2008 CTDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

This is a happy task this year – I can step aside knowing that the CTDA will continue to be run smoothly with an injection of new ideas and enthusiasm and I can recover some time of my own. Obviously this also involves some reflections of the role and achievements of the CTDA over the last few years. It has always promoted Clunes in an energetic and positive way to a point where our community is seen by many as a role model of how communities can work together. This was recognized by the Victorian Parliamentary inquiry into regional tourism where “Booktown for a Day” was designated a case study. It is also recognized by the Hepburn Shire Australia Day awards which have been won by Clunes organizations and individuals. Other events that have been introduced include the annual community dinner where our Clunes Citizens of the Year are recognized; Feast on Fraser which raises funds for local organizations; the Buy Local program; the formation of the “Friends of Queens Park” group; bringing Organs of the Goldfields and the Foto Biennale to Clunes; enhancing our reputation as a film friendly town for filmmakers; the community newsletter; maintaining the monthly market; all this has been achieved by teamwork and many volunteer hours. I thank all those who have put up their hand in any way at all; you are the community’s most valuable asset.

This year has seen the expansion of “Booktown for a Day” to “Back to Booktown” over two days and some 10-12000 visitors to Clunes, an event that required great community involvement. Lessons are still being learnt and as the Creative Clunes concept develops it will bring added prosperity to Clunes which will help retain services in our town. At the recent Community Cabinet meetings in the Shire, the positive attitude in Clunes was mentioned often.

The future for the CTDA and Clunes is really quite exciting as new ideas are explored, evaluated and some implemented. I would encourage insightful decision making as the way forward and wish the incoming management team clear sailing and good luck.

Finally, I have had the privilege to work with many talented and hard working people and would probably forget to mention some if I tried to name them all, but to all, I say thank you for your support. However I do need to name two. I say many thanks to Jane Lessock for her years of tireless service as treasurer and “exofficio” events manager and to Ken Gibson, who has also been there longer than me, as solid support and a good “go to” man when a job needed to be done - no president could have asked for more.

Thank you
Graeme Johnstone

2008-09 MANAGEMENT TEAM

Chris Fenner – President Geoff Nicholson – Vice- President
Deborah Harmes – Secretary Jane Lessock – Treasurer
Jos Konings, Judy Byrne, Rhonda Fawcett, Bev Woolfe – Extra members

Queens Park Fountain Restoration Ceremony 13th July 2008

Thank you to so many residents who attended this event on such a bleak wet morning, to show their appreciation to David Coleman and Les Carey, Clunes volunteers who undertook the mammoth task of restoring the Fountain to its former glory.

Our Mayor and local councilor, Tim Hayes, reminded us that it was originally erected in 1887 to mark the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. The Fountain (and her Majesty) had long since fallen into disrepair.

We heard that the Park was a popular focal point in town. Residents brought goldfish for the new fountain to encourage interest by young visitors. Other interesting facts can be found on the Clunes Museum Website, together with “before and after” photos following its restoration.

June Johnstone, spokesperson for Friends of Queens Park told us that this restoration was made possible by the generosity of the Hugh T.D. Williamson Foundation and hundred of volunteer hours by David and Les. Support was also provided by Clunes Tourist and Development Association and Hepburn Shire Council.

Thanks also went to students from the University of Melbourne – Burnley Campus who undertook an Industry Project Report which reviewed both the history and the future management of Queens Park. This report can also be viewed on the website.

A replacement plaque was also installed at the site of the playground, from where the original went missing years ago. It commemorated the finding of Gold in Clunes, in 1951 and was unveiled by the father of Clunes Steart family.

Both plaques were installed by local stonemason, Billy Elliot.
Dunne, Bill

To all our friends in Clunes, we sincerely thank you for your numerous cards, phone calls, visits, donations to the Fiona Elsey Research Centre and all those who attended the service to say goodbye to Bill. Please accept this as our personal thanks. Lyn, Trevor, Philip, Christine, Russell and all their families.

