

SCOOP & SCUTTLEBUTT

Wedderburn Community News

May, 2017



Wrapping Up For Winter

Don't they look cosy and ready for those cold winter days.

Kathlyn Norman, Chelsea Cunningham and Nada Azahar were happy trying on the beautiful Alpaca hats and scarves on sale at the Wedderburn Country Market (the last Sunday of each month). The hats and scarves are handmade by local spinner Monique Ward and are magnificent to feel against your skin. Monique's products are truly local with the Alpaca fleeces supplied by Shane Winslett, or from her own Alpaca's that Shane shears for her. Many of you may have seen Monique in action spinning her wool and knitting when she demonstrates her craft skills at the Coach House Gallery Open Day.

If you would like some of these magnificent woollies for winter, visit Monique at the Country Market and while there you can stock up on your favourite scented candles and oils from Mikis Candles and Scentsy, for those romantic nights in. To stop that hunger the Wedderburn College students will be running the bbq, raising funds for their Indonesian trip later in the year. To spruce up the house a little over the cold months there are plenty of lovely crafts, woodwork, even groovy retro items to buy. Hope to see you there!

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*If you would like the details and meeting dates of your community group on the monthly events calendar or if you would like to have an article published, then please contact Wedderburn Community House by the **20th of each month on: 54943489***

*Or you can email your details to:
wedderburnnewsletter@gmail.com*

Community and Volunteer group details are advertised free.

Please try to write articles in format we can transfer easily such as Word or Publisher and ads or posters need to be in a finished format and saved as Word, Publisher or PDF.

**Mag Editorial
Judge Raftis**

As you can see by the front cover we have a variety of different stallholders attending our Country Market held on the last Sunday of each month. There are no markets in June/July due to the cold weather and none in Dec/Jan due to the school holiday period when some of our stallholders want to spend time with family.

This is an ideal opportunity to get that special gift for yourself or someone special, with a variety of candles, plants, rugs, home-spun scarves and beanies, collectibles, homemade gifts, sauces and relish. Not to mention our very popular Artisan Baker and Liza and Mick's delicious donuts and other goodies!

The very popular and talented St.Arnaud Pipe Band will be performing in the morning so bring the family along and enjoy listening to these extremely talented musicians!

Wedderburn College students will be manning the BBQ this Sunday to help raise funds for their impending Indonesian trip later this year.

To make our market sustainable we need as much community support as we can muster. We also need more stallholders, so if you have anything at all that you want to sell you can now be a part of our market.

We are no longer accredited with the Victorian Farmers Market Association so we no longer need to adhere to their rules and regulations regarding produce.

If you have any fruit and vegies etc. that you want to sell you can now come along to our Country Market and do so.

To book a stall just give us a call here at the House on 54943489 and we will organise it for you, including Public Liability insurance, which is included in the stall fee.

With Mother's Day just around the corner we wish all Mums out there a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday May 14.

Community Telephone Book.

If you have changed your contact details in the past year, or are new to the area, please contact Elizabeth Canfield at the Wedderburn Community House on 54943489 to have your

Advertising Rates for S & S.

Community groups - Annual amount of \$50.00 donation appreciated but not compulsory.

Business Sponsorship: \$15.00 a month (4x9cm)
\$150.00 per year (4 x 9cms)

Deadline: Last Monday of each month.

Larger ads available.

Contact Marg or Jude for prices.

WEDDERBURN COMMUNITY HOUSE



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SCAMS—BEWARE

In recent months there has been a dramatic increase in the number and deceptive nature of scams in the wider community. When once you had to watch out for door to door salesmen, or pyramid selling; now the scams are much more detailed and cunning.

Recently the Community House has been warned not only by concerned members of the public of scams they have experienced, but even the Department of Human Services and banks are letting us know of possible problems arising. Of recent we have come across scams imitating the Department of Human Services, Bendigo bank, Commonwealth bank, Paypal, Ebay, Testra and all the large electricity providers.

The basic message is to be extremely sceptical if an offer seems too good to be true.....IT IS!

If you have been contacted by any of the above mentioned companies, or any company claiming that they are updating their information on customers, or are giving you a refund, but need your credit card/banking details, hang up or delete the email without opening it up. If you want to query somethings authenticity, then call your local bank manager, or utility provider; do not use the contact details the scammers provide with the email or letter. Do your own searching.



Often the scammers will call on the phone and have part of your credit card details, hoping that you will say 'oh no, that's not quite right', then hand over the information they need. As for computer hacking it is now out of control, with some of the safest companies being hacked. If you are doing any banking online, buying items on ebay, gumtree or online shopping, or have a paypal account, I advise you to have a second account for your savings and only transfer the money you need for purchases into the online account as need be.

People regularly receive emails from reputable banks claiming problems with their accounts, even when they don't have accounts with that bank. Once you open these links you are opening a can of worms. A Commonwealth Bank scam email going around asks you to click on a link that looks almost identical to the official bank website, but this is allows them to hack into your computer.

I recently received an account statement from paypal stating that I was having a shopping spree in America. It looked exactly like a normal account statement from paypal. It was only due to my scepticism that led me to ring Paypal head office in the United States, where I discovered the only difference in the real and the fake receipt was that Paypal always put your account name in the top left hand corner, whereas this had an account number for the purchase. How would anyone be aware of this?

