

Public Transport Victoria

MEETING CALLS FOR MANY BUS CHANGES

A public meeting with Public Transport Victoria (PTV) officials held on 10 September called for changes to bus services to Buninyong.

The visit by the PTV staff was arranged by the State Member of Buninyong, **Geoff Howard** and the meeting, attended by 27 residents and held at the Buninyong Bowling Club, was coordinated by Buninyong Community Association.

The meeting was part of a State-wide consultation by PTV about the future of public transport in regional Victoria, particularly looking at the public transport needs of local communities.

Stuart Johns, PTV's Project Manager for the Regional Development Plan, and Transport Planner **Cheng Jun Li** attended.

A range of changes and improvements to local bus services to Buninyong were called for. These included:

- the need for improved connection times between weekday bus and train timetables.

- a total review of Sunday bus provisions to Buninyong. The scheduling of just four services on that day was described as "hopelessly inadequate".
- the introduction of a link (along Whitehorse Road) between the No 10 Buninyong bus route and the No 12 route in Sebastopol that would greatly assist staff and students travelling to Damascus College and to Federation University, as well as providing more direct access for local residents to Ballarat's hospital/medical precinct.
- a possible extension of the Buninyong bus service to the Hillview Lodge on Mt Buninyong, that might also provide a service to the growing number of residents along the upper areas of the Midland Highway.

Other issues raised included the absence of late-night buses, passenger safety and behaviour and the need for 'Park n Ride' areas.

Next

Commenting on the examples given of the present unsatisfactory state of bus-train connectivity, Mr Johns said that "vastly improved timetable connectivity had already been put in place in Geelong, Warrnambool and Bendigo and that Ballarat was now top of the list."

He added that consideration was "already being given to some form of a bus link between the Sebastopol area and Federation University. Other "alternative ideas" being considered by PTV included the use of school buses and taxis many of which "are sitting idle



PTV officers Cheng Jun Li and Stuart Johns.

for several hours each day" and also a 'shopper-bus' service.

Speaking to a detailed submission made by the Community Association, **Barry Fitzgerald** also called for relocation of the present V-Line bus stop on the east side of Warrenheip Street near the post office which he said severely restricted parking in the strip, was used no more than three minutes each day by V Line buses, and which could easily be relocated further north along Warrenheip Street. Mr Johns agreed to refer this matter to appropriate PTV staff for review.



Another bus passes by the empty bus stop area on Warrenheip St while parking there is at a premium.

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Bricks help restore old Police Station

The original Buninyong Police Station, built in 1859 and now located within the Buninyong Primary School grounds, is undergoing a major internal and external facelift.

To support the renovations, the school is inviting the community to be a part of its future by purchasing a brick or paver to be engraved with a name and placed at the entry of the building. Money raised from this sponsorship initiative will be used to install new heating, flooring and a kitchenette.

The renovated space will be used for a variety of learning experiences and as a venue for historical talks from local community members for the students. It will also proudly display historical images of Buninyong Primary School and its surrounds.

The cost of one brick is \$60 and includes engraving and installation. Bricks can be engraved in two ways: with a family name (eg. Smith family); or for those hoping to purchase more than one brick, to name each of their children who attend or have attended Buninyong Primary School on each brick (eg. Benjamin Smith). Each brick can contain up to three lines by fifteen characters.

A business paver sized 300mm x 300mm will also be available to purchase and includes engraving of a business name at a cost of \$300.

The school would like to thank residents for their anticipated support and looks forward to reading the names of those who choose to be a permanent fixture at this important community building.



School students Ben Wright, Olivia Reyntjes, Remmi Sheehan and Will Deans outside the entry of the old Police Station.

For further information on the restoration and sponsorship initiative, please contact **Daniel O'Kelly** on 5341 3560.

The Buninyong Good Life Festival All over town!

The Good Life Festival celebrates five years this October. The free community event is an opportunity to showcase what Buninyong has to offer and is a celebration of the beautiful place where we live.

A small but hard working committee has been planning the event for many months and this year, the festival has reached a size where it needs to be spread throughout the whole town!

Part of the festival will return to Desoza Park with the entertainment, market stalls, food court, health hub and kids activities filling the area. But don't think that is the only festival 'spot' as the Uniting Church will be hosting an Antique Evaluation Day and a Teddy Bears

Picnic and the CFA will be hosting an Open Day with displays and activities including Captain Koala.

There will be a model train display in the Buninyong Town Hall along with Devonshire teas. The Buninyong Village Market will fill the area outside the Town Hall and Masonic Hall with arts and crafts.

Other attractions for the day will be the horse and carriage rides, a rock climbing wall, a kiddies train, giant cake stall, Buninyong's Got Talent, all day entertainment and a variety of food, wine, information and market stalls.

The fifth Buninyong Good Life Festival will be held in the township of Buninyong on Sunday, 25 October from 9am to 4pm.

Tireless worker for charity

Helen's not going anywhere

With her four children spread between Torquay, Noosa, the Gold Coast and even Tokyo, over the years Helen Stephens has been under lots of pressure to move away from Buninyong.

