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From left to right: Maya, Naz, Issy, Avalon, Celia, Rebecca and Clover.
Photo: Kerry Cain



Maldon Bakery was selected winner of a 2024 Golden Plate Award in the Unlicensed Café or Bakery section at a gala dinner on Monday 2 December. Maldon Bakery always rises to the occasion with its magnificent baked goods, served with a smile in a lovely environment: everyone in the local area knows it! So it is fantastic to see Rebecca Barnett and her team being recognised for their hard word, attention to detail and downright deliciousness.

Rebecca said, "This is recognition from industry leaders that we're making a positive contribution to food culture in the region.

We're evolving as a bakery because we've got a fantastic team and we're all striving towards making Maldon Bakery an iconic destination bakery. We've loved getting to know the locals and being supported by the community."

The Golden Plate Awards is a program to honour eateries in regional Victoria; the awards subject nominees to a rigorous round of judging by hospitality professionals. One of the judges said, "In most small towns, the pub is the drawcard for the locals. In Maldon, the bakery has become the heart of the town. Walk in the door, and there is always a queue of people lining up for their

pies, cakes or beautiful sourdough bread." Another added, "All the locals love coming to the bakery because the service is always charming and the food is always mouth-wateringly delicious, and tourists to the town flock here as well. There is a cornucopia of delicious produce to be found in this rustic heritage delight." Other winners in our region included Campbell Creek's Five Flags Hotel, for Best Pub Dining and Miss M's Lounge Kyneton for Best Cocktail Bar or Cellar Door.

Congratulations Maldon Bakery for your deserving win!
Michelle Dorian



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8TH DEC
Luke Owens

2024 COMMUNITY DIARY

KEEP UP WITH THE LOCALS

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: **PO Box 18 Maldon 3463**, or drop a note into the **Maldon Newsagency** to have it listed.

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 Western Reserve, Forest Street. Enq: www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org or 0455 332 692.

GAMES IN THE MAINE from 11.30am to 5.30pm at West End Hall, Castlemaine. For details visit gamesinthemaine.com.au.

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.

WALMER GUN CLUB at 11am Lewis Road, Maldon.

EVERY SUNDAY

MALDON BOWLING CLUB practice at 1pm, new members welcome.

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

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES. **Catholic**: 8.30am. 5 Chapel Street North. **Baptist**: 10.30am. 8 Edwards Street. **Anglican**: 11am–Maldon–1st & 3rd, Newstead–2nd & 4th

EVERY SUNDAY FORTNIGHT

MALDON PÉTANQUE CLUB games on every second Sunday at St. Brigid's at 1pm starting 5 January 2025. Enq: Sandy Noble 0429 006 130. Geoff McLennan 0419 717 501.

SOCIAL PÉTANQUE We play at the Penny School pistes from 1.45 for a 2pm start, subject to the weather. Resumes Sunday 28 January 2024. For further information call 0459 093 452.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

MALDON MARKET: Hand Made, Home Grown, 9am – 1.30pm. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for enthusiasts of machinery and other curios from before and after the industrial revolution. Open 10am–4pm. Entry free–donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CASTLEMAINE REPAIR CAFE, at Castlemaine Community House 30 Templeton St Castlemaine behind the Town Hall. 10am till 1pm. Bring along broken household appliances and sewing repairs. Learn basic bicycle maintenance, get help with settings etc on mobile phones, advice for Apple Macs. First in first served. For further info call Chris 5470 5508.

BARINGHUP COMMUNITY GROWERS MARKET - 10-2pm, Baringhup Hall.

EVERY MONDAY

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

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2–4pm. Library contact 0437 094 469.

SOCIAL WALKS, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, 9.30am–11am. \$1 donation for cuppa.

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

MALDON SOCIAL WALKING GROUP, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre. Fridays and Mondays 9am–11am \$1 donation for cuppa.

YOGA AND RELAXATION, Open your mind and body with yoga, for all ages and abilities. 6–7.30pm Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, first class free. For enquiries ph Andrea 0427 772 878.

NORDIC POLE WALKING, (during school terms) 2pm Castlemaine Botanic Gardens (Picnic shelter).

MALDON TOY LIBRARY, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 9am–9.30am.

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS 9am–3.30pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

PARKY PALS, at Castlemaine Golf Course club rooms, 10.30–12pm. A social group for those with Parkinson's disease along with family and friends. Gold coin donation for morning tea. Info: Bronwyn: BGrieve@castlemainehealth.org.au or 0439 187 051.

FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

THE MALDON GARDEN, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT CLUB 2pm. Enqs: 0488 113 733.

EVERY TUESDAY

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door to door service. Travel to Castlemaine leave MNC at 9.50am and depart Castlemaine at 11.10am. Travel to Kangaroo Flat leave MNC at 11.55am and depart Kangaroo Flat at 2.30pm. \$3 one-way, \$5 return. Phone 5475 2093, email info@maldonnc.org.au full timetable www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus/ community-bus-transport-service.

CASTLEMAINE SAFE SPACES, Castlemaine Senior Citizens Centre, Mechanics Lane (next to the library) and will run from 6pm–8.30pm. No appointment or referrals are required and all are welcome to attend.

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

MALDON BOWLING CLUB practice at 10am, new members welcome.

MALDON BRISK WALKING GROUP, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 7.30am–8.15am. No cost.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9:30am. All welcome. Contact. Damien 0428 130 764 or Cheryl 0428 453 042.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 6.30pm at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS 9am–3.30pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

TABLE TENNIS for seniors, 1.30–3.30pm at Maldon Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Enq. John 0418 995 164.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

DIABETES SOCIAL GROUP, 2 – 3pm. \$2 includes tea & coffee. Info: Jo Ann 0412 640 818.

NUGGETTY LAND PROTECTION GROUP meeting. For further info contact Christine Fitzgerald – ckfitz5@bigpond.com – 0419 347 408.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2–4pm. Library Contact 0437 094 469.

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

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS MARKET, at Camp Reserve on Forest Street from 2.30pm–5.30pm.

COMMUNITY LUNCH 12.00 noon, Maldon Community Centre, \$7 donation. Closed over the school holidays.

EASY STEPS TO FITNESS, Fitness through simple dance steps. MNC 9am – 9.45am. \$10. Bookings: Sean 0419 210 043.

HATHA YOGA, Gentle yoga class. All levels of ability. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 5 – 6.30pm. \$15/casual or \$120/10 classes. Bookings: text Wendy 0490 064 084.

JIGSAW EXCHANGE. Swap your completed puzzle for a new one. Baptist hall – 1.30 to 3.30pm. 8 Edwards Street (Sandra)

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP. Baptist hall – 7.30pm, 8 Edwards Street (Pastor Gavin)

MALDON CHESS CLUB, 10am. Do you play? Come along. Do you want to learn? Come along to Maldon Cafe. For enquiries contact John 0438 012 076.

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.

MALDON PANTRY, milk and bread, canned and dried foods plus hygiene essentials and pet items for anyone in the community. 9–11am Holy Trinity Hall, 50 High St., Maldon. More info Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 5475 2093.

MALDON TOY LIBRARY, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 10am–11.30am.

NORDIC POLE WALKING (during school terms), 4.30pm–5.30pm at Maldon Train Station. Further info and bookings 5479 1000. Free.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for enthusiasts of machinery and other curios from before and after the industrial revolution. Open 11am–3pm. Entry is free–donations welcome. For more info, contact Peter at 0408 146 537.

YOUNG AT HEART PLAYGROUP, 10am–11.30am at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre (Except for the 3rd Wednesday of every month, when playgroup visits Maldon Hospital residents for a special intergenerational playgroup 10.30am–12pm). Further info 5475 2093. No cost.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

MALDON CEMETERY FRIENDS WORKING BEE, 9.30am–11.30am. 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

MALDON BRIDGE CLUB, 1pm to 4.30pm at the Senior Citizens Rooms. New players welcome including solo players. Enq: Danny Murphy 0430 733 782.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9:30am. All welcome. Contact. Damien 0428 130 764 or Cheryl 0428 453 042.

MALDON SPINNERS AND WEAVERS have joined with the Yarnies. If you are interested in craft you are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings between 10 and 12 at the Festival Rooms, High Street Maldon.

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS 9am–3.30pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

TECH HELP TO STAY CONNECTED Be Connected program and supported by friendly volunteer digital mentors. No experience needed! Thur 9.30 – 11.00am. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. FREE.

FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH except January

MALDON MASONIC CENTRE—Southern Cross Lodge #24, located on the corner of Parker and High St, Maldon: Masonic rehearsal at 7.30pm. Have you ever heard of or have been interested in Freemasonry, or what is Freemasonry? Come along and find out what the secret is. Enquiries: Dusty Miller 0401 091 737, Peter Thompson 0408 146 537, or Les Roberts 0438 208 236.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH except January

MALDON MASONIC CENTRE—Southern Cross Lodge #24, located on the corner of Parker and High St, Maldon: Monthly meeting 7.30pm. All Freemasons welcome. Enquiries: Dusty Miller 0401 091 737, Peter Thompson 0408 146 537, or Les Roberts 0438 208 236

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MALDON GOLDEN MOVIES presents a great film every month at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Membership \$15 for the rest of 2024. Cash only at the door. Bring a plate or packet to share if you are able. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

EVERY FRIDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High Street, Maldon. 2–4pm. Library Contact 0437 094 469.

CHAIR YOGA, For people who require special consideration. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, 11am – 12 noon. Started 4 Feb. \$15/casual or \$120/10 classes. Bookings: text Wendy 0490 064 084.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, at Maldon Bowls Club, every Friday at 4pm, free.

NORDIC POLE WALKING for experienced walkers 9.30am Castlemaine Botanic Gardens.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE. Book the day prior for your door to door service. Travel to Castlemaine leave MNC at 9.50am and depart Castlemaine at 11.10am. Travel to Maryborough from MNC at 11.55am and depart Maryborough at 2.45pm. \$3 one-way, \$5 return. Phone 5475 2093, email info@maldonnc.org.au full timetable www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus/ community-bus-transport-service.

HATHA YOGA, Gentle yoga class. All levels of ability. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 9–10.30am. \$15/casual or \$120/10 classes. Bookings: text Wendy 0490 064 084.

MALDON BOWLS CLUB practice at 4pm, new members welcome.

MALDON MUSEUM HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE, 10am–1pm. Please phone 0427 752 598 for appointment.

MALDON SOCIAL WALKING GROUP, No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre. Fridays and Mondays 9am–11am \$1 donation for cuppa.

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS 9am–3.30pm at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

IN MALDON TODAY a radio show about Maldon. Between 9am and 11am. You can listen to IMT on your phone using the 'TuneIn Radio' app- MAINfm 94.9, or on your computer at mainfm.net. Send us an SMS during the program on 0488 863 186 and please sign your name.

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.

NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 8–9pm, \$10

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.

SHUT UP AND WRITE, 1pm at the Newstead Arts Hub. Gold coin donation. Enquiries Dimity 0475 260 051.

TARRANGOWER DEMENTIA ALLIANCE, meetings from 10.45am – 11.45am, Maldon Athenaeum Library.

EVERY SATURDAY

ATHENAEUM LIBRARY, High St, Maldon. 9.30am–12pm. Library contact 0437 094 469.

CASTLEMAINE SAFE SPACES, Salvation Army Hall (next to the Castlemaine train station) will run 1.30pm–4pm. No appointment or referrals are required and all are welcome to attend.

MALDON CROQUET CLUB, 9.30am. New players welcome to come and try. Morning tea provided. Contact. Damien 0428 130 764 or Cheryl 0428 453 042 or email maldoncroquet3@gmail.com.

THE MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY & MUSEUM is a haven for enthusiasts of machinery and other curios from before and after the industrial revolution. Open 10am–4pm. Entry free–donations welcome. More info: Peter 0408 146 537.

SCRABBLE CLUB at the Library, all welcome. 10am–12pm, Maldon Athenaeum Library High St, Maldon. Contact 0437 094 469.

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

MUCKLEFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD CELEBRATION, 4pm at 338 Muckleford-Walmer Road. Free sausage sizzle, bring a plate of sweet or savoury to share and drinks. RSVP by emailing mucklefordhall@gmail.com or calling 0402 389 171. Advise of any vegetarian or vegan preferences.

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

NEWSTEAD WALKS & WHEELS, Guildford/Yapeen Ride, 10am departure from Newstead Park. More info Steve 0401 107 857 or Dean: 0409 544 063.

DHARRANG GAUWA (MT TARRANGOWER) SPEAKS presentation with Professor Barry Golding, talking about his book *Six Peaks Speak: Unsettling in Southern Dja Dja Wurrung Country* at the Maldon Community Centre Meeting Room at 2pm.

MALDON GOLF CLUB COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, 3pm, food truck catering, live music from the Martini Set, licensed bar. Everybody welcome! No admission charge. Enq: 0412 272 181

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

MALDON KIDS CLUB CHRISTMAS SHOW, 5pm at Holy Trinity.

BENDIGO WRITERS COUNCIL CHRISTMAS, 6pm–8pm, The House of Khong, 200 Hargeaves St., Bendigo. RSVP 9 December bendigowriterscouncil@gmail.com.

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER: HEAT HEALTH AND SNAKE BITE FIRST AID TALK in Maldon from 10am–11am Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Free. More info: Jenny Miko at 5479 1000.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY NIGHT BBQ AND BAREFOOT BOWLING 5.30pm. Children most welcome!!! Live Music by the Complete Unknowns. Free Bowling Practice/Coaching for parents + Junior Development from 4pm.

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

COME SING CHRISTMAS, *Bendigo Chamber Choir and Soloists*, 2.30pm, Holy Trinity.

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

DEMENTIA: UNDERSTANDING, SUPPORTING & LIVING WELL, Information session from DheilKaya Health nurse, 11.30am, Newstead Rural Transaction Centre, Newstead.

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, starting at 6.30pm with a BBQ provided by the Maldon Football Netball Club, carols at 7pm at the Bill Woodfull Oval.

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

CHURCH WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS. All Saints' Newstead

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, 9am, Holy Trinity, Maldon.

EXHIBITIONS

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

CHERYL KENNEDY, FROM THE LAND, MANet Gallery, 27 Main St., Maldon. Open Fri, Sat & Sun 11am–3pm.

