

## Joint program helps **Kids start at school**

**The first day of school is an exciting milestone that is rapidly approaching for the children at Buninyong preschool. Starting school can be a very positive experience for most children – looking forward to connecting back with kinder friends, meeting their new teacher and beginning their educational journey.**

But not all children bounce into school full of confidence. Indeed for some it can be a source of anxiety, for not only the children but also their parents. Staff members of the Buninyong Primary and Preschools are aware of this and have developed a cooperative transition process.

The transition process involves children enjoying an excursion to the school as well as the school providing the *Preschooler Program* for the children enrolled.

### Letters

As part of this, preschool children received letters from the prep students which they read and enjoyed with their teacher, and then hosted the Prep students for a morning play. During this time preps showcased their learning – reading stories, talking about what school is like, playing alongside the younger children and answering any questions they had.

For the early childhood teachers, it was lovely to catch up with their

‘graduate’ children and to see the growth they had made in only six months at the primary school.

Recently educators including **Anastasia Anderson** from Scotsburn, **Sandra Davie** from Buninyong Primary and **Jessica Barfoot, Louise Jackman** and **Emma Winter** from Buninyong preschool have come together to engage in action research with **Anthony Seamann** at the *Bastow Institute* regarding *Continuity of Early Learning*.

This has further inspired local educators to enhance the relationship.



Above: Getting to know one another are Selin Seifollahi and Luca Grenfell. (Below) Prep students from the Buninyong Primary School (in red) pose for a group photo with pupils from the preschool.







horses and for a time worked in the stables of Darren Weir.

Also on staff in the Buninyong store will be Brandon's mature-age apprentice, **Wyatt Cavanagh**, 25, who lives in Creswick and is no stranger to the meat trade having previously worked in an abattoir.

Brandon said that he was pleased to hear about efforts by local groups to have the Warrenheip Street business strip upgraded and also work being done to relocate the bus stop out front which would "really help my business by provide much more parking in the vicinity of the shop".

## New butcher in town

# Brandon aims to be a cut above

**In a major boost to retail shopping in Buninyong and especially to the Warrenheip Street North business strip, Greenvale Quality Butchers opened for business on 1 August.**

This is the second butcher's shop opened by **Brandon May**, 22, after he set up another in Creswick two years ago.

Brandon said that he had chosen Buninyong for his new business as he "really liked the town and its community feel, and as it was about the same size as Creswick which had welcomed the start-up of his butcher's shop there". He also knew the Buninyong area a little by having attended Damascus College for several years.

### On the land

He has close ties to the land and livestock being one of a fifth generation of farmers. The May family has lived in the Kingston/Newlyn district for over 100 years and Brandon still resides there with his parents. The supplies for his Greenvale Meats come from the family farm and from other nearby district properties.

He said that the Buninyong shop would carry a full range of meats including smoked goods such as bacon and cabana, and fresh chickens. Opening hours will be between 8.30am and 6.00pm on weekdays and between 8.00am and noon on Saturdays. Home deliveries will be offered.

### Support

Brandon said he was looking forward to supporting community groups such as the football club by donating meat trays and the like. Formerly a footballer with Newlyn, he now relaxes by successfully competing with his team of three horses in camp-drafting competitions. He is quite an expert with

President of the Buninyong Business Network **Simon Coghlan** welcomed the start-up of Greenvale Meats and said that it "will help kick start new life in this area of town".

*Soon after the opening Alan Lucas and son Cameron 11, called in to meet new butcher Brandon May.*

*Brandon May (left) and apprentice Wyatt Cavanagh in the final stages of readying the new Buninyong butcher's shop for its opening.*



# Concern over Baths walls as works start on Gong leaks

The Buninyong Historical Society is deeply concerned about the future of the heritage-listed concrete walls surrounding the old baths in the Buninyong Botanic gardens. For several weeks this area has been fenced off as temporarily unsafe as investigations into leaks in the Gong wall get under way.

The concrete walls of the old Baths are historically important. Firstly, they are one of the first examples of reinforced concrete wall construction with the concrete walls strengthened by cables from the Melbourne tramways. Secondly, they were the handiwork of servicemen who had returned from the horror of the First World War to a sometimes- difficult home-coming.

## Civilian life

For the returned servicemen, being occupied in a job or project was important to their transition back to civilian life. Writing in the *Weekend Australian*, author **Ross McMullin** pointed to the difficult period in the early post-war years for servicemen who had recently returned from the WW1 battlefields to a much-changed country for which they had fought and their mates had died.

The economy was in poor shape, there was industrial unrest and the costs of living had risen, such that finding a job was doubly difficult given the added problem of fitting back into civilian life.

## Unrest

An official march by returning servicemen in Melbourne to celebrate the signing of the Versailles Treaty was followed by some boisterous behaviour leading to arrests which in turn lead to a festering ill feeling against the police and the government. Over subsequent days mobs even entered Parliament House where an ink well was thrown – hitting the then Premier, **Harry Lawson**.

The Government feared further unrest due to the unemployment of returned



*Buninyong Historical Society members, Margaret McCarty, Dr Anne Beggs Sunter and Simon Dennis are worried that the historic baths wall may be demolished.*

servicemen. The situation was only alleviated when a few of the generals, including Ballarat's **Pompey Elliot**, addressed a rally of servicemen and law and order was largely restored.

