Clunes Residents Join White Ribbon Campaign

by Barbara Curzon-Siggers

In April 2016 two Clunes residents joined the Hepburn Shire White Ribbon Committee to help drive the Shire’s strategy to prevent men’s violence against women. The White Ribbon campaign is Australia’s only national, male led campaign to end domestic violence against women.

Barbara Curzon-Siggers and Anthony Tait (Principal of Newlyn Primary School) joined representatives from Hepburn Health Services, CFA youth, Vicpol and Hepburn Shire councillors Kate Redwood and Greg May to develop the first phase of the Shire’s plan. An essential element of the Shire’s approach is participation in the White Ribbon Ambassador program and they are committed to this as the first cab off the rank (please see over the page).

Research tells us that one woman a week is killed in Australia by a male partner or ex-partner. We also know that when men speak out against violence against women, model respectful behaviour, challenge the attitudes and behaviours of the minority of men who use or condone violence against women, change happens.

Over five months each committee member consulted with their local communities to identify and nominate men willing, able and committed to working across all groups locally, ‘walking the talk’ about respect for women, gender equality and preventing all types of domestic violence. Barbara led the Clunes consultations and Anthony liaised with school principals across the shire and the Central Highlands Football League. Five men from Clunes proudly stepped up to join the Ambassador program, with others waiting in the wings.

On an overcast 24 November 2016 morning a large audience gathered at the RACV Goldfields for Hepburn Shire’s first White Ribbon breakfast to acknowledge and congratulate thirteen White Ribbon Ambassador nominees from across the shire and to launch the Shire’s plan to prevent violence against women. The launch was addressed by Brad Sewell, former AFL player and respected champion for preventing domestic violence.

Our Clunes nominees and future ambassadors:
Tim Nolan - Head of Student Welfare and Community Partnerships, Wesley College Clunes, Chair of Creative Clunes and President of the International Organisation of Booktowns.

Doug Garth - Foster carer for indigenous youth, small business person for 20 years and member of the Clunes Football and Netball Club (CFNC); driver of the annual White Ribbon Clunes and Learmonth match.

David Dorizzi - Wesley College Clunes and the CFNC.

Peter Hill - CFNC, small business person and driver of the annual White Ribbon Clunes and Learmonth match.

Lindsay Pritchard - Secretary, Clunes CFA, Secretary of the Clunes Sub Branch of the R&SL and Match Day Team Manager of the North Ballarat Roosters Football Club.

They will all be trained and inducted as White Ribbon

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What a Great Start!

When you start reading this month's Community News you will find many great initiatives and activities on the go.

We have ...

- Clunes participation in the White Ribbon Campaign
- Wesley College students providing free music concerts
- Four Seasons Fine Music Festival happening in Clunes
- Clunes Better Health project to improve your strength and balance
- a Painting Party at the Free Library
- Tourello Red Cross celebrates their centenary
- a Clunies Art Trail for April
- Clunes Neighbourhood House 2017 Youth Activities Program and the emergence of a playground for younger children
- a story on the Clunes Cannon
- a Car Rally to Clunes
- a clean up of trees in and around the creek
- and a round up of Clunes sport.

All goes well for something for everyone this 2017 – enjoy!

Free music concert series

by Linda Newitt

Wesley at Clunes’ popular program of free community music concerts will return to the Bluestone this year, with the first performance scheduled for Friday 24 March. The concerts, to be performed by music students attending Wesley at Clunes, will commence at 1.30pm and include afternoon tea.

The Bluestone is located at 14 Service Street.

Please see the full list of dates for the year to save to your diary:

Term 1 – Friday 24 March
Term 2 – Friday 9 June
Term 3 – Friday 8 September
Term 4 – Friday 1 December

Please RSVP to Linda on 5345 9334 or via email to clunes@wesleycollege.net.

Thank you

by Lily Mason

I'll be hanging up my newsletter hat this month, with this being my final edition. I just wanted to say a quick but heartfelt thank you to Jane Lesock, Michael Cheshire and the whole CTDA organisation for giving me the opportunity to do the layout and copyediting and a bit of writing for the newsletter for the last four-ish years.

Thanks also to everyone for submitting articles (even late ones) and thanks for reading. Handing over with gratitude to Kira Annear next month.

Every year 25 November is White Ribbon national day for the prevention of violence against women. In 2016 White Ribbon Australia asked men to “stand up, speak out and act for the women in their lives, as violence against women is a man's issue too.”

