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By Linda Newitt

Free tickets are now available for our very special Mt Beckworth 'Lollipop Tree' Centenary event on Sunday 22 April. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate the planting of this iconic tree and its unique history. Mt Bolton-Beckworth Landcare Group is delighted to bring you this event in association with the Clunes Tourism & Development Association. The event has also been made possible with thanks to the generous support of the Hepburn Shire Council and the assistance of Parks Victoria.

To help make this event enjoyable for all we ask everyone planning to attend - to walk to the tree in the morning or join in at lunchtime for the community celebrations - to register for their free ticket by Wednesday 11 April. All walkers must present a Registered Walker ticket. This is an alcohol-free family event. We also ask that you leave your pets at home. The starting point for the walks and main event site is 'Phillip's Paddock', Mt Beckworth Road (an extension of Coutts Road) Mt Beckworth.

The community celebration will include music by local R&B band the Mercurys, the reading of an original poem by Bob McKinnon commissioned for the centenary and history displays. Come and share your special memories of the tree.

This is an alcohol-free family event. We also ask that you leave your pets at home. Walks to the tree will start from 9am. Last walkers to set out 10.15am. Brief ceremony on the mount commences 11am with all returning to the main event site by 12.30pm for the lunchtime celebrations. Commemorative certificate for all registered walkers. Limited transport available by pre-arrangement for people unable to walk (courtesy of Ballarat & District Four Wheel Drive Club) - pre-booking is essential: call Billie Drife on 0429 434233 or Ken Campbell on Ph. 5343 5378. Billie would also like to hear from anyone with history to share about the tree. A BBQ lunch can be purchased on site in support of the Clunes Primary School - coffee stall also available on site. Tickets are limited. To register go to <https://lollipop100.eventbrite.com.au/> by 11 April.

By Steve Hunter, President

What an end to the year of 2017 with the Christmas in Clunes event lighting up our streets along with the Christmas markets, Street Parade and Christmas Carols. A spectacular way to unite our village for every age group and visitor. Australia Day Celebrations, the recent Farmers' Market, Clunes Makers Market and Keebles Summer Fair collectively attracted in excess of 3,500 visitors with people travelling from across not only the region but across the state. Kudos to all those involved in the planning and delivery of all our events. Majority of the teams behind these events and activities are volunteers who often work quietly behind the scenes. Often these volunteers go under the radar and deliver their part of the project without being seen. To everyone who has helped deliver such spectacular activities for our town, THANK YOU!!

Congratulations to Georgia Drewer and Peter Hanrahan for being named Hepburn Shire Citizens of the Year. The Awards were presented at the Australia Day Civic Reception at the Daylesford Town Hall. Clunes has a strong history with these awards and it is a testament to the commitment shown by both Georgia and Peter that we have been able to continue the winning streak.

For those who have not made a visit to the Newsagency for a while, Ken and Marg have now retired and we now welcome Cyn & Craig Drewer the new proprietors. The newsagency has long been a central and essential service for the town. It is a meeting point, our bank, and our go to for visitors who only know the first name of the fella that lives on the dirt road who they meet 20 years ago. Big shoes to fill for Cyn and Craig but ones they have very easily slipped into. We wish both families all the best for the future.

Bendigo Bank has long been supporters of the town with exceptionally generous funding grants being made available to support projects within our village. Craig and Cyn will continue to offer the Bendigo Bank services. If you are looking for a local banking solution Cyn and Craig will be more than happy to help set up an appropriate account for your needs.

We are updating 2018 info on our website www.clunes.org. If you know of any Events coming up, please email details to clunesctda@gmail.com or pop in and see Jane at Mount Beckworth Wines who will be happy to take them.

On a more serious note - have you spotted our local river residents? There is a family of platypus that are often seen in the creek along Queens Park and the football club. If you have yet to see them it is well worth spending some time down there to keep an eye out for them!!

Friends of Queens Park

By Christine Lethlean

Many will have noticed increased activity in Queens Park of late. The grassed area is greener, the fountain is cleaner, the aged Douglas Fir has been removed, the creek bank has been cleared and with the recent inaugural Clunes Makers Market Summer Fair you may be wondering why.

