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Susan, Batoor and Aheda at Clunes Booktown. Photo Paul Fleckney. See page 12

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Paul Fleckney

After three long years, I was delighted to see the streets of Clunes packed once more with locals, tourists and book-lovers soaking in the ambience of Booktown. Thank you to the organisers, volunteers, traders, sponsors, local businesses and the people of Clunes for making this year's festival happen. Whatever your taste, there was something for everyone... cont. p 12



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CONGRATULATIONS JAQUI!

Kath Milne

Clunes Football Netball Club is proud to announce that Jaqui Featherston (nee Hill) played her 250th senior netball game on 7 May - she also happened to play a blinder shooting 30 out of 37 goals scored for the game. Jaqui joins her sister Christine to achieve this milestone. They are the only two thus far to have recorded that many games with Clunes - Christine has gone on to play over 300 senior games for Clunes and we are all hoping Jaqui takes up the challenge to reach 300!

Congratulations



Jaqui Featherston (right) Photo supplied

CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

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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MEET THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

Paul, Kim and Jason

PAUL FLECKNEY

Paul is a writer, poet, educator and urban planner. He's doing a PhD in adolescent mental health and the built environment at the University of Melbourne, where he also teaches. Paul is the editor-in-chief of the Clunes Community News. His job is to review and edit submissions and write articles. Paul has lived in Clunes for 3 years. He loves the autumn leaves along the creek and the starry summer nights.





KIM MCCLELLAND

Kim is a marriage celebrant, floral designer, and web designer, having previously taught in secondary education for 12 years. Kim is the layout designer of the Clunes Community News. Her job is to fit the articles into each A4 page in a way that is spacious and appealing. Kim moved to Clunes in 2019. She loves the wide open skies and bonfires at night.

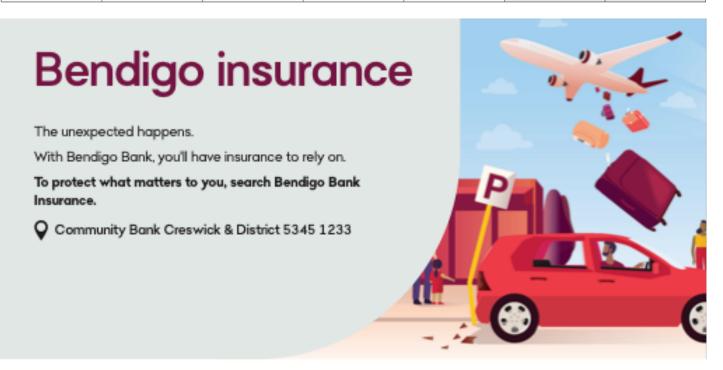
JASON JUDD

Jason is a final-year Nursing student, after a career in IT and Defence systems. He's lived in Clunes for about 4 years after returning from New York, and is Treasurer for the CTDA, handling bookkeeping, invoicing and finances. Jason organises advertising to help fund Clunes Community Newsletter, keeping it free to readers. He loves the rugged forests and balmy summer evenings.



WHAT'S ON IN JUNE!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29-May	30-May	31-May	1-Jun	2	3	4
	Men's Shed, 10am	Open House Dinner Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude	Film Night: Portrait of a lady on fire (2019), 7:30pm, Attitude Fit for Free: Strength (Low Impact), 10am, Attitude	Fit for Free: Water Exercise, 12pm, Clunes Pool Clunes Artist Group, 1pm	Community Gardening Group, 10am, CNH	Petanque, 2pm, Collins Place
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Booktown on Sunday, 2pm, Attitude	20 Men's Shed, 10am	Golf Club Annual Tournament Clunes Museum, Memories are made of this: Before Facebook & Socials, 3pm, The Warehouse	22 Men's Shed, 10am Fit for Free: Strength (Low Impact), 10am, Attitude	23 Fit for Free: Water Exercise, 12pm, Clunes Pool Clunes Artist Group, 1pm Game Night, 7pm, Attitude	24 Golf Club Annual Tournament Community Gardening Group, 10am, CNH	25 Petanque, 2pm, Collins Place
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LOCAL ARTIST ROD TREGEAR

Paul Fleckney

Rod Tregear has lived in Clunes for six years but has been painting since he was a kid. He recently celebrated his 77th birthday.

"I do it as a recreation pastime and I get great pleasure from doing it," Rod says. "I like to experiment with all sorts of media but I've concentrated lately on watercolours because you can get a lot of expression."

Born in Kent, England, Rod served with the Royal Navy for 12 years and lived in New Zealand before moving to Australia in 1997. He draws inspiration from what he sees around him in real life and photographs.

"I've got a good sense of humour, and the other thing I like is colours," Rod says. "In art, you can put colours that aren't there, and there's no right and wrong."



Photo Paul Fleckney



Photo Paul Fleckney

His subjects include local landscapes, ships and aircraft, and portraits of local icons and famous personalities.

