

CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

*Monthly newsletter of the Clunes Tourist and
Development Association*

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Photo Paul Fleckney

WINTER IS ON IT'S WAY

Paul Fleckney

The leaves are falling, we've had our first frost, and Booktown is just around the corner - Winter is coming to Clunes. It's time to rug up, mulch down the garden (see page 8) and check out the amazing calendar of activities and events (see page 4) our small town has to offer.

Remember, this year Booktown runs on the first and last weekend of May (see page 5), and in between you can choose from a number of walks, talks, films and theatre shows to keep your body moving and mind engaged. Stay warm, stay safe, and look out for one another.



And the winners are...

CONGRATULATIONS Cushla Grigg (9) and Oscar Altham (8) for winning the Under-12 kids' writing competition with their entry, 'The horror of school'. They win a \$30 Google Play voucher. Thank you for your creative entry. Well done!

Turn to page 17 to read their story.

MARKET UPDATE



Another successful market day in April, despite the weather! Thanks to all our stall holders, volunteers & market goers. And thank you Deb and Syd at Misty Blue for generously sponsoring the April wood raffle. Drawn by Graeme Grigson of Gs Bees Honey, this month's winner was Lynda Cox of Clunes, another first time winner, with number 192.

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Submissions welcome. Please send articles to the email address below. Submit text as Word or Pages files only. Submit photos and ads as .jpg or .png files. No PDFs.

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The grants will be open for a total of six (6) weeks, opening Monday 19 April 2021, closing 31 May 2021.

For more information:

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What's on May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1-May Clunes Booktown Turn the Page: Author Talks
2 Clunes Booktown Turn the Page: Author Talks	3 Men's Shed, 10am Writers Group, 1pm Ballarat Botanic Gardens guided tour. Clunes Garden Group. Meet at Widow Twankeys 9.30am	4 Open House Dinner Practical Philosophy , 2.30pm, Attitude Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude	5 Men's Shed, 10am Wednesday Night at the Movies: North by Northwest , 5:30pm, Attitude	6 Clunes Artist Group, 1pm	7 Community Gardening Group, 10am Lily Mason Chair Yoga, 11am, Attitude	8 Petanque, 2pm, Collins Place The Merger , Clunes Football Netball Club, 7:30pm
9 Mother's Day Clunes Market	10 Men's Shed, 10am	11 Open House Dinner Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude	12 Men's Shed, 10am	13 Clunes Artist Group, 1pm Seniors Rights: Get in the Know - Elder Abuse , 10.30am, Attitude Samaritan's Purse, 10.30am-1pm, Anglican Church Hall	14 Community Gardening Group, 10am Lily Mason Chair Yoga, 11am, Attitude Hell's Canyon , Clunes Town Hall, 6pm	15 Petanque, 2pm, Collins Place
16	17 Men's Shed, 10am	18 Open House Dinner Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude	19 Men's Shed, 10am Something to Talk About: Ron Trigg, Agriculture in our region , 6.45pm, Attitude	20 Clunes Artist Group, 1pm	21 Community Gardening Group, 10am Lily Mason Chair Yoga, 11am, Attitude	22 Petanque, 2pm, Collins Place
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Pam Habib

Starting Thursday 29 April, a fellowship group will meet every fortnight at the Anglican Church Hall from 10.30am to 1pm to pack Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes for under-privileged children for Christmas. All very welcome. Please contact Pam Habib for more information on 0417160857 or pj_habib@hotmail.com.



BOOKTOWN UPDATE

Sharon Hughes

It's coming close to that time of the year when we will be hosting visitors to Clunes over the cooler month of May!

As you are aware, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the usual Booktown Festival due to COVID restrictions on crowds. Instead this year we will be presenting **TURN THE PAGE**, a celebration of books and writing. This specially curated event will see intimate author talks, panel discussions and workshop events around our love of books take place on the first and fifth weekend in May.