There has been a renewed interest in this lovely historic precinct to revitalise the activity and use of Queens Park and the Pinetum. A well-attended public meeting was held on February 10th to discuss and share ideas on how to proceed. The Hepburn Shire is in support of a local initiative so it has been agreed to form a group called 'Friends of the Park'. Expressions of interest are open and we are seeking anyone who can contribute time and effort to inject some daily care e.g. raking, mulching, sweeping etc. through to skills and expertise to develop a business plan regarding the future development of the precinct. A small advisory group is being formed and will be led by June Johnstone. This group aims to bring 'forward thinking' mind together, draw on the expertise within the Hepburn Shire and others who have been involved in park management, including the local Landcare and Waterways Group and the Clunes Tourism and Development Association (CTDA) to develop a business plan for the future. This investment includes maintaining a focus on the heritage of Queens Park and the Pinetum, whilst undertaking the development of a beautification program and infrastructure investment plan.

For further information please visit Queens Park on Monday/Tuesday mornings for a chat, 8:00am-12:00noon, call or text Christine at 0438 966 855 and look out for notifications on the Clunes Online Noticeboard on Facebook.

CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

Produced by the Clunes Tourist and
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Submissions (incl photograph) welcome, preferably sent electronically to the email address above. Priority given to news items and are subject to available space. Name of group or individual will be printed with all items submitted.

News items, notices of meetings, results-up to 3 lines will be listed free-of-charge for Clunes social and sporting clubs on the COMMUNITY GROUPS page (space permitting).

Display ads are available to community groups at half commercial rates.

All material to reach the CTDA by the **10th day of the month**.

Note: articles, photographs and ads are not to exceed 2mb in size. Hardcopy items can be left at the Clunes Newsagency, Fraser St.

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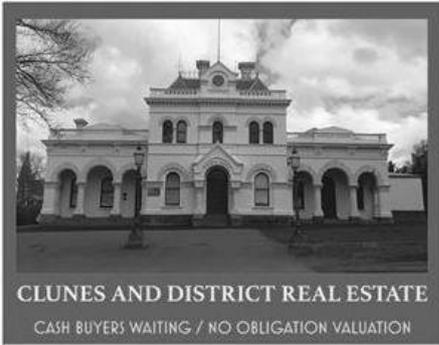


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The Committee would like to pass on their best wishes to Ken & Marg Gibson for the future and for the support they have given to the Farmers' Market, especially through the very kind donation of power for Market Stallholders which was greatly appreciated. Also thank you to everyone that came to the February Market which included our very first wood raffle which was generously donated by Steve Hunter from Quigley & Clarke and Tim Hayes from Widow Twankey's for drawing the lucky winners ticket which was Lorraine Kent from Creswick with ticket No 54.



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Ken & Marg Gibson

By Kath Milne



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Ken and Marg Gibson arrived in Clunes to run the Clunes Newsagency twenty-four and half years ago! Their official start date was 4th July 1993 and they have never looked back.

Marg and Ken and their three children, Emma, Mark and Andrew were soon embraced by the townsfolk and they have been dearly loved by so many – their warm and welcoming nature, caring of others, like salt and pepper in everything and made others new to the town welcome in

no time. Their work ethic was inspiring, their positive approach infectious with never a mean word to say about anyone and always looking at how they could be involved and help make Clunes a good place to live. The CTDA, the Clunes Football Netball Club, Clunes Cricket Club and the local Catholic church, to name a few, were all groups that benefitted greatly by their presence.

Their hospitality is second to none and we wish them all the very best for the next chapter in their lives. 5am alarms and working six days a week can be a thing of the past- we know that they will not be idle and really hope that the best is yet to come. Ken and Marg Gibson – two champion people and we say thank you for ALL you have done in your time as the local newsagent.

Clunes Garden Club

By Maryanne Laws

On Monday 5th February the Clunes Garden Club held its AGM, elected its committee members and planned our activities for the coming year.

2018 promises to be varied and interesting for our members and visitors. Our first outing this year is to the garden of Greg Lyons near Creswick on Monday 5th March. Greg has created a dry climate garden modelled on the dry climate garden at Lambley Nursery, but with his own signature, which should be a great experience. Clunes Garden Club cordially invites any interested persons to accompany us. You do not have to be an expert (most of us are definitely not!). Perhaps you simply enjoy seeing great gardens or wandering through nurseries. Of course we would love you to join our Club but come along as a visitor for some great company and gardens.

