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There are six \$50 weekly prize draws from 6 December to 10 January 2025, and a Grand Prize of a \$500 Community Bank Maldon & District bank account voucher to be drawn at this year's Maldon Twilight Dinner on 18 January next year.

Week One's winner was Caitlin Hall, who was ecstatic that she had won. Although she lives in Melbourne, she has family in Maldon and visits regularly. She will enjoy using her \$50 voucher at Elsie & Pat and will continue collecting entry tickets when she shops in Maldon. Tracey from Elsie & Pat was thrilled to win the quarter-page advertisement in the *TT*. She said she loves the concept of what Maldon Inc. is doing this year. It is a well-needed boost for Maldon's businesses.

Maldon Shop'N'Win is a Maldon community campaign and an initiative of Maldon Inc.



From us to you Merry Christmas

*Chaperon*  
Wines of Grange Hill Vineyard Victoria



# Proposed quarry: are we asking the right questions?



Mawsons Managing Director John Mawson (standing) and Resource Development Manager Richard Toll (gesturing) at the information session.

**CLOSE to 50 people crammed into the supper room at Baringhup Hall last Thursday 5 December to attend an information session about the proposed quarry at Blue Hills.**

Staff from Mawsons Concrete and Quarries, the company behind the proposal, presented a slide show and answered community questions. The presentation broadly covered an overview of the planned project, its stages of implementation, the planned traffic routes and environmental impact. Reactions from attendees varied; some nearby residents made statements in favour of the quarry, while many others had questions that indicated concerns, some of which remain without comprehensive answers.

## Proposed project

Mawsons Resource Development Manager Richard Toll explained that the proposed quarry would use 34ha of a 560ha property owned by Mawsons. He said the site holds a significant quantity of high-quality hornfels stone used by the construction industry and that there is an increasing demand for the stone in centres such as Bendigo and Ballarat. Mr Toll described a staged development and said the quarry pit was designed to sit between adjacent hills, which he said would provide a natural buffer for noise and dust while keeping the quarry screened from public view.

## Transport planning

Mawsons estimates, at its peak, that the quarry will generate 60 trucks in and 60 truck loads out per day during its opening hours of 7am - 4pm, saying that there is demand for Blue Hills stone in all directions but many trucks will head to Bendigo and surrounds. Mawsons has developed a map of alternative truck routes around Maldon and acknowledged that some might head through Maldon town at 6am towards the quarry. Mawsons could only give a confident assurance of truck traffic through Maldon for trucks that are in its control (for example, its own trucks and contractors) and said that the only trucks through Baringhup would be those working locally. An attendee said that trucks collecting from the quarry will be looking for the quickest route; Managing Director John Mawson pointed out that restrictions on trucks through Maldon would affect all trucks. He said that the traffic issue is largely out of the company's control but that it is possible to track and monitor its own trucks. When asked what proportion of trucks might be in the company's control, an estimate of 70% was provided.

## Environmental impacts

Mr Bull and Mr Toll explained that the aural and vibrational impacts of blasting are reduced by the use of modern technology, saying that the rock requires low level, controlled blasting and is highly regulated. The quarry would create very limited water runoff and no impact on the nearby creek, Mr Toll said, and existing waterways won't be changed. He said any water captured by the pit would be minimal and it will be used for dust reduction using sumps and internal dams. In terms of rehabilitation, Mr Toll said the pit will become wetlands and the slopes will be redeveloped.

## Next steps and community engagement

The next steps involve submissions under the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act for which documents will be required for public exhibition, plus an Environment Effects Statement (EES) at state level which requires a wide range of environmental, social and technical studies. During this submission stage, there is likely to be the opportunity for community engagement. An attendee asked if there would be a feedback loop, review or objection process once works at the quarry commenced and the response was that community members will be able to call the quarry manager.

## Communicating with the community

There has not been clarity about how Mawsons intends to communicate to the community; initially only residents within a small radius of the proposed quarry were included. The *Tarrangower Times* has reported on this proposal for a number of years (see: *Tarrangower Times* 22 October 2021 and *Tarrangower Times* 21 July, 2023) and has expressed to Mawsons that the community would like to remain fully informed. Mawsons has promoted its community information sessions through the Baringhup News and with ads in the *TT* (the suggestion by Mawsons that there was an error with the recent ad is incorrect: Mawsons requested and paid for a single ad which ran in the Friday 22 November edition.) It seemed clear at the information session that community members still have questions and appreciated the chance to ask them, but Mawsons indicated there would not be any further information sessions and suggested checking the Mawsons website for updates.

## Questions arising

A document titled 'Common Questions' was circulated, it has not had significant updates since the version linked below and dated August 2023. Yet there are new and evolving questions still to be answered. Some pertinent further questions might include:

- Can Mawsons undertake some predictive modelling of traffic in the nearby towns, such as Maldon, to demonstrate the extent of any change in existing traffic volumes?
- What will the water run-off contain and how does the quarry design avoid waterways and negative impacts on the ecosystem?
- Regarding dust and airborne pollutants; averages have been given but what will the dispersion look like at its worst?
- Who are the consultants who have worked on the environmental and cultural heritage studies?
- What has been found in relation to cultural and natural heritage? What may be lost if the quarry proceeds as currently planned? (DJAARA Aboriginal Corporation has been approached by the *TT* for comment on this matter).
- Various proximity studies available online suggest that a quarry may have an adverse affect on property value, despite Mawsons' claim to the contrary. How can this be quantified in the case of residents near the proposed quarry? Does it matter and do landowners have any recourse?
- **What opportunities for feedback or objection to the proposal will be available and how will the community learn of them?**

In general, the community seeks to be informed of the ramifications of the proposed project in the hopes that losses can be reduced and negative outcomes for residents be avoided. Is Mawsons able to be flexible to respond to the concerns being raised and keep the community in the loop? For detailed information about the proposed plans, see here: [tinyurl.com/yc8puzxr](http://tinyurl.com/yc8puzxr).

**Michelle Dorian**

# Mountain yarns



Professor Barry Golding at the talk about Mount Tarrengower and its relationship to local Indigenous history.

**A talk by Professor Barry Golding about the First Nations history of Mount Tarrengower attracted a large and engaged audience at Maldon Community Centre on Sunday 8 December. The event was one of a number of talks about the hills featured in his new book: *Six Peaks Speak: Unsettling legacies in southern Dja Dja Wurrung Country*.**

After describing the genesis of the book, and the fact that its writing was supported and informed by Djaara people, community members and various government agencies, Barry explained that he had chosen six mountains including peaks in Smeaton and Talbot as well as Mount Franklin (Lalgambuk) and Mount Tarrengower (Dharrang Gauwa).

Barry went on to describe the relationship between the Indigenous people of this area and the terrain, explaining that they had named themselves after the formation of hornfels stone that surrounds, like a girdle, the plains underpinned by granite (from the extinct volcano of Mt Tarrengower). Their home was amongst the extensive forests on the granite, which was all cleared to support colonial arrivals and then the gold mining industry from the 1850s; "Every single stick was removed from Mt Tarrengower," Barry said.

The topography of the area was changed dramatically by clearing and mining, which caused the movement of sand and sludge; "Many of the gullies are gone," Barry said. "It completely changed the nature of the landscape." This led to the formation of the 'Sludge Abatement Board', one of the earliest versions of environmental protection.

Barry talked at length about the efforts of Edward Parker, the assistant 'Protector' of Aboriginal people in the 1830s and 1840s, who chose a location for a 'Protectorate' to the west of Mount Tarrengower, near Hamiltons Crossing. The Loddon River provided access to abundant fish and Parker brought wheelbarrows, seeds and spades for agriculture. The idea was to 'civilise' the Aboriginal people by making them grow gardens, but the soil was sandy and it was an El Niño period, so after dust storms and drought, almost everyone died. Sheep brought by white settlers ate the murnong yam daisy, a staple of the local diet, which contributed to malnutrition in Aboriginal people. It was also a time when it was common for Indigenous children to be removed from their families. "It's time to tell the truth: what happened in this landscape was genocide," Barry said.

Professor Barry concluded by saying that there were few records of the sites he had discussed and that the landscape around Mount Tarrengower was "intensely in need of survey, interpretation and protection." His list of priorities for the area includes a need to move towards joint management and include more First Nations perspectives in Maldon area local histories. "It's convenient to assume our history started with the discovery of gold," he said.

Cr Hastwell described Barry's book as: "An incredible accomplishment and a really significant piece of work." She and Barry reiterated that the event was a sharing of knowledge, not just an opportunity to sell the book. Most attendees in the room were keen to read it after hearing about the stories held by Mount Tarrengower and the surrounding areas.

**Michelle Dorian**



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# Bite size news and opportunities



Maree Edwards MP with Captain Brendan McKnight.

## Official welcome to new Baringhup West tanker

Baringhup West Fire Brigade celebrated the official handover of its new tanker on Friday 6 December. Captain of the brigade Brendan McKnight said this new tanker was a much-needed update for the brigade. "It is really bringing firefighting at Baringhup West up to date and in line with current technologies," he said. "It will make things much easier for our members... and also boost our capability in responding to incidents and protecting our local community."

## Maldon Christmas Lights Tour

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre will host a night time bus ride on Tuesday 17 December, travelling around Maldon to discover the wonderful residential Christmas lights. The tour commences at 8.30pm, price is a gold coin donation. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential, visit the Christmas Lights Tour Booking link: [tinyurl.com/5en5auw4](https://tinyurl.com/5en5auw4).

## Government plans for land, environmental approvals and mineral mining

The State Government launched its Economic Growth Statement on Sunday 9 December to describe how it plans to deliver more land for industry, make it easier to work with government, slash the time it takes to get environmental approvals and back the future of manufacturing.

The statement speaks of 'unlocking' well-located and accessible land to take advantage of curfew free air and seaports serviced by existing rail and road infrastructure in an effort to encourage businesses and grow employment. The government says the plan will drive economic activity across the state, particularly in the northern and western growth corridors of Melbourne and regional Victoria.

A new Investment Coordinator-General will be established to ensure agencies, regulators and statutory authorities meet all required approvals deadlines for major projects of state significance. This will reduce delays and enhance accountability across government departments and agencies. The Coordinator-General will begin in early 2025.

The government also intends to speed up the process for businesses seeking an Environmental Effects Statement, aiming for an assessment review of no longer than 18 months. It says the new process will be achieved by sharper assessment scopes, better utilisation of Environmental Reports, more support for applicants, and speeding up the public engagement process by facilitating online engagement and more focused public inquiries and engagement phases.

The Economic Growth Statement includes a new Critical Minerals Roadmap to take advantage of Victoria's 'globally significant critical minerals resources' including zircon, rutile, ilmenite and antimony. As part of the roadmap, the Government will create Critical Minerals Priority Development Zones, creating certainty for industry and regional communities about where mining can occur, saying that critical mineral processing and battery production will be a focus for the future.

## Summer issues for sheep farmers

Agriculture Victoria advises caution for farmers considering cereal straw as an alternative feed source when helping ewes regain condition after lambing. Disappointing spring pasture growth in Western and Northern Victoria means many farmers are turning to cereal straw, which is available in most regions, but says that straw will not provide the nutrition required by most livestock. Cereal straw tends to be low in both energy and protein and is almost always high in fibre. To make sure

that adequate weight gains can be achieved on a straw-based diet, Agriculture Victoria suggests that the straw will need to be matched with a high energy and protein supplement. There are a number of online resources that outline the common values of feeds and animal requirements for energy and protein (sheep): [tinyurl.com/56vsxcva](https://tinyurl.com/56vsxcva).

Meanwhile, as conditions become more favourable to fly-strike, preventative measures should be taken — including shearing, dipping and dietary control — and sheep should be monitored more regularly for flystrike. For further advice please contact your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria veterinary or animal health officer or visit the websites [flyboss.com.au](https://flyboss.com.au).



## Call to reduce compost contaminators

The Australian Organics Recycling Association (AORA) is calling for an immediate phase-out of items that frequently contaminate Garden Organics (GO) and Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) feedstocks. Contamination is a significant challenge for organic recycling processors, directly impacting the quality and marketability of compost products made from GO and FOGO.

