

New restaurant opens It's go for The Table



a key part of life. "I have spent many a day pickling, preserving baking and kneading fresh ingredients in search of new flavours," she said.

After an initial career as a nurse, Dianne is also a fully-qualified chef having been apprenticed to **Peter Ford** ("who has been a huge support"), and then having spent four years at *Craig's Royal Hotel*, followed by a stint at *Mitchell Harris* where she set up the kitchen and function room areas.

Hours

The Shared Table will be open from 5.30pm to 11.00pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and for lunch on Saturdays and Sundays between about midday and 3.30pm.

Bookings may be made through the email dianneray@thesharedtable.com.au, or through the online reservations link on the website thesharedtable.com.au or by phoning 5374 2076

One of the most keenly-awaited business developments in Buninyong for years, the new Learmonth Street restaurant cum bar, *The Shared Table*, will open its doors on Sunday 27 October for a "shared lunch".

Owner/chef **Dianne Ray** said that while the opening had been delayed for many months it was partly-expected because one of the oldest commercial buildings in the village had to be brought from a derelict state to a top class hospitality facility. During the build mostly local contractors, craftsmen and suppliers were used.

The restaurant will cater for 56 diners in the inside area, with its banquette and

mixed-table-size seating, and for sixteen in the al fresco area under the street vines.

The menu will be "seasonal and changeable" with many local growers and producers being sourced. Dianne said, "We will have a range of price points and customers can choose between popping in for a short time or stay to make a night of it."

A regular feature will be the Sunday lunch which will be a three course, set menu for a set price.

Chef

With Dutch parents, Dianne Ray grew up on a dairy farm in Northern Victoria, where fresh produce and seasonal cooking was

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Mount burn off goes smoothly

During September Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) completed as much of the planned tree-candling works atop Mount Buninyong as the prevailing weather conditions allowed.

These preliminary works were undertaken in advance of the expected return in Autumn 2020 of FFMVic and invited CFA crews to treat the remaining ground fuels.

The candling exercise used a 'drip' torch (see photo) to treat the edges of burn

areas and make them safer for crews to access and work in.

A FFMV spokesperson said, "Candling means we remove bark from trees to prevent the risk of it creating embers which can easily spot and spread in the case of a bushfire. Work is done when ground fuels are damp and will not sustain a ground fire. Trees with hollows are avoided to preserve habitats for wildlife."

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Now you can walk along Settlers' Walk or Miners' Walk to find a grave, or tell someone to meet you on the corner of West and South Terraces.



Work soon on park sculpture

After approaches from Buninyong community groups and individuals, the City of Ballarat has agreed to undertake rejuvenation works on the Gold Mill sculpture – that large round concrete circle – at the entrance to Desoza Park. The sculpture is an abstract version of the Chilean Mill.

Council's Public Arts Coordinator **Kate Gerritsen** has contacted the sculptor **Nicola Pammett** to obtain details of the original surrounds of the sculpture. After discussion between various parties about whether there should be plants, or scoria, or some other infill, it has been agreed that plants are not appropriate.

The artist advised that originally the work had grass planted in the centre. But she said that because the surrounding area had changed greatly since 1985 she was happy for Council to “determine a solution for conservation maintenance that will be lasting and practical.”



Ms Gerritsen said that in the current financial year works at the sculpture will include cleaning all surfaces, replacing soil on the south side that has degraded, and putting a set stone infill consistent with the colours represented in the existing artwork.

The Calvert family, from Newcastle recently were passing through Buninyong and were intrigued by “the big concrete wheel” in Desoza Park. (L to R) Carl, Shiloh, 11, Emmaline, 8, and Charmaine Calvert.

New role and gong for bank staffer

Peita McNaught is Buninyong's newest home loan lender. Peita is already a familiar face at the local Community Bank branch but has been now been promoted to a new role with the team.

Through her knowledge and high quality of loan files, Peita has also acquired her home loan lending authority in record time. She joins **Pedita van Hees** as a second *Customer Relationship*

Manager at the growing branch in Warrenheip Street, Buninyong.

Furthermore, Peita has been recognised by the corporate headquarters at Bendigo Bank for her passion, integrity and performance and won the bank's coveted Values Award.

This internal bank award was accompanied with AFL tickets to watch the Collingwood and Geelong Qualifying Final at the MCG.



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Action needed

Members of the local RSL, Community Association and Historical Society are usually a pretty placid lot. But they should be getting pretty damned angry by now.

You see across a period of three or more years leading up to mid-2017, there was a huge amount of work put in by these groups to bring back the village's World War I Avenue of Honour from a disgraceful neglected state to one of which the 167 district soldiers who died in that war would have been proud.

Old trees were lopped and trimmed, new ones planted, scrubby intervening plants removed, grassed areas restored, wild patches of weeds and ivy killed off, and memorial plinths and plaques put in place to commemorate and honour the war dead.

Grants were sourced to pay for much of the work, supporters such as Graham Beeston of Eureka Concrete and Wayne Pelchen generously kicked in, and the City of Ballarat through its Engaging Communities and Parks Departments came good with much in-kind help.