An alarming scam of recent is the email supposedly sent by the DHS, requesting to check your eligibility for a '2017 Subsidy Benefit', where they request you fill out a form recording all your financial details. **Do not fill it out.**

Another legal but questionable scam is the trials for skin care and weight loss products, where you can purchase a months trail sample for less than a dollar. Once you have signed up, you have agreed to pay anything up to \$200 a month for their products. It is legal as you signed a contract and supplied your banking details. It was all in that tiny print, of which there were pages and nobody reads. Trying to return the products and cancel the contract is almost impossible.

If you come across any of these scams please report it to the ACCC SCAM website— www.scamwatch.gov.au, or the Aust. Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) - www.Acorn.gov.au, or the Aust. Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) infocentre on 1300 302 502. If account details have already been supplied to a scammer, then contact your bank or financial institution immediately.



QI Quiz Questions:

1. Camellia Sinesis is an evergreen shrub better known as ?
2. Which Italian building material translates as Baked earth?
3. What links Buddy holly, Lyndon Johnson and Janis Joplin?
4. Which eponymous character was Thane of Cawdor and Thane of Glamis?
5. What is the food TOFU made from?
6. Who was the son of Poseidon and Amphereite?
7. Annie Mae Bullock became famous under which name?
8. What is the state capital of New Jersey?
9. Who won an Oscar for best supporting actor in Spartacus (1960)?
10. Who won 6 consecutive Wimbledon titles in the 1980's?

Answers on bottom of page 15

MARKET YOUR OWN OPPORTUNITIES

Have you noticed any changes in town of late? A couple of recent weekend visits to the local supermarket has surprised me at just how many people are living in town that I do not know. The Community House has regular visitors who are new to town or looking at buying and moving here and want to know what is on offer in the community.

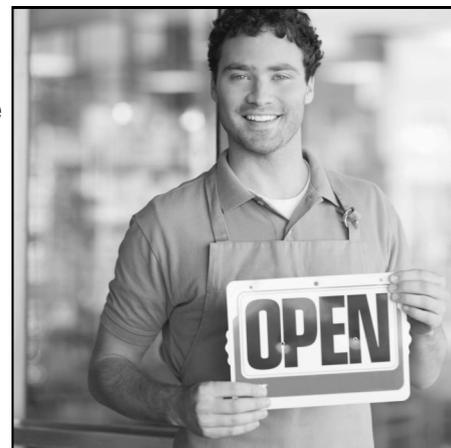
Other towns in the district are reporting similar increases in new residents, due primarily to the boom in the Melbourne housing market. Young families are closed out of the Melbourne market due to escalating prices, while older people see the opportunity to sell while prices are so high and have a tree change with plenty of money set aside to enjoy life.

For our small community this means growth; growth in population, growth in business opportunities. The time is rife for local people to develop their art and craft skills, trade skills, even gardening and cooking skills and turn them into small cottage industries. I am aware of many people in town that produce beautiful art and craft, but don't have the knowledge or confidence to sell their products to the general public.

This year the Community House is offering short courses in a wide range of topics to try and encourage people to look outside the box, learn new skills and try new business opportunities. Some of the courses have been developed in conjunction with Wedderburn Tourism to take advantage of growing tourism numbers in the region. Tour Guide training will teach people the skills necessary to take tour groups on guided walks throughout the district. Eucy Distilling will teach people the process of producing top quality Eucalyptus Oil from picking the leaf to selling to the public. Both of these fields are considered to be growth industries in the future.

Another course offered for the first time this year will be Start Your Own Business, to be taught by the very popular business studies/accounting teacher Caroline Stewart. In this short course you will learn the legal and financial requirements to start a business, basic book keeping, tax returns, how to market your business, etc. This is the perfect opportunity to find out what is involved to bring your idea to life, whether it be selling goods at the monthly Country Market, or opening up a shop front on High Street, this is the chance to find out what would be involved.

These ventures may not make you a millionaire over night, but all businesses have to start somewhere. Start small, develop your skills and knowledge and do something useful with your spare time such as making a few extra dollars or working for your community. Don't sit at home wondering why the right job doesn't come your way. Learn new skills and see what is possible for those willing to try.



**MONDAY
PATCHWORK**

We meet every Monday 1pm-3pm.
You don't need fabric.
Wonderful fabric by Irene Finch for beginners
and great support from a fun group.
Cost: \$5.00 a session.
Just come along and check it out!

Wedderburn
Community House
Is proud to host at the
Community centre..

**WEDDERBURN'S
COMMUNITY SINGING
GROUP**

Every Wednesday at 2pm
At the Wedderburn Community House
No Charge.
Come along & Have fun!

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS
Learn how to register a company, what insurance
& costs are involved.
Learn basic book keeping & Tax returns
How to best market yourself
Starts late May, evening classes.
Tutor; Caroline Stewart.
Cost; \$100 full fee/ \$50 concession
Book now on 54943489

Following on from the huge success in 2016,
we will again offer Landscape Design.
This year we will be completing a project at the
Wedderburn Cemetery.