A few years ago he painted a series of stylised mugs featuring well known faces from around the world.

"I started off by doing old Trumpy here," he says, pointing to a mug with the instantly recognisable former president sporting a canary yellow hairpiece. "And then I started doing some of the Royal Family and the Queen. I did one of Vladimir Putin too, which proved very popular but that was a couple of years ago," he says.

Rod's daughter, Rebecca, is also an artist as was his father before him. Rebecca and Rod have exhibited together at The Warehouse.

Clunes Artists' Group

Rod is a passionate member of the Clunes Artists' Group.

"Basically, it's a little group of artists and we meet every Thursday over in the Attitude building from 1 till 4," he says. "All we do is take along stuff we're working on and we just bounce off each other and give each other ideas. It's very informal."

The Group would love to encourage new members to come along and, in Rod's words, 'keep the local flavour'.

"Just bring what you like," Rod says. "It doesn't matter what stage you're at, if you're a beginner or an accomplished artist, you can always learn something from others."

The Warehouse will host an exhibition of the Group's work in September, and new contributors are welcome.

If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please contact Rod on 0475 599 594 or email rodtregear@gmail.com.

Are you a local artist? Would you like us to profile you and your work? Get in touch at newsletter@clunes.org.



FROM THE POLICE DESK

Simon Barker

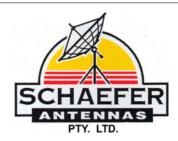
Firstly, I must congratulate the organisers, volunteers and business owners in this year's Clunes Booktown. What an amazing success. Having worked the weekend, there were no instances that required police involvement. (I probably need a new pair of boots for all the walking).

From a crime perspective in the last month, a motor vehicle was intercepted, and a search of the vehicle located drugs and a firearm. The offender was charged and bailed to appear at the Ballarat Magistrates court. A burglary and theft occurred at the Clunes Football and Netball Club and a quantity of confectionary was stolen. Ballarat Crime Scene services attended and located forensic evidence. Enquiries are ongoing for the offenders.

With winter approaching, it is a timely reminder to take extra care on our roads; basically, drive to the conditions. Moorabool Highway Patrol have been tasked for the Creswick/ Clunes area and are targeting speeding and other traffic offences; Blackmores Road in particular where I have received complaints of speeding motorists.

In the meantime take care of each other and get on the St Kilda bandwagon......

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A WINTER'S WALK

Paul Fleckney

From Fraser St, turn left on Service St, cross the creek and start the big climb up Cameron St, stopping to catch your breath by the hawthorn bushes, which look splendid with their winter berries. When you get to the primary school, walk north along School Road, then turn right on Angus St, left on Flood St and right onto Pearces Rd.



Photo Paul Fleckney

Climb the hill and enjoy stunning views of the Clunes Common to the north and Mt Beckworth to the west. As you descend, look out for kangaroos grazing on the common. At the bottom, turn right for a longer trek back to town via the Ron Hately walk or turn left on Station Flat Road, the creek on your right.

As you walk back into town, you'll see plenty of evidence of Clunes' rich gold mining past on the left. Don't miss the turn off to 'Eternity' - but keep straight ahead until you come to a bitumen road. Turn right, cross the ford, and turn left to take you back into town to enjoy a coffee at one of our local cafes.

TIME TO TALK

Lana de Kort

When Attitude: Ageing Well in Clunes opened its doors last year, it created 168 additional activities and started an important conversation about ageing well. Conversation is informal and unassuming. Yet, done well it can be game changing. Conversations:

- Create connection
- Open lines of communication
- Help unpack experiences
- Spark ideas
- Challenge and affirm you
- Give you a new perspective
- Help you process
- Inspire or motivate you
- Are where change starts

Most importantly, conversations force you to articulate. They require you to express ideas or experiences in a way that can be understood, shared and evolved. But finding the words to express yourself can be tricky, as Attitude found out. There weren't words to adequately describe what ageing well meant in a world where we're all ageing. That wasn't ok. To find out what we're doing about it and how we're transforming what ageing well looks like in our community and around the country, come along to:

Talking Ageing with Attitude. Friday, 28th October 2022, Clunes. A conversation about ageing well that's designed to get loud. Visit: www.talkingageingwithattitude.org.

CLUNES GOLF CLUB

Brendon Butler

Our regular Wednesday and Sunday competitions continue without disruption, except for some ravens that have been stealing balls on some of the holes at the back of the course – mainly 6, 12 and 13. Their appetite seems to be for coloured balls, not white.

The hoped-for rain has come and the course is grassing-up and looking and playing superbly, although the change in conditions challenges us all to adjust. The club has purchased a new fairway mower and a smaller zero-turn mower for the tees, and we are looking forward to putting them to use.

Recent Events

Monthly Medallists. Monthly medallists so far for the year are Ian Rowland (twice), Dean Marshall, Lawrie Lees, Brendon Butler and Phill Burnie – first time for both Phill and Brendon.