Without prompt action to ban select items from everyday use, these contaminants will continue to compromise compost quality, drive up production costs, and reduce the environmental benefits of compost applications. AORA is calling for bans on three such items:

- Plastic fruit and vegetable food labels.
- Plastic bread seals.
- Styrofoam food packaging.

These items are ubiquitous contaminant problems within organic processing facilities, are almost impossible to remove and compromise end-product quality.

For more information, please review the AORA 'Better Compost with Smart Bans' Position Paper on the AORA website ([aora.org.au](https://aora.org.au)).

## New committee to advise for seniors

A new Senior Victorians Advisory Committee will provide an important community voice to government on the lived experiences of older people. The committee membership represents the diversity of the Victorian community, with members including Aboriginal Victorians, people with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, LGBTIQ+ people

and regional Victorians. The eight community members will be complemented by four sector members from Council on the Ageing Victoria, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria, the Municipal Association of Victoria and Switchboard — ensuring representation and expertise across a range of sectors working with older Victorians. The committee's work will focus on providing advice on the implementation of the Ageing Well Action Plan 2022-2026 and will raise awareness of the positive contributions and meaningful participation of older people in social, economic and cultural life, as well as promoting rights and respect for older Victorians.

## Driving higher freight volumes on rail

Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne and Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards visited Bendigo Rail Workshops on Friday 4 December to announce the roll out of \$104 million upgrades to the rail network. The package will deliver new rail, a crossing loop extension, three grain terminal rail extensions, and line-speed and axle-load increases between Korong Vale and Manangatang, one of Victoria's busiest grain corridors with a growing intermodal service from Ultima. A total of 75,000 concrete sleepers have also been ordered for installation on the standard gauge Yelta Line.

The government says that rail services in Victoria hauled around 390,000 tonnes of grain, container freight and crushed rock in October 2024 — up 51 per cent (or an extra 132,000 tonnes) compared to October 2019, reducing the equivalent of 3,000 monthly truck trips on regional roads and curbing transport sector emissions.

## Country kids are working kids

New data from Victoria's child employment regulator, Wage Inspectorate Victoria, shows kids in regional Victoria are more likely to join the workforce before the age of 15 than those in metropolitan Melbourne. Victoria's child employment laws require businesses to hold a child employment licence before they employ anyone under 15 and to notify Wage Inspectorate Victoria of any children they employ. Licence data shows 52% of licences are issued to regional businesses and 49% of kids in the workforce are in regional Victoria — that's despite census data suggesting there are three times as many kids living in metropolitan Melbourne.

With data suggesting kids in regional areas are more likely to be looking for work over the summer holidays, the Wage Inspectorate is encouraging regional businesses to make sure they understand the state's child employment licensing system, and rules around supervision, rest breaks and working hours. Child employment licences are free, and businesses can employ multiple children under the one licence. Employing a child without a licence is a crime and may be penalised. Further information can be found at [wageinspectorate.vic.gov.au](https://wageinspectorate.vic.gov.au).

## Innovative solutions for on-farm emissions

Victorian farmers are implementing practical on-farm projects that increase farm profitability and productivity while reducing emissions and grants are available through the On-Farm Emissions Action Plan Pilot. The Pilot is a 3-year initiative for 250 Victorian farmers and growers designed to help them to identify their on-farm emissions profile, develop an emissions reduction action plan and apply for a grant to implement recommended actions through a pool of \$5 million.

Applications for Round 2 Innovation Fund grants will be open to Pilot participants from 29 November 2024 to 31 January 2025. For more information on the On-Farm Emissions Action Plan Pilot, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/climate-and-weather](https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/climate-and-weather).

## Nationals say policies drive housing market 'off a cliff'

The Nationals' Member for Northern Victoria Gaele Broad questioned the Minister for Housing in State Parliament last week, asking why the current administration is "seeking to destroy Victoria's property market" by implementing repeated reforms that are forcing property owners and investors out of the market. "These changes are making it nearly impossible for landlords and investors to keep their properties in the rental market," she said. "The government claims to be leading the nation, but they're leading the Victorian housing market straight off a cliff." Ms. Broad said continuous amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 and excessive regulatory changes had created an environment where landlords are increasingly unable to provide affordable, accessible housing. She said many rental properties are being left vacant due to the costly requirements, while the number of people experiencing homelessness continues to rise. "We must stop driving landlords and investors out of Victoria. Without meaningful change, the people of Bendigo will continue to face an increasingly severe rental crisis, and our community will suffer as a result."

# Community heart-starter for Baringhup

LODDON House Holiday Park now houses an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) thanks to a generous donation from Maryborough Lions Club. The unit was installed on Wednesday 4 December and Maryborough Lions Club President Jennifer Johnson popped in the following day to present Loddon House Holiday Park with a cheque.

The defibrillator is now located outside the

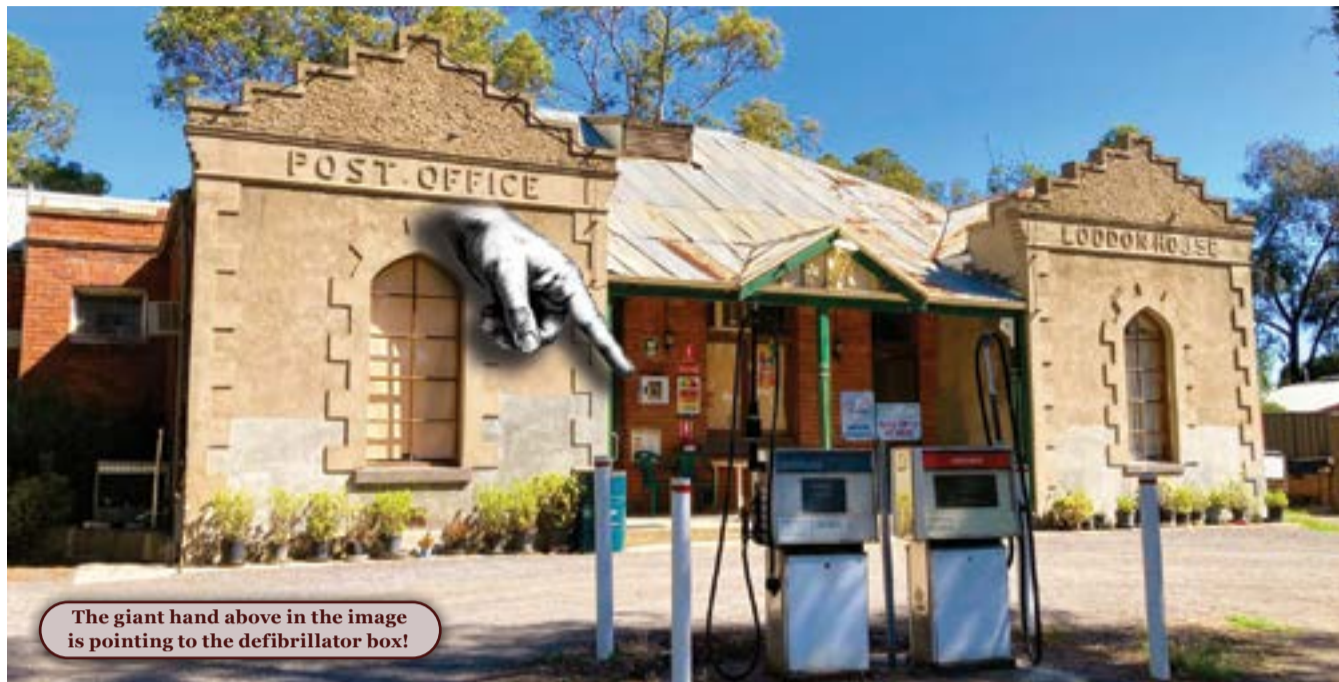
shop, just by the door, in a white, unlocked box to be used by the whole Baringhup community and guests of the caravan park. It will be registered with the Ambulance Victoria, so anyone calling 000 will be told of its location if appropriate.

The Lions Club donation meant that the caravan park could invest in a light, user-friendly model of defibrillator. First Aid training is NOT required to be able to

follow the easy-to-understand visual and voice prompts: the machine tells the user exactly what to do once it is switched on (usually when advised by a 000 operator). It will even guide the rescuer through the entire resuscitation process, including CPR, to help until emergency services arrive.

The purchase of the unit was instigated by regular holiday resident of the park David Anstis, who was inspired by his family member

working for a regional ambulance service. At David's suggestion, Secretary of Loddon House Holiday Park Fiona Thomas emailed a request to the Lions Club. Maryborough Lions Club Bookshop, located at 124 High St, Maryborough, raises money for many community projects. Loddon House is extremely grateful for this contribution which may one day save someone's life.



The giant hand above in the image is pointing to the defibrillator box!



Robert Wilson, the owner of Loddon House Holiday Park, with Fiona Thomas, Jennifer Johnson and David Anstis.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Quarry questions

Last Thursday in Baringhup the public information forum about the proposed Mawson Blue Hills Quarry was packed. Questions started coming and didn't stop. It was pointed out that the projected '60 trucks a day' actually means 120 trucks passing through, firstly on their way to the quarry, and again on the way back. The quarry people had to agree. '60 trucks daily' is their estimation and, it goes without saying, a conservative one. They claim 70% (42) of those 60 trucks will be Mawson's own and drivers can be instructed to take routes that avoid Maldon, however they have no control over where other customers may drive. Their estimated truck figure does not include the amount of oversized machinery transport required for infrastructure building and ongoing maintenance during the life of the quarry – cranes, haul trucks, water tankers for dust suppression operations, etc.

Bendigo is predicted to be the largest customer. According to the map provided by Mawsons, there are two possible routes from Bendigo to the quarry – a northern one which avoids Maldon, and a southern one which is the current preferred route from Bendigo, through Maldon. It will be interesting to check the northern route for road width and condition, to see if it really is a viable alternative.

Castlemaine and Kyneton are also likely to shift custom to this quarry, and their quickest route will be through Maldon, which means Mount Alexander Shire Council won't be keen to defend Maldon's interests in this matter. The only recourse for redirecting truck traffic or reducing it by enforcing strict hours and speed limits is through Vic Roads.

Rehabilitation of the quarry land is projected to be at least 70yrs away, at the end of its productive life. The quarry will be very deep, so filling it in is not an option. Some plantings around the edges and a 'wetlands' at the bottom are planned. In other words a bloody great hole with run-off accumulating.

"The more people, the more businesses, the more traffic, the more roads need building and repairing, and this quarry

will therefore be providing much-needed high quality rock for the task" said one of the Mawson spokesmen. This may be so, but will there be sufficient management interest in spending money and effort to reduce negative impacts, on surrounding flora and fauna, and on Maldon, among other considerations?

The large truck issue in our town is a long-standing problem. Solutions were proposed in the past that may need to be revived again. One immediate necessity is to monitor truck traffic through Maldon. Some accurate figures are needed to begin building a case. And a final thought – this year, for the first time Maldon's Easter parade organisers had some difficulty getting permission to close High Street to traffic. Common sense and respect for tradition prevailed, but the more trucks that use this town as a through way, the less sure that outcome will be.

Lauren Williams,  
Maldon

### Shopping Spree thank you

What a night we had on Thursday night! With nearly 200 shoppers treading the footpaths, Maldon was abuzz with fun, music, happiness and Christmas cheer (helped along by our wheelbarrow boys Callum and Liam!).

This year's event was the biggest ever and was definitely a resounding success, raising over \$5,000 for our little school. Thank you to the traders of Maldon who opened their doors to allow this event to happen and donated to the raffle, which shoppers love. Thank you to the Maldon Hotel for their use of the venue and the drink voucher for each participant. Thank you to Urban Dust Hat bar and boutique for generously donating the shopping bags. Thank you to Maldon Newsagency and Beaton's Stores for selling tickets. Thank you to the Brass Band for getting everyone into the Christmas spirit and the Men's Shed for creating the new Christmas tree, which students decorated in preparation for the night. Thank you to the shoppers who turned out to support not only the school but also our local traders. A huge thank you to Sarah Liston

and Catherine Jones, who took on the organisation of the Shopping Spree this year and did an amazing job. How lucky are we to live in such a special town?