We have a wonderful program lined up for the 1st & 2nd of May 2021 and we look forward to welcoming authors Robert Gott, Garry Disher, Ramona Koval, Jane Sullivan, JP Pomare, Ross Garnaut, Maya Linell, Alli Sinclair, Robyn Annear, Karina Kilmore, Leah Swann, along with renowned Indigenous photographer, Wayne Quilliam, gardening expert Stephen Ryan and Director of Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens, Tim Entwisle. The diverse range of topics covers crime writing to character development, short stories to rural noir, fickle fashion to the Truth newspaper and tabloid TV! All tickets are \$15.



The weekend of 29th & 30th of May is a very exciting weekend, specially curated for lovers of Book Clubs. This will be the first national symposium to explore how book clubs connect us with ideas, books, and each other. We will celebrate the power of book clubs; share stories and experiences; discuss the best ways to run different types of clubs; and look at how clubs interact with authors, libraries, the publishing industry, and local communities.

The full program and ticket bookings for both weekends are through our website www.clunesbooktown.com.au.

We would like to thank everyone who has come forward to date and put their hand up to help out over the weekends. If you are interested in volunteering, the roster sheet is with Megan and Greg in the Greengrocer. We will be offering a number of talks seats to our volunteers and we will be holding a THANK YOU morning tea in early June.

A CLUNES BOOKTOWN PRODUCTION

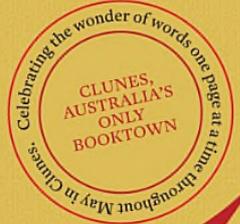


1 – 2 MAY | AUTHOR TALKS

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Authors include Robert Gott, Garry Disher, Ramona Koval, Jane Sullivan, JP Pomare, Ross Garnaut, Maya Linell, Alli Sinclair, Robyn Annear, Karina Kilmore, Leah Swann and more covering topics of crime writing to character development, short stories to rural noir and fickle fashion.

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A WORD FROM TESSA

Our local Councillor for Hepburn Shire

The last two months have been a whirlwind! So much so that I missed last month's update. My apologies to you all.

We are currently in the middle of the shire's CEO recruitment process. It has been exhausting at times but we have some fantastic candidates and hope to appoint someone by the end of May. The acting CEO is doing a great job in the meantime and everything is running smoothly.

The Health and Wellbeing survey has closed and I was proud to see that the largest number of responses came from Cameron Ward. This is part of the Hepburn Together project to develop the vision and budget for the shire. The shire-wide results show that our top priorities are: environmental sustainability, liveability, engaged and connected communities, heritage and culture, quality infrastructure and development & planning. The next stage of this project is the community panel, made up of 40 residents who will workshop the council vision and plan for the community with the help of the survey data and facilitators.

The Clunes Master Plan consultation (Recreation & Sports) has been very disappointing and to date has only asked participants to focus on small changes and improvements. Clunes infrastructure needs much more than this. We need a 10, 20 and 30 year plan for our recreation, sporting and education facilities. If you have ideas for our town that weren't heard, please come and have a chat. The last big vision for the town was 10 years ago and nothing was ever implemented. We need to ensure this doesn't happen again.

Transmission Lines are an ongoing issue and AusNet will come and speak to council on 27th April. In addition to this, I will also be attending a meeting on 19th April with the community groups involved in opposing the lines. I am

advocating for the lines to go underground and will do what I can to lobby for this.

The shire's aquatic strategy has commenced. You may have seen the survey, but there will be further consultation with the community and you are welcome to give your feedback to me directly.

FOGO bin trial is ongoing and seems to be going well so far. Some bins have been contaminated however, so please remember these bins are for compostable waste only.

And finally, I would like to say that verbal abuse of council staff is not acceptable in any circumstances. There have been several incidents recently and frankly it's not good enough. No one deserves to go to work and be abused. If you feel you cannot control yourself, please do not engage but ask someone to advocate on your behalf. We are working hard to improve our systems and processes but it doesn't happen overnight. Please be patient and contact me if you have concerns.

You can contact me with any questions via email: thalliday@hepburn.vic.gov.au

I am also available every Friday 9-5pm at the Clunes Senior Citizens Building.

Yours Faithfully, Cr Tessa Halliday.



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CLUNES GARDENING CLUB

Sue McVeigh

Hello again everyone!!

