

LAST POSTAL SERVICE BY CHRIS BROWN

By Jane Lesock



Photo by Leslie Scott

In 1979 when Chris with her husband Mike and two small children came to live in Clunes for a better life in the country, the last thing Chris thought would happen and that was to work at the local Post Office. The Browns' had only been here for a short time when the then Postmaster, Peter Hackworthy, arrived at their home one Sunday morning. Chris was in her dressing gown, sitting on a tree stump bottle feeding a baby lamb. Peter offered Chris a job and could start the next day. So much for a job interview and being "head hunted".

The Clunes Post office was then located at the corner of Service & Bailey Streets, the

building as what we know of Office licence in 2004 and Chris today as Index on Literature Bookshop was promoted as Manager.

Chris's first job in the morning was to sort the mail into the private boxes and once completed could go home before returning at 3.30pm to collect the mail from outlying post boxes of which there were 4. Next stop was to head up to local business Interknit who were located in the building as we know the Bottle Museum. Interknit made socks and jumpers for retail outlets across Victoria and packaged up for posting. Back to the Post Office Chris came loaded up with parcels and mail, ready for dispatch, and then literally had to scale the counter to lock up the premises. In those days the Post Master lived upstairs of the premises.

In 1984 Chris was promoted to work on the counter and deal with day to day business transactions consisting of Commonwealth Bank Passbooks, Telecom and SEC Bills, postage and tax stamps. No computers, all done by hand.

Ten years later, 1994, the business then relocated into the building with the local pharmacy, the now Gallery Wine Bar and moved with the times and became computerised.

Jim Kerin who was the then Pharmacist purchased the Post

Then in 2009, both the Pharmacy and Post Office relocated to its current premises. Jim did a total renovation of the building which is now a bright and spacious retail outlet which was well needed to cope with the growing businesses.

When not at the Post Office Chris has been a volunteer since 2002 with the Clunes Fire Brigade and now holds the position of 1st Lieutenant.

Another responsibility Chris has done since 1991, and that has been the official recorder of rain in Clunes for the weather bureau. This was something done when the Post Office was at its first location and Chris kept up the tradition.

In her retirement Chris will now have more time to care for her alpacas, potter in the garden, visit her granddaughter in South Australia (when the borders open) and of course continue her commitment and volunteerism with the Clunes Fire Brigade.

So after 39 years of providing postal services to Clunes, we thank you Chris for your years of dedication, smiling face and always being so helpful.

Take care Chris and enjoy your retirement with many years of happiness.



Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 9th September 2020

The CTDA AGM has been set for Wednesday 9th September and is now calling for nominations to join the committee. All positions are declared vacant so if you have an interest to support the community on the road to recovery as we rebound from COVID-19, now is the time to get involved.

The Executive Committee is made up of four positions:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

The general committee is then open up to 10 positions

If you are not able to commit to being on the committee but still want to support the CTDA, a Membership is the best way to stay connected. As a member you are able to vote and bring suggestions to meetings as your ideas come to life.

In this time of remarkable change to communities across Australia we have opportunities that need to be driven by a united team. Don't be shy to reach out to any of the current committee to ask questions. I am always happy to chat through the process.

My mobile number is 0400 696 794

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, more details of AGM Meeting will be advertised by social media and emails.

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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).

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Discounts apply to CTDA members and for multiple month adverts. All advertising to be paid in advance of publication. Ads and payment can be made through Jane Lesock at Mt Beckworth Wines, Fraser St.

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Vale Stewart Merrett 9.7.1943 – 15.6.2020

Sadly Clunes has lost one of the most talented, witty and caring friend we could have.

Stewart came to live in Clunes in the early 2000's after a career as an illustrator and designer that followed into the medium of threads and textiles which exploded as a new and exciting direction for his future work and lifestyle. Stewart could create lush and gorgeous images and create works that had an instant appeal to many. His work created things of beauty, skill, craftsmanship and love as well as creativity.

Whilst in London in the 1970's Stewart spent time in famous auction rooms rummaging through stock of specialist shops.

