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Christmas Supplement *pages 11 - 17*



☆ L-R: Nathan, Chris, Stephen, Dan, Brayden and Dylan.

Workers from the EPIC (Employment Preparation and Inclusion in the Community) program have been assisting in the restoration of Porcupine Village since July this year.

The group, which rotates its participants through the village twice a week, initially began by clearing out the historic buildings, and are now focused on doing a number of other jobs around the place, including yard work.

Doug and Debra Baird are the managers of Porcupine Village. Their daughter is currently participating in a number of activities with EPIC, including work experience at an op-shop in Bendigo, so they were aware of the program and keen to offer the EPIC participants work experience around the historic village.

Brayden, who has been working at Porcupine Village for the past three months said, "I enjoy it. We've been cleaning out

the stuff, it's really old."

Dan, has also been working there for the past three months said it's been good.

"I'd like to continue doing woodwork when I finish," said Dan. "You've got to be very precise."

Chris Carol furniture and cabinet maker has been running the woodwork micro-business at EPIC for over three years. Chris, and a group of young people, have been busily making

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Steam Packet

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Community Diary

If you have a community event that you would like publicised in this Community Diary, please email: karen@tarrangowertimes.com.au or send details to us at PO Box 18 Maldon 3463, or drop a note into the letterbox in the office door to have it listed.

This is a free community service.

It is a good idea to advertise closer to the event.

EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

LIONS CLUB OP SHOP, 10am to 2pm. Enq: Jenny 0407 158 833.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, 9am to 1pm at the IGA carpark in Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0490 366 243.

MALDON PONY CLUB RALLY (except January) at the Maldon Campdraft grounds at 9.30am for gear checks for a 10am kick off. Enq: Kira Chalmers 0407 140 580.

EVERY SUNDAY

MALDON MUSEUM, Shire Gardens, 11.30am - 2pm. Admission \$2.50 adults, children free.

EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB games every second Sunday at St. Brigid's at 1.30 for a 2pm start. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Andrew Leckie 5400 1054.

SOCIAL PÉTANQUE is played on the Penny School pistes every second Sunday, alternating with MPC, at 1.45 for a 2pm start, unless rain is bucketing down, or it is over 30°. Enq: 0459 093 452.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, 97 High Street, Maldon. Open 10am-1pm includes book sales. Tina Fratta 0437 094 469.

MALDON MARKET: Hand Made, Home Grown, 9am - 1.30pm. Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for machinery enthusiasts before and after the industrial revolution, but with more. Open 10am-4pm. Entry free - donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE REPAIR CAFE, 10am - 1pm at Castlemaine Community House, 30 Templeton St. Enter from back door. Bring along broken electrical, general sewing repairs and maybe a cuppa and weekend paper in case you have to wait a while. No kitchen because of COVID. Gold coin donation. Learn to repair.

EVERY MONDAY

LAP SWIMMING, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm - 7pm.

OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 9.30am-2.30pm. Enq: 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB at the Maldon Hotel, 1.15pm - 4.30pm. New players welcome including solo players. Enq: Danny Murphy 0430 733 782.

MALDON WALKING GROUP, starting at 9.30am for a gentle walk. Start at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. No booking required. Cancelled if heavy rain or a Code Red Day. Enq: 5479 1000.

SOCIAL GOLF - 8.30am - 9 holes, free for members or \$10 green fees. Enq: maldongolf4u@gmail.com or Gay Reid 0413 013 766.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 9.30am at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB, 2pm. Enqs: Carmel 0417 014 763.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB, 2pm. Enqs: Carmel 0417 014 763.

EVERY TUESDAY

AQUA AEROBICS, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm. Cost \$9.50 (or \$6 with season pass).

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door-to-door service. Trips within and to Maldon & Castlemaine in the morning, fortnightly trips to Maryborough and Kangaroo Flat. Phone 5475 2093. \$3 one way, \$5 return. More info: www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus.

MAH JONG for seniors 10am-1pm at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enquiries: Kerry 0407 738 855.

MALDON BOWLING CLUB, at 10am, as long as COVID restrictions allow.

MALDON BRISK WALKING GROUP, 7.30am meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

MALDON SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS, 1.30pm-3.30pm, Maldon Community Centre. Cost \$10 subscription to Maldon Seniors, \$2 donation on the day. Enq: Anne 0425 859 662.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9.30am. New members welcome. Enq: Damien Kennedy 0428 130 764.

YOGA AND RELAXATION, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Hall. Evenings 6-7.30pm. Come and try, first class free. Enq: Andrea 0427 772 878.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NUGGETTY LAND PROTECTION GROUP meeting. For further info contact Christine Fitzgerald - ckfritz5@bigpond.com - 0419 347 408.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

CANASTA for seniors 10am at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enquiries: Lyn 0409 566 551.

COMMUNITY LUNCH (no lockdowns) 12 noon, Maldon Community Centre.

Delicious two-course lunch during school terms. All welcome. \$5. Enq: 5475 2093
OR COMMUNITY PANTRY (during lockdowns) Delicious home-delivered meals for a \$5 donation. Order info@maldonnc.org.au or 5475 2093.

EASY STEPS TO FITNESS AEROBICS, 9am - 10am Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, beginners welcome. \$10 concession, \$15 full. Enq: Sean 0419 210 043.

HATHA YOGA WITH WENDY, 5 - 6.30pm at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

LAP SWIMMING, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm - 7pm.

MALDON MEN'S SHED, 10am to 4pm at rear of Vintage Machinery Museum (accessed from Phoenix Street). All welcome. Contact Barry Murfett 0403 352 753. (Note: Closed on days of Total Fire Ban or over 38°).

MALDON MUSEUM, Shire Gardens, 11.30am - 2pm. Admission \$2.50 adults, children free.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 5.30pm in Maldon. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

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YOUNG AT HEART PLAYGROUP, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 10-11.30am. Enq: 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

EVERY WEDNESDAY FORTNIGHT

ART & CRAFT GROUP, 1.30pm - 4pm at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

MALDON CEMETERY FRIENDS WORKING BEE, 9.30am - 11.30am. Please come out and help get our historic cemetery clean, weed free and blooming! Our cemetery grounds and buildings need a little care and attention from some willing helpers on a regular basis. Training, equipment and morning tea provided. BYO Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and especially gardening gloves.

EVERY THURSDAY

AQUA AEROBICS, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm. Cost \$9.50 (or \$6 with season pass).

TAI CHI EXERCISE GROUP (CHIRP), 10.30-11.30am at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Contact Jenny 0417 475 270 to register.

MALDON BOWLS CLUB, Bowls practice anytime Thursday until dark.

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB, 12.45pm to 4.30pm at the Maldon Hotel. New players welcome including solo players. Enq: Danny Murphy 0430 733 782.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9.30am. New members welcome. Enq: Damien Kennedy 0428 130 764.

MALDON CHESS CLUB, 10.30am. Do you play? Come along. Do you want to learn? Come along. For enquiries contact John 0438 012 076.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 9.30am at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

OASIS KID'S CLUB, 3.20pm-4.45pm Maldon Baptist Hall, Edward Street. All primary aged children welcome. Free. Enq Gavin & Julie 5475 2338 or 0458 084 728.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FREEMASONS MALDON meet at 7.30pm. Enq: Peter 5472 2202.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2022

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES will resume fantastic films from Thursday 17 February 2022, Subject to COVID regulations from then on. BYO smart phone and green Vax tick to scan QR code. Maldon Community Centre, Francis Street

EVERY FRIDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2-4pm. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

CHAIR YOGA, 11am - 12 noon at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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LAP SWIMMING, Maldon Swimming Pool, 6pm - 7pm.

MALDON MUSEUM HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE, 10am - 1pm.

MALDON SOCIAL WALKING GROUP, Gentle walking. 9.30am meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

HATHA YOGA WITH WENDY, 9 - 10.30am at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

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SOCIAL GOLF - 8.30am - 9 holes, free for members or \$10 green fees. Enq: maldongolf4u@gmail.com or Gay Reid 0413 013 766.

SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MALDON RSL SUB-BRANCH Monthly meeting in the Maldon RSL Hall behind the Athenaeum Library at 3pm. All Service and ex Service members are welcome to attend. No meeting in January.

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MAREE EDWARDS LISTENING POSTS are postponed until further notice. My office is still available for assistance, please contact us on 5410 2444 or maree.edwards@parliament.vic.gov.au.

EVERY SATURDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 9.30am - noon. Enqs Suzette Phillips 0429 776 893.

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SATURDAY 4 & SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

MALDON PONY CLUB RALLY at the Maldon Campdraft grounds at 9.30am for gear checks for a 10am kick off. Enq: Kira Chalmers 0407 140 580.

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

NEWSTEAD ON SHOW between 10am and 4pm to promote the varied activities and groups which operate in the town, as well as businesses, committees and pastimes available in the area. There will be free show bags and events held throughout the town of Newstead, with food and drinks available for purchase.

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, Bill Woodfull Reserve at 7pm. Be early to register attendance, gates open 6pm. Featuring Maldon Brass Band and local artists, Lions Club raffle and visit from Santa. BBQ tea available from the Maldon Football Netball Club.

Sorry for any confusion



RE the front page photo 26 November: Unveiling of pre-school community art.

Ann Ferguson is second on the left and is a Castlemaine Ceramic Artist and on the far right is Andrea Ebsworth who is a Maldon Mosaic Artist.

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☆ Newstead On Show from 20 years ago.

NEWSTEAD on Show will be held on Sunday 5 December 2021, between 10am and 4pm, in the town of Newstead.

The main idea of this event is to promote many of the varied activities and groups which operate in the town, as well as businesses, committees and pastimes available in the area.

We will have tables in the Community Centre being hosted by members of some of the different clubs and societies, such as scrap-booking, bonsai, CFA, preschool, the Spinners and the Rural Trans-action Centre.

Committees will be representing their groups to encourage new membership.

Outside the main Community Centre area, the Arts Hub will be open along with the Newstead Men's Shed, Newstead Pool and the Newstead Community Garden, The Mud Room and others.

There will be live talks of roughly 10 minutes given by many, including Frank from Enviroshop talking about Solar Energy, Graham from MaLets to let you know how this produce exchange works, Sandon Health Nurse Wendy, the CFA, Renewable Newstead and the local Landcare group.

On the stage there will be music from The KGB, the primary school choir, Anj Lawson and Terry and Gilly and also a Tai Chi demonstration.

The Newstead Men's Shed will be doing a sausage sizzle, Dig cafe will be in full swing and the CWA will be cooking fresh scones for your consumption. The CFA will also be involved with demonstrations and talks and there will be free show bags available.

This is only a small listing of the things happening on the day all over the town. There will be a map available on the day to direct you to all the things you might enjoy.

Vicki Burnside



☆ Nicole Gleeson in front of her shop display at 22 High Street.

YOU may have noticed the new window display with artfully displayed bandages, band-aids and defibrillators at 22 High Street.

Nurse Nicole Gleeson, started Rhythm First Aid three years ago, a training company delivering first aid training of the highest quality in a captivating and fun environment.

Rhythm First Aid delivers first-aid courses to schools, parents, and businesses around Victoria.

