

TRUCK BYPASS ON CITY CEO'S RADAR



City of Ballarat CEO Justine Linley (centre) shown at the BDCA meeting with (left) local resident Klaudia Hocchuth and BDCA Secretary Merle Hathaway

City of Ballarat CEO Justine Linley attended the meeting of the Buninyong & District Community Association (BDCA) held in late April. She said that she was pleased to meet Buninyong residents and to hear of any Council-related concerns. Cr Ben Taylor was also present at the meeting.

Ms Linley gave detail on the Ballarat Council Plan, and referred to the late-2017 action on the Buninyong Township Plan. An invitation was extended to her to join in the 13 June forum with expert **Peter Kenyon**.

A key issue discussed was the continuing local concern about through truck-traffic

in Buninyong, and the future impact on the village amenity of the flow-on from the Western Link Road.

Aware

Ms Linley said that Council was "well aware" of the push by the BDCA to have a possible truck by-pass reflected in Council's planning strategies and that it was very clearly on her "radar". She indicated that it would be amongst matters raised by her in a forthcoming meeting with **Darren Chester**, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Policy in the Federal Government.

The BDCA meeting raised its concern (and that of the business operators) over

the lack of action on the north end of Warrenheip Street project, and the lack of coordination between that plan and the bus stop and crossing works. She was advised that Council had drawn up a concept plan for the area but that no funding or action was evident.

Local resident **Klaudia Hocchuth** expressed her concern over the excavation and

laying of the large area of concrete in front of her home on Warrenheip Street.

A range of other matters were drawn to the CEO's attention including the need to include Buninyong representation in planning activities for the *National Road Cycling Championships*, concerns about works in the Botanic Gardens, and even an individual's proposal for a roadside toilet on the Midland Highway 'up the mountain.'

In warmly thanking Ms Linley for attending the meeting, BDCA President **Linda Zibell** noted that having a designated liaison officer in Council would further enhance the BDCA's working relationship with Council.

Avenue grant comes through Groups invited to join in the big march on 1 July



Member for Buninyong Geoff Howard tells RSL President Ray Mende that the application for a Victoria Remembers Grant was successful

The Victorian Government recently announced that a grant has been made to the Buninyong RSL for its planned *Buninyong Remembers day on Saturday 1 July*. The grant has enabled the RSL to lock in plans for the day and associated events.

The 1 July activities will celebrate the completion of the three-year restoration project of the Buninyong Avenue of Honour. The Avenue was first planted by the residents of the former Shire of Buninyong on Saturday 30 June 1917 – exactly 100 years to the day of the 2017 event

Big march

The morning's celebrations will be highlighted by a march, commencing at 9.30am, along the Avenue from the Buninyong Golf Club car park to the Town Hall. Some 400 marchers are expected to participate, along with three bands, horses and riders from the Creswick Light Horse Troop, and will include military vehicles loaned by Buninyong's Nicholls brothers. A fly-over is also a possibility.

Marchers will include army personnel, RSL members, school children, members of local teams and groups, residents of surrounding district communities that were formerly part of the Shire of Buninyong, and SES volunteers and

CFA brigade members. Invitations have now gone out to some fifty community groups, organisations and schools.

Each group will be led by a uniformed army or air force cadet carrying an Australian flag, and a member carrying a sign with the name of the group on it along the lines of the opening ceremony at an Olympic games. The flag, pole, holster and sign, valued at more than \$250 will be presented by the RSL to each group following the march.

Town Hall

At the Town Hall bands will play, a free sixteen page commemorative booklet will be distributed, and there will be several short speeches concerning the original Avenue, the restoration project, and a guest speaker. At the conclusion of formalities there, just before 11.00am, a free community barbecue will be available.

Community members not involved in the march are invited to line the route along the highway or be at the Town Hall Square by 9.45am to cheer on or to welcome the marchers.

The grant also will enable the RSL to have the war records of the 164 men commemorated by the plaques along

the Avenue bound and copies presented to the local Historical Society and the Ranger Army Museum, a photographic record of the Avenue restoration prepared by local photographer **Andrew Wilson**, and specially-struck medals (pictured) presented to each student in district primary schools by the RSL in the weeks following 1 July.



Pool's upgrade overdue ...says new group

Meetings held in March and May identified a range of improvements which aim to make the Buninyong pool again an important focal point for families and the wider community.

City of Ballarat's Cr **Ben Taylor** and **Graeme Kent** attended the meetings and agreed to have the Council move to undertake a number of maintenance and landscape items.

Included on the list to be reviewed in the short term by Council was an assessment and checking of the irrigation system and the solar heating unit, repair or replacement of the shadecloth, and attention to the grassed areas and the trees.

Ideas

Other initial suggestions for improvement included

- preparation of a landscape design
- removal of all small trees leaving the three big ones but planting more established trees
- making the pool frontage more appealing
- creating areas for rugs, tables and umbrellas

Some 90 people attended the second meeting held at the Buninyong Bowling Club in May to share ideas and moved to form a Pool Supporters Group. **Simon Coghlan** chaired the session. The Buninyong Community Bank has given the project support and sponsored the catering and costs of the May meeting.