An advocate, support and mentor group for the ambassadors will be established in the coming months and men and women from across the Clunes community will be invited to be a part of this important initiative. Stay tuned for more details.

If you’d like to contribute there are White Ribbon ribbons, wrist bands, etc available for purchase from the Hepburn Shire counter at the Warehouse and please speak with any of our Clunes nominated ambassadors. For further information the White Ribbon website is: www.whiteribbon.org.au.

White Ribbon - Australia

White Ribbon is Australia’s only national, male led Campaign to end men's violence against women. The White Ribbon vision is that all women live in safety free from all forms of men's violence. Globally, White Ribbon is the world’s largest male-led movement to end men's violence against women. Originating in Canada in 1991, White Ribbon is now active in more than 60 countries and began in Australia in 2003. In July 2015, Council resolved to establish a White Ribbon Committee to initiate a campaign to end violence against women.

White Ribbon - Hepburn Shire Council

In July 2015 Council resolved to establish a Hepburn White Ribbon Committee. The goal of the Hepburn Shire White Ribbon Committee is ending violence against women in all its forms by:

- Challenging men to speak out, and think about their own beliefs, language and actions.
- Enlightening young people, especially young men and boys, on the issue through education and being proactive.
- Raising public awareness of the issue.
- Inducting White Ribbon (WR) Ambassadors each year. WR Ambassadors will be encouraged to attend training and actively promote White Ribbon at fundraising opportunities, speaking engagements and community functions.
- Working in partnership with a variety of sectors including: community organisations, businesses, the media and other partners to create a future with no violence against women and children.
- Supporting White Ribbon Campaigns with our experience, resources and networks.

White Ribbon Ambassadors

White Ribbon Ambassadors are men who recognise the importance of men taking responsibility and playing a leadership role in preventing men’s violence against women.

White Ribbon Ambassadors are formal representatives of White Ribbon Australia who have the knowledge, skills, attributes and determination to influence Australian men to critically evaluate their attitudes and behaviours toward women.

Four Seasons Fine Music Festival

Patron the Hon. Tim Fischer AC  
by Ali Lanigan, Anglican Parish of Springmount

Four outstanding musical weekends will celebrate Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring in Creswick and Clunes this year.

This innovative seasonal festival was designed to showcase a diversity of music and song, with the first weekend of 25-26 February presenting The Little Brass Band of Ballarat and Trillo, Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. Early purchase tickets are available until 17 February.

Weekends in May, July and October will feature an extensive range of western, European and Indian musical instruments, including the beautiful historic pipe organs at St John's Church, Creswick and St Paul's Church, Clunes.

Performers include nationally renowned professionals, local and Melbourne ensembles and emerging musicians, with exciting performances by multicultural artists and people at the margins.

Brochures are available from information centres in Creswick, Clunes, Daylesford and Trentham or email foursessionsmusicfestival@gmail.com with your name and address.
Clunes Better Health Update
by Ally Parnaby, Health Promotion Coordinator at Hepburn Health

In the later part of 2016 the Physiotherapist at Clunes ran a group to improve participant's strength and balance. Nine people joined the group and found the individualised exercise programs both useful and enjoyable. The feedback was very positive and as a result the group will run again in February this year.

Building strength and balance is a great way for older people to stay fit and strong and in addition assist with reducing the risk of falls. We are all at risk of having a fall but as we age the risk increases.

Do you feel a little wobbly on your feet at times? Do you worry about having a fall?

Maybe you have already had a fall and would like to improve your strength and balance.

For further information please contact Shane Pongho, Physiotherapist on 5345 9750 or Eliz Rhook, Allied Health Coordinator on 5345 9150.

Purchasing Automated External Defibrillators

With a number of newly installed automated external defibrillators (AED) in the Clunes community and maybe more to come, we thought it wise to share the following purchasing considerations from Ambulance Victoria:

*Is the AED approved for use in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)? *What is the warranty length of the AED and battery pack? *What are the ongoing costs of consumables (batteries and pads)? *Is it likely the AED will be used on someone under the age of 8, or under 25kgs? *Does the AED supplier provide complimentary AED familiarisation?

For further information please contact Jessica Smith, Health Promotion Officer on 5345 9172.

Plans for 2017

Having implemented a number of initiatives and programs in 2016, the Clunes Better Health Project expects to continue many of these going forward into 2017 and add a whole lot more! Watch this space as we look to roll out junior cricket, netball and cycling programs, more mental health first aid, hydration and nutrition workshops and activities that promote respectful relationships.