**LANDSCAPE
CONSTRUCTION**

Starts Monday 24th April, 2017.
Classes each Monday & Tuesday
for 6 weeks, 9am-3pm

Cost;
- Full fee \$50.00
- Concession \$30.00
- Following units 2 & 3 \$10.00 each

Teacher: Bendigo artist & conservationist
Tommy Day
To register your interest call 54943489.

KEEPING NATURE SUSTAINABLE

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network (LPLN) strives for long term sustainable agriculture and socially acceptable landscape change. The LPLN is made up of 18 separate groups which connect people who are interested in agriculture and the environment. The LPLN enables groups to undertake activities to improve the natural environment.

A number of the groups work closely, and in partnership with the government bodies of NCCMA, DEDJTR, DELWP and Parks Victoria, and also work with non-government organisations. A number of the groups, with the support of LPLN, undertake a range of land and water management practices, which balance productivity with resource protection, economics with ecology and encourages sustainable agricultural practices.

There are many groups all around the district, some things that the groups do are;

-Undertake field trials on different cropping varieties, to meet the changing climate challenges and economic varieties.

-Remotely assess soil temperature, accurately measure soil moisture content and on paddock weather tracking to assist in planting and irrigation strategies.

The Northern United Forestry Group at Kamarooka have successfully lowered the local water table, thereby reducing the salt burden on this area and providing a future source of income from the timber.

The LPLN's role is to support and represent the various groups' interests on committees, bodies, associations and to government. The network also has a qualified facilitator, who is assisted by the support of Landcare Victoria. The LPLN and three of its member groups have partnered with the North Central Catchment Management Authority, Dja Dja Wurrung representatives, Trust for Nature, Bush Heritage Australia, and Parks Victoria to undertake a landscape wide restoration and bio-linking project.

All of these groups have been key partners in this federally funded Landcare project that has been running strong for five years now.

FREE WOW for Women 2017 "Self Care comes First!"



Inglewood & Districts Health Service invites ladies of all ages from the Loddon Shire to the FREE WOW for Women Day 2017.

Friday 19th May, 2017
9.45am-3.15pm

Wedderburn Community House
Bookings Essential by 12th May, 2017 to 5431 7000

Workshops Available:

Workshop #1 - Fun and Learning

- Cupcake Decorating
- Simple Patchwork
- Polymer Clay Figurines
- Jigsaw Memories (using your photos)
- Introduction to Tai Chi

Workshop #2 - Looking after Yourself

- Intro to Dancing
- Intro to Self Massage
- Intro to Aromatherapy with Foot Spa
- Intro to Meditation and Relaxation
- Intro to Strength Training

Space is limited in each workshop so please book in early to get into your chosen workshops for the day!



IGNITING CHANGE

by combining extraordinary lives

Special Guest
Speaker—
Bush Poet
Kathy Vallance

RSA, RSG & FOOD HANDLERS CERTIFICATES.



Over the June/July
School Holidays

RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol)

&

**Food Handlers Certificate
& Food Handlers Supervisor Cert.**

Nationally recognised certificates.

RSG (Responsible Serving at Gaming Venues)
available online.

These certificates are a requirement for working in, or wanting to work in the food & drink industry, such as cafes, restaurants, hotels, supermarkets.

New laws requiring the RSG in sports bars, TAB, or gaming venues.

All community groups need people with these certificates to run bbq's, street stalls selling food, serving drinks at community events.

You do not need to be over 18 for the RSA course

\$ 110 for one course, \$210 for 2 certificates.



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

For only \$10 per year membership
You can be member

- ✓ meet monthly
- ✓ participate in community development
 - ✓ advocate for community needs
 - ✓ expand your community networks

Email us today with your details and a membership request at
wdainc1@gmail.com

Wedderburn Community Centre Room Rental Rates 2017

Community Session	\$15
Private hourly rate	\$25
Private half day	\$50
Private full day	\$80
Weekly	\$350
Monthly	\$1300



Wedderburn Community Radio FM 87.6 mHz

Visitor Information 24 hours, 7 days

Tune in to the events bulletin at the top of each hour to find out what's happening in town for the month.

To include your event in the bulletin:-
email:- weddradio3518@gmail.com
or call Alan on 0427 429005



Wedderburn Community House
PRESENTS

WEDDERBURN COUNTRY MARKET



**SUNDAY
28th MAY**

From 9 am to 1 pm

We have Farmer's Market stallholders, food and drinks available for lunch and quality entertainment appearing at all our markets.
Make a day of it and enjoy the whole market experience at the **W'burn Country market to be held at Jacka Park, High Street, Wedderburn.**



For further information contact
Wedderburn Community House and Loddon Visitor
Information centre on **(03) 5494 3489**



Wedderburn
Lions Club



WEDDERBURN GARDEN CLUB OUT AND ABOUT!

Our club remains a great source of information for newcomers and keen gardeners generally, an inspiration to each member and without a doubt we have fun. Have heard us called the 'Cafe Latte Club'.