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**Auditions**

Clunes Film & Amateur Theatre Society

‘Puffick Fossick’

A Goldfields Entertainment

Director: Jon Stephens

**Sunday 10 August 11.00 AM or 2.00 PM**

*Puffick Fossick* is a rollicking entertainment of sketches, songs, music hall, farce, negro minstrels, comedy songs, specialty acts and the occasional serious moment.

We are looking for versatile male/female, teen/adult comedy actors, singers, dancers, specialty acts etc as well as musicians, stage hands, dressers, front of house, scenic painting, set builders, designers, wardrobe people etc for a season beginning 14th November 2008 at the Clunes Town Hall.

To book an audition time or to register interest contact Helen Roberts 0427 529 774

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**Clunes Words in Winter 2008**

**Friday 1st August**

**Wild Winter Words**

MC - Chris Fenner

A popular, fun-packed night of local wine, poetry and other distractions. Compete to be the Bard of Clunes, read poems you enjoyed as a kid, write to the MC’s call. Prizes for funniest, most outrageous, loudest table, etc.

**Time:** 7pm-10pm  **Venue:** Robby G’s, Fraser St  **Cost:** $5, food and wine at bar prices. Bookings essential

**Saturday 2nd August**

**Clever Town Challenge**

Town Captain - Helen Roberts

Help keep the Clever Town Challenge trophy in Clunes! Using only the library resources help to solve a tricky trivia cross word puzzle and compete against Creswick, Talbot, Trentham and Daylesford. Team work, lots of hands, new-to-towners and old timers, grannies and kids all welcome. Smarties provided...

**Time:** 10-11.30 am  **Venue:** Clunes Library, Fraser St  **Cost:** Free

**What’s at Stake:** Clunes’ reputation

**Sunday 3rd August**

**Clunes Writers Read**

Convenor - Alison Pithers

Local writers read from their own works.

**Featuring**

Kerry Loughrey  Philip McDonald  Peter Murk

Tess Brady  Alison Pithers  Lyn Montez

Bill Harris (read by Alison Pithers) and others

An open microphone to follow.

Call Alison Pithers for more information on 5345 4096

**Time:** 2-4 pm  **Venue:** Bookends, Service St.  **Cost:** Free - BYO

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**Clunes Neighbourhood House Inc**

69 Service Street

Phone: 5345 3486

Mon-Fri 10-5.00pm

thegateway@clunes.org

**Courses for 3rd Term**

have commenced and there are still places available. Most courses and activities need a minimum of 4 people to run so if you are thinking of enrolling please invite a friend or family member to enrol also. This could often make the difference between the class proceeding or not. Courses available - Digital Photography, Mobile Phones, Dreamweaver, Screen Printing, Meditation & Return to Work Resumes & Interview Skills this course will commence on Thurs 31st July 9.30-11.30am . Due to the lower enrolments we are keen to hear from the community about activities or classes you would like us to run.

**Creative Life Skills group** is looking for donations for their cookery and craft activities. Any donations of kitchen equipment would be most welcome. The group is planning on doing a cooking activity each week that they will photograph with the aim to publishing their own cook book for Christmas.

The Clunes Neighbourhood House is currently in the process of seeking its own premises with a view to be closer to the business precinct. As a community based organisation we are keen to hear from the community, ideas about where you think the centre should or could be. Email or call us with your thoughts.
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO LICENCE
THE FREE LENDING LIBRARY BUILDING

The Committee of Management for the Clunes Former Free Lending Library is seeking Expressions of Interest for the future use of the Free Lending Library building (and adjoining reserve) located in Templeton Street, Clunes.

A copy of the Expression of Interest specification can be obtained by contacting Tim Hayes on 5345 3220 or email thayes@hepburn.vic.gov.au

Expressions of Interest must be lodged at the address indicated in the EOI specification by 4.00 pm on Friday 5 September 2008. Short listed applicants will be invited to submit a formal tender based on the standard Existing Improvements Licence issued by the Department of Sustainability & Environment pursuant to Section 17 B of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.