Memorable

Few in the district will forget the sight on Saturday 1 July 2017 of the 700 marchers from 40 community groups, lined up behind Australian flags and their group signage, the three bands, mounted troopers, and armed services personnel, coming over the hill from the golf course along the Midland Highway to pass by the Town Hall where the Chief of the Australian Army took the salute.

And then there was the spectacular flyover of four RAAF planes, trailing white smoke, on their two passes over the village centre.

Council has continued to play its role in regular grass mowing and spraying around the trees and the plaques.

So why should those several groups mentioned above (and Council) be getting angry? The reason is obvious – various grassed sections of the Avenue are being turned into car (or truck) parking areas, or a used car lot.

Parking

Witness that beaten up red car without plates that is permanently parked at the western end near the golf clubhouse, or the large truck parked alongside the trees and plaques opposite Cathcart Street almost every evening. Or the 'for sale' white camper van (and others) that are parked down near Lumeah Road. There would be an outcry if such vehicles were regularly parked amidst the trees and plaques along Ballarat's Remembrance Drive, on the grass near the Arch of Victory, or near Sturt Street's war memorials.

Get the Avenue of Honour cleared of intruding vehicles by *No Parking* signs, or by booking regular offenders. Apart from the paved areas in the village centre the only exceptions should be on community-wide days such as during the Festival and cycling events.

Our South Ward Councillors need to be heard, seen and counted on this one.

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TODDLERS TO GET NEW PLAY SPACE IN PARK

The playground at DeSoza Park, recently upgraded by City of Ballarat, provides for the active play needs of youngsters, and the pump track / skate park / parkour area in Forest Street caters for teens. But there has long been a gap in public play spaces around Buninyong for the creative play needs of toddlers in the one to four year range.

This gap was highlighted in 2018 by a concerned group including members of the Community Association, Lions and Community Bank, who have engaged with City of Ballarat in developing a plan to fill that gap.

The 18 month long process of agreeing the need, engaging with architects to design the response, then publicly

displaying the proposal for community feedback was concluded in July 2019. Council and Buninyong Community Bank formally agreed to implement the project on a co-funded partnership basis.

Partners

This agreement continues the co-funding partnership theme established when Council and Community Bank built the skate park in Forest Street in 2016. In this new case, the Community Bank will fund one-third and the Council two thirds of the \$60,000 project.

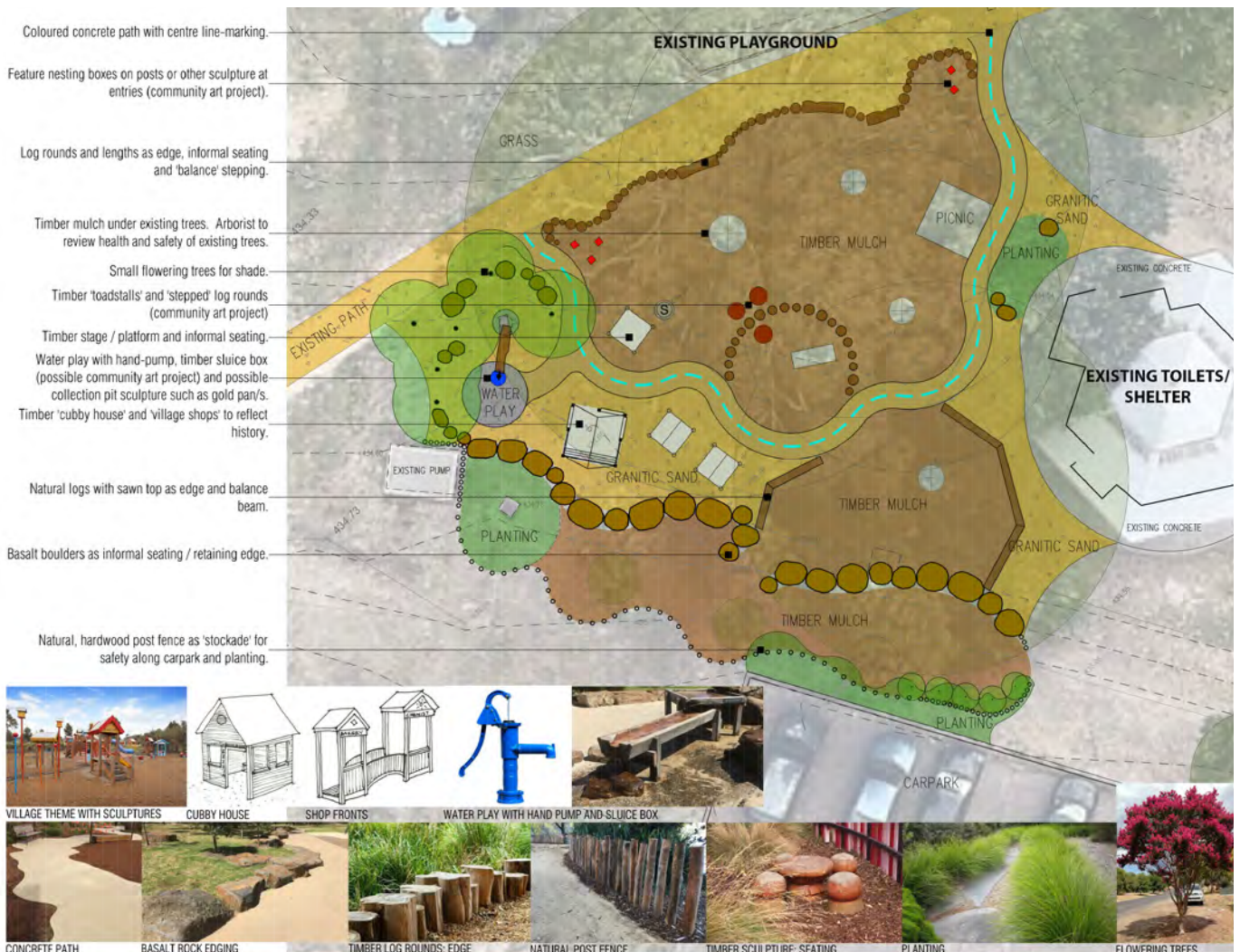
The Toddler Play Space has been designed by expert architects *PLOT Landscape Architects* to bring a safe, creative play space to Buninyong's little ones. For the convenience and safety of families, the new space will be located in the tree-