Many additional ideas were put forward during the meeting with considerable emphasis on beautifying the streetscape in front of the pool. Another aim is to have regular events held at the pool during its 'open season' such as pool parties and BBQs on Friday evenings.

Upgrading works will be spread across the next two years with tasks being shared between Council and community volunteers.



Looking at possibilities for pool improvement are (L to R) Simon Coghlan, Steve Falconer, Bronwyn Hiscock and Graeme Kent.

Call for help with design of The News

After assisting with the final design stages of the Buninyong Community News for some 18 months, Jodi Beale now finds herself unable to continue in that semi-volunteer role because of study and other commitments. This June issue of The News will be the final one she will be involved with.

For each edition the editorial staff prepares a detailed paste-up of the articles, headlines, layout and general design, and the designer then uses desktop publishing software such as *InDesign* to complete the formatting and final look of the newspaper.

While all other people involved in the monthly production of *The News* – editor, reporters, advertising and management – are all unpaid volunteers, assistance from the Community Bank enables a small monthly honorarium to be paid to the designer.

An urgent call is now made for expressions of interest to assist in the



continued production of this award-winning community newspaper in the design role. Skill in using desktop software such as *InDesign* and *Photoshop* is necessary.

If you can assist or know of someone who may be able to assist please call **Gayle Adams** (5341 2844) or email her at buninyongnews@gmail.com to discuss this important community role to keep the *Buninyong Community News* on the streets for eleven months of each year.

Joan steps down from Film Festival after 25 years

A good idea at the time... and still is

Back in 1992 Joan Goldsmith posed a simple question to some fellow local business owners. "Why don't we try to bring a film festival to Buninyong?" she asked.

Joan, who ran a Bed and Breakfast property at the time, wanted to bring more tourists to the area but was bored with ongoing discussions of marketing strategies. Little did she know her question would spur on an ongoing community cultural event.

The initial committee's hard work and a dose of luck, led to the first Buninyong Film Festival in May 1993.

No idea

"It was a huge learning curve. I had no idea how to organize a film festival," she said.

Modelling their festival on one running in Halls Gap at the time, they sought advice from others, including **John Bourke**, of the Ballarat Regent, who was a bit surprised.

"He told us that the local town hall had terrible sound and asked us if we were serious," she said. We replied that we were because we thought it was a fantastic idea. Indeed, he became our first projectionist!

Despite the odds, and no budget that first year, Joan and the committee persisted – and the festival thrived due to community support.

"From day one, we've invited the community to participate, and people have sponsored and donated," she said. "Everyone has been so generous."

Secret

Her secret for success was letting people do what they love – and her passion is organisation.

"We try to build on people's strengths," she said. "I've always felt that events work if people do what they enjoy.

"I enjoy organising almost more than the event. I'm always thinking about what comes next. I love the challenge of organising but I just don't like it when things don't turn up."

And, there were a few occasions where things did not always turn up on time.

One standout memory was having to pay for a return trip of a Melbourne taxi driver to bring a copy of a film from Melbourne to Buninyong only hours before the showing – when the original did not turn up. "We lost money that year," she said.

In the background

Organisers never had to cancel a film, but behind-the-scenes was not without stress.

During one festival, a series of unfortunate events led to party pies and quiches being frozen alongside a dead greyhound, which the MC announced to attendees. Joan declined to comment further on that story.

With the move to digital she thought that some of the stresses would be forgotten. "But, the stress level is exactly the



same. The projectionist has to download the code from the distributor and sometimes this can be done only at the very last minute," she explained.

She loves films, but generally only manages to see one during each festival.

In her free time, Joan loves gardening, cultural events and spending time with her grandchildren.

Amy Darby Walker



LONELY CAIRN NEEDS A FACELIFT

One of the few public monuments in or around Buninyong is that old bluestone cairn down on the Midland Highway opposite the cemetery at the corner of Hiscock Gully Road. It's a fair bet that very few residents would have stopped to look at it, know when it was erected, or even what it was there for.

To help out, it was a monument to mark the discovery of gold in that area by **Thomas Hiscock** in August 1851.

Given that the cairn was erected in 1897 – 120 years ago – and given that it has been sadly neglected for quite a long time, this year would be a good time for the community and the Council to do something about renovating it and its surrounds.

The News believes that there are quite a few items of restoration or improvement that could and should be done...

- there needs to be relevant brown tourism signage erected on the Midland Highway at an appropriate distance from the cairn
- the gold leaf lettering on the cairn needs to be restored
- the overall site around the monument needs to be landscaped so that the cairn can be seen. Presently it is almost hidden by surrounding foliage
- the cut-away earth 'wall' in front of and at the side of the cairn needs to be faced with bluestone or similar
- a more user-friendly set of steps leading to the cairn needs to be erected
- a couple of clearly designated parking spaces should be provided on Hiscock Gully Road
- there needs to be an interpretative sign erected adjacent to the cairn



Thomas Hiscock, grandson of the gold discoverer at the unveiling of the cairn in 1897 – Photo Buninyong & District Historical Society Newsletter, August 2001

This is a 'no frills' project that the Historical Society, the BDCA and our local Councillors could take on, get drawings done, and chase up some grants or funding.