A little bit of an oversight on the part of the Garden Club's planning team (we forgot Easter fell in April!) meant that it was necessary to delay the planned talk with Mr Bill Morrison (Ballarat Cacti and Succulent Society) until June. We recognised that interested people may be away for the long weekend, and we would hate for them to miss out on hearing what this knowledgeable gentleman has to say.

By the time you read this, our April meeting at the Warehouse would have occurred, at which we discussed 'Gardening In Clunes'. I'm sure we will all be better gardeners following this with a clearer understanding of the pitfalls and pleasures of trying to achieve our gardening dreams in Clunes!

On the 3rd May, we have a guided tour of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, which should be very interesting. The plan is to meet at Widow Twankey's at 9.30am for a coffee and chat before car pooling to the Botanical Gardens, where we will meet our guides at the Rotunda at 11am. If you wish to attend only the Garden tour, then please do so.



Photo Kim McClelland



Our first month of Autumn was unseasonably warm, and it was great to be out in our gardens and enjoy the warm, balmy days and cooler nights. This of course won't continue and our colder weather and, dare I say, famous frosts, will prevail.

Tips for MAY GARDENING

This is a great time to collect all of those fallen autumn leaves, including those around the town on paths etc., to use for mulch on garden beds. Approximately 5cms should do the trick, remembering to pull the mulch away from plant stems and tree trunks, which prevents them from staying wet. Don't forget to pull out spent or failed vegetable remnants and remove 'scruffy' growth from the base of trees which have lost their leaves.

Good for planting...

Flowers: A great time to remember companion planting in our veggie patches, to attract the bees and suppress some plant diseases. For example: nasturtiums, viola, marigolds and pansies.

Vegetables: you can still plant cabbage, cauliflower, leek, parsnip, onion, peas, broad beans.and many more!

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A representative of Bridges and Co. electricians, was present at the meeting and at the conclusion of general business gave a verbal report as to the lighting of the town by electricity. The council was much impressed with the report, but before going further it was decided to call a public meeting of ratepayers to ascertain their views on the subject. At that meeting held in the Clunes Town Hall, the proposal to install electricity was not supported.
(*Ballarat Star, 22 April, 1921*)

GREAT SLAUGHTER OF TIMBER

Cr McKenzie brought under notice of the Borough Council the great slaughter of timber in Dunach Forest. He said he had it on good authority that at the rate it was being cut, there would not be any firewood available for Clunes in two years' time. It was decided to call the attention of the Forestry Department to the fact.
(*Ballarat Star, 22 April, 1921*)



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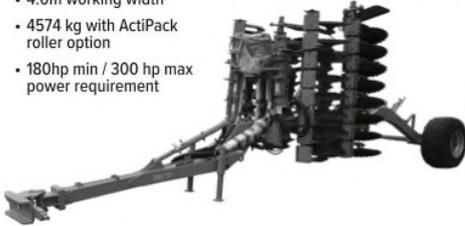
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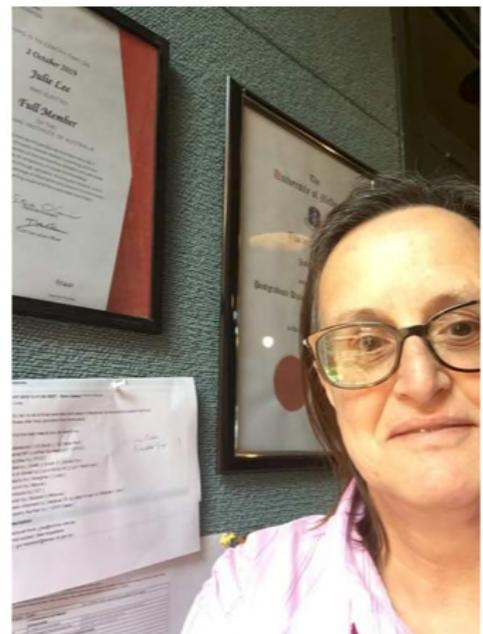
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COUNCIL ADOPTS PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT

On 29 March, Hepburn Shire Council adopted the C80hepb Planning Scheme Amendment and it has now been submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval. The amendment provides urban planning considerations to guide development and land use planning.