Pennant. The Clunes team lost 5-0 to Maryborough at Maryborough GC. It was our last chance to progress and that result meant we didn't make the final. Looking forward to next year when - after a hot run over the past few years - we are again the chasers.

Free Golf Clinics

We held golf clinics for women at Clunes GC over four weekly sessions in April and May. Conducted by local community golf instructor and club president, Ray Skinner, the focus was golf basics. We're hopeful the participants will pursue the game and become regular players at the club.

Coming Events

Club Championship. Our 2022 club championship will be played over three stroke rounds, Sunday 29 May, Sunday 5 June and Sunday 12 June. This competition will decide the A-Grade, B-Grade and C-Grade club champions for 2022.

Annual Tournament. Our 2022 Club Tournament will be held over three rounds: Tuesday 21 June (2-Person Ambrose); Friday 24 June (Open 4-Ball-Best-Ball); and Sunday 26 June (Open Stroke). This is probably the biggest event of the year for the club and we pull out all the stops to attract a good field and make it a memorable 3 days. The Ralph Charleson Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Open Stroke event.

We play a regular comp every Wednesday and Sunday, tee off is 10:00am.

You can follow events at the Club on Facebook.







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THE VOICES AUSTRALIA SHOULD HEAR

Paul Fleckney

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... live music, food, writer's talks, poetry slams, Aladdin and books, books, books. I picked up a 1914 atlas of the world - it was fascinating to see how much the world has changed: Victoria is listed under British Empire (Federation, anyone?!) and there are countries that exist today in Europe that appear nowhere on maps back then.

I also had the privilege of attending 'Seeking Asylum - The Voices Australia Should Hear' at the Clunes Town Hall. During this excellent panel, Ogi Simic from the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre invited Aheda, Batoor and Susan (see front cover image) to share their stories of seeking asylum in Australia. The speakers were humble, generous and inspiring.



Photo Paul Fleckney



Photo Paul Fleckney



Photo Paul Fleckney

Their stories serve as a timely reminder that seeking asylum is a human right and that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of who they are and where they've come from. These stories clearly resonated with a wider audience too. Seeking Asylum: Our Stories, a book produced by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, was Readings' third bestselling book at the festival.

It was refreshing and valuable to hear these and other important and diverse voices at Booktown.



BOB MCKINNON PRIZE

Suzi Cordell & Paul Fleckney

Approximately 60 people packed out the Writer's Bar at Attitude on Saturday 30 April for the inaugural Bob McKinnon Prize, in memory of Clunes resident and poet Bob McKinnon who sadly passed away earlier this year. Clunes Booktown invited poets to respond to the theme 'Full Circle' with entries no longer than two minutes and containing the words 'Full Circle' somewhere in the text.

Ten poets read original works and Jeremy Harper MC-ed the proceedings. Judges Amy Bodossian and Neil Adam awarded the Bob McKinnon Cup to joint winners Kodie Smith and Frank Prem. Kodie, Bob's daughter, read a very moving poem about fatherhood while Frank's theme was Ukraine and the state of the world. Lyn McKinnon (Bob's widow) presented the prize. Kodie will keep the trophy for now (generously agreed to by Frank). Many thanks to the National Hotel for providing pizzas on the night.



L-R: Jeremy Harper, Neil Adam, Frank Prem, Kodie Smith, Amy Bodossian. Photo supplied

CLUNES WRITER'S GROUP

Patsy Skinner

Booktown was an exciting weekend for the Clunes Writers' Group! Two days before the festival, their anthology, *Unmasked*, arrived from the printer. It was the culmination of over two years of work - a big thank you to all who contributed time, stories, expertise, prose and poetry to the book. The Clunes Writers' Group is grateful to Bendigo Community Bank Creswick & District, Hepburn Shire Council, Clunes Neighbourhood House, photographer Ann Jeffree, and printers R.L. & L.M. Emersons of Maryborough for their support. Copies of *Unmasked* are available at Boom and retail for \$25.

On Sunday, May 1st at 10.30 am, Writers' Group members presented examples of work from *Unmasked* to a full house at the Clunes Court House. We were privileged to have had the opportunity of being included in the Booktown program this year. Several writers were also involved in the Poetry Session with Alicia Sometimes (a great experience) and took part in the inaugural Poetry Slam competing for the Bob McKinnon Cup (see left). A huge thank you to Creative Clunes Booktown Committee for a wonderful festival!

The Clunes Writers' Group meets on the second Monday of each month at Attitude, 25 Fraser Street from 1-3 pm. New members are welcome. For further information call Patsy Skinner: 0407 377 610.