On returning to Melbourne, Stewart attempted appliqué starting with cushion covers but decided to go bigger by projecting his drawings up to huge scale work. After months of experimenting, "Aplekage" was born and he had his first one man exhibition.

Stewart also published two books on his craft which illustrated his original ideas and designs and the techniques used.

Stewart's work has hung in hotels, casinos, office buildings, churches, hospitals, racecourses and more all over the world.

On his retirement and coming to live in Clunes, we then benefited. It was Stewart that thought simple red Christmas Bows be placed on each lamp post in Fraser Street, not overstated just elegant and still used as part of our Christmas in Clunes decorations.

Then Stewart thought of Booktown aprons for the volunteers. The perfect colour and not fussy with wording. Again another winner and still worn today.

In 2006 three new businesses opened up in Fraser Street; Widow Twankey's, Clunes Greengrocer & Mount Beckworth Wines. Ever wondered why they are the colour schemes and décor for each shop?

Some questioned the bold look but as always Stewart was the right person and still today we are complimented on the look.

It was a privilege to work with Stewart and being part of this bit of history on Clunes that revitalized Fraser Street.

Stewart had many friends in Clunes; was well respected, he loved to chat, had a great sense of humour and loved to laugh.

Stewart passed away peacefully, and as was his wish Stewart was privately cremated and is survived by his sister Ann.

RIP Stewart you will be missed by many.

To read more about Stewart and his amazing life go to:

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/australian-who-turned-folk-art-20200714-p55buf.html>

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Clunes New Postie

By Jane Lesock



Clunes, meet your new Postman! Clunes local Stacy Elson was successful in securing the contract to become the town's new Postie and is now out and about delivering your mail.

Stace and his wife Prue Simmons moved to Clunes nine years ago and have enjoyed being a part of the wonderful Clunes community since then. Throughout that time, Stace has worked locally as a handyman and for various organisations in Ballarat. This new career

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move for Stace is one that he has been keen to do for a number of years. Six years ago, Stace professed to Prue that 'he'd love to be the local postie' and so he is excited to be fulfilling this vital role for the town and enjoying getting out into the local community each day.

As part of this new role, you may also see some other fresh new faces on the postie bike (including Prue!), as Stace trains up three relief riders to help him in his role if he is ill or away.

To assist Stace in delivering your mail and training his team, please make sure that your house number is clearly visible, that your letterbox has good, safe access from vegetation and dogs and don't forget to give him a wave as he comes past! Stace is looking forward to meeting you on his rounds.

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We are continuing to work with Hepburn Shire and other Clunes community groups on a plan to relaunch nearer the end of the year.

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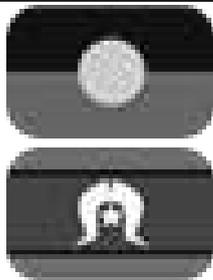
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Who was Ron Hateley?

Ron Hateley was a gifted ecologist and communicator.

He published *The Victorian Bush – its original and natural condition* in 2010, a year before his death.

He and his wife Margaret moved to Clunes in 1978. He taught at the Creswick campus of Melbourne University for over thirty years training hundreds of students who now work in Australian forestry and related areas.

In 1999 he won a Victorian Community and Local History Award for helping to develop the La Gerche Walking Track.

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<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/promotional-material-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

The department has updated communication materials for 53 languages to promote staying healthy and safe over the school holiday period:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/translated-resources-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

There is also specific information for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community about how to manage the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19),

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-information-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-communities>

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Victoria Police has launched a suite of videos in 26 different languages to encourage people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to seek help if they are experiencing family violence.

Victoria Police recognises the importance of providing accessible information to the community and they continue to look at ways of how they can best achieve this.

It is important that all members of our community feel safe and know that there are services and supports available to them.

With everyone spending more and more time at home to help slow the spread of Coronavirus, Victoria Police understand this may not always be the safest place for everyone.

The videos can be found here:

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Just a hint, you might like to grab a friend and visit a Garden Club colleague to look at their garden and have a cuppa!

In the meantime, our gardens are still requiring attention, and so we are able to put all our gardening know – how to good use.