For further information please contact Ally Parnaby, Health Promotion Coordinator at Hepburn Health on 5345 9162.
Hayley and Hugh take out Citizenship Awards

by Michael Cheshire

Hayley Coleman and Hugh Crassweller have taken out the Citizenship Awards for Clunes Primary School for 2016. These awards have been presented to students who have shown exceptional support to their local community and receive a certificate and a cheque for $200 each. The awards are sponsored by the All Nations Masonic Lodge in Clunes together with the Victorian Freemasons Foundation.

“Both Hayley and Hugh have shown leadership at school and been an example to their peers in the work and time they have given to the local Clunes community,” said Gary Elliott, Worshipful Master of the All Nations Lodge in Clunes. “It is wonderful to see these students taking this role of support and caring for their community.”

Clunes Primary School Principal – Sonia Jardine reports:

“As Principal, I worked very closely with both Hayley and Hugh over the year and strongly believe that both were very worthy Student Citizenship Award winners.

Both students went above and beyond to follow and model to their year 5 & 6 peers, their Prep /1 Buddies and to our student, staff and wider school community, the Values of our school.

Hugh was our School Captain. Hugh began the role as a quiet and quite reserved young man and grew into an intuitive and confident student leader as the year progressed. He represented the school at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference, held at the RACV Resort, and was also chosen to be an active participant in the Primary Schools’ Parliamentary Convention held at Parliament House in Melbourne. I met with Hugh as our student leader every week and he and his fellow School Captain and Vice-Captains led all Assemblies, special events and thanked all visitors to the school. He was very well organised and could ‘read my mind’ as to what needed to be done and when. He had the needs of our students always in mind.

Hayley was also a very organised, caring and thoughtful student leader. Hayley worked very closely with our Prep class, almost on a daily basis. She was able to support and guide their development whilst promoting their own independence. Energy Breakthrough is huge at this school and Hayley participated as a ‘Rider’ last year and was selected through the rigorous selection process to ride again this year, however a week before the event broke the growth plate in her foot whilst playing basketball. No longer able to be a ‘rider’ was devastating to her, however resilience and commitment to our other 19 members of the team shone through, and Hayley then led the Administration and emotional support component of the event (in plaster to the knee). A magnificent effort!”

Calling all Painters

Clunes Free Lending Library

by Phil Taig

This lonely, red brick building on the corner of Bailey and Templeton Streets is one of a handful of properties in Clunes that is Heritage listed, and it needs to be preserved with some TLC (Tender Loving Care).

The volunteer management committee of the Clunes Free Lending Library is organising a painting party in the coming weeks to repaint the internal walls of the main hall which have not been painted for decades and are looking decidedly shabby, particularly since the vandal attacks of graffiti last year.

We have the paint, we have the paint brushes, paint rollers and the paint trays - what we don't have are the painters - and we are appealing to residents of Clunes to support us by offering to paint 10 square metres at our paint party.

If you are feeling civic minded and would like to help with this important job please leave your name and contact details at either the Warehouse Reception or with Reg at 5345 3107.
Clunes Farmers’ Market

In for a sweet treat with Grow Eat Love
by Noelene Gration

On Sunday 12 March, the Clunes Farmers’ Market is launching Grow Eat Love, a series of workshops, competitions and talks celebrating fresh, local produce.

“We are so proud of our growing market” Leanne Kamp, Chair of the Clunes Farmers’ Market Committee said. “Grow Eat Love will ensure the market’s longevity and bring new visitors to our town.

“We’ll launch Grow Eat Love with a BBQ cook-off. We’ll have Malcolm Hull as MC and the winner of Zumbo’s Desserts, local Kate Ferguson, the judge.

“We are excited and really appreciate Kate’s offer to join us as a judge. It will be a thrill for everyone.”

Louise Staley MP and Graeme Johnstone, our two high-profile cooks will have their requested ‘secret ingredients’ supplied for their favourite BBQ toppings. They will be ably assisted by local students.

“Grow Eat Love will do wonders for our local farmers’ and stallholders, but more importantly future workshops on topics such as rose pruning, vegetable gardening and chook management will inspire people to live more sustainably.”

Grow Eat Love commences at 11am in Fraser St and promises to be an entertaining and informative session.

Tourello Red Cross - 100 years
by Jane Lesock

The Tourello Red Cross was established in 1917 by May Elizabeth Troup and was supported by families of the district including a junior group comprising of school children.