Newstead CFA Awards



Operational and non-operation members of the Newstead CFA were captured at the awards day along with Rick Williams, a former brigade president who presented the life membership awards.

ON Sunday 24 November Newstead and District Fire Brigade hosted an awards presentation at the Community Centre.

The proceedings began with the CFA Service Awards. These were awarded in recognition of cumulative years of service given to CFA in one or more brigades/work locations. It included both volunteers and CFA employees. Ten-year medals were awarded to Denis Miller, Hilton Hazeltine, Mitchell Hepburn and Gary Wigley. Fifteen-year medals were awarded to Cameron Hepburn, Anne Perkins, George Ryan, Lisa Simmins and Fleur Smith. Thirty-year medals were awarded to Timothy Carlin, Ronald Archer, Bev Foreman and Lorna Butler. Cameron Jones was awarded a 35-year medal. Forty-year medals were awarded to Trefor Prest

and Charles Turvey. Forty five-year medals were awarded to Phillip Reece, Douglas Richardson and Stephen Walls. Donald Hepburn was awarded the 65-year medal, and Richard Burgess was awarded the 70-year medal.

The CFA Life Membership awards followed. The Life Membership Medal is presented to CFA members with an aggregate dedicated service of at least 30 years in one or more fire brigades or with the CFA. Four recipients of this award were Douglas Richardson, Craig Hepburn, Christopher Simmins and Jason McGrath.

Newstead & District Brigade Life Membership Awards were the final part of the proceedings and as it was the first time Newstead CFA had awarded brigade life memberships, it was the day's highlight. It allowed Newstead CFA to recognise friends and colleagues who have made the brigade the wonderful organisation it is. This award is intended to recognise individuals who have significantly contributed to the local brigade over a long period of time. Recipients were John Alexander, Richard Burgess, Craig Hepburn, Donald Hepburn, Florence Hepburn, Trefor Prest, Cameron Jones, Phillip Reece, Christopher Simmins, Charles Turvey, Lorraine Burgess, Lorna Butler, Bev Forman, Carmel Longmire, Lorna Lorraine, Beverley Richardson, Douglas Richardson, Joan Sartori and Janet Trudgeon.

It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. Newstead CFA members - you are amazing, and we thank you for your dedication!

Council tree removal causes surprise

RESIDENTS have been caught unawares by the removal of trees on Council land in a move that seems contrary to an approved planning permit. The trees sat outside the boundary of a vacant property at 1 Union Street that was sold in 2022 and has been approved for residential development.

Workers operating for Council felled and mulched trees on the property on Friday 22 November. Photos of the property taken by the *Tarrangower Times* show that almost all trees have been removed from the site, compared with photos taken by Google in March 2010. Most of the removed trees are from within the property line, as approved in the planning permit. However, diagrams titled 'Endorsed Plans' on the Council's planning portal indicate that at least two of the trees on the council side of the property boundary, both Monterey Cypress, were marked to be retained. The accompanying document, titled 'Endorsed Permit' states that 'The development and tree removal as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered or modified unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Responsible Authority.'

The *Tarrangower Times* approached Mount Alexander Shire Council for an explanation and a spokesperson said that the trees were approved for removal due to concerns for their health. None of the trees in question were native trees with protected status; the two Monterey Cypress trees were less than 20 years old.

Michelle Dorian



The site at Union Street before and after tree removal.



Woodlocks Lane mystery lingers

QUESTIONS remain about why and when a Maldon street sign was changed by Mount Alexander Shire Council (MASC). Woodlocks Lane, which runs between Allans Rd and Hornsby St and shows as such on the MASC register of roads, features a sign with a different name. Woodlocks Lane was named for a prominent local family who owned the surrounding land and who are noted, for example, as claimants to gold diggings in the 1890s and donors to the hospital.

As detailed in a *Tarrangower Times* article

in the Friday 24 October edition, the street sign for the lane now says Langs Road. Online maps vary between the two, which residents point out could cause confusion if emergency services are ever called to the lane.

Family Historian and Maldon resident Robbie Stockfeld explained that the process to have a name considered for use as a street name is exhaustive — but does still not guarantee its use — and wondered why it would be changed after approval. "They've gone through that process, they've already named it," she said.

"Why change it?"

A spokesperson from MASC told the *TT* that investigations are ongoing into why the signage change occurred, but council officers are hindered by the lack of information about when it occurred. The *TT* has only been able to narrow down the window to some time between 2010, when Google photographed the lane for its 'street view' function, and 2024. The MASC Public and Non Public Road Register, which can be found on the council website and is dated November 2023, names the stretch of road between Allans Rd and

Hornsby St as Woodlocks Lane.

Robbie Stockfeld is concerned about the legacy of the family for which the lane is named. "Because there are no Woodlocks left in Maldon, the recognition of their contribution to Maldon's history has just been erased," she said.

Information that might assist the investigation can be sent to editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au.

Michelle Dorian

Progress on historic sites

PARKS Victoria (PV) has confirmed that there has been progress with maintenance and repair works on the shelter at Butts Reserve and the Beehive Chimney. Members of the Friends of Maldon Historic Reserve, who monitor the shelter, had observed that braces have been put in place to buttress the structure, which will prevent further lean and stop it from falling over.

PV confirmed that a structural and condition assessment had been undertaken. "Short term works to ensure the structure remains stable have been completed and funding is being sought to facilitate the more detailed conservation works which are required in the longer term," Area Chief Ranger Karen Doyle said.

Regarding the Beehive Chimney, PV said it is still appraising the scope of works required. "Parks Victoria is currently undertaking a structural assessment of the Beehive Company Gold Mine chimney stack to inform repair options," Area Chief Ranger Doyle said. "This full structural assessment includes inspection from an elevated platform, the recording of existing conditions and measurements, mortar testing, geotechnical investigation, and structural calculations including modelling and load analysis." Heritage Victoria funding has been sought for maintenance and repair works on both sites.

Parks Victoria Shakeup

Meanwhile, the State Government has ordered a review of Parks Victoria (PV) and the CEO has departed his position, it was announced on Friday 28 November. PV is the government agency that manages and maintains Victoria's natural and cultural heritage, including many sites in Maldon and surrounds. Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos said in a statement to media that the review is designed "to advise how the organisation can better serve the needs of Victorians." The statement listed a number of priorities including: "... reduce red-tape, improve customer service, and deliver better outcomes for Victorians." A new Interim CEO, Graeme 'Gus' Dear, has been appointed as part of the move.

Scepticism from nature conservation groups

The Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA) is questioning the motives of the Government. "It's hard to see how major cuts to funding for Parks Victoria combined with an out-of-the-blue review meets community expectations," VNPA Executive Director Matt Ruchel said. "We are deeply concerned this is a trojan horse for dismantling hard-won nature protections."

Local PV activities

It is not clear whether or in what manner the changes at Parks Victoria will affect this region. Friends of Maldon Historic Reserve works closely with PV on an active and growing wishlist of maintenance and upgrade priorities in the area, including weed management and relic repair.

Michelle Dorian

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Bite size news and opportunities

Mystery surrounds ribbons surrounding trees

Residents were surprised and puzzled by the appearance of festive red ribbons on trees leading into town on Monday 2 December. Text messages shot around between various community groups but at the time of writing, it was presumed that the local Christmas elves were responsible for the decorations.

New mayor and deputy appointed

Councillor Rosie Annear is the new Mayor of Mount Alexander Shire Council, after being elected by Councillors for a one-year term at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 26 November. Cr Toby Heydon was elected Deputy Mayor.

Social media ban for young people

Children and teenagers under the age of 16 will be banned from social media after the government's world-first laws passed parliament late on the final sitting week of the year last week. However, there is little clarity about how it will work in real terms.

Dr Mugdha Rai, Director of Master of Strategic Communications Management, Senior Lecturer in Monash's School of Media, Film and Journalism said, "The devil, of course, is in the detail. As many have noted, this legislation has been pushed through in a very limited time frame. Regulating digital and social media has been notoriously difficult and, at this stage, the legislation raises a number of questions that will need answering." These include what steps will be used to block people under 16 years and how will age be verified.

Australia's eSafety Commissioner has welcomed the move, saying, "eSafety has long stated that while age assurance is an important step, it is one part of a holistic approach to protect children and young people from harm online. We must also continue working to ensure online services are safe by design, and to build children's digital literacy, resilience and critical reasoning skills so that when they are of age to use these services, or use services not captured by restrictions, they are equipped for the online world."

Free camping now available

Free camping will be available across all of Park Victoria's 131 paid camping grounds from 1 December until 30 June 2025 – with almost 100,000 nights of free camping already booked. There are still plenty of free bookable campsites available in December and up to 30 June, including popular campgrounds from Aire River West in the Great Otway National Park to Neds Gully in the Cathedral Ranges and Upper Yarra Reservoir Camping Area. To book a free camping site visit: parks.vic.gov.au.

Launch at Laanecoorie

A revamped concrete boat ramp at Laanecoorie Reservoir's Brownbill Reserve opened last week, making water access easier for Victorian families. The ramp and parking has been relocated 160 metres westward, providing boating access away from a popular swimming area. Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) CEO Travis Dowling said the new concrete ramp enabling launching down to 50 per cent water level and included additional parking with 12 spaces big enough for cars and trailers. "Laanecoorie is a family-friendly location in the heart of central Victoria that offers some great fishing and boating experiences," he said. "In between fishing sessions you can get out and tow the kids around on a donut or just enjoy the sights and the sounds with a quiet cruise. The old ramp has been decommissioned but will remain available for people launching kayaks and canoes, and contractors will return in early 2025 to seal the new gravel parking area. Facilities at Cairn Curran Reservoir's Picnic Point ramp have also recently been upgraded.

Free TAFE training

Minister for Skills and TAFE Gayle Tierney announced on Friday 29 November that Free TAFE and subsidised training places will again be allocated based on the state's critical workforce needs, including housing and renewable energy. Eligibility for Free TAFE was expanded in January 2023 to allow Victorians to do more than one course. Visit: www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe.

DJAARA Awarded

DJAARA was announced Telstra's Business of the Year and won the Indigenous Excellence category at the Telstra Best of Business Awards Gala event held at Melbourne Park on Thursday 28 November. Dja Dja Wurrung Group CEO Rodney Carter said to be recognised at a national level was a great honour. Established in 2004 to uplift and empower Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Corporation has grown into a multi-million-dollar organisation that includes three enterprises: DJANDAK – (natural resource management and design), DUMAWUL (creative arts and cultural tourism), and DJAKITJ (bush foods).

Creswick for bike riders

Creswick's Djuwang Baring trail network was officially opened last week by government, council and community groups. Djuwang Baring or 'long track', offers riders of all ages and abilities the chance to wind their way through 60 kilometres of breathtaking trails in the heart of Dja Dja Wurrung Country. Djuwang Baring was designed in consultation with DJAARA and features branding and interpretive signage designed by DJANDAK, the organisation's business enterprise. These signs provide directions, safety advice, and information about Country and culture that

enrich riders' experiences as they work their way from the start of the trails at Hammon Park Trailhead, up to the north of the Cosgrave Reservoir. For more information, visit rdv.vic.gov.au.

Victorian anti-racism strategy - Funding available

The State Government last week launched Australia's first Anti-Racism Strategy to prevent and address racism and discrimination in Victoria. The strategy is a five-year plan developed in consultation with more than 670 Victorians including the Anti-Racism Taskforce, First Peoples and multicultural organisations. To support the strategy, Local Anti-Racism Grants will strengthen anti-racism support networks in local communities and provide funding of up to \$150,000 for organisations to deliver programs and services that drive anti-racist behaviour. Applications for this initiative are open now. To view the Anti-Racism Strategy, visit vic.gov.au/victorias-anti-racism-strategy. To apply for a Local Anti-Racism Grant visit vic.gov.au/local-anti-racism-initiatives-grants-program.

New Nationals leader visits Bendigo

The new leader of The Victorian National Party Danny O'Brien listed Bendigo on Friday 29 November 2024 in his first regional visit as leader. Mr O'Brien used the visit to launch a document focused on what he calls "the fallout" from 10 years of Labor government in the state, saying rural and regional Victorians had received a poor deal from Labor. "In regional Victoria, we've been starved of infrastructure, our health and ambulance services are in crisis, our roads are crumbling, and regional communities are less safe than they were 10 years ago," he said.

Funding boost for wildlife rescue volunteers

The State Government welcomes funding applications for Victoria's wildlife rescue volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to care for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants of up to \$3,000 in funding are available for wildlife shelter operators and foster carers, to cover a range of expenses including equipment, vet fees, training, feed and medication. Applications open on Tuesday 25 November 2024 and close on Wednesday 5 February 2025. For more information visit Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants and to submit an application visit, tinyurl.com/59hbh56z.

Industrial action by Forest Fire Management

Australian Workers Union (AWU) members working for Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV) employed by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) began protected industrial action last week. The AWU said the action is being taken in order to have the ability to bargain for fair wages and conditions, which it said was not possible under the Victorian Government's wage policy, which mandates wage increases no greater than 3% per annum. FFMV employees are the first workers on the ground when communities are threatened by bush fires and are also Victoria's first line of defence when flood and storms strike; their skills are invaluable in recovery and prevention. The AWU says it is seeking a meeting with the Minister to discuss a pathway forward.

Unexpected use for gold: fighting cancer

A new gold-based drug can slow tumour growth in animals by 82% and target cancers more selectively than standard chemotherapy drugs, according to research out of RMIT University.

The study published in the European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry reveals a new gold-based compound that's 27 times more potent against cervical cancer cells in the lab than standard chemotherapy drug cisplatin. The gold-based compound is now protected by a US Patent and ready for further development towards potential clinical application. RMIT's research in this field over a sustained period has caught the gold industry's attention. In October, ABC Bullion committed an annual donation of 250 grams of pure Australian gold – valued at more than AUD \$30,000 – to support the research. Representatives of Canada's third-largest gold producer, Agnico Eagle Mines, have also visited the RMIT labs to explore collaboration opportunities.

Focus on men's efforts to reduce violence against women

New data reveals that four in five men surveyed want to change the alarming rates of violence against women, although 43% say they personally can't do anything to change this. The survey from national violence prevention organisation, Our Watch, shows that a greater focus is needed to help men and boys understand what action they can take to help end violence against women. Our Watch's data also showed that nearly half (45%) of surveyed men said they feel pressure to act 'stereotypically manly', with most expressing this pressure in the workplace (24%) and within a sporting club (19%). Our watch suggests four simple ways that men can take action to prevent violence against women: show it's not OK using body language to show disapproval; support women by acknowledging incidents in person or in a message; speak up by questioning sexist jokes and purposely change the topic. See Our Watch's resources for guidance on how to do this. tinyurl.com/mp9vs6vw.