“This was an enormous project and I thank the many community members, stakeholders and officers who have provided input and feedback to help us get to this point,” Mayor Cr Hewitt said of the two-year project. “The amendment will bring our planning scheme into current-day thinking and enable better protection of the local character of our Shire that we all love,” she said.

Council received 276 submissions on the draft amendment during community consultation in August 2020.

Council and staff will hold community sessions in coming weeks to explain the amendment and the next steps. Read the adopted C80 Amendment at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/minutes-agendas/.

ZERO-NET EMISSIONS BY 2030

Hepburn Z-NET, the shire-wide partnership working to reach zero-net emissions by 2030, is taking expressions of interest to join their community Roundtable, which guides the initiative’s implementation. Local and diverse stakeholders from across the shire are encouraged to apply. Expressions

of interest will remain open until May 10 and applicants will hear back in late May.

Over the past year, the partnership has delivered targeted programs making it easier for local households and businesses to cut their emissions and improve their quality of life. One of Z-NET's strengths is its Collaborative Governance model which brings together different community groups, organisations, community members and experts to guide and deliver various projects and programs.

These different interests and skillsets are represented on the Z-NET Roundtable, while the council has a key role as the backbone of the group.

The Z-NET group works with the 2019 Community Transition Plan and key community programs include the Hepburn Solar Bulk Buy, Solar Savers, electric vehicle Bulk-Buy and the Home Energy Assessment and Energy Savvy Upgrades program, which offers free audits and subsidised retrofits for certain households.

To nominate for the Roundtable or for more information, fill in the (EOI) form at <http://www.hepburnznet.org.au/articles/z-net-roundtable-express-your-interest/>.



Photo Science in HD on Unsplash

FREE COMMUNITY WI-FI PROJECT IN HEPBURN SHIRE

The Hepburn Shire Free Community WI-FI project will provide Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford and Trentham main street areas with free 24/7 access to WI-FI. This resource aims to allow community members, who would otherwise not be able to access online services, to do so.

Council would like to acknowledge the funding support of Catherine King MP for assisting of funding for Clunes and Creswick.

The 2016 Census revealed that the number of dwellings who didn't have internet was higher in Hepburn Shire than the State and National average and that in some parts of the shire less than half of homes are connected to the internet. This means that while many of the community are on Zoom and exploring other online options, like shopping and telehealth, our most vulnerable community members are unable do that, because they don't have access to the internet.

Residents will be able to access free community WI-FI from 30 June 2021.



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COUNCIL ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY PANEL

Forty people will represent members of the Shire on the Hepburn Together Community Panel, including six people from Cameron Ward, which includes Clunes. Almost 200 people applied for a place on the group.

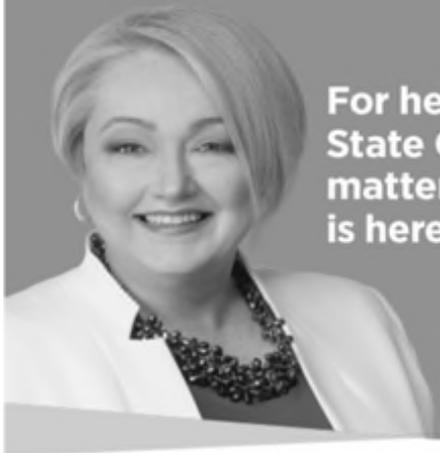
"This demonstrates, once again, that our community has a strong drive to get involved and help to inform Council decision making," said Mayor Hewitt. "We understand that other shires, including much larger ones, have not had such interest," she said.

"The Hepburn Together Community Panel is, to the best of our ability, a true reflection of the Shire's population," said Mayor Hewitt. "We selected panel members randomly based on age groups, ward, gender and key demographics such as those who are parents, have English as a second language, identify as LGBTQIA+, live with a disability, and more. This means we will hear from a group of people who directly reflect the make up of our community, and who have a diversity of views. This will help us to produce a Community Vision and Council Plan that reflects community sentiment," she said.