Staff and students at Maldon Primary School

### Hell on V/Line

Welcome to V-Line's three circles of hell, which seem to have been specifically created to drive commuters stark staring crazy in the lead-up to Christmas.

The weekend changes to the usual timetable were bad enough, where train users had to disembark at Gisborne and complete their journey to and from Melbourne by bus.

But there has been a special treat in store for the workers! First of all, get off the train at Sunbury.

Then jump on a bus which takes you to...Southern Cross? No, not Southern Cross. It takes you to Water Gardens, where you get off the bus and board a stopping all stations suburban train.

So: that's a train, then a bus, then another train.

Question: why not continue the journey by bus from Sunbury to Southern Cross, instead of subjecting passengers to the torture of an added train trip?

This week's Monday morning passengers were met with a barely audible announcement at Southern Cross to say that all the lifts are out of action and if you're looking to find an accessible platform you need to go to Flinders Street.

Really???? Look, we know that there's a Big Build going on as well as level crossing works, but please: do it outside of commuter hours, and do it AFTER Christmas, not before.

Please note, Maree Edwards and Jacinta Allan - as you head off to Melbourne in your chauffeur-driven cars - this is costing you votes. Have a little forethought for us workers and others who are dependent upon public transport. Make our lives a little easier.

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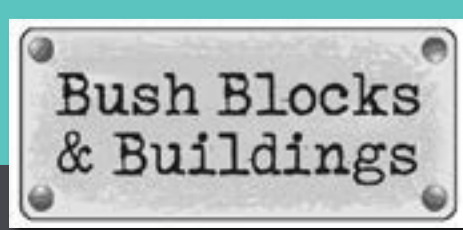
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# Christmas Community Lunch



IT'S a wonderful Wednesday event: the Maldon Community Lunch. Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters popped in to enjoy a delicious meal with community members and was heartily welcomed.

Lynn McShanag and her fantastic team of volunteers put together another colourful, healthy and heaped plate of great food and the room was filled with a friendly, festive vibe. Thanks Community Lunch organisers and Happy Christmas!

Everyone wanted to join Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters in the photo at the Maldon Community Lunch!

## No go for National Heritage bid



AN application to have Maldon listed on the National Heritage register has not been successful. Michele Waddington, owner of Fairbank House accommodation, completed the laborious application process and has been in discussions with heritage officers from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for over 12 months.

In order to be eligible for National Heritage listing, a place must contain outstanding significance to the nation; a high

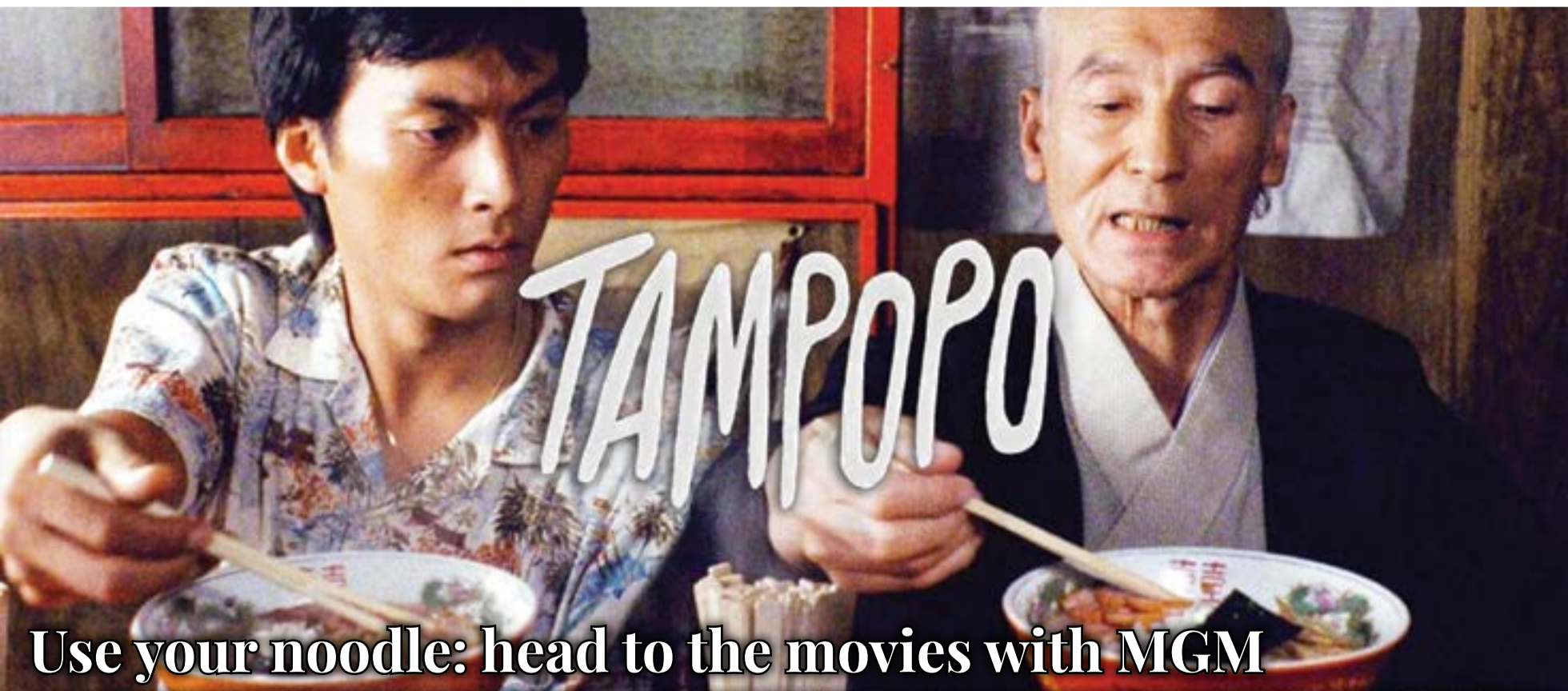
threshold. Ms Waddington's bid, her second attempt, was an attempt to establish that the centre of town, or the Maldon Central Heritage Precinct, was unique for a variety of reasons including its urban structure and layout and due to its role, in the 1970s, as an influence on the heritage overlay planning system now in use.

The decision as communicated to Ms Waddington was made because, in the view of the heritage assessors: "...there is insufficient justification as to why the place would meet

threshold when compared to similar places representing the gold rush. Any potential future nomination of these types of places to the National Heritage List would benefit from a holistic approach in terms of comparative analysis."

The nomination has been considered twice, and is now ineligible to be considered in this form again. Should anyone in the future choose to attempt to have Maldon listed, a new nomination would be required.

*Michelle Dorian*



## Use your noodle: head to the movies with MGM

THE final film in the 2024 program for Maldon Golden Movies (MGM) is a movie that everyone says is fantastic, but nobody knows where to watch it. Rarely streaming and nearly impossible to find on DVD, *Tampopo* is a Japanese classic that you must catch on the big screen with MGM.

Made in 1985, written and directed by Juzo Itami, *Tampopo* is a delightful comedy about a noodle-shop owner and her quest for the perfect ramen recipe. Food, fun and romance is always a favourite combination with MGM audiences and we're planning to have some delicious treats in store for this festive gathering.

MGM is proudly sponsored by Maldon Bakery. Attendance is by membership, payable at the door; \$15 for the end of the year. Drinks and ice creams available. Cash only. Come for the film, stay for the company Thursday 19 December @ 7.15pm!



## Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum



Spreading festive cheer: Maldon shines bright with 3,000 handmade Christmas bunting!



One of Maldon's tourist drawcards.

**M**aldon is fortunate to have some fantastic and interesting tourist drawcards for a small town. The Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum is one of these.

This business has grown and excelled since its beginning in 2006. It began as a dream by a small group, the 'Maldon Flywheelers'. They were machinery tragnics and dreamt of starting an agricultural machinery showpiece for the town. They began gathering any discarded and superseded equipment that would fit the bill, and the rest is history. After years of funding submissions and VCAT appeals, the Museum was formally opened, encompassing multiple partnerships with many community groups, so the whole town was involved.

Today, the museum works with the Maldon Men's Shed, Victorian Goldfields Railway, Maldon Easter Fair, Maldon Inc., and many other organisations that promote history and tourism, working together for the good of the community. The most recent project undertaken by the museum was sewing 3,000 flags to make Christmas bunting for Maldon. They are finished (after a lot of work by the volunteers) and look fantastic!

Volunteers and members entirely operate the museum. It does not receive government funding, so it relies on public donations and money raised by catering, setting up equipment at events, hosting music events, and running the Annual Easter Machinery Rally.

This year, the museum will host a New Year's Eve music event. The gates open at 6pm for tea and bands play from 8pm—book tickets (\$20 per head) at Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum Shop or by phoning/messaging Renee on 0427 725 251. So, wear your dancing shoes and head to 4 Vincents Road, Maldon, for a great family event. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be available at bar prices, and some yummy food will be available for purchase.

The next event will be the Twilight Dinner on 18 January. The museum organises the setup and clean-up after the event. This is a massive effort. They constantly seek extra help if you think you can lend a hand.

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You can also order over the phone for free delivery to Maldon of 6 or 12 bottle purchases.

Contact the winemaker Russell Clarke on 0457 353 838.



### Discover the Heart of Maldon at the Vintage Machinery & Museum

Explore the stories of yesteryear at one of Maldon's must-see attractions! Run entirely by passionate volunteers, the Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum showcases fascinating agricultural machinery and brings history to life for the whole community.

#### Upcoming Events:

##### New Year's Eve Music Event

- **When:** Gates open at 6pm, music from 8pm
- **Where:** 4 Vincents Road, Maldon
- **Tickets:** \$20 per head
- Available at the Museum Shop or by contacting Renee on 0427 725 251.
- Enjoy live bands, delicious food, and a family-friendly atmosphere. Bar service with wine, beer, and soft drinks at great prices.

##### Twilight Dinner – 18 January

Join us for a memorable evening under the stars with fantastic food and great company. Volunteers are always welcome to help with setup and cleanup—your support makes events like this possible!

##### Support Your Local Museum

The museum relies on community donations and event proceeds to preserve Maldon's rich history. Get involved by visiting, donating, or volunteering today!

**Visit Us:** 4 Vincents Road, Maldon

**Contact:** Renee at 0427 725 251

**Come for the history, stay for the community spirit!**



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### Silent Night

the organist at Old St. Nicholas Church.

On Christmas Eve 1818, Mohr, who had a leaning towards music, approached Gruber with a poem that he had written several years before, to see if he could turn it into a Christmas carol. Gruber read the poem then sat down and composed a beautiful melody to fit the words. He was so impressed with this new carol that he planned to have it sung at the service that night, but unfortunately the pipe organ in the cathedral was broken and could not be used. At the midnight Mass in Oberndorf, Franz Gruber strapped on a guitar and for the first time the world heard these words: (English version)

*Silent night, Holy night, all is calm, all is bright, 'round yon virgin mother and child,*

*Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, Holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories*

*stream from heaven afar,*

*Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born; Christ the Saviour is born.*

*Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from Thy Holy face,*

*With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

We may ask ourselves, why is this the most popular Christmas carol in the world? The answer is simple. Just read the words and know why Christmas is not Xmas.

If you would like to sing Silent Night, we will be singing it at our Christmas morning service, 9.30am at Maldon Baptist Church, 8 Edwards Street. We would love to see you there.

**Pastor Gavin Alexander**  
Maldon Baptist Church



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## Urban Dust



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Fiona and Ash McKnight.

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**W**ith Christmas approaching, a treat awaits all wine enthusiasts at Panacea Estate, located at 329 Seers Road, Welshmans Reef. Peter, the owner of Panacea, is extending a warm invitation to savour the season's magic at the cellar door! Perfect cheese boards can be arranged to complement your wine-tasting experience. Panacea is a family-friendly venue and dogs are welcome on the lead.

