

TRUCK STUDY CASH



The State Government has announced that it will fund a \$150,000 feasibility study "to investigate a potential transport link to the east of Ballarat which has long been discussed in the local community."

Member for Buninyong, Geoff Howard MLA, said that the Government knows that the community wants to get trucks and heavy vehicles out of the centre of Buninyong and onto a purpose-built route and that is why the planning work is being funded.

While the allocation of planning funds was welcomed by Buninyong residents, a *Buninyong Community News* survey of residents showed their concern that the prime focus would seem to be largely on Yankee Flat Road traffic.

Link road impact

Former City of Ballarat engineer, Robert Elshaug who is the convenor of a Buninyong and District Community Association (BDCA) group working on the

by-pass issue, said that any diversion to the east of Ballarat, while it may ease traffic on Geelong Road to some extent, will only be a partial solution.

\$150,000 grant needs to look at link road impact

"Clearly the major worry for residents is the truck traffic that is now coming through Magpie along the Midland Highway. This is certain to increase greatly after completion of the Western Link Road," Mr Elshaug said.

He said that it is unrealistic to believe that most trucks coming from the north of the State and especially from the Western Link Road are somehow going to divert to Warrenheip in order to get to Geelong.

"This study should be commenced with an open mind and a clean slate, rather than with a proposal that has been pre-determined. Any upgrade of Yankee Flat Road between Warrenheip and Mt

Buninyong should not be the sole focus of the investigation," he added.

Consult

In his 27 September media release Geoff Howard said that "over the next twelve months, VicRoads will engage with the community as part of the feasibility study." BDCA President Linda Zibell said that the Association will be happy to work with VicRoads and the Council in this consultation. "However, we will be asking to play a role in putting the study brief together before any consultation starts," she said.

She said that the brief for the 2012 *Buninyong Traffic Impact Study*, funded by VicRoads and the City of Ballarat, had specifically excluded *any work on study of a bypass for Buninyong*. The BDCA wanted to be assured that the latest investigation included planning to address present and the future problems for the Buninyong village resulting from heavy vehicles coming along the Midland Highway from Magpie and heading for Geelong and beyond.

Pool upgrade starts

Back in May the Buninyong Community Pool Group hosted a get together where suggestions and ideas were gathered on how the community pool could be invigorated and turned into a bustling community hub.

As a result, major improvements have already been undertaken by City of Ballarat including the installation of an irrigation system, seeding new lawns, an upgrade to the solar heating system and the installation of new external footpaths.



Streetscape

Planned improvements to the streetscape include repairing and painting of the existing fence, installation of timber screening both internally and externally, and landscaping and creation of new gardens.

A Public Art project is planned involving local primary school students. This will involve laser cut steel silhouettes along the fence and adjacent to front entrance.

Two working bees are planned during November when it is hoped to complete painting of the front fence, front entrance, kiosk and toilet block as well as the planting and landscaping of the front gardens in time for opening on 1 December.

Plans

Visit the facebook page - www.facebook.com/Buninyong-Community-Pool-Group -

for more detailed plans as well as a list of specialist jobs that need doing. Parties involved include the City of Ballarat, the Buninyong Men's Shed,

Friends of Buninyong Botanical Gardens, together with the Buninyong and Emmaus Primary Schools. Paal Grant Designs has undertaken much of the design work.



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Major improvements are already underway including the installation of an irrigation system, seeding new lawns and an upgrade to the solar heating system. But help is needed to complete the job.

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TAKE A LOOK!

We invite you to take a sneaky peak at the plans on our Facebook page and while you're there check out the list of specialist jobs that need doing and let us know if you can make it on the day(s).

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Celia Burnham shown in her garden at Mt Boninyong

Visit three local gardens in Spring

Organisers of the annual **Ballarat Gardens in Spring** program have included three iconic Buninyong gardens in the 2017 program of open gardens. Out of a total six gardens, three are from the Buninyong area making it easy for locals to visit both clusters over the weekend of 11 and 12 November.

Now in its tenth year and run by a small group under the umbrella of the **Ballarat Botanical Gardens**, this year sees the **Friends of the Buninyong Botanical Gardens** coming on board to showcase some of their members' wonderful gardens.

Landscape

There is the **King's** contemporary garden, **Back Lake**, just off Yendon No 2 Road, which was conceived as a complete landscape rather than a "garden" and developed at the same time as the house was constructed in 2010.

Just off Yendon No 1 Road, on the continuation of Yankee Flat Road, is the **McLeod's The Ridge** Garden. Rooms and terraces have been designed to create form and structure without taking away from the panoramic views from the house.

The third garden, the historic **Mt Boninyong** garden of the **Burnhams** on

the Midland Highway Scotsburn, sits on the eastern side of Mt Buninyong, and was laid out in 1845, making it one of the oldest domestic gardens in Victoria. Some of the early plantings can still be seen in this extensive garden.

Cluster

The three gardens form a cluster with each garden only five or so minutes' drive from each other and, according to **Helen Todd** of **Ballarat Gardens in Spring**, this gives people easy access to a range of styles of gardens not normally open to the public.

"It is also a chance to meet the garden owners and pick up some local knowledge in terms of gardening in our unique climate," she said. In Ballarat you can see the **Fraser** and **Fulton** gardens with the **Weigall** garden a short drive out to Millbrook.