For further information or if you would like to join us please contact either Maryanne on 0425 232 442 or Jill on 0438 640 431.

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Clunes Primary School's Lexi and Kaleb Set a High Standard

By Michael Cheshire



Peter Billing, Worshipful Master of the All Nations Lodge, presents a cheque and certificate to Lexi Vagg (left), recipient of the Annual Citizenship Award for a female student and Kaleb Webb (right), recipient of the Annual Citizenship Award for a male student. Photo supplied

Lexi Vagg and Kaleb Webb have taken out the Citizenship Awards for Clunes Primary School for 2017. These awards have been presented to the 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 Lexi and Kaleb 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 Peter Billing, 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."

Lexi and Kaleb have set a standard for their fellow classmates and this will provide a goal which younger students will aspire to.

Congratulations go to both Lexi and Kaleb.

March Author Unlocks Memory

By Lily Mason



Lynne Kelly - The Memory Code
Sunday 18 March 2pm at The Warehouse - Clunes

Our next author talk here in Clunes is bound to intrigue all. Dr Lynne Kelly is a science writer and an Honorary Research Associate at La Trobe University. She is visiting Clunes to share with us the traditional Aboriginal memory technique that unlocks the secrets of Stonehenge, Easter Island and ancient monuments the world over and will show us how we can use this ancient technique to train our memories today.

Dr Kelly will be holding a free talk at The Warehouse - Clunes from 2-3pm, followed by a workshop where you'll delve deeper into creating your own memory board. If you're interested, please drop us a line at visitus@clunesbooktown.com.au or call 5345 3947 and we hope to have more info by the time this paper hits your mailbox.

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You are cordially invited to view the building and surrounding reserve at your leisure

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Thursdays - Preschool Story Time - 10:30am, 2-5 years

Activities

Friday 9th - Rainbow Day - all day

Saturday 17th - 'All things Irish' - St Patrick's Day - all day

Days for your Diary

8th - 12th - Chillout Festival, Daylesford

Monday 12th - Labour Day

Saturday 17th - St Patrick's Day

Sunday 25th - Family Fun Day

Exhibitions

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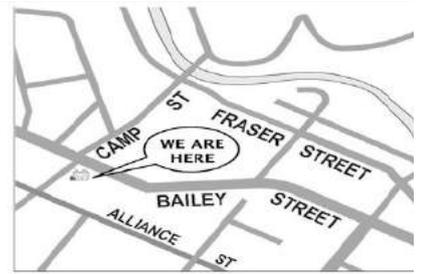
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Neighbourly Natter

By Lana de Kort

Now most of the hot weather is behind us it is time to start on the refit of the containers that will become the Community Bank Art Factory at 70 Bailey Street. You may remember that this project was funded late last year by the Creswick & District Community Bank and represents one of the largest donations they have ever made to a project in Clunes? This was made possible because of the many local people and businesses who bank with the Creswick & District Community Bank; so we often pinch ourselves for being so fortunate.

The plan is to transform the two larger containers into working studio spaces that will be available for rent or short-term hire – as well as use by activities at Clunes Neighbourhood House. The smaller container will be used as permanent storage.

Over the coming weeks you will start to see the containers transform. It is literally going to be a case of watch this space!

FAMILY FUN DAY—Sunday, 25th March 2018, 10am til 2pm at the Football Oval

Looking for a fun day out with all the family that doesn't cost a fortune? Why not come along to the Clunes Family Fun Day on Sunday, 25th March at the Clunes Football and Netball Club? Join in the free activities for kids and adults alike including:

- Live music
- Portrait Drawing
- Circus performances from the Clunes Ensemble as well as Parker's Animal Circus
- Information stalls
- Games
- Boom gel painting

Buy lunch at the food stalls or the 'gold coin' sausage sizzle. Explore the hydration station from Central Highlands Water, or keep your eye out for the Smoothie Bike.