shaded area adjacent to the public toilets and near the older kids' equipment area at DeSoza Park.

Based on extensive benchmarking of similar areas, the space will not feature "equipment", but will be a tailored area for little ones to have safe adventures and develop their imaginations in play, in close contact with parents and older siblings.

Start

Mindful of not wishing to disrupt other events in the park (particularly the Buninyong Festival, Christmas Carols and activities associated with the national cycling Championships) construction will commence in February 2020, and is planned to be complete by the end of March 2020.



Community group meets with Council Glass and parking concern to business

While pleased to have a glass recycling bin in Buninyong, some business owners are concerned that the new site for the Council bin intrudes on the restricted number of all-day parking spaces available in the Forest Street car park. Buninyong and District Community Association (BDCA) President, Gayle Adams, raised this issue with Council Director of Infrastructure and Environment, Terry Demeo, in a meeting earlier this month.

The BDCA has suggested that the access roadway from Forest Street to the supermarket car park be marked and that the remaining large sealed car park area be painted and set up to accommodate more parking bays. Mr Demeo agreed that the unmarked area of car park should be line-marked to maximise the available space in this area.

Other matters raised with Mr Demeo included:

- the need for an off-lead dog park closer to the village centre
- the opportunity to do something special as part of the reconstruction works at the Gong
- Yendon No 1 Road and safety issues
- tree pruning in Warrenheip Street

Mr Demeo advised that community consultation is being organised on the off-lead dog park in the second week in November and that consultation around the master-planning for the gardens/Gong area would take place early in the new year.

In relation to the gorse infestation, it is expected that the landowners will arrange to have this cleared before the summer months.

During a visit to Buninyong on 10 October, Mr Demeo along with Council officers, inspected the parking area and while in Buninyong, they also looked at other projects raised with him by the BDCA.

Ms Adams also raised the need for refurbishment of the gold discovery cairn and the surrounding site on the Midland

Highway at the corner of Hiscock Gully Road. She said that the Association was considering this, together with a walk in memory of **Neil McCracken**, as potential projects for the BDCA.

The BDCA, which meets every two months, is open to all residents. If you are interested in the role and work of the Association, more details can be found at buninyongcommunityassociation.com.au.



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In a few weeks' time Uniting Church Minister **Carlynn Nunn** is hosting a night of storytelling at the white church on the hill and is inviting anyone in the community to come along and share true stories about their *Home*.

Perhaps an experience of coming home after being away, or the notion of what makes a home really a home, or childhood

memories of your home, or stories of domestic bliss - or even the opposite - would be welcome. Stories can go for up to ten minutes.

Contact

If you have a story inspired by the theme *Home* and would like to share it, get in touch with Carlynn on 0409 285 182, or carlynn.nunn@gmail.com. She can chat to you about your story idea if you like, or answer any questions you have.

She travels regularly to Melbourne to take part in a world wide story-telling group, *Tenx9*, where nine people have up to ten minutes to tell a true story from their own lives. Story-telling topics in that group have

included *Things I never told my parents*, *Pets*, *Second hand*, *I wish you were here*, and *Sorry*.

Home will take place on 22 November at Buninyong Uniting Church, and will be a family friendly, free event. Doors will open at 7.00pm, and the story-telling part of the evening will start thirty minutes later. Some refreshments will be available in the hall next door, and the evening will feature music from **Olivia Shalders**.

– Rita Russell

Yes, we also took a second look at the latest book Carlynn is reading.



Ernie Neale's Monthly RAINFALL REPORT

No need to irrigate yet

After a lovely wet Winter, Spring opened in September this year with less than average rainfall. The 54.8mm we did receive, combined with lengthening daylight and gentle temperatures, triggered quite a burst of new plant growth.