Tips for July / August are:

It's the best time of year to plant deciduous fruit trees such as; cherries, apricots, nectarines and apples. They should be planted in a sunny spot, in a hole that's one and a half to two times larger than the roots. Create a small mound at the bottom of the hole, water well and then place the tree in the hole, spreading its roots out well. Stake your tree to protect against the wind!

Vegies best to plant now are; kale, cabbage, peas, lettuce and beetroot. By now you might already be able to harvest those vegetables you have already planted such as cabbages, Brussel sprouts and broccoli, parsnips, carrots and beets.
Lucky you!

Of course, it's always nice to have a splash of colour, so how about some beautiful polyanthus or pansies to brighten up your garden?

Cheerio for now folks!!

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CLUNES MUSEUM A HOME FOR YOUR HISTORY

By James Curzon-Siggers

NEVER WASTE A CRISIS!

One of the lessons of history is to see the opportunity in every crisis. Now the long and winding road to reopen the Museum is underway, we hope to do just that. With the support of Council, we have a roadmap to reopen by late August or early September. Initially, for members and volunteers only. Unfortunately, the Permanent Exhibition will remain closed to the public until we have a handle on the COVID protocols ourselves. However, being closed will be an opportunity to make real progress on areas which are long overdue for some serious attention. These include: updating the internal signage and text panels; updating areas of the Permanent Exhibition and dealing with the cataloguing backlog. As well, it's the right time to expand our online engagement with the Museum's audiences and to improve digital access to our resources.

SITUATION VACANT: PANDEMIC OFFICER

Along with elections for all our existing office bearers at the AGM in August, we need to appoint a Pandemic Officer to monitor COVID compliance and to maintain a watching brief on the medical advice as it develops and changes. Volunteers need to be certain that the Museum - and the Shire - will do their absolute best to minimise the risk of COVID transmission. A tick the boxes, go through the motions, "she'll be apples" approach is not on. So the "new normal" at the Museum for the foreseeable future will involve quality masks, gloves, deep cleaning every day, physical distancing, hand sanitizer and regular disinfecting of work spaces and shared equipment. Come September, the Museum will welcome new members and volunteers. Get in touch to see if we have what you're looking for.

THE REAL MYTH OF GHOST TOWN CLUNES

Work continues on the "Clunes in Print" exhibition, and given the COVID reality, this will most likely be our first foray into doing an online special exhibition. One of the books is George Farwell's minor classic "Ghost Towns of Australia", first published in 1965, and which celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2025.

Of course, Clunes never was a ghost town, as Farwell makes clear. However, by 1965, it was an astonishingly far, far, far cry from the heady days of the 1860s and 1870s. Farwell (1911-1976) was a fine popular writer who showed a real appreciation of the interplay of past, present and future in Clunes as his comments on Western Mining's drilling program in Clunes in the late 50s and early 60s indicate. According to Farwell, WMC decided in 1963, after six years of costly exploration, that the gold in Clunes was at a depth that made it uneconomic to mine. As Farwell said, that decision in 1963 "was the end of a myth. A myth that had endured for more than sixty years: a myth that had done so much to keep alive a town's uncertain faith in a more rewarding future." I wonder what he'd say about the power of that myth if he returned to Clunes today. (For good measure, Farwell gave his Clunes chapter the memorable title "Geese, Goats and Girls". If someone

retraces Farwell's footsteps for a 2025 homage / anniversary book, perhaps the Clunes chapter will be titled "Books, Bottles, Baristas, Blow ins and Baby Boomers!")

HATS OFF TO OUR COUNCILLOR

And hats off to our Council staff for their perseverance and success in obtaining the funding necessary to finish the major remedial works needed to restore our iconic Town Hall and Court House. The Town Hall's 150th in May 1873 will be the "red letter day"; its opening was back in May 1873.

As one consultant's report documented, the Town Hall's central role in the civic and social life of Clunes has been in decline since the 1980s. It needs new uses and users for the 21st century. The Museum is considering a proposal to establish a Museum of the Town Hall and the Borough of Clunes in the old Town Clerk's office. This could also be part of a proposal for a Clunes Archive Centre for professional researchers and Uni students.

EXCLUSIVE SCOOP ON CLUNES BUSHRANGER!