But, she said, "the kids have now given up on trying to get me to move to Queensland. They know I wouldn't be happy anywhere else than in Buninyong."

Helen Stephens is that gracious, silver-haired woman who is a loved local identity, and who, over the 34 years that she has lived here, has been involved with many local organisations.

These include being on the ladies auxiliary of the RSL and the Mt Buninyong Fire Brigade, the CWA, a volunteer for Heartbeat and the old *Buninyong Community News*, and assisting other charities.

She will often be found at a card table or stall set up along one of Buninyong's business strips selling tickets or otherwise raising funds for charities. Being so well-known, and with her charming manner, Helen is hard to rush past when she has a book of raffle tickets at the ready.

She wishes to thank locals who, during the recent Daffodil Day appeal for cancer research, helped to raise \$703 from the sale of merchandise, fresh daffodils and from donations at the table outside the supermarket.

Geelong girl

Born in Geelong, Helen attended the Tate St Primary School, and Matthew Flinders Girls School in that city before commencing her working career as a telephonist and receptionist. She has particularly fond memories of her time spent at the Alcoa refinery at Point Henry.



Helen taking a well-deserved break from collecting donations for the Daffodil Day appeal.

Very recently she has moved to a new unit in Somerville Street, Buninyong, which she believes "is about the thirtieth time I have moved around most States in Australia."

"I wouldn't want to be anywhere else"

Around 1981, she, her husband and the family moved from Hamilton to the Buninyong district when they purchased a 40 acre property on Nash's Road, Scotsburn, for just \$26,000. This was to be a little closer to her ageing parents in Geelong. She's been in the Buninyong district ever since.

"I wouldn't want to be anywhere else," Helen said. "This is such a friendly community and the village ambience makes Buninyong such a lovely place in which to live."

While enjoying all of Buninyong's growing list of coffee shops, you can usually count on finding her at Espresso Depot on pretty well every Saturday morning.

streettalk

Back again

The real estate office of Harcourts in Warrenheip St is open again with well-known local sportsman **Bernie Massey** and friendly receptionist **Maggie** being the faces behind the desks.

Taking Shape

Various elements of the Town Hall precinct project are now taking shape. While we still are to be convinced about the need for that super entry road near RSL Park, it's good to see the progress on the 'Sculpture Corner' and bluestone work near the roundabout, and the preliminary works in the area near the Town Hall.

Stranger Danger

In this issue is a photograph of **Cr Des Hudson** talking to students at the Scotsburn school campus about 'stranger danger'. In mid- September, there was an incident in Buninyong involving a stranger offering sweets to young children. Local school Principal **Bernie Conlan** acted swiftly with a letter to parents and reporting the incident to police.

In the spotlight

Those clowns who lately have been seen shooting rabbits by spotlight (and causing damage) in the local cemetery and adjoining properties had better call it quits. Car details including registration numbers have been passed to local police who have been doing some spotting of their own.

Good Job

NBN contractors in Ballarat have been repeatedly blasted for their sloppy work leaving footpaths and nature strips in a sad state. However, around Buninyong for the past six weeks or more have been the contractors with trucks with the big tank and vacuum hose cleaning out the pits preparatory to the laying of NBN cable here. Pat on the back for the firm (by name of BRC/Big Red Contractors) for their post-digging clean up – carefully spread top soil and grass seed have left the areas around the pits in top condition.

IRISH STONEMASON LEADS WORK ON 'SQUARE'



Paul Nolan (right) and assistant David Willis take a break while working on the bluestone walls on the south side of Learmonth Street.

It's about 17,000 km from Dublin to Buninyong, but smiling Irish-born stonemason Paul Nolan has taken that in his stride.

Paul has been at the forefront on the key stone works currently under way on both sides of Learmonth Street as part of the Town Hall Precinct project being undertaken by the City of Ballarat after lobbying by the Buninyong & District Community Association.

Luck and love

In 2010, Paul left an economically depressed Dublin to try his luck (and as it turned out, find love) in Australia. After first landing in Sydney, he took off for Ballarat on a whim to see if he could set up his stone mason business, Celtic Stone, here. He had fifteen years' experience as a stonemason in Ireland.

"I arrived here, not knowing a soul, and with a few T shirts and couple of pairs of shorts on a freezing winter's day," he said, "but I soon decided Ballarat was where I wanted to settle."

Paul, 34, is now married to Ballarat Rush (women's basketball) team manager, **Andrea Nolan** and is rapidly getting an excellent reputation for his work as a stonemason.

Among other community projects, Paul worked on the Ballarat Town Hall restoration and the stone entrance gates to Buninyong's Gong reserve. He also does domestic stone walling and similar projects involving bluestone or sandstone.

Not surprisingly, Paul has become close friends with another local Celtic stonemason, **Billy Elliott**, who did the work on the Buninyong entrance signage.



Top hair stylists visit local salon

Aaron Davis and the team at Buninyong Hair & Beauty were fortunate enough to have some of the top international hair stylists visit their salon, for the day, on 31 August.

The salon hosted stylist **Mat Johnson** and some of the best international hair stylists, supported by the Matrix 'H.O.T.' team members and ten hair models. The group came into Buninyong Hair & Beauty in preparation for the Matrix Community Playground hair show at the Mercure Ballarat Convention Centre.