April saw us making a longer than usual trip to Dunnolly for morning tea. What a lovely selection at the bakery. We then drove to Marion's, a native "return to Local native species" garden just out of town which gave a very different view of what some people value as their garden. We then proceeded to Clunes for Lunch at the Hotel and a look around this lovely old village. Our afternoon booking at Lambley Nursery about 10 kms out of Clunes was stunning and a real treat. Our host showed us around with justifiable pride. He has a great fondness for Salvias which grow well both there and here, as well as a good variety of plants, seeds and bulbs. There were discounts for the day and he even shared his Crab Apples for some interested in making jam or jelly.

www.lambley.com.au if you are also interested in seeing some of what we experienced.

FREE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FARMERS

The Rural Financial Counselling Service is a free service available to farming enterprises that are currently in financial hardship or may be headed down this path. We can help assess the farms current financial position, prepare cash flow budgets, negotiate with banks, develop plans and explore options and assist eligible clients to apply for Centrelink Farm Household Allowance and any other Government assistance available.

The support we provide is one to one, strictly confidential and tailored to your individual needs. We can help farmers and their families to move forward, working through issues to achieve positive outcomes. To access assistance from one of our Rural Financial Counsellors please call 1300 769 489, call Ross Smith direct on 0437 118 056.

WEDDERBURN AUSTRALIA AND ANZAC DAYS 2017

Where were you when we were there ???

To praise and applaud our Nation and our freedom,

To thank those brave service people and the hard workers that have made our town what we know today,

To those newer arrivals to the area and our long term locals,

To our families and children, friends and neighbors as we shared the day,

Where were you when we were there ???

Our Community your Community as you choose to be here,

Can be a better place for all if, we participate, get involved and share if you are there,

We all matter, need care and support and our children desperately need our good example, in this our town and in a troubled world,



UNUSED BUT NOT UNWANTED

The Wedderburn Men's Shed are asking for donations of any unused or surplus WOOD and STEEL that you may have lying around your property. These materials are used in the various projects that the Men's Shed run throughout the year, producing items to sell at the market or to complete orders that people request.

All the money raised through these projects help keep the Men's Shed viable and providing the important service it delivers in our community, a place people can come and work together, chat and give each other support. They also run wonderful programs for young people in the community and students from Wedderburn College.

Call either Jeff on 0417 058 545, or Frank on 0416 061947 and they will come and pick up your wood and steel.

WEDDERBURN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - NEWS

Silos and Oat-shed Project

Imagine a bustling metropolis within our township. A locale providing the opportunity for home-grown artists and crafts people to show the product of their talents to the community and visitors alike. The rebirth of an asset once used to store and move grain but in more recent times has been left idle, abandoned and tired.

The Wedderburn Silos and Oat-shed area could become a destination for travellers and a major asset for our community.

The Wedderburn Development Association initiated discussion with GrainCorp Australia about 12 months ago to tease out the possibility of occupying the Silos and Oat-shed area for community purposes. To date correspondence has changed hands and two meetings have been held between the organisations.

After these initial enquiries have been completed and the occupation of the site is feasible it is the Association's intent to call a public meeting to explore and consider future uses of the site for example, an art and craft precinct as mentioned above, a café, restaurant or boutique brewery. The possibilities are endless. The public meeting will also discuss a variety of ways the site could be administered/ managed.

What a feat such an acquisition would be for Wedderburn and the Loddon Shire.

The Association must stress that this venture is in its formative days and a lot of work will need to be completed if the acquisition is at all possible.

Town Entrance Signs



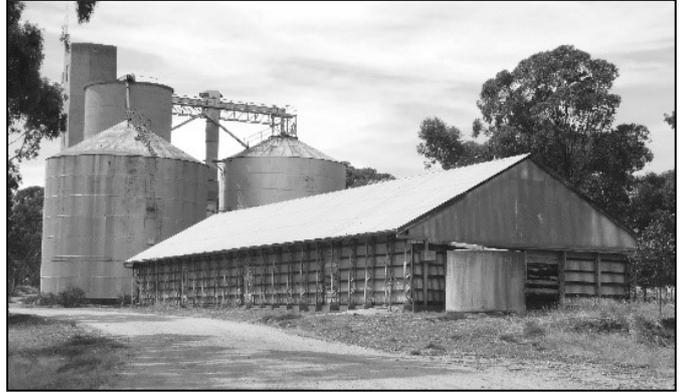
The development of the 2015 -2025 Community Plan, which can be viewed on the Wedderburn Development Association's website wdainc.org.au under the *Publications*, highlighted a desire of the community to have personalised entrance (welcome) signs to the township. To this end the Association has been working to make the entrance signs become a reality. A preliminary sketch was released for community feedback, contact was made with other organisations that already have unique entrance signs, discussions have been had with VicRoads and Council and our councillor.

In late 2016 a designer was engaged to look at the sketch and make modifications received from feedback received. Fig. 1 is the result.

There is still a long way to go before these entrances signs are seen on the side of the highway, but they will be unique to Wedderburn.

Hard Hill Reserve Shelters

The Wedderburn Development Association put a proposal to the Hard Hill Reserve Committee of Management and the Wedderburn Tourism Committee of Management to erect permanent shelters over the stage and concrete slab areas at the centre of the Hard Hill Reserve area. Both committees support the concept and endorse the Association's actions. The shelters will not only provide protection and shade from the elements they will offer a place for outdoor entertainment, better define the Reserve and



create a place where the community can visit and enjoy the atmosphere of the area.