The latest issue of Discovery, the Museum Newsletter is out now and it features an article on the colourful career of the self-styled Clunes "bushranger", a 17 year old local, who robbed the Clunes Knitting Mill, then in Fraser Street, in 1921. Copies of Discovery are available for \$4 from the Newsagency. A popular feature of each issue is the "How's Your Memory" photo on the cover featuring revellers and beauty queens as well as sportsmen and sports women.

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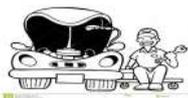
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Clunes Former Free Library

By Phil Taig

Check the number of Community Groups listed on the back page of this Clunes Community News- there are almost 40 of them. The Committees of each, including the Clunes Free Library Committee of Management (COM), have been unable to meet during the last four months due to compulsory Lockdown imposed by the Victorian Government. As a result, the June meeting of the COM was cancelled. Restrictions have eased in Clunes (unlike Melbourne) and providing the correct protocols are followed, Committee meetings can be resumed.

Clean Up

With Victoria in level 3 lockdown until recently, it was not possible to form a working group to clean up the Free Lending Library. It is hoped that at the July meeting of the COM (with Victorian Government approval, held a week ago), further action to preserve the iconic Free Library will be discussed, with a Working Bee to be arranged to

- Clean away remaining building materials from the Kitchen installation
- Plant some flowers and succulents in the bare front garden
- Cut the grass
- More plumbing work
- More electrical work
- Clean up the main hall and side rooms
- Tidy up the main hall.

New Kitchen



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Photo shows the new bespoke kitchen which has been installed in the Free Lending Library. The new oven can be seen at bottom left and the new dishwasher at bottom right.



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Message from the Manager

At Clunes Neighbourhood House it's a running joke that change is a constant, even if it's just where a desk is located or something happening in the garden. This familiarity (if not always comfort lol) with change has proved useful in recent months as we've had to constantly adapt to COVID-19 circumstances.

Term 3, we have now re-opened our office (subject of course to restrictions) but realised it is very difficult to manage the traffic flow in the main hub area of the building. So instead, we've temporarily re-located to the **container offices out the back of 70 Bailey Street, Clunes** and are operating there during key activity times – which is **Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am til 3pm.**

Printing and copying is available (just bring a USB or email us at co-ordinator@clunesnh.org), but we do not currently have computers available for public use.



Right Track - historic tram collaboration

Having flexible, accessible spaces for people to use for different purposes is vitally important for a Neighbourhood House. Whether it's for a yoga class or maybe one day a toy library for young families; versatile and appealing spaces are not just functional, but help nurture community.

Recently, in a collaboration with the Mens Shed, Clunes Neighbourhood House became the owner of a historic tram which was relocated to the ground at the back of 70 Bailey Street, Clunes. The intention is to renovate the tram so that it can retain many of its historic features, but also be a suitable space for indoor activities. Originally it had been sourced, thanks to Richard Gilbert, for the Mens Shed as an additional social space but now they are looking for another shed instead.

Working with the Mens Shed and other partners, Clunes Neighbourhood House is looking to restore the tram and hopefully add decking and a ramp out the front to improve disability access. This space could then be used in a range of different ways - including a possible toy library or simply for venue hire. It'd be a great spot for birthdays!

In return, we are working with the Mens Shed to help them secure the additional shed they are looking for. Fingers crossed!!!



This collaboration is one of many Clunes Neighbourhood House has been involved in recently.

Earlier this year we traded some grant writing for landscaping help with the CFNC (thanks David Dorizzo) and created the first of the new sitting spaces we now have at Neighbourhood House. We recently heard the CFNC got their goal post pad grant as well. So it was a great trade all round!

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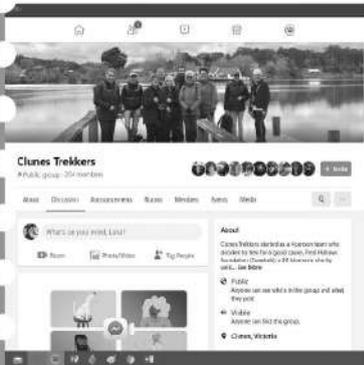
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Don't Let Winter Cramp Your Exercise Style



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Winter is here - or at least the final days of autumn are doing a damn fine impression of it. It's the time of cosy fires and layers of clothing which had been living in the back of the wardrobe for the previous 6 months. But while it's tempting to shove the active wear back into the cupboard and stream TV for hours - something we've all done during these COVID-19 times - don't use the cold as an excuse to hibernate.