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BIG TURN OUT AT LAL LAL

The largest community gathering seen at Lal Lal for many years turned out on Sunday 23 April to participate in a march to and unveiling of the new memorial to district men who had fought in the Boer War, the First World War and World War II.

Over 150 people fell in behind a Scottish piper and marched along the Clarendon-Lal Lal Road from the school to the Anzac Memorial Park.

Pictured above is the group led by local identities (front L to R) **Pauline Holloway, Jack Parker, and Pat Dobbin**, and following is **Catherine King MHR** flanked by Moorabool Shire's Cr **Tom Sullivan**, Mayor **David Edwards**, and (right) **Engels Leoncini**, Chair of the Lal Lal Soldiers' Memorial Hall Committee.

Three wars

A new black granite memorial situated in the park was unveiled by Catherine King MHR and Pat Dobbyn. The memorial commemorated those from the district who

fought in the Boer War, and World Wars One and Two. Clarendon resident **Anne Beggs-Sunter** spoke on the significance of these wars and their impact on the local community.

The 7/8th Royal Victorian Regiment provided members for a catafalque party and the local school's pupils led the singing of the National Anthem.

After the official proceedings lunch was served in the hall, built as a soldiers' memorial in 1956. Some memorabilia was displayed there by descendants of those whose names were engraved onto the new memorial.



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Buzz at Steiner School fair



Getting some lunch at the Children's Café at the Fair were visiting mum Kristell, her daughter Anouk 6, and friend Lucy 5. The children attend the Dharma School in Daylesford. This school opened in 2009 and its education is based on Buddhist principles.

According to Steiner School's Council and staff member Denise Williams the school's Fair and Open Day held in late April attracted a record crowd.

There were stalls with plants, fruit, breads and jams, pony rides, treasure hunts for children, and lots of takeaway food with curries proving very popular. There were even canoe rides on the school's own 'lake'.

On-stage entertainment included local music guru **Geoffrey Williams**, the band *Winter Berries*, the recorder band of the *University of the Third Age* and the school choir.

The line-up of parked cars stretching for a kilometre or so along both sides of Moss Avenue and also up Hiscock's Road indicated the popularity of this year's event held on a cloudy but mild Autumn Day.

streettalk

NEW PEDESTRIAN lights on Warrenheip Street are attracting some takers. But most people still seem to cross wherever they park or arrive. And the illegal U-turners are still at it. However was pleasing to spot an oldie with a walking frame, a lady with a bunch of littlies, and even the four horses (see p 11) use it safely the other day.

SAD TO SEE the former Harcourts real estate office on the corner opposite the Community Bank empty again. Well-known agent **Graeme Paizis** has relocated to the firm's Ballarat office. The lovely old 1873 building was originally Middleton's Ironmongery and garage which boasted Buninyong's first petrol bowsers in the 1920s. What a fantastic spot for a Thai (or Japanese or Indian or Chinese) restaurant!

SOME MIGHT RECALL the two year long battle with VicRoads to get the 60kph zone moved back from Winter Street to the golf club area. Didn't meet the "guidelines" was the reason trotted out for no action. After intervention by VicRoads' local boss **Ewen Nevett**, the zone pushed back to the golf club. Now all of a sudden it's been moved 500m further out to an even more sensible spot. This is a really good move!

Ewen Nevett was out here again recently for the "opening" of the pedestrian crossing. Asked by *The News* about the removal of the monstrous green directions sign outside of the Community Bank - another streetscape improvement that's been on the books for years - he said he was "looking at it". We're now standing by for some more magic from the top.

THE NEW CANADIAN Regional Park has seen some unwanted troubles recently. The heritage listed 'horse puddler' on Lavery Avenue was severely damaged by a contractor, and yet another burnt-out car recently was found there. No date yet fixed for the name change to Woowookarung Park.

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT piece of land near the park, the old Cremorne Rifle Range at 211-213 Ellsworth Street, has appeared on the real estate market through a Melbourne firm. If you have a lazy \$2-3 million under the bed you can put in an expression of interest for the site of 384,451m².



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Steph's Pilates HQ

Just over twelve months ago a new business, Pilates HQ, opened up in Warrenheip Street without a lot of fanfare. The owner, an enthusiastic Stephanie Neal, had definite ideas about what she wanted to offer the community and how she wanted to go about it.

When interviewed after the opening of the studio in June 2016 Stephanie stressed the importance of cultivating a healthy lifestyle, body awareness and well-being.

These values haven't changed. She is really pleased with where the studio is twelve months on. Stephanie stresses that the big thing for her is that she is happy doing what she loves and she wants to create a space and an atmosphere where her clients feel happy, comfortable and relaxed. It is easy to see

that Stephanie has ticked off this box.

New equipment has been set up in the studio and additional instructors have allowed Stephanie to increase the programme options on offer. She stresses that Pilates HQ has something to offer everyone with a focus on teaching individuals to be aware of their body and to challenge themselves to improve their level of fitness.