All gardens are open Saturday and Sunday, 11 and 12 November from 10am to 4pm. Entry is \$5 per garden (children free).

For more details, addresses and directions go to the website ballaratopengardens.com.au. Brochures are around town in cafes and stores and at the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre.

streettalk

FROM TIME TO TIME *The News* has chased up the CFA to find out about the location of their new home. Now we hear that discussions with the Golf Club on the vacant land to the east of the clubhouse have faltered, and that the focus is back on that land in Warrenheip Street as first suggested in *Street Talk* about two years ago.

TRYING TO GET that bus stop moved to free up parking in Warrenheip Street has been a frustrating battle. Now, to rub salt into the wounds the other day a school bus was spotted parked outside of *Maggie & Kates* while the driver waited for a coffee!



ALL OF A SUDDEN the child care scene in Buninyong has changed. The plans for **United Children** to start up at Palmerston Street have hit the wall and the company will now operate the former Village Place site in Learmonth Street instead of the Montessori group. **Rachel Condon** pictured in the September edition of *The News* will now be on deck at Learmonth Street with an early 2018 opening still planned.

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED the paperwork on the desk of local MLA **Geoff Howard** when *The Courier* photographed him announcing that he was not standing again. Front and centre was a copy of the *Buninyong Community News*!!

LOCAL BUSINESSMAN and Buninyong Business Network member **Simon Coghlan** is pretty chuffed that his Western Hotel has been named the top hotel (of 5000) in Australia for 'presentation and service' in the recent AHA National Awards.

ONE LOCAL BUSINESS that made it very clear about where its AFL allegiance lay was the **Krooze Inn** at Mt Helen. For much of September completely it covered both of its shopfront windows in Richmond posters and other yellow and black paraphernalia.

Fencing in the veggies

This year, Grade 3 students at Buninyong Primary School have taken responsibility for a flock of chickens and a vegetable patch.

The chickens have been very popular and have become very accustomed to being handled. Indeed, they are carried so much there is a chance they'll lose the capacity to walk.

The old vegetable patch made way for a new shed and a new vegetable patch was established near the old police station and court house. Principal **Bernie Conlan** said that the school is most appreciative of the local Men's Shed who did a brilliant job constructing a picket fence around the vegetable patch. This new fence matches the picket fence that surrounds the old police station making the whole area look pretty special.



(Above) The workers from the Mens' Shed (L to R) Chris Kruger, Andrew Gibson, Bill Jolly, Andrew Webb, Bob Skewes with some of the proud Grade 3 students. (L to R) Hamish Brisbane, Riley McNeight, Emma Leech, Mia Reynolds, Summer Langan and Willian Balazic.

(Below) Trevor McCann and Max Thorne were two of the volunteers who helped the tree clear-up project at the golf club. The timber shown is now for sale.

Golf wood for sale

Staff and volunteers of the Buninyong Golf Club have completed a major project to remove timber from diseased and damaged trees from the course for safety reasons.

Now the Club is offering the very dry and split common wood for sale to anyone interested to collect it at \$70 per cubic metre. They also have offered to deliver wood to older or infirm local persons who are unable to collect wood from the club. Call 5341 3217 for more information



Buninyong Gardens Spring Market

Held in the historical Buninyong Botanic Gardens

Sunday 12 November 9am - 1pm



Greenhill Road land sold

Thin edge of green wedge

The recent sale of some sixteen hectares of land down on the creek flats north of Greenhill Road for \$1.6 million should have all Buninyong residents on edge.

This land is zoned 'Farming'. And you wouldn't need to be a Rhodes Scholar to work out that the bloke who shelled out the \$1.6 million is not a farmer.

So if you travel regularly along Geelong Road with the creek flats down below you, and enjoy the significant green wedge area between the suburbia of Mt Clear and Mt Helen, begin to imagine what it will look like with a sea of colorbond or cement tile rooves filling in the landscape.

Earlier plan

Back in 2014 BDCA representatives were active in discussions about an earlier plan to develop this area. In discussion with the then Council planners, some moderately-acceptable compromises were being considered.

The compromises included retaining an east-west green zone to distinguish Mt Clear and Mt Helen since their neighbourhood characters are distinctly different. It was agreed that the Greenhill Road land would sustain larger-sized blocks with potential for nature-friendly, sustainable-style development.

Retention of a green strip between the creek and the Geelong Road was agreed due to that area being flood prone. The key intent was to avoid the spread of yet more suburban dwellings, all being

jammed next to one another to maximise developer profits.

Unknown change

But if *The Courier* report of 18 September (p 5) is accurate, one South Ward Councillor, Cr Rinaldi, has already come out saying that *"while no proposal has yet been put to Council he was supportive of finding another use for the land"*.

Without even seeing a proposal, or talking to community people or groups, Cr Rinaldi says he'll support some unknown changed use of the land. It's a fair bet that he wasn't looking at a copy of the *Canadian Valley Outline Development Plan* when he said that.

On the ball

South Ward colleague Des Hudson was much more attuned to community feelings when he said that *"the local community will be very aware and will want to scrutinise it and make sure that it doesn't damage that green belt"*. Right on Cr Hudson! Cr Taylor has not commented publicly.