Most of the rain fell in the first half of the month. Fortunately, we've not needed to start irrigating at the blueberry farm yet, always a welcome sign.

The total so far this year is 586.3mm – just a bit over the long-term average of 574.8mm. Nearly 90 per cent of that fell since the start of May. This means that we now have high moisture levels deep in our soils. With lengthening days and ongoing mild temperatures that results in a great current outlook for anyone involved in farming in the district. October, long holding a reliable third place in monthly rainfall (but deteriorating this century into a frail seventh place), now stands between us and BOM's threatened long, dry summer.

SEPTEMBER 2019			
Date	Rain	Date	Rain
2-3	4.5	16-17	16.5
6-9	21.0	21-25	11.9
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Former politician comes from Buninyong NOT Ballarat

Rob still leads a busy life



There has been much written about what to do after retirement. Suggestions abound – Read Your Way Through Your Book List, Learn A New Language, Cook Your Way Through A Cookbook, Do A Weekly Physical Activity. And plenty more.

Former Victorian Health and Aged Care Minister the Hon **Rob Knowles** AO, has no need for any of this because although he left Parliament ‘in the last century’ when they were still using shorthand writers (he retired from Parliament in 1999), Rob doesn’t consider himself retired and doesn’t intend to ‘do’ retirement in the usual sense.

District settlers

Rob is a fourth generation Angus beef producer at Clarendon. His great-great grandfather bought the land in 1860 but the original homestead burnt down early last century.

Rob now enjoys being able to control his diary a little and do what interests him,

rather than what he is obliged to do. And he is busy – a board member of the Royal Children’s Hospital, a member of two other Government boards, a lay representative on the Council of the College of Surgeons and of *Beyond Blue*.

Mental health is one of his abiding interests and he feels there needs to be more significance given to the mental health of young people.

Patron

A keen amateur photographer ‘without having any great skill’ Rob is a patron of the *Ballarat International Foto Biennale* with his good friend **Steve Bracks**, also a patron.

Rob was also on the board of the Art Gallery for a

number of years and loves the rich cultural history of Ballarat which is very important for the local economy. It gives a reason for people to visit here.

Rob says that he feels extraordinarily privileged to have been able to serve the Victorian people, especially during his last seven years as a Minister. At the end of the 1980s the Victorian economy was in dire straits and the butt of jokes around Australia and it was very hard to effect significant change.

Media

Pleasingly, Rob feels the press is now generally fair to ‘pollies’ and is just doing its job when asking questions and criticising decisions. However, he regrets that the Ballarat media is no longer completely locally owned or providing comprehensive local coverage.

The News asked Rob what message he might have for its readers. He answered “that we are privileged to live in this community which has a long, rich history, and which is continuing to build an inclusive community, that we are open to newcomers and that we welcome them, and that we come from Buninyong, not Ballarat.”

– Cassandra Carland

Above left: Rob Knowles speaking at Albert Coates luncheon. Photo: Elizabeth Trudgeon.

Below: Rob with Steve Bracks.



From pioneer Scotsburn family

Just short of a century

Back in December 1920 Buninyong's much-loved Dr Longden drove his little red Fiat out to the Moore farm at Scotsburn to deliver a daughter, Joyce, to Joe and Alice Moore. Recently Joyce died at the Geoffrey Cutter Centre just a few days short of her 99th birthday.

She lived most of her early life in the Scotsburn area and attended primary school there. She helped her father on the farm, milking cows and loading up the horse-drawn dray with hay and other goods.

Meredith

At one of the local dances Joyce met and fell in love with one of the 'Meredith boys', **Ern Bourke** who was the son of a railway worker and whose family moved in 1939 away from the district to Footscray. So followed a few years of travel between Scotsburn and Footscray before the couple married in June 1947 at Christ Church, Ballarat.

Joyce's sister **Dorothy** was bridesmaid with **John Ellis** the best man. This couple later married two years later.

After their marriage Joyce and Ern initially lived with her parents (it is said that all Ern had to his name then was a bicycle and a radiogram). After the birth of son **Russell**, the couple moved to a new home in York Street, Ballarat – the family home to this day.

Harriers

The family became heavily involved with the Ballarat Harriers athletics club. Ern was the timekeeper, Joyce looked after the catering, and Russell was an excellent runner. Joyce later was made an honorary Life Member of the Club.

She was a passionate 'cat' person, calling all of them *Puss*. She was also an extremely skilled hand knitter, and later set up a knitting machine and loved turning out jumpers and other woollies for relatives.

Joyce's other interests included being an avid listener of the radio mixed with an occasional flutter on the pokies at the Ballarat Leagues Club.

Friend

After Ern died in 1997, Joyce joined *Vision Australia* and enjoyed the company of the members and the outings. For the past few years she had a great friend in **Rob** enjoying visits to swap meets and train and rail exhibitions. They travelled around the countryside in Rob's campervan.

In 2016, after a fall and a stroke, Joyce moved to Ballarat's *Geoffrey Cutter Centre* and was a resident there at the time of her death on 4 September this year.