One new feature that Stephanie spoke excitedly about is the workshops that have been offered as part of the Pilates HQ programme. A mixture of Pilates, and guest presenters offering tips on healthy eating, positive thinking, goal setting and meditation is a sample of what is on offer in a three-hour workshop. Details are on the website at Pilates-hq.com.au.

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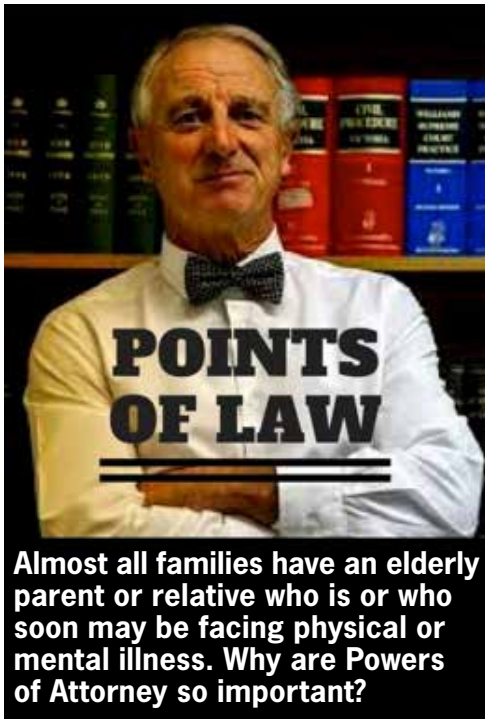
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Almost all families have an elderly parent or relative who is or who soon may be facing physical or mental illness. Why are Powers of Attorney so important?

I am often asked about Enduring Powers of Attorney, how they operate and the risks of using them.

One myth is that they only apply to elderly persons, but this is not strictly true. Anyone can have an accident or health issues which affect their ability to make decisions and the fact that you have a partner or other close relative who could manage your affairs, is of no use without an Enduring Power of Attorney.

An Enduring Power of Attorney is a written document in which a person (called the Principal) appoints another person to be their Attorney. There are two distinct kinds - those relating to legal or financial affairs, and those related to medical issues

Legal and Financial

This authorizes the Attorney to do anything which the Principal is able to do legally. Some examples are operating bank accounts and buying and selling property. The Principal can stipulate that the Power begins when the Principal loses capacity to make decisions, or at some other time or circumstance.

The Principal can appoint one or two Attorneys who must always act honestly and in the best interest of the Principal. The choice of who to appoint must be considered carefully and be persons who are completely trustworthy. The Attorney(s) must accept their appointment in writing.

The form can also empower the Attorney to deal with personal matters of the Principal, which include lifestyle matters such as where they live either at home or in an institution.

Medical

This power is limited to medical issues which may arise where the Principal is unable to make decisions. In those circumstances, the Attorney is authorized to make decisions, again acting in the best interest of the Principal. Importantly,

the Attorney can override decisions made by other family members.

The term "Enduring" means that the appointment of the Attorney continues past the point where the Principal loses mental capacity. Regrettably, there is a risk that the Attorney(s) may abuse their power and in such circumstances, an application can be made to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to compel the Attorney to give an account of their conduct and, if necessary, to have their appointment revoked.

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Coming Events

Friday/Saturday 26/27 May.

Buninyong Film Festival. Buninyong Town Hall

Saturday 27 May. *Buninyong v Rokewood.* Football and Netball

Sunday 28 May. *Village Market.* Town Hall precinct. 9.00am-1.00pm

Thursday 1 June. *Law and Order Forum.* Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, Sturt St, Ballarat. 7.00pm. 5332 9443

Sunday 4 June. *Guest Speaker Rick Hunt, Prison Fellowship,* at Scotsburn Union Church. 10.00 am

Wednesday 7 June. *Morning Coffee Party with Blumes Fashions.* Uniting Church Hall, 10.00am-noon. Entry \$5. Enquiries 5330 1934

Saturday 10 June. *Buninyong v Creswick.* Football and Netball

Tuesday 13 June. *Imagine Buninyong!* Community discussion on township planning led by international expert Peter Kenyon. Town Hall. 7.00pm

Wednesday, 14 June. 7.30am to 8.50am. Buninyong Town Hall. Free breakfast for local business operators. *Imagine Buninyong!* Planning seminar with Peter Kenyon sponsored by Community Bank.

Thursday 15 June. Bus trip and tour of three grand Melbourne gardens and homes. Depart Town Hall, 9.30am. Fare and entry fees, \$62. 0408 337 696

Thursday 22 June. Meeting of Buninyong & District Community Association. Town Hall, 7.30pm. Members and non-members welcome. Guest, Noel Dempsey, CEO Visit Ballarat

Saturday 24 June. *Buninyong v Clunes.* Football and netball

Saturday 22 July. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Buninyong Football Clubrooms. *2017 Buninyong Pre-School Trivia Night*

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These recyclable bags will come from Buninyong Boomerang Bags.

As well as Boomerang Bags providing a free, fun, sustainable alternative to plastic bags for the community, there is the



Sam Blanchard is directing the project

opportunity to participate in community building and sustainability by making the bags from donated recycled material.