To help with the war effort, the members knitted socks and balaclavas, baked cakes, and collected linen, badges and food parcels for the soldiers and nurses.

In 1936, local identities, Georgia Schaefer and Reg Kinnersly both joined up and have now both been recognised for their 80 year involvement together with Janet Harrison who has served 70 years. Many other members have contributed 20 or 30 years.

Red Cross Community Engagement and National Heritage Manager, David Fitzroy, said ”Junior Red Cross was hugely popular early to mid last century and gave many people the chance to make a lifelong commitment to helping others” and he commended Georgia, Reg and Janet.

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Small Excavations     Bobcat
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Neighbourly Natter

Lana de Kort, Manager

Our calendar of activities is swinging back into action just as the grounds around us are really beginning to take shape. It's fabulous to think that the ‘To do’ list that emerged out of the community consultation we did as part of the Small Towns Transformation process in 2016 is almost completed. Keep an eye out for the official launch event for the new play space at the Bottle Museum. It’s bound to be great fun.

Clunies Art Trail

What happens when you live in a town that attracts creative people? Your town finds it easy to become part of the 22nd – 24th April Art Trail that’s weaving its way across the shire. The call is still out for established and emerging artists to put their hand up to feature their work during that weekend, while those who appreciate art (rather than necessarily create it!) have locked the date in their diaries already.

Booktown Book Club

Discuss books in ways you’ve never considered before! Join the Booktown Book Club and discover a book club that likes to do things differently.

All you need to do is bring a book—any book—or, if you prefer, join in by listening and laughing along as the group discovers what we didn’t realise we knew about books.

Booktown Book Clubbers meet at the Station 7pm, first Thursday of the month. See you there

March 7th.

Victoria Reeve, Booktown Book Club Coordinator – supported by Clunes Booktown and Clunes Neighbourhood House.

Prams on Parade

PARENTS AND CARERS PRAM WALKING GROUP

WHERE: CLUNES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
70 Bailey St. Plenty of parking there

WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY MORNING
DEPARTING 10.00AM (weather permitting)

WALK TO LEVEL OF ABILITY
For fun, fitness and meeting others (and it’s FREE)

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Ros - 5321 6550
FOR THE KIDS

Clunes Tutoring Program
Every Wednesday
4pm – 6pm (ex.Holidays)  Neighbourhood House

FOR EVERYONE

Clunes Open House Dinners
Every Tuesday
6pm-7.30pm  Town Hall, Supper Room

Yoga
Every Monday & Wednesday
7pm-8pm  The Warehouse

Burlesque
Every Wednesday
7pm – 8.30pm  The Warehouse

Clunes Card Playing Group
Every Thursday
3pm – 5pm  Neighbourhood House

Writers Group
Second Monday of the month, 1pm–3pm  RSL

Men’s Shed
Every Monday & Wednesday
10am–12pm (may close over holiday period. Check fence or CNH noticeboard for details.)  Men’s Shed, 18 Alliance Street

Pottery - NEW TIME!
Every Tuesday
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Anyone interested in popping in to work on their pieces can visit CNH any time we or the Bottle Museum are open  Neighbourhood House

Woodwork for Women
Every Thursday
1pm – 3pm if there is sufficient interest?  Men’s Shed, 18 Alliance Street

Community Garden
Every Wednesday & Friday
10am – 2pm  Community Garden, 18 Alliance Street

New! Clunes Women’s Circle
Join Medyhne and Tess for a 1 hour women’s circle every Thursday night at 7pm, starting 2nd March 2017 at Clunes Railway Station. The circle is a safe, secure place to explore well being techniques, meditation, stress relief, supporting each other and much more.

Small Engines - Is it time to get your motor running?

We are taking expressions of interest for a Small Engines workshop on Wednesdays, 2pm til 4pm for $10 a session. If it’s time to get your motor running give us a call on 5345 4078 and register your interest for this class run by Peter Rice.

Youth-led: 2017 Program of Activities

The kids (or should I say young people) have got their heads together and started planning and rolling out their program of activities for this year.

The kids meet each Monday between 4pm – 6pm at the ‘Lunchroom’ at CNH. They use the first half of the session to talk shop, with a sub-group of avid bike riders plotting out a weekend trip to nearby BMX tracks to test out their trail riding abilities.

Those teenagers who are more musically inclined wrap up quickly, so they can spend an hour between 5pm – 6pm with the talented John Tozer. John is helping the group explore and find expression through different forms of music. Last year the kids produced a CD, it will be interesting to see this year, where the kids interests take them.