So with the Council's strategic planning exercise for Buninyong for the next umpteen years now just a few months off, it will be interesting to see if any move to rezone that land suddenly comes out of left field.

If it does, even the most lethargic of Buninyong district residents should join in a march up Sturt Street to let our Councillors and planners know how they feel about that land.



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Dry stone walls are unique

It's probable that we have all walked past some of Buninyong's dry stone walls. It's also likely that few have thought about how old they are, how they were made, or known their history.

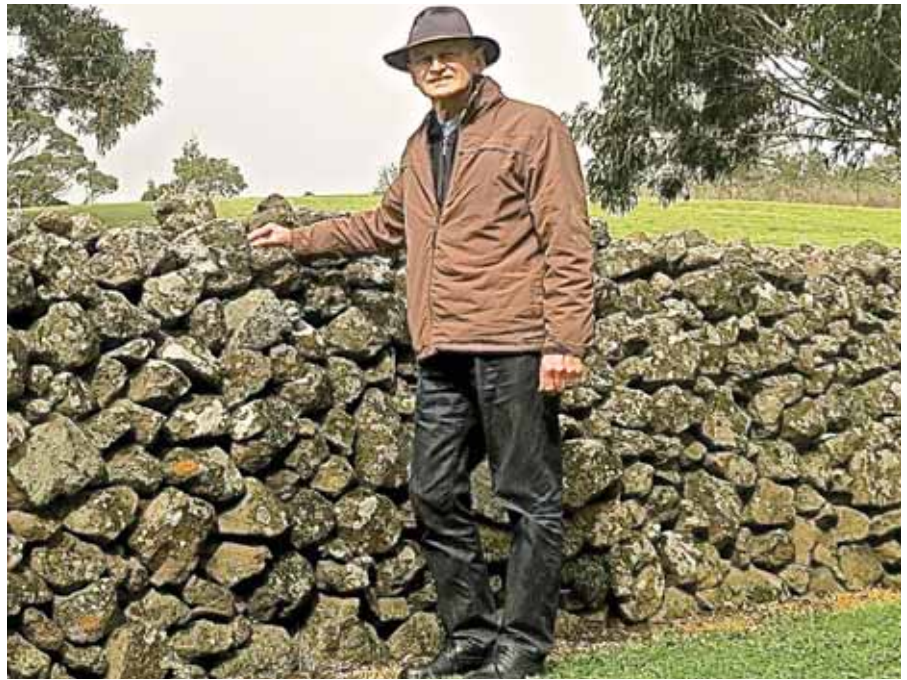
That all changed for me after a chat with **Andrew Miller**, Secretary of the *Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia* (DSWAA). Formerly an engineer with the City of Ballarat, Andrew grew up with dry stone walls on the family farm near Colac. Later, whilst living in Camperdown, he became involved in the community-led *Corangamite Dry Stone Walls Conservation Project* which, in part, initiated the formation of the DSWAA.

Volcano

The stone in the Buninyong walls comes from the volcanic activity of Mt Buninyong, which is part of the vast volcanic plain extending from Melbourne in the east to the South Australian border in the west.

Mt Buninyong was known as *Bonang Yowing* (man lying with leg raised) by the aboriginal people. Their connection with the land and the European settlers' use of stone are an important part of Buninyong's history.

A traditional dry stone wall has two faces of stone rising off large foundation stones. Smaller stones at mid-wall height and



Andrew Miller admires a local stone wall

cope-stones running along the top of the wall tie the two faces together. No mortar is used in a dry stone wall.

The Buninyong walls were commissioned by the first European settlers to define boundaries and partition the land. The **Learmonths**, the first people into this area, definitely had some input.

Different

The walls in this area are unique in style because the stone from the Mt Buninyong eruption is relatively small and of uniform size. Consequently the Buninyong walls are wider and lower than many other dry stone walls and do not have a cope-stone.

The walls in Buninyong can be referred to as *consumption dykes* because, as well as dividing the land, they were often built to consume the vast amount of stone lying in the landscape.

Dry stone walls are dotted over this vast volcanic plain but there is no other

township in Victoria like Buninyong which has so many dry stone walls in its urban precincts. This adds a very special character to the town and this must be promoted in the community, amongst wall owners, developers and local government.

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Lions plant 100 year tree

About thirty members of the Buninyong Mt Helen Lions Club gathered at Desoza Park on 23 September to watch a brief ceremony to mark the one hundred years since the service organisation was established in 1917 by a Chicago insurance agent.

Club President, David Page, said that Lions International is now the largest volunteer organisation in the world with 46,000 clubs and some 1.4 million members.

It has a proud history of achievements in disaster and emergency relief, medical research and a wide range of community service projects.

"2017 also marked 42 years since the establishment of the Buninyong Mt Helen Lions Club and over that time it has gained a valued reputation as an active 'go-to' service club in this community," Mr Page said.

Recently the Club worked with the local Fire Brigade in providing the free community BBQ after the 1 July Avenue march, for many years has organised the annual Christmas Carols in Buninyong, was very active following the 2015 Scotsburn fires, and assists many charitable causes such as providing assistance to the Shorter



Graeme Jones digs the hole for the commemorative oak tree while Les George (left) supervises.

family which has been previously reported on in *The News*.