WINTER PROGRAM **IRY SOMETHING NEW IN 2022** Attitude WHAT'S ON

ALL ACTIVITIES MAY BE BOOKED AT WWW.CLUNESNH.ORG/ATTITUDE OR AT BOOM Clunes (28 Fraser Street) OR BY CONTACTING THE PERSON LISTED IN THE DESCRIPTION



DEAS

PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY

2.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. In association with the Melbourne School of Philosophy Contact Gary Sharp on 0414 888 955

CONVERSATIONS ® 7.30PM

Exploring topics that could make a change

Wednesday, June 15th: Ken Evans and Rebecca Russell, Theatre Workers extraordinaire. Wednesday, July 20th: Professor Barry Golding on the Men's Shed Movement.

Wednesday August 17th: Ageing Disgracefully. A delegation from the Ageing Disgracefully mob of Daylesford meet an Army of Attitude in Clunes over mulled wine. What could possibly go wrong?!!!



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Third Friday of the month, 1pm - 2pm at Boom Clunes. Hosted by Victoria Reeve. There is no set reading. Together we'll discuss books we love and explore questions like: do books have the power to change who we are? Sponsored by Creative Clunes.

FILM NIGHTS No need to pre-book

Make a night of it! Cabaret style seating. BYO supper.

Director: John Weickhardt

Attitude Film Festival

JUNE 1ST, WEDNESDAY, 7.30PM

Portrait of a Lady on Fire (2019) (France) Director: Celine Sciamma A beautiful lesbian love story by the lesbian creatives and cast.

Green Book (2018) (USA) Director: Peter Farrelly JUNE 11TH, SATURDAY, 7.30PM

Based on the real story of a brave black gay jazz pianist visiting the Deep South.

Gurrumul (2018) (Australian) Director: Paul Damien Williams

JULY 6TH, WEDNESDAY 7.30pm

The true story of the sexual harassment suffered by female workers Documentary on the great First Nations singer Bombshell (2019) (USA) Director: Jay Roach **AUGUST 3RD, WEDNESDAY 7.30pm**



GAME NIGHTS

On those cold winter nights come down to Attitude and join in a board game. BYO supper. Bar

2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. 7PM - 10PM

Mahjong, Chess, Backgammon, Scrabble, you name it. Bring a board or come and join in.

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BOOTCAMP (HIGH IMPACT)

Lois Nichols 0467 331 136. Every Tuesday and Thursday 5.00pm til 6pm at the Community Centre, Football Club. Free thanks to the Victorian Government, Department of Health. Enrol by completing the form www.clunesnh.org/groupexercise. Bring along a yoga mat and water.

YOGA

Keep physically and mentally fit. Every Tuesday at 7pm. Call Lily Mason on 0459 138 797. Cost applies

All ages and abilities welcome to all of these activities

Tuesday. Meet at Collins Place at All ages and abilities welcome to all of these activities

COVID VACCINATION CLINIC - BALLARAT HEALTH SERVICE, PART OF GRAMPIANS HEALTH Friday, 3rd June at 10.30am til 1.30pm at Attitude.

to register or just drop in on the day. For anyone needing a lift to get to Attitude, let us know and we can arrange Give your immunity a boost this winter by making sure you've have your Winter COVID booster. Call 5345 4078 transport. Vaccination is not just limited to Winter boosters. If you are eligible for a COVID vaccination, this

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SPECIAL EVENTS - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BUS TRIP IN JULY

Thursday, July 7th, Departing 9am from Attitude

Aboriginal rock art at Gulgurn Manja, Grampians. Gulgurn Manja, the track, winds its way through Stringybark forest to a rocky shelter meaning 'hands of young people'. Distance 1km return and is suitable for strollers. PLUS Brambuk Living Cultural Centre, Halls Gap.

Lunch at Promonal Estate winery, microbrewery and cider house. Own cost. Bus \$17.

BUS TRIP IN AUGUST

Thursday, August 18th, Departing 9am from Attitude

Bendigo Art Gallery The Paul Guest Prize 2022. A major biannual award for contemporary drawing in

LOCAL GROUPS

Clunes Artists' Group: Every Thursday 1-4pm. Bring your own project from home and enjoy the company of other practising artists in Clunes. Drop in or call Marlene Tozer on 0409 355 857.

Clunes Writers' Group: Second Monday of the Month, 1-3pm. Share your work, participate in group projects or ask for a gentle critique. Call Patsy Skinner, 0407 377 610. No cost. Gold coin donation for confections

Ukulele for Beginners: Every Friday 3 - 5pm. With Victoria Reeve. Contact 0420 432 932.

Community Garden. Tuesday, 10.30am - 12.30pm and Friday, 10.30am - 12.30pm at Clunes Neighbourhood House, 70 Bailey Street, Clunes. Meet at the Lunch Room adjacent to the park. Enquiries: Carmel on 0421 635 369.

Crochet & Tatting Group: First and third Wednesdays. 10 am - 11:30 am. Contact: Judi Palmer 0435 258

Clunes Landcare and Waterways Group: We maintain a section of the Creswick Creek in Clunes. Contact us at cluneslandcare@gmail.com for information.