Bags can either be made solo, or through get-togethers with friends to make a few bags over a cuppa. Another way is to join the Buninyong Boomerang Bags community working bees.

Help needed

A call is out for anyone who can help with this project.

If you can sew, have second-hand material to donate, or even just the time to lend a spare set of hands, you will be welcomed as part of this project.

Currently, only five per cent of single-use plastics disposed of are recycled. Roughly 50 per cent is buried in landfills, a small proportion is made into durable goods, and the remaining is “unaccounted for” – lost in the environment where it ultimately washes out to sea through drains and waterways. In the ocean, sunlight and wave action causes the plastic to fragment into smaller and smaller pieces, which result in all kinds of hazards for marine life.

For more information contact the driving force behind the local chapter, **Sam Blanchard** at Buninyong Foodworks, by email on buninyongboomerangbags@gmail.com or follow on Facebook, Boomerang Bags Buninyong.

A recent meeting of the group was held on Sunday 21 May at the Buninyong Community House where cutting and screen-printing was tackled.



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Now safe to cross

The controversial new pedestrian crossing on Warrenheip Street was officially opened by Member for Buninyong Geoff Howard and VicRoads Regional Manager Ewen Nevett on 15 May.

The crossing was funded as part of an undertaking given by the then-Opposition prior to the 2104 State election.

After considerable community reaction the scale of the project was reduced so that the final infrastructure is far less obtrusive on the streetscape. This involved elimination of an overhead gantry, reduction in the size of the lighting panel to two lights, and not having the lights operating until activated by a pedestrian. Use of heritage colours was also agreed to.

Shown are **Ewen Nevett** (Left) chatting to local resident **Richard Lea** near the crossing, and also Navigators horse **Luna** crossing obediently crossing with the green light



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Scotsburn pupils on the run

The students at that little school campus on the other side of the mountain have certainly been busy recently with a wide range of fresh activities. Several have involved energetic physical events arranged by teachers Ms Morris and Ms Hunter.

One of these was the P-Grade 6 school cross-country held recently at the Simpson Street campus. Students who finished towards the front were then lucky enough to be selected to take part in the other cross-country events against other schools. Many advanced through these also.

Another activity was the Grade P-2 gymnastics program with hour long sessions at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. The students learnt many new skills and are eagerly looking forward to future sessions there.

And then there was the *Jump Rope for Heart* activity in which participating students not only learn new skipping skills and tricks from Ms Hunter, but are having lots of fun raising money for a charity.

On the less physical front four students have been participating in a series of Young Authors' Workshops to improve their already excellent writing skills. The students are **Drew Davis, Axel Durham, Josephine Bantick** and **Scarlett Menhenett**.

Finally, students really enjoyed their Japanese Theme Day, mixed in with students from the Buninyong campus. where **Mrs Sullivan** and **Ms Hunter** provided a wide range of Japanese activities.



Leading out on at the start of the cross country at the Buninyong Primary School are (L to R) Bradley Fitzgerald, Sean Mason and Tri Tran

Teacher of Japanese at the school, Narelle Sullivan, shown here at the Japanese stall at the recent school fete, put on a great program for the visiting students from the Scotsburn campus





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Fun competition



THAT TREE YOU LOVE THE MOST

To celebrate National Tree Day on Sunday 30 July, Friends of Buninyong Botanic Gardens is inviting members of the community to enter a lighthearted competition and nominate their favourite tree in Buninyong.

Perhaps it's a tree that had a swing slung from its branches, or hosted your childhood treehouse, where you smooched with a sweetheart, adored its shade on scorching summer days, or a tree that is just so magnificently beautiful!

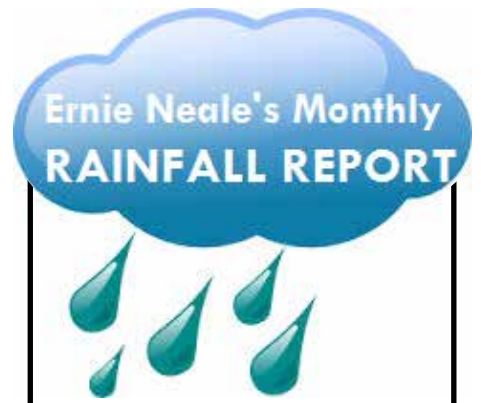
If your entry wows the judges, you'll win a Fleming's Nurseries gift voucher to take to Formosa Gardens Nursery and select your prize from the extensive range of ornamental and fruit trees on display. And it is the perfect time for planting trees.

Entering the competition is simple. Just send in a photo of your favourite tree with up to 100 words on why it is special to you. Send these by email to trees@buninyongbotanicgardensfriends.org.au, or mail to Trees at PO Box 28 Buninyong, 3357. Please include a phone contact number.

Entries must arrive no later than 10 July 2017 and judging will be conducted by a panel comprising Friends of Buninyong Botanic Gardens and the editorial team at Buninyong & District Community News.

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Sure was some April break!

Last month's report anticipated a long wait for a possibly-weak Autumn break. A week or so later the wait was already over, with 62.5mm of rain pouring down.