The team let their creativity run wild and produced many of the latest trends. They coloured, cut and styled models with different and unique techniques. It was a great experience for Buninyong Hair & Beauty to work alongside these talented hairdressers.

"Seeing and being involved in, all the looks prepared step-by-step, then seeing the models' final looks come together on stage was truly inspiring. It was something we will never forget" said Aaron.

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Council wards under review

Dangers in One Ward City

Over the past three months, a detailed review of the representation and structure of the Ballarat City Council has been conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). This review could have major implications for Buninyong and district.

The main focus of the review has been to consider both the appropriate number of Councillors, and whether the Ballarat Council should remain split into wards or become 'un-subdivided'.

The terms of reference for the VEC review indicate that consideration will be given to a range of options including the possible abolition of the present wards and the introduction of an 'unsubdivided' cross-city structure

Bad move

The case against any move to a 'one ward city' is compelling:

- there is a significant risk that the interests and priorities of smaller communities or interest groups would be swamped by cross-city or CBD-centric concerns
- it is probable that there would be in excess of 30 candidates on a massive ballot paper with increased confusion, informal voting, and increased costs in administration and to candidates. The ability of electors to become

aware of the qualities of individual candidates would be severely reduced

- in such a large field of candidates there would be the possible nomination of 'dummy' candidates, hidden preference deals, and the increased ability of powerful interest groups and/or political parties to influence the system
- good candidates may not stand because of the much higher costs of electioneering across the entire city
- access by residents and groups to 'city-wide' councillors would be significantly compromised

Response

Submissions on the issue were invited by the VEC. Eight submissions were received from Ballarat including two from Buninyong (from the BDCA and the RSL). Several of these suggested an additional ward covering new development areas such as Lucas, to the west of the city. Seems fair enough!

The Victorian Electoral Commission was due to release a preliminary report on 23 September just prior to the publication date of this issue of the *Community News*.

The Report's 'preliminary' recommendations, by now made public, should be of great interest to the people and Councillors of Buninyong.

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Portraiture (and more) Exhibition at Zuni Gallery

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21-29 November 2015

- Exhibition opens at 10.00 am on 21 November, all artworks for sale
- A variety of student works including figurative portraiture
- Food, music and face painting on 21-22 November



BDCA works on

WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS

The Buninyong & District Community Association's (BDCA) August meeting was attended by 25 residents, together with local MLA Geoff Howard.

A number of issues were considered/discussed including:

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE DISTRICT:** Geoff Howard offered to facilitate a meeting between Public Transport Victoria and the BDCA and local residents. This was arranged for 10 September and is reported on elsewhere in this edition.
- **ROYAL PARK: Andrea Mason** briefed the meeting on the study being undertaken to report on the infrastructure, landscape and other future priorities for Royal Park.
- **BDCA PROJECT AREAS:** A revised organisational chart for the Association was adopted in principle. This involved the establishment of six areas of interest/activity each to be headed up by a Convenor/Coordinator. The six proposed areas cover (i) Tourism/Business Development, (ii) Traffic, Transport and Road Safety, (iii) Village Projects and Planning, (iv) Community News/Website, (v) Walking and Cycling, and (vi) Community and the Environment.
- **COUNCIL BOUNDARIES:** The meeting was also briefed on the submission made by the BDCA to the Victorian Electoral Commission on the ward structure and Councillor

representation for the City of Ballarat. There was unanimous support for the position taken which was strongly opposed to any move towards a 'city-wide' ward and electorate.

- **PROJECTS:** Reports on a wide range of projects were also received. These included:
 - o **THE BALD ARCHIES – Roger Permezel** has undertaken considerable background research into the possibility of getting this satirical art exhibition to Buninyong.
 - o **DESOZA PARK PLANNING – Michelle Corcoran and Graeme Kent** provided an update on the work of the group that has been developing a master plan for the park. Details were included in the September edition of the Community News. The importance of Tannery Flat in the history of the area was agreed.
 - o **CYCLING DEVELOPMENTS –** Cycling Australia has kicked-off planning for the January 2016 National Road Championships with the City of Ballarat and Ballarat Regional Tourism. Buninyong will be hosting the Time Trials on Thursday 7, with the major Mount Buninyong road events on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 January. Community groups and individuals wishing to present any issues or suggestions to the organisers should direct their communications through the

BDCA (contact **Roger Permezel**, 0419 007 773).

- o **INFORMATION SIGNAGE – Barry Fitzgerald** advised that construction work had commenced on the signage which was expected to be erected in late September/early October
- o **WALKING – Neil McCracken** advised that representations had been made to the Council on the importance of including information on walking on the City of Ballarat and Ballarat Regional Tourism website. He also called for appropriate signage to be placed at Hasties Creek and Glencoe Creek.
- **BDCA AGM:** The meeting was the last before the BDCA Annual General Meeting scheduled for 22 October when the long-serving President, **Ian Salathiel**, will vacate this position.



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Local bank puts on a Magic face

Since the Community Bank started in this town some five years ago, the promise has been out there about how it can make a serious contribution to Buninyong and district's well-being. Here are a couple more recent examples of this.