Oak tree


Speaking on behalf of the City of Ballarat which had donated an oak tree to mark the 100 year anniversary, Graeme Kent said that the City was pleased to be associated with the ceremony as the Lions Clubs throughout Ballarat have a huge reputation of community service.

The oak tree was planted alongside the gravel walking path and is marked by a bronze plaque which gives details of its significance.

The tree was planted by Les George who was a foundation member of the local Lions Club in 1972 when Alan Bath was the inaugural President.

He was assisted by Graeme Jones who was Club President in 1979-80.

Ernie Neale's Monthly RAINFALL REPORT



Somewhere in the middle

September is a bit of an erratic month. Last year, ours was the wettest for a century while September the year before was hot and dry. September this year has been somewhere in the middle weatherwise.

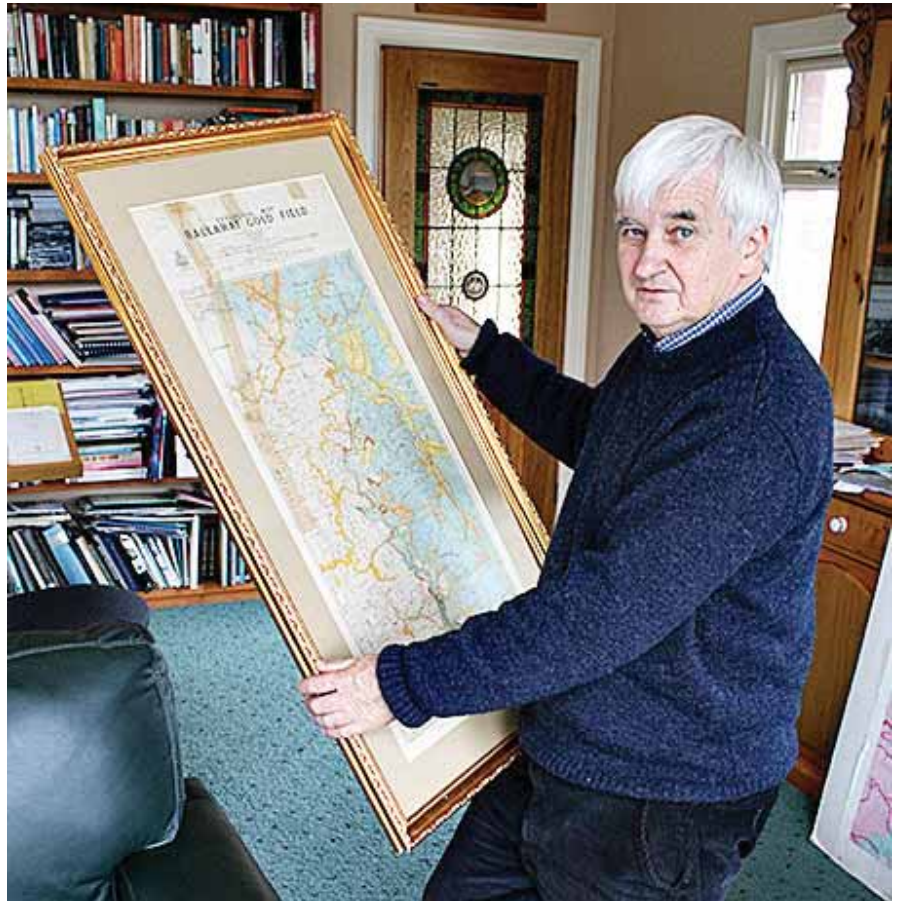
September did start with a wintry blast with some snow in the first week. The weather then settled into a nicely damp pattern of successive rain fronts. We had nearly equal numbers of wet and dry days, with temperatures barely reaching 15 degrees. By the end of the month we had received 74.2mm of rain.

Our September rainfall tally reflected our location neatly. To the north, Griffith in NSW scored 0mm, while Port Fairy to the south had its wettest September on record. Our YTD tally to the end of September was 546.2mm, well over the recent average, but less than the long-term average.

The spring equinox is now behind us and the warmer, drier months are ahead. What can sometimes be a harsh transition as spring takes us from winter to summer was very gentle this year.

SEPT 2017			
Date	Rain	Date	Rain
4-6	13.5	8	10.1
10	2.0	13-16	26.8
19	7.8	22-30	14.0
Total		74.2 mm	
Year to date		546.2 mm	

As part three in *The News* series of things about Buninyong that a visitor should not miss, local historian and author, Doug Bradby, was invited to come up with his list. The former secondary school history teacher has spent many hours delving into the history of district goldfields in which early Buninyong plays a key role and is currently supporting Buninyong Primary School's Grade 4 students with a local history project. Doug is kept busy with his work with schools, speaking engagements and his *Seriously Weird History* book series. Doug and his wife Julie live at Scotchman's Lead, on the southwest fringe of Buninyong, a former prominent mining area in the golden days of the district.



Put on your walking shoes

It is no surprise that Doug Bradby's list of must-see features is influenced by his interest in the history of the goldfields in the area. However, to follow Doug's list the visitor to Buninyong would probably need to have a local guide and a sturdy pair of walking shoes as, unlike other suggested lists in this series, his sites are spread over a wide area of the district.

Union Jack walk

The *Union Jack Reserve* is the best remnant of an alluvial field in the Ballarat district. From the roundabout, walk north in Warrenheip Street and turn right into Elizabeth Street.