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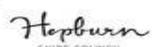
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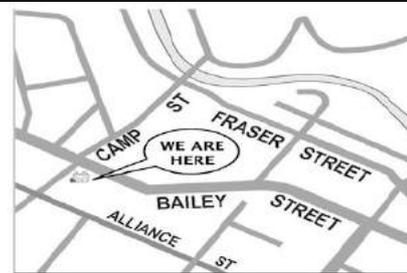


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OPEN HOUSE DINNERS - Every Tuesday, 6pm-7:30pm

Have you been to an Open House Dinner yet? Originally the brainchild of local resident Tess Ambrose, the dinners were designed to provide low cost, fresh food meals for the whole community. More importantly, they were an opportunity to bring people together around a table – a chance to pause during a busy week and get to know neighbours. Now three years on, these dinners are a fantastic example of how an idea can be turned into a viable and sustainable program for a whole town.

Meals are \$6 per adult, and \$3 per child. You get a main meal (including a vegetarian option) and dessert. There is no need to book, but it's best to get in early so you don't miss out. Meals are different each week and you can follow Clunes Neighbourhood House on Facebook, or follow the Clunes Online Noticeboard to find out what is on beforehand – or just turn up and be surprised.

If you haven't been to an Open House Dinner yet, why not come along soon? Say "Hi" to the all volunteer team including Kate, Stephen, Tania, Ann, Don, Cliff and Fiona.

CRAFTERNOON - NEW!

Are you at home with the kids and would love an excuse to get out? Are you someone who just likes craft? Then this new group is ideal for you.

Starting Monday 26th February, Crafternoon continues on the 4th Monday of every month. Why not join us for **12 noon - 3pm at the Clunes Neighbourhood House Lunch Room**. No need to book, just join us on the day.

Make them to take home, or make them to help us fundraise!

BOOK DECO CLASSES

Start Date: Monday 5th March 2018, 10am - 12pm @ The Clunes Neighbourhood House, 70 Bailey St. Clunes. \$5 fee for materials if taking home. No Fee applicable if you're making for the fundraiser.

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2018 CALENDAR OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES

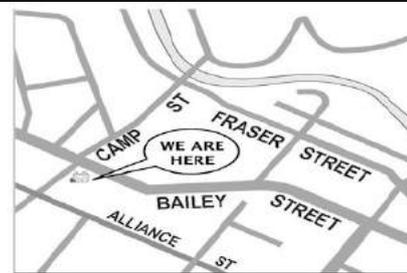
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Y3370 Every Monday, 4.30pm – 6pm Ages 12 – 17 years. No cost applies. Excluding School holidays	Neighbourhood House
Clunes Tutoring Program Every Wednesday, 3-4pm & 4-5pm sessions (ex.Holidays)	Neighbourhood House
Clunes Board Games Every Thursday, 5-7pm No need to book - just turn up and say hi to Emma. Suitable for 12 years +	Neighbourhood House
FOR EVERYONE	
Clunes Open House Dinners Every Tuesday, 6pm – 7.30pm	Town Hall Supper Rm
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Craft-ternoon NEW! Fourth Monday of every month	In the Lunchroom Neighbourhood House
Yoga Various sessions each week - see advert	Warehouse
Writers Group Second Monday of the month, 1pm - 3pm	RSL
Men's Shed Every Monday and Wednesday, 10am - 12 noon	Men's Shed 18 Alliance Street



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COFFEE SHACK PROJECT

Written by Taya Maniatopoulos

For as long as I can remember, the scoreboard at the football oval has rarely ever been used. The room underneath the scoreboard has been a storage space for the drinks, and over time seemed to fall into a slightly dilapidated state. I never gave it much thought, until late last year, David Dorizzi came up with the idea of transforming that room into the Clunes Coffee Shack. .

The idea was that the Clunes Coffee Shack would be a place where the Clunes Football and Netball Club could sell coffee during home games. It could be a fundraiser for the club, but at the same time, it could be something much more for local kids (in particular). It could be a training ground for those of us who want to get hospitality skills and experience. If you go past, you can see that David's vision for the coffee shack is slowly coming to fruition. Later this month, thanks to the support of Hepburn Health, the Australian Drug Foundation and Clunes Neighbourhood House people wanting to become involved in the Coffee Shack project; and the CFNC catering team will get a chance to be a part of three different hospitality courses that will be run at the club. These courses will be free, in exchange for people doing a minimum of 2 catering shifts during the home games of the upcoming football season.

Hospitality training can be a great way of getting experience on your resume, and some practical experience that might lead to a job. Doing shifts on the catering team (in the Coffee Shack or other areas of the club) can help you meet people. When David first told me about the Coffee Shack it seemed hard to envision that the old scoreboard storage shed could be transformed so quickly, and now courses so we can get trained and open the doors are about to happen!