One solution was to employ returned servicemen in regional and local projects such as building the Great Ocean Road – and the Buninyong baths

## Links

While there are no WWI returned servicemen still amongst us, there are locals who have swum in the old Buninyong baths. Are we as a community going to meekly give up on an iconic relic of our local history, when a little modern engineering skill and endeavour could preserve it safely for another 100 years?

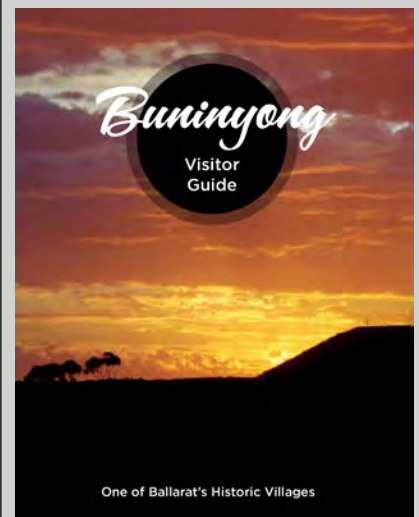
These walls now define a beautiful space in the town's public gardens that is very popular for weddings, picnics, family gatherings, outdoor theatre... or simply doing your own thing – and only a two minute walk to town. These walls are local history. They are part of us!

– Russell Luckock

## Places to stay

In their current project of revising and reprinting the local Visitor Guide, the Buninyong Business Network and the BDCA are presently compiling a listing and details of accommodation providers in the township and district.

There are also other plans to promote local accommodation through other events and activities. For more information make contact with Caylene Vincent via email [coach@h-n-h.com.au](mailto:coach@h-n-h.com.au).





# Council signs up

While *The News* remains critical of the lack of serious financial allocations to Buninyong to be seen in the City of Ballarat's 2019-2020 Budget, some recent action on a smaller scale deserves credit. This concerns replacement of some heritage signs which followed approaches by the BDCA and the Historical Society to Council's Parks and Gardens Coordinator, Darryl Wallis.

As one of Ballarat's "heritage villages" Buninyong attracts many visitors from near and far, interested to see and learn something of the early days in this settlement – one of the first in this colony.

That is one reason why so much voluntary time and effort is spent by so many locals in preserving, restoring and improving local historical icons such as the old civic and private heritage buildings, the cemetery, the mountain reserve, the old parks and gardens, the mine sites and artefacts, and its street trees.

So when Council came to the party by approving new signage at three historical sites and also in restoring some broken roadside direction signs to the area where gold was first discovered, its response is to be applauded.

Replacement signage will soon be seen at the old Burial Ground in Learmonth Street, at the site of the platform of the old Buninyong Railway Station in Forest Street, and new signage adjacent to the plaques marking the spot where gold was first discovered in Hiscock Gully Road.



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# Midland Highway works: RRV consults but Old trees at risk

**In a recent positive community consultation exercise, senior staff of Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) met with locals from Landcare and community groups to discuss impacts of planned road safety works along the Clarendon-Buninyong section of the Midland Highway in coming months.**

RRV Senior Delivery Engineer **Chris Bond** along with two other RRV staff arranged a 'drive through' with residents in the area to discuss safety, significant areas, trees and other vegetation. The work is set to double much of the road's current width.

## Long stretch

The road-widening and safety project will run from Courts Road, Clarendon (the turn off to the equestrian centre) to Mt Buninyong Road. It is expected to commence in late 2019 at an estimated cost of \$25 million and will not be completed until mid-2021.

The project will involve:

- installing flexible safety barriers on the left-hand sides and centreline to reduce head-on collisions
- widening and sealing road shoulders
- sealing intersections and driveways close to the road
- intersection/access improvements, rumble strips and turn lanes
- providing two new overtaking lanes, one in each direction

The project may lead to the removal of between 300 and 600 roadside

trees. Many are ancient Manna gums that predate colonisation.

Mr Bond said while it is difficult to avoid vegetation loss in projects with extensive stands of uncleared vegetation the aim is always to "minimise" impacts. In some sections road wire safety barriers are already installed. RRV engineers advise trees must be planted no less than 2.5m from the barriers so they function properly and to provide for roadside drains.

## Value

Community representatives alerted RRV staff to significant local trees and vegetation, both for their ecological worth and "high historic landscape value", especially some close to Mount Buninyong. Individual remnant trees are community landmarks for commuters and residents; they are also powerful CO<sub>2</sub> sinks as the climate heats up. Fauna links and multiple koala road deaths in the area have been identified.

A further meeting with locals was held at the old Buninyong Court House on 12 August. Issues discussed included:

- reducing the speed limit from Scotsburn to the Mt Buninyong Rd. to 80 kph to improve resident safety and reduce tree clearing. Expressions of strong local support is needed to make this possible
- adjustment of proposed overtaking lanes
- use of a trained ecologist to assist in revegetation design and collection of viable seed for replanting

RRV has a dedicated email for 'engagement with the community' on this project. It is [engage.ssrip@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:engage.ssrip@roads.vic.gov.au).

For more information or to make comment on this project contact *Upper Williamson's Creek Landcare Group* (0438 352 989), *Friends of Canadian Corridor* – [lindazibz@gmail.com](mailto:lindazibz@gmail.com), or visit the *Buninyong and District Community Association* website [www.buninyongcommunityassociation.com.au/contact-us.html](http://www.buninyongcommunityassociation.com.au/contact-us.html)

*RRV Engineer Chris Bond shown against some of the stately gum trees along the Midland Highway.*





# Bank funds cemetery project

As part of its generous “investment” of profits back into the local community, the Board of the Buninyong Community Bank recently announced that it has approved an application from the Buninyong Cemetery Trust for funding of \$11,100 for its *Memorial Entrance Drive* project.