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The tables felt like freezers, the light that had been streaming down in golden rays from the window had reduced to a grey trickle. The LED lights on the ceiling had flickered and died. Lightning thundered down so hard it felt like it was hailing cricket balls. The doors rattled open. At the end of the hallway, a dark, suspiciously human silhouette stood cackling as if possessed. All of the students started swaying as if they intended to worship it. All of them except Izah. Izah knew this was not normal, their teacher that day had not been Miss Dargaville – he was scared. Izah looked back into the hallway, the silhouette was gone.

Izah ran and he didn't stop running, he sprinted onto the soccer oval, ending up soaked from the rain. Izah shivered thinking he had frostbite, the way his drenched clothes were sticking to his already sweaty body. The figure appeared - making him shake so savagely it was as if he had pneumonia. Izah didn't know where to run so he stood his ground facing the monster head on. The beast was ugly with 4 squinty little eyes, a slobbery fat lipped mouth, 2 grimy snotty noses, a large flesh seeping hole in the center of its head and its silhouette was human-shaped.



Izah screamed as Miss Dargaville marched out the door of the senior building and onto the soccer oval... laughing her head off! She growled in her sternest voice whilst trying to keep a straight face “TURN OFF THAT HOLOGRAM!”. The figure waivered and blinked into nothingness as childish giggling came from the senior deck. “April Fools!” yelled multiple voices as Cushla, Oscar and Arlo emerged holding a hologram controller.

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Winter Program

MAY - AUGUST

The winter program of films, talks, walks, exercise, clubs, activities, live music, workshops and more at the Clunes Attitude Centre, (Fraser St) is out now. Pick up your free program at the Clunes Library, Clunes Post Office, Boom, the Attitude Centre or at many cafes around town.

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FREE LENDING LIBRARY

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In a few short years the former Clunes Free Library will be 150 years old and as this recent photo of the facade (above) shows, it has stood the test of time. All of the external walls are in fair to good condition, but unfortunately the two rooms behind the North gable (right side) are dreadfully degraded and in great need of repair as shown in the photo below right.

A short time after 1874, a Committee of Management presided over by Rivett Bland (Managing Director, Port Phillip Gold Mine) raised funds to extend the building. At the time the population of Clunes was three times larger than it is today, and locals provided sufficient financial support to construct the right hand gable. Messrs Barwell and Stone carried out this work. All three of these stalwart Clunes citizens sadly would be disappointed to see how far the interior of the North gable has crumbled and decayed today.

Clunes Booktown Events

This year, Covid restrictions permitting, the former Clunes Free Library will be a major venue for the 'Turn the Page' program - 'Authors Talks' on May 1 - 2, auspiced by Creative Clunes Incorporated. Tickets purchased to any of these events will provide access to inspect the refurbished South gable (where the events will be held) and the decrepit North gable.

Don't miss this opportunity to see what has to be done to restore our iconic heritage listed building.

Call Out for Help

Are you interested to help in some way? If so, please join our 'Friends of the Free Library' group. We can arrange for a personalised guided inspection tour at a mutually agreed time - contact the Chairman of the Committee of Management, Graeme Johnstone, on 0427 534 532 or email thedukesbb@bigpond.com

Meetings are held every fourth Thursday at 7:30pm. Why not come along to the next meeting on May 27 meeting, you will be most welcome.



Photo Tom Binns

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@iinet.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.

Clunes & District Agricultural Society Meet 8pm on 3rd Thur of month from Feb - Oct. Nov meet Thur before Show & Thur after. President: Jenny Redpath Ph. 0400 613 153; 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.

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 Social Bowls every Wednesday, 6pm arrival for a 6:30pm start. Contact Josh Polson 0417 300 969 or polsy1031@yahoo.com.au.

Clunes Book Club Enq.: Karen: 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.

Clunes Field & Game Enq.: Eric 5345 3571.

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

Clunes Free Lending Library Meetings held 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Enq.: Graeme Johnstone (Chairman of the Committee) 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 Deirdre Krausgrill 0425 707 972.

