAS APPEAL



NEWS ABOUT TOWN

PRELUDE TO BUNINYONG MARMALASHES

The Ballarat Courier "News" 11 October 2014 page 16 reported that **Russell Luckock** and Jane Hasell-McCosh of England had a cook off in the kitchen with an early batch of marmalade each. Ms Hasell-McCosh was declared the winner on the day. The founder of the World's Original Marmalade Awards, Jane Hasell-McCosh was touring through Victoria and South Australia conducting talks on marmalade and palliative care to publicise the message that Hospice and Palliative Care organisations want us all to start The Conversation to friends and family about what we want for our end-of-life care. Funds raised from the marmalade challenge with England each year are donated to the Ballarat palliative care organization.

BUNINYONG BUSINESSES JOIN FORCES TO PROMOTE THE VILLAGE

Buninyong retailers have banded together in an effort to encourage residents to spend shopping time in the region over the summer. The Buninyong Retail Group has 25 businesses already signed up and have a Christmas decoration project on their agenda. A group photograph in the Ballarat Courier 7 October, 2014 page 12 pictured **Gary Jones (PRD Real Estate), Nicki Sing (Unique Garden Décor), Ron Delaland (Buninyong Newsagency and Garage), Kerrie Lalor (Buninyong Beauty Therapy), Phil Crosbie (PRD Real Estate), Jess Donald (Old Bluestone Café), Randall Dreger (Buninyong Community Bank), Paul O'Beirne (Foundation Legal), Tracey Spencer (Lana Rose), Wendy Chalker (Divine Vintage), Sonia Smith (National Candidate for Buninyong) holding son Stanley, Ashley Murphy (Buninyong Bakehouse), Adam Hook (Fig Leaf Café), Jennifer Pegler (Sew Special – Button Heaven) and Cr Peter Innes (City of Ballarat).**

COMMUNITY FORUM HELD AT THE BUNINYONG TOWN HALL

Ian Salathiel and Barry Fitzgerald were shown holding a flyer to promote the forum on 9th October at the Town Hall. All candidates for the upcoming state election on 29th November were able to speak to the capacity audience for 10 minutes each with time for questions from the floor. The major issue of the night was the change in the zoning for Buninyong with smaller land sizes but this has been corrected by the Planning Minister (early November) and the minimum land size for housing is a recommended 800 sqm (Neighbourhood Residential Zone). The Miner page 5, 9th October, 2014.

AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS AND MINERS HALL OF FAME

The Miner page 14 9th October 2014 featured an article on Robert Malachy Serjeant who has been inducted into the Australian Prospectors and Miners Hall of Fame. A certificate was presented to his great great grandson at the Ballarat Town Hall. Serjeant was born in Cornwall in 1828 and died in Ballarat 1902. He operated the very successful Band of Hope and Albion Consols. and still had time for many community responsibilities. Historian at the Sovereign Hill Museum's Association, **Dr Jan Croggan** said he arrived in Adelaide in 1849 aged 20 and gained experience in the copper mines of South Australia.

2015 VICTORIAN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Ballarat Courier October 8, 2014 page 6 pictured a very happy **Cr Peter Innes** who has been recognized as a community leader finalist in the 2015 Victorian Australian of the Year awards in the Local Hero Category. Peter is a coordinator of the

LinkUp program which supports young parents to get back into education and the workforce.

THE AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY BALLARAT DISTRICT

The Miner page 14, 23rd October, 2014 photographed **Jo and Mike Stephens** of Yendon selling some plants at the annual Australian Plants Society show in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens Robert Clark Centre during October.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Lion President Simon Jess was photographed with contestants for Lions Youth of the Year that is run by the Buninyong Mt Helen Lions Club. Pictured with Simon were District Governor Lion Kevin Tate and participants from Ballarat's secondary schools Courtney Norton, Loreto; John Brodie, St Patricks; Alisha Murphy McKay, Loreto; David O'Doherty, St Patricks; Isabella Geri, Ballarat and Clarendon College and Joseph Short from Damascus Secondary College. The competition is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth. The overall winner was John Brodie while the public speaking award went to David O'Doherty. The Miner page 12, 23rd October, 2014.

BALLARAT FESTIVAL OF MOTORING

Once again **John Emery** was involved with producing a Festival of Motoring on 4th November 2014 and this time the display of cars was at M.A.D.E. for an outdoor show that involved about 100 cars. This year featured the original Mini that is now 55 years old and a cross section of racing touring cars. The M.A.D.E. theatre featured motoring films through the decades. The Ballarat Courier "Country Cars" November 1, 2014 pages 1 and 3. John Emery and fellow enthusiasts were photographed on page 1 of Country Cars as well as page 3.