This project will involve the removal and restoration of the historic metal entrance gates, the sealing with asphalt of the presently pot-holed area between the highway and the gates, and then the resealing of some 100 metres of the entrance road leading into the cemetery.

## Boost

Cemetery Trust Chairman **Barry Fitzgerald** said that the Community Bank funding was a “terrific boost” as the Trust has already undertaken a range of improvement projects over recent months.



These include completion of the *Dell of Memories* and the two new ash gardens in the area bordering the creek, installation of some 350 metres of kerb and channel to one of the internal roads, design and installation of new signage, and the proposed naming of “streets” and lanes within the cemetery to make it easier for people to find their way to a particular grave or area.

The Trust also has agreed to release plots in two new areas of the cemetery – in the three new ‘northern’ sections of the Lawn cemetery, and in Ash Garden No 5. In the new lawn section these areas have been planted with miniature roses and purchasers of a *Right of Interment* there will be permitted to plant just one additional plant at the head of the gravesite.

## Daffodils

No planting will be permitted in the now-released Ash Garden plots as the garden beds have been planted with clumps of daffodils and with central standard roses.



Above: Volunteer workers Graeme Penhall and Peter Barwood watch as Trust member Peter Innes plants a dwarf rose in the new Lawn Section. Opposite: The heritage gates and the pot-holed main entrance to the Cemetery.

For more information about newly-available sites and costs and other conditions, call the Trust Secretary **Frances Winnell** on 0415 929 571.

Following a recent multi-car crash at the entrance to the Cemetery, and assisted by the Community Association (BDCA), the Trust has renewed its call for VicRoads to install turning lanes at the entrance to the cemetery. The BDCA also recently met with local MP **Michaela Settle** to discuss this.

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## BDCA takes village issues to local MP Michaela agrees to raise concerns

**Buninyong & District Community Association (BDCA) President Gayle Adams and Treasurer and Convenor of the Projects Sub-Committee, Robert Elshaug had a substantial list of issues to discuss when they recently met with the Member for Buninyong, Michaela Settle.**

The main topic concerned the recently-published road study report which the community group described as “disappointing” in that its focus was on possible heavy traffic routes to Buninyong’s north and Ballarat’s east. It concluded that any route in that area (such as along Yankee Flat Road) would have only minimal impact on heavy traffic passing through Buninyong.

### Traffic from the west

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in traffic, particularly heavy vehicular traffic along the Midland Highway. This trend will continue given the development of the Ballarat West Employment Zone and the Ballarat West growth area and the region’s predicted population growth. The BDCA again stressed the need for the Government and Regional Roads Victoria to prepare for this future growth by undertaking some preliminary planning for a bypass of Buninyong.

“We appreciate that this is a long term process that could be fifteen to twenty years in the planning/implementation. And it needs to start now so that the future amenity and the safety of our village community is ensured/protected,” Mr Elshaug said.

### Township matters

Other items raised with the local member included township improvement matters such as:

- removal of the large green road sign outside of the Community bank
- relocation of the bus stop near the Pig & Goose Restaurant
- 50 kph speed limits in other areas of the village including Warrenheip Street near the school
- a slip lane at the entrance to the Buninyong Cemetery, and
- concerns about the number of trees proposed to be removed to enable widening of the Midland Highway in the Scotsburn/Mt Buninyong area.

**Gayle Adams** said that the BDCA was encouraged by Ms Settle’s understanding of the community concern about these issues and her agreement to raise them with the appropriate authorities.

*Discussing village issues at a meeting with Michaela Settle MP (centre) were BDCA President Gayle Adams and Treasurer, Robert Elshaug.*



**IN THE JULY EDITION**, *Street Talk* was again on the ball when it passed on the good oil that the shop adjacent to the Post Office was set to become a sushi bar. Now we hear that the folk behind Ballarat’s very popular *Sushi Noodle on Mair* are set to open this shop.



### BUNINYONG’S IMPRESSIVE STONE

entrance signs are featured in many publications, and each year hit international TV when the Australian road cycling races are on. Now the Shire of Loddon has enquired about the cost, design and the stonemason involved in the major 2014 Community Association project. They took some convincing when told that the stonemason’s name was **Billy Elliott!**

### PERHAPS THE VICROADS’ HEAVIES

will now finally concede that some form of slip lane needs to be put on the Midland Highway at the entrance to the Buninyong cemetery. With traffic hurtling along there at 100 kph it’s a dangerous exercise to turn in from either direction. A recent multi-car pile-up left a cemetery volunteer worker in hospital and extremely lucky not to be critically injured.

### AN INTERESTING MOURNER

at the recent funeral of local golfer **Tony McGuinness** was former top horse trainer **Darren Weir** who having kept away from the media for months, had travelled down from Maldon to attend. Weir and McGuinness became friends when both were involved in racing in the Swan Hill/Echuca areas in the 1980’s. Nice gesture!

### THE FUTURE

of the BGC Clubhouse should be decided soon when a report on five future options is presented to members.



# Guides help cats

When the Ballarat Animal Shelter run by the City of Ballarat reached near-capacity in early winter, it put out a public call for donations and other forms of assistance for the cats held in its care. Items sought included cat food, rugs and small toys such as balls and mice.

Two mums, Girl Guide leaders, **Melanie Coffey** and **Tanya Burrows** organised the Buninyong Girl Guides troop to start working on getting some help together to assist the shelter and its cats.