Instead, here's why exercising in winter could actually be better for you:

- There is a growing body of evidence which suggests exercising in cold temperatures burns more calories - especially around the belly and upper thighs (I rest my case, your Honour);
- Exercising warms you up and keeps your body warm for hours afterwards;
- Your heart rate tends to be lower in the cold, meaning your heart doesn't have to work as hard during exercise;
- Your body can regulate its temperature better in the cold so you may also be able to run longer and further distances than you would in hot, humid temperatures;
- There's a lower risk of sun exposure (haha - reaching I know);
- Exercise boosts your immunity and even a few minutes a day can help prevent simple bacteria or viral infections which can cause cold and flu (ok, so that one is important!).

If that's not enough to convince you to switch off Netflix and take to the great Clunes outdoors, let me just add that exercising in extreme temperatures has been shown to increase both physical and mental endurance. But the most important reason for exercising - winter or summer - is that exercising is not only good for you, but it makes you feel good as well. Let's face it. We all need as much feeling good now as we can get.

Whether it is going for a walk with the dog, checking out our great creek walk and discovering the unexpected along the way, jogging your bins down to the end of the driveway, rounding up sheep on foot instead of the motorbike or undertaking a full fitness workout Insta-style, winter can actually mean better and more effective exercise. So as the mercury continues to drop, ditch the temptation to remain glued to the couch and get outside!

Sharing Abundance - #FoodisFree

While COVID-19 has dramatically impacted on how we all connect with each other, that basic need to care and share with others hasn't gone away. Nor has the need. So it's been exciting to watch our (thanks to a COVID-19 Community Support grant from Hepburn Shire Council) #FoodisFree stall expand. Feeling like a country market stall, the all weather stand now includes an outdoor fridge, external power, sanitising station, a table to sort your goods on and even the odd hay bale to sit down on. We still have safety lighting and an external power usb charging station to come, but it's fabulous to see how many people are using this to give a little, and take a little. Recently community members even added a seed library for those who are keeping busy with their gardens!



NEIGHBOURLY *Natter*

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This Winter We've all got our Layers on - safety layers that is.

Sanitising or washing hands has become second nature. Social distancing, for the most part, is something we are better at and can remind each other about. But the complexities of being conscious of what we touch, and cleaning what we touch to keep people safe is less straightforward. Now we are learning about wearing masks. Individually each precaution isn't infallible, but there is something comforting about realising that collectively, each of these measures creates layers of safety that may help us all.

These layers have been part of what Clunes Neighbourhood House has been talking about at training sessions in Clunes and Daylesford. We've been running workshops for community organisations about governance responsibility and coronavirus safe policies and procedures.

"We have invested a lot of time and effort into identifying the risks that apply at Clunes Neighbourhood House," said Lana de Kort, Manager. "It makes sense to share these resources so others don't need to re-invent the wheel and have the chance to talk about the challenges of operating in a COVID-19 environment."

The resources, including policies, procedures and forms are listed on www.clunesnh.org and are available for any group to replicate. Our Safety Officer, Deb Bright is available to explain how these resources could be used in your organisation/group.

"Prior to COVID-19 we had 40+ groups active across Clunes," said Lana, "It's important to help those groups re-think how they can still remain active, even if active means doing it differently as restrictions go up or down."

"What we've learnt through the workshops is that talking about the challenges, and role playing how we'll tackle difficult moments – like handling a

a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 – has been invaluable for us all," said Deb Bright. "It's given us confidence in our procedures and our ability to implement them, helped us be transparent about what we are doing and allowed us to be as relaxed (as possible) about what we now have to do, all without actually relaxing the measures we are taking. That's important because it reminds us that we can keep safe, and still be welcoming and positive at the same time."