NEW! Anybody, Anywhere, Anytime Mindfulness

Meditation and mindfulness made simple, easy and enjoyable. Relax, sleep better and discover calm and clarity within yourself. This short course includes practices for reducing stress and anxiety, settling an overactive or overwhelmed mind, and finding a sense of peace, whenever and wherever you are.

Where: Clunes Neighbourhood House

When: Monday 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April and 10th April.

Time: 9.30am

Cost: $8 per session or $30 block
The Playground is Emerging!

The grounds of the Bottle Museum are really beginning to take shape! The work has been a collaboration between Hepburn Shire, the Lee Medlyn Home of Bottles and the many wonderful (and capable!) volunteers at Clunes Neighbourhood House. The idea was to develop a playground option that combined the existing structure (suitable for younger children), with a few other options suitable for older kids, teenagers and the odd Neighbourhood House volunteer looking for a bit of excitement lol!

Work is still being undertaken finalising the surrounding fences, bike tracks and landscaping but it’s great to see the current ‘hero’ of the play scape all good to go.

Why do I say current ‘hero’? Watch this space. Something extraordinary is about to happen!

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YOGA IN CLUNES

Monday & Wednesday 7pm
The Warehouse - Fraser St
$16 casual / $60 monthly / $120 for ten
Mats available/ BYO
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Classes supported by Clunes Neighbourhood House
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About Clunes Neighbourhood House
Ph: 5345 4078
Open: Monday-Friday 9am - 3pm
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(Lee Medlyn Home of Bottles)

Anyone over 50 years old gets free internet access at Clunes Neighbourhood House via the Broadband for Seniors initiative.

Come in anytime, we’ll help get you started.

Clunes Neighbourhood House Inc. acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.
Clunes Cannon
by The Clunes Museum

Cannons have a long and illustrious history which began shortly after the Chinese invented gunpowder more than 1000 years ago. European wars were fought with bows and arrows, yet at the same time Chinese armies employed cannons.

The earliest cannons were little more than cast pipes made from bronze or brass that had a uniform smooth bore and fired a spherical ball projectile. Very few of these early cannons exist today since efforts to increase their range by adding more and more gunpowder led to bursting of the cannon wall.

As the use of cannons in warfare spread from Asia to Europe over the next 700 years the only major improvement in cannon design was to increase the wall strength by switching materials to cast iron. This change permitted a higher charge of gunpowder to be used, giving the cast iron cannon a much greater range than a cannon of the same size made from bronze.

Cannonballs were spherical and made to a standard weight, which related to a standard bore diameter. Typically, the weight of the gunpowder charge was one third of the projectile weight, so the Clunes cannon, which has a 32lb (14.5kg) cast iron ball projectile, would be loaded with an 11lb (5kg) load of gunpowder.

All cannons were heavy, and although smaller cannons could be mounted on horse-drawn carriages and moved about, this was impractical for larger cannons, which were mounted in fixed locations such as a fortress wall or on the gun deck of a sailing ship.

When the Colony of Port Phillip District became the independent State of Victoria there was a need for defence from potential international aggressors. The State of Victoria purchased a warship in 1867, the HMS Nelson, which had been launched in 1814. By 1898, the cannons the ‘Man o’ War’ sailing ships fired became obsolete. The government of the day offered these muzzle loading cannons to country towns free of charge except for transport. Preference was given to regional towns not already defended by forts.

Two were secured by the township of Clunes and for several decades were positioned on the heights above the current sports oval. Every New Year’s Eve, one of the cannons was given a blank charge, (gunpowder but no cannonball) and was fired at the stroke of midnight to announce the start of a new year.

At 11am Paris-time on the 11th of November, 1918 The Great War ended. There were wild celebrations in Clunes with singing and dancing in the streets, liquor flowing freely, together with regular firing of the two cannons on the hillside. In charge of the Artillery was Mr Bill Davies who had overly indulged in refreshments, and as a result lost count of which cannon had been loaded with gunpowder. This resulted in one of the cannons being loaded twice and on detonation, the cannon shattered into pieces. One piece landed in front of the Clunes Town Hall, while other chunks fell on residents properties.

Fortunately no one was killed, but a young boy sustained a lacerated leg and was taken to Clunes Hospital where the local doctor attended to his wound. The medical treatment was carried out at no cost, however a bill was submitted to the boy’s parents for transport to the hospital. The bill was returned unpaid with a note that it should be paid by the Council. The council returned the bill with a request that it should be forwarded to Mr Bill Davies, the man who detonated the cannon. Mr Davies returned the bill as he could not recall who fired the cannon, and insisted it could have been fired by anyone in the crowd. It seems the bill was never paid.