Over the last few months another group of deserving teenagers from Mt Clear, Damascus, and Phoenix P12 secondary schools have been helped by bank funds and support to participate in the *Magic Moments Foundation* youth mentoring program.

To say that this program changes young people's lives would be an understatement. Most participants and their parents have commented on the change that takes place in how the youths think and act personally, as well as becoming involved in their community.

Magic Moments is a truly inspirational organisation that the Community Bank is proud to support, particularly when the vision behind it is appreciated. The

program is designed to show youth that "life is a gift and their gift in return is to live it to the full."

Challenging

Being a spectator at a local football or netball game in the middle of winter, and particularly the one we have just had, certainly is a reminder about 'living life to the full'!

As a proud supporter of Buninyong Football and Netball Club the Community Bank congratulates the many people who have been involved in these winter sports in district teams. Despite the cold conditions this year, local sport has offered great opportunities for people to share their love of sport, as well as coming together in the spirit that characterises this community.

Whilst the various sporting teams of the region are congratulated, it is also appropriate to acknowledge and give thanks to Gerard Ballantyne, a valuable board member since 2012, who has

resigned as a director of Buninyong and District Financial Services Limited.

We would also like to welcome two new directors in **Peter Mees** and **Michael Scanlon** who bring a wealth of knowledge and a passion for the region to their appointments.

Hopefully, the weather will be a little warmer in November for the annual general meeting for Buninyong and District Community Bank. The AGM gives all shareholders the opportunity to speak with staff and the Board to discuss the bank's role in the years ahead for this community, and to think about future projects, initiatives and ways of making Buninyong a better place.

So to see what opportunities there are to help the local community, phone 5341 8066, or drop into the branch at 401B Warrenheip St, Buninyong to have a confidential discussion about how your banking with the local bank will help both yourself and the community.

HARCOURTS VICTORIA WELCOMES THE RETURN OF BERNIE MASSEY



Bernie Massey has been appointed Branch Manager of the Harcourts Buninyong Lifestyle office.

Bernie's extensive experience in Real Estate across the Ballarat & Buninyong Region, partnered with the local-national-international strength of the Harcourts Network of successful Real Estate offices, will guarantee you a successful & profitable result, when engaging Bernie's services to list or buy real estate in these areas.

Bernie's obvious exceptional client focus priority & past success is evident from the many happy clients he has dealt with over the years.

"Thanks for getting us a price well above our expectations, your enthusiasm shone through and your regular reporting back made us feel well looked after. We were also impressed at the effort you put into assessing the financial viability of prospective purchasers. Thanks Bernie."

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Feeling at home at the Bluestone



Many senior residents of Buninyong may remember an advertisement for Mortein insect spray that used the well-known slogan – “when you’re on a good thing stick to it!”

For many years *The Old Bluestone Café* in Learmonth Street has worked on that principle – quaint but cosy décor, friendly service, and a meeting place for locals in one of Buninyong’s historic buildings - the Bryce & Hedrick Store built in the early 1850s. Peter Hedrick was the first Mayor of Buninyong in 1863.

Since taking over the business in April 2013, **Clayton** and **Tess McIlvena** have, while retaining the character of the store,

gradually transformed it from being a gift shop with some food and tea and coffee, into a business that specialises in providing breakfast, lunch, and quality coffee and cake to locals and visitors.

When they took over the business, they brought with them more than thirty years of experience in the hospitality industry.

Experienced

Clayton had experience at Craig’s Hotel and then spent some ten years as the front-of-house Manager at the Red Lion Hotel. He also had many years involved in the sale of kitchen equipment. Tess can count experience in the New Zealand

hospitality scene, in addition to the past twelve years in Australia.

But, after more than two years in their Buninyong business, Clayton and Tess have decided to introduce some changes.

“It is a work in progress for us. We are constantly making small changes to improve the experience for our customers,” Clayton said.

Changes to date have included internal painting to provide a brighter atmosphere, provision of new chairs and tables, benches in the front windows for people-gazing, photography as wall decorations, a new ramp and upgraded bathroom facilities. New front signage and banners are also in place, and new carpets will soon be laid.

Menu and products

So far as the menu and products are concerned, they have retained a small range of giftware (especially hand-made jewellery and other items), have made their ‘all-day’ breakfasts available from 8.00am to 3.00pm, have an expanded ‘all day’ menu, and sell a range of biscuits, slices and other snack items. The business is open 8.00am to 5.00pm every day.

Clayton said that “we like the fact that people seem to feel comfortable in dropping in at any time.”

In addition to Clayton and Tess, the team of staff bring with them their own brand of hospitality experiences and skills.

Away from *The Old Bluestone Café*, Clayton and Tess enjoy spending time with family and friends, as well as keeping a close eye of what is happening within the ‘foodie’ scene in Ballarat and district.

Lana-Rose boutique On the move

Warrenheip Street clothing boutique, Lana-Rose is set to move into Ballarat's Mining Exchange at the beginning of the month.

Buninyong local and Lana-Rose owner, **Tracey Spencer** has spent the last three years growing the business from the old Sew Special premises.