This brilliant break was delivered thanks to a relatively small, but intense, low pressure area threading its way right down the middle of Bass Strait. It was the sort of storm that would have caused chaos to sailing vessels 150 years ago.

Local tree clean-up crews were kept busy for days afterward. A further 40mm of timely follow up rain then arrived around ANZAC Day, the traditional marker of the Autumn break. ANZAC Day also flags the time for sowing crops, so the perfect cropping season had begun – if not a little too wet for some.

With 134.7mm in the gauge for April we have well exceeded the monthly 44.9mm average. That makes a total so far this year of 247.4mm – more than 80mm over the progressive average. Forget the numbers, with an Autumn like this, just look for some beautiful (and safe) mushrooms.

APRIL 2017			
Date	Rain	Date	Rain
9	16.6	26	7.4
10	62.5	27	1.1
21 – 24	15.2	29	2.0
25	29.7	30	0.2
Total		134.7 mm	
Year to date		247.4 mm	
April last year		19.0mm	
Jan-Apr 2016		195.9mm	

After 130 years Scotsburn church still very active

Scotts, swaggies and salvation at old church

Shelter for weary swaggies, stabling for schoolchildren's steeds and a sanctuary for the soul. These have all been roles of the Scotsburn Union Church through its long history.

The old wooden church on the Midland Highway was born from a generous donation on 10 April 1884 when pastoralist **Andrew Scott** donated half an acre of land for a non-denominational, evangelical church.

Serving no single denomination makes a Union church, and the land is held by a trustee, in this case the Presbyterian Church.

Andrew Scott's great-great-great-granddaughter **Celia Burnham**, of Scotsburn, said the family squatted on approximately 16,000 acres of land around 1839, paying a licence, but not actually owning land until the 1850s.

Scotts Marsh

"Initially the church was called Scotts Marsh, but when the marsh was drained into a creek in 1889, it became Scotsburn, dropping one 't'. Burn was the Scottish word for creek," she said.



The 1903 church picnic held in the Greenhill paddock attracted a large crowd

The family settled as cattle farmers, and tried their luck with potatoes, eventually turning to sheep.

Sharing a name with his great-great-great-grandfather, Andrew Scott, of New South Wales, said his family was from a strong Presbyterian background.

"The first decades were a struggle but their belief in the Presbyterian Church was paramount to their success as farmers and graziers," Mr Scott said.

"The church remained an important part of life from generation to generation for the Scott family and the initiative to gift land was a natural progression."

1887 start

The timber church, still boasting some of its original ornate features such as the pews and the pulpit, held its first service around 1887.

Long-time member and church secretary/treasurer **Heather Stokes** said around the turn of the last century about 54 children attended Sunday school in a tiny room at the back

During the Depression, fires could be seen in the church grounds, where swagmen sheltered for the night as they travelled the district looking for work. It was also around this time that schoolchildren accessed the stables.

Shared

The church was shared by the Presbyterians and Anglicans until the 1970s. After that **Pastor Ern Brown** conducted services for about 25 years and then **Charles Milne** for about two years. Now, the church organises guest speakers for the first Sunday of the month at 10am.

Ms Stokes said present attendances ranged between 18 and 25.

"On our 130th anniversary, people were so glad to come and look at the memorabilia. They talked about the old times and a lot of them had parents who came here and they wanted to keep up that connection with the church," she said.

Amy Darby Walker



The old church is in the good hands of (L to R) Bianca Francia, Pat Dobbyn, and Heather Stokes

From DJs to the OBC

New faces in landmark village spot



The Old Bluestone Café recently welcomed new owners David Robey and Marilyn Delfin who took over the popular restaurant in late April.

Marilyn brings extensive experience in the food area. She was with David Jones in Sydney, spent twelve years managing Fresh & Gourmet Foods in Market Street, Sydney, before working for the past three years in David Jones' Food Court in Melbourne's Bourke Street mall.

David's expertise and interest is in IT. He is now introducing electronic-pad technology to streamline ordering, food preparation and payment at the Café.

In Love

Despite the couple having recently built a new house in Melton West, they decided they need a change of direction, and when the Old Bluestone Café came on

the market they immediately "fell in love with it."

While they have big plans for the future they are adjusting the menu gradually. Some items which have already appeared include French toast with brioche bread, pulled pork burgers, panini steak sandwiches, Marilyn's pumpkin soup and Mediterranean meatballs. On the dessert side they have introduced popular Balsamic strawberries, and a macadamia crumble.

New machine

Importantly, the couple has installed a new coffee machine and a bigger multi-boiler espresso machine to ensure consistent results and enhance the good roast. Pressed fruit juices and smoothies (using fresh fruit) are now available. Gift items are also available.

Opening hours are from 9.30am to

AROUND THE CHURCHES

Schedules of the services and happenings at local churches.