Dangers of hot hay

Agriculture Victoria warns that farmers should keep an eye out for signs that a haystack is heating. Steam condensation on the shed roof, mould growth, acrid fumes and hot, humid air at the top of the stack are all good indicators. Every hay season several hay stacks spontaneously combust across Victoria, in single moist bales or in a stack of any size. Once hay has been stacked it's important to regularly monitor it for heating and act quickly. Unfortunately, even with technological advances in machinery for harvesting conserved fodder, there is still nothing cost effective to help monitor the internal temperatures of haystacks. Start by stacking bales loosely to allow air movement and spread the stack over a wider area, for example, over several bays, thereby reducing heat build-up. Most heating will occur over the first one or two weeks but has been known to reach 'flash point' up to eight weeks after baling. Monitor the stack temperature regularly. If a stack starts to get 'dangerously hot' pull it apart as quickly as possible.

Youth leaders awarded

The 2024 Mount Alexander Youth Awards Festival saw six incredible young people take home well-deserved awards on Friday 29 November. The festival was held at Victory Park in Castlemaine where people of all ages gathered to celebrate the contributions that young people make to our community. Mount Alexander Shire Council's Mayor, Rosie Annear, said that the Youth Award winners are an incredible collection of future leaders. "Keep on being your wonderful unique selves and know that your community is cheering you on every step of the way," said Mayor Annear.

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Merry and Bright in Maldon

MALDON Shopping Spree on Thursday 28 November, organised by Maldon Primary School, was a fun, festive evening and a perfect opportunity to think about giving while having a great time.

Many of the Main and High Street traders spilled onto the footpath: greeting shoppers, ringing bells and getting into the social spirit. Staff from the Maldon & District Community Bank were equipped with paper and ribbons and the Maldon Brass Band played Christmas carols and melodies. The Barrow Boys kept the bubbles flowing. We can never expect to experience a 'white Christmas' in Maldon but this event had the vibe all wrapped up.

Michelle Dorian



Maldon Brass Band brought the festive tunes.



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79 Church Street Maldon

Discover your dream home in this exquisite late-Victorian home, nestled within a stunning garden oasis on 4114 sqm (approx). This charming three-bedroom residence offers the perfect blend of classic elegance and modern comfort, just a stroll from the historic heart of Maldon. Surrounded by serene bushland and featuring views of Mount Tarrngower, this property is the quintessential escape to the country.

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Megan Walmsley
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\$675,000 -
\$695,000

582 Bendigo Maldon Road, Maldon

Tucked away on 14.4 acres (approx) of private bushland, this three-bedroom off-grid home in the style of Alistair Knox sits harmoniously within its setting, offering the ideal living-in-nature lifestyle. Built of post and beam construction and infilled with recycled red bricks in 1983, the property is within a 5-minute drive or a short bike ride of historic Maldon that provides a primary school, a supermarket, retail and cafes, 20 minutes to Castlemaine for additional amenities and the train.

View
Saturday 7 Dec
11am-11.30am
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\$895,000 -
\$945,000

8 Parker Street, Maldon

On a corner allotment sits this eco-weathered timber and corrugated-clad two-bedroom home that offers a perfect blend of modern comfort and style on a generous 1,015 sqm (approx) allotment. Ideal as a permanent home base or weekend retreat, the property is a short stroll from central Maldon, 20 minutes to Castlemaine for additional amenities and the train to Melbourne.

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\$1,395,000

35-37 Main Street, Maldon

Unique commercial property with a 3-street frontage on 1497 sqm in historic Maldon. Features a gallery/shop front with high ceilings, stone flooring, and period details. Includes a 4-bedroom residence with a private garden, contemporary kitchen, and multiple fireplaces. Offers flexible living and working spaces, with subdivision potential (STCA). Ideal for business and home, combining modern design with rich history.

View
By Appointment
Contact
Tom Robertson
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Megan Walmsley
0411 043 324



\$765,000

8A Grigg Street, Maldon

This 15-month-old, 3-bedroom home on a quiet street offers modern convenience with cottage charm. Enjoy stunning Mount Tarrngower views, a light-filled kitchen, and a spacious deck for entertaining. The ground floor features a main bedroom with ensuite, while 2 upstairs bedrooms share a central bathroom. Includes double-glazed windows, split systems, a secure carport, water tank, and low-maintenance garden. Perfect for downsizing or as a weekend retreat in historic Maldon.

View
Saturday 7 Dec
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\$1,249,000

167 High Street, Maldon

Lovingly restored 4-bedroom late Victorian home on 1.25 acres, perfect for country living with space for horses. Featuring a wrap-around verandah, wide arched hallway, open-plan living and dining with French doors, a country-style kitchen, and a generous bathroom. Period details include pressed metal panels, high ceilings, and timber cladding. Additional amenities include a solar system, secure garage, carport, stable, and orchard. Located within walking distance to Maldon.

View
By Appointment
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Tom Robertson
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\$965,000

170 Boundary Road, Maldon

Embrace rural living in this charming three-bedroom circa 1930s period home, nestled on approximately 27.1 acres, just 4 minutes from historic Maldon. This property has the quintessential Australian landscape with a bush setting, rolling terrain, a picturesque dam and a Shiraz vineyard, offering a serene escape surrounded by nature. The beautifully renovated home features an open-plan living and dining space.

View
By Appointment
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\$1,150,000

16 Hornsby Street, Maldon

Tucked away from the streetscape is this private multi-faceted 2914 sqm (approx) property, a unique opportunity to live and work from home 700m from the heart of Maldon. Step into the quintessential country dream with a circa 1860s two-bedroom miners' cottage, a self-contained two-bedroom converted barn, three independent studios and a rambling garden with park-like planting and the borrowed landscape of the surrounding countryside.

View
By Appointment
Contact
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Michael Cantwell
0419 339 003



\$1,330,000

98 Parkins Reef Road, Maldon

Wingrove, an architecturally designed 4-bedroom home, offers breathtaking views of Mt Alexander, Mt Franklin, Daylesford, and the Western District. This private retreat features floor-to-ceiling windows, a bespoke recycled timber wall, and modern amenities including a solar system and ducted heating/cooling. The property includes a self-contained guest accommodation with Airbnb income potential and beautifully landscaped 4046 sqm grounds. Ideal as a permanent home or weekend retreat.

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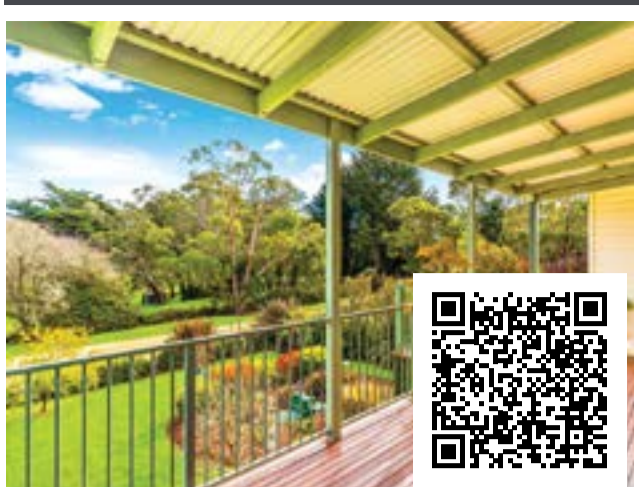
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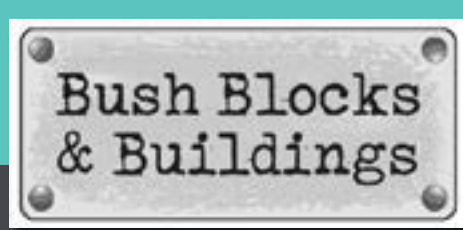
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Maldon's Christmas Community Lunch



Lisa Chesters MP for Bendigo at the 2023 Maldon Christmas Community Lunch.

BE there next Wednesday 11 December at 12 midday at the Maldon 'Progress Hall' Community Centre for Maldon's Christmas Community Lunch.

It's that festive time of the year, and the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre are holding their Christmas Community Lunch next Wednesday. Come and join the community in the celebration of the year with lots of yummy treats in store. There will be plenty of decorations and local music to add to the fun. It really is a joyous time of year and the community lunch is supported by many locals.

It's also the Maldon Neighbourhoods Centre's chance to thank the

volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year and especially those who go every week and fortnightly to help bring the meal together. The community lunch is for everyone in the community, young and old alike and it really is just about getting a chance to eat with friends and have a catch up. If you haven't been before all the more reason to join them.

They cater for everyone: vegetarian/vegan, meat eaters and gluten free. The food is cooked fresh on-site and it comes together with the help of donations from 'Food Garden' and 'Harvest' Castlemaine and also all the meat is supplied by 'Maldon

Quality Butchers' and of course, that delicious bread from 'Maldon Bakery'. They really do have the best of everything - a Community Lunch in more ways than one. So don't miss out, it's going to be a good one! We can even feel a good old fashion trifle coming on!!!

Lunch times are every Wednesday at 12 midday, except they don't hold Community lunches during school holidays. A cash donation of only \$5 is all that is needed. If you have any further dietary requirements, contact John at MNC on 5475 2093. This will be the last lunch for 2024.

Lynn McShanag

Maldon Giving Tree - final week for gift donations!



THE Maldon Visitor Information Centre (MVIC) on High Street is hosting Maldon's Giving Tree appeal. Residents are warmly invited to donate new, unwrapped gifts for children aged from babies to 17 years old. These gifts will be wrapped and distributed through the Maldon Pantry and MacKillop Family Services to bring joy to children in our community this Christmas.

Gift Donations Deadline: Donations for the Giving Tree must be received by Friday, 13th December, so there's just one week left to contribute!

For those looking to support local families further, a food donation basket is available at the Maldon IGA to create Christmas hampers. The hampers will continue to accept food contributions up until Tuesday, 24th December.

For more information, contact Bonnie on 0400 358 606. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make Christmas special for children and families in need!

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Maldon embraces Christmas

Without wanting to sound all dramatic about it, the truth is Maldon didn't feel the same. I was driving home to Maldon after working in the city for a few days. I turned right off the Maldon-Castlemaine Road and Maldon instantly had a different feel - the approach into town delighted and surprised.

Large red ribbons and bows were around the parade of trees - the green and red instantly reminded me Christmas was here. The street flags were up - more than ever before and the more the merrier the Christmas I reckon. I was told the Men's Shed and local school created the tree on Bank Corner, that the shopping spree was one of the best ever and that the 'shop local' campaign had massive support from traders and local community. I parked just outside the Maldon Butcher and their shop window was adorned with the Christmas spirit.

To many in the community, such things just happen. You wake up one morning, toddle down to Main Street and things have just happened. But they only happen because people make the effort. And for all those who wrapped bows around trees, ironed fabric to stitched together bunting, designed, printed, created and put up flags, organised and supported the shopping spree and 'shop local' campaign, decorated their shop windows ... and on it goes - congratulations, thank you and Merry Christmas.

Barry Robinson

Fire Essentials session: it's in the name



MALDON CFA held a community information session at Maldon Fire Station on Tuesday 26 November at 7pm, which was interesting and informative, with a fair turnout of round 15 residents from the district; perhaps not as many as expected for a session about fire safety knowledge because everyone has a role to play.

The community cannot simply rely on the hard work of CFA and its volunteers. It is **essential** that residents stay up to date with fire safety procedures, particularly when it comes to prevention measures.

Doreen Raven, whose title is Community Liaison Bushfire Engagement Presenter, imparted a huge amount of useful knowledge about fire preparedness and this is just a brief summary of a brief part of it:

Use a weather app, VicEmergency app and Phone 1800 240 667

These are key tools for information. The apps are free and the phone number is the Victorian Bushfire Information Line. Follow the weather forecast up to seven days in advance and plan ahead.

Our region

The entirety of Mount Alexander Shire is in the North Central Region; it's a funny shaped region distinguished by the terrain and topography of the area combined with fire statistics and history going back to early 19th century. We need to know our region when looking at alerts. NOTE: If you're travelling, check the fire rating over the boundary where you are headed, then also check before coming home; use the VicEmergency

App and 1800 number.

New fire danger rating signs

There are new signs in use and can be seen right across Australia. They are simpler and they refer to what kind of day it is going to be; for example, a high temperature of 35 to 40 degrees Celsius with wind gusts above 30kmph plus low relative humidity all adds up to a day when we should be on high alert.

VicEmergency app warnings

If you get a warning from the App, be sure to read the **WHOLE** warning, it might be advice for the far edge of the boundary you have set. Read through the full warning to understand the full details, keep an eye on the media. An *Emergency* warning is saying it is too late to leave.

Stay Informed

There are various ways to stay up to date with fire warnings. Attendees recommended ABC Radio and KLFM radio (tune into 96.5 or 106.3) which is an official emergency broadcast station. Doreen strongly recommended that residents do not wait for a warning but act on gut feelings. She said, "Leave early. We can replace material things but we can't replace you."

Michelle Dorian

Stay safe this summer

Heat health and snake bite first aid talk in Maldon

DHELKAYA Health is offering the Maldon community a chance to learn how to stay safe during the hot summer months with a special talk on heat health and snake bite first aid.

Led by Community Health Nurse Jenny Miko, the session will take place on Friday 13 December from 10am to 11am at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. Cost is free.

"As the climate shifts, we're seeing more hot and humid days, making it important to understand how heat can impact health," said Jenny Miko. "We'll focus on tips for staying cool, particularly for those with existing health conditions, and how to get help when needed."

Jenny will also provide important information on first aid for snake bites, which are more common in the heat.

Bookings are not required. For more information, call Jenny Miko at 5479 1000.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Meet Rocky: The cuddly giant with a heart full of love looking for his forever friend!