The Association intends to apply for a community grant to help fund this project and decisions will be made on the best way to achieve a desirable outcome.

The shelters will be purchased in kit form and the community will be asked to donate a little of their time to help erect the structures.

Although quotes have been received it is still an initiative that the Association is working through.

Wine Tasting

Wedderburn's third annual wine tasting was held on Friday 10 March 2017 at the Wedderburn Hall. Although it was a little disappointing that the numbers were down from the previous year, those who attended thought it was a great night and were looking forward to the 2018 event.

There were five wineries in attendance and a couple of food stalls. Unfortunately, the brewery that attended in 2016 was not available and the second brewery pulled out at the last minute due to licensing issues but insisted it would be there in 2018. We were also unable to secure any cider producers, mainly due to the timing of the event.

Michael from Callipari Wines heard that the brewery had pulled out at the last minute so he made a trip from Bendigo to Geelong and back on the afternoon of the event to collect some of the beer his company had just started making and sold it on the night.

There was no silent auction this year as committee members found it very hard to secure donations of items to be raffled. Instead, there was a door prize of a river cruise and entry to the pioneer settlement donated by Captain Bill Hogg of the PS Pyap (operating out of Swan Hill).

In all yet another good night was had and the Association have decided to have another wine tasting in 2018 and ask that you find your way clear to support this initiative.



Masquerade Ball

Friday 5th May, 2017,

8pm

Mechanics Institute Hall, High St, Wedderburn.

BYO. Drinks

Entry \$ 20.00 adult, \$10.00 child (16 and under)

Supper included.

Featuring
The Wedderburn
Old Timers &
Cheryl Bailey

(Book a table through W'burn Comm House on 54943489, tickets sold on the door)

ST.ARNAUD VISIT INDOOR BIAS BOWLS FOR A GREAT NIGHT

It was a very enjoyable evening of social bowling on Monday March 20th at the Wedderburn Indoor Bias Bowls Club rooms with members from the St Arnaud RSL Indoor Bias Bowls Club making the trip over to Wedderburn for a 7:00pm start.



From L – R: Brian Boyton, Stephen Smythe, Bob Nicholls, Denise Caulfield, Sheila Gaines, Dot Baldwin, Denise Nichols, Sheryl Harris, Bill Deanshaw, Malcolm Baldwin, Val Thiele, Bill Best and Trish Arrowsmith. (Photo by Amanda Bauer)

As is customary when other clubs visit, all names are drawn out and placed randomly in teams to ensure a great mix of players from both clubs in each team. We had a total of 15 players and there was lots of laughing and great bowling enjoyed by all.

Winners of the night were:

Val Thiele (Wedderburn) and Sheryl Harris (St Arnaud), with Malcolm Baldwin (St Arnaud) as Skip.

Once all the games were completed, we sat down and had a fabulous supper of cakes, sandwiches and nibbles provided by the Wedderburn Indoor Bowls club members. The winners of the night were each given their prize and the holder of the winning raffle ticket for the basket full of Easter chocolates was Trish Arrowsmith of St Arnaud.

Visits to other Indoor Bowls clubs gives everyone a chance to try bowling on different mats on different surfaces which is helpful for improving your bowling skills and also a great opportunity to have a catch-up with neighbouring club members, some of which you may only see once a year at the annual Club Championships that usually occur in July and August of each year.

Thursday, March 23rd the WIBBC members travelled to Boort to partake in the annual "Grudge Match" between the two towns with the winner taking home the coveted Trophy and bragging rights for another year!

The overall team with the highest score for the night was:

Wedderburn:
Brian Boyton as Lead
Denise Nichols as Second
Amanda Bauer as Third
Bob Nicholls as Skip

It was great night of fun bowling with many laughs at the way the bowls had a mind of their own hop, skip and jumping on the mats because of the new floor surface which was a rubberised ground with many lines that interfered with some well-placed bowls! Luckily we weren't playing for sheep stations! After the games were all completed, we enjoyed a lovely supper provided by the Boort members.



Remember that every Monday night at 7:15pm is a great opportunity for you to come down to the Wedderburn Hall and see what Indoor Bowls is all about. You can learn how to play in about 10 minutes, it is suitable for all ages and fitness levels and you need no previous experience, just a willingness to have a fun time! We will even throw in a free cuppa and bickies at the end of the night! So stop putting it off, come down and give it a try!

WEDDERBURN PATCHWORK GROUP ARE BACK STITCHING IN 2017

Wedderburn Patchwork Group is a small band of enthusiastic women who enjoy patchwork and quilting.

At the recent Annual General Meeting the new office bearers were elected:

President: Irene Finch
 Vice President: Carol McSwain
 Secretary: Kylie Jones
 Treasurer: Hilary Mackay

The Group meets on the first Sunday of each month from 9.30am for a day of sewing, companionship and occasionally, volunteering at the Tourist Information Centre. Members, visitors and guests are always welcome. Bring your current project and lunch along to the craft room behind the main building at the Wedderburn Community Centre in Wilson Street (the old primary school).