Many townspeople have been curious as to the location of the surviving Clunes cannon. It is has been to Geelong Maritime Museum, but is now currently on loan to ‘Seaworks’ at Williamstown Dock under cover, on display in front of reception. It is anticipated that our cannon will return to Clunes once suitable shelter can be built for it.

There will be more about the Clunes cannon under fire in the next issue of this newsletter.

Addendum A recent communication from Marine History researcher, Mr Keith Quentin, has indicated that the Clunes Cannon may have come from HMS Victoria, not HMS Nelson as first thought. It is expected his research will be finalised later this year and will positively establish the source of the Clunes Cannon.

Notes from the Past

Articles from the Clunes Guardian and Gazette - March 1897 - the Clunes Museum

The use of Electric Bells in houses has almost entirely taken the place of that of the ordinary bell with cranks and wire. The latter were a frequent source of annoyance and expense through the wires breaking. The Electric Bell, on the other hand, if properly fixed, is easily kept in order. Again, burglar alarms may be fixed on the doors and windows, so that of any are opened the Electric Bell will ring to alarm the household. Burglars have been again and again disturbed and caught in this way.
Car Rally to Clunes
by James Hardy

As part of the Chillout (GBLT) Festival this year I’m organising a very relaxed version of a car rally to Clunes.

Our aim is to encourage people to discover and explore our fantastic little town perhaps for the first time or rediscover it anew.

It’s not really a car rally but more an animated romp through the countryside lead by the gorgeous and very talented Kaye Sera, whom I have managed to drag out of retirement. Drag being the operative word.

The route is designed to show off the very best of our gorgeous countryside, local businesses and attractions. It will culminate with a garden party and high tea up at our vacation rental, The Lodge at Clunes, where Kaye will serenade people with a Cabernet show over scones and clotted cream.

I’m opening up the drive and the show to residents of Clunes. However as numbers are tight, please RSVP on our Facebook event page which can be found via a link on The Lodge @ Clunes page.

We will be assembling at 9:30 in Daylesford for those that want to do the drive. And the show will start at 3pm for about 45 minutes.

I’m keen to get a few more hands to help on the day and some chairs I can ideally loan. Please contact James Hardy on sirjamedhardy@me.com or 0430 200 535.

Made possible with the support of Mt Beckworth Wines, Jo and Ange from AAG Property Consultants, Clunes Neighbourhood House and Tash from PRD Realty.

Tree Works at the Clunes Caravan Park
by Maria Abate, Communications Officer, Hepburn Shire Council

The Parks and Open Space team have undertaken a detailed Tree Assessment Report at the Clunes Caravan Park in addition to a number of other sites across the shire. The Tree Assessment Report has identified 22 trees for removal and a further 2 requiring major dead wooding in order to address immediate risks. Council is currently working with key stakeholders to discuss the proposed works and the reason the works are necessary. Works are expected to commence in the week beginning 27 March 2017 and more importantly our plan for replanting this area will be scheduled during winter. A map showing tree locations and the Tree Assessment is available on our website at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au.

For further information call Mitchell Hogg, Parks and Open Space Coordinator on 5321 6138.

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CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS
Tickets on sale NOW

by Tim Nolan, Chair of Creative Clunes

Tickets for this year’s festival are on sale now via the website: clunesbooktown.com.au.

Entry to the Festival is free for 3370 residents and kids, $10 for adults and $5 for secondary school students (12-18). Author talks are also ticketed this year at $10 and $5.

Why? Well, I’m really looking forward to a few things at this year’s Festival: A S Patric, whose award-winning Black Rock White City was my best of 2016; balloon rides taking off from the Showgrounds; old favourites like the French Waiter and local superstars Asking For Trouble back after a season at the Adelaide Fringe; the scrabble tournament in the Bluestone, alongside antiquarian booksellers, book art and artifacts from the State Library; Kate Grenville talking about The Case Against Fragrance; Hannah Kent talking The Good People; Tim Fischer on Monash; Libby Angel’s The Trapeze Act and Annie Raser-Rowland’s The Art of Frugal Hedonism.