If you are thinking of being a part of the training, call Clunes Neighbourhood House on 5345 4078. I'm planning on booking into the sessions, so perhaps I'll see you there?



CLUNES COFFEE SHACK NEW INITIATIVE FOR 2018



Free Hospitality Training

Looking for a career in hospitality? Keen to get some useful skills on your resume? Here is your chance to be a part of the new Coffee Shack initiative at the Clunes Football and Netball Club. Take part in free Hospitality training - and in return, become a part of the CFNC Catering team (working a minimum of 2 catering shifts during the 2018 season).

Courses: Barista, Level 1 - Sunday, 4th March @ 1pm - 5pm, CFNC
Safe Food Handlers Course, Level 1 - Sunday, 18th March @ 1pm - 5pm, CFNC
Responsible Service of Alcohol - Sunday, 15th April @ 1pm - 5pm, CFNC

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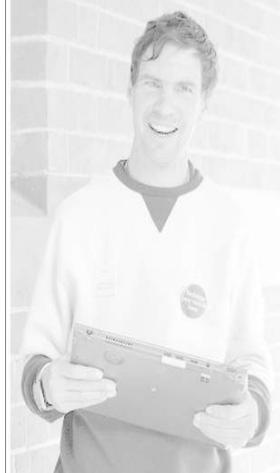
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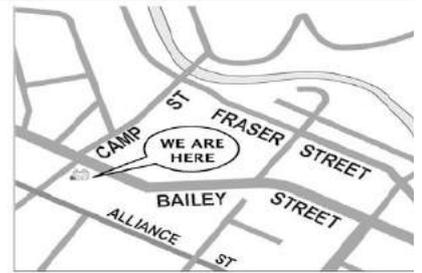
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Clunes Former Free Lending Library (CFFLL)

By Phil Taig

Clunes Free Library Open Day 24th March 2018, 10 am to 2 pm Corner Bailey & Templeton Streets



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This classic building in Templeton Street was constructed in 1882 by a vibrant committee that originated under the name 'Mechanic's Institute' but changed its name in 1874 to 'Free Lending Library' to take advantage of changes in government funding policy. Time and weather have taken their toll, and

repairs have been carried out to rectify a leaking roof, leaking spouting and missing drainpipes. Water run-off from the adjacent park has now been controlled to prevent it running under the building. Last year, volunteers painted the interior of the Clunes Free Library, (CFL) while the CFL committee has cleaned up the grounds surrounding the building, cut the grass, removed both a dilapidated barbed wire fence and fallen branches from the spiky Gleditsia trees. The CFL Landlord, the State Department of the Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) has funded the removal of a dozen trees on the adjacent reserve that were leaning dangerously.

Until it is refurbished, the CFL cannot generate income and maintenance work is costly. Thankfully, Heritage Victoria provided funds for weather proofing, and Federation University and Creative Clunes are currently negotiating with the Hugh Williamson Foundation for a grant to cover the cost of establishing CFL current and future needs, which will include among other things the repair of internal damage and providing disabled access. Remembering that the Clunes Free Lending Library was once a dynamic centre of learning, the CFL committee has a goal to restore the building, and upgrade it to contemporary standards for the continued benefit of the Clunes Community.

Please come along on Saturday 24th March to inspect the Clunes Free Library, enjoy free Tea, Coffee & Scones and reflect on the future of your heritage listed, iconic community building.

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Clunes Crime Wrap Up for December, January and up to 19th February

By Athol (Chaff's) Chaffey

December 2017

- Offender charged re Aggravated Burglary and make threats to kill in relation to a Family Violence matter. Male bailed to Ballarat Magistrate Court in April.
- Burglary at Bowls Club, tools stolen.
- Attempted Aggravated Burglary on a residential home, in that the occupant was at home during the attempted burglary.
- Attempted Burglary on a residential home in Templeton Street.
- Criminal Damage to a car parked in Canterbury Street.

January 2018

- Criminal Damage to the bowling green at Bowls Club.
- Phone Scam on a Clunes business – please be very wary of giving your details or remote access to your computer to ANYONE
- Theft of building equipment from a house under renovation in Leslie Street.
- Offender processed re theft of money in relation to a unauthorised transaction from a bank account.
- Theft of gardening equipment from a rural house.
- Offender processed re Criminal Damage to a motor vehicle on NYE.