Recently the two leaders accompanied by six of the Buninyong Girl Guides visited the Animal Shelter with parcels of food, blankets and toys that they had made or collected for the cats.

The centre's **Kathryn Doroshenko-Penpel** thanked the group of guides for their "tremendous assistance and interest." She said that anyone interested in adopting a cat or kitten, or in donating cat food or toys, or visiting the Centre should call 5334 2075. It is located behind the large SES facility in Gillies Street South near the Mitre Ten store.

*Looking into one of the spacious cat pens are (L to R) Maddison Rosenhart, 12, Mackenzie Burrows, 10, Guide Leader Tanya Burrows, Huntah Burrows, 13, and Dami Schaper, 12.*



## Try a Back Creek coffee

The July edition of *The News* carried a story of the Back Creek Farm located on the Midland Highway at Scotsburn. The article noted that when the students from Geelong Christian College spend time at the farm they are divided into different teams, each with specific tasks to undertake.

For example, the Farmers have to mend fences, drive tractors, shear the sheep and look after the animals. The Bacon and Eggers look after the pigs, collect and weigh the eggs and price them to sell. The Homesteaders keep the houses clean, work in the garden, stoke up the boilers and learn to cook.

There is also a group called the Café Group which works from another small business venture of the school – the



*Back Creek Café* in Meredith, located in Staughton Street just opposite the Royal Hotel. These students make food and coffee, take orders, serve food and work the cash register. They learn very quickly to communicate with their customers.

So on the next trip to Geelong look just a little right at the main intersection in Meredith and think about stopping for a coffee at the *Back Creek Café*.



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It was a gloomy winter's day in Buninyong. But near Anastasiia's home in Siberia seventeen people had died in floods and wildfires were raging across large tracts of forest.

## From floods and fires to Ballarat drizzle

# Russian intern loved her visit

Recent years have seen three University students from a very isolated part of Russia come to Australia and to Buninyong as part of an internship program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ballarat West and hosted by Buninyong resident Lidia Aitken.

The students have been from the Irkutsk State University, and the current intern, **Anastasiia Osmolovkaia**, 22, will be the last one in the program as the professor at the Russian University who arranges the overseas internships will be retiring shortly.

### Irkutsk

Irkutsk, a city of some 600,000 people is in Eastern Siberia on the Trans-Siberian railway. Shopping trips to Moscow are rare as Irkutsk is some 4200 km to the east of the capital, and catching a cruise ship in Vladivostok also takes some time as it is just a further 3970 km to the east. In mid-July there were serious floods in the city, despite the temperature being 30°C. These were followed by huge wildfires. In

winter, the temperature drops to as low as – 30°C. It is near Lake Baikal, the deepest freshwater lake in the world.

Anastasiia (yes there are two *i* s in her name) who arrived in Australia on 7 July, has had a distinguished record as a university student. She recently graduated with a degree in management, and, after a break of twelve months she plans to commence studies for a Master's degree in Management and IT.

### Fluent

As well as being quite fluent in English, she now is in the third year of studies in the Chinese language as she feels that will help her in her future plans to set up a consultancy business in marketing and project management.

During her time in Ballarat she will have a wide range of experiences including a week in various roles at Sovereign Hill where under the care of **Mark Karlovic** she has enjoyed dressing up in period clothing, working making butter and sweets, undertaking surveys and talking to visitors.

She will spend time also as an intern in some of Ballarat's larger commercial firms such as Selkirk Bricks (**Ron Selkirk** has taken her to her first basketball game), at the Mechanics' Institute, the Ballarat Foundation, and while staying for a time with Ballarat Mayor **Samantha McIntosh** and husband **Greg**, will spend time in various parts of the City of Ballarat's administrative offices.

### Highlight

A highlight of her trip was the two day visit to the Grampians as the guest of Rotarians **Martin** and **Carol Hughes**. She loved seeing the kangaroos close-up and was fascinated by the "big white birds" – the Major Mitchell cockatoos.

In Irkutsk, she lives with her mother and her two pet Yorkshire terriers, Kim and Kiara. She has visited nine countries. She says travel "encourages me to never stop dreaming and searching for the best."

Host Lidia migrated to Australia from Russia when she was four years old.



# At age 96 years Vic Bradley doesn't just sit at home

What a pleasure it was to have a chat to well-known and respected local Vic Bradley OAM who will be 96 years old in December. Vic has the recipe for a good life – don't sit at home doing nothing – work, contribute, go out every day of the week, do community work, play sport. That's what keeps him going.

Vic was born in a mud hut in Jones Lane, Mt Clear so he is definitely a local. He was schooled in Mt Clear and when the Second World War started he enlisted in the Army in 1941. The sole survivor of an eight man detachment that was ambushed by the Japanese, Vic was imprisoned but managed to escape into the jungle and eventually made his way back to his unit.

## Back home

On his return home to Australia after the war he started the local RSL and now has an award recognising his 70 years of membership. His late wife **Dorothy** was



(Above) Vic at home amongst his many awards. (Lower) He still loves carrying the Australian flag each Anzac Day

part of the Ladies Auxiliary. In 2011 Vic was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to veterans and their families and to the community of Buninyong.

A builder all his working life, his hobbies included cricket, fishing, camping, playing

tennis when he was younger and, years ago, he taught at the Mt Clear Sunday School.