Imprint local Publishing/Small print run publishing: 3rd Tuesday of the month at Attitude at 11 am. This can vary depending on the book we are working on. Contact Tess Brady, 0414 483 348 to confirm exact

Mad Chatters. For newcomers to Clunes and established residents. Meet new people. Wednesdays @ 2pm at Rose and Oak Cafe. Contact Carmel Betts, 0421 635 369.

A NIGHT WITH MILES DAVIS - DISCOVERING THE LEGEND.

Saturday August 6th at 7.30pm at Attitude.

David Shields, our jazz aficionado and radio presenter will explore the music and legend of Miles David. \$15 cover charge. Light supper provided.

CLUNES MUSEUM

Behind the scenes of the Clunes Museum. Esmond Gallery, The Warehouse, 36 Fraser Street, (enter via Collins Place). Limited places (20) Contact Sue Gubby 0417 562 258

Tuesday June 21, 2022 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Memories are made of this - Before Facebook and the socials

Flipping pages of the photographic folders, discovering history. Images from the earliest of Clunes, mining, events, buildings, people. A peek into life from 1851.

Tuesday July 19, 2022 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Did they really say that? - A Look at what made the news from the 1970s

Discover folders of news clippings and articles with interesting and controversial articles about Clunes.

Tuesday August 16, 2022 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Bob and Dolly's Pick-a-Box.

Unpack, unwrap and inspect collection items that will probably never see the light of day in the public domain. An up-close and personal event, magnifying glasses provided.

J3A

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HEALING THE EARTH

Tutor: Sandra Nichols 0438 415 715. Wednesdays 2 pm - 3:30 pm, July 13th, July 27th, August 10th, and August 24th.

PLANNING

NEXT PROGRAM WORKING BEE.

Do you have an idea for an event or activity at Attitude? Join in the roundtable working bee as we collect ideas, events and activities for the spring program. All welcome. Attitude, Thursday, August 11th, 11am.



CLUNES GARDENING CLUB

Sue McVeigh

Welcome to winter, everyone!! It's hard, sometimes, to drag oneself out into the garden on a cold winter's day, but it pays off to spend at least a little time on those chores that need attention. General garden maintenance such as weeding, mulching, composting and pruning should keep us busy. And rose lovers, it's time to start thinking about pruning.

Though the weather has been mostly kind with mild temperatures, we've had a few chilly nights and even a couple of frosts. It is SO disappointing to see our plants, whatever they may be, succumb to nasty frosts that kill the lovely green leaves which had been coming along ever so nicely! Frost damage occurs when on cold, clear nights, cold air sinks to the ground and water in the plant cells freeze and expand such that when the ice thaws, the cell walls collapse. Frost damage can blacken plant foliage and even turn it to mush. It's wise NOT to remove that damaged foliage as, generally, new growth will come back at the base. Best to wait until frosts have passed in the late spring.

To maintain soil quality over winter and ensure optimal conditions for worms, bugs and fungi to remain fed, it's essential to provide a layer of organic matter such as compost or manure to a thickness of 3-5cms (Ref:www.growveg.com.au).

Some tips for June gardening:

- As our fruit trees shed their leaves, it's timely to have a good look at their structure and remove any dead wood, diseased branches or fruit which has mummified. No need to go too hard though in case they become too vigorous and unmanageable when they come out of dormancy!
- It's a great time to plant bare-rooted roses and trees remembering that they have been harvested in their dormant period.

 Prepare soil in advance with compost or cow manure, which will enrich it and optimise plant growth.
- Generally, it's best to apply fertiliser to your winter vegies every two weeks, to help them grow faster and prolifically.
- June is a great time to split up shrubs such as daisies and lavenders to plant in other parts of the garden. Be sure to transplant biggish sections to give them the best chance of succeeding!
- Protect your precious plants from damaging frosts by using materials such as hessian, shade cloth or even old sheeting suspended between metal or bamboo poles or with flexible poly pipe arched over as a frame. Refer to the Gardening Australia website for other methods of frost protection.

Time to don that beanie and warm jacket and bravely get out there and tend to that garden, which will thank you in the spring when everything comes back to life with colours and scents divine! Enjoy!!

CREATIVE HEPBURN

Kelly Bevan, Hepburn Shire Council

Creative Hepburn – Have your say!

Hepburn Shire Council is excited to invite you and your community to help set key directions for the very first Hepburn Arts and Culture Strategy.

The Strategy will create a roadmap for Council and the community to work on together, strengthening arts and culture across the Shire, and helping to guide the focus for Council's services, programs and facilities so that the creative community can thrive.

Fill in our survey!

We would like to invite you to participate by filling in our online survey. We have two surveys - one for individual community members and one for those operating within the creative sector - including artists; designers and makers practising across all art forms; and producers and organisers of professional arts and cultural activities/events.

For more information and to complete the survey visit:

https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/artsculture-strategy.

The survey closes on Friday, 3 June 2022.