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Clunes Community Dinner
Clunes Town Hall
Friday 22nd August 2008
7.00 pm $30 per ticket

Guest speaker
Julius Avery Writer- Director of jerrycan which was filmed in Clunes and won the jury at the Cannes Film Festival
***Announcement of Male and Female Citizen of the Year.***

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The Clunes Probus Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Clunes Town Hall at 9.45 am. Visitors are most welcome.
This month the Guest Speaker will be Les Binns who will
tell us about his experiences as a Film Director. The Cameo
Speaker will be Past President, Ken Perry. We break for
morning tea after the Cameo Speaker and enjoy a cuppa and
friendly chat.
We have three special excursions planned for later in the year, September to December. These are to Echuca, Maldon &
Castlemaine and to the Cuckoo Restaurant at Olinda for a
Christmas function. For full details: contact –
Heather on 5345 3445 or Kate on 5345 3070
After the meeting, most members go to lunch together where
we have an enjoyable meal in good company. If required, transport is always available.
The Community Garden had success with the Hepburn Shire
grants program, securing $2,000 to build a wood fired oven and
$500 towards the purchase of prefab shade house. These two
projects are helped along by Aussie Shade and Darley
Refractories generous 20% discount.
These important amenities will compliment existing garden
beds and help enable the future development of the Alliance
Street garden as a community space, where people can come
together to enjoy an array of activities. The garden provides
recreational outdoor opportunities for the community to
congregate and interact, where food can be grown, cooked
cheaply and shared in a communal atmosphere.
Materials are sought to build more garden plots. If anyone
can assist with donations of sleepers, mulch, soil and manures
we can arrange delivery through the Clunes Neighbourhood
House, email me at smorse@vic.chariot.net.au thanks again
Steve Morse.

REPORT TO COUNCIL – 17 JULY 2007
Over the past month I have attended the usual round of Council
Forward Planning and Briefing sessions as well as the Tourism
Advisory Committee. At the local level I had the pleasure of chairing
the Annual General Meeting of the Clunes Senior Citizens Club last
Tuesday and officiating at the installation of the new Office Bearers for
2007/2008. I am pleased to advise Council that Mrs. Daphne Corney
has been elected President and former councilor, Lou Newman as
Secretary.
An item on tonight’s agenda relates to the Clunes Court House and
a proposal to seek expressions of interest for the long term leasing of
this facility. The Committee of Management of another building, the
former Clunes Free Lending Library Reserve – which is on Crown
Land – is also looking at inviting expressions of interest in regard to
that building and I believe this to be a positive step forward in not only
planning for the ongoing conservation of these two historic building,
but hopefully, injecting economic activity into the township of Clunes.

On a less happy note I was disappointed to learn that the
application by the Clunes Bowling Club for funding to the Department
of Sport & Recreation to replace one of its two Greens was
unsuccessful, despite being recommended by the Council’s Recreation
Advisory Committee. Apparently, the application failed to address the
need for future planning and the problem that trees in the adjoining
Creek Reserve are causing to the Greens. The problem of the adjoining
trees was highlighted in early 2006 and the Recreation Strategy,
released in November of last year, recommended that the issue be
referred to the appropriate Council Department for consideration. It
would appear that no action has been taken and accordingly I would
like to move the following motion later in the meeting:

Clunes Probus Club

Community Garden

Daylesford Familiarisation Day
Organised through the C.T.D.A. a group of 20 volunteers
from the Daylesford Information Centre recently spent time in
Clunes visiting numerous buildings and getting to know
the local retailers.
Thanks to Clayton Edwards who greeted them at the Clunes
Bottle Museum and then gave them a talk on the new display.
The volunteers then had a hour to wander around the town
popping into all the shops that were open, seeing what visitors to
the region could see and do.
The town had a real buzz about it. Even though it was a cold
and wet morning, the visitors were warmly welcomed into the
shops, shown their wares, even a few sales  were done. A
leisurely lunch was enjoyed at Robby G’s Café before hopping
back on to the bus and headed back home.
Thanks to all the shop owners that opened specially on the day.