But it is his community work which features strongly among the awards on the wall of his lounge room with citations and certificates from Buninyong Senior Citizens, Probus, an RSL Meritorious Medal, a Commendation from Catherine King for service to his community, Ballarat Avenue of Honour Committee, the Legacy Club, Buninyong Masons, and the Buninyong Bowling Club among others.

## Statue

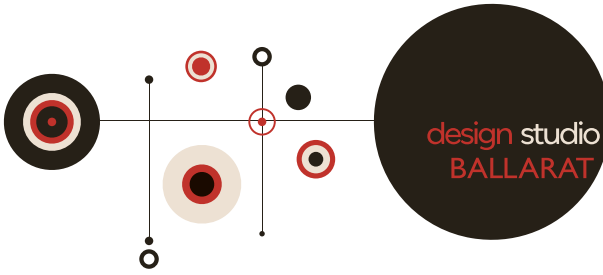
Vic also had a lot to do with *The Grieving Mother* statue which, he remembers, took a lot of time to decide on its best location. It now stands in a garden setting adjacent to the Arch of Victory.

As Vic put it "I've had a pretty happy life" and he's pleased that his memory is still "pretty good" but confesses that he now keeps a diary (join the club Vic!). He is fit and well and still drives his small pink car locally, confiding with a smile and a cheeky wink that it is handy to know Police **Sgt Peter Anderson** pretty well and who is a "good bloke".

– Cassandra Carland







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# Scotsburn pupils wage war on waste with wax

Students at Buninyong Primary School, Scotsburn campus are now taking responsibility for their rubbish and waste.

Each week students are involved in a Sustainability Session where sustainable living is promoted, developed and hands on activities are explored.

Realising the amount of rubbish taken to school each day in their lunchboxes, students decided they would look into ways they could be more eco-friendly and reduce waste.

An idea was to produce beeswax and vegan-friendly wraps to package their snacks and lunches. They decided this would help the school's war on waste!

Material was donated by a kind parent, and Australian beeswax and candela wax was sourced. All children were then involved in the process of making their own wax wrap to use to lessen the waste going into landfill each day.

Below: Mia, Amity and Flynn open their special lunch wraps.



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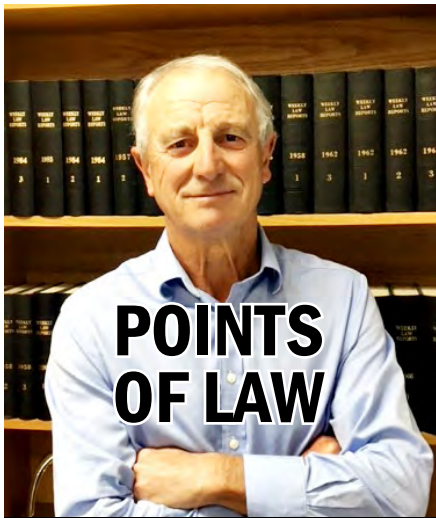
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It can be a warning sign if a seller offers to bring a used car to you, or is waiting outside of an address given to you and does not go inside.

Of course there are many other things to be wary of such as ensuring the VIN number matches the paperwork.

Following, *The News'* legal columnist, solicitor Dean Cinque discusses some of the legal issues.

**USED CARS buyer beware**

Buying a car is perhaps the second most expensive purchase a person will make. It is important to understand the relevant law particularly if the seller is not a car trader.

1. The buyer must be provided with a Roadworthy Certificate but this is

more to do with the safety of a vehicle not its mechanical soundness. It is recommended that the vehicle be inspected by RACV or VACC. If the Roadworthy Certificate is not accurate, another one should be obtained from a Licensed Vehicle Tester within 30 days of the date of the original issue date. Issues about these certificates should be referred to VicRoads.

2. Proof of ownership in the form of a Certificate of Registration must also be provided. If a person buys a stolen car, he/she will most likely have to hand it back to the true owner.
3. The purchaser should check to see if anyone else has an interest in the car, such as a finance company. This can be done by requesting a search from the Personal Property Securities Register at [www.ppsr.gov.au](http://www.ppsr.gov.au).
4. Provide a signed Transfer of Registration and disposal of vehicle.

**Warranty**

It should be remembered that there are no warranties given by a private seller, nor is there a cooling-off period. It is strictly a case of *let the buyer beware*.

An article about buying a car from a motor car dealer will appear in a future edition of the *Buninyong News*.

– Dean A. Cinque

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**Ernie Neale's Monthly RAINFALL REPORT**

**Wet, but no puddles**

Sometimes it's great to be able to celebrate the ordinary, like the recent run of abundant rainfall. During July we scored 85.1mm, comfortably over the average and reminiscent of a traditional Buninyong mid-winter. This made it the third month in a row that was wetter than average. The last time a hat-trick like this happened was for May to July 2016.

Our total for the same months this year was a very welcome 372.5mm, yet at the end of July our still deeply dry Buninyong volcanic soil had soaked it all up – not a puddle was left.

Hopefully the rainfall in August keeps the trend going, but BOM's outlook for the next three months isn't encouraging. Their forecast combines the upside of no pending El Nino event with the downside of under median rainfall. Maybe our spell of wet months will be battling to make it to four in a row.

JULY 2019			
Date	Rain	Date	Rain
3	1.0	8	9.5
10-12	20.5	14-16	20.0
18	7.3	20	2.6
24	19.4	25	0.7
27	3.2	29	0.3
30	0.3	31	0.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>85.1 mm</b>	
<b>July 2018</b>		<b>73.6 mm</b>	
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# A NEW FACE CRUISES IN

Over the past month or so, regulars at Mount Helen's *Krooze Inn* will have spotted a new friendly face sharing in the duties in the kitchen with Joan Baker who purchased the popular coffee shop/café about two years ago.