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Fisken Street, Buninyong
Contact **Margaret McCarty**
5341 3243

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UNITING CHURCH

Learmonth Street Buninyong.
Rev Lindell Gibson 5341 3200
Services: Buninyong: Sunday 9.30am
Meredith: 2nd Sunday 11am
Sebastopol: 2nd, 4th, 5th Thursday 11am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Warrenheip Street, Buninyong.
Rev Mark Schnerring 5341 3281
www.buninyonganglican.org.au
Sunday Services: 8.30am and 10am

BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor **Tom Buscombe** 5330 2657
Service held in Buninyong Town Hall, Sundays 10am

SCOTSBURN CHURCH

Midland Highway, Scotsburn
Contact **Heather Stokes** on 5341 7609
First Sunday in the month at 10am

4.30pm Tuesday to Friday and 8.30am to 5.00pm on weekends.

Marilyn and David are excited about their new venture in Buninyong and intend to be here for the long term. Subject to Council approval they plan to have extended opening hours in the summer months and will include evening meals.

Cassandra Carland

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Fashionable party

The Buninyong Uniting Church will again be holding its morning Coffee Party with *Blumes Fashions* on Wednesday 7 June between 10.00am and noon.

This popular annual event will be held in the Church Hall in Learmonth Street. Entry is just \$5 and enquiries can be directed to 5330 1934.



Good response

The local branch of the Red Cross recently held its annual *Red Cross Calling* appeal to support its humanitarian work both in Australia and in overseas countries.

Helen Stephens reported that some \$1,131 was raised in and around the township and wishes to thank local people for their generosity.

No Prisoners at Scotsburn

At the Sunday 4 June service at the Scotsburn Union Church out on the Midland Highway, the guest speaker will be **Rick Hunt** who will talk on the work of Prison Fellowship. Everyone is most welcome to join in the 10.00am service

Village Market on Sunday

If you have picked up your copy of *The News* early, put a note in your diary and let your friends know that the Village market will be on again on Sunday 28 May between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Get along and support this regular community event and the stall holders who will again be in the Town Hall precinct.

Three gardens on tour

A bus tour of three magnificent Melbourne gardens has been arranged

for Thursday 15 June by the Friends of the Buninyong Botanic Gardens (FBBG). The bus will leave the Buninyong Town Hall at 9.00am and return by 5.30pm. Cost for the bus ticket, including entry to the three properties is \$62. Bring own lunches or order a lunch box from Espresso Depot at a cost of \$25.

The gardens to be visited are

- the renowned Burnley Gardens (formerly Burnley Horticultural College)
- Como House and Gardens
- Villa Alba in Kew, with its relatively recently completed garden, followed by a visit to the mansion.

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(L to R) Milly, Jack, Zara, Kayla, Bill and Sam

In 2014 the Buninyong Kindergarten, which is run by UnitingCare Ballarat and operates through the Buninyong Children's Centre, received much needed major upgrade funding from the City of Ballarat. This provided for renovations to the Kindergarten rooms and the building of an additional playground and garden areas.

However in the warmer weather it was discovered that there was not adequate shade in these newly built outdoor areas, and as such, children's access had to be restricted to ensure they were protected from the sun during high UV days.

Enter the Buninyong Community Bank, now well known for its generous involvement in the local community.

The Parent Advisory Committee applied to the Board of the Community Bank to fund the purchase and installation of shade protection for the new outdoor areas.

More to come

The Board members generously agreed to fund the whole project in two phases. Phase 1 was the installation of three smaller sails on the Western side of the new kindergarten building. These were installed in April 2017. Phase 2 will see the installation during the Spring of a larger sail on the Eastern side of the building.

Thanks to the local Community Bank, the Kindergarten kids can now play outside, whilst safely protected from the sun.

Cassandra Carland



POLICE BEAT

TWO BURGLARIES were committed within weeks at a farming property in Lloyds Lane recently. On both occasions, a small amount of wool was taken along with some hand tools. A number of sheets of iron were removed from the shedding and locks were cut both inside and out. If any suspicious vehicles/persons are seen in the Lloyds Lane or Hovey's Road area please contact Police on 000.

MEMBERS OF THE BUNINYONG Bowls Club were angered recently when a number of their greens were damaged, reportedly by a dog digging them up. CCTV Footage hasn't been able to identify an owner of the dog which has returned on a number of occasions causing more damage. Members of the Bowls Club are determined to identify the dog..... make no bones about it!

A GARAGE WITH ITS DOORS left open was entered in broad daylight on 22 April in Wattle Tree Drive, Mount Helen. Unknown offenders took a number of power tools from the premises before decamping. Nil forensic evidence was located at the scene and no persons were seen. Unless you are in your garage or working in the front yard, close the garage door and ensure it's locked at all times.

POLICE AND THE CFA WERE called to a car fire in Gear Avenue, Mount Helen recently. After noticing engine troubles, the driver pulled over and discovered smoke emanating from the engine bay. Fire took hold within minutes but with a quick response from the wonderful members of the Buninyong CFA, the fire was extinguished prior to the vehicle being completely destroyed.

A HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION has been the target of a recent spate of damage in Waterloo Lane Magpie. A number of windows have been smashed and graffiti located. Two shipping containers located on the property were also entered. The Ballarat CIU is currently investigating. Any suspicious vehicles or persons should be reported immediately to Police by calling 000.



Two pennant premier wins

Buninyong Golf Club's top golfers put in some magical performances in the play offs for the district pennant premierships recently. Buninyong's Division 1 and Division 4 Pennant teams won their respective finals.