1. That the Recreation Advisory Committee be requested to meet with representatives of the Clunes Bowling Club with a view to developing a fresh application for funding that meets all of the Department of Sport & Recreation criteria; and
2. That a report be presented to the next Council Meeting on the nature of the problem caused to the Bowling Greens and the remedial action that may be taken.

Tim Hayes
Councillor – Cameron Ward
Clunes Bowling Club

From humble beginnings in 1878 to our present well-equipped Club Rooms built in 1964/65 season with two well-maintained greens we have come a long way; With 130 years to celebrate this season our first function was a Casserole Dinner for members and guests to start off the Celebrations.

Another very successful function held on the 6th July was Xmas in July Dinner at 12:30pm.

Sixty Bowls and social members partook of an excellent three-course Xmas lunch capably presented by our catering ladies.

Father Xmas added to the festive atmosphere by appearing loaded with gifts to presents to the lucky recipients holding the winning tickets.

Coffee and a general chat completed the enjoyable outing.

We are looking forward to our next big function.

In September, along with official guests from the VRBA and surrounding sister clubs, we will join in celebrating 130 years of Bowling in Clunes. We certainly have cause to highlight such an occasion with members looking forward to many more years ahead.

The next Club Meeting will be held on August 14th @ 7:30pm

The next ladies Meeting will be held on Monday 11th @ 2pm.

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Men’s Health Matters

Depression is serious illness that requires attention. If you have felt sad, down or miserable for most of the time for more than two weeks then you may be experiencing depression. The good news is that successful treatments are available and you do not have to go on feeling this way. Different types of depression require different types of treatment and it is important to seek help early. Your first port of call should be your GP.

The Beyondblue website also hold lots of free information and advice www.beyondblue.org.au and free psychological services can be found at the Clunes Health Centre.

Daffodil Day
FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST AT THE CLUNES HEALTH SERVICE
HAMPER RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZE
An invitation is extended to the Clunes Community to join us for morning tea to raise money for local cancer research.

AT: Clunes Day Centre – Clunes Health Service 69 Service St Clunes.
ON: Friday 22nd August  2008  10AM – 11.30AM
Gold coin admission.  Wear something yellow.
Trading table and morning tea – donations from the community would be gratefully accepted.
Enquiries:  K. Quemard - 53453102.  K. Byrne - 53453703

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CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
Provided by the Clunes Tourist & Development Association Inc
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Contributions:  Group/Committee/ Organisation/ Sports Clubs. Let us know any contact details and dates of meetings or important events.

Articles, news items, letters, happenings all welcome email: thegateway@clunes.org Please submit articles in word or straight text format where possible. Photos - in B&W when you can.
Hardcopy articles or Cd's can be dropped into the Clunes Neighbourhood House
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Submissions MUST BE IN BEFORE 22nd of each month.

Ad Rates as of April 2008
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Please Note:-  No Newsletter is produced in January.

Words in Winter Festival
Positive Images of Ages
Writing Workshop

Sunday 10th August 11am to 3pm $5.00 Donation
Clunes Neighbourhood House Multi Purpose Room
Please come along with something to write with, and bring a plate for lunch – Tea, Coffee & Biscuits supplied.
This workshop focuses on encouraging older people to explore the positive aspects of ageing through the written word. The genre is open – it could be a short story or maybe even poetic or biographic format.

Guest Writer- Cate Kennedy
Cate Kennedy is an award-winning short story writer who has twice won The Age short story competition. Cate is the author of the travel memoir Sing and Don't Cry, A Mexican Journal and poetry collections Joyflight and Signs of other Fires.
Limited places -- To register your interest or for further enquiries Please call Clunes Neighbourhood House on 53453486.

This project is funded by the Department of Planning and Community Development

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Saturday SEPTEMBER 6th 2008
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