With her friendly and knowledgeable approach, Tracey has seen Lana-Rose develop into popular local fashion store. "Buninyong has been a wonderful starting ground for us," said Tracey. "I really want to thank all the wonderful people here who supported the shop."

Tracey will close the Buninyong shop on Saturday 26 September and open in the new premises Saturday 3 October.

Pop in and say hello to Tracey and her staff before the big move or visit them at the new shop at The Mining Exchange, 14a Lydiard Street North. Keep an eye on Facebook for details of the shop's grand opening!



Thank you from the Team at Lana-Rose: Sophie, Amanda, Tracey, Lana and Rhonda (not pictured).

AROUND THE CHURCHES

Schedules of the services and happenings at local churches.

ST PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fisken Street, Buninyong
Contact **Margaret McCarty** 5341 3243
Mass times: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays at 10.30am.
2nd and 4th Sundays at 9.00am

UNITING CHURCH

Learmonth Street Buninyong.
Rev Lindell Gibson 5341 3200
Services: Buninyong: Sunday 9.30am.
Meredith: 2nd Sunday 11.00am.
Sebastopol: 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays 11.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH


Warrenheip Street, Buninyong.
Rev Mark Schnerring 5341 3281
www.buninyonganglican.org.au
Sunday Services: 8.30am and 10.00am

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Pastor Tom Buscombe 5330 2657
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Health care is a feature of the village

One of the key measures of a liveable community is the ready availability of a complete range of health services. As is evident in the following overview, Buninyong is well serviced by health professionals and para-professionals.

This *Community News* feature has been prepared to provide general information to local residents, and provide a ready reference to most of the choices available in the village.



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Second place for each category - \$50 prize

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Entrants will be required to attend an audition for selection of acts.
Auditions will be held on Sunday 18 October in the Buninyong Uniting Church Hall from 1pm.

Entry forms are available online at www.buninyongfestival.com.au



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Robert Moss, Psychologist



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**Rhiannon Taylor, Remedial Sports,
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Coming Events

- 11 October: Last day for contributions/ advertising for November edition of Buninyong and District Community News**
- 18 October: Auditions for Buninyong's Got Talent**
1.00pm Buninyong Uniting Church Hall
- 20 October: Buninyong Marmalade Association AGM**
4.00 pm, Buninyong Town Hall
- 22 October: Buninyong and District Community Association AGM**
Buninyong Town Hall
- 25 October: Good Life Festival**
9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Desoza Park and other locations in Buninyong (see page 2 of this newsletter for more details)



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January 2016

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It's all 'go' on village projects

The village centre has seen more action in the past month or so than for many years. Work is progressing very well with the street works, landscaping and paving works associated with the Township Precinct Project.

This project grew from an initiative of the Community Association, lobbying of Council, and subsequent discussions by the Council's Community Engagement team with traders and other community groups and residents as to ways to improve the outdoor spaces for community leisure activities, events and functions.

After many planning meetings and a successful submission for funding to the State Government's Regional Development Program, Buninyong will see some \$750,000 of State and Council funds spent on the current improvements. Plans for the project are on display in a variety of shops.

Work is expected to be completed by late November 2015.

In addition to the very obvious major streetscape works at the 'roundabout' corner, Council staff have been busy in Buninyong over recent weeks on several other projects.

Signage coming

A Council team involved in the installation of the village's new informational/directional signage recently came onto site in the village to discuss and mark the locations of the nine 'finger board' signs which will soon be dotted through the village, and highlighting important landmarks in Buninyong

This second stage of the signage project has been an initiative of the Buninyong & District Community



A Council tree-trimming team at work on memorial trees near the corner of Winter and Learmonth Streets.

Avenue start

In mid-September Council outdoor staff also commenced work on the first stage of the restoration project of the World War I Avenue of Honour along Learmonth Street West.

These initial works, which will remove undergrowth, suckers and dead limbs from the Avenue trees, will be followed by work by contractors engaged to remove intruding larger trees which have grown amongst the memorial trees, most of which were planted almost 100 years ago. Some more replacement planting of deciduous trees will be required.

The Buninyong RSL plans to install a plaque adjacent to each of the trees to commemorate the memory of the 164 servicemen from the Buninyong Shire, or who had strong family links to the district, who were killed in that War.

An "opening" and re-dedication ceremony for the Avenue of Honour, is being planned for mid-2017 to mark the centenary of the planting of the Avenue.



(L to R) Council Project Manager Mukal Hatwell, and Signage Manager Alan Jones watch Russell Anderson mark the location for one of the new signs on Warrenheip Street.

Association in cooperation with Council. The first stage was the construction of the new entrance signage to Buninyong in 2014.

Five other "interpretative" signs will be erected later as Stage 3 of the Signage project.

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Parks' development

A successful working bee was recently held on Mt Innes involving the planting of a number of trees and associated landscaping works. Mt Innes is an approved "off lead" dog area, and also offers great views of Buninyong looking west.

A group of local residents, supported by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens are working towards the installation of other features that will reflect the significant contribution of **Derick Leather** to the Buninyong community over many years.