Rocky is more than just a dog, he is a companion who will always be there for you. Having a tough start to life, Rocky dreams he will find that special person of his own, who he can regard as a dog's best friend for life. He loves cuddles as much as he loves food. He has basic training and will need a large yard with high fences where he can run around to his heart's content. If a cuddly giant with a heart of gold is what you're after, then look no further, Rocky is the one for you! Rocky is a desexed, male, black and tan, German Shepherd x Rottweiler. He is 1 year and 10 months old. Microchip no: 953010005024292. Adoption fee: \$420 plus council registration. MAAW Source no: BR100938

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Maldon Bakery

Debbie's Salon

Maldon Vet Clinic



From left to right: Maya, Naz, Issy, Avalon, Celia, Rebecca and Clover.

Christmas has come early at Maldon Bakery, and the team is in full festive swing! Rebecca the owner and manager and her dedicated team have been busy preparing their famous Christmas cakes (small and large), fruity mince tarts (perfect for gifting or enjoying yourself) and beautifully decorated gingerbread.

As Australia's oldest continuously running bakery, established in 1854, Maldon Bakery is a local treasure. Rebecca's commitment to fresh, high-quality baked goods shines through in everything from their delicious bread, pastries and pies to their mouth-watering cakes and biscuits. Don't miss their vanilla slice—it's a customer favourite! And if you're in a hurry, the bakery's coffee window has become a go-to spot for a quick caffeine fix. You can enjoy your coffee in the peaceful, shady garden setting for a more relaxed pace.

Rebecca shared, "We're all about using the best local ingredients, and I'm lucky to have such a talented team of bakers and pastry chefs."

This year, Rebecca has made the tough decision to close for a short break over Christmas to give her team some well-deserved family time. While the bakery is usually busy during this time, Rebecca hopes customers will understand the importance of looking after her hardworking staff.

Rebecca and her team wish everyone a joyful and restful holiday season.

The Bakery will be open until Christmas Eve and will reopen Friday 3 January. Customers can collect their Christmas orders up until 3pm Christmas Eve.



Ho Ho Ho ... it's that time of year again!

Firstly, Debbie would like to thank all her valued customers for their continued support throughout the year.

Debbie said, "I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and I hope you have a safe and happy New Year. I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2025."

Gift Ideas



If you are unsure of a gift for that special person why not give a gift certificate these are available for any value. Also shampoo packs, hand creams, straighteners etc., are all here for you to choose from.

Christmas And New Year Hours



- December, normal hours up until 3pm Monday 23rd
- January re open Friday 3rd
- January Thursday 9th & Friday 10th
- January Thursday 16th & Friday 17th
- January Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th
- January Thursday 30th & Friday 31st
- All normal hours from then onwards.

Debbie's Salon

Thank you for your support in 2024!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. See you in 2025!

✦ Mention this ad when booking your next appointment to enjoy a complimentary conditioning treatment. ✦

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There are treats for the cats and dogs under the Maldon Vet Clinic Christmas tree.

Maldon Vet Clinic is all ready for Christmas! Each year the clinic puts on a Christmas light display, lighting up both inside the building and outside in the garden – and including a special 'space-cat' driven UFO display.

The Christmas tree is up with little treats for dogs and cats. Dogs that visit the clinic in December will be greeted with a Christmas-themed Adaptil bandana to help them feel calm and comfortable during their visit. The clinic is fully stocked with everything you need to help pets travel comfortably during the holiday season, including treats, supplements, calming travel sprays and even beautifully scented pet-safe sprays and essences for the home.

Give the clinic a call if you need to check your pet's vaccination status before travelling or leaving them in a kennel or cattery. Remember to check your pet's food and medication needs - orders may be placed up until Monday 16 December to ensure items arrive before the Christmas break.

Maldon Vet Clinic will be closed from 1pm Tuesday 24 December through to Wednesday 1 January, open as usual from 9am Thursday 2 January.

Dr Andrea, Dr Belinda and vet nurses Jackie, Amanda and Tegan wish our wonderful clients and furry friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MALDON BAKERY
EST. 1854

Now stocking a delicious range of Christmas treats.
Place your orders on 5475 2713.
Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 7.30am-4pm

Wishing the Maldon community a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Open until Christmas Eve and will reopen on Friday 3rd January.

Maldon Vet Clinic

CHRISTMAS HOURS
We will be closed from - 1pm Tues 24th December
Re-opening - 9am Thurs 2nd January
For emergencies during this time please call **0492 805 480**

LAST ORDERS
Order your pet's food or medication by - Mon 16th Dec
Wishing all our clients and their pets a happy holiday

48 Hornsby Street, Maldon | Ph 54 751 751



Maldon Fudge *and* Ice Creamery

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

Christmas decorations and the aroma of freshly made ice cream signal that the most wonderful time of the year has arrived. As we delve into the festive spirit, Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery warmly invite you to add to your holiday celebrations with a treat that never goes out of style—delectable ice cream!

With the season of giving upon us, why not consider the perfect gift voucher for a youngster or even an ice cream addict? Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery offer personalised gift vouchers of any value, a delightful present sure to bring joy to anyone's heart this Christmas.

Nothing brightens the holiday season like the creamy goodness of ice cream in a cone or a luscious milkshake made from

Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery's finest offerings. As the festivities unfold, immerse yourself in the joyous spirit with their Christmas specialty – Brandy Cream Ice Cream. Whether you prefer a take-home pack to savour or a cone to accompany your Christmas shopping, this divine treat is not to be missed.

Carmen, the creative force behind the flavours, has recently added some delightful new flavours - Whiskey Marmalade, White Chocolate (with dark chocolate chips added) and Honey and Cinnamon (with extra cream) - Carmen has used local Warral honey to create this fantastic ice cream, perfect with apple pie or plum pudding. Not forgetting their classics – Macadamia, Burnt Caramel, and the ever-popular Blood Orange sorbet.

Beyond their delectable ice cream, the Fudge and Turkish Delight range is an ideal gift or token of appreciation.

To extend the festive cheer, they've expanded opening hours this summer, welcoming you until 5pm. Moreover, from Boxing Day until 31 January, they'll be open daily throughout the summer holidays, inviting you to relish every moment of the 'Ice Cream Season'.

The shop is located at 29 Main Street, opposite the Maldon Hotel. Indulge in the magic of Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery this summer. Carmen, Stephen, and their dedicated team wish you a merry Christmas and a safe New Year. They look forward to welcoming you soon.



Too many choices at Maldon Fudge and Ice Creamery this Christmas!

FUDGE
Freshly made right here



FREE
Fudge
Tasting

MALDON FUDGE AND ICE CREAMERY
MALDON MADE

Maldon Fudge & Ice Creamery
29 Main Street, Maldon

GIFT VOUCHER

TO: *Johnnie*

FROM: *Santa*

VALUE OF VOUCHER:

VALID UNTIL:

*Why not give a
gift voucher this
Christmas?*

Cafe Maldon / Maldon Grazing



Mutz Kutz



Andrea making Rani even more beautiful.

Maldon Butchers



Brad and Glen 'hamming' around at Maldon Butchers.

Finding a restaurant open on Christmas Day can be challenging, so why not have your special day catered for at home this year? It makes sense, with no fuss or effort for you and your guests and delicious food customised for your needs.

Cafe Maldon/Maldon Grazing has your Christmas entertaining covered. If you are looking for delicious and customisable grazing boxes for your Christmas gathering or a special grazing box for Christmas Day, you need not look further than Cafe Maldon. The cafe is well-known for its great food and coffee, but were you aware it has built quite a following with its unique grazing boxes?

Karen, the owner of Cafe Maldon, says, "The grazing boxes are created in-store with the usual attention to detail. We cater for weddings, birthdays, parties, or just a small family gathering." Cafe Maldon offers a variety of options to suit any dietary needs or preferences. Whether you need vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free options, they have you covered.

The grazing boxes come in several sizes so that you can choose the perfect fit for your gathering, big or small. Various options include their popular Afternoon Tea, Breakfast, Chicken Salad, Ploughman's Platter, and Devonshire Tea. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

For a classic English treat, try their Afternoon Tea Box, which features a range of fresh sandwiches, savoury pastries, scones and a selection of yummy cakes and slices accompanied by fresh fruit. Or, start your day off right with their Breakfast selection, featuring Belgian waffles, pikelets, croissants, churros, Danish pastries, and fresh fruit.

If you need something more substantial, you could try the Chicken Salad, which features fresh roasted chicken, cos lettuce, celery sticks, tomatoes, boiled eggs, cheese, and spring onions, or the Ploughman's Platter, which features large fresh crusty bread, cold meats, cheeses, pickled onions, and gherkins finished with a delicious relish.

Or, you could try their Sweet Box. This gem is filled with a variety of homemade slices and cakes! Blood orange and mascarpone brownie, vegan carrot cake, raspberry friands, lemon blueberry cake, raspberry chia slice and mint chocolate slice. Who could ask for a better selection of sweet treats?

At Maldon Grazing, they pride themselves on offering high-quality, delicious food perfect for any occasion. Let them take care of the catering for your next event. Remember that no catering event is too big or too small. Maldon Grazing can handle as many as 200 guests, or they are happy to cater for a couple. You must order at least 24 hours in advance.

Don't forget to book early for Christmas or New Year. To order and view options and pricing, visit <https://order.hungry-hungry.com/cafemaldon/menu>. Or call Karen 0407 049 706.

Mutz Kutz is renowned for its high-quality professional pet grooming services and extensive collection of pet food, stock feed, and various pet accessories.

New in-store is a great range of backpacks for dogs or cats and even an affordable dog pram! With a wealth of knowledge in animal feed and health, Andrea confidently assists customers in choosing the best products for their pets and farm animals. Mutz Kutz exclusively stocks Australian-made stock feed in various weights and welcomes specific product requests from customers.

Andrea, the owner, stocks durable inflatable pet pools in-store. They are available in two sizes. With the summer season predicted to be hot, these pools promise to be a refreshing treat for dogs seeking relief from the heat—Mutz Kutz also stocks cooling mats in two sizes, ideal for keeping pets cool in hot weather.

For cat owners concerned about their pets' interaction with local wildlife, Mutz Kutz stocks Cat Bibs, a highly effective solution that grants cats outdoor freedom while safeguarding birds. Drop into the store, and Andrea will happily explain their effectiveness.

Andrea says, "Our pet grooming is fully booked until the end of the year. If your pet needs grooming in the New Year, book now to avoid disappointment."

Andrea invites everyone to explore the festive gift range at Mutz Kutz this Christmas. Whether assisting customers in the produce section or bustling in the attached Grooming Salon, she welcomes visitors and wishes them a safe and joyful Christmas.

Mutz Kutz will be closed on the Public Holidays over Christmas and New Year.

Mutz Kutz
All your pet grooming needs

Selling Pet & Stock Feed & Accessories

Bookings Essential
03 5475 1212, or
0407 889 776

7-59 Main Street
Maldon VIC 3463

The three Brads (you have to wonder if it is a work requirement when applying for a job at Maldon Butchers), Belinda and Glen, are committed to supplying you with the best quality meats and seafood this Christmas.

Maldon Butchers offers a great range of top-quality hams that they carefully prepare this Christmas. Fresh free-range turkeys, ducks, and pork roasts are all available. Brad and his team offer an extensive range of seafood for Christmas. Oysters, prawns, lobster and fish are favourites, but they can provide anything you may want. Make sure you get your order in early to avoid disappointment.

If you are entertaining over the festive season, you might like to try Brad's (let's call him Brad one) award-winning gourmet sausages or maybe a butterflied leg of lamb. The kids love Maldon Butcher's rissoles.

If it's a Christmas gift you're after, they have a range of marinades, seasonings and sauces available.

MALDON BUTCHERS
Quality

PLACE YOUR ORDERS BY 17 DEC!

Free Range Otway Pork & Free Range Christmas Hams, Chicken & Turkeys and a great selection of Seafood will be available this year.

All your Christmas party BBQ needs catered for including our famous sausages and rissoles.

Ph. 5475 2271

CAFE MALDON

COFFEE-CAKE-BREAKFAST-
LUNCH-CATERING



Merry Christmas!

Closed 24 - 26 and 31 December and 1 January.
Open 7.15am - 3pm weekdays and 8am - 3pm weekends.

52 Main Street ~ 5475 2022
For catering phone Karen: 0407 049 706





Newstead IGA



Some of the happy team - from left Quinn, Cindy, Lesley, Ricki, Ruth, Adam and Shelley.

Luke said, "IGA Newstead has weekly specials and we 'Price Match' 100s of lines against the larger supermarkets (look out for the 'Price Match' tickets on the shelves). We also have 'Better Buys' (also ticketed on shelves) that run for months to help customers save money, and we offer member grocery rewards. Members can enter a draw to win free groceries by tapping their members' cards each time they shop. We are part of the IGA buying group, providing excellent weekly specials and daily low prices. We also support local suppliers and stock many goods that you may not be able to find in other supermarkets."

Luke and Cassey employ 12 locals, including a full-time baker, Adam, who has worked at the IGA Bakery for 16 years. He produces delicious pies, pasties, sausage rolls, pastries, cakes and breads. Adam's 'bull boar pies' are famous locally and further afield after a judge from the 'Pie Awards Competition' tasted them and posted a brilliant review online.

The Newstead Butchers make the bull boar sausages (secret recipe) for the pies. The supermarket was originally a German Bakery, which Werner and Hannelore Lau began before introducing the grocery lines. It now offers coffee to go and a well-stocked liquor section.

Did you know that by shopping at Newstead IGA, you are helping support not only local suppliers, such as the Newstead Butchers but also helping them employ local services and tradies? Your support also allows them to support local community groups and organisations like the CFA. This helps to keep our community strong.

You are helping to provide jobs for locals you know and can trust and keep money in our local community.

A friendly face and excellent service will always welcome you at Newstead IGA.

At Newstead IGA, they are passionate about supporting our local community - it's just what they do!

Cassey and Luke, owners of Newstead IGA for

the past two and a half years, are constantly improving the supermarket. In 2025, they plan to make further improvements. Over the past 12 months, a more spacious layout has improved the shopping experience.



THE LOCAL GROCER



At Newstead IGA, we're more than a supermarket - we're part of your community!

Supporting locals ~ Partnering with local suppliers ~ Contributing to the community

😊 Everyday Savings and Unbeatable Quality!

😊 Weekly specials and 'Price Match' savings on hundreds of lines.

😊 'Better Buys' with extended discounts to help you save more.

😊 Member rewards: Tap your member card for a chance to win free groceries!

FRESH BREAD, PIES, CAKES & SLICES DAILY

Support local jobs, services, and suppliers while enjoying great prices and friendly service.