This year we have drawn up a varied program of individual sewing, completion of UFOs (unfinished objects), a group activity completing a Christmas Block of the Month and a raffle quilt. We hope to have excursions to quilt shows in Bendigo and Melbourne. The Wedderburn Patchwork Group had a 'pop up' quilt display at the Rheola Easter Carnival on Easter Monday and another at the Wedderburn Engine Rally in September.

The Wedderburn Community Christmas Festival is still eight months away. The Group has responded to suggestions and revised the schedule and added new sections. We hope community groups and individuals support these changes by producing festival entries. The new sections include a floral arrangement, cookery and expanded children's sections.

The Christmas Challenge for 2017 is quite different to that of previous years. This year we have sourced a printed hessian bag, which is to be decorated with a Christmas theme. Entrants may use any materials and techniques to decorate the bag. School students will be able to collect a different bag from Miss Mackay at the Wedderburn College. Please contact Irene or Hilary if you wish to purchase the hessian bag (\$5) and enter the Christmas Challenge. A limited number of bags are available.



Please contact Irene (0458073080) or Hilary (0409549433) for more information about any Wedderburn Patchwork Group activities. Come in to the Community House Craft Room on the first Sunday of the month and check out what we are doing.

RECOGNISE THE EFFORTS OF YOUR SPORTING CLUB'S MOST VALUABLE OFF-FIELD PERFORMER

Nominations are now open for the 2017 Sports Focus 'Administrator of the Year' award.

Do you know someone:

Who has made a significant contribution to their local sporting club?

Is an inspiration to the community for their tireless work, commitment and dedication to sport?

Goes above and beyond to change their club for the better and to encourage, support and motivate others?

Then nominate them now.

The award recognises the achievements and contribution made by volunteer Administrators to the sport and active recreation sector.

Visit www.sportsfocus.com.au or phone 5442 3101 for more details or to nominate. Nominations close 30 June, 2017.

The recipient of the 2017 'Administrator of the Year' award will be announced at the 2017 Sports Focus Annual General Meeting in Bendigo later in the year. _____ END _____

For further information contact Zita Waldron-Brown at Sports Focus on 5442 3101 or via email admin@sportsfocus.com.au

Uniting Church

Wedderburn, Boort, Charlton and Powlett Plains have a new minister, Veronique Bradley.

Veronique can be contacted at the Church office on 5491 1946, or on mobile 0402 522 442.

Uniting Church, High St. Wedderburn.

Catholic Church

1st & 2nd Sundays, 8.30am

3rd & 4th Saturday, 7pm.

Father Mervioch.

Ridge St., Wedderburn

Church of Christ

Worship service Sundays 11am

After School club, Wednesdays.

Run by Debbie & Graham Milne.

Church of Christ.

Cnr. Reef St. & Wilson St.

Contact Ian Hall 54943149.

Lions Club

Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. 7.30pm

At the Lions Clubrooms

Mechanics Institute

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Contact Lance on 0429943028

Wedderburn Bias Bowls

every Monday 7.15pm at the

Mechanics' Hall Supper Room

Anyone of any age is welcome to come along, join in the fun and meet new friends.

If you would like to know more, come along on a Monday night, see what is involved and find out more details.

Country Women's Assoc.

Second Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm.

At the Senior Citizens Clubrooms.

Contact Julie on 0457 904 119, or Annette 54943650

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9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Thursdays

7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Thursday

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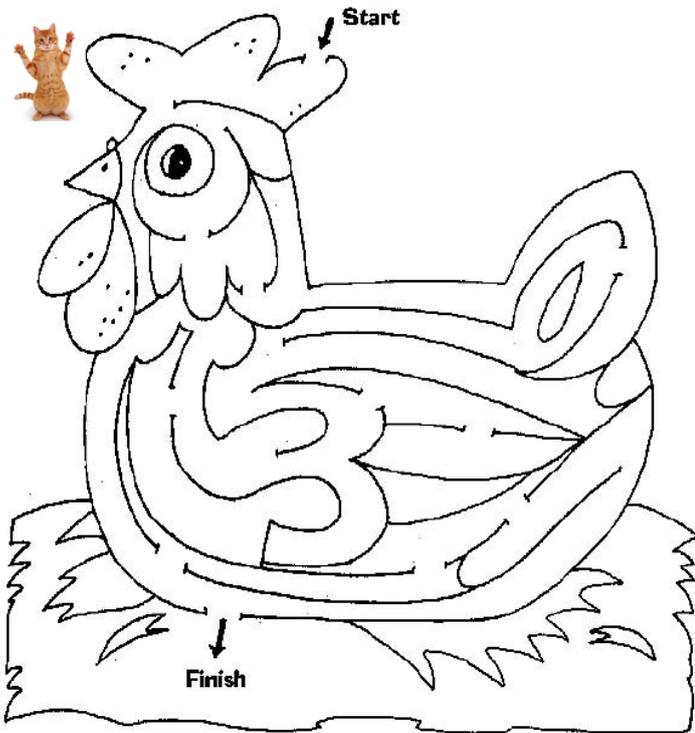
KIDS CORNER



By Mikala McNeill

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Can you count how many cats are on this page?

Can you guess what the theme of the KIDS CORNER page is this month?

What colour are the puppies in the story 101 Dalmations?

Do you know what a baby Hippopotamus is called? (it's the same as a baby cow)



ANSWERS ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 17.