As the weather improves, residents are invited to visit the park and enjoy the many improvements being made up there.

As featured in the last edition of the *Buninyong & District Community News*, feedback is currently being gathered regarding the community driven plans for the development of Desoza Park.

Community members appear to be excited by the suggestions, and readers are encouraged to send their comments into **Graeme Kent** at the Council, so all comments can be collated and considered by the planning group.

And on the future use of Royal Park, reports from the City of Ballarat are that there was an "overwhelming" response to the invitation for residents to have their say preparatory to the preparation of a Draft Plan for the site. After review of submissions, consultants will again ask residents and user groups for on-line or face-to-face feedback.

Action on the corner

Since early August, workmen have been in action in Buninyong on the north-east corner adjacent to the roundabout. This work is part of the \$750,000 Town Precinct project that will also involve significant landscaping and paving works opposite and in the vicinity of the Town Hall.

In addition to new paving, and the construction of a low bluestone wall to be used for seating or viewing of events such as the cycling, the corner area will incorporate the new public art project, a significant sculpture by artist **Cliff Burt**.

According to the artist, the profile of the sculpture "is based on the topographical mapping of the area – a series of cross sections of the landscape". He said that the gaps between the elements of the work not only serve to break up and emphasise the horizontal aspect of the sculpture "but also can be viewed as representations of the shafts sunk into the earth by gold miners."

The sculpture was funded through the Public Art Advisory Committee of the City of Ballarat, the Buninyong Community Engagement Fund, and the Arts Buninyong Group.



ASK Councillor Peter Innes



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I've heard that you support the North End project to improve the pavement and other landscaping along the north part of Warrenheip St. What's happening? Warrenheip St. trader

I am well aware that the BDCA has been actively pushing this project for six months or so. I agree that it could be the next great community project (extend street vines, repave and level some sections, provide better alfresco areas, and better landscape it etc). I am now chasing Council staff to speak to the traders and to the BDCA, and to get an initial concept plan put on paper and to me ASAP.

That review being done by the Electoral authority has put up the possibility that Ballarat might become a 'one ward' Council. Do you think that is a good idea? Arthur, Geelong Rd.

Absolutely, no way do I agree with that! The current ward structure IS local government, and that's how it should be. I even think that local Councillors should live in their wards giving them a better understanding of what locals want. I shudder to think of the possible political interference if we had City-wide elections. I am totally against non-ward elections for Council



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RSL donates funds to local school

Each year, the Buninyong RSL donate funds towards the Buninyong Primary School to go towards student scholarships at the school.

This year, they donated funding towards student scholarships and funds to assist in the landscaping of the area around the Gallipoli Oak which was planted earlier this year. Three Buninyong RSL members came along, during the week, to take a look at the new addition within the primary school grounds.



From left: Russ Hocking, Shallan Pompe, Bill Akell and Rachel Gerada.

Buninyong Uniting Church Glasses to Vanuatu

Rani Changan, Betty Bunting and the members of the Buninyong Uniting Church congregation wish to extend a special thank you to all the generous people who donated their unwanted spectacles to be sent to the eye clinic in Vanuatu.

Well over 200 pairs of glasses were collected. The clinic will sort and grade the glasses, then distribute them to the many people in Vanuatu who are unable to purchase such necessities that allow them to enjoy reading and undertake their daily tasks more easily. Well done everyone who contributed!

Upcoming event

A Teddy Bear's Picnic will be held on Sunday, 25 October in the grounds of the Buninyong Uniting Church as part of the Good Life Festival.

All local children are invited to come along and enjoy this fun activity. As well as lots of bears, there will be activities, stories and singing. The picnic begins at 11.30am until 1.00pm. Cost is \$1.00 to register and includes a free gift. Please bring along your teddy bear, picnic lunch and a mat or rug to sit on.

Call for WWII Veterans

The Buninyong RSL is seeking to identify any district surviving World War II service men or women to become part of a photographic portrait collection in the National Archives.

Across Australia, professional photographers are donating their time and talent to create portraits to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Participating veterans will receive a printed portrait photograph free of charge.

Anyone knowing of a World War II veteran still living in the district, or children of such veterans who may wish to nominate an eligible parent, should contact Buninyong RSL Secretary **Bob Bennett** on 5341 2369.



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Adult colour craze comes with coffee and cake

Around the world adults are picking up their pencils and textas and enjoying the childhood pastime of colouring-in. Amazon's bestseller list is full of colouring books for adults.

In September, more than 20 people from the local area gathered to enjoy the first Coffee, Cake and Colour night. The night was hosted by local author and colouring book creator, **Ayesha Hilton** at The Old Bluestone Cafe.

Ayesha said, "We were booked out and the night was so much fun. It was great to see everyone's different approaches to colouring. We had people of all ages and colouring experience."

"I think that people enjoy the relaxing nature of colouring. It allows creative expression without the pressure of starting from a blank page. Anyone can colour regardless of their creative ability," she said

Some of the designs coloured on the night were from Ayesha's forthcoming colouring book of Asian inspired mandalas that will be released in October.

"**Tess McIlvena** from the Bluestone provided delicious cakes and hot



drinks, people mingled, shared their work, and were keen to come along to the next one," Ayesha said.