Hours

Mon - Fri: 7.30am-6.30pm

Sat: 8am-4pm, Sun: 9am-4pm

11-13 Lyons St., Newstead

5476 2400



Newstead Post Office & Pharmacy



Colourful, unusual, well-priced gift ideas and decorations



Newstead Post Office & Pharmacy aim to light up your life and Christmas!



Lots of great Christmas gift ideas.



A great range of decorations!



Call in and see for yourself what is in store.



Christmas scented soap? Interesting!



What about a Light up musical snow globe?



Ever wondered what Christmas tree would smell like? Call in and try it yourself

Or, brighten up your Christmas with a swirling glitter lantern.



A 7 piece travel manicure set - how handy!



Why not try our new range of candles!! Comes in different scents (passion fruit sundae, vanilla cheesecake, strawberry sundae and chocolate sundae)



Christmas macaroon melts! Smells yummy!!!



The Crown Hotel



Kayne always has a welcoming smile.



The Crown Hotel in Newstead offers great country food at reasonable prices, and the good news is that the beer is always cold!

Owner, Kayne and his friendly team offer a smile and efficient service. The dining room is spacious and inviting, and there is a beer garden if the weather is fine.

Thursday is 'Parma Night' - these parmas are succulent and served with chips and salad/veggies. The basic parma is only \$20, or try the Mexican or Garlic prawn for just a little extra.

Sunday is 'Pizza Night' - excellent pizzas with a good variety of toppings, including 'Vol-Kayneo' (Kayne's hot sauce, ham, hot salami, jalapenos, capsicum, onion, chilli flakes and cheese - not for the faint-hearted).

Friday is 'Meat Tray Raffle Night', which is a fun night and very popular with the locals. Newstead Butchers provides meat trays, which are brimming with quality meat. The winner is drawn at 7.30pm.

Live music is a regular feature on Saturday nights - check their Facebook page for upcoming music.

Evening meals are available Thursday to Sunday and lunch is served Saturday and Sunday. Meals can also be ordered to take home.

Call Kayne on 5476 222 to enquire about booking your Christmas get-together.



TRADING HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 3.30pm - 8pm
 Thursday - Friday: 2pm - Late
 Saturday - Sunday: 11.30am - Late

PUBLIC HOLIDAY'S CAN AFFECT THESE HOURS.

LUNCHES:

Saturday & Sunday:
 12pm - 2.30pm

DINNERS:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday:
 5.30pm - 8.30pm

SUNDAY- PIZZA NIGHT:

5pm - 8pm

Please call to book on:
 (03) 5476 2222

Cheers to a Merry Christmas!



Newstead Pharmacy and Post Office

Newstead Pharmacy and Post Office have Christmas wrapped up!



Di and Mina getting into the Christmas Spirit

Don't forget to drop into the Newstead Pharmacy and Post Office for Christmas gift ideas or decorations this year. Mina and his staff, Di and Vicki, have excelled in sourcing colourful, unusual, well-priced gift ideas and decorations for your home.

Not only does the Pharmacy/Post Office look like Christmas, but it also smells like Christmas. There is a fantastic selection of scented candles, ranging from passion fruit sundae, vanilla cheesecake, strawberry sundae, and chocolate sundae to the most beautiful gingerbread scent. Venture in and take in the aromas for yourself.

Christmas decorations - there are Christmas Ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, gramophones, traditional snow-covered houses and Santa boots to choose from. Beautiful snowmen, reindeer and bears that light up would be perfect for your Christmas window.

If you need stocking fillers, they have soaps, small snow

globes, manicure sets and tiny porcelain Santa planters.

Of course, it is not all gifts and decorations at the Pharmacy. Mina has a passion for caring for people's well-being. He always has time to advise his customers on the best possible medicines. Mina is happy to provide blister 'Medicine Packs' for those managing multiple medications. This is a stress-free solution to ease the burden of medicine management.

With COVID still active in the community, Mina also has readily available antiviral medication and is happy to arrange delivery for isolating patients.

Santa letters at Newstead Post Office

This year, little ones can write to Santa, drop the letter off at the Post Office, and collect Santa's response the next day!

Mina, Di and Vicki wish the community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. They will be closed on Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day.

Dig Cafe



Robyn and Lyndsay take a hard earned break.

Dig Cafe in Newstead has fantastic food, excellent coffee, and a great ambience.

They offer exceptional local wines by the glass (or bottle) and various ciders and beer. The friendly staff at Dig are always ready to help with your selection.

Dining inside the lovely historic building is a pleasure, and the shady outdoor garden is perfect in summer. Enjoying a coffee at the outdoor street tables is also lovely under the wide verandah.

Takeaway pizzas are offered on Friday evenings. Robyn says, "Locals love our pizzas as they are easy to pick up at the end of the working week." They offer a wide range of toppings: locally made bull-boars with tomato, bacon, Spanish onion, and mozzarella on a Napoli base; sweet potato with zucchini, roasted capsicum, feta, lemon zest, thyme, and mozzarella, drizzled with garlic and chilli oils. It is little wonder that locals keep coming back!

Dig Cafe will be closed on Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day.

Opening hours for January will be Wednesday - Sunday, 8.30am - 3.30pm, with takeaway pizzas on Fridays from 5 - 8pm. Robyn and her dedicated staff would like to thank their customers for their support over the past year. They wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

5476 2744

Lyons Street, Newstead

Pure Gold

Gift Box Bliss - Pure Gold Holistic & Wellbeing

Step right up to the Spring Street store,
Where wonders await behind the door!
But these are not plain old gifts, oh no—
Inside, there's magic, all aglow.

In one box holds a gold key ring,
Shaped like a flower—such a whimsical
thing!

Next comes lip balms, flavours divine,
Peppermint, Raspberry swirl and Orange
blossom shine.

A face mask waits, with glittery hues,
Promising skin that's soft and renewed.
Hand creams charm with pure delight,
Lavender dreams for cold winter nights.

Sachets of body scrub, with fine oils to
entice,
On skin, ah that feels oh-so-nice.

Roll-ons for aromatherapy bliss,
Lavender, rose geranium in a fragrant kiss.

A body spritz with a citrus zing,
For sprightly mornings that make hearts
sing.

A musk stick diffuser in the car's embrace,
Sweet nostalgia fills the space.

And finally, a bottle gleams in gold,
Aftershave 'For the Gods', truth be told.
With hints of cedar and smoky allure,
A scent so bold, it's destined to endure.
Each box made with love, tied with care,
A treasure trove of delights to share.

Practical magic in every nook,
Gifts that feel like a fairy-tale book.

So, pick a box, and don't be shy.
Wrap up your joy and give it a try.
For in these boxes, magic's sealed—
A gift's true power is love revealed.

Pure Gold Holistic & Wellbeing

At 1 Spring Street, come join the cheer,
Open Thursday to Sunday, all through the
year!

From 10 till 5pm, we're here to delight,
With gift boxes that sparkle, so shiny and
bright.

Gift Boxes for Everyone, big or small,
From just \$12 to \$150, we've got them all!
Personalised treasures, wrapped with care,
For a Christmas that's merry, with love to
share!

Polly and Willow



Polly and Willow
at 75 High
Street, Maldon
present a
clothing selection that is
nothing short of exquisite
this Christmas.

From newborns to six-year-olds, the store showcases the timeless beauty of Smox Rox handmade smocked dresses in Liberty prints, complemented by matching bows and hats. Arthur Avenue from Sydney unveils its divine Summer season collection, featuring the elegant London Pink line, Summer Fresh designs, and an adorable range tailored for baby boys. Offering an array of charming attire, including lovely pieces from Snuggle Hunny and Suki McMaster, Polly and Willow also features an assortment of stunning accessories. From Josie Joan's Liberty hair clips and bags to the popular Lauren Hinkley's new Christmas jewellery and hair bows range, there's something to accentuate every outfit and occasion.

Polly and Willow extend

beyond clothing, featuring a vast array of toys from renowned brands. Moulin Roty, known for crafting some of the finest toys worldwide, offers a delightful selection of toys made in France. Londji games and puzzles, originating from Spain, are known for their well-considered and cleverly designed cooperative games and charming puzzles. Djeco from France

continues to impress with its exceptional arts and crafts range. Additionally, the store proudly presents an array of ethically made wooden toys and award-winning baby toys sourced from over 20 countries.

Trudi, owner of Polly and Willow, offers expert, friendly advice to help you find the perfect gift for the little people in your life.



Grab a Gift Certificate and make
Christmas truly memorable.

THE SPIRIT OF Christmas

This holiday season, it's in the small acts of kindness, the shared moments of joy,
and the way we lift each other up that we truly find the magic of Christmas.

We would like to thank Snowy Wish, Third Secret, The Mantra Blends, Sharon for
hand stitching her Native Animals & Birds Pot Rests, for supporting us.

TV Guide

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

ABC TV	SBS	SEVEN	NINE	TEN
<p>6:00 News Breakfast [s] 9:00 ABC News Mornings [s] 10:00 Back Roads [s] 10:25 I Was Actually There (PG) [s] 11:00 Fake Or Fortune? [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 1:00 Shetland (M I, v) [s] 2:00 Maggie Beer's Big Mission [s] 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s] 3:30 Long Lost Family (PG) [s] 4:15 Grand Designs - The Streets (PG) [s] 5:05 Antiques Roadshow [s] 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s] 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Gardening Australia [s] 8:30 Shetland (M I) [s] 9:30 Question Everything [s] 10:00 Hard Quiz (PG) [s] 11:00 The Cleaner: The Widow (M I) [s] 11:35 ABC Late News [s] 11:50 Would I Lie To You?: At Christmas (PG) [s] 12:20 Grand Designs - The Streets (PG) [s] 1:10 The Kingdom (M) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:10 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:05 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:00 World's Greatest Sporting Arenas: Building Communities (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:05 Exploring Northern Ireland (PG) 3:00 Plat Du Tour: Gateaux Creusois/ Chou Farcis D'auvergne (PG) 3:10 Dishing It Up: Snack Attack (PG) 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:10 The Supervet (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Every Family Has A Secret: Danielle Chisholm And Heather Horne (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Nicole Kidman: Eyes Wide Open" (M I) ('23) (In English/ French) 9:35 Kennedy: Crisis (January 1962 - October 1962) (PG) 10:25 SBS World News Late 10:50 Elvira (MA15+) (In Danish)</p>	<p>6:00 Sunrise [s] 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s] 11:30 Seven Morning News [s] 12:00 Movie: "Fatal Frenemies" (AKA "Tracking A Killer") (M v) ('21) Stars: Laurie Fortier, Jane Dillon 2:00 Cricket: Pre-Game "Live" [s] 3:00 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 2: Day 1 "Live" From Adelaide Oval [s] 5:00 Cricket: The Lunch Break [s] 5:40 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 2: Day 1 "Live" From Adelaide Oval [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 2: Day 1 "Live" From Adelaide Oval [s] 7:40 Cricket: Tea Break [s] 8:00 Cricket: Australia v India: Test 2: Day 1 "Live" From Adelaide Oval [s] 10:30 Phillip Hughes - The Boy From Macksville (PG) [s] 12:00 GetOn Extra [s] 12:30 Taken: Verum Nocet (M) [s] 1:30 Harry's Practice [s] 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Million Dollar Minute [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Today [s] 9:00 Today Extra [s] 11:30 NINE News Morning [s] 12:00 Movie: "The Christmas Setup" (PG) ('20) Stars: Ben Lewis, Blake Lee 2:00 Pointless (PG) [s] 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) [s] 4:00 NINE News Afternoon [s] 4:30 Tipping Point Australia (PG) [s] 5:30 WIN News [s] 6:00 NINE News [s] 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:30 Beach House Hunters [s] 8:30 Movie: "The Accountant" (M I, v) ('16) Stars: Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick 11:00 Movie: "Triple 9" (MA15+) ('16) - A gang of criminals and corrupt cops plan the murder of a police officer in order to pull off their biggest heist yet across town. Stars: Chiwetel Ejiofor 1:00 Our State On A Plate [s] 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo [s] 4:30 Home Shopping 5:30 Postcards (PG) [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Pat Callinan's 4X4 Adventures [s] 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s] 7:30 Farm To Fork [s] 8:00 The Yes Experiment [s] 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s] 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s] 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) [s] 10:30 Jamie Oliver - Fast & Simple [s] 11:30 Entertainment Tonight [s] 12:00 Farm To Fork [s] 12:30 Family Feud (PG) [s] 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime [s] 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune [s] 2:30 Lingo (PG) [s] 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon [s] 4:00 Family Feud (PG) [s] 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s] 6:30 The Project (PG) [s] 7:30 Movie: "Luca" (PG) ('21) 9:30 Matlock: Claws (PG) [s] 10:30 10's Late News [s] 10:55 The Project (PG) [s] 12:00 The Late Show (PG) [s]</p>
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Classifications: (G) General, (PG) Parental Guidance, (M) Mature Audiences, (MA15+) Mature Audience Over 15 Years
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Don't forget the Christmas Community Lunch on Wednesday 11 December



Maldon Men's Shed have been busy making Christmas trees.
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Sun	29	12 noon
Mon	30	Closed
Tue	31	4pm
Wed	January 01	12 noon
Thu	02	Closed

'Wraps & More' Food Van Onsite

This has been a fantastic year at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, with activities and events enjoyed by many in our community.

"We'd like to thank all the staff and volunteers of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre and supporters from the community, who have worked hard this year to bring many community programs to fruition," said Coordinator John Bainbridge.

Still to come in December is our Christmas Community Lunch on Wednesday 11 December at 12pm at the Maldon Community Centre in Francis St for a \$7 donation. This will be the last community lunch of the year. Our Christmas lights tour will take place on Tuesday 17 December at 8.30pm for a gold coin donation (bookings essential), and our Maldon Christmas lights list will be available to the community from Monday, 16 December. Let us know if you would like your house to be included on the list! Our last day trip for the year will be to a pub for lunch on Thursday 12 December, 11am - 3pm for \$5 (plus lunch!).

The community bus will do its last trips for the year on Friday 20 December, recommencing on Tuesday 21 January 2025. The December Maldon Market will run on Sunday 8 December, 9am - 1.30pm. The market will be back on Sunday 12 January 2025.