Competing against the powerful Ballarat GC, the Division 1 team snatched their first title since sharing the spoils in 2010. It took a marathon 39-hole victory by **Travis Tatt** to clinch the title after the sides were locked at three all after completion of six matches.

Members of this team were **Chris and Travis Tatt, Brett Tolliday, Nick Haintz, Craig Thatcher, Daniel Staples, and Mick Innes**. Reserves who played some matches were **Tim Coverdale, John Czieki, and Phil Carman**.

The Division 4s won 4.5 to 2.5, making it four titles in five years for that grade. This team consisted of **Phil and Glenn Carman, Greg Brown, Greg Horrocks, Peter Kerwin, Peter O'Donnell, Gordon Aggett Jr and David Beggs**.

Injuries hit Bombers' start to season

It hasn't been an ideal start to the season for the Buninyong Bombers. Two wins from five games has them sitting mid ladder. Football Manager, **Wayne Morgan** says injuries and unavailability have made it difficult to put wins on the board. Wayne still remains confident that with a full list available they can match it with any team in the league.

Redbacks' hot start

After a Division 2 Premiership last season the Redbacks are now competing in Division 1 of the Ballarat and District Soccer Association. At this early stage of the season the team has proved going to be competitive in the higher division with four wins and one loss after five rounds. The Redbacks are fielding an incredible seventeen teams in this year's competition from Under 8 to Division 1 including the first Redbacks girls team, competing in the Under 16 division. If only that promised work by Council to get the pitches ready at Royal Park would

hurry up. Some nets have now been erected there, so that's a start!

Family rivalry

The Tatt family is well known for their prowess on the golf course. There may have been some family bragging rights claimed recently when **Chris Tatt** scored 68 off the stick in a Buninyong golf competition. Not to be outdone, son Travis shot 69 a few days later. Two great rounds.

Golf Monthly Medal

The May Monthly Medal was won by 'A' Grader, **Glenn Stevens** with a 69 net. Glen topped off his day with a hole-in-one at the 12th hole. Congratulations also to **Peter Martin** who won the play-off for the April medal. The best ladies score was **Bev Thornton's** 37 pts.

Progress on new Green

Buninyong Lawn bowlers are excited about the new green that has been constructed at Buninyong since the season ended. A new eight rink green replaces the old seven rink green that was ripped up at the end of the season. After only a few months of hard work and favourable weather conditions the green is well on track to be ready for the commencement of the new season.



After a major excavation project during April, the new greens are now looking great

Buninyong's future Be part of the planning

With the launch of the *Imagine Buninyong!* Facebook page, and the appearance in shop windows and on shop counters of the posters and postcards advertising the event, residents are beginning to talk about the ABCD Township Planning events coming up soon.

Planned by Buninyong & District Community Association and Buninyong & District Community Bank, the idea of the two free community events is to give wide exposure to the concepts of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD), so that community groups and individuals around Buninyong will be equipped to contribute their valuable ideas to City of Ballarat's Township Planning process later this year.

Renowned speaker, prolific author and presenter **Peter Kenyon** is well placed

to do this for Buninyong through his company Bank of Ideas. Australian of the Year finalist in 2017 Peter has helped over 2,000 communities worldwide over decades. He's a global expert who recognises that a community's citizens are its greatest assets, and he's Australian, and he'll be here in Buninyong.

There are two free events at Buninyong Town Hall – Tuesday 13 June from 7:00 pm, and a business breakfast also at the town hall from 7:30 am on Wednesday 14 June (see advertisement below).

Although the events are free, please book on-line through Ticketeboo to help the organisers with planning and catering for supper and breakfast.



This is a rare opportunity to hear from a down-to-earth expert how people can be involved in planning and building stronger and more resilient communities. The Community Association and the Community Bank urge everyone in Buninyong and district to get behind these events.

If you are on Facebook, the organisers suggest you 'like' their Imagine Buninyong page, and follow the posts or share the excitement with your friends.

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Smiles all round, but not a pony-tail in sight at Charity morning tea success



Pictured above are (L to R) June Henderson, Robin Wilcock, Heather Bedggood, Betty Gay, Rosemary Loane, Linda Thorpe, Val Coulter, Alison Latchford, and Pamela Smith.

About 40 people joined in the fun at the Buninyong Uniting Church's Biggest Morning Tea on 10 May from 10am-noon. The cheery, chatty, charity tea was held this month to raise money for cancer research.

This is the eighteenth year an event has been held at the church. Some \$530 was raised to be sent off to the Cancer Council.

Betty Gay, of Mount Clear and a member of the Uniting Church, said they were pleased with everyone's effort. "It was lovely to welcome people from various Buninyong groups who came along to raise money for

research into cancer," she said. "It's something we look forward to every year and we are really grateful for the support we get."

People attended from Buninyong and the surrounding district, and the Buninyong Uniting Church's Open House Group was well represented. Group member **Robin Wilcock**, of Buninyong, said the group of women met to chat and relax, and it was a very happy relaxing time once a week that anyone can join.

For details about the group, please contact the Uniting Church on 5341 3200.



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