Panacea will be open from Friday, 20 December, until Tuesday, 31 December (excluding Christmas Day, Boxing

Day and New Year's Day). Panacea Estate will open its cellar doors from 12pm to 5pm daily. This is a golden opportunity to enjoy the festive cheer with friends, family, or someone special.

Booking in advance is recommended, especially for larger groups. Securing your spot is a breeze through their user-friendly website, ensuring a seamless and delightful experience during your visit.

Panacea Estate is a hidden gem if you're searching for an idyllic venue for your dream wedding or any other extraordinary occasion. The breathtaking views and the natural beauty surrounding this estate make it an ideal canvas for creating unforgettable moments.

Luxury accommodation with views of the stunning vines and gardens is also available. Enquire via their website. Panacea Estate offers special discounts on its entire array of wines as a pre-Christmas treat. Whether you wish to enjoy the cellar door experience or shop from home, these exquisite wines are available at the estate and through their website, [www.panaceaestate.com.au](http://www.panaceaestate.com.au).

So, take the chance to indulge in the spirit of the season at Panacea Estate this festive season.

**W**hat a remarkable year it has been for Urban Dust! We were thrilled to celebrate our first anniversary in November with many of you at the local Bowls Club raising over \$2,300 for type 1 Diabetes, with the support of our valued customers and friends.

Your overwhelming support also inspired us to expand with the opening of a dedicated men's store - Smoke & Whisky, emphasising classic country wear. Classic country clothing isn't just a fleeting trend; it's a timeless style that endures through the seasons.

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To our loyal local customers, we always express our heartfelt gratitude and your support means the world to us, with our locals enjoying 10% discount all year round. We wouldn't be where we are today without you.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Urban Dust and Smoke & Whisky family. Here's to many more years of great style and sun protection together!

**Fiona & Ash McKnight**

*Panacea Estate*

*December*

Our opening hours 12pm - 5pm

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Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>
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Sun: 10am-5.30pm

# TV Guide

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

ABC TV	SBS	SEVEN	NINE	TEN
<p>6:00 News Breakfast [s] 9:00 ABC News Mornings [s] 10:00 Back Roads [s] 10:30 I Was Actually There (PG) [s] 11:00 Royal Carols - Together At Christmas 2022 [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 1:00 Shetland (M I, v) [s] 2:00 Maggie Beer's Big Mission [s] 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s] 3:25 Long Lost Family (PG) [s] 4:15 Grand Designs - The Streets (PG) [s] 5:00 Antiques Roadshow [s] 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s] 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Gardening Australia: Christmas Special [s] 8:30 Shetland (M I) [s] 9:30 Question Everything [s] 10:05 Hard Quiz (PG) [s] 10:35 The Cleaner: The Neighbour/ The Aristocrat (M I) [s] 11:35 ABC Late News [s] 11:50 QI: Christmas Special (M I, s) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:20 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:20 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:10 Bridges That Built London: Waterloo Bridge (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Such Was Life: GW Hall (PG) 2:10 Lost For Words (PG) 3:10 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:15 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:45 Australian Fashion - Past, Present, Future: From Rats To Rap - The Ksubi Story (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Every Family Has A Secret: Linda Lawless And Lisa Bird (PG) 8:35 Sammy By Sammy - My Tale Of The 60s 9:35 Kennedy: The Brink Of War (October 1962 - June 1963) (PG) 10:25 SBS World News Late</p>	<p>6:00 Sunrise [s] 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s] 11:30 Seven Morning News [s] 12:00 Movie: "Last Train To Christmas" (PG) ('22) Stars: Michael Sheen, Cary Elwes 2:15 Catch Phrase (PG) [s] 3:00 The Chase [s] 4:00 Seven News At 4 [s] 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer (PG) [s] 8:30 Movie: "West Side Story" (PG) ('21) Stars: Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler, Ariana DeBose, David Alvarez 11:35 OzHarvest Unite To Feed Australia (PG) [s] - This one-night-only event features an incredible lineup of much-loved Aussie artists with a vital call to action to tackle Australia's hidden food crisis. 1:35 Harry's Practice [s] 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Million Dollar Minute [s] 5:00 NBC Today [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Today [s] 9:00 Today Extra Summer [s] 11:30 NINE News Morning [s] 12:00 Movie: "A Christmas Break" (PG) ('20) Stars: Cindy Sampson, Steve Byers 2:00 Pointless (PG) [s] 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) [s] 4:00 NINE News Afternoon [s] 4:30 Tipping Point Australia (PG) [s] 5:30 WIN News [s] 6:00 NINE News [s] 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:30 Find My Beach House Australia: Dromana, Victoria/ Mount Martha, Victoria [s] 8:30 Movie: "Bad Moms 2" (M d, l) ('17) Stars: Mila Kunis, Kristen Be, Kathryn Hahn, Christine Baranski 10:30 Movie: "Fighting With My Family" (M v) ('19) Stars: Dwayne Johnson 12:30 Tipping Point (PG) [s] 1:30 Home Shopping 3:30 Swimming: World Aquatics Championships: Day 4 "Live" From Budapest [s]</p>	<p>6:00 The Talk [s] 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s] 7:30 Farm To Fork [s] 8:00 The Yes Experiment [s] 8:30 The Bold &amp; The Beautiful (PG) [s] 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s] 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) [s] 10:30 Top Gear Australia (PG) [s] 11:50 Entertainment Tonight [s] 12:00 Farm To Fork [s] 12:30 Family Feud (PG) [s] 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime [s] 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune [s] 2:30 Lingo (PG) [s] 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon [s] 4:00 Family Feud (PG) [s] 4:30 The Bold &amp; The Beautiful (PG) [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s] 6:30 The Project (PG) [s] 7:30 Movie: "Daddy's Home" (PG) ('15) Stars: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg 9:30 Matlock: Sixteen Steps (PG) [s] 10:30 10's Late News [s] 10:55 The Project (PG) [s]</p>
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<p>11:55 Not Going Out (PG) 12:25 My Family (PG) 12:55 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 1:25 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 2:10 ER (PG) 2:55 Doctor Who (PG) 3:40 Speechless (PG) 4:05 Teenage Boss Next Level (PG) 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:10 Car S.O.S (PG) 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Prisoners" (MA15+) ('13) Stars: Hugh Jackman 11:00 ER (PG) 11:45 rage (PG)</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 10:00 Bamay 10:35 It's Suppertime (M I) 11:55 France 24 English News 12:25 The Wrestlers (M I, v) 2:15 Tiny Beautiful Things (M I) 2:50 Make America Swift Again (PG) 3:50 BBC News At Ten 4:20 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir 4:45 PBS News Hour 5:45 The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross 6:15 The Curse Of Oak Island (PG) 7:05 Jeopardy! 7:30 NITV News Summer Yarns 7:35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (M I, s)</p>	<p>9:00 Left Off The Map (PG) 9:30 NBC Today 12:00 Better Homes And Gardens 1:00 Escape To The Country 2:00 The Great Australian Doorstep (PG) 2:30 Sydney Weekender 3:00 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn (PG) 3:30 Left Off The Map (PG) 4:00 RSPCA Animal Rescue (PG) 4:30 Better Homes And Gardens 5:30 Escape To The Country 6:30 Bargain Hunt 7:30 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 8:30 Escape To The Country 10:30 I Escaped To The Country</p>	<p>8:00 Home Shopping 10:30 Pointless (PG) 11:30 My Favourite Martian 12:00 Days Of Our Lives (PG) 12:55 The Young And The Restless (PG) 1:50 Explore 2:00 Dales For Sale 3:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman (PG) 5:00 The Travelling Auctioneers 6:00 Antiques Roadshow 7:00 Swimming: World Aquatics Championships: Day 4 "Live" From Budapest 9:45 Movie: "Never Say Never Again" (M s, v) ('83) Stars: Sean Connery</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 8:00 What's Up Down Under 8:30 Jake And The Fatman (PG) 9:30 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 11:30 JAG (PG) 1:30 Star Trek - Voyager (PG) 2:30 Jake And The Fatman: Nevertheless (PG) 3:30 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 5:30 All 4 Adventure (PG) 6:30 JAG: Pas De Deux (Part 2) (PG) 7:30 NCIS (M) 10:20 Hawaii Five-0 (M) 11:15 Evil (MA15+) 12:15 Home Shopping 2:15 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 4:05 All 4 Adventure (PG) 5:00 JAG (PG)</p>
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<p>2:00 Chuck And The First Peoples' Kitchen (PG) 2:30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:00 Waabiny Time 3:25 The World According To Grandpa 3:35 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea 4:05 The Mysterious Cities Of Gold (PG) 4:35 Motown Magic 5:00 Our Stories 5:15 Harlem Globetrotters: Play It Forward 6:00 Bamay 6:30 Black As (PG) 6:40 Great Parks Of Africa (PG) 7:30 Movie: "A Kiwi Christmas" (PG) ('17) Stars: Troy Kingi</p>	<p>9:05 Movie: "The Young Victoria" (PG) ('09) Stars: Emily Blunt (In English/ German) 11:00 Movie: "Thelma &amp; Louise" (M I, v) ('91) Stars: Geena Davis 1:30 Movie: "The Bookshop" (PG) ('17) Stars: Emily Mortimer 3:35 Movie: "The Wild Duck" (PG) ('83) Stars: Liv Ullmann 5:25 Movie: "Diana" (M I) ('13) Stars: Naomi Watts 7:30 Movie: "The Zookeeper's Wife" (M v) ('17) Stars: Jessica Chastain 9:50 Movie: "The Queen" (M I) ('06) Stars: Helen Mirren</p>	<p>8:00 America's Game 9:00 A Football Life (PG) 10:00 Blokesworld (PG) 10:30 The Car Club (PG) 11:00 American Pickers (PG) 12:00 Pawn Stars (PG) 2:00 Close Encounters Down Under (PG) 3:00 STIHL Timbersports (PG) 3:30 Jade Fever (PG) 4:30 Storage Wars (PG) 5:00 American Restoration (PG) 5:30 American Pickers (PG) 6:30 Pawn Stars (PG) 7:30 Surveillance Oz (PG) 8:30 Movie: "I, Robot" (M v) ('04) Stars: Will Smith</p>	<p>6:00 Children's Programs 11:30 Bakugan (PG) 12:00 Hart of Dixie (PG) 2:00 I Dream Of Jeannie 2:30 Bewitched 3:00 The Golden Girls (PG) 3:30 The Nanny (PG) 4:30 The Addams Family 5:00 Bewitched 5:30 I Dream Of Jeannie 6:00 The Golden Girls (PG) 6:30 The Nanny (PG) 7:30 Movie: "The Lord Of The Rings: The Fellowship Of The Ring" (M) ('01) Stars: Elijah Wood 11:05 Movie: "A Walk Among The Tombstones" (MA15+) ('14) Stars: Liam Neeson</p>	<p>9:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 9:30 Becker (PG) 10:00 The Neighborhood (PG) 10:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 11:00 Friends (PG) 12:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 1:00 Ghosts (PG) 1:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 2:00 Becker (PG) 2:30 Frasier (PG) 3:30 The Neighborhood (PG) 4:00 Farm To Fork 4:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 5:00 Becker (PG) 5:30 Frasier (PG) 6:30 Ghosts (PG) 7:30 Friends (PG) 8:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG)</p>

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# Christmas with Australian Shepherds



Stained glass window at St Augustine's, Inglewood.

here in Australia we don't have shepherds.

But we did! Did you know that in colonial Australia all sheep had a shepherd? The very first shepherds were convicts, given the responsibility of protecting the precious sheep brought from England for food. There would have been shepherds in this area, right up to the late 1800s.

A shepherd's life is often portrayed as lazing around with cuddly sheep. But of course, being a shepherd is actually incredibly tough. The Australian shepherds worked in isolation, with poor accommodation and rations, were exposed to a range of diseases and were badly paid. Aboriginal, Pacific Islander, Chinese and Indian shepherds were common and were exploited the worst, often not paid at all, and given little to eat and cast-off clothes. Australian shepherds were the bottom of the social order.