Due to the popularity of the event, Ayesha is hosting another night on Wednesday, 7 October from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets are \$20 each.

Bookings and payment are required to cover catering and materials. Numbers are limited. You can pay and book at The Old Bluestone Cafe or online at www.coffeecakecolour.com.

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The Master of SBU Ron Fleming and Albie Peart hand over some of the blankets to Wendy Ferguson, Manager Housing and Crisis Support and Warrick Davidson, Co-ordinator for the Entry point and homeless support program.

After a donation of ten blankets by Sturt Buninyong United Lodge (SBU), and with the co-contribution of Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation, there are now more blankets available for distribution by Uniting Care Ballarat.

The long harsh winter has placed a heavy demand on the agency for blankets and doonas.

For the past five years, SBU has supported their appeal for double bed blankets for distressed families.

Fish and chips and footy fever

Freemasons always enjoy a surprise for supper and the fish and chip meal

following the August meeting proved a point.

Sourced from the Buninyong Fish and Chips shop, the meal was well received on a very cold night, and was supported with a hearty singing of sea shanties.

At Sturt Buninyong Lodge, it has become an annual event to a stage a footy theme night for supper in the lead up to the VFL finals.

Members proudly wear team scarves and sing team songs with passion, but always within the feeling of brotherly love.



Merv Romeo of All Nations Lodge Clunes and Brett Edgington of SBU share a moment of reflection with the white coated goal umpire.

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Comeback, councillor and cooking at Scotsburn

The Scotsburn campus of the Buninyong Primary School has seen some exciting events over the past few weeks.

A highlight was the return to the campus of former long-term teachers in **Rosemary Barr** and **Joanne O'Loughlin**. After a 'welcome back' morning tea, the ladies spent time wandering about the school grounds, chatting with pupils, and watching students involved in cooking, gardening and ICT rotations. Rosemary was thrilled to see the progress of the garden created in recognition of her time at the school.

The campus was also grateful for a visit by **Cr Des Hudson**, a police officer, who talked to senior pupils about bullying and

having respect for others. He also spoke to younger students about friendships and 'stranger danger.'

Campus families have also been back into action recently with a campus working bee that resulted in the planting of a large number of trees and plants, and also running the BBQ at the Buninyong Village Market. Despite the extremely cold conditions on the day, over \$430 was raised by the parents and students who helped out at the BBQ.

Another recent innovation at the campus was the setting up of several table tennis tables in the 'shed'. The tables, on loan from the Ballarat Table Tennis Association, proved to be a big hit with students and staff, during recess breaks on chilly wintry days.



South Ward Councillor Des Hudson chatting to young students at the Scotsburn campus about 'stranger danger'.

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POLICE BEAT

POLICE are investigating a spate of thefts from motor vehicles in the Buninyong and Mount Helen areas which have occurred over the past three weeks. Disappointingly, every vehicle entered had been left un-locked. Items stolen included wallets, cash, mobile phones and computers. Don't make yourself a target, remove valuables and lock up all vehicles.

REGULAR Laser Speed Detection is being undertaken by Buninyong police in the township. It has come to our attention from a number of sources that some drivers utilising Winter Street are travelling well in excess of the 50kph limit. Be warned that we will be taking a zero tolerance policy for drivers detected. Remember that almost all residential streets are 50 kph zones unless signposted otherwise.

NINE residential burglaries have been committed between the end of August and mid-September in Buninyong and Mount Helen. The offenders have gained access to the residences stealing cash, electrical items and personal belongings. Buninyong Police remind residents that any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity can be reported to police 24 hours a day by calling '000'.

BUNINYONG police recently came to the rescue of an injured koala walking along the road in Mount Helen. "Blinky" was doing his best to get run over and disobeyed police directions to halt. He was taken into custody and later released into specialised care. Thanks to the team at the Ballarat Wildlife Park for their assistance.

THIEVES are known to go through recycling and hard rubbish bins to obtain your personal information. Ensure you shred or destroy all personal information on bank statements, letters and credit card statement documentation before placing them in the bin. Avoid leaving your recycling or hard rubbish bin on your front verandah.

Elaine Cricket Club

Good signs for coming season

The small township of Elaine may only have a population of 100 or so, but on the district's sporting fields it more than holds its own.

The local cricket club is a good example with its senior team winning back-to-back one day BCA premierships in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and its Junior U 13 team being premiers in 2014-15.

Club President **Murray Arnel** said that the club was looking to build on these successes in the coming cricket season that starts on 10 October. "We'll have a pretty strong senior team again, but we are looking for more juniors to join the U 14 team, and also a possible U 13 team," he said.

The Elaine Cricket Club was originally formed in the early 1900s, but was put into recess for two periods – once after World War II when it was in mothballs between 1946 and 1958, and also from 1999 to 2011.

District names

Among the well-known district families who have been stalwarts of the Club are the **Wells** family (with **Cade** and **Brodie** playing in the junior team, while dad **Daryl** can occasionally be found filling in as the senior wicket-keeper), and the **Arnels**, with **Cade Arnel** being captain of the senior team last year, and dad **Murray** who played for the club for about seventeen



Getting ready to try out the Club's new bowling machine are Moorabool Shire Councillor Tom Sullivan, Paul Loftus of Meridian Energy, and Club President Murray Arnel.

seasons also being occasionally tempted back at the age of 62.