MIDLAND HIGHWAY SAFETY UPGRADES

Community information pop-up

Hear how we're making the Midland Highway safer between Buninyong and Clarendon, as part of Towards Zero.

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Where: Buninyong Community Festival, outside DeSoza Park, Buninyong Town Centre

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Guide Dogs Victoria is not only looking for full-time trainers but also for temporary carers who can look after a dog while its owner needs hospital care, or a holiday. For more information contact Guide Dogs Australia – 1800 804 805.

– Cassandra Carland

From Elsa to Dilys Jan's dream job

The March 2018 edition of *The News* featured an article on Elsa, a golden Labrador guide dog puppy being trained by Buninyong resident Jan Roberts and the family.

Elsa has now moved on and, after a holiday break for six months Jan has Dilys, a black Labrador puppy which, when we met, was practising walking down the Town Hall steps, stopping at each step until Jan indicated to move on to the next step. This was followed by lots of praise and a treat.

There will be approximately 150 guide dog puppies bred this year, mostly from the UK because they seem to have the best temperament. The hope is that at least 45 puppies will become guide dogs.

Companions

They have to be the best of the best because their person puts their life in their paws (!) when on the street. The others will become companion or assistance dogs for special needs young children, retired service men, police officers, firemen – people who have endured stressful jobs.



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Golf Club project

Four options to go to members

At the 2019 Annual general meeting of the Buninyong Golf Club members were told that the Committee has finalised four options in relation to the present structural problems with the large clubhouse.

President **Ron Delaland** said that it was hoped that detailed costings on the options would soon be completed and that these would be sent to members for consideration 30 days before the scheduling of Special meeting.

Termites

The need for major works on the clubhouse have arisen because of extensive termite damage to the lower areas, and other structural problems with the building which opened in 1992.

The four options outlined by Mr Delaland were to:

1. rebuild the downstairs area. Repair the upstairs areas with attention to items like air conditioning. Construct a new car park for some 60 cars to the rear of the practice greens to replace areas now sold to the CFA.
2. completely 'gut' the downstairs area, converting it to a cart-storage facility and pro-shop/office. Repair the upstairs area.
3. demolish the present clubhouse. Use the present clubhouse site as a car park. Construct a new, smaller

- clubhouse above the practice greens.
4. demolish the present clubhouse and rebuild on the same site.

Club members were also told that the sale of the land to the east of the clubhouse to the CFA had been finalised with some \$800,000 now being paid to the club.

Improved

Treasurer **Richard McDowell** reported that the club had achieved "an operating profit before depreciation" of \$77,181 which resulted in a "comprehensive loss after all adjustments" of \$11,190. He said that this represented a significant improvement over recent years due to the "outsourcing of catering activities and reduction in overall operating costs".

The club presently has twenty carts for hire and this has led to a significant increase in income from green fee players. Also during the past year some 4.5 km of cart paths were constructed.

The results of a survey of 600 green fee players indicated that 81 per cent were not members of a golf club, but of these 72 per cent had been members in the previous year. Lack of time and having to do weekend work were cited as principal reasons for relinquishing club membership.

All current members of the Board were returned to office with member, **Matt Burdon**, being added.



streettalk

WITH GOVERNMENT MOVES on plastic bags now imminent, at least three local shops are way ahead in packaging their sales in brown paper bags. Customers leaving the bakery, the UFS Pharmacy and now the new butcher's shop can all be seen with their brown paper bags in hand.

THE UNEVEN FOOTPATH on the Warrenheip Street business strip claimed another casualty recently. Local identity and former BDCA President, **Jim Clementson**, came to grief following a heavy tumble near the Post Office.

With internal fractures, Jim is not looking forward to a month or so of rehab in the Queen Elizabeth Centre.

CAUGHT REDHANDED. A reader who spotted the heritage gates at the cemetery being lifted onto the back of a truck recently smelled a hot news story.

But no, all is well. The gates were off to *Plinius Engineering* for repairs as part of the work to upgrade the cemetery entrance.

THAT CLEAN UP work by the golf club at the corner of Macs Road certainly has made a difference to what has long been a scruffy, overgrown corner at the entrance to the village.

COMING WORKS on the large sculpture in Desoza Park are certainly overdue. The plaque is dated, difficult to read and mixes up reference to the toilets with the artwork.

The white gravel stones are scattered about, and to highlight the display, when *The News* stopped by there was the brown rubbish bin holding pride of place against the back of it.

Steiner concert brings joy to aged care folk

On 3 September, students from classes 4, 5 and 6 at Ballarat Steiner School went on an excursion to Kirrilee Aged Care home in Ballarat East to put on a musical concert for all the residents. The concert included solos and duets on the cello and violin, singing from the choir and performances from the class 6 and string ensembles.

There was much positive feedback from the residents with many impressed with the talent and technical skills demonstrated by the children during the afternoon of entertainment.

The children at this performance, aged 9 to 12 years, all participate in instrumental lessons and the school choir as part of the Steiner school curriculum. It was wonderful to see attributes of courage, concentration, focus and determination taking place in front of a receptive and appreciative audience.