And so, perhaps, knowing this about our Australian shepherds, we can better relate to the Christmas story. Because who do the angels go to, to announce the big news that Christ is born? The angels do not go to a king, not to the religious people, not even to the 'wise men', who had to find their own way there.

No, the angels appear to the shepherds. Perhaps we can imagine this in Maldon. A very cold night, some shepherds sleeping out under a tree, the southern cross in the night sky above, then all of a sudden, an angel appears:

"Do not be afraid I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day a Saviour."

These shepherds would have been scratching their heads. They were the outcasts, the lowly. No one cared about them! But the angel said that this baby, the Saviour, was born for them!

Imagining this scene with Australian shepherds helps us to see. God had come not for the powerful and impressive, but for the meek, for the lowly and for the lost. Christ the Saviour was born for those society had excluded and mistreated.

This Christmas, when we hear about those shepherds, we can be reminded that God has come to be with us in our suffering. God has come to invite those who feel lost to be found. We do not need to be rich, or impressive, or even good. Jesus has come for the brokenhearted and those who are suffering. That is why, along with the angels, we rejoice and sing and give thanks at Christmas. Because God has brought peace to those who long for it.

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LOTS of the ways that we celebrate Christmas don't really fit our Australian culture. We sing Christmas carols about dashing through the snow, we get Christmas trees that look like European pines, and we bake turkeys in ovens on 40-degree days!

Well, the Christmas story can feel a bit like that too, can't it? It tells us of events that happened 2,000 years ago and there is plenty in the story that seems foreign to us. And that includes the shepherds. Because, while in much of the Middle East and Europe, shepherds have always been a part of life,



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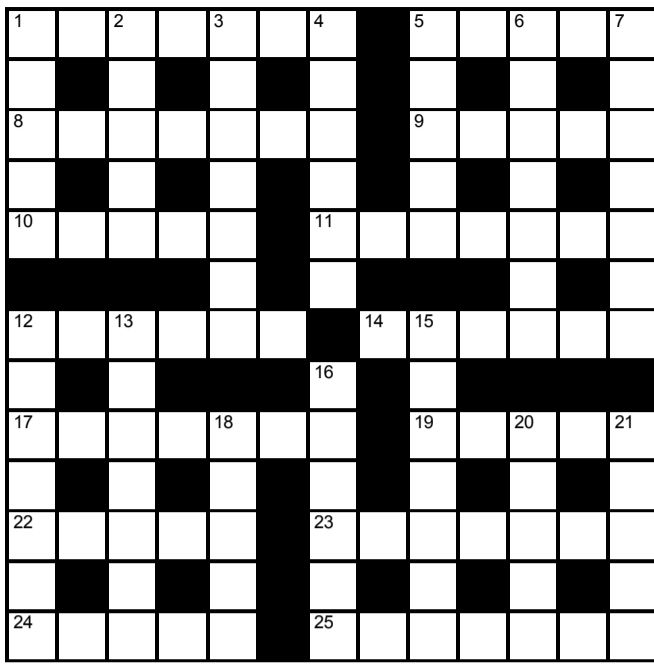
# QUIZ OR QUILTS

# WORD SAFARI



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- 24 Speed
- 25 Withdraw



- 3 Flustered
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- 13 Hair removers
- 15 Assign
- 16 Syrup
- 18 Problem
- 20 Answer
- 21 Scrutinise

### Down

- 1 Terrible
- 2 Tine

1. What red spice, starting with the letter P, is a key ingredient in goulash?
2. What word, invented by Sir Thomas More, means "an imagined place where everything is perfect"?
3. Who owns a motel in the movie "Psycho"?
4. Who was known as Il Duce?
5. If you can speak two languages you are bilingual, what are you considered if you can speak only one language?
6. Apart from water, what are the three ingredients needed to make fresh pasta?
7. Which of the four swimming strokes typically has the second fastest world records across all distances?
8. Complete the Charles Darwin quote: It is not the strongest or most intelligent who will survive, but those who can best manage.....?
9. From 2022, what percentage of Australians hold a Bachelor's Degree to the nearest 10%?
10. Which has the highest average cost at an Australian wedding in 2023-wedding dress, photography or flowers?
11. As of 2024, which social media app has been banned across Brazil?
12. The C in © stands for copyright, what does the stand for?
13. Which Paralympic sport was originally known as 'murderball'?
14. Double Barrel, Mammoth Falls and Super Ripper are all names of what?
15. What country has the highest population density?
16. Whose butler is named Alfred Pennyworth?
17. What is the captain's name in "Moby Dick"?
18. What is the Spanish word for father?
19. Which city's nicknames include "Crossroads of the Pacific" and "The Big Pineapple"?
20. Which school topped the list as the most expensive school in Australia in 2024?

**BONUS QUESTION:** Which tennis player won the 2011 Women's Wimbledon Singles Championship?

Trivia by Tom Trifonoff of Australian Rural & Regional News (ARR.News)

## MY WORD!

- Start with the first word!
- Change one letter to form a new word!
- Repeat until you reach the final word!

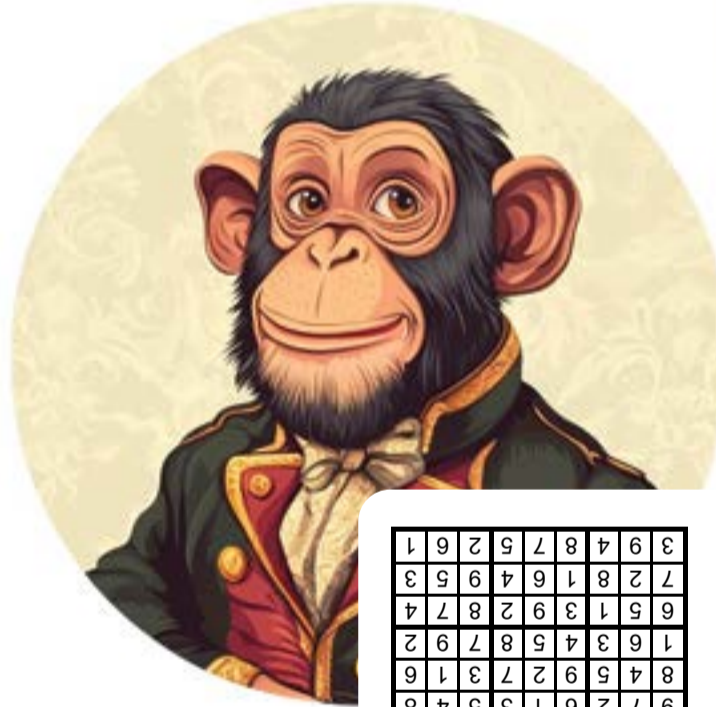
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Words must actually exist.  
Obscure words encouraged.  
*Good luck!*

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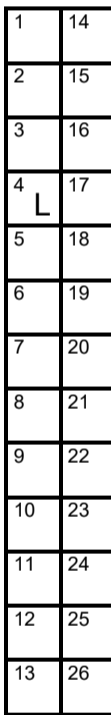
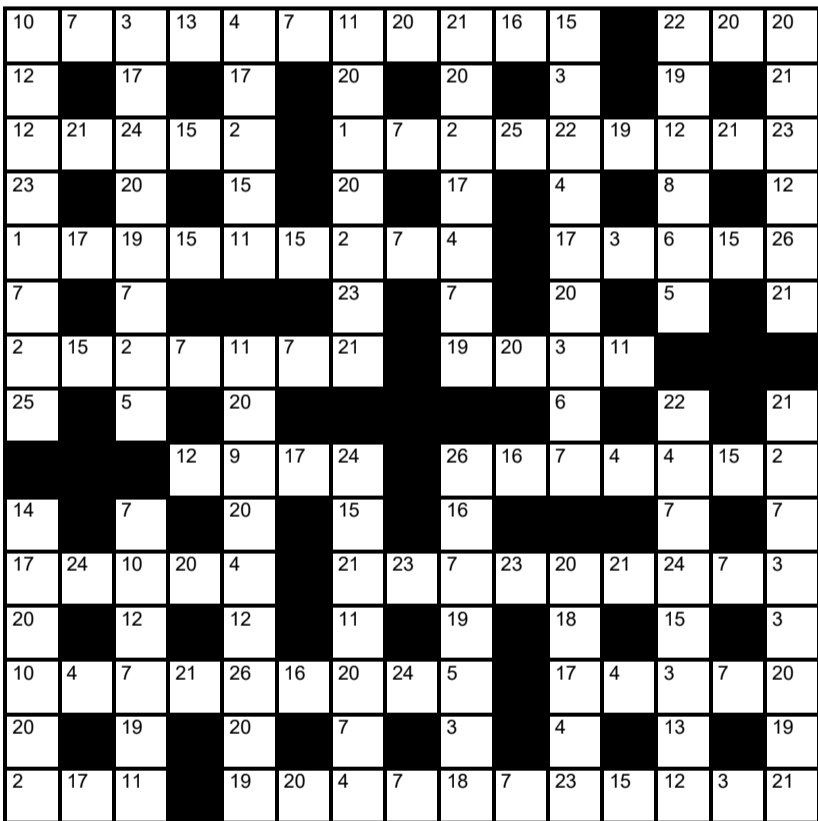
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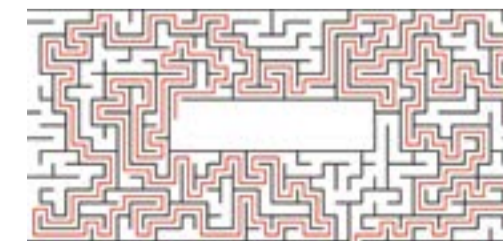
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## Natural Newstead

*THE following is a recent blog post by Geoff Park from 'Natural Newstead: Observations of flora, fauna and landscape in central Victoria'. Text and photographs are printed courtesy of Geoff Park*



Wool for the lining.



Silvereeye with nest-building material, Newstead, 1 December 2024.



Silvereeye nest.

### First of summer

Back from a three week break along the east coast ... it's time to crank the blog up again.

Almost the first thing I noticed upon our return was a pair of **Silvereeyes** popping in and out of the grape vine on the north side of the house.

Sure enough they are in the process of nest-building, with both birds bringing a variety of materials to the almost completed nest. As you can see in the second image the nest is a small cup, constructed from grass stems, wool, cobwebs and even a few threads of blue baler twine.



Finishing touches, I think.

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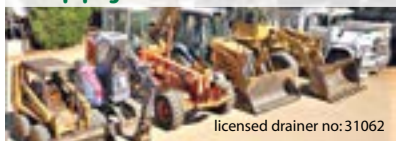
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# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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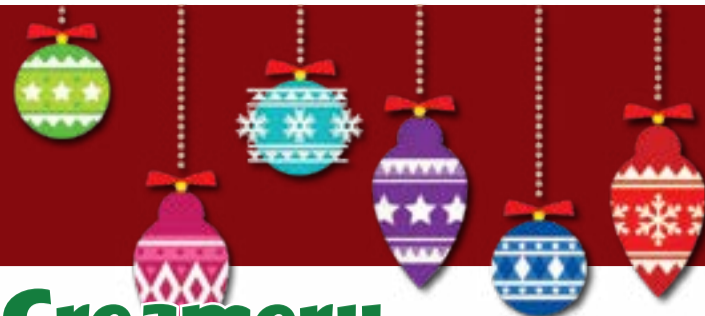
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# Maldon Fudge *and* Ice Creamery

Indulge in the Sweetness of the Season at Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery

**T**he festive season is in full swing, and nothing says Christmas in Maldon quite like the delightful offerings at Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery. With twinkling decorations and the irresistible scent of freshly churned ice cream wafting through the air, it's the perfect time to treat yourself—or someone you love—to a little holiday magic.

This year, why not surprise an ice cream enthusiast or a sweet-toothed youngster with a personalised gift voucher? Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery make it easy to spread the joy of their creamy creations, with vouchers available for any

value—a thoughtful gift that's sure to bring a smile.