February 2018

- Burglary at the IGA – alcohol stolen.
- Burglary at a vacant home.
- Fire at the Old Dairy in Station Flat Road.
- Offender processed re Assault – awaiting court results. Offender processed re Breach Intervention Orders – again awaiting court results.
- 3 x Offenders processed re theft of car and horse trailer, awaiting court results
- Offender charged with Burglary, awaiting court results.

As you can see, a few burglaries still in and around town. Please ensure that your homes, sheds and cars are locked at all times.....even if you are home.

I am continuing to issue tickets in and around town for speed, no seat belts and mobile phone use.

3 persons charged with drink driving in the area, not locals but 2 had been drinking at local establishments.

Until next Newsletter, look after each other and stay safe. As I always say I am YOUR local copper and can be contacted on station Ph 5345 3211, mobile 0427 683 940, fax 5345 3794 or email athol.chaffey@police.vic.gov.au

If you need police attendance for an emergency situation ALWAYS rings 000.

Clunes Museum: A Home for Your History

By Phil Taig and James Curzon-Siggers

Entry

The Clunes Museum Committee is keen to encourage visits to the Museum and wishes to remind the public that the cost of entry this year has been reduced to just a gold coin donation. (Last year, entry was \$5.)

As you arrive, look for Museum displays in the Fraser St. window, in the Warehouse foyer and over two floors with all items relating to Clunes history in some way. There are lifts for wheelchair access to both floors.

The fascinating history of Clunes starts in the "Gold Room" with the traditional owners of the land, the DjaDja Wurrung, and continues through to the present day when Booktown Clunes will be hosting an International Booktown weekend in May this year.

Victorian Collections

Recently the Clunes Museum has placed most of its image collection on a website hosted by Victorian Collections where you can view digital photos, most of which are not able to be displayed in the Museum. For example, the subject of this photo below may be familiar, but look either side and you will see a Chimney (left,) and the circa 1920's Clunes Fire Brigade Station (right).



Photo supplied

To search the collection yourself, just go to your computer browser and type in the following address <https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/clunes-museum>

Coming exhibition: "1873 Clunes Riot"

The Clunes Museum is seeking volunteers and new members to assist with curating, archiving, updating displays and exhibits, digitization and digital platforms, community

and school engagement, promotional activities and a range of special projects. As well, we're staging a special exhibition on the famous 1873 Clunes Riot in April – May this year. If you're interested and could spare two hours a week to be involved, please come along to the Museum on any Thursday 10 am to 12 pm or ring and ask to talk to James or Phil.

STRANGE AUSTRALIA FELIX the power you have to change me

By Christine Rowe

So wrote Alexander Nicholson in his journal (1852 – 1859) A Schoolteacher in Portree, Isle of Skye, miner at Eureka, farmer at Ascot, founding Councillor of the Ballarat Shire in 1863, being the first district in Victoria to be proclaimed a Shire. He was the 2nd Shire President in 1864 and again in 1865 – 1866, laying the foundation stone for the Shire Offices at Learmonth.

To commemorate 150 years since his death this April, Christine Rowe, his great granddaughter is presenting an entertainment that explores and celebrates the many aspects of his tragically short life. Original writings, archival treasures and family stories, memories and myths, combined with artifacts, photographs and artworks to present this pioneering life. The event, in collaboration between Christine and Talbot actor/singer, David Adamson, will be held on the family property "Scoribreac", which Alexander began in 1864. Breathe in the history of this special occasion at Scoribreac with its Spectacular view of the western skies.

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Sneak Peek of the 2018 Booktown Festival Program

By Lily Mason

We're frantically busy up at the Station preparing for this year's Booktown Festival, but we're excited to share with you some of the goodies we've got lined up.

Our author talk program is focussed this year on 'the conversations we need to have'. It includes special guests such as David Ritter, CEO of Greenpeace Australia and author of *The Coal Truth: The Fight to Stop Adani*; Nevo Zisin, gender activist and author of *Finding Nevo*; Abdi Aden, Somalian refugee and author of *Shining: The Story of a Lucky Man*; and Bain Attwood, Professor of History and author of *The Good Country*, a deep local history of the Djadja Wurrung.