"My Dearest" - A Public Art Commission by artist Mark Cuthbertson. Commissioned by Hepburn Shire Council, 2016. Photo supplied



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U3A BALLARAT AT CLUNES

Sandra Nicholls

Join us for a second offering of the course, *Healing the Earth*, at Attitude, 25 Fraser St, Clunes on the following Wednesdays at 2:00 - 3:30 pm: 13th and 27th July and 10th and 24th August.

This course aims to give participants distressed or concerned about issues such as climate change and species extinction the chance to share their thoughts and fears about the state of the world with others and to leave the course feeling more positive about their role in healing the Earth.

The course is based on the work of US ecophilosopher, Joanna Macy (joannamacy.net), and her book *Active Hope*. The interactive activities cover all aspects of healing – the physical, social and economic environments and our own psychological wellbeing. The four sessions will cover coming from gratitude, honouring our pain for the world, seeing with new eyes and going forth.

Some feedback from the first course:

"I got a lot out of this course. It was an opportunity to discuss many environmental and world issues and to feel more encouraged to keep striving to do whatever I can to work towards changes big and small."

"It has lifted my spirits and changed some of my negative attitudes towards issues I had thought were hopeless."

"The course has helped me to re-evaluate my actions and inspired me to take up more positive activities."

Participants need to enrol in the course through the U3A Ballarat website (https://www.u3aballarat.org.au). An annual membership fee of \$50 applies.

For more details, contact: Sandra Nichols, U3A Ballarat Clunes Coordinator.

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POWER SAVING BONUS

Lisa Carey, for Jaala Pulford MP

Victorian households will receive a \$250 bill busting bonus if they seek out a better energy deal on Victoria's Energy Compare website – saving hundreds of dollars.

From 1 July 2022, the new \$250 payment will be open to all households in Victoria who use the Victorian Energy Compare website to compare their energy deal and seek out a better price.

User data shows that seven out of every 10 users can save money by switching energy offers, with typical annual savings of \$330 on energy bills in the first year of switching alone. Combined with the Power Saving Bonus, that means households could save up to \$580 a year.

While the quickest way to submit an application for the \$250 Power Saving Bonus will be through the website, households that do not have access to a computer or the internet can call the Victorian Energy Compare helpline or receive support from a community outreach partners.

The new \$250 Power Saving Bonus will run until 30 June 2023. Households that have previously claimed a \$50 or \$250 Power Saving Bonus will be eligible for this new one-off payment when the program opens in July.

CLUNES MUSEUM

Sue Gubby

Congratulations to everyone on a successful Booktown for 2022. We were fortunate to have been able to place a table at the front of the museum in Fraser Street this year. It was lovely to chat to passersby - locals, tourists and bibliophiles.

This event gave us the opportunity to fundraise for a specific purpose and that purpose right now is conservation. There are quite a few objects in our collection that need tender loving care and conserving to ensure they remain in a fit state for storage and exhibition. You might like to pop into the museum's Gold Room and check out the recently restored Eberhard Bible.

You might have noticed that the front window of the museum has themed with Booktown to provide an interesting selection of books that connect in some way to Clunes. Thanks to our members for contributions to "Clunes in Print".



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CLUNES LANDCARE & WATERWAYS GROUP

June Johnstone

A sustainability grant from Hepburn Shire has enabled Clunes Landcare to remove woody poplar suckers from alongside the Creek Walk between the football oval and the footbridge. A big thank you is due to the contractors who removed and mulched the suckers. Take a walk and see how the sucker removal has opened up views of the creek.

In Queens Park and along the Creek Walk between the oval and the footbridge, you'll find eight posts. These posts have QR codes on top with information about the creek — its history, floods, platypus, frogs and the plantings by Clunes Landcare. Our special thanks to Dayle Betts who installed the posts and Chris O'Donnell for her research and delivery of the QR codes.

Our 2022 planting season is about to begin. Check our Facebook page for details. For further information about Clunes Landcare, please contact us via cluneslandcare@gmail.com.



Photo Kim McClelland

ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH

Joan Sargeant & Shirley Syme

St Andrews Uniting Church Creswick celebrated meaningful and thought-provoking worship services during Holy Week and Easter. Rev. Rosemary Carter led the services with input and planning from congregation members. The first worship was a Tennebrae service, remembering Jesus' final hours. We were each given a plate of Passover food (a Seder plate) that gave meaning to the Jewish people's suffering and struggles. The service concluded in darkness and silence.



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On Good Friday, we held a service at Clunes reflecting on the crucifixion followed by an Ecumenical walk and the Stations of the Cross, concluding with hot cross buns. Easter Day began with a dawn service at 6.30am at St Georges Lake. We gathered around a welcoming fire, an empty cross and joy in our hearts as we shared a breakfast of fish just as the risen Jesus did with his friends. A large group of visitors from Melbourne joined us for the Easter Service, which included the Flowering of the Cross.

CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sonia Jardine

ANZAC Day 2022

As Principal of Clunes Primary School, I am exceedingly proud of our students (and our families) for their annual commitment to the Clunes and district ANZAC Day Ceremony. Each year all students from Years 3-6 write a personal piece of prose or a poem, "What ANZAC Day means to me", with a specific focus on ANZAC Day. Staff select two pieces to be read by the authors at the ANZAC Day ceremony. Traditionally these have been read at the Town Hall ceremony, however, last year, and again this year, our students presented their pieces at the Cenotaph ceremony. Killian McDougall and Lily Roberts excelled in their delivery. It takes confidence, resilience and courage to stand and speak in front of 250+ Clunes community members. Please contact the school if you would like a copy of the poems.



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Our School Captains also play a significant role in our annual Clunes ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services. This year School Captain, Ella McLure, supported by School Captain, Noah Deane, read Stanza Three of the Ode (Poem - For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)). Ella, Noah, and Vice-Captains Dahli Webb and Callan Duggan then placed the Wreath on the Cenotaph. Our students formed a Guard of Honour along Fraser street in full school uniform at the beginning of the ceremony.



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CLUNES FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Kath Milne

Plenty to report this month. A few of our girls were chosen for the 13 A team and the 17s team in Interleague selections. How fabulous! Congratulations Tatym Featherston, Montana Ross and Jess Whitcher. Also, Matilda Hill has been chosen as the assistant coach for the 17 and under team. A great achievement!

Jaqui Featherston played her 250th senior game on 7th May with many onlookers and family members proud of all she has achieved. Not only a talented netballer, Jaqui is also the club's secretary, coordinates Auskick, umpires, and still finds time to help out with anything else that needs doing. Congratulations Jaqui on a fabulous achievement, we look up to you.

On Saturday May 14th, Learmonth and Clunes played off for the White Ribbon Shield in honour of Sharon Siermans, who was brutally murdered in her home by a known person. John, Denise and Aron Siermans were at the game and Aron did a fine job of tossing the coin. White Ribbon Ballarat works to support, educate and advocate for the elimination of men's violence against women and children. Violence against women must stop and we all have a role to play in making that happen.

We promoted Pink Ribbon Day on Sat 7th May and raised \$313 for the Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre. We said Happy Mother's Day to those with us and those who have gone before us.

Wesley students have arrived in Clunes which brings us great delight as they helped us fill a 15s football team and netball team. So good seeing them run around with the local kids wearing the Clunes colours.

Thank you to those who have joined the 500 club - 34 paid up members so far. We have 16 keyrings left – could your name be on one? Thanks to guest speakers John Bedwell and Malcolm Hull thus far.

We field seven netball teams and four or five football teams each week. It's a big job - thanks to those who help out in the canteen, build trolleys etc. We have 30 kids enjoying AUSKICK - many thanks to those who are out there with the kids and supporting them, they are our future. We want to be the club that families want to be at, the club that's inclusive and where everyone is welcome. We want to be the club that allows people the chance to thrive and make connections.

Many thanks to our local businesses who support us each week with a voucher or raffle item: O' Haras Bakery, National Hotel, Misty Blue, Clunes Hairdresser, Clunes Newsagency, Clunes Pharmacy, Clunes Greener Grocer, Longview Farm & Meats, Clunes IGA, and Clunes Petrol Station. Give us the nod if you want to be involved.

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Round	Date	Home	Away	Location
8	Sat 4 Jun	Clunes	Buninyong	Bull Milgate Oval
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10	Sat 25 Jun	Clunes	Hepburn	Bull Milgate Oval
12	Sat 9 Jul	Skipton	Clunes	Skipton Recreation Reserve
13	Sat 16 Jul	Clunes	Rokewood	Bull Milgate Oval
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Community Groups

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Anglican Church St Paul's, Templeton St. Worship: Eucharist for all ages 10am on 1st & 3rd Sundays, followed by bring & share lunch. All welcome. Enq.: Father Chris Keast Home: 5332 4723 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 1pm as a working group. Venue: Attitude, 25 Fraser St. Enquiries: Marlene 0409 355 857.

Clunes Bowling Club Social Bowls every Friday, 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. Meets 7:30pm on the 3rd Mon of the month at the Bowling Club.

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 Eng.: Eric 5345 3571.

Clunes Football & Netball Club President Brendan Sheehan 0418 348 090, clunesmagpies@gmail.com.

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 Mon of the month at 10.15am at Attitude. Outing days 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, 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, Wed, Thu, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Closed Tue & Sun. Ph: 5345 3359.

Community Groups

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.

Clunes Museum Seeking volunteers to help catalogue the Collection in the Museum Workshop from 10am each Thursday. Committee meets every 2nd Thursday of the month, 10am, Ulumbarra Room, the Warehouse. Enq.: 5345 3359 and leave message for Museum. Open M,W,Th,F 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun 10am-2pm.