Nicole and her husband moved to Maldon two years ago and she now spends her time travelling throughout the state delivering first aid courses, while also working at The Royal Children's Hospital.

"It was evident that a lot of services that are available in Melbourne are not accessible in regional Victoria. I wanted to bridge that gap and make sure everyone has access to good quality education, no matter your postcode," Nicole said.

Last year Nicole designed and developed, bespoke family first aid kits. The beautiful wooden boxes are handmade in Bendigo and Nicole and a team of health professionals hand selects the items included, using local businesses where possible. The boxes can be custom designed and are priced at \$159.

"If you were to buy the products from a pharmacy, they would be worth well over \$200 so the kits are great value for money," says Nicole.



☆ Bespoke family first aid kits with hand selected items.

Nicole also sells smaller first aid kits, kits designed for workplaces and defibrillators.

If you are interested in buying a first aid kit please contact: Nicole Gleeson on 0418 338 240 or nicole@rhythmfirstaid.com.au.

Concern Grows for Native Wildlife and Residents

New Warnings for Noise Pollution Are Policy Makers Hearing?



☆ Freckled Duck - Australia's rarest native duck, sadly collateral damage in duck shooting.

Photo courtesy Eleanor Dilley

THE community is awaiting follow up from local Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards, regarding the petition to close local wetlands to recreational duck shooting and instead make them a sanctuary for the threatened species which call them home.

The petition attracted just

under 500 signatures, mostly local, compared to a petition by shooters to have duck shooting remain which obtained 21 signatures (11 local).

A spokesperson for Regional Victorians Opposed to Duck Shooting Inc said community sentiment is obvious and calls for action.

From a safety perspective, two wetlands were closed to shooting in Mildura in 2019 for safety reasons – without 483 signatures. The group says this paves the way for Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) to do the same at their storage here.

Documents obtained through freedom of information show GMW was aware of safety concerns of their own staff in approaching duck shooters. "We would like to see them show more concern for public safety, protection of threatened species, and economic impacts to surrounding towns," said the spokesperson.

It's no secret Victoria is failing to protect threatened species as has featured in major media.

"We would be lucky to have a dozen wetland sanctuaries compared to the thousands of public waterways across our state where shooters can take

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Living with Dementia? What would make life easier in Maldon?

TARRANGOWER Dementia Alliance are seeking input from the community to guide their dementia friendly plans for Maldon in 2022.

Maldon Hospital's Liza Shaw chairs the Tarrangower Dementia Alliance and says that the Alliance wants to make life easier for people living with dementia in the Maldon community.

"We have been providing Dementia Friend training and supporting clubs to make simple changes that make it easier for people living with dementia to participate," Lisa said.

"Our alliance members include people living with dementia, service providers and carers, and we have a common goal of making Maldon more dementia friendly.

"We are currently planning our activities for 2022 and want to hear from community members about anything more we should be doing."

Contact Maldon Neighbourhood Centre if you are interested in joining the Alliance or have any suggested activities for the alliance to consider in 2022. Call 5475 2093 or email info@maldonnc.org.au.

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Fire restrictions

THE Fire Danger Period will begin at 1am on Monday 6 December for the City of Greater Bendigo and will begin at 1am on Monday 13 December for Mount Alexander and Central Goldfield Shires.

The Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Victoria released on 26 August identified potential for increased grassfire conditions for the 2021/22 fire season.

Much of Victoria has experienced average to above average rainfall during winter and this is likely to result in continuous grass and crop fuels through most areas west and north of the Great Dividing Range.

However, Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer Chris Jacobsen reminded Victorians that even an average fire season in this state can still be a bad one.

“Conditions through the last fire season were similar to what we’re expecting this year, and during those months we saw significant grass fires in the north and west of the state,” he said.

“We’ve had plenty of winter and spring rainfall and now as the grass and bush is drying out in the North West and Central parts of the state, the warmer weather, and drying grass means the fire potential is becoming heightened.

“Reducing fuel loads in these areas will ensure if a fire does break out, it has less chance of taking hold or spreading.

“While CFA and our partner agencies Fire Rescue Victoria and Forest Fire Management Victoria are doing everything we can to prepare for the bushfire season, we look to the community to use common sense and take responsibility for preventing fires.”

Victorians can find out “Can I or Can’t I?” information at cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can or by calling VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. All burn-offs should be registered at firepermits.vic.gov.au or with the ESTA Burn-off notification line on 1800 668 511.

Residents invited to provide feedback on budget priorities

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council is planning the 2022-2023 budget and is inviting the community to help guide priorities for allocating that expenditure.

Mayor Bill Maltby said budget funds are already committed to ensuring continuity of ongoing operations and to delivering regular services and existing projects.

“Beyond these and other constraints, community input will help shape and prioritise projects to reach our community’s

vision of a healthy, connected shire,” said Mayor Maltby.

“In choosing exactly what to fund, we want to hear what our community wants us to prioritise,” he said.

“We asked for help recently in determining our 10-year Community Vision and setting our objectives for the next four years as part of our Council Plan for 2021-2025.

“Now we want to set our first budget in line with those objectives, and would value the community’s input into which

of these objectives to focus our spending on in 2022-2023.”

To share your priorities, visit our online engagement tool, www.shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/budget-2022-23.

Feedback on priorities can be provided through a short budget survey and a budgeting allocation tool, which enables people to prioritise areas of expenditure based on 13 Council objectives.

“The online budgeting tool is a great opportunity for ratepayers to understand more about

how Council determines its spending priorities, as well as juggling competing demands,” said Mayor Maltby.

All community input received will be collated and provided to Councillors for their review and consideration during the budget process.

Have your say before Tuesday 11 January 2022.

For more information visit www.shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/budget-2022-23 or call 5471 1700.

Maldon lights up!



☆ Whether you’re an exhibitor or a spectator, Maldon’s annual Christmas lights

display is a popular event.

Christmas lights is a must.

“Every year we go to see the Christmas lights. The families make each house look good so everyone will know it’s Christmas,” explains James Robertson (six years).

“I love the Christmas lights because they have magic in them,” adds Ned Robertson (four years).

“Our family make time to tour the Maldon lights each year and really appreciate the effort that goes into creating a magical display,” explains Anna Robertson.

If you have plans to decorate your house this Christmas, please get in touch with the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre on 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au

by Wednesday 9 December so we can add you to the map. What better way to share the joy of Christmas? Start decorating and join in the fun!

Maps of the light locations will be available for download from the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre’s website <http://www.maldonnc.org.au/news> and hard copies will be available from Maldon Newsagent and Maldon Neighbourhood Centre from Friday 11 December.

We encourage the community and visitors to jump in their car and take a self-guided tour of Maldon after-dark to enjoy the Christmas lights throughout town.

The Baringhup-Maldon Community Bus will also offer free tours to the community after the Christmas Carols on Saturday 18 December, see you on board.

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre

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For local family the Robertsons, viewing the Maldon

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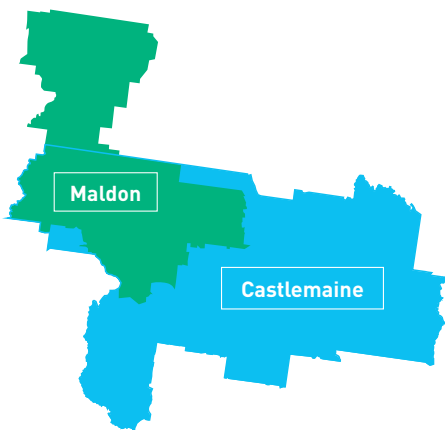
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HEALTHCARE FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF MOUNT ALEXANDER



Thank you for having your say on the future of healthcare for the region.

The Boards of Maldon Hospital and Castlemaine Health have completed the community engagement period of our exploration for the health services to voluntarily amalgamate.

We will be holding a community presentation to report back on the findings of our engagement. Please see details about the event below.

Date: Thursday 16 December

Time: 3:45pm

Location: Online – to register email communities@maldhosp.vic.gov.au

We'll be livestreaming the event, with details of how to watch available on the Maldon Hospital website.

To find out more about the proposal visit: www.maldhosp.vic.gov.au/community-engagement



Win a free air conditioner courtesy EcoTech

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ONE lucky local will win a free air conditioning unit to be installed before Christmas.

Local electrician Pat Cummins is offering local residents the chance to win a free 2.5kw Mitsubishi Reverse Cycle Air Conditioner, ideal for a bedroom or lounge room.

Pat will supply and install the unit, free of charge, just in time for the heat of summer.

Conditions of entry:

- You must reside in Maldon or surrounding towns
- Not currently own/have an operational air conditioner
- Own your own building or if renting, have the owners consent to install.

To enter email editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au, or drop a note in the TT office door, telling us in 25 words or less why you want to win.

Entries close on Monday 13 December.

The Giving Tree



AFTER another challenging COVID year, the Visitor Information Centre and Maldon Inc. have happily agreed to support the Maldon Christmas Giving Tree Appeal.

From Tuesday 30 November until 18 December, we are seeking new, unwrapped gifts for children, from babies to teenagers, which may be left at the Visitors Information Centre in High Street.

The gifts are to be distributed to families in need throughout Maldon and the surrounding district this Christmas.

Any enquiries call Bonnie Gainger on 0400 358 606.

Tai Chi volunteers wanted



☆ CHIRP is planning on expanding their Tai Chi groups in 2022.

CHIRP Community Health is looking for expressions of interest from potential volunteers to support their planned expansion of Tai Chi groups in 2022.

Janine Truscott is the Physiotherapist at CHIRP who started the Tai Chi program in 1998.

“Over the years we have delivered volunteer led Tai Chi groups in various locations in Mount Alexander Shire, and we have now recommenced a group in Newstead. Beginners and more experienced students are all welcome to attend our Tai Chi group on Thursdays from 9.30am to 10.30am at the Newstead Community Centre.

“Our Tai Chi groups are very popular and provide enormous health benefits to participants. We currently run Tai Chi groups in Castlemaine, Maldon, Guildford and Newstead, but are hoping to extend groups to other locations,” said Janine.

“Our Tai Chi volunteers are provided with full training and are supported by me and some of our more experienced volunteers. We are planning to run the volunteer training early in 2022.

“Suitable applicants should have the confidence and dedication to lead weekly groups. Experience with Tai Chi is not necessary but would be an advantage.”

The expansion of Tai Chi groups is funded by Healthy Heart of Victoria and the Victorian State Government and supported by Mount Alexander Shire Council.

For further information, please call Liza Shaw or Janine Truscott at CHIRP Community Health on 5479 1000.



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Set on a sprawling pastoral 46 acres with superb views of Mt Alexander this property is just 15km to Castlemaine, 39km to Bendigo and 115km to Melbourne. With 3 dams, 4 paddocks of excellent pasture, cattle and sheep yards plus ramp, two as new horse stalls and day yards, storage shed, chicken shed, all steel carport, fruit and veggie gardens, all the hard work has been completed. Red gums and a quiet country road is a great invitation to go for a quiet walk with the dog or family around the district tracks. The uber modern dwelling has timber framed double glazing, high raked ceilings with exposed beams, plenty of insulation, passive warming thermal masses, off grid power with battery storage, north facing long axis with large window areas, just under 100,000litres of tank water storage, east facing covered alfresco with decking, polished concrete flooring plus wood heating.