We've got panel discussions on topics including rural crime fiction, LGBTQI+ issues and navigating memory towards the end of life (with award-winning authors Glenda Guest and Josephine Wilson). Our friends at Federation University will also put on their usual fantastic range of talks.

At the kids end, we've got the brilliant Davina Bell and Alison Colpoys (whose book was one of the 100 most popular books across ALL books at Readings last year!) offering author and illustrator talks, our friends Asking for Trouble and Stopwatch Magician Aiden McHarg, as well as writing workshops, the famous hay bale maze and more.

You may be aware that this is a very special year for Clunes Booktown as we host the biennial conference of the International Organisation of Booktowns. We have representatives coming from Malaysia, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Iceland, Portugal, Norway and New Zealand. We wanted to put on a big show for our guests, so we're hosting a creative symposium, which is about making opportunities for creative partnerships with all the movers and shakers that run Booktowns around the world. These workshops, supported by

Hepburn Shire Council, Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria, will be opened up to local and regional writers, programmers, artists, booksellers, funding bodies, volunteers and those interested in community development. If that's you, stay tuned. If not: tell a friend.

2018 is also the centenary of the end of WWI. Creative Clunes were successful in applying for funding from the ANZAC Centenary Fund to hold an exhibition of local memorabilia telling the story of the ANZACs over the last century. We're in conversation with a number of local people with amazing artefacts and stories to tell of their families' involvement in conflict. If you have an interesting object that you would like to share at the exhibition, please get in touch. The exhibition will be held from ANZAC Day through to the end of the Festival.

Of course, we do all this for the love of books... 60+ book sellers in buildings from the Masonic Hall to the Bluestone to the Union Bank and marquees right through the main street. With music and theatre, this is a festival for everyone.

If you'd like to get involved, head on up to the station and see Richard or myself. We'll have a volunteer roster available from March 3rd at Mt Beckworth Wines on Fraser St (thanks to Jane Lesock for coordinating again this year). You can always call us on 5345 3947 to see how you can help. There's lots to do, so don't be shy!

Remember that all residents of 3370 get into the Festival precinct on Fraser St for free. There will be a voucher in next month's newsletter, and there's lots and lots more news to share, so watch this space!

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SPORTS NEWS

Clunes Football Netball Club - Coaches Report

By John Leoncini

Hello Clunes community, I hoped you all have had a great Xmas and New Year. Our training had commenced on January 8th with great attendance and certainly great enthusiasm.

The Club has already been involved with the Bowling Club, at the John Hill Shield Day. It was well attended by our footy club and is going to be an annual event. Unfortunately, we didn't win the shield, but the report was that a re-match of a footy game may be in order! These events are certainly important in the community as it brings people from all ages and areas together. Our players picked up on some handy hints on the art of bowling but also gave them an opportunity to meet and talk to the locals.

We recently had our footy camp; it was at Adekate Camp. The Club has not had a footy camp for some time so it was important to have it close to our area for players to try and attend. Part of our footy camp was to somehow have community involvement. A lot of thought and ideas were put forward finally resulting in community service. This was 2 hours of our time to put back to the community and give the players an understanding of who they play for and what Clunes is about. The groups were broken up in four. One group went to the Primary School, the second group went to Neighbourhood House, the third group went to Queens Park (market) and the fourth group went to the kindergarten. It is amazing what can be achieved in 2 hour and the boys certainly put in and enjoyed the community involvement.

Later each group had to present. There were three questions:

1. What did you do?
2. What histories did you learn about the area you worked at?
3. What were your thoughts and feelings about doing the community service?

The response was fantastic with all saying that they would do it again and felt good in themselves for giving back and learning more about Clunes.

There 3 values that are strong in our Club: COMMITTED/UNITED/PROUD. These were shown by our players and gave them an understanding of these words. Clubs put these words in and many talk about them but until there acted on, they are only words. Now they know when they put that jumper on it's not just a jumper, it's a community. It has a heart, it has soul, and it is worn with pride and to be PROUD of. This is only the start but with support from all sectors of the Clunes and surrounding areas, we will grow strong and become that club that people want to come to and enjoy this great community.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the areas that we worked at, you provided great warmth and hospitality. Thank you to Hepburn Health and Clunes Neighbourhood House for providing the buses, to the lovely bus drivers and finally to you the community. As I say "No community, no club; no club no community"

Clunes Field and Game Branch

By Lynne Jones

Another enjoyable and well supported event held at Clunes FGA when the club hosted their February 75 target handicap event. Congratulations to Martin Bramley for achieving a 'Possible'.