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AUGUST menu

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TUESDAY AUGUST 11TH: LASAGNA

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TUESDAY AUGUST 18TH: TUNA PASTA

Tuna Pasta Surprise: Think mushrooms, tuna and herbs from the community garden in a delicious spicy (but not too spicy!) sauce.

TUESDAY AUGUST 25TH: MACARONI CHEESE

Lois (our cook's) favorite home made Macaroni Cheese (gruyere and parmesan) jazzed up with spinach and rosemary. Rumour has it, this is perfect with a Mt Beckworth white!

These healthy, home cooked meals are delivered straight to your door. Ingredients are sourced locally. They are homegrown, or bought at the Clunes Greener Grocer, Long Farm & Meats and the Clunes IGA.



Supported by a COVID-19 Community Grant.



SPORTS NEWS

Clunes Golf Club

By Ray Skinner



Competition continued throughout June on a more casual basis than normal with a series of Stableford events. Social distancing continues to be the norm inside and outside the Clubrooms as we continue to monitor this ever changing COVID landscape. Work continues around the

Course with the re-design of tee-beds on the 8th and 9th holes and some disruption will have to be endured.

During the month our very own "Heritage Sign" was rescued from a garden bed where it has lain for several years. The sign was first erected around 1968 in time for the first round played on the new (as in existing) Course on the 12th May 1068. Restoration work continues and the sign will be proudly displayed in its new colours before this article goes to print.

Attendance for the first half of the year is down only slightly, a pleasing result considering there was no play for eight weeks. Social play with our "Ferals" continues to be well attended. A Winter Tournament organised by "Ferals" Captain Karson was fiercely contested. Eventual winner was Rob Dean by one stroke from John Johnston. Presentations and well attended BBQ were held late in the month.

Some Clun results (all Stableford events) during the month are as follows:-

Wednesday 3rd June

Winner	Dean Marshall	34 points
Runner up	Ray Skinner	33 points

Wednesday 10th June

Winner	Rob Dean	43 points
Runner up	Karson Osborn-Purser	31 points

A brilliant round by Rob, absolutely streeted the field which led to a sizable reduction in his handicap.

Wednesday 17th June

Winner	Les Lockie	36 points
Runner up	Dean Marshall	35 points

Wednesday 24th June

Winner	Ian Rowland	36 points
Runner up	Barry Sandlant (visitor)	32 points

On Sunday 28th June, it was decided by our Captain to return to our normal Competition program, again a Stableford event. A very good field was in attendance and we hope this continues.

Results:

Winner	Andrew Cox with 35 points
Runner up	Dave McDonald (visitor) with 34 points

All Members are looking forward to our first Monthly Medal event to be held since March. Results will appear in our next article together with the completion (finally) of our Singles Match Play Championship.

Clunes Football Netball Club

By Chris McLennan



The 2020 season for Clunes FNC was brought to a close during the month of June and we will look towards 2021 from now on. There was clearly conjecture at the CHFL level as to whether a season would commence. We have seen most other competitions close throughout the state of Victoria with a few junior competitions up and running.

Clunes FNC made a decision that the entire club would not look to participate in the competition in 2020. There are several clubs playing junior football and the Covid protocols must be strictly enforced by those participating clubs.

With the State of Victoria suffering a second wave of Covid outbreaks we are all suffering from anxiety and concern as to how to manage our daily lives. Clearly Melbourne has suffered the worst of the outbreaks and regional Victoria has some active cases currently.

We hope all parents are able to accept the clubs decision about not participating this year. We are planning a club gathering in hopefully September or even October but this will be dependent upon the rules available to us. We hope to provide kids with an opportunity to participate in some football and netball activities.

Hopefully we can complete some modifications around the club that will enhance our netball facility before the start of the 2021 season.

Thanks again to everyone for their patience in a difficult time. Obtaining the necessary information from AFL Vic was always a priority before making any final decision. Thanks to those who put in enormous work in order to be prepared for a season. Coaches and administrative staff had to prepare for a season for several months whilst they waited for a final outcome. This would have been incredibly frustrating and time consuming for no reward this season.