Follow the road to the south-west corner of the reserve. Take the "Long Loop Walk" to *Murdoch's Gully* and to the site of the former *Locomotive Hill Mine* at the top northeast corner of the reserve to pay your respects to the two men who died in a mining accident there in the 1930s.

Water walk

Starting at the standpipe in front of the CFA, walk via the Botanical Gardens past the old swimming pool site to the Gong. Continue walking towards the mountain. Cross Lal Lal Street and follow the walking track to the top of Mt Innes. Follow the drystone wall down the hill to the right and see if you can find *Hastie's Spring*.

It was named after the Reverend **Thomas Hastie** who started the district's first log kirk and school in the vicinity in 1847.

Devil's Kitchen

Explore Mount Buninyong's second crater (the first eroded many years ago) that locals referred to as the *Devil's Kitchen*. Walk down into the centre of the crater and contemplate the size of the eruption that created this huge hole in the side of the mountain over 12,000 years ago.

The miners' way to Ballarat

Make your way to De Soza Park. Start at the little mound of mullock left over from

the *Crown Mine*. Follow the Union Jack Creek track west to Lumeah Street. Take a right and walk north until you come to Hitchcock Road. Follow the road to Moss Avenue.

Continue towards Sebastopol past the gold monument at Hiscock Gully Road, then right via Aubrey Road to Magpie. Stand on *Pulpit Rock* and survey what the miners called Sebastopol Hill (9 km).

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GOLD KING CONGA PARADE - 1230pm

A nod to the Gold King Festival, we are bringing back the Parade - with a modern twist! Snaking throughout the Festival grounds, led by CocoSounds, singing with musical instruments a playin' - join the parade and party! Meet at the CFA demonstration area!

Melody the Magic Mermaid

Songs, stories and magical treasures by young walking illusionist, Milla Williams.

Look out for a roving mermaid who's been captured - only copious amounts of ice cream can save her!



Gold found again in the village

The 2017 discovery of gold in Buninyong doesn't involve nuggets or flakes, but rather takes the form of **Community Gold** cards. This gold can be redeemed at local retailers for goods or services.

To date, most of the *Community Gold* in circulation has been given to community groups, clubs and not-for-profit organisations to assist with their fundraising efforts. Leading up to Christmas, *Community Gold* will be available for purchase at a discounted price from the Buninyong & District Community Bank.

Look for the *Give the gift of Gold this Christmas* advertising early November. It is expected that up to \$20,000 worth of Gold will be found in stockings and under Christmas trees all around our district.

Many businesses

There are currently 31 local businesses (22 located in Buninyong) where gold cards can be spent, with the list growing on a regular basis. For a full list of Gold Lovers you can visit, check out www.facebook.com/Community-Gold-Buninyong

Community Gold is an initiative designed specifically to support local businesses. The program was created to stimulate the regional economy by encouraging the community to buy local. It has been recognised that successful businesses make for successful communities and, working together, both can be achieved.

Community Gold provides a new method of raising money for clubs, schools and other not-for-profit organisations. Specifically it ensures that gifts, donations, grants and

sponsorships are spent locally so that every dollar has a much greater impact than ever before.

Participate

To become a Gold Loving business, contact **Randall Dreger** on 5341 8066 or drop into the Buninyong & District Community Bank Branch. There is no cost for retailers to participate in the program as the full cost of the program is covered by the Community Bank. Don't miss the opportunity to have some of that \$20,000 of Christmas Gold redeemed at your business.

Full terms and conditions for *Community Gold* cards and participating retailers can be obtained at the Community Bank.



Both happy! Phoebe Vandeleur swaps her Community Gold card for a pizza from Red Door Pizzeria owner Trevor Whitworth.



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A cut above the rest

When Elaine's Shane Dunne, 42, had a motor vehicle accident some four years ago and damaged his back, it spelt the end of his fifteen year career as a shearer.

The Dunne family has been part of the Elaine community for some four generations. His great-grandfather Edward migrated to Australia from County Offaly, Ireland in the 1860s and settled at Mt Prospect, near Newlyn. In turn his son, also Edward, found work on the railways, was posted to Elaine and moved there in the early 1900s.

Fate

The family has been there ever since. Shane attended primary school at Elaine, then went to St Patrick's College before starting his first career as a fitter and turner – a job that he "hated". He had always wanted to be a shearer and he took on that role with delight – until that fateful day in 2013.

Since then he has been "teaching unemployed youth and mowing a few lawns."

But now he has decided to make mowing and grass cutting his full-time job. He

has purchased a top-end Toro 'zero turn' mower (similar to those used by Councils and on golf courses) and is keen to find work in the district. He is happy to negotiate a fair price to tackle the traditional household front/back lawns or areas up to two acres. His phone is 0448 291 074.

Local affairs

As a single father with four children aged between eleven and seventeen, Shane is most concerned about the state of the Australian economy, and the growing national debt. He is seriously worried about the implications for future generations.

He even put his hand up in the 2012 Federal election, standing as a candidate for the *Bob Katter Australia Party*. He says politicians treat the debt issue as a "taboo" subject and rarely speak about it in the media.