Occasional Childcare will run over the school holidays (with just a short break), starting back on Monday 6 January 2025. This service can take bookings for primary school-aged children during school holidays, contact childcare@maldonnc.org.au for more information.

We wish the Maldon community a safe and happy festive season and we look forward to creating more opportunities for 'Friendship & Community' at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre in 2025.

The Maldon Neighbourhood Centre will be closed from Friday 20 December at 3.30pm and re-open on Monday 13 January 2025. Information about upcoming events will be available on our website www.maldonnc.org.au and Facebook page www.facebook.com/maldonnc.

For more information, please contact MNC on 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au.

The Maldon Neighbourhood Centre will be closed from 3.30pm Friday 20 December until 9am Monday 13 January 2025.

We wish our community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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3. Prize draws

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Grand prize draw

\$500 Community Bank Maldon & District bank account voucher to be drawn at this year's Maldon Twilight Dinner 18 January 2025.

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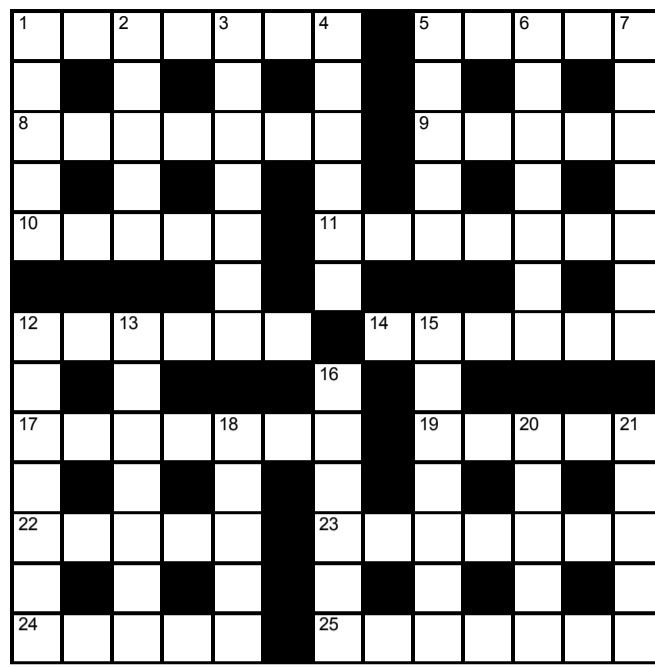


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Across

- 1 Lack of success
- 5 Performed
- 8 Overpass
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- 10 Imperial
- 11 Number
- 12 Inevitably
- 14 Cold
- 17 Okay
- 19 Following
- 22 Topic
- 23 Concoctions
- 24 Takes out
- 25 Location



Down

- 1 Sign of illness
- 2 Home of pasta
- 3 Normally
- 4 Consuming
- 5 Siren
- 6 Comfy tops
- 7 Exhibit
- 12 Altered
- 13 Most friendly
- 15 Baked
- 16 Imagined place of perfection
- 18 Estimate
- 20 Valuable collection
- 21 Corrodes

- What unisex name is currently the most common for an Australian dog (as of 2022)?
- Which state is home to the most southern point on the Australian mainland?
- Marlin, Peach and Crush are all characters from which 2003 film?
- Who wrote the 1937 novel Of Mice and Men?
- Which Harry Potter novel is the shortest?
- In which Australian city would you find Taronga Zoo?
- New York has the Subway, England has the Underground, what is the name for Paris's rapid transit system?
- Costa Georgiadis is the longest serving host of which Australian TV series?
- What do the initials OAM stand for in Australian honours lists?
- In which part of the body would you find the metacarpals?
- Which city has an airport identified by the three letter code SHA?
- Penfolds Grange is predominantly a wine composed from which grape?
- In which Australian state is the nation's largest federal electorate by area?
- What is the capital of Belarus?
- Which Australian secondary school did Prince Charles attend for two terms?
- What does sound travel faster through-air or water?
- In the book Animal Farm, what kind of animal is Snowball?
- Which two countries were on either side of the crossing point known as Checkpoint Charlie?
- From which country does Paddington Bear hail from?
- Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was elected President of which country in 2022?



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BONUS QUESTION: In which European country is Lake Ree?

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

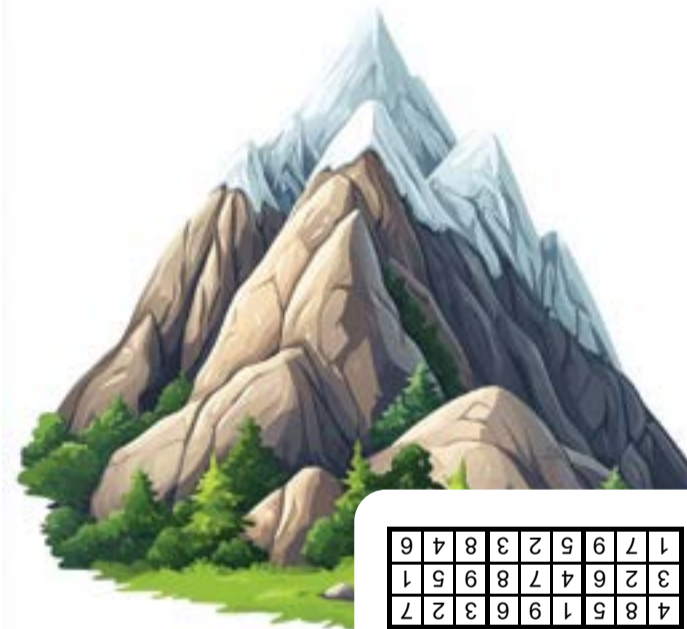
MY WORD!

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

Example:
 COLD
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 CARD
 WARD
 WARM

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

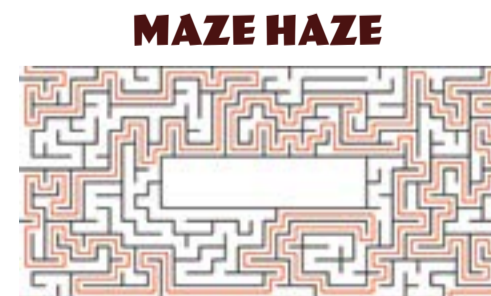
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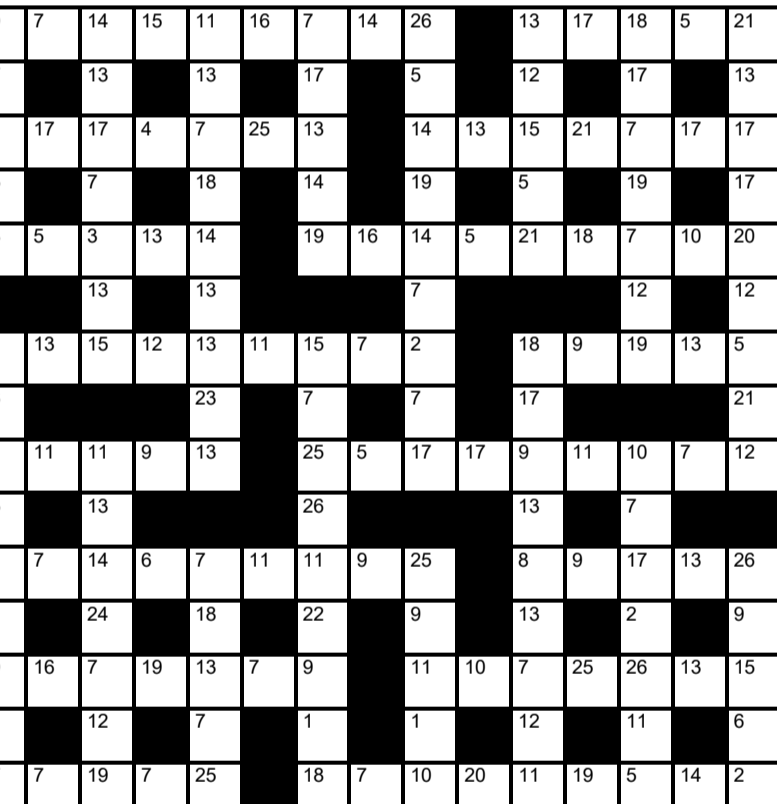
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QUESTION ANSWER: Lake Ree is located in Ireland.
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 Stone 6, Sydney 7, Metro 8, Gardening Australia 9, Medal of the Order of Australia 10, Hand
 1. Charlie 2. Victoria 3. Finding Nemo 4. John Steinbeck 5. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's

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13 Warmest, 15 Roasted, 16 Utopia, 16 Guess, 20 Trove, 21 Rusts.
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Natural Newstead

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



Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Rise and Shine Bushland Reserve, 31 October 2024.



Snaring lerp.

More on the topic of lerp

I've observed this feeding behaviour before, but never managed a photograph until now.

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes are insectivores and often take large prey including phasmids and big caterpillars. Occasionally they will also glean lerp from eucalypt foliage, especially when feeding young. This individual was observed doing so last week in the Rise and Shine Bushland Reserve.

The reserve is a good spot to observe another cuckoo-shrike, the White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike. This species can be found in the same locations and habitat. It makes a very different call and has a much smaller bill than its larger relative



White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike at the Rise and Shine, 24 October 2024.



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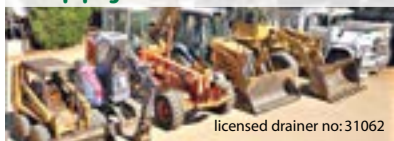
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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Portia & Co. offers a delightful range of gifts showcasing the work of over 80 contemporary Australian makers and artists. With a keen eye for quality and uniqueness, owner Rebecca ensures that every product reflects the creativity and craftsmanship of local artisans. Rebecca says, "I enjoy finding new and unique brands and unusual items to share with Maldon."

One of these is Maldon's gifted artist Robyn Riley who paints beautiful portraits of native wildlife. Robyn's work gives each subject personality in incredible detail, with outstanding attention to the eyes.

Steve Innes is another artist who has been designing and

illustrating for many years. He recently began creating fun and fabulous timber birds in his Central Goldfields studio. Each hand-crafted bird is full of personality and made from sustainable timbers.

Wild Emery shower steamers and soaps are perfect gifts or stocking stuffers. They are made in small batches by a small team in Beechworth. The products are made from quality ingredients and essential oils and have bright, eye-catching packaging.

Rebecca has recently introduced some attractive new jewellery. She has several pieces made from recycled sterling silver by Australian artisans, some stunning sterling silver and

glass earrings and some lightweight stainless steel or recycled plastic pieces.

If you are looking for a practical and attractive bag, Rebecca has some unisex canvas cross-body bags. These ATKM bags are made from high-quality fabrics and fittings.

Portia & Co. thrives on the support of its loyal community. Rebecca says, "I love seeing familiar faces. Helping customers find the perfect gift is always a joy."

This Christmas, 'Go Local First' and experience a relaxed shopping experience at Portia & Co. The store is open daily from 10am to 4pm. Visit them in Maldon or online at portiaandco.com.au.

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The Wool Stash



Ros is busy sorting her felt Christmas decorations and toys.

Think of handmade, sustainable, all-year-round gifts, and you have the Wool Stash in Maldon! Owner Ros stocks Nepalese felt toys that are handmade and thoughtfully designed to inspire imaginative storytelling and creative exploration in children. Crafted from natural materials such as felt, wood and other sustainably sourced elements, these pieces allow children to create their own miniature worlds, fostering open-ended play and limitless possibilities.

The finger puppets (handmade with Fair Trade by artisans in Nepal) are intricately styled in attractive, brightly-coloured 100% wool, and the little felt houses (pictured below) are exceptionally well-priced. These toys will delight any child this Christmas.

For babies, Ros always has a gorgeous selection of gift packs that contain a range of items: beautifully hand-knitted woollen garments and cuddly little dolls, knitted cotton fact cloths and natural skin care products for delicate skin.

Another perfect gift idea for a young person venturing into the craft world is the Needle Felting Starter Kit or a weaving book to encourage a friend or family member to try their hand.

Of course, Ros stocks an extensive range of yarns all year round. Ros's yarn is of the best quality so that the time you invest in making a garment isn't wasted.

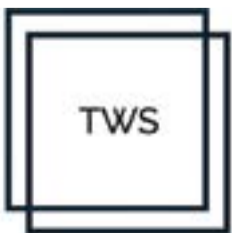
Venture into Wool Stash at 32 Main Street, Maldon.

Opening hours vary, although the store will be open each day (except Tuesday) from 11 December except will be open for Christmas Eve.

Ros would like to wish the community of Maldon a happy Christmas and New Year.



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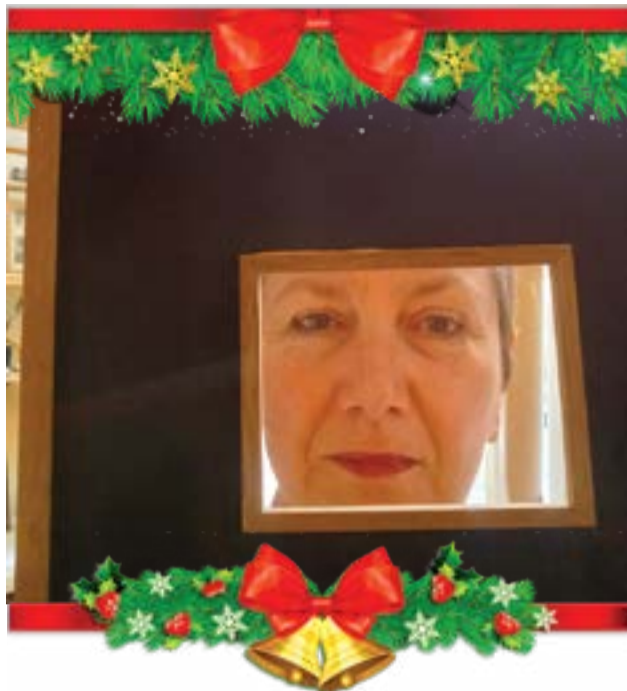


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I love the labour and the satisfaction of the finished product.

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Sue James



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While shopping this Christmas, take the time to check out the beauty of Platinum Flora pieces crafted by the talented artist Sue James. Specialising in native Australian flora, Sue's creations offer a glimpse into the natural wonders of our land, making them perfect Christmas gifts, especially for overseas friends or family.