As you shop for those last-minute Christmas goodies, don't miss their seasonal specialty: the indulgent Brandy Cream Ice Cream. Whether you enjoy it in a cone or as a take-home pack to share, this festive flavour is a must-try. And that's just the beginning—Carmen, the flavour mastermind, has introduced some irresistible new additions to the menu. Try the decadent Whiskey Marmalade, the rich White Chocolate with dark chocolate chips, or the luxuriously creamy Honey and Cinnamon, made with local Warral honey. They pair beautifully with holiday favourites like apple pie or plum pudding. Of course, their classics—Macadamia, Burnt Caramel, and Blood

Orange Sorbet—are still on hand for fans of timeless treats.

If you're looking for more gift inspiration, explore their delicious range of Fudge and Turkish Delight, perfect as stocking stuffers or tokens of appreciation. And with extended summer hours, you'll have plenty of opportunities to enjoy all they have to offer. Open until 5pm daily, they'll be welcoming visitors every day from Boxing Day to the end of January.

Located at 29 Main Street, opposite the Maldon Hotel, Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery invites you to savour the season in the sweetest way. Carmen, Stephen, and their team wish you a merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. They can't wait to see you soon!



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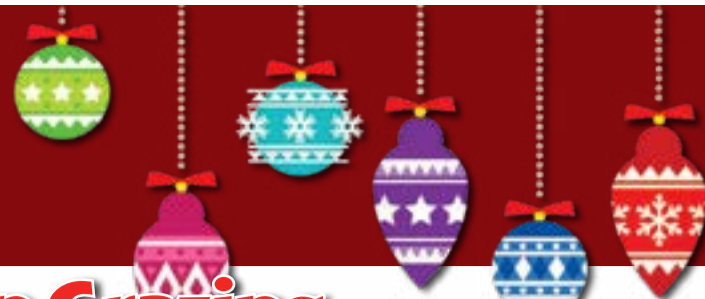
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*Why not give a gift voucher this Christmas?*

**MALDON FUDGE AND ICE CREAMERY**  
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## Cafe Maldon / Maldon Grazing



**C**afe Maldon is the perfect meeting place for locals and visitors alike. Karen, the owner of Cafe Maldon, has many years of experience and understands what her customers want and need.

“We provide a varied menu, using fresh and locally sourced

ingredients,” Karen said. “We offer an all-day breakfast with everything from a light snack to a more hearty and substantial meal.”

Their homemade banana bread is an all-time favourite, and their pancakes are always light and fluffy with various great toppings. Who could go past their waffles topped with whipped ricotta served with fresh berries and seeds?

Gourmet pies, sausage rolls, and pasties are a speciality. All are made on-site, and there are many choices, including their spicy lentil and mushroom pie, which is vegan and vegetarian.

Karen says, “We offer sandwiches and focaccias with various fillings, delicious frittatas served with salad, and baked potatoes

with many different fillings daily.”

Karen added, “We also have a great selection of cakes and slices to complement our excellent coffee and tea.”

Cafe Maldon also offers amazing grazing platters for your festive season. They are perfect for a summer picnic or sharing with family and friends in your home. Call Karen on 0407 049 706 to arrange your ideal New Year’s Eve platter! Karen insists that no catering job is too big or too small.

Cafe Maldon has ample seating for larger groups. Booking is advisable over the Christmas/New Year break.

Find Cafe Maldon at 52 Main Street, Maldon—phone: 54 75 2022. Or see them on Facebook or Instagram.

## Maldon Butchers



**B**rad and his team still have their delicious hams, free-range turkeys, pork roasts and ducks available for your Christmas table.

Maldon Butchers will close early on Christmas Eve, so don’t forget to pick up your orders on Monday 23 December or by 2pm on Tuesday 24 December. While you’re there, you might want to stock up on some of Brad’s prize-winning gourmet sausages if you plan a Boxing Day barbecue.

You might be looking for that last-minute gift, so why not select from the delicious range of sauces, pickles, local olive oil or seasonings on the shelves (pictured above)?

Maldon Butchers will be closed on Christmas, Boxing and New Year’s Day.

Brad, Priscilla and their hard-working team would like to wish their customers a happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

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# New sporting asset for all



Maree Edwards MP cuts the ribbon at the new Bill Woodfull Pavilion, surrounded by council and sports club representatives.

**REPRESENTATIVES from Maldon Football Netball Club, Maldon Tennis Club and Mount Alexander Shire Council (MASC) joined Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards on Monday 9 December for the official opening of a new sports facility in Maldon.**

The Bill Woodfull Pavilion contains various features including female-friendly change-rooms. The build is the result of a partnership between the State Government and local council.

"This facility is going to be so good for this community for years and years to come," said Ms Edwards, who wore her runners to suit the occasion.

Previously the only change rooms, those used by the footballers, were away from the tennis and netball courts. The new building contains two female-friendly change rooms, two umpire rooms, an office, storage and

first aid areas. With its public toilets, rails and ramps, the facility can also be used for community events.

"It's a thoughtful design," said MASC Councillor Rosalie Hastwell. "All of these works are vital in terms of accessibility and inclusion for all genders and all abilities."

"It's a great asset for the recreation reserve and the town in general," said Graham Thomas from the Bill Woodfull Reserve Committee.

Before cutting the ribbon as part of the ceremonial opening, Ms Edwards described Maldon's sports precinct as the hub of weekend activities. "The reason we have successful projects like this is due to the passion and commitment of the people who work at the shire and also members of the community such as the Maldon Football Netball Club who are driving the project," she said.

*Michelle Dorian*

# From streets to safety

## Meet the heart behind Mongolia's orphanage

Pure Gold Holistic & Wellbeing is thrilled to welcome Gabby, the extraordinary founder of the Lotus Children's Centre in Mongolia, for a special Meet and Greet on Sunday 15 December. This is a unique opportunity to hear Gabby's remarkable story of compassion and dedication and to support the life-changing work she continues to do for abandoned and abused children.

For nearly 30 years, the Lotus Children's Centre has been a safe haven for children left on the streets of Ulaanbaatar. It was founded by Gabby, also known as Didi Ananda Kalika. The centre has cared for over 200 children throughout the years. Today, she cares for 45 children, providing a home, education, care, and essential life skills.

The Centre operates entirely on donations and sponsorships to meet its growing needs, including

school supplies, building materials, and medical products.

Next Year is the 30th Anniversary of Lotus Children's Centre. A future fundraiser for Gabby is a bike ride from Mongolia to London, which will take at least eight months.

Buy her unique range of handmade items from Mongolia, stock at Pure Gold, and support this incredible cause. All donations and sponsorships are warmly welcomed.

Pure Gold will donate 10% off all products on Sunday 15 December.

### Meet n Greet - Event Details:

**Date:** Sunday, 15 December

**Location:** Pure Gold Holistic & Wellbeing, 1 Spring St, Maldon

**Time:** 10am to 4pm

Let's spread compassion and generosity—together, we can make a difference.

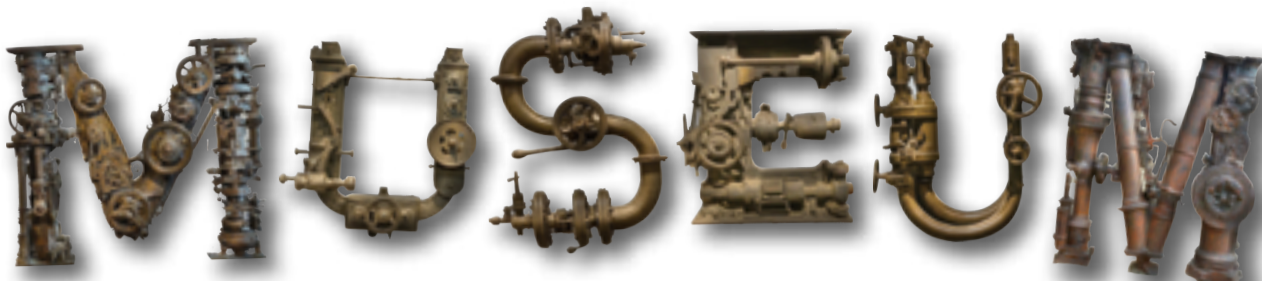


## Tune Into Goldfields FM 99.1 Your Local Community Radio Station



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:30AM	Brekky Show with Ian Fetting	Brekky Show with Dan	Bruce Kaye's Country Brekky Show	Brekky Show with Ian Fetting	Brekky Show with Bruce Kaye	Sports Brekky Show with Dan & Bruce	Wood Songs
8:00AM							Marie's Melodies
9:00AM	The Morning Show with Les Maygar	The Morning Show with Maxine	The Morning Show with Lindsay	The Morning Show with Maxine	The Baby Boomers Morning Show with Dan	Maryborough Harness Club Show	9.30 - One Day At A Time
10:00AM						Essential Hits with Tim Symons	Class Gems with John Sayers
11:00AM	Arthur Tassie's Kind Of Country	Lunch Break with Grace La Vella	Cruising with Lins	Les Maygar's Americana	Love Is On The Air With Renee DeRobertis	Alice's Restaurant	Easy Listening
MIDDAY						Bruce Kaye's Country Highway	Strictly Vinyl (Encore)
1:00PM	Lunchtime Live With Robyn	Bruce's Juke Box Gems	Essential Hits with Tim Symons	Highview Live	MEC Live	Oz Country	Is It Relevant Today?
2:00PM	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Wood Songs Encore	Nashville Mix (Encore)
3:00PM	Alice's Restaurant with Robyn	On Air With Brian Peel	Dave & the Big Fella	Flashback To the 60's	Nashville Mix with Dave Moyle	Bring Up The Curtain with John Sayers	Bruce's Juke Box Gems
4:00PM	School's Out With Hope	Train Wreck	Vinyl Discovery With Peter G	Heading Home with Grace La Vella	Off The Beaten Track with Renee	Classic Album of the Week	Thru Traffic With Will & Stu
5:00PM		Animal Crackers			Flash's Fantastic Friday Show with Gordon	Thru Traffic With Will & Stu	Paul Freeman's Got The Blues
6:00PM	Ladies Night Out	Moondog's Rock 'n Roll	Magic Carpet Ride	Animal Crackers			Clunes Calling with John Sayers
7:00PM	The Great Australian Dreamers With Jacko & Crew			Turn Up Your Radio with Geoffrey Paul	Friday Night with Andy	Lee Is Boppin' the Blues	Ian Fetting's Jazz & Blues
8:00PM		AJ Pal's Strictly Vinyl	Ian Fetting's Good Vibrations				
9:00PM	Sassy's 80's Mixtape			Lost Oz 45s		Remixerama	
10:00PM	AJ Pal's Double Ups	Lee's Blues & Roots Revue	On Air With Brian Peel	Raised On Rock with Mark O'Neill	Sassy's 80's Mixtape		King of Instruments with John Sayers
11:00PM	Feature Artist Hour		Live In Concert		Flashback To the 60's	Saturday Night Dance Party	One Day At A Time Encore
MIDNIGHT	Non Stop Music	Non Stop Music	Non Stop Music	Classic Album Encore	Non Stop Music		Let The Bands Play

# STORIES FROM THE... MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY &



## Aussie ingenuity shines at Machinery Museum

ONE of the well-recognised traits of the Australian culture, which derives from the remoteness of the Australian bush and of the whole country for that matter, is our resourcefulness and innovation.

In the article about the printing press, Gutenberg's invention of movable type was considered 'the most significant invention of the second millennium'.

Lawrence Hargrave (the guy on the old \$20 note), in Australia, was recognised by the Royal Society of NSW as 'the inventor of human flight' in 1895 - eight years before the Wright brothers used much of Hargrave's research to construct the first heavier-than-air, powered flying machine. Another very significant invention, but not generally known to have some significant Australian content.

It was this same 'can do' attitude which gave Tommy Henderson and Adam Tori the inspiration to construct the Machinery Museum's latest acquisition.