OPEN FOR INSPECTION: SATURDAY 11:15AM-11:45AM



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Unit 5, 3 Maldon Road

\$589,000

SPACIOUS AND PRIVATE TOWNHOUSE 3 bedrooms and a large level garden/patio!

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Set gently at the top of a well-maintained group of quality built townhouses, this often sought and rarely found – 3 bedroom townhouse offers generous sized rooms and has been well cared for. The property has an easy care garden, single garage, open plan lounge and dining areas with ducted gas heating and reverse cycle air, modern kitchen, large laundry, modern bathroom and 3 generously sized bedrooms with built in robes and ducted heating. Positioned on a level, private 325m2 garden, there is space to garden, entertain, and enjoy a sunny aspect that adjoins the home's living areas.

OPEN FOR INSPECTION: SATURDAY 12:30PM-1:00PM



Castlemaine
4 Yeats Street

\$1,045,000

FEDERATION VILLA WITH CLASSY INTERIOR AND BUSH-LAND OUTLOOK IN THE TOWN CENTRE

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Just 1km to Castlemaine central, this outstanding example of a classic Federation has just come to market. Bordering a large Crown Reserve on two sides gives this property superb views from the front and rear verandah and great walking trails for the pets. The 989m2 block has drive-through access to the back yard and has been landscaped with a low maintenance garden and plenty of room for a large shed and caravan storage. There are 4 double bedrooms including 3 with built in robes, the main with bay window and seat, ensuite access to one of the two fully fitted bathrooms and one of the six reverse cycle air conditioners placed through the home. Period features have been lovingly preserved and include double fretwork in the main passage, lead light and coloured glass infills, Dado sub walls, polished floorboards, high ceilings plus picture railing, ornate cornice and ceiling roses, four panel doors, classic light fittings and switches.

OPEN FOR INSPECTION: SATURDAY 10:30AM-11:00AM



Campbells Creek
121 Main Road

\$545,000

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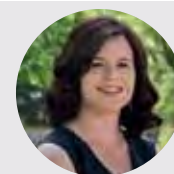
Positioned on a level 620m2 allotment with the local Primary School and Campbells Creeks shops-pub-cafe and facilities at your doorstep, this well preserved original Brick Home is ready for you to move straight in and make your mark. The home features original front and rear porches, spacious lounge room with fireplace/gas heater, air conditioning, entry hallway and large dine-in kitchen with gas cooking and the original wood fire stove. There are timber floors, 2 double bedrooms with robes, neat original bathroom and laundry with toilet, plus a rear vestibule perfect for a study or sitting area. A level, fenced rear garden has a sunny aspect, and a generous carport with store shed. Invest, occupy and improve - there is lots to like!



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Asset Manager

Newstead Primary School students have been enjoying their time in the art room. Recently, the P/1 students made plasticine sculptures modelled on Barbara Reid's illustrations while the 2/3 class created dramatic oil pastel drawings on black paper. The 4/5/6s were inspired by the natural world as they upcycled plastic waste into animal collages in the style of Bordallo II and produced beautiful dry pastel landscapes.



☆ Mr. Duck by Max, Grade 2.



☆ Exploding Volcano by Georgia, Grade 5.



☆ Aliens on the Moon by Xavier, Grade 3.



☆ Mountain Range by Eve & Georgia, Grade 5.



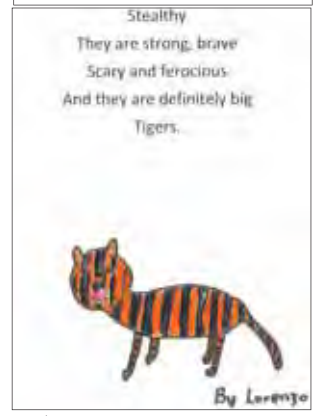
☆ Oak Tree Wood by Wren, Grade 1.



☆ Mystery Mountain by Chad, Prep.



☆ Recycled Hyena by Olive, Grade 5.



☆ The Grade 2/3 class has been experimenting with poetry during term 4. Students have worked on creating their own Cinquain.

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“I left Year 12 three days in,” laughs Casey. “I went and did my builders pre-apprenticeship at CVGT in Bendigo and spent one day a week working with Kinga. He told me you can only work one day here and there, it won’t ever be an apprenticeship. I kept asking and he gave in,” says Casey.

“Kinga had the business for 30 years, it can be very hard to make any changes sometimes,” Casey laughs.

Born in Mansfield, Casey and his family moved to Maldon when he was halfway through kinder.

At 19, Casey met his wife Kirsten, by the river in Echuca on New Year’s eve.

They later got married on Fitzroy Island, near Cairns with 80 guests on the remote island.

“It was great, it was like a big holiday with family and friends for four days.”

The pair then moved to Darwin in 2015 and Casey worked as a construction supervisor for two and a half years.

“We had friends up there and I knew I was going to be taking over from Kinga, so thought it would be good to see something other than Maldon. Plus we both loved fishing up there.”

On returning to Maldon, Casey and Kirsten had their first daughter Billie in September 2017, before Casey took over the business (KC Kinga Carpentry which became Cain Carpentry and Construction) in 2018.

I asked Casey about the processes involved in building an entire house from the ground up and the stress involved.

“You start with the quote, that’s when you break everything down. You map out the jobs that need to be done and get each trade’s quotes. Sometimes they’ll have a look at the plan and have input into how it works.”

“There are usually around five to 20 different trades and about 50 people on each job. You’ve got to employ good people who know what they’re doing.”

Casey doesn’t often get the chance to get on the tools anymore, usually working in the office from 5.30am-4pm each day before spending time with his wife and kids.

“I miss getting on the tools. Every time I do, I think, “that was relaxing, like sitting

poolside with a martini. I wonder why I do it sometimes. I do enjoy it, all aspects of it, particularly working in Maldon, it’s rewarding working on the heritage buildings.”

“I don’t mind the stress and pressure, sitting still’s not really my forte.”

I asked Casey about free time. “I usually go to Darwin once a year for a fishing competition and I’m landscaping our garden at the moment. I love spending time with the girls, taking them to their swimming lessons.”

“Two-year-old Tully is a little brute, she loves digging holes and I think four-year-old Billie’s going to be a scientist or a lawyer.”

Jade Jungwirth

EPIC at Porcupine Village

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and selling furniture made from old pallets, including planter boxes, dog houses and possum homes.

“The possum boxes were made because there were heaps of possums living in the old buildings so we needed to re-home them,” said Chris.

“I love it, I’ve worked with these guys for a couple of

years. They’ve picked up the skills well, and are building towards independence, which is what we want.

“We’re going to start fixing up old bikes soon, so if anyone has any old bikes lying around they want to donate, please let us know.”

Dylan, an EPIC participant, told the *Tarrangower Times* that they’ve also been doing some painting and

rendering at Porcupine Village, and his favourite part of the work so far has been the bonfire. He’d like to work at a car wreckers when he finishes his workplace training.

A keen worker, Nathan said, “It’s been pretty interesting. I’d like to do woodwork after I finish here. As long as I’m building something with my hands I’m all right.”

EPIC is part of Access Australia Group and is a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)-funded employment preparation program for recent school leavers. The NDIS funding is called School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES).

Paul Weeks, EPIC team leader, told the *Times* that he has worked with Access Australia Group for six years. His role includes not only developing work experience opportunities, but advocacy on behalf of participants and their families, usually with the NDIA and Centrelink.

“EPIC now supports over 30 young people through SLES funding,” Paul said, “and our goal is to help the participants open employment, which is to say, working in what are not traditionally considered disability-specific roles and industries. We have had some amazing outcomes. Graduates from our program are now working in jobs such as motor mechanic, at Bunnings, at Coles, Don KR, and in fields like hospitality, cleaning, and retail.”

“The partnership with Porcupine Village has been very valuable for our participants, and came at a time when COVID meant we were unable to complete as much work experience in our more ‘traditional sectors’ setting like retail. Doug has made us all very welcome, and the variety of tasks means the participants have built a whole new range of skills.”

Letter to the Editor

Response

In reply to Ines Jewel’s letter published in the *TT* last week, your analogy between the Blitz and the vaccine rollout is a bit of a stretch. Are you saying that the unvaccinated should be shot as traitors, or at the very least ostracised by the wider community?

A fully vaccinated population is the way to go, we’ve been told. We will get all our freedoms back (or will we?)

The State Government is already seeking more powers to deprive us of our freedom, or so they say (to keep us safe).

Choosing to be vaccinated or not is a fundamental right which the mandate strips away.

There will always be a few recalcitrants, so at 80 or 90%, we should get back to business and take away all restrictions. After all, as you indicated, even the dumb bastards who voted for Trump and the dreaded Christian right are getting vaccinated. Discrimination aside, it may be possible to be right if you’re left, who knows?

**Frank Hollett
Maldon**

Steve's Wine pick

DogRock Pyrenees 'Degraves Road' 2017 Blanc de Blancs Sparkling

DogRock Winery is a tiny family owned and operated producer at Crowlands in the Victorian Pyrenees wine region. Husband and wife team Allen (winemaker) and Andrea (viticulturalist) Hart produce small volumes of beautifully hand crafted, stylish wines.

This 2017 Blanc de Blancs is their first release of a sparkling white wine from their Degraves Road vineyard. Made with 100% estate grown chardonnay fruit, hand picked in late January 2017 followed by 10 months maturation with a further 36 months on yeast lees, the resulting wine is beautifully elegant and balanced.

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Councillor's Column

with Tarrengower Ward Councillor Stephen Gardner



from the crossovers. I am an advocate for improving the streetscape to make it accessible for all so I am hopeful we will have a design that is acceptable and meets the local heritage experts.

It was fantastic to see that the old Bank Corner received an Award for best regional town and the work council and the Old Salvage Yard did to make this successful was nothing short of awesome. Council is looking at what can be done to keep this in place but improve it, as it really has turned into a great community asset.

I want to also acknowledge Liam and the local kids who put together a short video advocating for a skate park/pump track. I presented this to council officers who will have a look at it, get in touch with Liam, and this will be considered as part of the 2021/22 budget process. This was an initiative by some of our local kids and I look forward to supporting it.

Council meetings

Since the last time I wrote there have been two council meetings in October and November. The October meeting mainly dealt with administrative items that we were required to finalise under the Local Government Act.

The only planning matter of interest was the shed that has been built on the Maldon/Castlemaine Road and the change of use to a depot. Cr Driscoll (Loddon Ward) moved a motion to NOT approve this application and I supported this. I felt that the location for this depot is not appropriate. It will see an increase in truck movements and the creation of a major intersection at the entrance of Maldon is not desirable and I also feel that there are significant risks having large trucks entering and exiting on a small intersection. This motion was supported by the majority of the Council so no permit was issued.

November meeting

Cr Henderson put forward a motion to rescind the decision made in the October meeting for the shed on the Maldon/Castlemaine Road. Her reason for this was she felt that the traffic management report was not given due consideration when not approving the planning application. I did not agree with this as the report was provided and I did consider this in my decision making. This motion was eventually successful so council will now have to revisit this application at the December meeting. Personally I was astounded by such a motion and

this is the first time this sort of thing has happened in my time on council and I believe in a very long time.