CHOIR LOOKS BACK ON BUSY YEAR



Buninyong Community Choir celebrated its first anniversary recently. The choir, which was started by Chris Rossiter and is led by George Williams has had an extremely busy first year.

It has already performed at the *Bended Knee Festival*, the Ballarat Choral Festival, and at the Woodstock 50th Anniversary concert organised by **Lisa Cressey**. Upcoming gigs for the choir include the *Buninyong Community*

Festival, main stage, the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Centre and at the Buninyong Carols at Desoza Park.

The 30 member strong choir have been rehearsing at the Buninyong RSL hall but due to important maintenance work has now found a new home at the Buninyong Community Facility New members are always welcome on Wednesdays 12 noon - 1.15pm at the Buninyong Community Centre, Forest Street (Buninyong Football Ground).

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Vicar's home back to glory days



The first minister at Buninyong's Anglican Church was the Reverend Garrett Russell who held his first service in 1857 in the old Court House.

By the time that the beautiful bluestone church was constructed at the corner of Yuille and Warrenheip Streets in 1862, the congregation had also built a bluestone, Georgian-style vicarage a few metres further south along Warrenheip Street. Later Victorian-style verandas were added.

Work

The house has now been in private hands for many years, but since being purchased by the White family in 2016, a huge amount of work has restored the home to its former glory.

In addition to a new roof and much interior restoration, **Holly White** and her mother **Lois**, have now completed a beautiful

extension, a *L'Orangerie*, to the northern side of the house.

Originating in France in the seventeenth century these large sunny spaces, with much glazing, originally were used to bring delicate potted plants, including orange trees inside during the freezing European winter.

In Paris, Monet's famous water lilies paintings are in the *Musée de l'Orangerie*.

At 708 Warrenheip Street, the *L'Orangerie* will be open on 26 and 27 October during the Buninyong Festival when a Botanical Artists group, including Mount Helen resident **Valerie Richards**, will be there demonstrating their work.

Holly White said now that the facility was completed she hoped to arrange weekly sessions of various arts and crafts.

Pocket money for the vicar

The *Illustrated Australian News* of 17 June 1873 reported that "a novelty in gold mining" in Buninyong was "a rush which set in on 31 May almost in the centre of town. The particular spot is situated about 200 yards on the opposite side of the road from the new post and telegraph office. About a dozen holes have already been sunk upon washdirt."

"Unluckily the greater part of the ground is private property belonging to the Rev G J Russell (incumbent of the parish church). Terms, however, have been come to, by which the claims can be worked by the payment of a small sum weekly as rent."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Work needed

In the October 2019 issue of the Buninyong News, a paragraph in Street Talk commented on the sealing (not construction) of the service lane in Learmonth St West.

The seven (not four) households along that strip have for years put up with dust whipped up by traffic along the Midland Highway blowing across the unsealed service road. In addition, some of the properties have had to cope with regular inundations of water, silt and gravel washing down their driveways after heavy rain, due to the lack of gutters and the loose surface on the service road.

There were always two exits from the service road to the highway. They now include gutters to remove surface water from the highway, which may make them appear wider. It was the amount of water flooding off the bitumen that led to damage to the nature strip. This has now been repaired by the contractors, who took great care to avoid damage to the trees of the Avenue of Honour.

Thank you to the City of Ballarat for a job well done.

Janine Lucato, Buninyong

Common sense called for

I want to lodge a strong objection to the proposal to take out "between 300 and 600 roadside trees" including ancient Manna gums that pre-date colonisation, along the nearby stretch of the Midland Highway.

I cannot believe that this is even being considered. There is already a two lane section of the road heading up the mountain towards Buninyong. Surely that is enough? And if speed is the problem, reducing the speed to 80 on that section would alleviate the necessity to even think about such a destructive proposal.

We do not need more safety barriers. We need to use common sense and simply reduce speed if that is the problem on that stretch of the road.

I have lived in the township of Buninyong for over 25 years and have been a ratepayer all of that time. I hope my objection is taken seriously, and I will make it known to all interested parties who may have some say in coming up with a more positive proposal.

Glenice Wood, Buninyong

Editor:

While concern remains over the removal of trees as part of the works on the Midland Highway near Buninyong, credit should be given to Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) for their continuing efforts to keep the community informed about their plans.

Representatives gave a briefing and answered questions at the 24 October meeting of the Buninyong & District Community Association, and RRV also has taken out space for a pop-up information stall at Desoza Park on Sunday 27 October. Staff will be in attendance there between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

More up to date information can be found on the website regionalroads.vic.gov.au. Search under Midland Highway Buninyong Safety Upgrade.

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Masons' blankets bring relief

More of Ballarat's marginalised families are keeping warmer following a joint gift of fifteen woollen blankets by Sturt Buninyong Lodge and Freemasons Foundation.

These blankets are being used in Uniting Ballarat's Emergency Relief and Homelessness programs. The partnership between the lodge and Foundation has now delivered 100 blankets since 2011.