Clunes Golf Club Inc Ph: 5345 3499. Contact Ray Skinner 0428 056 509 or Lawrie Lees 5345 3034. Course 18 holes, sandscapes, 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 10am-12pm Mon, Wed & Fri 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.

Community Groups

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. Website: www.clunesnh.org.

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

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

Clunes RSL Membership enquiries to the Secretary, Mr Lindsay Pritchard, on 0427 028 556.

Clunes Tourist & Development Association During COVID, meetings will be held online. Contact President Darrel Dreiberg on 0412 513 068 or Secretary Damien Whitten on 0458 553 200 for enquiries.

Clunes Trekkers Regular weekly town walks for any fitness level. Varied bush walks for medium to experienced walkers. Contact: Lois Nicholls on 0467 331 136.

Clunes Writers' Group Meets on the second Monday of the month (including public holidays), at the Senior Citizens building on the corner of Fraser and Templeton Streets from 1pm -3pm. For further information contact Patsy Skinner on 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. Enquiries: 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 welcome.

Mad Chatters Club Meets every Wednesday at 2pm to 3.30pm for casual get togethers alternating between Widow Twankeys and Rose & 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 on 5345 3060.

Uniting Church St Andrew's. 12-14 Service St (Wesley Campus). Worship services at 11am on 2nd and 4th (Holy Communion) Sundays and last Sunday of school term at 4pm including meal and activities for all ages. Everyone welcome. Enq.: Rev Rosemary Carter 0431 286 285 or rosemary.carter@internode.on.net.

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UPDATE ON ORGANICS BIN TRIAL

Thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm and participation in the organics bin collection trial. Thanks also to Ballarat Regional Industries, who provide jobs for people with disabilities. The team did a great job traversing Clunes to get the bins out to you all.

In the first four weeks of collection you have put out more than eight tonnes of organic material, which is equivalent to about eight large cows. That's a fantastic effort.

Let's keep growing the amount of material that you divert from landfill, as organic waste in landfill produces methane, which is 25 times worse for the environment than carbon dioxide.

COMMON QUESTIONS

When is my bin coming?

Bins have now been delivered to all properties with a residential weekly waste collection. Thanks to those who let us know if they had been missed. If you still have not received your bin, please contact Council's Customer Service Team on 5348 2306.

Has there been contamination?

Yes, unfortunately. Items found that are not meant to be, include bagged rubbish, textiles, packaged food and bagged kitty litter. The organics are currently being sorted by hand (with safety gear of course), however this is costly. We will be using footage from truck collection cameras, inspecting bins, and providing residents with feedback.

Can I return my bin if I don't use it?

We ask that residents keep their bin for the trial and participate to their best of their ability. Even a small amount of organic material diverted from landfill is great. We are keeping track of the number of bins that aren't collected, which gives us important data for the trial. This will help us to understand how an organics service might look for all the entire Shire in the future, not only in collections, but also how the organic material is processed.

What is happening to the compost?

The collected organic material is being processed in an in-vessel composting unit (at Creswick Transfer Station). This unit will be monitored remotely to ensure the correct temperature and moisture content to enable successful composting, killing any pathogens or weeds seeds that may be present.

What can I put into my bin?

Food scraps and garden waste. There is an A-Z guide at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/organics-bin should you need to check a specific item.

What should I do if my bin wasn't collected?

Please call Customer Service Team on 5348 2306 as soon as possible. Collection day is every Monday.

How do I keep my caddy and bin clean?

Wash your caddy and bin regularly. You can also line your caddy with straw or newspaper (no bleached paper please). Your kerbside bin will stay cleaner longer if you put organic garden material at the bottom to stop food sticking, but you can use a hose to wash it out if needed. Storing your bin in a shady spot will also help produce less odour.

Any more questions?

Drop-in and ask a question to the Waste Team or provide some feedback on the trial so far.

When: Monday 10 May, 2021

Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Where: Esmond Gallery, The Warehouse, Fraser St, Clunes

Please note numbers will be managed to ensure social distancing requirements are met.

We will provide you with regular updates on how the trial is going and welcomes your feedback at shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au.

The Environment & Waste Team



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