NEW SCULPTURES PROPOSED FOR BUNINYONG

Arts Buninyong members actor and sculptor, David Bradshaw, **Micheal Ford** and art administrator and curator, **Merle Hathaway** aim to establish many creative events in Buninyong and act as a consultancy group for anything aesthetic. Its first project aims to establish public sculpture in the town through an acquisitive sculpture prize. They also hope to have more performances, exhibitions and recognition of anything in the arts. The group also includes five other members with interest in the Arts. The Ballarat Courier page 14, October 31, 2014 pictured David, Micheal and Merle in DeSoza Park alongside the Chilean Wheel.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CHOIR SING IN COPS N KIDS CONCERT

It was billed as a musical extravaganza for raising money for Cops N Kids on a recent Sunday afternoon at the Neil St Uniting Church Hall in Ballarat. The CWA Choir was in full voice and local identities pictured on the stage included **Judith Lukies, Dawn Whykes, Maree Crosbie, June Henderson, Sheila Etchells, Carole Bartlett, Margaret Jarvis, Pauline Kennedy, Pat Howden and Jean Wallbridge**. Out of camera range was the pianist **Nancy Trigg**. The Miner 23 October, 2014 page 7.

BALLARAT POULTRY SOCIETY TO EXHIBIT AT THE BALLARAT AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Poultry enthusiast and president of the Ballarat Poultry Society **Norm Hand** was photographed with a jubilee Indian bantam hen and Sonya King held a rosecomb cock bird to advertise the return of the Poultry Section at the Ballarat Show this November. Organisers are expecting about 100 birds, representing about 30 different breeds of fowl. Norm breeds old English game birds and Indian game birds. The Ballarat Courier, "Farmers'Weekly" page 27, October 29, 2014.

TRUCK PULL IS BACK AT THE BALLARAT AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Another popular entertainment returns to the Show this year with the truck pull. Teams of 10 will compete to haul a Eureka Concrete cement truck weighing 11.5 tonnes. The Buninyong CFA has entered a team. Getting in to the spirit and flexing their muscles with a thick piece of rope attached to the cement truck were local identities **Phil Franklin** and **Topsy Nevett** along with Megan Ballantyne, Amanda Mason, Shane Zammit, Gerard Ballinger and Matt Best. The Ballarat Courier page 4, October 29th 2014.

BALLARAT ART GALLERY LAUNCHES NEW EXHIBITION

The Art Gallery of Ballarat had their EIKON exhibition launch on October 16th at the gallery. Local identity **Lorraine Powell** attended the function to have a first hand look at the religious icon collection from orthodox churches. The Ballarat Courier "Who's in it Today"page 142, October 18, 2014.

THE STORY OF BUNINYONG

Buninyong Primary School students were pictured with a magnificent frog in their school gym. **Connor Brisbane, Josh Matheson, Amy Wells and Tam Petrov** were rehearsing for their Dreamtime Story of Tiddalick the Frog that was told by the Grade 4 pupils on October 24th as part of their history unit. The script, dances, costumes and music are completely original with input from the pupils. Director Miranda Donald said the play had become a rite of passage for Grade 4 pupils passing through the school. It was held on the weekend of

the Good Life Festival. The Ballarat Courier "News"page 11, October 22nd 2014.

TRACK AND FIELD STARS

The School Sport Victoria Greater Western Primary Track and Field finals were held at Llanberris on October 17th. **Harley Crabtree** represented Buninyong Primary School in the 11 yo boys 800m. The Ballarat Courier page 16, "Junior Sport Extra" 21st October, 2014.

50 YEAR CELEBRATION FOR SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, BALLARAT BRANCH

On October 15th the Sportsmen's Association of Australia, Ballarat branch gathered at the Mid City Motel in Ballarat to commemorate the club's 50 year anniversary. Ron Plover, John Symons and **David Stevens** are the remaining inaugural members. The Ballarat branch has awarded a life membership to 10 people, with the Victorian branch giving the honour to five Ballarat members. The SAA has offered two Ballarat members the honour. The club commenced its sports star of the month awards in 1970 and sports star of the year in 1982. The Ballarat Courier page 38, October 7th 2014.

OLD BLUESTONE CAFÉ IN BUNINYONG

The Ballarat Courier page 39, October 11, 2014 "Food/Wine" In the Kitchen interview by Suzi Fitzpatrick with Old Bluestone Café owners **Tess and Clayton McIlvena**. The café offers a full breakfast and lunch menu with nothing over \$15, and light and fluffy scones for Devonshire Tea as well as a broad range of cakes and gluten-free treats. The café is at 324 Learmonth Street, Buninyong.