The new co-owner is **Teresa Cole** who brings with her extensive experience as a caterer and cook.

She was born in Byaduk, some 25 km from Hamilton, and for many years was Supervisor of the kitchen at the Hamilton Base Hospital. Since then she has cooked in nursing homes in Altona and Werribee and in a restaurant in Bacchus Marsh.

Teresa said that she would be changing *Krooze Inn's* menu a little with some additional choices of home-made soups and also by adding pies to the takeaway menu. She said that for groups of ten or more she would provide a "superb roast dinner".



Groups such as the *Ulysses Motorcycle Club* and various vintage car groups still are regulars at the *Krooze Inn*. Recently, the *Bacchus Marsh Holden Club* spent a morning there displaying their cars and enjoying food and coffee.

*Krooze Inn* is closed on Mondays, but is open between 8.00am and 4.00pm on the other days with a later 5.00pm closing on Fridays.

Above: Teresa Cole and Joan Baker.



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# Death of Tony McGuinness Loss to family, club, theatre and sport

**Anthony (Tony) McGuinness was a tireless volunteer worker at the Buninyong Golf Club for some seventeen years. He died on 27 July, aged 71, after a short illness.**

A former member of the Golf Club's Board of Directors, he was perhaps best known for his organisation of social events for many years at the regular Thursday night dinners held at the Club. He also was responsible for coaching classes in golf for school children and had recently qualified through Golf Australia as a Community Instructor for junior golfers.

Quietly spoken, Tony always had a friendly greeting for all he met around the golf course, in Buninyong, or at a theatre event in Ballarat.

## Charity

There would rarely be a BBQ at the golf club without Tony being involved. The annual *RSL Charity Golf Day* was a good example when, across some six hours, Tony would be at the tent on the twelfth hole cooking eggs, bacon and sausages to raise funds for the RSL.

Born in Portland in 1947, he spent quite some time in Nyah West where his father was the school headmaster. He met **Betty** in 1968 and they married in 1971. Then followed stints in Melbourne, Swan Hill and Echuca (where he was the Secretary of the Racing Club), then off to Katherine (NT), with four young children in tow. The family came to Ballarat in 1985, enjoying the character of the old *Cremorne Hotel*

on Eureka Street before settling at Mount Helen in 1998.

The love of Tony's life was his wife and family. His eldest daughter **Joanne** is now taking on Tony's role of keeping Betty in check, while second daughter **Claire** will soon qualify with a Bachelor of Education degree. Third daughter **Bec**, is involved in Melbourne's theatre scene while helping plan and implement the *Melbourne Festival*.

Tony's involvement in horse-racing is being carried on by son **Jamie**, now a senior executive at Racing Victoria.

He had a wide interest in many sports, and for a time was Secretary of the Central Highlands Football League and was an AFL Goldfields Tribunal member until he became unwell in July.

## Theatre scene

Tony became involved in the Ballarat theatre scene when his daughter Bec was performing locally. He built sets and performed in Ballarat National Theatre

productions and was a Life Member. He loved BLOC and performed in their productions. For the past nineteen years Tony enjoyed working front-of-house at Her Majesty's Theatre.

One of his great mates was the inimitable **Fred Fargher**, who before an illness struck, was to deliver the eulogy at Tony's funeral held at St Peter and Paul's church in Buninyong. Along with musician **Roger Hillman**, the sixteen member *Buninyong Community Choir* led by **Georgie Williams** sang at the service.

Tony is survived by wife Betty and children Joanne, Jamie, Claire and Bec and families.



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# Praise for police and The word on the street



**From time to time some members of the public are critical of the work of the Victoria Police Force. This certainly is not the case with Buninyong businessman Micheal Ford whose remedial therapy premises in Learmonth Street recently were robbed.**

He said that when he arrived at 10.00am to discover the robbery “it looked as if I would be out of business for a week. But very quickly members of the forensic unit were out the back, taking fingerprints and trying to work out how entry was made”. He described them as “serious, focussed and professional – very hard to relax around but none-the-less appreciated”.

## Information

He then described his feelings and what followed.

“I’ve got to admit that for someone who tries to see the upside in everything, I was a little tense and going down fast. I told them that I couldn’t keep talking... I

needed a coffee, and that I’d be back in a minute. However, while getting my latte, some feedback from other coffee lovers at Chocalatto threw some helpful light on the incident.

“I returned to be greeted by two female police officers – young, professional and supportive. I reported the information received at the coffee shop to them and to the forensic team out the back. Incredibly, we had all of our stuff back by lunch time on that day!

“It just goes to show that sometimes when the planets align, and when people talk to each other that good things can happen. This is what community is all about.”

Micheal concluded by thanking the forensic officers and the two female officers – **Acting Sgt Bec van Oirschott** and **First Constable Lauren O’Brien**. He said that their “attitude and nature made the experience a lot less stressful than it might have been”.



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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Drop, poop and look away

**Buninyong is a lovely place to live. However, at times you may be forgiven for thinking that one or two of the major food chains had set up business here. Or maybe it is because the Golden Arches and other such outlets are the right distance for their products to be eaten and the waste thrown out of the car window onto the road or curb side.**

This is not the only rubbish that is constantly visible in the streets of Buninyong. There is a mix of paper and plastic bags, lolly wrappers, chip packets, drink vessels of all shapes and sizes, and of course aluminium cans.