Sue's fantastic jewellery is unique and beautiful. She has many different styles of earrings and necklaces, which are sure to suit most tastes. "I've used both the pods and leaves of the 'Eucalyptus orbifolia' in this piece (pictured above). The meticulous process involves capturing the essence of native blooms and leaves from my garden." Sue said.

Employing small press clay moulds, she intricately composes impressions, creating textured focal points on each piece. These creations undergo multiple firings, starting with bisque and glaze firings, culminating in a final firing that applies platinum, resulting in breathtaking artistry.

Sue has introduced a new range of porcelain clay vases adorned with platinum and gold. Each vase, meticulously slabbed and shaped using wooden forms, exudes elegance and uniqueness, making it a statement piece for any home.

Take the chance to explore The Studio Gallery at 61 Main Street, Maldon. This hidden gem is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Visit www.suejamesclayworker.com for a sneak peek into her extraordinary collection.



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Merry Christmas & best wishes for 2025!

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And more

STORIES FROM THE... MALDON VINTAGE MACHINERY &

MUSEUM

Tarrangower Times through time

ONCE again, I have been trying the patience of the friendly helpers at the museum ... this time I'm in the printing exhibit.

Assuming that you've picked up a hard copy of the *TT*, just have a look at what is in front of you, a newspaper Duh! Ok, where is this heading?

Alright, not all that long ago in terms of world history, there were no newspapers. Printing of any form is about 500 years old, but the first English-language newspaper is about 300 years old.

It's hard to imagine how even basic news would have circulated before the invention of the printing press, but the reality was that unless you were very highly placed in society, you simply had no idea, or you heard everything on the grapevine.

Weirdly, with the overwhelming amount of information we have now, I feel that we have almost come full circle! Oops, was that an opinion? I'd better be careful ... (try and get hold of a copy of the movie *The Rise and Rise of Michael Rimmer*, MGM please take note).

Anyway, back to the museum.

The very complicated-looking mechanical devices in the printing shop are primarily the actual presses used to publish the *Tarrangower Times* in the past.

The biggest one in the centre of the display is called a platen press and it's a direct descendant of Gutenberg's design from the 15th century.

Herr Gutenberg was a real radical and it's no exaggeration to say that he revolutionised society.

In fact, *Time Life* picked Gutenberg's invention as the most important of the second millennium.

I'll say that again, the most important invention of the second millennium.

That's a big call; he was a direct influence on the Renaissance, Reformation and Humanist movements. There's a whole article

in each of those, which I'll let you follow up yourself, if you're interested.

So, back to our humble tin shed with some complicated-looking machines. There's a Linotype machine at the back. I saw one of these in action once at an old printing shop and I've never forgotten it. It actually casts the individual letters out of molten lead and then arranges them in order to create the words, which are then placed in a tray on the Platen press. They are smeared with ink and the paper sheet is pressed onto it, resulting in a printed page. This all happens very fast and is fascinating to watch. The significance of all this is that before Gutenberg, each page had to be hand-carved out of wood before it could be pressed, this kept many monks employed, but was very slow.

So, the church lost its control of the media, the people found out what was really going on and it's all been downhill ever since, or enlightened and reformed, depending on your point of view. All because of the humble printing press.

There are some other interesting gadgets in the exhibit too. There's an offset press, which is even quicker than a platen press. It works by etching the image of the page onto a flexible plate, which is attached to a revolving drum, which transfers the image onto the paper. Think of your grandmother's old mangle for squeezing the water out of the washing, if one of the rollers had ink on it, your granddad's shirts would have an inky pattern on them. That's basically how an offset printer works, except much faster and instead of shirts, you've got sheets of paper.

There are also, typewriters, duplicators, a guillotine (for paper, not revolutions) and other items once commonly found wherever printing was happening.

Most of these things are now just exhibits in a museum, but the need to spread the word and the need to know have not changed, which makes the story not really about technology, but about human nature.

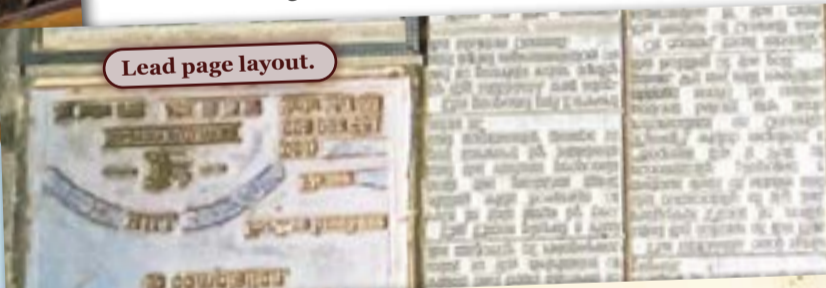
Ian Riley



Old typewriter.



Typesetter.



Lead page layout.



Interesting article from nearly 50 years ago.



Guillotine.



LET'S CLEAN UP

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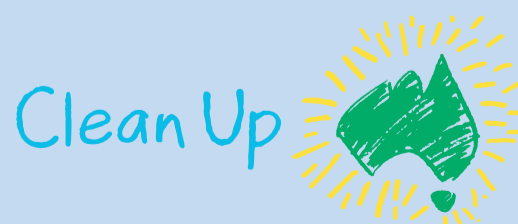
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NEWSTEAD EVENTS LAST WEEKEND

UNUSUALLY, FINDING A CAR PARK IN NEWSTEAD TOOK A LOT OF WORK LAST SUNDAY. THREE EVENTS WERE HAPPENING IN TOWN AT THE SAME TIME!

Newstead and District Fire Brigade's Open Day



Dale Edwards instructs Ivy on using the virtual reality training fire extinguisher on the CFA Open Day.

The Newstead branch of the CFA had its annual open day, which was bigger and better than ever. The doors opened at 11am and brigade members were ready to greet locals and answer any fire/flood-related questions. Brigade members were also happy to view visitors' property on their map and discuss any specific risks at your property. There were live demonstrations of using a fire blanket and a fire extinguisher. Locals could even experience and practice using the correct technique with a fire extinguisher using the CFA's virtual reality training gear. This

was very helpful, as most people have not had to use an extinguisher or fire blanket, so this event was a confidence-building event. Captain Koala met with kids of all ages throughout the day and the brigade provided a free sausage sizzle. The day closed after an informative Fire Safety Essentials session with Community Engagement Coordinator Paul Tangey, during which Paul discussed how to prepare for the fire season.

Kerry Cain

Corker Concert 2024 at the Newstead Community Centre

Castlemaine's Corker Orchestra and the Mainesong Choir entertained an impressive Sunday crowd at the Newstead Community Centre. A little history - the Corker Orchestra was formed by James Rigby in 2011 as a

community orchestra to empower musicians of all skill levels and with any instrument to experience the joy of making music with one another. corkerorchestra.com.

THE ARENA

(of public opinion)

Care to flex your democratic right and engage in public dialogue?

Then show us your thumbs citizens! Just like that emperor dude did, in that film with that gladiator guy!

Shoot your tasty discourse through to editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au and have your say!

Thumbs up:
How lucky we are to have our *TT* each week to keep us all informed with the local goings on! Well done team.

Thumbs down:
To those who throw rubbish out of the car windows and can't keep it in the car until they get home to the bin.

Name & address supplied

Newstead Artist Market @ the Hub

The annual Artist Market had more than 25 stalls inside the Hub, scattered along the train platform and on the glorious grounds. Drawing a good crowd once again, the market showed the talent of local artists while entertaining with good music and delicious food.

Kerry Cain



June Huxley with her steampunk jewellery on the old station platform.



Danielle and Dusty the dog of Dusty Pots, Danielle's Jane Austen plates and mugs with jugs.



Delicately painted tins by artist Marcus Hotblack.



Rainfall Baringhup			Rainfall Maldon			Rainfall Newstead					
Week Ending 3-12-24			Week Ending 3-12-24			Week Ending 3-12-24					
18.5mm			16.0mm			21.2mm					
Monthly totals so far:			Monthly totals so far:			Monthly totals so far:					
	2024	2023	2022		2024	2023	2022		2024	2023	2022
Jan	95.1	41.8	90.4	Jan	101.4	47.0	90.0	Jan	124.8	30.0	103.4
Feb	2.5	8.1	0.5	Feb	1.0	10.4	1.0	Feb	14.0	11.4	0.0
Mar	0.5	53.0	68.9	Mar	0.0	54.4	74.4	Mar	0.8	34.0	48.0
Apr	58.5	75.8	73.9	Apr	84.0	89.4	91.0	Apr	76.4	84.8	80.8
May	32.0	24.5	27.3	May	45.8	33.2	32.2	May	34.6	30.6	30.0
June	21.4	97.9	41.8	June	28.2	119.8	64.6	June	27.8	96.4	47.8
July	47.2	31.9	39.7	July	63.4	25.8	55.3	July	50.0	38.2	46.6
Aug	34.4	23.4	103.2	Aug	43.0	34.6	121.0	Aug	60.8	26.8	116.0
Sept	28.7	13.4	79.2	Sept	46.4	20.0	91.4	Sept	28.2	16.6	88.4
Oct	29.1	40.6	175.9	Oct	47.4	56.8	203.2	Oct	31.6	34.0	190.2
Nov	31.2	24.9	85.0	Nov	38.6	28.4	98.6	Nov	40.2	16.6	106.0
Dec	12.7	105.7	26.2	Dec	16.0	130.4	23.6	Dec	15.4	118.6	39.8
Total	393.3	541.0	812.0	Total	516.2	661.2	961.6	Total	503.2	538.0	897.0

Water Storage Capacity as at 3-12-24						
Cairn Curran	Max ML	143,601	Current ML	87,262	% Full	59.31
Malmsbury	Max ML	12,118	Current ML	3,038	% Full	26.00

Maldon's Christmas Market

**Sunday 8 December
9am to 1.30pm**

DON'T miss out on your last chance for the year to select from our local Artisans for all those special yummy home grown foody treats and from the large array of 'hand made' arts and crafts for those special gifts. There is so much on offer from wines, craft beer, cheeses, olive oil, stone fruits, preserves, nuts, fruit juice cordials, plants, seedlings, seeds, jewellery, pottery, clothing, leather, bags, cosmetics, candles, art, woods, metal, and soooo much more, but let's not forget the sourdough bread!

A market is not a market without the hand made sourdough bread. Over the last 11 years during the lifetime of our local market Ken Hercott from 'Bread Builders' has worked tirelessly to provide our patrons with quality sourdough bread, never missing more than two months in that time. Ken and Amy Atkinson have weathered four market managers, three different locations and continued keeping the local bread supplied with home delivery and the Le Sel pickup point during COVID lockdown! Now that's a pretty serious effort.

But alas all good things come to an end and Ken is taking off his market hat and 'Bread Builders' are finishing up at this last Maldon Market for 2024. Amy has during this time, volunteered for the set up and pack up for the market and over all they have both contributed so much to the success of the Maldon Market. The Market Community and the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre would like to acknowledge all they have done and wish them both and their family on future second Sundays in the month a very relaxing and cruisy time. Enjoy, you deserve it! Thank you Ken and Amy you will be missed.

Like I said, we can't have a market without sourdough bread, so along with Geeza and all his other lovely treats (delish, delish!) we also would like to announce 'Bread and Bagels by Barбора' who will be joining us in 2025 ongoing. Sometimes synchronicity works in your favour because not long after Ken said he was going to finish up, Barбора contacted

the market. We couldn't be more pleased to have a local from Baringhup joining us with potato sourdough bread and bagels. Yummo, can't wait!

Markets are ever changing and it seems we are having a bit of a turnover for 2025, not only are Bread Builders finishing up, but so is our much loved 'Donut Disturb' with Bonnie deciding it's time to cut back on markets. Again, Bonnie has been with us for many years, constantly being there for the Maldon Market. You will be sorely missed 'Donut Disturb'. Damn there goes my breaky, a bag of hot donuts. Bonnie will be there this Sunday, so grab a delicious donut while you still can. And a big thank you from us all at MNC to you too Bonnie, well done!

There will be plenty of places to enjoy a coffee, or lunch from our delicious food makers while listening to our local musicians Blue Tango and browsing the fantastic produce and products on offer. So come along for your last chance to support our local artisans for your Christmas gifts and table treats. And to everyone that supports our local Maldon Market we wish you a very fantastic, fun, family time during this holiday season. From all the Market Community and Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, go well! Until 2025 'have a good one!'

Contact Lynn McShanag at market@maldonnc.org.au.

Lynn McShanag



Tune Into Goldfields FM 99.1 Your Local Community Radio Station



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

Weed Watch: Gazania



Common Name: African Daisy
Botanical Name: *Gazania spp.*

Weed Classifications: Gazania is a Declared Weed in some states of Australia and is listed in Victoria as an Environmental Weed, where it is described as a very high risk, highly invasive environmental weed because of 'extensive potential for further spread'.

Where did it come from:

It is an introduced plant from South Africa.

What does it look like:

Gazania is a perennial herb that grows to about 30 centimetres in height. It has daisy-like flowers whose petals range in colours that include orange, red, yellow and purple with dark or black bases. It flowers mostly in spring and summer.

Why is it a problem:

The gazania plant competes with local indigenous species, can blanket out all nearby native plant species and survive with little water. Gazanias produce abundant seeds and spreads rapidly from gardens to nearby areas, including bushland. They also have the ability to re-grow from their bare roots, which enables them to spread into bushland by the dumping of garden waste.

How does it spread:

The plants produce lots of seed, with one flower creating over 60 seeds. With wind and water, the seeds can spread up to kilometres away. Seeds can also germinate next to the

parent plant; vehicles can spread seed; and dumped garden waste and lawn clippings may also contain gazania seeds/roots.

Spread:

Gazanias currently dominate roadsides, coastal dunes, parks and reserves throughout Australia and are common in Mount Alexander Shire and Maldon, posing a threat to the bushland area of the Maldon Historic Reserve. In Victoria gazanias continue to be sold as seed and plants by garden centres as a colourful, hardy garden plant that requires little water.