Results:

High Gun – OTG: G Morey 71/75

AA: M Bramley 71, K Jacobs 68, B Waldron 67

A: S Pilipasidis 72, T Fanning 71 CB, A Edwards 71

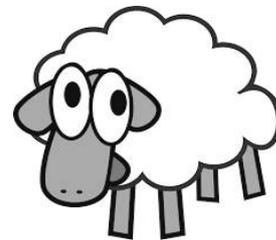
B: D Arch 72, G Hobbs 71, R Smith 69

C: R Thach 78, D Carew 74, R Burton 72

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Carpet Bowls Indoors at Clunes Senior Citizens Hall. Each Wed and Sat from 1.40pm. New members welcome. Come along for a fun afternoon. Enq: Eileen Bradsworth on 5345 4097.

Clunes & District Agricultural Society Meet 3rd Thur of month from Feb - Oct. Nov meet Thur before Show & Thur after. President-Lachlan Campbell contact 0409 423 489; Secretary-Barb Adam 5345 3042. Homecrafts-Julie Spittle 5343 4201. Website www.clunesshow.com.au

Clunes & District Young Farmers Meetings every 2nd Tues 7.30pm at the Young Farmers club rooms at 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 10.30am at Bottle Museum. Mingle, discuss art and promote artistic opportunities in Clunes and region. Enq: Marlene 0409 355 857 or Ann 0422 726 132

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

Clunes Bowling Club: Mark Vorbach 0421422 895 Email clunesbowlingclub@outlook.com

Clunes Book Club Enq Karen ph: 5345 3703. Book Club meets 7:30pm on the 2nd Thurs of the month at the RSL.

Clunes Card Playing Group Every Thurs Neighbourhood House 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 Crafternoon Mondays Meets 4th Monday of the month at the Clunes Neighbourhood House 12-3pm BYO lunch + craft projects, all crafts + kids welcome. Join Clunes Crafternoon Mondays Facebook group for more info.

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

Clunes Field & Game Enquiries to Eric 5345 3571.

Clunes Football & Netball Club Enq: Chris Hill 0420 780 588 or Kath Milne 0448 453 665. Email clunesmagpies.com.au. All welcome.

Clunes Garden Club Mon 5 March Greg Lyons garden "Wild Honey" near Creswick—meet at Seniors room to car pool at 10:15am to leave at 10:30am. Stroll through Greg's wonderful garden then lunch in Creswick at The Farmers Arms. Invite a friend to join us! For further information please contact Maryanne 0425 232 442 or Jill 0438 640

Clunes Golf Club Inc Ph: 5345 3499. Contact Kevin Steart 5345 3127 or Laurie Lees 5345 3034. Course: 18 holes, sandscrapes, 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. Enq. The Warehouse 5345 3359 and leave message for Museum.

Clunes Neighbourhood House Youth, art & community programs. Printing services, free internet, gallery available for hire. 70 Bailey St (at Bottle Museum) Ph: 5345 4078, Email co-ordinator@clunesnh.org. Open 9-3 Mon-Fri. See our website www.clunesnh.org for more details.

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Clunes Pre-School 109 Fraser St. Enq 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 Barbara Reynolds ph 5345 3946.

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 Monthly meeting held at The Warehouse. Everyone welcome from community and business. Notices of dates and times will appear in Community Newsletter. Enq: President Steve Hunter on Mob 0400 696 794 or email shunter@closedloop.com.au

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 Patsy 0407 377 610

Creative Clunes Inc. Organisers of the annual Clunes Booktown festival and monthly Booktown on Sunday author talks. Volunteers always welcome. Enq 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.

Spare Parts Club Meets 1st Tues of month 2pm to 3:30pm Clunes Community Health Centre. Enq Georgina 5345 9150 or Barbara 0410 946 095.

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.

Y3370 Youth activities for primary and secondary kids on Monday afternoons at Clunes Neighbourhood House during school terms from 3pm-6pm. Includes Band from 5pm-6pm for teenagers. Call 5345 4078.

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