We hope everyone in the Community continues to enjoy the additional family time on offer. Enjoy participating in events and sport that is available. Kids we hope you continue practicing your skills at school or in the backyard.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

All Nations Masonic Lodge Every first Tuesday except January. New members most welcome. Contact Secretary: Peter Billing, 0413 213 596 or peter.billing@inet.net.au

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 Chris Keast Home: 0353 324 723 Mobile: 0427 911 792 Email : ckeast@ballaratanglican.org.au for baptisms, weddings & funerals.

Art Attack / Circus Primary school students from 3:30pm - 5pm and Secondary school students 5pm - 7pm Tuesday afternoons at Clunes Football / Netball Club during school terms. Call 5345 4078.

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 8pm 3rd Thur of month from Feb - Oct. Nov meet Thur before Show & Thur after. President-John Drife Ph. 0427 434 233 ; Secretary-Gayle Wrigley Ph. 0400 907 506 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 1st Saturday of the month starting 10.30am and every Thursday at 12.30pm as a working group. Venue: Lunch Room, Clunes Neighbourhood House. Enquiries: Marlene 0409 355 857

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 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 Field & Game Enquiries to Eric 5345 3571.

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

Clunes Free Lending Library Meetings held 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. The Chairman of the Committee is Graeme Johnstone and he may be contacted on 0427 534 532 or via e-mail at 'thedukesbb@bigpond.com'.

Clunes Garden Club Meet on the first Monday of the month at 10.15am. Outing days will meet at 9.15am. For info please contact Secretary Susan McVeigh 0400 557 434 or President Pam Shackelton 0409 202 636.

Clunes Golf Club Inc Ph: 5345 3499. Contact Ray Skinner 0428 056 509 or Lawrie Lees 5345 3034. Course 18 holes, sandscrapes, par 70, all year round play. Non members \$10 green fees for 18 holes. \$5 with Member. Under 16 free. Visitors welcome on Sunday/Wednesday competition days.

Clunes Landcare and Waterways Group. New members always welcome. Contact Chris O'Donnell 0408 034 017 or cluneslandcare@gmail.com for information.

Clunes Library at The Warehouse-Clunes, 36 Fraser St (next to Collins Place). Open Mon & Thur 10am-6pm, Wed & Fri 10am-4pm. Sat 10am-3pm & Sun 11am-3pm. Closed Tue. Ph: 5345 3359.

Clunes Men's Shed Open from 10am Monday, Wednesday & Friday at the Community Gardens, 18 Alliance St. A safe and friendly space for men to meet in a workshop setting. Enq: Peter Chandler 0438 222 095.

Clunes Museum Seeking volunteers to help catalogue the Collection in the Museum Workshop from 10am each Thursday. Committee meets every 2nd Thursday of the months at 10am in the Ulumbarra Room 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.

Clunes Playgroup Fun & friendship for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers & their parents/caregivers. Clunes Health Centre Wed 10am-12pm, term time. Enq Bec Clowes ph. 0437 497 432

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

Clunes Probus Club The Combined Probus Club of Clunes is in recess at the moment and we will restart the Club activities as soon as we possibly can. In the meantime membership inquiries can be directed to the Secretary, Ron Thomas, on 5345 3344.

Clunes RSL Membership enquiries to Secretary Mr Lindsay Pritchard on mobile 0427 028 556

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. Meet 2nd Thursday each month 7pm at the Warehouse Enq: President Steve Hunter on Mob 0400 696 794 or email shunter29@hotmail.com

Clunes Writers' Group meets second Monday of each month except public holidays 1.00-3.00pm at Clunes Neighbourhood House (in the lunch room) 70 Bailey St, Clunes Contact Patsy 0407 377 610

Community Garden 70 Bailey Street, Clunes. Meets Tuesday and Friday at 10am.

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 on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Bottle Museum, 70 Bailey Street, Clunes at 10.30am. Visitors are welcome.

Mad Chatters Club meet every Wednesday at 2pm to 3.30pm for casual get togethers alternating between Widow Twankeys and Rose and Oak cafés. Contact Sue on 0400 557 434.

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 Meetings as required. Please contact Janet Harrison for information. Ph 5345 3060.

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