Shane is heavily involved in community affairs in Elaine having held leadership positions with the local CFA and with both the cricket and tennis clubs and played a key role in the recent restoration of the sporting facilities there.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 13 December
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Directories update

The Business Directory and Community Groups Directory on the Buninyong Community Website (www.buninyong.vic.au) are being updated this month. Many visitors look for information about local organisations on the directories so it is vital that they are kept up-to-date.

The directories contain comprehensive lists of all businesses and community groups in Buninyong and district and information is continually updated whenever changes are sent in. However, sometimes a full review is needed to make sure the lists remain accurate. A complete check of all entries is happening now.

Megan Holman of the Buninyong Business Network is contacting local businesses and Liz Lumsdon of the Buninyong Community Website Group is contacting local community groups to check the accuracy of their details. Please check your group's listing and send any changes to Buninyong Directory Updates (<https://buninyongbusinessn.wixsite.com/buninyongdirectory>).

All local businesses and community groups are given a free listing on the Buninyong Community Website directories with the option of more prominent paid listings with social media links.

All organisations are also now being offered a free upgrade to include their email and website links. Don't miss out! For more information, visit www.buninyong.vic.au or email bunlibtrust@gmail.com



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HAPPENINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Thursdays each week. *Ballarat Chapter of the Welsh Choir*. Rehearsals/practice. New members always welcome. Contact **John White** 0402 808 299

Thursday 26 October, 7.00 pm. *Buninyong & District Community Association*, Meeting and AGM. Buninyong Town Hall. All welcome

Sunday 29 October, 9.00am-4.00pm. *Buninyong Festival*. Desoza Park and surrounds and Town Hall precinct

Tuesday 6 November, 6.00pm -7.30pm. *Buninyong Business Network* monthly meeting, Red Door Pizzeria. All businesses welcome. **Megan** 0404 053 488

Saturday 11 November, 10.45am. *Buninyong RSL Remembrance Day Service*, (99 years since end of WWI) RSL Park Buninyong

Saturday/Sunday 11 and 12 November, 10.00am-4.00pm. *Ballarat Gardens in Spring*. Including three local gardens the Burnham, King gardens in Scotsburn and the McLeod garden at Mt Buninyong. Entry \$5, Children free. See ballaratopengardens.com.au. **Wendy Taylor**, 0407 554 306

Sunday 12 November, 9.00am-1.00pm. *Buninyong Gardens Spring Market*. Great new venue, Buninyong Botanic Gardens

Sunday 12 November, 10.00am-2.00pm. *Working Bee*, Buninyong

Community Pool. Bring tools, barrow, paint brushes. Free sausage sizzle.

Sunday, 19 November. Noon-3.00pm. *Buninyong Community Appreciation Day*. Desoza Park

Friday 24 November, *Buninyong RSL Annual Dinner*, Buninyong Golf Club. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Two course meal, \$35ph. **Max Thorne**, 0418 519 529

Friday 24 November, 6.00pm. *Gumboots and Gowns- 20 years of LPG Celebration*. Garibaldi Hall. **Michelle Harvey** 0417 359 724

Sunday 26 November, 10.00am-2.00pm. *Working Bee*, Buninyong Community Pool. Bring tools, barrow, paint brushes. Free sausage sizzle.

Saturday 9 December, 4.00pm-8.00pm. *Buninyong Village Twilight Market*. Buninyong Town Hall

Saturday 9 December, from 5.30 pm. *Lions Club Community Christmas Carols in Desoza Park*. Kids' fun, BBQ, coffee van, choir and guest artists



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Remembering 99 years on

The Buninyong RSL will conduct the annual Remembrance Day ceremony in RSL Park on Saturday 11 November commencing at 10.45am. The Last Post and Silence at 11.00am is preceded by a welcome and wreath laying. Guest speaker will be Mr Ian Simpkin.

Groups or individuals wishing to lay a wreath should contact RSL Secretary **Bob Bennett**, 5341 2369 or rcem.bennett@bigpond.com. The wearing of medals is encouraged. The protocol of wearing another person's medals requires them to be worn on the right pocket.

Remembrance poppies will be available for purchase in Buninyong during the days leading up to the ceremony. Proceeds from these sales assists the welfare programs of the local RSL. A poppy will be placed at each tree in the newly-restored *Buninyong WW1 Memorial Avenue of Honour* on Sunday 5 November. Visitors are encouraged to walk along the newly-restored Avenue of Honour and inspect some of the plaques.

RSL Annual Dinner

Friends of the RSL and members of the local community are invited to the RSL's Annual Dinner to be held at the Buninyong Golf Club on Friday 24 November 2017. Cost of the two-course meal is \$35 pp



RSL members Colin Barr, Jason Barr John Dellaca with project organiser Bill Akell will install the poppies

and there will be door and raffle prizes. Start is at 6.30pm for 7.00pm and dress is "tidy informal". **Max Thorne** is the contact – 5342 0755 or 0418 519 529, with bookings preferably by 17 November.

Market and carols on 9 December

Buninyong will be a busy place on the afternoon of Saturday 9 December 2017 with both the village market and the annual Lions Christmas Carols happening. Starting at 4.00pm in the Town Hall precinct will be the *Christmas Twilight Market*. The Market will run until 8.00pm.

Then commencing at 5.30pm the Lions Club of Buninyong Mt Helen together with the Combined Churches of Buninyong & Mt Clear will present the annual *Community Christmas Carols* in Desoza Park.