November also saw the election of the new Mayor – Cr Maltby and I look forward to working with him over the next 12 months. I was particularly pleased to nominate and see Cr Annear being elected as Deputy Mayor and I believe she has shown leadership on a number of major issues, put a lot of time and effort into Council activities and grown her leadership abilities. I know she will make a great future Mayor.

It is nearly Christmas and it is looking like this year we will be able to travel, catch up with family and friends and overall I hope it is a great time. For me personally and professionally (council and work), it has been hectic to say the least and I am really looking forward to some down time. I would encourage everyone to be mindful that each and every one of us have dealt with or had different experiences during the last two years. There is a lot of discussion around vax/anti vax, which isn't very helpful, and as a small community I would hope we can get through this. Regardless of your views, be kind to each other and stay safe.

It has been a busy couple of months on council and in Maldon. As everyone is aware we have reached the 90 percent double vaccination rates and we are all getting back to relatively normal.

It's great to see Melbourne people visiting us. I know it has been great to catch up with friends and family and to welcome people back in our homes. The town has been busy with visitors and the coming couple of months are looking to be a busy period. Some of the highlights have been:

- The new street lights are in and the solar lights have gone
- The front shop rejuvenation grants have been advertised and council staff are working with those shop owners who are looking to participate
- There is a meeting of stakeholders in December to look at the feedback

Letter to the Editor

Hospital Response

We are writing to address views expressed in *Letters to the Editors* published in the *Tarrangower Times* in recent weeks. We welcome feedback of all kinds and were pleased to see the letters urged the community to participate in the community engagement process, which closed on Monday. During the engagement process, we received 152 survey responses and held 58 formal and informal information sessions, so the response from our community has been fantastic.

The letters also contain some concerns about a proposed unification that we would like to address directly:

- Maldon Hospital will always remain Maldon Hospital – in the same building, with the same name and no services will be lost.
- Change will only happen if the boards are in agreement, if community benefit is assured, and if the State Government accepts the boards' recommendations.
- If unification is the preferred option, local representation on the board for both communities would remain, and community advisory committees in Maldon and Castlemaine would be mandatory.
- Financial stability of a unified service would be

achieved by reducing the compliance and paperwork burden, directing funding and attention to frontline services.

- Many new shared services will become more accessible due to Castlemaine Health's integration with CHIRP Community Health.
- Any additional services provided would be accessible by the whole community.
- Mountview Home and Jessie Bowe House will continue to provide the same excellent care they always have.

We acknowledge that no one can predict exactly what a unification of two complex health services would look like, but we can give the communities of Mount Alexander the assurance that any unification would strengthen health services in our region.

Finally we'd like to thank everyone in the community who came to an engagement session, filled in the survey or contacted us for a chat about any concerns they had. We'll be presenting findings of the feedback in the week of 6 December.

Although the official engagement period is now over, we invite members of the community with concerns to come and talk to us directly
Vanessa Healy, Chair Maldon Hospital;
Peggy Ronnau, Chair Castlemaine Health

WALKING TOGETHER

towards Reconciliation

RECONCILIATION - ARE WE ANY CLOSER?



WHAT does Reconciliation mean?

Dictionary definition: restoration of friendly relations, process of two people or groups in a conflict agreeing to make amends or come to a truce.

Reconciliation can be seen in action in some relatively recent events. However there continue to be appalling breaches of what Reconciliation should mean more centrally in our shared Australia.

In the lead up to the 2001 centenary of Federation, the Council for Reconciliation organised Corroboree 2000: a meeting of dozens of high-profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders on Sorry Day where the Australian Declaration Towards Reconciliation was presented. It concluded with 'Our hope is for a united Australia that respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all'.

The following day 250,000 Indigenous and non-Indigenous people streamed across

the Harbour Bridge for the Corroboree Walks; Brisbane's silent march was held a week later with 60,000 participants; Melbourne's Walk for Reconciliation was attended by 300,000 people on 3 December 2000. Scores of smaller walks were held in other state capitals and regional towns.

These peaceful demonstrations, symbolic of moving from the injustices of the past to a new togetherness, illustrated shifts in public mood and the growing awareness of the importance of reconciliation and the need for a national apology.

In the same year, Cathy Freeman's win at the Sydney Olympics united Australians, but later the energy of the Bridge walks was challenged, in part due to the political stance of the government of the time. Practical as well as symbolic action was needed, and some significant actions were a long time coming.

In 2001 the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation was replaced by a new, independent body, Reconciliation Australia

with the ultimate goal to build strong and trusting relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians as a foundation for success in the goals of closing the gaps and sharing a sense of fairness and justice.

Since 2000, significant actions include the Close the Gap campaign for Indigenous equality in health, education etc (2006); the Emergency Response in the Northern Territory (2007); the Apology on behalf of the Nation (2008); the Recognise campaign to amend the Constitution (2012); and the Uluru Statement from the Heart (2017), unfortunately rejected by the Turnbull government.

Victoria was the first Australian state to pass Treaty legislation (2018); the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape was given World Heritage status (2019). In 2020 the Black Lives Matter marches protested Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths in custody and were attended by tens of thousands of Australians.

That same year, mining company Rio Tinto destroyed two 46,000-year-old sites in the Juukan gorge, Pilbara, illustrating the need for protective legislation of important traditional sites. It is yet to be passed.

In Castlemaine, in partnership between the Shire Council, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the broader community a Sorry Day commemoration has been held each year since 1998 and a Reconciliation Week exhibition mounted annually since 2000.

This year, the Victorian Government is setting up the Yoo-rook justice commission to investigate both historical and ongoing injustices against Aboriginal people, as part of the truth-telling process called for by the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Nalderun is a service that supports the Aboriginal Community, led by Aboriginal people. Many people and organisations in the Mount Alexander Shire contribute to Nalderun; the name is a Dja Dja Wurrung word meaning 'all together'.

More information can be found at www.nalderun.net.au.

Solway Nutting

Concern Grows for Native Wildlife and Residents

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aim at our native waterbirds. Threatened species are too often collateral damage."

The group believes that sanctuaries here (and elsewhere) would make a real difference in helping native wildlife, while also opening up the area to the benefits of nature-based tourism.

"In the first year birdwatching data was collected in Australia, over 1.4 million tourists birdwatched in our country and spent \$2.88 billion. More overnight domestic tourists birdwatched than visited the Great Barrier Reef and more international tourists birdwatched than fished" (source: *National Visitor Survey Year ending December 2019*).

Meanwhile, studies show most holiday makers avoid areas where there is shooting.

This week the EPA issued a warning on the use of scare guns due to noise pollution and RVOTDS say noise pollution from shotguns is worse. "If you compare the decibels from gas guns, to that of shotguns, you begin to understand

the impact duck shooting is having on residents. Add to that, the fact it starts before dawn and is allowed to go all day for weeks if not months.

"As the petition comments show, people are stressed and anxious. Animals are impacted. It's very hard to work from home. There are real health and safety risks of duck shooting to community which authorities need to act on," said the spokesperson.

Recreational duck shooting is banned in QLD, ACT, NSW and WA. In Victoria, less than half of one percent of the population shoot ducks. Professional polls show most Victorians want the activity banned, with the strongest support for a ban coming from regional areas.

Refs:

- *The Australia Institute 'Out for a Duck'*
 - *VEAC Red River Gum Investigation*
 - *UComms Poll 2021.*
- Regional Victorians Opposed to Duck Shooting Inc.**

SHOP LOCAL

5 Good Reasons to Shop Locally This Christmas

SHOP LOCAL

HERE are five good reasons why it makes sense to shop local this Christmas:

1. You'll save time – and time is something that we're all short of in the lead-up to Christmas.
2. Great shopping – Maldon has a number of specialty shops that offer a wide and wonderful range of gift ideas. Why would you shop anywhere else?
3. No stress! What can be easier and more relaxing

than a stroll down Main Street and High Street? And with the time that you've saved, you can enjoy coffee or lunch at a local cafe.

4. You'll save money on petrol and parking fees (or fines!).
5. You'll support local people who employ locals. By supporting your own community, you're building a strong community. And that's good for all of us.

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Jeralee has a strong focus on honest, responsible and genuine service and welcome inspections.

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Maldon Butchers are offering their customers plenty of choices this Christmas. They will supply a great range of top quality hams that they prepare themselves. Fresh free-range turkeys. Ducks. Pork roasts. And when it comes to seafood, Brad and his team can provide anything you want - oysters, fish, prawns or lobster. Just make sure you get your order in early to avoid disappointment.

If you are entertaining over the festive season, you might like to give Brad's award-winning gourmet sausages a try, or maybe a butterflied leg of lamb.

Maldon Butchers like to make meal preparation easy for their customers. You will find marinated lamb, chicken parmagiana (an all-time favourite), chicken Kiev and many more prepared and ready to cook meals.

Brad can cater for all of your Christmas needs - including marinades, seasonings and sauces to complement your choice of meat.

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As well as buying a Lions Club Christmas cake for your own family, you might also like to buy some to give to friends or family. In that way, your gift giving helps by giving to others. You can pick up your cakes from Maldon's friendly Lions Club op shop.

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The stock feed products Andrea stocks are Australian made and packaged in a variety of weights. If you have specific products you would like Andrea to order, just let her know.

For the cat lovers who like to give their cat time outside without endangering the birdlife, Andrea sells the highly successful Cat Bibs. They give your cat total freedom but prevent them from catching birds.

This Christmas, Andrea would love you to pop into Mutz Kutz and check out her gift range. If she isn't in the produce section, you will find her busy in the attached Grooming Salon. Andrea looks forward to seeing you soon and wishes you a safe and happy Christmas.

Closed Public holidays 26 and 27 December and 2 January open 10am - 2pm.



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Tansley & Co



☆ There is always something new at Tansley & Co.
Photo courtesy Steve Womersley.

Like many local businesses, Tansley & Co Vintage Merchants have had a challenging year. We would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thank you to all our regular customers who have supported us during this time. Without your support, we could not have continued to keep our doors open.

Since reopening, it has been wonderful to see many new and many familiar faces visiting the shop.

To help satisfy the current demand, we are trading three days a week until Christmas (Thursday, Saturday and Sunday).

We have a great range of vintage-inspired Christmas decorations and gifts in store, including velvet bunting and mercury glass baubles. We also have our popular teacup candles poured with soy/coconut wax and native essential oils.

Our pre-loved goods currently on offer include lovely crystal and glassware. They would look fabulous on the table during the festive season.

We wish all of our customers and supporters a very Merry Christmas. We will be taking time off over the summer for a much-needed family trip. We will see you in the New Year.
Valentina, Mark, Verity and Michelle



**Open every
 Thurs, Sat & Sun
 until 23 Dec
 10:30am - 4pm**

*Closed from 24 Dec
 for summer break -
 check website for
 reopening date*

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Maldon Lolly Shop



☆ So many beautiful edible gifts to choose from!

There are plenty of sweet Christmas treats at the Maldon Lolly Shop this Christmas. Stocking fillers are covered, Chocolate Santas, blocks of chocolates sent by the Reindeer Express, reindeer jars of malt balls and jaffas, Pink Lady green, red and gold chocolate baubles and much more.