Remember 11 November

All district residents are invited to the Buninyong RSL Remembrance Day ceremony in RSL Park on Monday 11 November commencing at 10.40am.

A welcome, wreath laying and an address by RSL President **Ron Fleming** will precede the sounding of the Last Post at 11am.

The wearing of medals is encouraged. Should anyone wish to wear medals not awarded to them (such as those of a relative) protocol requires them to be worn on the right side of the chest.

Morning tea will follow the ceremony.

Remembrance poppies and other memorabilia will be available for purchase



Uniting Ballarat members Wendy Ferguson, Warrick Davidson, Lodge members Alan Glasson Ken Jenkin with CEO of Uniting Victoria and Tasmania Paul Linossier at the presentation.

in Buninyong during the days leading up to the ceremony. Proceeds from these sales assists the welfare programs of the local RSL.

A knitted poppy will be attached to each of the 167 trees in the Buninyong Avenue of Honour and a poppy will be placed adjacent to each of the memorial markers.



Dogs at the Festival

We love dogs! But we just want to make sure that your little doggie is comfortable in a large park with up to 4,000 people around them. There will be many small children running around the Festival grounds, and kids can be unpredictable – so can dogs. If you think your doggie will be anxious in this environment, please leave your lovely pet at home.

This will help to ensure that everyone has a great day and that we have no mishaps on the day. If you deem your doggie will be OK in that environment, please ensure that they are on a leash at all times. And bring your doggie doo doo bags! Cos nobody wants to walk in anything but lovely green grass on the day! This way everyone can enjoy the fun and have a safe day.



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Top teacher here for golf

In conjunction with Golf Australia, the Buninyong Golf Club will conduct a four week series of clinics suited to beginners, juniors and intermediate golfers. Starting on 6 November, the junior clinics will be part of the My Golf program which is run at golf clubs across Australia and delivered by accredited members of PGA Australia.

Junior Clinics

The junior clinics are based around the children having fun, learning life skills such as sportsmanship, respect and perseverance, and using team games and activities which allow for skill repetition and progression to develop skills. Participants will have the opportunity to receive a great participant pack.

Buninyong Bowling Club

 Friday Afternoons
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January 17th to March 20th. 2020
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Adults \$5
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1st. Sunday of the Month
November & December 2019, February & March 2020
Starts: Sunday November 3rd.
 Breakfast at 9 am followed by Social Bowls
 Free Use of Club Bowls
 Register via Email: buninbc@gmail.com
 or
 Place names on the clubrooms notice board list

The clinics at the Buninyong Golf Club will be scheduled on Wednesdays commencing on 6 November 2019. The cost for juniors will be \$20 and \$40 for intermediates.

The clinics for juniors will commence at 4.00pm, followed by clinics for beginners and intermediate golfers from 5.30pm.

Registration is through Golf Australia's Regional Development Officer, Ballarat-based **Tony Collier** who, in 2014, was the PGA's Teacher of the Year. In making that award, the PGA said that in that year Tony Collier had coached over 9,000 juniors, conducted over 500 clinics, and coordinated some 20 school tournaments in the western region of Victoria.

For bookings and enquiries call Tony on 0408 519 628 or call the golf club on 5341 3217.

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Community bowls for young and old

In November, Buninyong Bowling Club is launching a range of community-based bowls activities designed to introduce the game of bowls to new bowlers and to encourage people who have tried the game previously to return. The emphasis is on enjoyment, having fun, and meeting and engaging with other community members.

The following programs have been put together to enable the club to engage with the local community.

Community Bowls

Community Bowls started on 4 October and will run each Friday until 20 December, recommencing on 17 January 2020 and concluding on 20 March 2020.

No experience, registration or equipment is necessary. Participants simply need to turn up and have fun. Casual clothing, flat rubber soled shoes and the willingness to try something new are all that is required. Experienced coaches will be on hand to help newcomers, and best of all – it's absolutely free!

Breakfast Bowls

Breakfast Bowls starts on Sunday 3 November at 9 am – come along, have a great breakfast, a chat and game of bowls, or if you prefer, just brekkie and a chat. The cost is \$5 per head to cover catering costs, but there are no other fees and kids can join in free.

Registration is necessary for catering purposes – simply contact the club via

email at: buninbc@gmail.com.

School bowls

A highly successful indoor bowls program was conducted with the school over the winter months. Commencing on Monday 4 November the club will provide a free program for Grade 5 and 6 students from Buninyong Primary School.

The program will cover students who have never bowled before by introducing them to an exciting way to learn bowls called *Junior Jack Attack*. Special equipment makes it easy for students who have not bowled before to learn the skills of bowling and to then to progress to the same version of the game the adults play.

More experienced junior bowlers who have participated in the program previously will be given skills coaching and all participants will have the opportunity to play interschool bowls.



Past President of the Buninyong Bowling Club, Wayne Morgan (front), will be among the club experts who will be on hand during the November community bowls activities.

Parents are welcome to come along and participate or watch and more information will be provided via the school newsletter.