It would be interesting to know how many readers of this article have never used the family Hills Hoist as a merry go round, not many, I'm tipping.

That was the idea behind the award-winning

entry in the Daylesford New Year's parade, themed 'A Country Fair'. Adam and Tommy set about using bits and pieces lying around, many hours over about four months and quite a few cuppas to create the Carousel, which we now have in the museum.

It looks simple and quite charming, but scratch a bit below the surface and it's a marvel of innovation. It seats four small people and two of them have a little hand crank, which when operated, spins the suspended seats around and creates much excited giggling and laughter; the kids love it. It's a real step up from the Hills Hoist in the fun factor, although maybe not as effective for drying clothes.

The works mechanism is hidden behind a cladding of panels, beautifully decorated by Marina, a local artist. The artworks are worthy of an award in themselves, featuring cutouts of Australian native animals and murals of images from fairy tales.

You are running out of excuses to not visit the museum now. The Carousel is going to be a winner with the toddlers and available for them to ride on, free of charge, a perfect Christmas holiday treat.

**Ian Riley**



## Fire ready: plan to make a plan

WHEN Doreen Raven presented an information session at Maldon CFA on Tuesday 26 November, she provided enough great information for multiple articles (see also last week's paper). Amongst all the knowledge and hints and tips is a running theme: have a plan and use the plan.

A Fire Plan will help take out the guess-work and decision-making during a time when there might be some panic in the air. It should involve planning for all contingencies and be flexible. Most importantly, your plan should be tailored to your circumstances and you should be familiar with it (perhaps pin it to the back of the toilet door!).

You should also plan for when you will activate the plan. Follow the weather forecast up to seven days in advance and think ahead. For example; your Fire Plan may indicate that if the weather prediction is a hot, dry and windy day, you will visit friends in a less-risky area. Take your pre-packed kit containing (for example) important documents and a change of underwear and simply remove yourself from

the risk. Your plans must also be flexible. Consider the possibility of road closures and have alternative routes mapped out. (Doreen was clear that it's important to obey road closure signs during emergencies; there will be good reasons for them).

Some may plan to 'stay and defend', which is a decision for people with strength, fitness, resilience, with the resources and equipment needed. If an Emergency Warning is activated, it means it is too late to leave and your plan should include this possibility. Include what to do if you don't have a chance to leave and act based on your plan.

If you are caught in your house and it is too late to leave, go as far away back from the fire as you can. Listen for the fire to pass and then go to the black area — it is safe there — and call 000.

If you are caught in your car, face the car towards the fire front. Turn on the aircon, wind up the windows, get into the back seat and get down. Wait for the fire to pass and go to the black area, then call 000.

Residents should be reassured that the knowledge and practice of firefighting is evolving and improving, with new systems implemented based on science and technology. But do be sure that the firies can actually get to your place: in order for the truck to fit into your driveway you'll need to allow for a height

of 3m and width of 3m wide.

There are lots of online resources to help you create a Fire Plan, visit the CFA website, the VicEmergency App and see here: [tinyurl.com/3msacvfc](http://tinyurl.com/3msacvfc).

**Michelle Dorian**



Locals listen to Doreen Raven at the Maldon CFA Information Session.

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

## The war trophies

IN 1917, acting on advice from war correspondent Charles Bean, Australian Prime Minister Billy Hughes insisted that Australia was entitled to claim any war trophies its troops captured. He planned to house these trophies in Australia's own National War Museum so Australians could see the tangible results of their countrymen's valour. Eventually, far more weapons were collected than the Museum required.

The captured trophies were shipped to Australia in late 1919. Those destined for Victoria and the Australian War Museum were stored at the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne where the Museum was to be established. Victorians had their first opportunity to view some of the larger items when the War Trophies' Train toured the State in 1920 to promote the Commonwealth's Second Peace Loan. The train visited Maldon on Monday 13 September 1920.

Committees were established in each state to determine how the trophies would be distributed. Cities, towns and smaller communities were usually allocated items based on their population. Maldon received a Krupp 75mm field gun manufactured in Essen, Germany and captured from Turkish forces near Damascus. It was delivered in November 1920 and is now on Anzac Hill.

Smaller communities around Maldon received machine guns that were usually housed in their only public building, the State School. Often schools held celebrations at which they unveiled both their Honour Rolls and war trophy. The Porcupine Flat State School held a social evening on Friday 4 August 1922 for their unveiling. The guest of honour was the Victorian Premier and local MLA, Harry Lawson.

Over 100 people attended the evening at the school on the corner of the Bendigo and Three Chain roads. The evening started with a concert presented by the school children and members of the community. It included patriotic songs and recitations. At the conclusion of the concert and after saying a few appropriate words, Harry Lawson unveiled the Honour Roll that had been presented to the school by William Adams, the chairman of the School Committee.

The Honour Roll contained 24 names including that of Frank Jubilee Olle, a former teacher at the school. He had died of the wounds he received during the Gallipoli landings on 25 April 1915. The roll also included the names of the six Tatt brothers who had all enlisted and served overseas and the Rev Ernest Yeo, the minister at Holy Trinity who had served as an army chaplain. After the 'Last Post' was sounded Rev Yeo, who was present, came forward and unveiled the machine gun. The evening concluded with everyone singing, 'For they are jolly good fellows'.

Supper was later served in a marquee erected in the school grounds and many stayed and danced into the early hours of the morning.

*This information was supplied by the Maldon Museum and Archives.*



## Maldon decked in festive style

THE Festive Season is upon us and very well-done Maldon in getting into the spirit with bunting, coloured bows on trees and shops adorned as we near the annual Christmas and New Year celebrations.

As is our usual weekly get-together, we arrived for the 'battle with the cards' and hope for some high-point hands from the cards on offer for the day. All was in order, tables ready, boards distributed and play commenced following the draw announcement by Ken. A solo player was needed and Newstead Jo volunteered after three consecutive wins so thought it time for a rest!! With the situation of a player playing alone we have a player from another table, who may be in the dummy position, to fill in and help with playing out the contract for the alone player. We always accommodate all players, even if there are not enough partners who arrive to play, and no one is denied a friendly afternoon game.

The cards were certainly a mixed lot but, as is always said, everyone has to play them and it is the astute who end up with the best score. Sometimes at the demise of other partnerships, especially when the doubling personnel go into action!

Our mid-afternoon break for refreshments does help some of us achieve on the final boards but, alas for others, not so good!

The scores were in following the computing by Ken, ably assisted by Mary with the tallying and who would be the victors? In the red corner, the players who arrived in their nice red cars took out the top score and they were Maree and Fred with 53 points, well ahead of the rest of the field and no doubt a double or two implemented! Second place went to Newstead Jo and Associates with 45 points. Liz and Ken were third with 42 points and coming in at fourth place were Annie and Kerry with 38 points. The rest of us still wondering what we did wrong!! Ahh! Did not double enough may have been the problem! Well done to all on keeping focused!

This is it for now and keep safe over the holiday period.

Whatever your age group or skills please feel free to join us each Thursday 1pm to 4.30pm to help us in our endeavours to

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**Judy McKnight**

## IN MALDON TODAY RADIO PROGRAM



TODAY Ann and Elizabeth will present the program, with Fiona Farley appearing as guest. Her topic will be Vietnam and the Athenaeum children's library. Intriguing. Viv Markham will also pop in: she knows where the bodies are buried.

Last Friday guest Nicole Chvastek charged Friday's show with a lot of energy as Slats and EC talked of fantastic tradies who had gone above and beyond. With Nicole (pictured here with 'Bullet' himself) taking the lead, they explored the notion of the 'old ABC' culture versus the new. Much was said about the right-wing media and a few suggestions were provided as to what a person or indeed a group of persons might do in order to change things. So many text messages were received that we consider it a record for an IMT show.

Next Friday it's our last program for the year (until IMT returns on 10 January 2025) and it will be a free-for-all with everyone in the studio: so as to prevent bruised egos and murderous thoughts occurring, the team will work in two separate shifts of an hour each.

To catch up on our previous programs click on mixcloud.com/nancymay007.

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**Mike Smythe**

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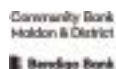
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#### Weekly prize draw

Ticket holders will be eligible to win a \$50 credit drawn weekly from 6 December 2024 to 10 January 2025. A total of six draws. Winners contacted and announced in the *Tarrangower Times*. NOTE: the business name must be recorded for the ticket to be valid.

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## Library Annual Report

IN the early years of the Athenaeum Library, it was the tradition of the local newspaper, then the *Tarrangower Times and Maldon District Advertiser*, to publish a library Annual Report. In the days before email and Facebook these President's Reports informed the local community of the successes and challenges of the past year and initiatives planned for the coming year. It is from these reports, now available via the invaluable National Library of Australia Digitised Newspapers website [trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au) that we can gain an insight into the library's early history and indeed into the history of Maldon. We thought this was a tradition worth continuing.

### Highlights of the President's Report, 2024

I would like to begin by thanking all the library's volunteers for their support and dedication throughout this year. We have a great team of individuals who generously give their time and share a variety of responsibilities, helping to improve and maintain the library service for our community. My thanks also to the members of the library committee for their time and dedication to the library, for supporting each other, and for their commitment to keeping the library vibrant and relevant for our members.

We are fortunate and incredibly grateful to have a very generous local community who have donated over 200 books this year to add to our collection or to be sold (if duplicates of collection items) to help raise funds for the library. We are also grateful to members and volunteers who have made generous financial donations to support the library. Many members of the local community have also supported through book sales, the October Maldon Market Day fundraiser, the Human Library Gothic Weekend event, the Maldon in Winter fundraiser 'Arson at the Athenaeum' Book Reading Play, various guest speaker events and book launches. The library is not just a place to borrow books: it aims to be a vital part of the whole life of Maldon and surrounding districts.

I would like to share some library statistics. Currently we have 197 members, an increase of 27 from 2023 and 26 volunteers. The library has approximately 15,350 books in its collection. Of these we loaned approximately 2,800 books this year, 2,102 fiction, 456 non-fiction and 158 other and averaged 600 visitors. Our Facebook page has 661 followers. The most books borrowed by a single member this year was an astounding 188. The most frequently borrowed book was the recently published *The Lost Remains* by Elle Griffiths, borrowed 11 times, approximately 65 new books were added to the collection.

A highlight of this year has been the commencement of the library's new and exciting History Project. A group of volunteers and library members have begun to compile a history of the library. This endeavour has been attempted by others before, but without success, and we are determined to see it done! Part of this project has been the collation of an archive collection and development of our website to accommodate a series of vignettes. These will capture significant moments and individuals in the library's history since its foundation in 1863. These vignettes will cover a variety of topics of interest and be added to over time. This History Project will be a wonderful legacy for future generations. Valuable local and historical knowledge about the library and those associated with it will be recorded and available publicly for anyone to enjoy.

Looking ahead, we hope to increase the number of the library's memberships and volunteers and continue our valuable volunteer service to the Maldon and Tarrangower community. We will continue to update and diversify our book collection, ensuring the library reflects the changing needs and interests of our membership. The library will continue to play its role in the general life of the town and to look for opportunities to involve the community in an institution that served it for over 160 years.

Maldon Athenaeum Library Committee of Management

President: Tina Fratta

## Fresh at the Athenaeum

A number of new books have been purchased recently thanks to a generous grant from a company where the daughter-in-law of one of our volunteers works! So come in and borrow some of these great books for the holiday season.

### *The Belburd* by Nardi Simpson, 2024

A lyrical and masterfully woven novel about women, creation, belonging and the precious fragility of a life.

### *By any other Name* by Jodi Picoult, 2024

A novel about two women, centuries apart, one of whom is the real author of Shakespeare's plays, who are both forced to hide behind another name.

### *Death at the Sign of the Rook* by Kate Atkinson, 2024

Marooned overnight by a snowstorm in a grand country house are a cast of characters and a setting that even Agatha Christie might recognise: a vicar, an Army major, a Dowager, a sleuth and his sidekick.