Caboose & Feve chocolate covered almonds, raspberries and hazelnuts. These beautifully packaged delights are a great gift idea for the sweet tooth and crafted in Castlemaine.

Quality puddings to serve on Christmas Day from Pud For All Seasons are available. They also stock dessert sauces that will add an extra dimension to your Christmas pudding! There's even a gluten-free Pud option. If you need more Christmas gift suggestions, you've come to the right place at the Maldon Lolly Shop. Check out the coasters that feature a range of Australian designs. There are figurines of all descriptions. Decorative tins. Flower Fairy and Peter Rabbit gifts. Murray Breweries old fashioned cordials are just another line.

Chris and Wendy at the Maldon Lolly Shop wish their customers a happy Christmas and New Year and would like to thank you for your tremendous support over the past year.



*Merry Christmas from
 Wendy & Chris at
 the Lolly Shop*



Closed December 25 & 26
Special Christmas Treats:
 Tree Lollipops, Boiled Lollies,
 Candy Canes & more ...

The Maldon Lolly Shop
 20 High Street, Maldon

Crown Hotel



☆ Crown Hotel Newstead's inviting dining room.

The Crown Hotel Newstead offers great country food at reasonable prices seven days a week. Meals are available from 5.30pm.

The dining room is spacious and inviting, or you can choose alfresco dining in the beer garden. Takeaway meals are available from Thursday - Sunday. The full menu is offered takeaway from Thursday - Saturday. On Sundays, they specialise in their delicious pizzas.

The Crown is open each day from 3pm - late. The bar offers your favourite beers on tap and a variety of boutique bottled beers in the fridge. Wine lovers are also well catered for, with a selection of local wines available. Proprietors Lisa and Andrew are taking bookings for pre-Christmas functions now. For bookings phone: 5476 2222.



CROWN HOTEL NEWSTEAD

8 Lyons St | Newstead
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Crown Hotel

Andrew & Lisa ♦ Come enjoy a drink

Portia & Co.



☆ These beautiful cushions are perfect for summer.

Portia & Co is the place to find unique, special gifts and treats for yourself. Spend time browsing the large selection of art, homewares, games, accessories and beauty products. The store is carefully curated with an ethos to support Australian designers, makers and artists.

New products:

This Christmas Portia & Co have extended their range of personal care products such as hand creams, soaps and bath salts to include Shanghai Suzy lipsticks and Miss Frankie nail polish. Both of these gorgeous brands are made in Melbourne and are vegan friendly. Importantly, they are also cruelty-free.

They are also stocking some new ceramics this year. These include beautiful hanging pots and delicate vases in pastel colours and earthy tones.

Another gift idea is the picnic range of cooler bags, picnic rugs and unbreakable cups – all in fun colours designed by Australian artists. While you are there, don't forget to check out the beautiful Australian print cushions and aprons.

Portia & Co are open 7 days per week from 10am - 4pm and are open most Public Holidays.



Portia & Co

34 - 36 Main Street, Maldon.

Phone: 0418 336 128

Open 7 days per week

10am-4pm.

Open most Public Holidays.

Portia & Co.

Maldon Vet



☆ Andrea on the left holding Hank and Jackie with Lottie.

Andrea and Jackie from Maldon Vets remind you to stock up on your pet's food and medication before the last-minute rush. The last orders will be on Friday 17 December. You can ring your order through to Jackie before this date to ensure you don't miss out.

If your pet needs their vaccination for the holiday period in kennels, book your appointment soon.

They even have some handmade recycled denim chew toys and cat toys and treats on the Christmas tree for all patients over December!

Andrea reminds pet owners that dogs can sometimes access foods over the festive season that can be dangerous for them.

Maldon Vets will be closed from 24 December - reopening 4 January. In an emergency, you can call Andrea directly on the clinic mobile number 0492 805 480.

Andrea would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year. She looks forward to seeing you all next year.

Andrea and Jackie wish you a happy Christmas and New Year.



Maldon Vet Clinic

DON'T MISS OUT!

Order your pet's food or medication by - Fri 17th Dec

CHRISTMAS HOURS

We will be closed from - 3pm Fri 24th December

Re-opening - Tues 4th Jan

For emergencies during this time please call 0492 805 480

Ph 54 751 751

info@maldonvet.com.au

48 Hornsby Street, Maldon

Mollypenny



☆ Molly in her workshop.

Molly's workshop is thriving!

During COVID it seems everyone is working on repairs to the house and beautifying their living areas. People have brought me various pieces of all kinds and sizes for framing and reframing. Fishing rods, old certificates, posters in tubes from under the bed, tapestries from the back of the cupboard, loved artworks on paper, fabric or canvas and new work from local artists," Molly said.

Molly uses conservation quality materials and methods. Framing a piece is the final step of acquisition to keep it safe and help enhance and draw your eye to its story. If you have a special piece to restore, you can make an appointment. Molly can discuss what style might suit your home.

Molly makes traditional, unique and gallery style frames - using Australian hardwoods. She can also make up boxes for medals and ephemera. Also available is canvas stretching, mirrors and repair work. You can contact Molly for an appointment on 0412 194 760 or email mollypenny1@gmail.com.

"I love living in Maldon and, thanks to the vaccine, we can enjoy being out and about again, it's wonderful," Molly said. Molly hopes you stay safe and have a happy Christmas.

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Molly would like to thank everyone for their support and wishes all a great Christmas and New Year!

SHOP LOCAL

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Cumberland Hotel

The Cumberland Hotel in Barker Street, Castlemaine is one of the largest hotels in the historical goldfields region.

You will enjoy good old-fashioned country hospitality from the moment you arrive. This charming hotel offers an extensive menu. The menu caters for a wide variety of tastes and has a great kids' selection. Seniors meals are available and the daily specials board is extensive. Vegetarian and gluten-free meals are also available.

There is a mid-week food theme as well as a full menu.

- Monday - Kids eat free with a complimentary ice cream Sunday.
- Tuesday - Beef, chicken or Veggie Burger.
- Wednesday - Parma Night.
- Thursday - Steak Night.
- Friday - Mexican Fiesta.

The Cumberland Hotel can cater for large groups or special events, be it a bus tour or private occasion.

With private function rooms on offer, the Cumberland Hotel can also cater for parties or special events and bus tours.

Experienced staff will ensure that every detail of your event is well-planned and executed so that you can plan your next event with confidence.

This venue has it all - a comfortable Bistro/dining room, a public bar with TAB facilities and SKY coverage and a picturesque outdoor courtyard built around a large lemon tree!

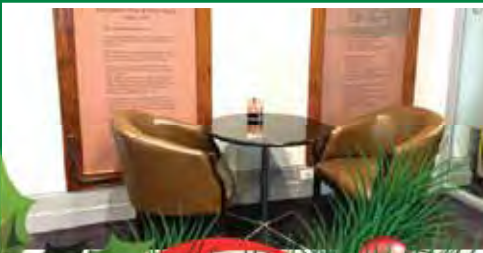
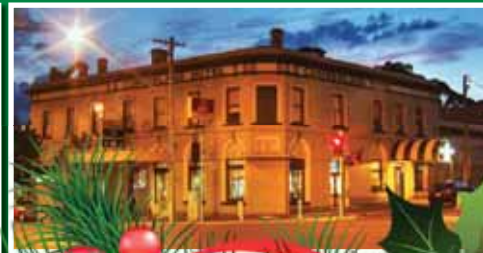
Lunch is served from 12pm - 2.30pm daily. Dinner 6pm - 8.30pm daily. Lunch and dinner are also available to take home daily.

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 12pm, Friday - 9am - 1am, Saturday 10am - 1am and Sunday 11am - 11pm.

Festive season hours: Closed Christmas Day. Open 27 and 28 December 11am - 11pm. Monday 3 January 11am - 11pm.

For reservations phone 5472 1052.

The team at the Cumberland Hotel wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



Trading Hours

MONDAY - THURSDAY
9am - Midnight

FRIDAY
9am - 1am

SATURDAY
10am - 1am

SUNDAY
11am - 11pm

Bistro Open
7 Days a Week
FOR LUNCH & DINNER

12pm - 2.30pm and 6pm - 8.30pm

www.cumberlandhotel.net.au

What's On

Enjoy a special offer each weekday at the Cumby!!

*Conditions Apply, not available on Public Holidays. # One adult per child.

MONDAY

Kids Eat Free

Kids get to indulge in a free kid's meal served with an ice cream sundae when accompanied by an adult who orders a main#

TUESDAY

\$19 Build a Burger

Choose from beef, Chicken or veggie burger and have it your own way.

WEDNESDAY

\$16 Parma

Treat yourself to a chicken parmigiana with a selection of 8 different toppings ABTC, Mac & Cheese, Cumby Overload, Mediterranean, Honey Chilli, Hawaiian, Aussie and Traditional

THURSDAY

\$18 Steak

Enjoy a 250g Porterhouse Steak cooked to your liking with your choice of sauce, Cravy, Mushroom, Peppercorn, Creamy Bacon Mushroom, Garlic Butter, Dijon Mustard, Hot English Mustard or Wholegrain Mustard.

FRIDAY

Mexican Fiesta \$18

Enjoy your choice of Taco, Nachos or Quesada. With a choice of Beef Chilli con carne, bean chilli con carne, lamb or pork. With the choice of two extras: corn salsa, tomato salsa, sour cream, avocado, jalapenos or coriander. Will come with cheese and lettuce.



Cumberland Hotel
191 Barker Street, Castlemaine
(03) 5472 1052 | www.cumberlandhotel.net.au

*Conditions Apply. Not available on Public Holidays.





The Book Wolf



☆ Luna the Book Wolf Shop Dog.



☆ Not just books at the Book Wolf.

The Book Wolf has made it through a couple of forgettable years and has settled into 'COVID normal', ready and willing to serve you. Christmas is sneaking up on us again, and what better to give as a gift, something that will keep on giving for years to come? A book.

Our best-selling books lately are all about flora and fauna. Friends of the Box-Ironbark Forests is a prolific Castlemaine-based organisation that has published *Eucalypts*, *Mosses*, *Wattles* and *Native Peas* in recent years. They are beautifully presented and very affordable companions to identify that growing thing encountered on your daily walk. And if you're not sure about where to walk, their latest publication is *Twenty Bush Walks* – all based in the local Mount Alexander region. Should you prefer to admire what's in the trees, then *Castlemaine Bird Walks* is another super walk companion from Damian Kelly in Castlemaine (where else?). Damian recently published *Victorian Bird Walks* in the same very user-friendly style.

If your reading taste goes elsewhere, we have the latest fiction and non-fiction releases – we also boast of being able to order and get nearly anything we don't have in stock within a week or two. The Book Wolf has built up an extensive second-hand side to the business and loves the challenge of hunting down that old or rare book you've always wanted to get hold of.

With a selection of gifts, greeting cards, DVDs, CDs and vinyl records to browse through, you'll be able to fill those idle hours of the holiday season almost upon us. We are dog-friendly (bring your well-behaved pooch in with you) and the same with well-behaved humans. Regular customers may remember our shop dog Luna (in the photo), who very sadly passed away in September.