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While we focus on the Smart Building and Living Expo in February, there is still lots to do and see on the topic of **sustainability** around Ballarat and Buninyong now. Spring is a great time for our local food and wine festivals and of course the Buninyong Good Life festival!

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BREAZE Smart Living Market, 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Lake Wendouree. <http://breaze.org.au/stallholders>

15 November

BREAZE AGM - <http://breaze.org.au/news-events/reports/826-agm2013-14>

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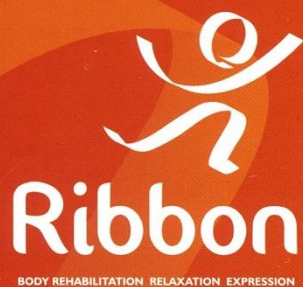
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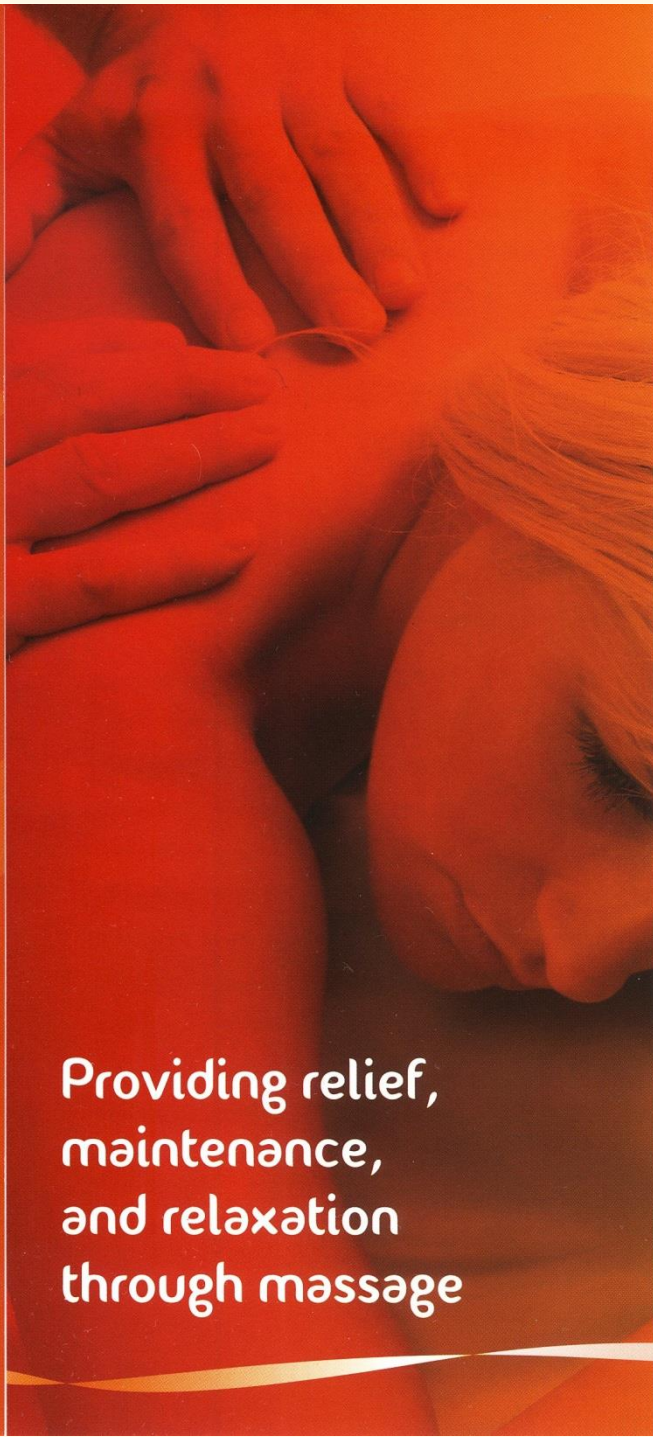
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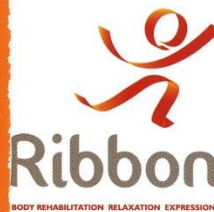
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August 14 Chasing Ice

USA, 2013, 75 min. Dir: Jeff Orlowski.

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Source: Madman.

September 11 Les Enfants du Paradis

French Poetic Realism
 France, 1945, 190 min., b/w, Dir: Marcel Carne.