But the things I’m MOST proud of are the programs at this year’s Festival for VCE students and emerging writers. These programs offer rare opportunities for regional students and creators to access people and opportunities that might make a huge difference to the outcomes. People like Hannah Kent, whose book is on this year’s VCE reading list. Pushing this program across the region with our partners at Fed Uni, Express Media, Writer’s Victoria, The Wheeler Centre and VATE will be, over the next few years, an enormous gift to our region. Asking visitors to the town to fund that work by buying tickets that are still amazing value is, to me, without doubt, a good decision.

We also need volunteers to make this all happen. We have plenty of roles during the Festival weekend: helping book traders, welcoming visitors, managing venues and more.

If you would like to be part of this rewarding experience, we would be grateful for your help.

To register head to the Mt Beckworth Wines shop on Fraser St (Fri-Sun), or to the Festival office at the Railway Station (Mon to Fri 10am-4pm).

Booktown on Sunday - March

Cath Crowley - Words in Deep Blue

Booktown on Sunday author talks continue after an incredible turn out for Jane Harper last month. On Sunday 19 March Ballarat-based award-winning author Cath Crowley joins us.

Cath’s latest novel, Words in Deep Blue, is a love story about books. It’s about a second hand bookshop where readers write letters to strangers, to lovers, to poets, to words. It’s also a love story of best friends Henry Jones and Rachel Sweetie.

Words in Deep Blue is filled with excerpts, notes, thoughts, letters and love and is “a sweeping story about self-discovery and growing up, filled with complicated and flawed characters... this is a love letter to books and bookshops, to the ocean, to falling in love and finding your way.” (Bookseller+Publisher).

The new novel from the award-winning author of Graffiti Moon, Words in Deep Blue has been short-listed for the Indie Book Awards Young Adult 2017.
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Clunes Football Netball Club

Success breeds success & I’m part of it in 2017  
by Dave Dorizzi

You don’t have to don the gear to be part of the CFNC – just come on down and support us - everyone is welcome!

Senior grades have started training already and look set to give us an exciting season starting in April.

To become a member or for general information about the club’s activities please give one of us a call:

President: Christine Hill 0420 780 588
Netball: Kath Milne 0448 453 665
Football: Chris McLennan 0417 303 566

Clunes Field and Game Branch

Shooting Event

by Lynne Jones

Clunes FGA hosted another well attended event with 102 shooters competing in the February 75 target handicap event.

Preparations for the club’s 2 Day 11th and 12th March event is well underway and is looking to be a big weekend with lots of interest being shown by shooters who will travel to Clunes for a top weekend target shooting.

Results:

High Gun: A Leech 64/75 OTG;
AA: J Baird 63, S Wallace 60, K Kivinen 60;
A: A Bigham 64, P Woodward 64, P Wood 62;
B: J McLennan 65, R Cook 64, P Gatt 62;
C: J Bigham 69, C Payne 66, G Gillett 66;
Vets: E Jones 61, M Rodda 55, W Coad 55;
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CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY GROUPS

All Nations Masonic Lodge Every first Tuesday except January. New members most welcome. Contact Secretary: Martin Jones, 0418 103 722 or martin.jones2@bigpond.com.

Anglican Church St Paul’s, Templeton St. Worship- Eucharist for all ages 11am on 1st & 3rd Sundays, followed by bring & share lunch. All welcome. Enq: Father Ryan Bennett 0422 864 108 or email bennett@7mail.com for baptisms, weddings & funerals.

Booktown Book Club A book club like no other. We discuss anything bookish & book-related, any genre of writing: whatever your interest, come to book club and discover what moves you. Meets at the Clunes Station 7pm the 1st Thurs of the month.


Clunes & District Young Farmers Meetings every 2nd Tues 7.30pm at the Young Farmers club rooms at the show grounds. A friendly, social environment for anyone aged 16-30. Contact Jenny 0400 613 153.

Clunes Angling Club All welcome. Meet on the first Monday each month 7.30pm, old SMB building behind Clunes Mechanical Repairs.

Clunes Artists’ Group Meet 2nd Sat of month 11.30am at Bottle Museum. Mingle, discuss art and promote artistic opportunities in Clunes and region. Enq: Jo Rye (Secretary) 0434 866 725 or Lorna Fitzpatrick 0403 555 063.

Clunes Badminton Club Inc For further info ph Billie Drife 5343 4233. Competition runs at the Clunes Sporting Complex, 7.30pm. All levels and ages from secondary school to veterans welcome.

Clunes Bowling Club: Enquiries Mark Vorbach 0421422895. Email clunesbowlingclub@outlook.com.

Clunes Book Club Enquiries Roma ph: 5345 4037. Book club meets 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the RSL.