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 Preschool 109 Fraser St. Enq.: 5345 3228 or clunes.district.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Clunes Reconciliation Group Enq. Pat Hockey 0457 463 971 or pat@breaze.org.au.

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

Clunes Tourist & Development Association Publisher of this newsletter, Clunes Market, other community events. Contact us: committee@clunes.org. Details on our website, www.clunes.org/ctda

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

Clunes Writers' Group Meets on the second Monday of the month (including public holidays), at Attitude 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 a casual get together at Rose & Oak café. New members are most welcome. Contact Carmel on 0421 635 369.

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.

Yoga Classes At Clunes Attitude every Tuesday 7pm, and Chair Yoga Friday 11.30am. All levels welcome. Enq: Lily 0459 138 797 or lilymason75@gmail.com or www.lilymasonyoga.com.

IT MATTERS

Lana de Kort

The impact people have on their community through volunteering has always mattered, but the last few years have highlighted to us all just how important volunteering is for our community – as well as for ourselves. An Oxford Study found that people who were able to volunteer during the pandemic felt more connected and resilient during the worst of COVID.



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Doing Things Differently

For many groups, this meant working with volunteers in ways that were very different to how they might have normally done business. At the Clunes Men's Shed, for example, to accommodate social distancing, the members increased (rather than decreased) their opening hours so they could gather safely. The Oxford Study speculates that the bonds formed during these trying times have made some groups stronger, and looking at the growing membership of the Men's Shed, it's hard to disagree.

Open House Meals

Another Clunes Neighbourhood House team of volunteers had to adapt during the pandemic as well. The team responsible for making meals for the weekly Open House Meals program shifted from face-to-face dinners to delivery – ironically extending our connection to community members in the process. But behind the scenes they made some changes as well. To ensure the sustainability of the program, the team split into two groups who take turns, week on week off, to prepare and deliver meals. This model ensures that volunteering doesn't become too big of a commitment, the responsibility is shared and everyone has a chance to make a contribution or gain skills.

This reciprocity is at the heart of volunteering. Too often we mark the impact of volunteering in terms of outcomes - like for Clunes Neighbourhood House, the contribution of volunteers means we can treble our outcomes, compared to what we are funded for. A great fiscal statistic and good for the community, but it's not the real magic of volunteering. The magic lies in the relationship that is formed to ensure that each volunteer and the organisation find mutual benefit. For many, if this is formed well, it marks a relationship that can extend for years. While the pandemic may have changed how we volunteer, it's great to see at a recent 'Thank you' BBQ for Clunes Neighbourhood House volunteers that the value of those relationships matters to one and all.



COUNCIL NEWS





© ORGANICS EXTENDED

Don't forget the kerbside organics collection trial at Clunes has been extended until the end of September 2022. Collection will continue to occur weekly on Mondays. Help to divert food waste from landfill and reduce green-house gas emissions in our Shire. Use the kitchen caddy to collect food scraps to place in your limegreen kerbside bin. Food scraps and garden material are accepted. For more information and tips visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/organics-bin.







😭 🖨 BIODIVERSITY GRANTS

Groups are invited to apply for a Council biodiversity grant of up to \$5,000. These grants support projects that align with the objectives of the Hepburn Biodiversity Strategy. Applications close on Tuesday 15 June. Apply via https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/biodiversity.





BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Cr Tessa Halliday on the arrival of baby Octavia in April. We wish Cr Halliday and Octavia all the very best in health and happiness.









HAVE YOUR SAY

Participate Hepburn is being updated regularly with opportunities for you to have your say. Current topics include our first Arts and Culture Strategy and the Western Victorian Transmission Network Program, Keep an eye on our Participate Hepburn website to find out about more opportunities to share your ideas. Visit https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/.











Council will consider the 2022/23 Draft Budget for adoption at the June Council Meeting at 5.30pm on Tuesday 28 June. The meeting will be livestreamed via our Facebook page. Find out more about the planned investment across the Shire and read the budget at https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/.





CHANGES TO PLANNING

The Planning Team has initiated an online booking appointment system to provide comprehensive and quality pre-application advice. This means for all pre-application advice you are required to book an appointment online by clicking the Planning button on the Council homepage and following the link to 'Preapplication Service'.

For all other planning enquiries, you can call to speak with a planner weekdays from 1pm to 4pm on (03) 5348 2306.







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www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/employment-opportunities.







DETOX YOUR HOME

Do you have toxic chemicals at home that you're not sure how to dispose of? Head along to Sustainability Victoria's free Detox Your Home event. You can take along cleaning products, pool chemicals and pesticides, and items will be safely disposed of, or reused. The next session is at the Daylesford Transfer Station from 9am to 12noon on Saturday 18 June. Register via www.eventbrite.com.au.





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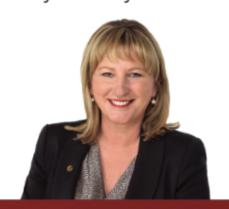
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