Poppy's of Maldon



☆ Beautiful Mimosa Botanical roll-on perfumes and essential oil blends are a new line at Poppy's.

Maree, the owner of Poppy's has a message for her loyal customers. "Once again, thank you to all for the love and support shown during another challenging year, but here we are, with Christmas only weeks away! "On a very positive note, this year has seen us move across the road to a lovely, lighter, brighter, more spacious place! It is so encouraging to have our amazing customers come in and see what is on offer, have a chat and try things on in a relaxed, roomier atmosphere.

"Along with the familiar labels, we are also aiming to cater for more specific sizing. Our designs are always natural fibres and hand chosen."

Poppy's has a range of Christmas gift ideas: there are Christmas candles from Our Woods Candle Co, Cristina Re 24 carat hand-painted range, even a gorgeous Chloe Christmas mug. Handmade soaps from Mt. Beauty and Ocean Grove, Liberty print face masks, hankies, eye pillows, heat packs, all made in Bendigo.

Along with the beautiful Mimosa Botanical roll-on perfumes and essential oil blends this Christmas, for that special someone, Poppy's now stock their Natural Parfums. These products are made in Castlemaine and featured in *Country Style* magazine.

If you really cannot decide, remember Maree has gift vouchers.

Christmas trading hours: 10am - 4.30pm (or later) on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 December. Closed Friday 24 and re-opening Thursday 30 December.

Maree wishes all a wonderful Christmas with loved ones.

Poppy's of Maldon

Wishing all a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

67-69 High Street
Ph: 0402 341 064

Le Sel



☆ Good service and an inviting setting - the perfect French Deli!

Le Sel, Maldon's Petite French Deli, brings the tastes of France's delicious selection of food to our doorstep.

The owners Claudine and Serge hail from France and are always up for a chat. They are willing to help find the perfect selection for a light snack, a lovely aperitif with family and friends or even platters this Christmas.

Le Sel offers excellent coffee and delicious food, including their famous baguettes brimming with exquisite fillings. Combine these attributes with good service and an inviting setting, and you have the perfect French Deli.

December 11 will be their last Saturday night Bistro Dinner. But, don't despair, beginning in January 2022, they will be hosting Long Table Very Special Dinners on the last Saturday of each month!

Christmas hours: Christmas Eve 9am - 2pm and closed 25, 26 and 27 December. New Year's Eve 9am - 2pm and closed New Years Day.

Maldon's Petite Deli 12 Main Street, Maldon
Bookings: 0417 329 776

The Book Wolf

Not just books!

Gifts, greeting cards, DVDs, CDs and vinyl records

Open 10am-5pm Christmas Eve. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day.
Open again on 27 December.

1/26 High Street 0487 193 223



Kangaroo Hotel



☆ The inviting beer garden at the Kangaroo Hotel should be busy this summer!

The Kangaroo Hotel will be rocking this festive season. Owners Donna and Dawn are keen to bring the music back into this historic hotel.

Saturday 4 December Jake Fry will perform from 3pm until 5.30pm.

Sunday 5 December Peter and the Wolves will hit the stage at 2.30pm - 5.30pm.

Christmas Eve, Friday 24 December, The Complete Unknowns perform from 8pm - 10pm.

Ain't Misbehavin' will kick the year off on Sunday 9 January from 3pm - 5pm.

Sunday 16 January Catch23 will perform from 3pm - 6pm.

Sunday 23 January Old Married Couple will entertain from 2.30pm - 5.30pm.

And don't forget - the Kangaroo Hotel can cater for your parties over the festive season.

The Kangaroo serves delicious meals with sides of fresh organic vegetables grown in their vegetable boxes.

The Kangaroo is open for dinner Tuesday - Sunday and lunch Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Donna, Dawn and their staff wish their patrons a happy Christmas. The Kangaroo Hotel will be closed on Christmas Day. They will be open on their usual days for the remainder of the festive season. Phone 5475 2214 for reservations.



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Debbie's Salon



☆ Debbie is always ready to welcome her clients with a smile.

Debbie would like to thank all her clients for their patience and support throughout another challenging year.

Debbie has some great gift packs available at her Salon. Some include treatments, and others are specific colour care products. Whatever your hair needs are, Debbie is happy to help you with your selection. She has a great range of products in stock, including Jeval, RPR and Jeval.

Debbie's Salon will be closing on Friday 24 December. Re-opening Thursday 6 January. Debbie wishes everyone a happy festive season and looks forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Debbie's Salon

Thank you for your support in 2021.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

The salon will be closed from Friday 24th December and will re-open Thursday 6th January 2022.



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Online bookings are recommended. Go to www.vgr.com.au.

COME AND JOIN US!

A great pre-Christmas treat for all the family. A ride on the Victorian Goldfields Railway is the "must-do" experience for all locals and visitors to the region over the holidays.

Bring your family and friends for a relaxed day out. We run on Wednesdays & Sundays in December and January, and Sundays only in February.

Departs Castlemaine at 11.30am with the return trip departing from Maldon at 2.45pm

***Online pre bookings are essential**



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Cascade Art



☆ 'Duck' Jeff Gardner.

Cascade Gallery has its final exhibition opening this Saturday at 2pm - 7pm. All are welcome - they WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU TO FAREWELL 2021.

Join them to celebrate the end of the year and to view Jeff Gardner's rescheduled exhibition of over 170 first edition prints from the last 20 years.

Lucy the Dragon – a charming, light-hearted book that fits in the palm of your hand will also be launched!

Bookings essential www.experiencemaldon.com.au. Canapes from Le Sel and wine courtesy of local vineyard, Welshmans Reef. Enquiries: Kareen 0408 844 152.

Gallery owner Kareen is delighted Dr Juliet O'Connor, a specialist in children's book history who has curated a collection of five centuries of children's books at the State Library of Victoria, will officially launch this exhibition.

A bit about the artist, Jeff Gardner. While a student of painting at the Victorian College of the Arts, Gardner was often found in the life drawing room or print studio. Not officially enrolled in Printmaking, he learnt the basic printmaking techniques from technicians and fellow students. Four years after leaving college, he bought his first etching press and experimented with mono-prints. This process involved drawing ink onto plates, manipulating ink and printing single images. Next, drypoint prints – scratching/engraving images directly onto plates. Later, combining two methods to create painterly images employing plate tone gives images richness and depth. His progression led naturally to acid-etching images into copperplates.

An addicted visual diary scribbler of words and pictures, Gardner is always in search of ideas to realise as prints.



Merry Christmas and a big thank you to all our customers for keeping us going. Without your patronage we would be no more. Stay safe.
Kareen, Jeff and Pippa

Polly and Willow



☆ Maileg mice and their accessories would make a wonderful gift this Christmas.

The Christmas tree decorations at Polly and Willow are adorable as usual. They are felted handmade individual creations. They will not only look sensational on your tree, but they are also beautiful keepsakes. These Fair Trade tree decorations have been instrumental in empowering the Nepalese women who make them over the past 18 years.

Where possible, Trudy of Polly and Willow stocks Fair Trade goods for sale. "The Rare Rabbit accessories are made in Indonesia by women in their own home, the crochet rattles are made in Bangladesh, and we also have Fair Trade items made in Vietnam," she said.

The range of wooden toy sets from Tender Leaf in the UK are durable and of excellent quality. Forest Floor and Greenhouse and Garden Set are just two enchanting sets made by this environmentally conscious company. "Tender Leaf plant a tree in Indonesia for each toy sold," Trudi said.

The adorable mice by Maileg in Denmark are a large portion of the new Christmas release from their range. "There are so many different mice, accessories and furniture which would make a beautiful heirloom toy for generations to enjoy and collect." Trudi said.

Along with the many virtually indestructible toys made from top quality materials, Polly and Willow also stock gorgeous children's clothing. Christmas dresses have arrived and are available in many prints and colours. The stunning range of dresses for little girls is almost impossible to resist!

This Christmas, you will find the very best children's toys and clothing at Polly and Willow, as well as a fantastic range of natural toiletries for Mum and Dad. And you will also receive friendly, expert advice.



SteamPacket



☆ SteamPacket's Russell Morris blockbuster show and New Year's Eve Party both at Maldon Golf Club in December.



☆ Just some of the Maldon branded merchandise available at SteamPacket.

Where to start with SteamPacket? The concerts, the unique venues, or the quality range of 'MALDON' branded merchandise?

In a shop full of colour, there are over 30 colours and styles of MALDON caps and headwear. And there are just as many colours and styles in MALDON tees.

Great for Christmas gifts to send to loved ones or to wear yourself to promote Maldon when you travel. The range of merchandise includes aprons, tote bags, computer bags, sweats, polar fleece vests, hoodies and a pile of SteamPacket clothing. There are also steampunk accessories from mirrored sunnies to pocket watches, chokers and cabochon glass pendants.

You can even buy a ticket in the raffle of a Les Paul Junior Guitar signed by Russell Morris and our Blues Masters performers: Lloyd Spiegel, Geoff Achison, Fiona Boyes and Jeff Lang. All proceeds go to a new Foundation to help local artists, musicians, writers and performers.

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First place scones



OWNER of the Maldon Rose, Kimberlei, has won first place in the Maldon and Baringhup Agricultural Show for her award winning scones.

"We will now be entering the next stage for regional shows and we are proud to be representing Maldon in the 'scone' category. Kimberlei said.

"This is our second award for our scones, after also winning first place at the Easter Show just a couple of months after opening.

"We also have vegan and gluten free scones available at Maldon Rose, alongside our award winning scones!"

Guildford Cemetery



☆ Book launch at Guildford Cemetery on 11 December at 2pm.

Guildford Cemetery: Commemorating 150 years since the first burial 1871-2021

This 183-page book written by Ken James, Max Kay and Ray Pattle, will be launched at the Guildford Cemetery

on Saturday 11 December at 2pm. If the weather is inclement it will be launched in the Guildford Hall. As there is a limited print run, it is highly recommended that copies are pre-ordered through Max Kay: nettekay@gmail.com or mobile 0417 291 145. After the launch refreshments will be available in the Guildford Hall, proceeds going towards the Guildford Cemetery Trust. To help with catering, Max should be notified if planning to attend.

The book includes a history of the cemetery, a listing of all interments, plus many photos and biographies of a selection of those interred. In addition to including many local pioneering family members, the book brings back to life the achievements and tragedies of many others that chose Guildford Cemetery as their final resting place. 'Our Boys' who were tragically killed in WWI and II and denied a return home to loved ones are also remembered in detail.

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Berry Blast



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Community Bank Maldon & District

Scholarship Program

Need help with the costs of study?

Applications are now open for \$2,000 scholarships to go towards the cost of study in 2022. Four categories will be awarded: University / TAFE / higher education, Agriculture and Indigenous

Application forms and detailed application guidelines are available on our website - <https://maldoncb.com.au/investing-back-community/sponsorships-grants/>
Applications open on 1 November 2021 and close 5pm Friday 17 December 2021
Scholarship recipients will be notified in January 2022

Community Bank Maldon & District is pleased to be offering four scholarships in 2022 worth \$2,000 each, across four different categories. The purpose of each scholarship is to support students in the Maldon, Newstead, Harcourt, Dunolly and Mount Alexander districts for new or ongoing studies in 2022. Scholarships are awarded to cover costs associated with education, such as course fees, rent, purchasing computers, books, equipment or other resources associated with your course/training. 2022 scholarship guidelines including detail on the four categories of scholarship are available on our website or by contacting Shannon Burdeu, executiveofficer@maldoncb.com.au or 0478 435 110.