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Every child was a winner

Buninyong Primary School's annual Prep to Grade 2 Sports Day ran with a fabulous attendance on Friday, 11 October, 2019. With perfect weather, the students tackled a twelve station circuit of jumping, throwing and running activities along the lines of the traditional athletics events experienced at the older year levels. With everyone receiving a participation ribbon, it was great to see the smiles on everyone's faces.

There was a great crowd of parents, siblings, grandparents and friends who showed up to cheer the students on. **Celeste Vermeend** did a wonderful job at convening the event and a big thank you goes out to all the wonderful staff at Buninyong Primary School who fully support these activities for our students.

Andrew Blackwood and his team from SEDA College were here again for the third year in a row to run each activity. Their continued support is much appreciated.

SEDA College Vic is a year 11 and 12 educational program that focuses on student learning and development in an applied setting. Students are involved in coaching, fitness, first aid, work placement, wellbeing, event management and community projects and outdoor activities.

SEDA students actively support various school sporting events around the state. It is actively linked with the AFL and Cricket Australia, as well as state level, Basketball, Netball, Tennis and Soccer - seda.vic.edu.au

– Claire Morris
Physical Education
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Finn hits the front in the relay race.



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Community boost at the bike races

The City of Ballarat's Creative City department has announced a great new program of community activities associated with the coming Cycling Championships

On 8 & 9 January there will be a Kids' program at Fed Uni with coach-facilitated workshops on cycle craft and cycle safety, guided rides, use of Fed Uni sports facilities such as the rock-climbing wall and the swimming pool.

On Saturday 11 January the Community Day will include:

- the Gran Fondo (public ride) shifted to start at 4:00 pm (all finished approx 6:00 pm)
- Short Fun Run, at 6:00 pm with prizes

- Entertainment/music 6.00-7.00 pm in Desoza Park. Bring a picnic hamper. Food vans will also be on site
- Outdoor movie, *Mary Poppins Returns*, on the 20 per cent larger screen. To start later, around 7:45 pm to better allow for nightfall.



Old bottles in the mud

When the demolition of the old 1800s cottage in Warrenheip Street was nearly completed recently, workers discovered a number of very old glass bottles, mostly intact.

Passers by will have noticed that while the bulk of the cottage has been cleared, very carefully laid out, brick by brick, on the verandah is the historic front of the cottage which will be restored as part of the project.

When completed in early 2020 the community cottage will provide first class meeting and office spaces for community groups. Funding is being provided by the Buninyong Community Bank.

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Fed Uni's new centre A WORLD CLASS FACILITY

Back in August members of the public were invited to visit Federation University in Mt Helen for a first glimpse of the new \$13 million Health and Sport Precinct that has been under construction since 2018.

The News recently met Professor **Dara Twomey**, Dean of the School of Health and Life Sciences and Media and Government Relations Advisor, **Matthew Freeman** for a private tour of the new facilities. Two months on, while there are still many signs of refurbishment and construction going on it is easy to see that when it is completed by the middle of 2020 we will have a world-class sports science facility on our doorstep.

Demand

The demand for sports scientists is growing as there is an increased emphasis within the sporting world on

performance and the need to understand how the body responds to exercise and how performances can be improved. Federation University's Mt Helen campus offers a wide range of options for students wanting to be involved in this expanding area.

Courses

The Mount Helen Campus offers undergraduate courses in Exercise and Sports Science, Health and Physical Education, Outdoor and Environmental Education, Sport Management, and post graduate Master level courses in Clinical Exercise Physiology and Strength and Conditioning. The new centre will be set up to support all these disciplines and more.

The Centre has the spaces and the equipment to match. "There is no point in having an impressive building with nothing in it," said Professor Twomey.

"We have invested significantly in state of the art equipment.

The many teaching and working spaces are impressive. The huge gymnasium contains the latest exercise and conditioning equipment. The pool is being refurbished and will be in action again soon and the indoor sports stadium is close to being completed. There is a specialised strength and conditioning area, a rehabilitation centre, and state

Buninyong resident, John McFetridge working out on the treadmill in the Centre's gymnasium.

of the art exercise physiology and testing facilities and many other features that will help to make this facility among the best in the world.

Community too

Professor Twomey stressed that the centre is not just for students. Many of the spaces and specialised facilities will be available to the community. From elite athletes and sports people to those returning to exercise after injury or maintaining exercise in their later years.

The *West Vic Academy of Sports* is also based in the centre with their members taking advantage of the facilities and elite programmes. Community services will be student-led and student supervised.

Construction is still being carried out and is expected to be completed by the middle of 2020. Currently the gymnasium and rehab areas are available to the community. Further areas and services will be available when construction has been completed.

– Ray Sullivan



New CFA plans coming soon

Buninyong CFA Captain James Witham has advised *The News* that plans for the new fire station in Learmonth Street west have been approved, and that "it won't be too far away" when he can provide these to this paper for the information of district residents.



The new headquarters will be located on land that is about four times the size of the present block. It is planned that the December edition of *The News* will carry a feature story on the new facility.