There will be the usual great family entertainment, children's craft activities, Christmas carols/songs, a BBQ, a coffee van, a charity raffle and, of course, plenty of Lions Christmas cake.

Enquiries about the Carols to **Jill Spencer**, 5341 3602.

Big scare for postal worker

At about 2.00am on a cold and stormy night in July, Australia Post driver Kevin was minding his own business as he drove up Union Lane at the rear of the Warrenheip Street shops to deliver the mail to the local Post Office.

Some frenzied knocking on his van's window caused him to turn to look at the windblown figure outside armed with a torch, hammer and screw driver. Kevin immediately raised his arms in surrender prepared to hand over valuables rather than risk an attack from the person outside clad in pyjamas and a bath robe.

But the figure began to shout "No, No, No... I just want your help." The drama had started when the local resident had been awakened by the banging of a large colorbond gate which had become damaged in the storm, and had arisen to try to stop the gate's banging.

Using the beams from his van's headlights, a much-relieved Kevin happily helped the resident do temporary repairs to the gate and then got back to his job of delivering the mail. *And, as promised, K's name has not been included.*



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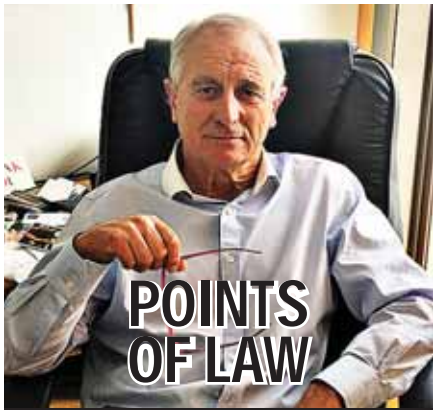
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One of the hazards of driving along country roads can be the chance of a collision with stock that has strayed onto the road reserve. This is particularly so in summer months when feed on the roadsides can be attractive to grazing animals.

Going astray

The law with respect to farm or domestic animals that might have strayed onto a road or highway area and been involved in an accident revolves around the question of 'reasonable care'.

Animal owners owe a duty to take reasonable care to see that their animals do not cause damage to property/persons by straying onto highways.

An important aspect is the adequacy of fencing and gates to prevent livestock from straying onto roads. The owner (or occupier) has the obligation to ensure that all fencing is kept in a serviceable condition.

Examples of situations where the owner is likely to be found not liable would include

- a stranger opened or failed to close a gate (eg trespassing shooters)
- animals were spooked and broke through adequate fencing
- a freak incident damaging usually-adequate fencing

What is 'reasonable' will depend on the circumstances of each case, but if the act or omission giving rise to the animal straying is found to be unreasonable, then the owner is liable to pay compensation as assessed for loss of life, personal injury or property loss.

Next door

Another area where straying animals can result in litigation is where they stray or 'trespass' onto an adjoining property

Where animals stray onto adjoining land and cause damage, the likelihood is that the owner will be responsible. The exceptions are where there is no fault on the part of the owner which cause the animals to stray such as during a bushfire or storm or because of a deliberate act by another person.

Damage is normally to land, crops, persons and livestock (including misbreeding). If the animals are not collected, the neighbour is entitled to keep them until the damage has been paid for.

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Progress by BBN group



During its fourth monthly meeting following the Peter Kenyon seminar, the new-look Buninyong Business Network (BBN) adopted a mission statement and agreed to a link with the Buninyong & District Community Association.

It agreed that its purpose should be “to facilitate connections, communications, and collaborations with Buninyong-based businesses and to support them to grow to help create a vibrant community.”

The meeting agreed that there should be close links established with the Community Association, and members of the Executives of the two groups met on 9 October to discuss details of the relationship.

It was reported that the recent Social Media seminar conducted at the Buninyong Golf Club by Lucy Coxall, with about 20 attendees, was “a great success.”

Lisa Cressey reported on plans for the coming *Buninyong Festival* and urged

businesses to participate or volunteer to assist. She referred to a new feature – a three day *Art Show* in the Town Hall opening on Friday 28 October.

A proposal for group advertising by local businesses in the *Buninyong Community News* was reviewed with a request for eight businesses to take up the offer commencing in 2018.

Plans for community social events in Buninyong at the time of the National Road Cycling Championships were thrown into doubt when Roger Permezel advised that most of these would now be located at Federation University, reported to be a major sponsor. However he said that the evening of the Friday of the championships was free for Buninyong to organise a “community event” and invited ideas and suggestions.

The October BBN meeting was chaired by Simon Coghlan (pictured above left) with Jeremy Glasson of Brim Brim

Three Times moves ahead

Buninyong’s latest retail store, *Three Times Blest* located opposite the Community Bank, is “building up business steadily but well” according to owner Narelle Mackenzie

After less than three months in operation the store which carries a range of women’s, men’s and children’s wear, has now used the neat enclosed rear yard area to introduce a range of garden art, particularly objects made of metal.

Narelle said that her women’s range now includes brands such as *Elly M* and *MIN* whilst her baby wear includes well-known brand *Casa Kids*. Amongst the stock of men’s wear are *DrizaBone* jackets.



Ella Mackenzie, 14, sometimes helps out mum Narelle in the Three Times Blest store.