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Kalamazoo Resources Limited is a gold exploration company with a primary focus on identifying commercially viable gold deposits within the central Victorian Goldfields consisting of three key projects.

1. Castlemaine Gold Project is located ~120km NW of Melbourne. Granted licences (EL6679, EL6752 and EL7112) which lie East and South of the Castlemaine township, covering most of the historic Castlemaine Goldfield.
2. South Muckleford Gold Project is located ~150km NW of Melbourne. Granted licences (EL6959 and EL7021). This project is located only 10km from the Castlemaine Gold Project.
3. Myrtle Gold Project is located ~135km NW of Melbourne. Granted licence (EL7323) located just 30km south of the Fosterville Gold Mine.

Kalamazoo is planning to conduct low-impact gold exploration activities within these project areas.

To discuss any of our projects or if you require any further information, please visit <https://kzr.com.au/castlemaine-gold/> or Luke Mortimer on 03 9988 7796 or luke.mortimer@kzr.com.au.



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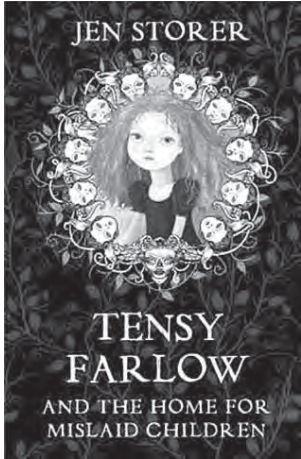
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Tensy Farlow and the Home for Mislaid Children by Jen Storer

Dumped in the River Charron, hunted by an accursed river creature, and betrayed by the wicked Matron Pluckrose, Tensy Farlow is in mortal danger. She has no parents. Worse still, she has no guardian angel. She is thrown into the Home for Mislaid Children, a gloomy orphanage where ravens attack. Watchers hover over your bed, and even the angels cannot be trusted - it seems that all hope is lost. Yet could it be that a plucky, flame-haired orphan with a mysterious past is precisely what this dark world needs? (a story for ages 9 and up).



IMT - In Maldon Today Radio Program



TODAY EC and Mike join forces to meet Kate Edwards from Winter Creek Flowers (down next to Maldon Crystals and the Oppy). Should be blooming good!

Last Friday Nancy and Mike had the pleasure of interviewing the newest Editor of the TT, Jade Jungwirth (meaning young warrior) - in a lively discussion of the role, including what makes a front-page story, and how much she enjoys sourcing local news. Jade has braved the depths of the gold mine in a truck, become involved in issues related to attitudes to the pedestrian crossing, duck shooting, Maldon Hospital, Derby Hill Blue Light Camp, Porcupine Village developments, and much more, all while coping with COVID, home schooling, her cats and the very heavy TT camera.

Next Friday Nancy and Kev meet Chris Blake, collector of petrol bowsers and Maldon property tycoon.

To catch up on our previous programs click on <https://www.mixcloud.com/nancymay007/>.

See our ad on page 22.

Mike Smythe

The Secret

by Charlotte Brontë

The Marquis of Douro, his beautiful wife Marian and their infant son lead a happy and free existence in the city of Verdopolis, until a chance encounter brings the youthful Marchioness' childhood governess back into their lives. The meeting proves to be the catalyst for an increasingly tortuous series of events involving blackmail, imposture, and shocking revelations regarding the birth of the young Marchioness. Will the Marquis ever forgive his wife her secret?

Too Little, Too Late by Colette Caddle

Stephanie West loves her job as manager of a successful restaurant but is treated appallingly by the self-obsessed owner and head chef. When an opportunity arises to buy him out, she jumps at it. Then her boyfriend lands a huge contract with a software company in Arizona and wants her to go with him. Torn between

him and her career, Stephanie struggles to come to terms with a tragedy in her past which has left her terrified of becoming dependent on anyone. Will she come to realise where her happiness lies? And if she does, will it be too little, too late?

Indelicacy

by Amina Cain

A cleaning woman at a museum of art nurtures aspirations to do more than simply dust the paintings around her. She dreams of having the liberty to explore them in writing, and so must find a way to win herself the time and security to use her mind. She gains a rich husband, a house, high society, and a maid. She finds that her new life of privilege is no less constrained. She is now, however passively, forcing other women to clean up after her. Perhaps another and more drastic solution is necessary?

The Maldon Athenaeum Library Team

SHADOW and SUNSHINE LAUNCH



AN evening of music and poetry at The Book Wolf last Friday for the launch of Journey into the Shadow and the Sunshine by Annabel Harz.

Annabel is a Maldon-based writer/illustrator and this publication follows her first book, Journey into the Dark and the Light. Both books trace her battle for wellness, following depression as a young person, in verse and colourful pictures.

Annabel performed a series of songs meaningful to different times in her emotional life, with commentary and excerpts from the book. Her guitar playing was ably supported on bass by 'Daz' and at one stage a singing duet with Aspen.

Both publications are available from The Book Wolf.

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB

Important Rules



DO we require a revision of the basics in bridge play? Perhaps yes, perhaps not! For some of us a gentle reminder does not go astray but for the ever-consistent players 'no need', you might say!

I found some basic rules which can always help to keep us from making an incorrect bid or two. They are:

Rule of Eleven: the inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

Eight Ever, Nine Never: the status quo whenever you raise 2 NT to 3 NT.

Second Hand Low: the easiest way to lose your aces on defence.

Leading Through Strength: a sure-fire way to make your queens disappear.

What 'Richard Says': tips that work on lesson deals, but never in real life.

Would the eager group that arrived this week need any of the above? Time would tell.

As the boards were played out, one after another, it was evident that contracts lost and doubled were going to

gain the most points for the opposition. It did seem the trend for the afternoon as there were quite a number of doubles made and huge scores achieved. Good consistent play was not rewarded. So.....perhaps rules went out the window!

The scorers always do a great job in 'crunching the numbers' on the computer and with a quick push of the keys the final results were in.

In first place were the ever-consistent Aileen and Maldon Jo who applied their skills to achieve 53 points.

Second place went to Ken and Werner with 51 points and I did hear them lamenting at the lack of good play from them. Umm! There was an equal third between the three team Lillian, Kevin and Danny, along with Judy Mac and Newstead Jo with 43 points each. Well-done to all.

We always appreciate a break for afternoon tea and the warm, savoury scones were just the thing to get us focused for the rest of the play. Thank you Maldon Hotel staff once again.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

THE BICYCLE CLUB



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In the 1890s bicycle riding was all the rage. When the Governor, Lord Hopetoun, visited Maldon in May 1894, members of the Castlemaine Bicycle Club rode out from Castlemaine to be at the Maldon station in time to meet his train. They covered the eleven-mile journey in forty minutes.

The Maldon Bicycle Club was formed on June 27 1894 at the Criterion Hotel which once stood at the corner of High and Camp streets. Robert Dent Oswald junior was elected president and Rees David was elected secretary. Rees David was an accomplished cyclist who had recently won a twenty-five mile road race from Castlemaine to Newstead via Guildford. The club's colours were navy blue coat, cap and shorts with cardinal red stockings.

The new club competed in road races against members of the Castlemaine, Maryborough, Bendigo and Dunolly bicycle clubs. They also competed at track meetings held at Laanecoorie. A meeting was held there in September 1894 after heavy rain on a track described as a "sea of mud".

The Maldon Bicycle Club also lobbied the Shire Council to have a cinder track laid around the Shire reserve. The club offered to contribute to the cost of the track and asked other local organizations that used the reserve to also contribute.

The Shire agreed to lay the track and it was in place in time for the Amalgamated Miners' sports meeting in October 1894. This meeting featured the first track cycling races held in Maldon. There were two handicap races held over distances of two and three miles.

The Maldon Bicycle Club held its first race meeting at the Shire Reserve on the Prince of Wales' Birthday, November 9 1894. They organized a sports day that combined cycling with footraces and wood chopping events. The Brass Band also played during the afternoon.

Handicap races were held over one, two and three miles. Some of the best riders from neighbouring towns were attracted to the meeting by the generous cash prizes on offer. The leading rider on the day was J. Young from Castlemaine. The day ended with a novelty event, "tilting at the ring on safety bicycles".

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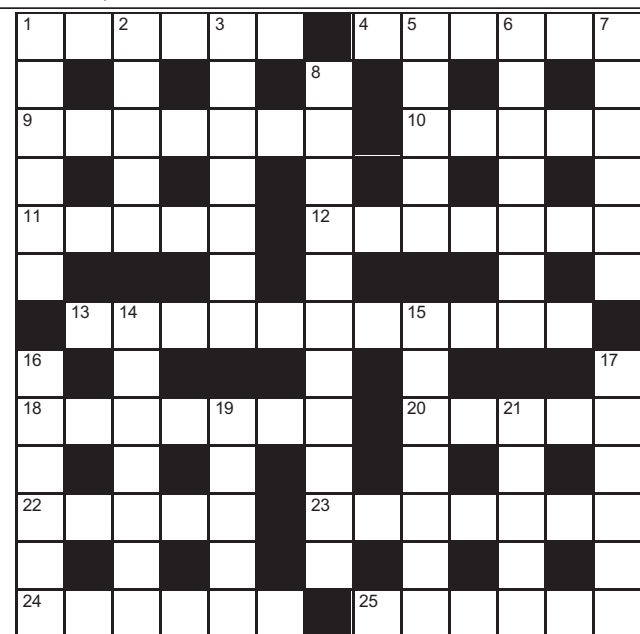
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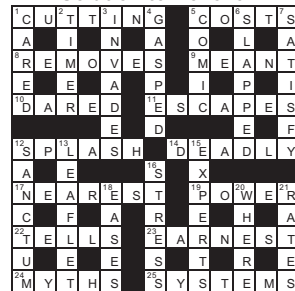
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Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	92.9	44.6	3.2
Feb	8.9	56.3	12.6
Mar	72.3	32.8	4.3
Apr	9.8	99.6	4.5
May	42.0	49.2	100.8
June	54.0	38.3	75.2
July	63.1	23.5	35.3
Aug	35.0	48.7	45.7
Sept	47.7	40.9	19.1
Oct	87.8	47.1	4.9
Nov	57.5	25.7	38.6
Dec	0.0	29.1	3.9
TOTAL	577.7	535.8	348.1

Rainfall Maldon

Week Ending 30.11.21

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Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	83.4	35.2	4.8
Feb	17.0	52.8	21.6
Mar	83.8	37.0	7.6
Apr	14.4	145.4	5.6
May	53.6	66.2	115.5
June	81.0	49.2	92.2
July	82.8	32.8	53.6
Aug	41.8	62.2	57.6
Sept	49.2	54.6	29.4
Oct	76.8	73.2	8.6
Nov	62.4	37.2	43.0
Dec	0.0	39.2	9.8
TOTAL	649.8	685.0	449.4

Rainfall Newstead

Week Ending 30.11.21

3.2mm

Monthly Totals So Far:

Month	2021	2020	2019
Jan	101.6	53.6	5.0
Feb	13.6	38.0	18.2
Mar	67.2	35.8	6.2
Apr	11.4	107.6	5.0
May	53.2	56.2	113.6
June	62.6	46.6	82.8
July	68.2	29.4	43.0
Aug	44.0	69.6	51.6
Sept	70.0	46.8	31.2
Oct	85.4	56.2	9.8
Nov	70.4	22.8	42.0
Dec	0.0	31.2	8.4
TOTAL	647.6	593.8	416.8

Water Storage Capacity as at 30.11.21

Site	Cairn Curran	Max ML	147,130	Current ML	100,002	% Full	67.97
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MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB



☆ Last Sunday's eventual winner, Geoff McLennan, sends a boule on its way.



a lot of enthusiasm to finish the season on a high note and gain a few points for the club championship. After the games, it was announced that only one player had won all three games, that was Geoff McLennan with 11 points, coming second with 2 wins 13 points was Lynette Johnson followed by Richard Leitch 9 points.