Another well-known veteran of the club is **Brendan Gleeson** who played his first games with the club as a twelve year old in the early 1980's. He has played in five premiership teams, and, at the age of 50, is still the Club's regular wicket keeper.

The recreation reserve at Elaine is top class with an excellent grassed oval and adjoining quality tennis courts. While the cricket pavilion dates back to the 1930's, its newly renovated kitchen turns out snacks and meals that are appreciated by the members of the

cricket team. The facility also has a limited liquor licence.

Assisted by grants from the Moorabool Shire and Meridian Energy (operator of the Mt Mercer Wind Farm), the Club recently purchased a bowling machine, and is also proud of its practice wickets and nets area.

Anyone from the district interested in playing with the Elaine cricket club in the 2015-16 season, particularly twelve and thirteen year olds for the junior team, should call **Murray Arnel** on 0428 264 103. Pre-season training will be on Sunday mornings.

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CWA on Show



CWA members Maree Crosbie, Lois Bennett and Secretary Lyn Fleming assemble afternoon tea.

Buninyong CWA presented an afternoon of choral and drama entertainment at the Buninyong Town Hall on 9 September.

More than 120 District CWA members and community supporters settled in to enjoy the varied program. A display of craft, branch history and the usual well stocked stall attracted plenty of interest.

Buninyong CWA is noted for its choral and drama capabilities and is consistently

awarded at the annual State CWA Song and Costume event.

The program concluded with a lavish afternoon tea.

Top Prize

The T P Peck Trophy for canvas work has again been won for the seventh time by **Jenny Bridgewater** of the Buninyong CWA branch.

The 2015 State CWA Creative Arts exhibition at Yarram drew 1300 entries from across Victoria and illustrated the diverse range of craft skills within the CWA membership.

Mr Peck, a foundation member of the Tapestry and Weavers Guild, conducted a store in the Block Arcade, Melbourne, and has had a long association with CWA arts and crafts.



A proud Jenny Bridgewater with her winning piece of canvas work. The other pieces in the photo are further examples of her fine canvas work.



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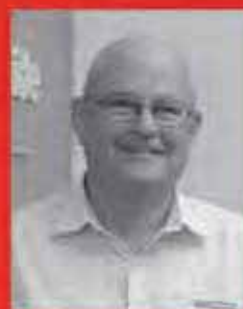
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Local business changes

When one Red Door closes another one soon opens

In a 'surprise' move, the Red Door Pizzeria will soon be relocating its "Red Door" from 202 Warrenheip Street and moving to the historic former grocer's shop at 401 Warrenheip Street, presently the home of Unique Garden Décor.

After purchasing the business in 2014 and developing it as a quirky gift and coffee shop, Unique Garden Décor owners, **Nicki and Matt Sing**, also bought the freehold of the property earlier this year intending to continue and develop the business.

Unfortunately, a sudden and debilitating back injury hit Nicki a few months ago preventing her from standing up for the six days per week she previously had worked at the shop. Nicki was very sad when told that that she could no longer conduct the business because of her injury. "I will really miss the shop, with our teas and lovely things around", she said.

Good move

However, a chance chat between the Sings and The Red Door Pizzeria owners, **Trevor Whitworth and Odette**, resulted in a 'win/win' for both parties. Trevor showed great interest in moving his café/restaurant to the new site, much closer to the village centre - and the Sings found the prospect of becoming landlords more appealing.

The move to bigger premises will allow the restaurant to accommodate couples, families and group bookings along with occasional live music that would allow customers to enjoy the ambience of the charming building and the Beer Garden during the warmer months.

"The restaurant will continue to offer its high quality Wood-Fired, Neapolitan-style pizzas with fresh ingredients, slow cooked meats, signature onion jam and homemade relish, and will enhance the menu by rotating a range of fresh



It's a done deal! The Red Door Pizzeria's Trevor Whitworth will be relocating the restaurant to Nicki Sing's 401 Warrenheip Street premises.

homemade pastas and ice-creams", explained Trevor. "I am also chatting to a number of Craft Beer Breweries about stocking a range of beer that will be unique to The Red Door in Buninyong which I'm really excited about". These craft beers will be newly available with The Red Door's wood fired pizza at this year's Buninyong Good Life Festival coming up in October.

Two years

The Durham Lead couple, who opened The Red Door almost two years ago, just love Buninyong and always thought there was an opportunity for quality, alternative take-away here amongst many young families and a discerning population.

"Our aim is to promote The Red Door Pizzeria as a family café/restaurant where everyone is welcome to enjoy a casual, comfortable experience sharing wholesome, quality meals cooked from the heart. "

Works on the new site will begin in November with the building of the new wood fire oven, and include the kitchen, dining room fit out.

The Red Door Pizzeria will continue to operate at its current site until Christmas and, if all goes to plan, reopen at the new address in time for the Cycling Road National Championships in January, 2016.