TASTES OF LODDON

Wedderburn Community House Dining Room

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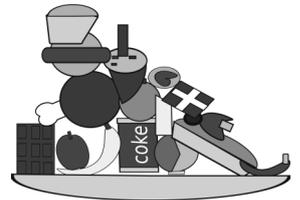


LADIES:

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NO INTEREST LOANS & FOODBANK.



Wedderburn Community House have been offering No Interest Loans to people who need a little assistance in replacing white goods, Car registration and tyres, Household goods and other necessary items for some years now.

For more information contact Jude or Michael on 54943489 or drop into the Community House.

The Community House is also the place for the local Foodbank, for people needing a little assistance with food items. The VicRelief Foodbank is co-ordinated by Joan Steel who meets with all new people accessing the service, just to see what their needs are. The foodbank is an interim solution when people have had to pay large bills, or such and don't have enough money left for groceries.

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Junior golf is on Friday after school.

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Season starts 11th April 2015.

REDBACKS ROAR IN THE OPENING WEEK OF SEASON

It was a spectacular start to the season for the Wedderburn Hockey Club in their first round against Birchip with wins in all games except



Allrounder Carly Turnbull, player, coach, Club president and mother.

Minkey. The Minkey crew worked hard and were rewarded with chocolates for everyone. Then it was onto the Under 13's who scored 2-0 with Chelsea Giorlando receiving the Ladies Award and Tarneisha Matias and Jack Tamblyn scoring chocolates. In the Underage it was a repeat of last years final with a similar outcome. All players performed well, with outstanding games by Simone Jackson (award) and Ethan Isaac (Chocolates), with the final score being 4-1.

The Women's team continued the winning streak with 4-1, with Molly Gould taking 3 of the 4 goals. The team are improving each season and played like a well oiled machine, with Laura van der Wetering winning best player and everyone getting well deserved chocolates.

Final game of the day was the mighty Mens, with returns to the field by Troy Springthorpe and Matt Lockhart, and they didn't disappoint. It took a while for Matt to get his aim for goal back again with a few missed shots early in the game, but then it was a free for all. The final score was 9-2. Best on ground was awarded to Troy who

dominated in any position he played. Troy literally threw himself into the game, hitting

the turf on a few occasions. I suspect his outstanding performance may have had something to do with his partner Lauren being on the side line watching her first ever hockey match. Whatever the reason it encouraged the whole team to play like demons, demolishing a strong Birchip team. The chocolates were awarded to Matt for a legendary comeback to the hockey field. Congratulations lads.

In the second round the Redbacks took on a strong Donald team with great battles in all matches. Minkey went down 6-2 with Lillian Stephenson

winning the award and everyone getting chocolates. In the Under 13's they battled hard against an all boy Donald team, but went down 5-1.

Neve Nisbet played a feisty game taking it to the boys all the time, and Ella Bailey showed real talent in her tactical moves, thus winning the chocolate. In the Underage it was a great game with players evenly matched. The final 2-2 draw demonstrated the closeness of the two teams with Oscar van Veen best on ground and Bec Turnbull taking home the chocolates.

In the Women's competition, yet again our ladies showed their might winning with a decisive 2-0 final result. All players gave it their all, with Kelly Harris (a new team member from Bendigo) winning best on ground and chocolates being shared between Simone Jackson, Bec Turnbull and Carolyn Stephenson. It was a special game for the Jackson family with Simone and Mum Suzanne being on the field together for the first time. I see another legendary hockey dynasty forming here.

The Men's game against Donald was a Battle Of the Titans as each team matched the scoring of their opponents, resulting in a 2-2 draw. The younger players of the team really stepped up this round with strong performances by Rex Stephenson, Patrick Ward and new comer to the team Ethan Isaac. Best on ground went to another of their young players, Oscar van Veen with Patrick taking home the chocolates. The future for the Redbacks is looking good with so many strong young players coming into the senior Men's and Women's teams. Congratulations to James Tate for being voted Captain of this motley crew. Good luck keeping them all in line.



Brilliant performances by Braydon and Troy Springthorpe and Matt Lockhart.



Answers to the Quiz...

1. Tea. 2. Terracotta. 3. They all came from the State of Texas. 4. Macbeth. 5. Soya Bean Curd—via Soya milk.
6. Triton. 7. Tina turner. 8. Trenton. 9. Peter Ustinov. 10. Martina Navratilova.

Football.

Report by Robbie Steel

Seniors.

The Redbacks after just doing enough to stay in touch with their Donald opponents for three and a bit quarters at Donald totally turned the game on its head in the last ten minutes of the match when they banged on six magnificent goals and snatched a fantastic and memorable victory. Jacob DeAurago at full back was brilliant all day, Cam Perry after a two year absence just showed us how valuable a resource we had been missing, his strength outstanding, Marc Reiffel is reaching veteran status but still a very dangerous and effective forward while Jordan Hargreaves was the dominant ruckman afield and maintained his effectiveness for four quarters.



Senior Awards: Incentives Jacob DeAurago Cam Perry Marc Reiffel Jordan Hargreaves; Wedderburn Hotel 3 Jordan Hargreaves 2 Marc Reiffel 1 Jacob DeAurago; Turf Towel Jacob DeAurago; Wedderburn Hotel Meal Adam Postle; National Hotel Meal Cam Perry.