Now with competition finished, we can look forward to our Christmas break-up fun and games on Sunday 12 December starting at 4pm on the St Brigid's pistes followed by a BBQ and trophy presentations.

The 2022 season will start on Sunday 9 January 2022.
Geoff McLennan

Modern mining in Maldon: Nuggety Mine drilling to commence today



☆ Union Hill Mine: the sharp decline travelling underneath the township of Maldon.

IN addition to the current surface drilling program at Union Hill mine, a surface drilling program will begin Friday 3 December at Nuggety Mine (MIN5528) within the Maldon Historic Reserve.

According to Shawn Panton, Kaiser Reef Chief Geologist, the rig is mobilising from NSW today (Wednesday 1 December). The delay has been caused by a combination of factors related to border closures and staff availability for the drilling contractor.

"There are many variables that can affect the duration of a surface drilling program. It could take four to five weeks, however my hope is that it would be much less," said Shawn. "The first hole will give us a better indication."

According to information on the Kaiser Reef website, the Nuggety Mine was one of the highest grade gold mines in Victoria, having produced an estimated 301,000 ounces from 50,000 tons, an average grade of 184 g/t (~ 6 oz/t).

A recent mining study has returned a positive economic assessment of the proposed Nuggety Underground Mine, 2km north of Union Hill. The Nuggety mining lease was recently renewed and Kaiser is moving ahead with the necessary approvals for mining.

Monster Meeting of Diggers and Chewton historic walk

CELEBRATE the 170 year anniversary of the 1851 Monster Meeting of Diggers - the Meeting that began the protest movement that kick-started the development of democracy in Victoria:

When: Sunday 12 December 2.30 – 5pm

Where: Diggers' site in the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park, Golden Pt Rd, Chewton.

Chewton Domain Society together with Parks Victoria has organised a celebratory afternoon of events including displays of Monster Meeting memorabilia and the history and future of the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park. At 2.30 there will be a kids' program of 1850s style gold panning and a guided walk to see the remains of mining in the area. The

Monster Meeting flag will be raised at 3pm to the music of local brass band Brasslemania. Then more music from Crosswinds plus speeches from the dray by local MPs Maree Edwards and Lisa Chesters, Karen Doyle from Parks Victoria and historian Marjorie Theobald. Angus Read-Hill will bring us parts of the rousing speeches from the 1851 speakers, finishing with more music from Brasslemania. MC for the day will be Mt Alexander Shire Deputy Mayor Rosie Annear.

COVID regulations will apply including registration. Hand sanitisers will be provided, plus toilet facilities on-site. It is BYO water bottles and chairs.

Chewton Domain Society historic walk

Join a history walk through Chewton – where the gold

rush began - with author of *Chewton Then and Now*, Ken McKimmie.

When: Sunday 12 December 11am – 1pm.

Where: Meet near the CFA building in Mount St Chewton.

The walk is accessible to all (adults and children) and is mostly along paved paths and there will be plenty of time for a leisurely walk and talk and time for Ken to answer your questions.

COVID regulations will apply and remember to bring your own water bottle and wear a hat. Toilet facilities are available at Ellery Park and the Chewton Town Hall and the 1854 Red Hill Hotel will be open for drinks.

For more information: Pat Healy 0422 759 661 or pathealy1908@gmail.com.

MUCKLEFORD CRICKET REPORT



A Grade hosted Castlemaine.

Bowling first, Castlemaine were able to get away to a flying start with a 68 run opening partnership. However, the introduction of Jeremy Priest (4/21) saw us pull back Castlemaine and restrict them to 141 off their allotted overs.

John Watson bowled well again to claim 4/15, with the other two wickets going to Stef Maroudas. The run chase got off to a good start before losing 3/1, seeing us precariously placed at 4/50. However, a 67 run partnership between Ed Gingell (52) and Daniel Peckham (52*) guided us home with 4 wickets and an over to spare.

A Reserve were at the Camp Reserve this week.

Batting first, it was a sorry sight as only Dakota Slingo (22) and Trevor Butcher (12), made double figures as we were dismissed for 94. Early wickets were needed and at 6/73 we were right in the game. However, a steady partnership of 22 saw Castlemaine eventually pass our score 7 wickets down. Dhi Singh was the pick of the bowlers with 4/27.

Maroon travelled to Maiden Gully for their round 3 clash.

Bowling first, some good tight bowling saw us restrict Maiden Gully to 8/124. Maldon football legend Shaun wound back the clock to take 4/13 and was well supported by youngster Teague Callaway

with 3/36. In reply, it was a nervy start before Shawn Mapson entered the fray to top score with 45.

Shawn received great support from Ian Bracken (27*) and Maldon Senior Football Coach Brendan Shepherd who hit some lusty blows in his 17. The boys were able to pass Maiden Gully 6 down with 7 overs to spare.

The Gold team batted first against Hepburn at Old Muckleford.

In a very even team performance, the Gold team posted a competitive 9/136, with youngster Harry Harvey top scoring with 39, receiving good support from Matt McEachran (28). The Gold had a stellar day out with the ball, dismissing Hepburn for 32. Nev Cooper claimed 3 wickets, with 2 apiece to Fionn Kennedy and Dave Edmonds.

The Under 16s clash against Newstead is very evenly poised after day 1.

Newstead batted first and made a competitive total of 116. Seth Gross was the pick of the bowlers with 3/4. In reply we are 0/14 when play resumes this week.

The Under 13 Maroon team ventured to Hepburn for their game.

Maroon batted very well, ending with 91, with Jack Smith (22), Cullen Foreman (13) and Seth and Eva Gross

(11) leading the way. Hepburn ended their batting innings with 77 with the wickets going to Cullen Foreman, Jack Smith and Martha Gross in her first game of cricket.

The Under 13 Gold team hosted Castlemaine Blue in this weeks fixture.

Castlemaine Blue ended their innings with 66 with Vance Jones taking 4/16 and was well supported by Abe Isdale with 2 wickets. In the batting, Gold made 78. Francis Walls and Miles Crilly top scored for the Gold team with 13 a piece with Abe Isdale also making 11.

This week's fixture

T20 team vs North Castlemaine

A Grade vs North Castlemaine @ Mapson and Timmins Oval

A Reserve @ Hepburn

B Grade Maroon has the bye

B Grade Gold vs Maiden Gully @ North Muckleford

Under 16s vs Newstead – Day 2 @ North Muckleford

Under 13 Maroon – Bye

Under 13 Gold vs Castlemaine Gold

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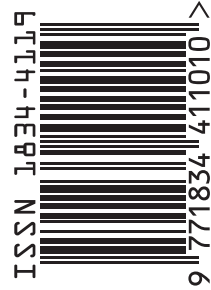




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MALDON GOLF CLUB



☆ **2021 Champions:** left to right Maureen McQuillan (Ladies Champion), Simon Sheedy (A-Grade and Club Champion), Nick VanWamel (C-Grade Champion) and Craig Borrow (B-Grade Champion).



PRESENTATION DAY

Our 2021 Program of Golf concluded last Saturday with a Stroke Event, after which members and guests enjoyed friendship and camaraderie with trophies being presented to the major event winners of the year.

Captain Andrew Fitzpatrick congratulated all the winners on their achievements in what had been a different year due to COVID-19 regulations and restrictions, but otherwise a very successful season of golf.

MALDON GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLUB CHAMPION	Simon Sheedy
A-GRADE MEN	Simon Sheedy
B-GRADE MEN	Craig Borrow
C-GRADE MEN	Nick VanWamel
LADIES	Maureen McQuillan
WINNER-54 HOLE NETT	Craig Borrow
NORMAN AWARD	Steve Moore for Golfing Excellence
MONTHLY MEDAL WINNERS	
MARCH	Bruce McGregor
APRIL	Noel Olver
MAY	Bill Moore
JUNE	John Hoskin
JULY	Craig Borrow
AUGUST	Harry Murray
MEDAL OF MEDALLISTS	Craig Borrow
BEST AVERAGE PUTTS	Harry Murray
MIXED PINEHURST	Maureen McQuillan/Ian Long

Wayne Brasher
Steve Moore
Nic VanWamel
Craig Borrow
Tom and Ryan Mulholland

SATURDAY EVENT - 18-HOLE STROKE

WINNER	John Fitzpatrick	64 nett
RUNNER-UP	Oliver Messenger	66 nett
BALL WINNERS	Glenn Milner	67 nett
	Gary Hutchins	67 nett
	Steve Moore	68 nett
NEAREST the PINS	Gary Hutchins	hole 4
	Craig Borrow	hole 9
	John Fitzpatrick	hole 10
	Simon Sheedy	hole 11

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Office bearers for the next season were elected at the AGM; details in next week's report, including the very proud occasion with the election of the Club's newest Life Member.

Bob Briggs

GARDEN SEATS FOR CROQUET CLUB



MALDON Croquet Club was thrilled to take delivery of three of its garden seats beautifully repaired and painted by the Maldon Men's Shed. A fourth seat was re-purposed as a moveable bench seat.

The club extends its sincere thanks to the Men's Shed for a job well done.

MALDON SWIMMING POOL OPEN THIS WEEKEND



☆ Fun at Maldon Pool.

GREAT news! The Maldon Swimming Pool season begins tomorrow, Saturday 4 December.

The pool (located in

Hospital Street) and grounds are looking very inviting. YMCA Victoria management have planned a program full of fun and fitness for us

again this summer with entertainment and wellness programmes, and 'learn to swim' for the kids during January.

The pool opens at 1pm on weekends and during school holidays (3pm on school days) and will be open every afternoon except when the temperature is below 23°C, or a Code Red day. The entry fees have increased slightly but a Season's Pass provides free entry to all four Mount Alexander Shire swimming pools.

Lap Swimming is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 6-7pm for cost of normal entry fee. Aqua Aerobics sessions begin at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$6 for Season Pass holder or \$9.50 casual rate. COVID-Safe practices are in place at the pool, including QR code, but if in any doubt please call the pool staff on 5475 2074.

Lee Mead,
Maldon Focus Swimming Pool Committee

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