### Playground

The children's playground is another area where food and drink containers of all



kinds are being dumped, and yet there are two rubbish and one re-cycle bin within metres of the play equipment. The creek also is constantly inundated with rubbish flowing down after a decent down pour.

Rubbish is not the only problem out on the streets of Buninyong. Dog excrement being left by the owners of our four- legged friends has become quite prevalent.

We have a lot of dogs in our lovely town but it appears certain people don't want to take the responsibility of picking up after their dog has relieved itself.

### Shoe poo

Some say that it will break down and wash away in time, but tell that to the person who has stepped in it, pushed a pram through it, or to elderly people who find it covering the wheels of their walking frames.

Few would allow it in their personal residence. But it seems acceptable out in the public domain. Has rubbish become so much part of our lives that we accept it when it is dropped or left behind on a park bench, or dog owners just walk away and not pick up after their animal has made a mess?

I don't understand this mindset, and as citizens of this fair town we all need to take responsibility and to politely ask anyone dropping rubbish or not picking up after their dog to do so.

*Alison Jordan, Buninyong*

## Thank you, people of Buninyong

**Anthony (Tony) McGuinness**  
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Kind-hearted thoughtfulness and practical support have been so forthcoming from the Buninyong and the wider community during our difficult time, while Tony was unwell and upon his death, that his family wishes to acknowledge the robust community spirit with heartfelt thanks.

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy, your support and compassion during our time of sorrow. This kindness has been a source of great comfort and strength for our family.

Thank you to those who attended the service to celebrate Tony's life, held on Wednesday 31 July at St Peters and Paul's Church Buninyong. Special thanks to Fr Justin Driscoll and Fr Dan Arundell. To Roger Hillman, Georgie Williams and members of Buninyong Community Choir, thank you all so much for honouring Tony with such wonderful music and song.

Thanks also to Chris Dovaston who lead Buninyong golfing women in preparation of flowers for the day and to Parish leaders Marg McCarty, Lucy O'Beirne, Cathy Curran, Carmel Flynn and Theresa. Thanks also to Buninyong Golf Club.

As Leunig declared and Tony embodied: **Let us live in such a way, that when we die, our love will survive and continue to grow.**

Grateful thanks from Betty McGuinness and family: Joanne, Jamie, Kate, Lily and Maddy, Claire, Rod, Harry, Hannah and Sarah, and Bec; and Tony's sister, Pat McGuinness.

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## Landscape firm award finalist

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They have an enthusiastic team that takes pride in delivering a professional finish with artistic flair. The award citation refers to it as “a growing business with well-grounded clientele and on-going return customers”.



MDB's Mark and Kylie Bickerdike.

## The News hits fifty

After being re-launched in April 2014, the new-look Buninyong community newspaper, known locally as *The News*, has reached a milestone of 50 issues. It is a regular award-winner at the annual conference of Community Newspaper Association of Victoria.

Management Committee chairperson Gayle Adams said that the newspaper “tries to be a record of much that is happening in or of interest to Buninyong and surrounding district areas”.

The paper is always available in full colour on the community website and the 1200 copies printed each month has a readership estimated at 4000 people for each issue.

## Town Hall AGM

Residents are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Buninyong Town Hall Committee of Management on Tuesday, 1 October at 5.30pm at the Town Hall.

## Popular concerts

About 200 people attended the fourth and final of the series of stagemusical concerts at the Buninyong Golf Club on Saturday, 3 August. The promoters have indicated that five more concerts will be slated at the venue in 2020.

## Moorabool River

A film on the Moorabool River is expected to be released early in 2020. The following is a link which shows a trailer of the film: [vimeo.com/349830144](https://vimeo.com/349830144)

## Candling works coming on Mount

Preparations are well underway for bush fire risk-reduction works atop Mount Buninyong, south of Ballarat.

FFMVIC Midlands Senior Fuel Management Officer, **Sam Basham** said that Stage One, which involves candling works over 3.7 hectares of stringybark trees, will be carried out in August/September this year.

“Removing the bark hazard will provide a safer environment to implement Stage 2 in late Autumn next year,” Mr Basham said.

“Once both stages have been completed, it will help provide asset protection for the fire lookout and telecommunications towers used by Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC), Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, SES, CFA and Telstra.

“Environmental and cultural values such as trees with hollows will be protected during both fuel treatments.”

The planned burn at Mount Buninyong will be at low intensity, aimed to introduce fire into the landscape in a controlled manner.

Road and walking track access to Mount Buninyong summit will be restricted during planned burn activities.

Smoke from this planned burn may be visible from Ballarat and surrounds, and may affect people’s health, particularly those with heart or lung conditions, including asthma.

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# Coach's pre-game speech about Stan inspires team

**Before most home games, Buninyong senior football coach Shaun O'Loughlin takes a few minutes to introduce someone of significance to the Club to his players.**

On 2 August prior to the critical game against previously undefeated Waubra, Shaun's guest and subject was Life Member Stan Hunter. He told the players of Stan's record as a player (136 games) including being a member of the 1970 premiership team.

Shaun spoke of Stan's many roles on the Club Committee and current role as a statistician. Now mostly restricted to a wheelchair, Stan is present at every club game.

In an emotional and inspiring address, Shaun pointed out to his team that they should recognise by their on-field efforts, the contributions of club supporters like Stan, and what they have done and still do for them and for the Club.