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Summer hot for junior sports kids

With the summer sports season now underway *The News* is looking at the facilities and opportunities for Buninyong juniors to participate in their favourite sport.

Buninyong's Cricket Club, Tennis Club and Lawn Bowling Club all have junior programs in place to provide coaching opportunities and match experience for young players.

Top coach

Tennis Australia High Performance Coach, **Peter Joyce**, is an exciting addition to the Buninyong tennis scene.

As a former international circuit player and private coach of Australian ranked juniors and international ranked players Peter is well qualified to lead the tennis program in the district. He is also currently the Head Coach of the UB Westvic Academy of Sport Tennis Program.

Peter is extremely enthusiastic about tennis in Buninyong. His vision is to provide a tennis program that will enhance the base of junior players from Buninyong and surrounding regions into a thriving club and community environment.

Programs will include *MLC Hot Shots* -a fun, activity based approach to learning for children 10 years and under and *Hot Shots Challenge* competition. Peter will also provide junior coaching classes, private lessons and junior holiday clinics. More information at buninyongtennis.org.au

Junior cricket

Buninyong Cricket Club is starting the new season with a greatly expanded junior program. Junior Cricket Coordinator, **Chris Gordon**, is excited about the coming season saying that the club is pleased with the response and interest in the area. They are fielding two Under 13 sides, an Under 14 and an Under 16 team in the Ballarat Cricket Association Junior competition. They also hope to enter a 14 and under girls side in a new all girls' competition to commence on October 27.

Milo In2Cricket will also continue this season. *Milo in2cricket* is a super fun, safe, social and active program for girls and boys aged five to eight years. It teaches kids of all abilities the basic skills of cricket. The program will run from 26 October until 14 December. More Information and contact numbers at www.buninyong.vic.cricket.com.au

The junior bowlers will be featured in the December edition of *The News*

Ray Sullivan



(Above) Tennis Australia High Performance coach Peter Joyce helps young player Olive Hewitt with her grip

(Below) Buninyong U 13 cricket coach Jeremy Byrne gives young batsman Zac Talents some batting tips.



Scotsburn's Lachlan McKenzie takes Ballarat's Racing to the top

In 2011 when Lachlan McKenzie, 43, was appointed as CEO of the Ballarat Turf Club (BTC) he brought with him not only significant interest and experience in thoroughbred horse racing, but a vision for the club's place in Victorian racing.

After graduating in 1991 with a degree in Applied Science (Agriculture) from the Dookie Campus of the University of Melbourne, he first worked "for 28 days" in the public service before moving to animal feed company James & Son where, after four years, he became Managing Director. He also was then working as a part-time Steward with the Victoria Racing Club and, in 2009, took over the role of President of the Burrumbeet Park & Windermere Racing Club.

Lachlan credits much of his racing interests to his grandfather, **Mitchell McKenzie**, a Committee member of the Moonee Valley Racing Club for 25 years.

Solid but sleepy

When Lachlan was appointed to the position as CEO of the Ballarat Turf Club in 2011, the Club was an important, but unexciting country racing operation.

Very soon, the new CEO together with a reinvigorated Committee began to make his mark on the Victorian racing scene. It's also probably not coincidental that McKenzie's arrival at the BTC also coincided with the beginnings of the huge success of local trainer, **Darren Weir**.

Weir's success, and the Club's comprehensive rebuild of the whole training centre over recent years, has seen a steady flow of well-known trainers coming to set up stables at Ballarat. These trainers have included Englishmen **Archie Alexander** and **Matt Cumani** together with others such as **Simon Wilde**, **Henry Dwyer**, and **Pat Cannon**.

Lachlan notes with pride that since 2011 the number of horses-in-training at Ballarat has jumped from about 200 to about 450.



In 2012 came a first for Ballarat. Following a major sponsorship deal with Queensland-based *Magic Millions* (horse sales) operation, Lachlan introduced a unique race for two-year old horses which is raced in a clockwise direction – the opposite direction of all other races run in Victoria. In 2017 this race carries prizemoney of \$200,000.

Cup Day

One of the Club's most significant political successes came in 2014 when Racing Victoria agreed that Ballarat should join the Bendigo Racing Club as a venue for a stand-alone 'metropolitan' race meeting once-a-year.

This is scheduled on Ballarat Cup Day which has now moved to a Saturday. This year it is set for 25 November.

In September 2017, the Club programmed an all-jumps race meeting, including the famous Grand National Steeple (with prizemoney of \$350,000). This has long-

been a racing tradition overseas, but had not been seen in Australia before.

Awards

The recent success of the Ballarat Turf Club has not gone un-noticed in wider racing circles. As well as gaining other awards, in both 2015 and 2017, the club was voted Country Racing Victoria's *Club of the Year*.

Lachlan McKenzie's racing interests also include part-ownership of several horses, at least two of which may well feature in major races as this story goes to press. These include *Brave Smash* and ex-Japanese stallion *Tosen Stardom*.*

With wife **Maryanne** and children **Lauren**, **Hugh** and **Patrick**, Lachlan lives on a 75 hectare property at Scotsburn.

**This article was written on 1 October. On 14 October Tosen Stardom won the \$500,000 Toorak Hcp at Caulfield at odds of 10/1, while Brave Smash ran third at 25/1 in the new \$10 million race at Randwick.*