Reserves

The Redbacks were looking to build on their good form from round one and after a quiet first term they set about a workmanlike performance with effective contributions from all players across the board.

With Mitch Stephenson in the ruck getting hands on the ball first the Redback running brigade were able to keep the ball moving and stretch the Royal Blue defences as they pushed deep into attack at every opportunity.

Ash Younghusband was strong in the centre early and his strong handball opened the game up and brought players around him into the game. The pace of Jeshua Botheras took him deep into the forward line often, the Holt brothers Louis and Oscar with their abundant pace, stamina and strong marking put them in the thick of play throughout. Bailey Brear, Sam Johnston, Anthony Smith were always dangerous and a chance to goal anytime the ball went forward and they received good support from Rhordan and Luke Holt and Cam Last. The versatility of this Redbacks line-up became evident as the game progressed with a number of players performing well, whether it be forward, back or having a run on the ball. Gives the coach plenty of options when things aren't going as planned.

Tim Leahy had a day out across half back either on the flank or at centre half back. Owen Lockhart at full back showed his best form as he defended stoutly throughout, Brodie Keller provided strong support while Cam Steel and Andrew Brett adapted to stints at half back, half forward, centre and on the ball.

Overall a strong team effort which will carry the side a long way into the season if the momentum can be maintained.

Wedderburn Awards: Incentives Tim Leahy Louis Holt; Bendigo Bank 3 Oscar Holt 2 Louis Holt 1 Andrew Brett; Turf Towel Bailey Brear; Wedderburn Hotel Meal Jeshua Botheras; Mountjoy Wool Ash Younghusband, Tasco Fuel Mitch Stephenson.

Under 16s

As is going to be the Redbacks fate against the stronger teams of the competition this year they were at a physical disadvantage against a very slick Donald outfit which controlled last Saturdays game from the first bounce.

Despite the Donald dominance those representing the Redbacks can hold their heads high, as their spirit, endeavour and enthusiasm can never be doubted and to that end their ever positive coach Jordan Hargreaves is doing one magnificent job in guiding his charges along the way. Stick with the coach boys and the good days will return.

Sam Lockhart led the way, was a bit like pepper and salt, in everything, marked well and mostly his disposals finished in Redback hands. Isaac Holt, Dale Kleehammer, Bayden Lock, Tangi Punguika, Trent Jackson, Daniel Lansdell-King and Finn Turnbull all provided good support and with the passing weeks team performance will lift.

Final Scores Donald 23-17-155 Wedderburn 1-0-6

Goal Sam Lockhart.

Awards: Wedderburn Fish Shop Sam Lockhart; Steel's Butchers Isaac Holt; Ladies Dale Kleehammer; Turf Engineering Eric Donald; Coaches Rohan Donald; Matthews Encouragement Bayden Lock, Tangi Punguika.

Under 13s

The youngest Redbacks are in similar position to the under 16s, at a physical disadvantage, facing a numbers shortage but lacking nothing in terms of heart, enthusiasm and desire and they are also in good hands with coach Aaron Lock encouraging them all of the way. Coby Cunningham was in the play throughout, made good position and found plenty of the football, Gabe Caserta also had many possessions in another of his keen and confident performances. Cole Hendy, Isaac Rawady, Mack Matthews and Dylan Caruana all came under notice with strong efforts at various stages throughout the game and will all improve with more experience as the season progresses.

Awards: Wedderburn Fish Shop Coby Cunningham; Drew Ritchie Memorial Gabe Caserta; Turf Engineering Mack Matthews; Burge's Newsagency Dylan Caruana;

24 Karat Cafe Cole Hendy; Jumbo Jackson Memorial Isaac Rawady.

A BIT OF HELP GOES A LONG WAY.

The recent premier of local lad Evan van Veen's B grade sci-fi short film 'They Came From Outer Space', was a huge success, filling the down stairs at the Star Cinema, with staff having to open the rarely used balcony. Volunteers at the cinema tell us it was the largest crowd they have had for a fundraiser.

Evan would like to thank the many locals who supported his premier. He managed to raise almost \$1,000 for the Community Cinema and another \$900 for YSAS Youth services.

Youth Worker Steve was very happy to receive the donation and showed Evan the dilapidated kitchenette that they plan to use the money for. Many teenagers on the streets in Bendigo go without food, so the kitchen and courtyard are going to be developed so they can come to the centre, cook proper meals and eat together in the café style courtyard. This will ensure they are getting at least one decent meal a day, building confidence in their living skills and developing those all important support networks. YSAS is doing great work helping our young people find the right track and I'm sure all those who attended the movie premier will be happy to know their ticket money from the premier is going to such a useful cause.



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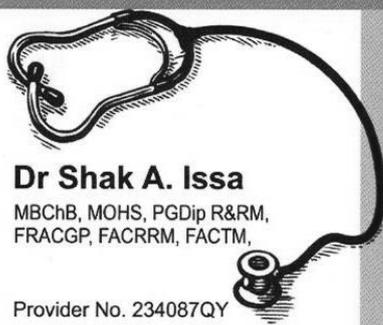
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