Clunes Card Playing Group Every Thurs at Neighbourhood House from 3pm. Games usually Bridge or 500. Cost $2 per session. New players welcome. Enq: Beat - 5345 3749 or Deidre - 0425 707 972 (for Bridge).

Clunes Community Garden Alliance St. Open 10am Mon & Wed. Contact Clunes Neighbourhood House 5345 4078 or Stephen Arrowsmith 0429 709 720.

Clunes Country Women’s Association Welcomes women and girls of all ages. Meets 3rd Wed of month at 10am followed by crafting. Come along for a cuppa and share skills. Enq: Anastasia Jones on 5345 3969 or 0411 840 210.

Clunes Field & Game Enquiries to Eric 5345 3571.


Clunes Golf Club Inc Ph: 5345 3499. Contact Kevin Steart 5345 3127 or Laurie Lees 5345 3034. Course: 18 holes, sandscapes, par 70, all year round play. Non members $5 green fees for 18 holes. Under 16 free! Wednesday is 50+ (younger players welcome).

Clunes Landcare and Waterways group. Meets 4th Thurs of month at the Angling Club. Contact Chris O’Donnell 0408 034 017 for more info.

Clunes Library at The Warehouse-Clunes, 36 Fraser St (next to Collins Place). Open Mon & Thur 10am-6pm, Wed & Fri 10am-4pm. Sat & Sun 10am-2pm Closed Tue. Ph: 5345 3359.

Clunes Men’s Shed Open from 10am Monday & Wednesday at the Community Gardens, 18 Alliance St. A safe and friendly space for men to meet in a workshop setting. Enq: Vaughan 0419 430 250.

Clunes Museum Seeking volunteers to help catalogue the Collection in the Museum Workshop from 10am each Thursday. Committee meetings every 2nd Thursday 10am in the Ulumbarra Gallery at the Warehouse. Ph. 5345 3592.

Clunes Neighbourhood House Inc Bottle Museum 70 Bailey St. Ph: 5345 4078 Email: admin@cluneshn.org. Open 9am to 3pm, Tue to Fri. Internet & printing. Free internet to over 55s. Gallery available for hire for meetings and events.

Clunes Playgroup Meets Clunes Health Centre Wed 10am-12pm term time (except 3rd Wed of month - Clunes Library 10.30am storytime). For parents/caregivers & pre-schoolers to enjoy each others’ company. Enq. Catherine Rhodes 0431 908 212.

Clunes Pre-School 109 Fraser St. Enqs 53453228 or clunes.district.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au.

Clunes Probus Club Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Clunes Town Hall at 9.45am. Visitors most welcome. For information contact Barb Webb on ph 5345 3865 or Barbara Fyfe ph 5345 3579.

Clunes RSL Sausage Sizzle and Devonshire Teas held on the second Sunday of the month at the RSL, 30 Fraser St, from 10am to 2pm.

Clunes Senior Citizens Club Inc Further information from the Secretary, Eileen Bradsworth on 5345 4097.

Clunes Tourist & Development Association 7.30pm 3rd Monday every even month at The Warehouse. Everyone welcome from community & business. Enq: Michael Cheshire 0418 500 680 or jp33@bigpond.com.

Clunes Writers’ Group meets second Monday of each month except public holidays 1.00-3.00pm at RSL, 30 Fraser St. Please use the side entrance. All welcome. Contact Rhonda 0428 766 227

Creative Clunes Inc. Organisers of the annual Clunes Booktown festival and monthly Booktown on Sunday author talks. Volunteers always welcome. Enqs 5345 3947 or at the Railway Station, Service St.

Lee Medlyn Home of Bottles Management Committee Meets at the Bottle Museum, 70 Bailey Street Clunes on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am. Visitors welcome.

Monday Night Netball Clunes Every Monday evening during school terms. 2 seasons per year. Enq Lana 0427 781 080 or Liz 0429 453 808.

Tourello Red Cross Meets 1st Thur of month, 2pm at the RSL, Fraser St. One of the oldest Red Cross branches. All welcome to join this wonderful organisation and support your community membership.

Yoga Classes Clunes Warehouse every Monday and Wednesday 7pm All levels welcome anytime. Enq Lily 0459 138 797, or lilymason75@gmail.com. www.lilymasonyoga.com.

Free listing (up to 3 lines) for Clunes social and sporting groups. Items may be edited for space reasons. Information is supplied by community groups and published in good faith. Community groups can purchase additional display ads for half normal price.