Since its triumphant premiere in a newly liberated France in



1945, the *Children of Paradise* has maintained its unchallenged popularity. Screenwriter Jacques Prevert - gregarious, passionate and political - teams up with director Marcel Carne - remote and cool, to create sublime cinematic magic. The film took 18 months to produce and was made during the German occupation of France amidst tremendous hardship for actors, Jewish composers and the 1,500 extras used in the film. Set in the rich gamey world of mid 19th century Parisian theatre, farce, romance, melodrama and tragedy is swept up into a perfect narrative. It is like pure velvet to watch. Source: NFSA.



October 9 The Big Heat

USA, 1953, b/w, 90 min. Dir: Fritz Lang.

American 1950s Noir

Cast: Glen Ford, Gloria Grahame, Jocelyn Brando, Carolyn Jones and Lee Marvin.

Homicide detective Dave Bannon is an honest cop who investigates the death of a fellow officer Tom Duncan after a suspected suicide. Lifting the lid off the garbage can, he uncovers a world of megalomaniac crime bosses, police commissioners and city councilors all on the same payroll. This is a ballad of hate, murder and revenge that only America of the 50s can pull off but we also witness the courage of others: a crippled woman gives him a lead and a band of old mates protects his daughter. (Watched by Mike in series 5 of *Breaking Bad*) Source: NFSA.

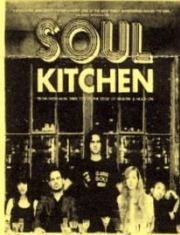
November 13 No

Chile, 2013, 117 min. Dir: Pablo Larraín, Madman

Gritty Docudrama



In 1988, due to international pressure, Augusto Pinochet holds a plebiscite on his presidency. Against all odds, a young ad man takes on the job of mobilizing Chilean people to vote 'no' to Pinochet's continued military rule. Shot in U-Matic to give the feel of the time and blend with actual footage, the film reveals a little known or understood role of how modern media can change the mood of a nation. This is Larraín's third film in a trilogy recording the Pinochet dictatorship between 1973 and 1988. Source: Rialto.



December 6 Soul Kitchen

Melting-pot comedy

Germany, 2009, 96 min. Director: Fatih Akin. Stars: Adam Bousdoukos.

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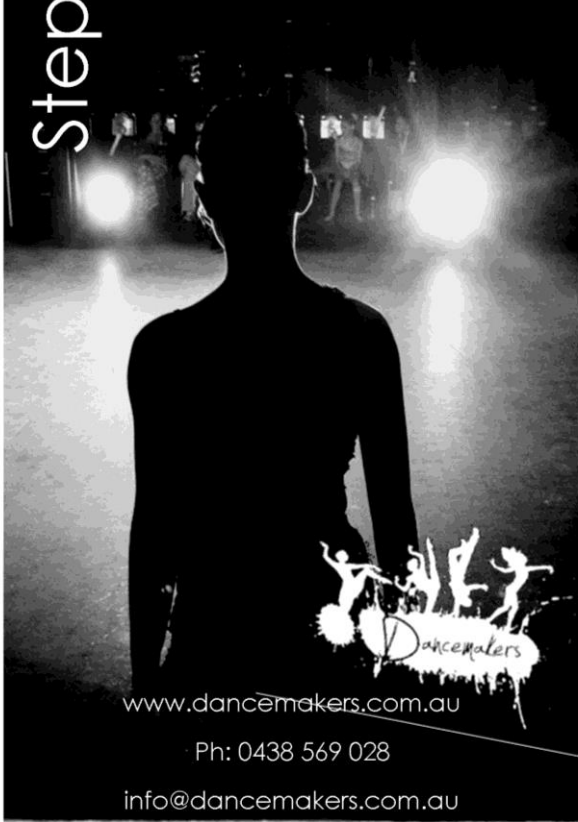
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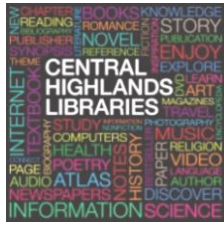


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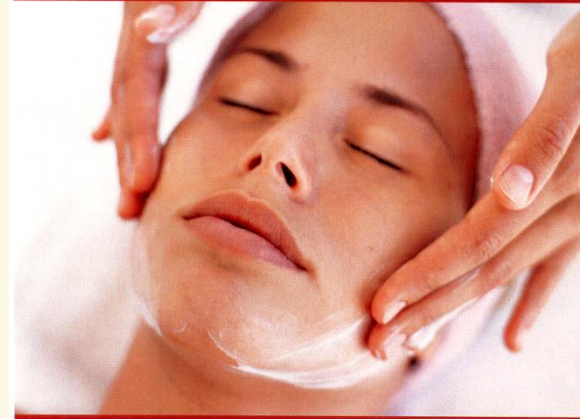
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