The team went on to defeat Waubra by 41 points in a brilliant display. Sadly that result was reversed on 17 August in the Qualifying Final.

*Coach Shaun O'Loughlin (left) gives an inspirational address to his players about the club's debt to people like Stan Hunter (seated in wheelchair).*



## BRANT loves Elaine

Elaine Cricket Club has announced that Brant Hocking will be Senior Captain Coach for the upcoming cricket season. Brant has had vast experience both playing and coaching and has recently been the senior coach of Hanging Rock Cricket Club in the GDCA.

He also has had BCA experience with the Ballan cricket club. Brant will shortly announce details of training sessions to start in late August. Any players new or old wanting to play senior cricket please contact Brant on 0401 522 645. Everybody's welcome.



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# Jarrold chalks up 250 games

**Buninyong footballer, Jarrod Morgan recently played his 250th game in the red and black jumper of the Buninyong Football Club.**

In 2004, 17-year-old Jarrod played his first Buninyong senior game. He still has vivid memories of that game against Ballan at Ballan. They had the reputation of being the one of the roughest and toughest teams in the league and would be a daunting test for the young debutante. Jarrod started on the bench with the coach trying to protect the youngster early in the game. When he finally made it onto the ground, he held his own and managed to kick two goals.

## Twilight

Fifteen years and 250 games later and Jarrod Morgan has firmly established himself as a Buninyong champion. He readily admits to being in the twilight of his career but says he is still enjoying his football now as much as he did at the beginning.

During his time at Buninyong Jarrod has been captain, assistant coach and coach for the last five seasons. He also played in and captained a number of Central-Highlands League combined sides and played one season with North Ballarat Reserves in the VFL. Making four grand finals in seven years but not quite nailing a premiership was also an achievement he is proud of.

When asked for his career highlight Jarrod was quick to claim that it was the mateship, the opportunities to play and mix with two generations of great players and to be involved in a great sporting environment was the real high point of his football career.

## Step back

This year Jarrod has made the transition from coach to player and is loving it, "I feel like I'm 21 again," he said. He has been very happy to step back and loves just rocking up to training and games with his footy boots and just playing. He is enjoying his role as a forward and like a typical small forward enjoys kicking a few goals.

At the time of writing (early August) the team has won eleven games in a row and are certain to be finals bound for another crack at that elusive premiership. All at Buninyong hope that this will be the year.

– Ray Sullivan



## Grenville Tennis

Grenville Tennis Club is holding an Open Day and sign-up session on Sunday 8 September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at the Grenville Recreation Reserve on the Buninyong-Mount Mercer Road. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome and can both have a social hit and/or sign up for a team for the coming tennis season. Call Hayley (0403 668 029) or email her (hayleyquach@gmail.com) for more information.



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## A fixture at all Buninyong games but Len stays a true blue Shinboner

**I had heard that well-known Ballarat football identity, Len Templar and his wife Dulcie were regular fixtures at Buninyong football club games. They are keen supporters of the Bombers where Len's grandson, Matthew Hartigan plays with Buninyong Reserves.**

Every Saturday they fill up the thermos, pack the sandwiches and head off to wherever Buninyong is playing. They enjoy the atmosphere of country football which Len calls “the real football – the grassroots football”.

### Questions ready

For this interview I arranged to meet Len at his home in Mt Clear. When I arrived at the house with my list of carefully selected questions, the garage was wide open with 87-year-old Len standing there waiting. We started our chat in front of his “wall-of-fame”, a gallery of newspaper articles, photos and achievements from a long and impressive sporting career, and then moved inside to continue the interview.

Ninety minutes later I shook hands with Len and walked out, my note book unopened, my questions irrelevant. I had

just been privy to a fascinating insight into a great sporting career and Len's philosophies on many of the issues facing sport today.

His football career started in Donald where he played in his first premierships as a 16-year-old before he was enticed down to Redan in the Ballarat League. In 1954 he was recruited by North Melbourne in the VFL and played 60 games over five seasons before returning home in 1958 to coach local side, Ballarat. This was the first of fifteen seasons as coach of the club.

### Shinboners

The period from 1954-1957 was both a highlight and a challenge. Len is particularly proud of his time with the North Melbourne “Shinboners”, a tag that was earned through hard, tough, uncompromising football. There was not a lot of on-field success but there was an amazing spirit in the club. He said that it was an honour to play against champions

like **Skilton, Barrassi, and Whitten**. Len rates Essendon's **John Coleman** as the best of his era. He was in the game when Coleman landed awkwardly on his knee and suffered his career ending injury.

Len is concerned about the direction football is taking today and believes the game is in danger of losing its uniqueness and identity. “It's more like a game of basketball,” he said. He loves the continuing development of AFLW but hates the influence of gambling in the sponsorship of the game.

### Pro Athletics

He also made his mark on the professional running circuit. A victory in the *Footballers Relay* at Stawell in 1959 kindled a love of the sport that was to last for well over 50 years. Len made his name as a top coach with many champion runners who trusted their athletics careers to his coaching prowess. These included grandson **Nathan Hartigan**. His highlight was **Rod Matthew's** Stawell Gift win in 1999. Len admits that athletics is his favourite sport.

An indication of Len Templar's contribution to professional running is the recent naming of the Ballarat Gift in his honour. “A bit embarrassing,” said Len. But he is inwardly very proud that this feature race will always carry his name.

And he predicted (in early August) that this is going to be the year where the Buninyong premierships drought is broken.

– Ray Sullivan