### *Dropping the Mask* by Noni Hazlehurst, 2024

One of the most iconic Australians, one who has graced our screen and theatres for over 40 years, Noni Hazlehurst is finally telling her story.

### *Dusk* by Robbie Arnott, 2024

In the distant highlands, a puma named Dusk is killing shepherds. Down in the lowlands, twins Iris and Floyd are out of work, money and friends.

### *Mr and Mrs Gould* by Grantlee Kieza, 2024

The story of the famous birdman John Gould and his talented wife Elizabeth, who revealed the astonishing world of Australian birds and wildlife in one of the most important naturalist expeditions in history.

### *Here One Moment* by Liane Moriarty, 2024

Aside from a delay, there will be no problems. The flight will be smooth; it will land safely. Everyone who gets on the plane will get off. But almost all of them will be forever changed.

### *Juice* by Tim Winton, 2024

An epic novel of determination, survival and the limits of the human spirit.

### *The Season* by Helen Garner, 2024

It's footy season in Melbourne, and Helen Garner is following her grandson's under-16s team. She not only goes to every game, but to every training session too, shivering on the sidelines at dusk, fascinated by the spectacle.

### *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams, 2024

A compassionate, life-affirming novel about the Christmas season that transforms the small Irish town of Faha.

### *The Valley* by Chris Hammer, 2024

A controversial entrepreneur is murdered in a remote mountain valley, but this is no ordinary case. Ivan and Nell are soon contending with cowboy lawyers, conmen, bullion thieves and grave robbers.

### *Long Island* by Colm Toibin, 2024

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### *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman, 2024

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### *The Ledge* by Christian White, 2024

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### *The Players* by Minette Walters, 2024

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With thanks to Goodreads

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# Doggos OF THE Goldfields

Introducing our readers to their local doggies and what makes their tails wag!

**Times:** Hello, Rosie and Indy! Tell me, what makes each of you so special?

**Rosie [wags tail enthusiastically]:** Well, I'm the sweet one, obviously, but don't let that fool you. I've got a LOUD personality! Also, I have a spiky ball. It's my prized possession—it massages my neck. Self-care is important, you know.

**Indigo [sits primly]:**

I'm the boss. I keep things running smoothly. And I greet everyone who visits with a gift—usually one of our toys. Sharing is caring, after all.

**Times:** Indy, I hear you're quite attached to your human.

**Indigo:** Oh, absolutely. I'm their baby. I demand attention and lots of it. Someone has to supervise, right?



Indigo & Rosie are our Doggos of the Week. 13 December, 2024.

**Times:** And Rosie, tell me more about this spiky ball.

**Rosie:** It's everything. It's my spa treatment, workout buddy, and emotional support ball. Nothing better after a long day of being adorable.

**Times:** You two seem like you've got life all figured out. Anything else to share?

**Indigo:** Yes, we've been coming to this shop since it opened. It's basically ours.

**Rosie:** Exactly. This is where we rule—two elegant Italian Greyhounds, keeping things classy.

**Cue synchronized tail wags and perfect poses for the treats camera.**



**Fri 13 December - Complete Unknowns - Maldon Bowls Club 48 Main**

Friday 13 December-**Amazing Valentinos**-from 7pm  
Saturday 14 December-**Duolian**-from 7pm  
Sunday 15 December-**Alluvium**-from 4pm  
Friday 20 December-**TBA**-from 7pm  
Saturday 21 December-**DBOMs**-from 7pm  
Sunday 22 December-**Grim Fawknor**-from 4pm

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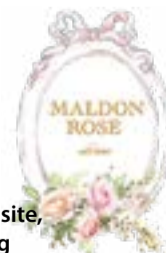
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Students resting in Maldon after cycling from their school near Woodend.

**DRIVERS** might have noticed a huge group of over 70 teenagers on bicycles (a bunch of bikies or rabble of riders?\*) heading into Maldon on the afternoon of Wednesday 4 December.

The group was made up of Year Six and Seven students from Candlebark and Alice Miller Schools — including some local Maldon kids — undertaking their final camp

of the year. Camp-outs and sleepovers are a key part of the curriculum for students at both schools.

Commencing in the Macedon Ranges, the students spent the whole week riding a loop of 240.3km, which took them past Mount Lofty near Redesdale, through Metcalfe, then to the top of Mount Alexander where they stayed overnight. They travelled through Castlemaine and took the rail trail

to stop at Maldon as a half-way mark, where they camped on the footy oval. On the way back they paused at Vaughn Springs for a swim and through Glenlyon before arriving, triumphantly, back to school on Friday afternoon to cheers on the driveway.

**Michelle Dorian**

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# Maldon Cup Tennis Tournament

## Maldon Tennis Club



IN late November, at the end of a rainy day, 10 hopeful doubles teams gathered for the Maldon Cup tennis tournament, a long-held ritual that has gone by the wayside in recent years.

Doubles pairs from social tennis, coaching classes, cardio tennis, junior A and B grade teams battled it out in a fast four format, with most teams comprising a more and less experienced player. The age range of players spanned decades, with everyone approaching tennis with a spirit of competition and fun. The thrilling final was played by Viv Azeez and Albi Pintore versus Chloe

Jennings and Marlon Gross and the winner decided only on match point to much applause and enthusiasm.

Afterwards the Maldon Team Cup donated by the Fitzpatrick family was awarded to Viv and Albi and players and spectators enjoyed a barbeque and award-winning sponge cake.

The Maldon Tennis Club can be found at Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve and offers family membership for \$160, junior membership for \$60 and senior membership for \$70. Social tennis is played on Monday nights, coaching and cardio on Thursday afternoon/evening and junior tennis through the Castlemaine District Tennis Association on Saturday morning.

Please direct any queries to [maldontennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:maldontennisclub@gmail.com). Tennis courts can be booked at [playtennis.com.au/maldon](http://playtennis.com.au/maldon).

**Kate Mahony**  
President, Maldon Tennis Club



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**Thumbs up** to the people who have got into the Christmas spirit and put up Christmas lights.

**Thumbs down** to Maldon's lack of footpaths, forcing mobility scooter users onto dangerous roads, especially on Harker Street.

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Jan	95.1	41.8	90.4	Jan	101.4	47.0	90.0	Jan	124.8	30.0	103.4
Feb	2.5	8.1	0.5	Feb	1.0	10.4	1.0	Feb	14.0	11.4	0.0
Mar	0.5	53.0	68.9	Mar	0.0	54.4	74.4	Mar	0.8	34.0	48.0
Apr	58.5	75.8	73.9	Apr	84.0	89.4	91.0	Apr	76.4	84.8	80.8
May	32.0	24.5	27.3	May	45.8	33.2	32.2	May	34.6	30.6	30.0
June	21.4	97.9	41.8	June	28.2	119.8	64.6	June	27.8	96.4	47.8
July	47.2	31.9	39.7	July	63.4	25.8	55.3	July	50.0	38.2	46.6
Aug	34.4	23.4	103.2	Aug	43.0	34.6	121.0	Aug	60.8	26.8	116.0
Sept	28.7	13.4	79.2	Sept	46.4	20.0	91.4	Sept	28.2	16.6	88.4
Oct	29.1	40.6	175.9	Oct	47.4	56.8	203.2	Oct	31.6	34.0	190.2
Nov	31.2	24.9	85.0	Nov	38.6	28.4	98.6	Nov	40.2	16.6	106.0
Dec	25.4	105.7	26.2	Dec	23.2	130.4	23.6	Dec	42.6	118.6	39.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>406.0</b>	<b>541.0</b>	<b>812.0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>523.4</b>	<b>661.2</b>	<b>961.6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>530.4</b>	<b>538.0</b>	<b>897.0</b>

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## Maldon Petanque Club

*The season is over for 2024  
We will be back in 2025 for more*



**SUNDAY 8 December was the Maldon Petanque Club's last get-together for the 2024 season. As all the points earned had been processed through the computer, we were anxiously awaiting to find out the leading players for the year. We had a late start to the day's proceedings with just two rounds of very social games played before we moved over to the hall for a BBQ dinner and complimentary drinks.**

After dinner, the President gave a brief report on yet another successful season; a special mention was made to celebrate the Club's 21st birthday, we are all grown up now.

The much-awaited trophy presentation was held with the following announcements:

The **McLENNAN TROPHY FOR THE MOST IMPROVED PLAYER** was presented by Marion McLennan to Bruce Ackland for having a great season.

The **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** Trophy winner for 2024 was won by Len Paul who had a very consistent year.

**RUNNER UP** medallion went to George Forster.

**THIRD PLACE** medallion went to Geoff McLennan.

All other players were thanked for their contribution during the year with special reference to the committee members.

The 2025 season will commence on 5 January with a 1pm start at the St Brigid's pistes; all welcome.

The Club wishes all players and supporters a lovely Christmas with families and friends and extends a special greeting to our fortnightly readers. May Peace be with you all.

We thank our sponsors Community Bank Maldon, Cantwell Property & Boules Australia.

**Geoff McLennan**

## Maldon Bowls Club



**ON Sunday 1 December our Maldon Triples team of Wes, Jim and Peter played in the Annual tournament at Marong. The greens were perfect and as usual the competition was of a very high standard. The boys had a loss, a draw and a win. A good outcome on a great day of competition.**

The Goldfields Triples event at Avoca last Wednesday saw our team of Jim, Eric and Peter come away with another mixed bag. A big win followed by a last bowl loss and a draw saw another day of mixed fortunes.

Our Saturday pennant results continue to show how close the competition is. Playing last year's grandfinalist Carisbrook, we fell short overall by 1 shot. Wes's team of Eric, Cameron and Tyson won 10 ends overall and were well behind after 15 ends (8 to 18). But a late surge saw the team score 10 shots to 3 to lose narrowly 17 to 20.

Annette's team of Geoff, Phillip and Ken S won 9 of 21 ends. They led early 7 to 1 but it was 10 all after 10 ends. The scoring was then shot for shot with Maldon down 14 to 17 after 16 ends. With two ends to go Maldon led 21 to 17. Unfortunately Carisbrook scored a 2 and a 1 to fall short. Maldon 21 to Carisbrook 20 the final score.

At that stage Carisbrook led overall by 2 shots.

Peter's team of Jim, Mike and Trevor led 5 to 1 after 4 ends. After 13 ends it was even at 10 all. Carisbrook had a liking for short ends and the strong wind made playing difficult. Over the next few ends the scores favoured Maldon till Carisbrook had a run of two twos and two singles to lead 17 to 15. In the final end Carisbrook held four on the Jack but a last desperate bowl spread Carisbrook's bowls to give Maldon a 3. This was a win by 1 shot again. However the final result was an overall loss by 1 shot 56 to 57. Next week we travel to Talbot, another very strong team.

\*\* Don't forget our Community Christmas event at the Bowls Club tonight. The Complete Unknowns, free ice cream, a BBQ voucher, Christmas raffles and as usual bowling and plenty of family fun.

Good Bowling all.

**Peter Sedgwick**



L to R: George Forster, Geoff McLennan, Len Paul and Bruce Ackland - the winners of 2024.

## Maldon Golf Club



**HO, Ho, Ho!**

It was Christmas CHEER and CELEBRATIONS all around last Sunday afternoon for an enthusiastic and vibrant gathering at the Maldon Golf Club.

Enjoying great jazz, swing and rock and roll songs from the Martini Set, delicious fish and chips, wraps and desserts

from Toni and Steves' Wraps and More food truck, chilled refreshments from the 19th Hole Bar, parents and friends were able to enjoy the afternoons' great weather under the umbrellas on the 18th hole fairway while keeping an eye on their youngsters playing soccer, riding their bikes, playing ball with their pets and practising their golf putts.

Maldon Golf Club extends appreciation to Mt Alexander Shire Council for support of the day's activities from the Community Christmas Celebration Grant Programme.

**KEEP your EYES open and EARS listening for details shortly of our GREAT MATES CELEBRATION DAY on SUNDAY 26 JANUARY. Live music, traditional Aussie BBQ and last years' popular activity: the TARRANGOWER THONG THROW CHAMPIONSHIP.**



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