How can it be controlled:

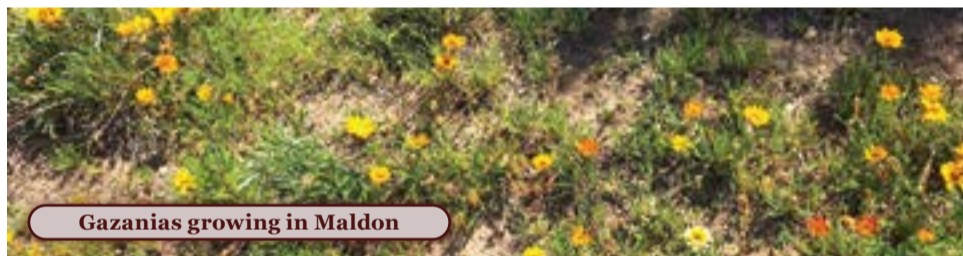
Please ensure that this introduced plant is not growing in your garden or on your property. It is a challenge to remove established infestations, but a concentrated effort can yield good results. The two main methods are physical and chemical control. Gazania plants can be uprooted or dug out before they set seed, making sure all the roots are removed. To prevent seed dispersal, flower heads then need to be removed and bagged and sent to land fill to prevent seed dispersal. It is a good idea to compact the soil back down to prevent further weed infestation. If large infestations of gazania require controlling with a registered herbicide, it can be applied any time the plants are actively growing, with the best results achieved in autumn and spring. Just removing and then bagging the flower heads will also help.

More information:

General information about gazanias can be found on the Agriculture Victoria website tinyurl.com/sr6hwvwx and the Connecting Country website connectingcountry.org.au/weed-watch-gazania.

Contact:

If you find infestations in Maldon Historic Reserve, please email Parks Victoria at info@parks.vic.gov.au.



Gazanias growing in Maldon

AGM with a croquet inspired twist



ON Sunday 23 November, the Tarrangower Cactus Control Group (TCCG) held its Annual General Meeting, followed by a delightful lunch and a friendly game of croquet.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Warriors who attended. Your ongoing support and dedication are vital to the success of our efforts.

During the meeting, attendees heard reports from the President and Treasurer. Despite reducing the number of Field Days in line with our Strategic Plan, the group still achieved a significant amount of work towards controlling Wheel Cactus and raising awareness of this invasive weed. Targeted work with new land-owners proved particularly effective, along with supporting Warriors by repairing equipment

and providing herbicide to keep their efforts going strong.

Office bearers were elected, and four committee member positions were filled. One committee position remains open. If you're interested in joining the fight against Wheel Cactus, we'd love to hear from you! The role involves attending four to six committee meetings and participating in one to two Field Days annually, with opportunities to contribute as much or as little as you'd like. Fresh ideas and input are always welcome— contact us via the website to express your interest cactuswarriors.org.

Lunch, catered by Maldon Grazing, was its usual quality fare. The beautifully presented spread offered a variety of delicious options, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The day concluded with a light-hearted game of croquet. First-timers and seasoned players alike enjoyed moments of laughter, lucky hits, and impressive master strokes.

Congratulations to our office bearers and committee members, and a huge thank you to our incredible Warriors for their commitment to this important work. We look forward to another productive and engaging year ahead!

For further information or to get in touch with the TCCG, interested individuals can visit our website at cactuswarriors.org.

Tarrangower Cactus Control Group

MULGA: Coexisting with critters



From left: Judy Hopley MULGA, Tanya Loos, author and presenter and Bev Phillips MULGA.

MALDON Urban Landcare Group (MULGA) had its annual general meeting on Saturday 30 November, with little change to its hard-working and dedicated committee (just one new member); the executive team remains unchanged. Following the meeting, MULGA hosted a very engaging presentation by Tanya Loos, a field naturalist, writer and science communicator who has written a book called *Living With Wildlife*.

Tanya Loos has undertaken research around Australia to document experiences and advice for people living with wildlife. She has delved into scientific longitudinal studies and data from wildlife hospitals and rescues such as WIRES and Wildlife Victoria and noticed that a stark picture emerged. Catastrophes for animals include car strikes, entanglements, pet attacks, disease, bushfires, floods and other natural disasters, all under the umbrellas of habitat destruction and climate breakdown; all increasing whenever a new suburb is built. In summary, Tanya said that these result in a huge increase in animals needing care.

Tanya said this research led her to ask the question: "Thousands of people are trained each year to be rescuers, but how can we train to keep wildlife out of the rescue system?" She made some useful suggestions about co-existence, a dynamic but sustainable state in which humans and wildlife adapt to living in shared landscapes.

Home hints include: covering car mirrors to prevent birds attacking their own reflections or using a light coloured shade cloth on the outside of windows to deter bids attacking

windows at home. Or wash windows with a light clay wash, keeping windows clean only in winter. This bird behaviour only happens during breeding mode and requires a temporary response.

Backyard hints include: fencing off parts of your garden so they are pet free, keeping cats inside and avoiding snail bait. These actions support eastern blue tongue lizards, which are great to have in the garden because they eat snails! They do not keep snakes away, Tanya says; they have different food and habitat needs. Do not feed Bobtails/pinecone lizards/shinglebacks; you may over-feed them, which leads to them not being able to walk and breed because they are obese.

Do not feed wildlife

In fact, says Tanya, there are many reasons not to feed wildlife: it causes aggression and delinquency, such as cockatoos wrecking the joint – they are not undertaking their natural behaviours so they get bored. Feeding animals also helps to spread diseases including nutrient deficiency disease and gastric yeast syndrome. Tanya is blunt: "Do not feed wildlife."

And finally, if you come across a distressed or injured animal: call a wildlife shelter for advice, don't try and keep it yourself.

Living With Wildlife by Tanya Loos is available at Stoneman's Book Store and Paradise Books or direct from CSIRO Publishing. Also check out the Facebook group: 'Gardens for Wildlife.'

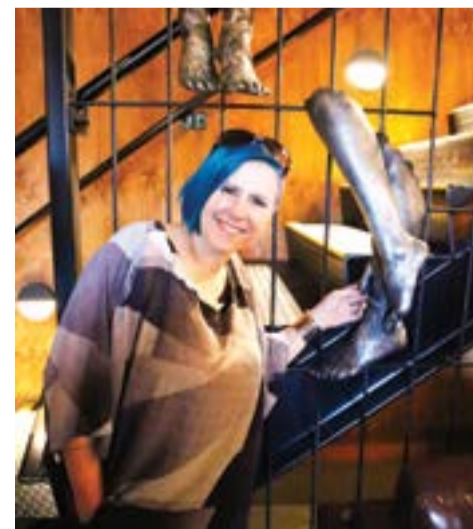
Michelle Dorian

Perfectly cast

CLAIRE Tennant is a mould maker, model maker and casting specialist; one of the few in Australia. She opened a solo exhibition of sculptures at Shedshaker's Taproom venue last week and it certainly got people talking with its life-and-larger-sized bodies and bits on the walls. Brenda, who has purchased a piece, was enchanted by the realism that the live casting process provided: "I love the details. Look at the wrinkles on the fingers... there's even a broken fingernail. It is beautiful because it is so real."

Claire's work runs a spectrum from wholesome pregnant bellies to provocative nudes but the thing that links them all is an absolute acceptance of all shapes. "How awesome are bodies?" She exclaims. "Every body is so beautiful and nobody is looking at that part of you that you hate."

Clair offers sculpture, life casting and workshops through her website: clairetennant.com.au.

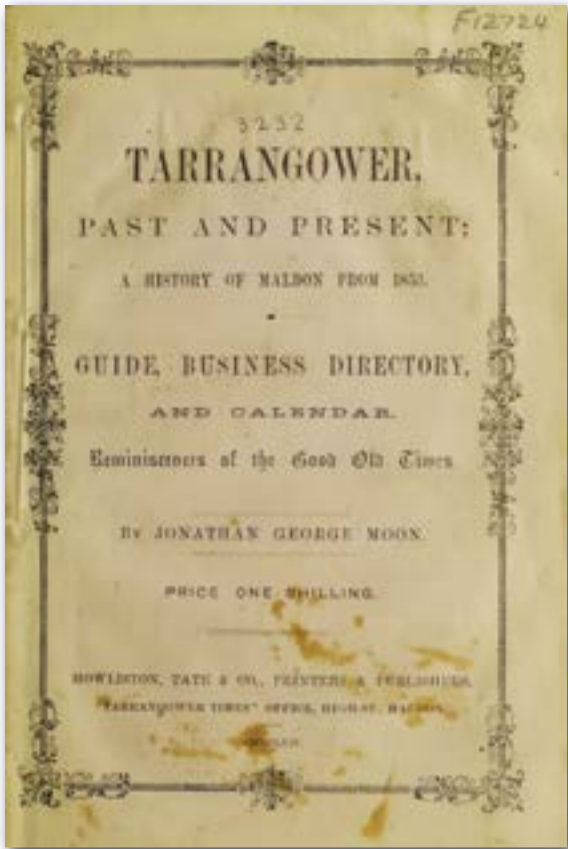


The exhibition 'The Weight of the Mortal Coil' runs until Monday 6 Jan 2025 at The Taproom, Mill Precinct, 5A/9 Walker Street, Castlemaine.

Michelle Dorian

THE REST IS HISTORY

A snapshot from 1864



JONATHAN Moon compiled a fascinating snapshot of Maldon in 1864, (10 years after gold was first discovered in Maldon), when he had published, *Tarrangower, Past and Present; a History of Maldon from 1821. Guide, Business Directory and Calendar.* The 50-page book was available to purchase for one shilling.

In the “Tarrangower, past and present” section, Moon states that the population of the district was between 6,000 and 7,000. Habitations included about 70 stone and brick buildings, 370 wooden buildings and 400 tents.

He writes of his observations of the town and district. He described the town as boasting many comfortable and substantial dwellings that were scattered about the place. Pretty little villas and neat cottages were surrounded by tastefully laid out gardens and ‘it is a pleasure to know that nearly all of them belong to sober, steady, hard-working men,’ providing comfortable homesteads for their wives and families.

In Moon’s comments on the cemetery, he wrote that people were allowed to dig graves wherever they chose, so the graves were scattered about in all directions. With a Government grant, the Trustees will create a layout that includes walks and sections and graves put in order. There are also a number of graves scattered about on hills and in gullies. In Fountain Street there are remains of an extensive burial place, and many of the present inhabitants have built their dwellings over or near the last home of former residents.

The “Business Directory” section contains an index of 154 businesses and services that were operating in 1864. Although most businesses were in either High Street or Main Street, there was a large number located in Eaglehawk, Parkins Reef, Sandy Creek, Porcupine, Long Gully and a few from outlying areas such as Bradford, Baringhup and Muckleford.

Among the list of businesses that include many store-keepers and crushing plants, more notable entries include the Tarrangower Bathing Company, Eaglehawk (that was extremely well patronised in the summer months), a paperhanger (and imitator of wood and marble) and two doctors who are also accoucheurs (assists women with the birth of their child). Many businesses offered a variety of services, including Thomas Calder’s Maldon Timber Yard and Ironmongery establishment, which also advertised ‘funerals furnished on the shortest notice’.

Jonathan Moon arrived in New South Wales in 1852 and eventually settled in Maldon around 1860. Here his jobs included reporter at the *Tarrangower Times*, librarian at the Athenaeum Library and artist, photographer, merchant and showman.

This information was supplied by the Maldon Museum and Archives.



Hat-trick achievement

ONCE again, the humid weather did not deter our Bridge group from arriving to play the game again and hoping for ‘wonderment’ in the cards offered.

‘A hat-trick is the achievement of a generally positive feat three times in a match, or another achievement based on the number three.’

Would Newstead Jo achieve a ‘three in a row’ was the question as Ken announced the draw for the day.

As the numbers were odd due to absentees, one player was to play alone. Judy Mac volunteered to take the seat which was held by Aileen from the previous week. Ken was quickly onto announcing the draw and would you believe Jo drew her partner Kevin to take on the challenge of achieving the Hat-Trick. The pressure was on!

The cards were a challenge and it was only a trick or two which decided the best score for each board as we progressed through the afternoon’s play. A trick here, a trick there would decide the final placings. There was the odd exclamation of ‘I should not have done that!’, especially when trumping a partner’s winning trick. Nevertheless, trick won, and so on with the game!

A quick break for afternoon tea with the conversations solving the problems of the world – as if!!

Following a quick cuppa etc it was back to the tables for the final rounds. All was done and the score sheets gathered for the tallying of results for the afternoon.

Ken and Mary combined to compute the scores with Ken announcing the placings for the day.

In first place were Newstead Jo and Kevin with 46 points. **Well done Jo – Hat Trick Achieved!**

Jan and Lyn were second with 44 points followed by Werner and Mary with 42 points. Aileen and Fred finalised fourth place with 39 points. Well done everyone on challenging those cards once more.

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TODAY former ABC presenter Nicole Chvastek will be our studio guest, chatting with Slats and Tony. We’re also hoping to squeeze in Chris McCormack from Bress and anticipating a cameo appearance from Loz, in a packed program.

Last Friday Nancy and Mike interviewed two guests in rapid succession. First, Maldon actor Kate Hood who recently starred in Sydney Theatre Company’s ‘Cost of Living’, discussing the challenges faced by disabled actors and her company, ‘Raspberry Ripple Productions’. State MP Maree Edwards introduced us to Year 9 work experience student Amalia, who gave us her impressions of a politician’s work (very demanding) and impressed IMT with her declaration, “I want to be Prime Minister.”

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

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Library news

Another significant donation

THE library is very fortunate to have received another significant donation, two volumes of *Victoria and its Metropolis*. These books, donated by library member Peter Hansen, will be a valuable addition to our Archive Collection. It is fitting that these volumes should be stored in a small piece of Melbourne history: a glass-fronted cedar cabinet that came to the Athenaeum Library on permanent loan from the Old Mint in Queen Street, Melbourne, when it closed. The books are not for loan but can be read in the library.



UN Human Rights Day

Tuesday 10 December is Human Rights Day, a United Nations campaign that calls for people to know and demand their rights no matter where they are in the world. It falls on the anniversary of when the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Australia was a founding member of the UN and was also one of eight nations involved in drafting the Universal Declaration, a set of 30 Articles that sets out human rights that are universally protected.

Additionally, 10 December is when the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded. This year the recipient is Nihon Hidanko, a Japanese grassroots organisation which works with survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki 1945 atomic bombings to call for a world free of nuclear weapons.

The library collection includes several books exploring the theme of human rights, the history of human rights and the extent to which nations, including Australia, have been able to fulfil the obligations under the Declaration. Here are some suggestions:

Gillian Triggs' autobiography, *Speaking Up*. Triggs was President of the Australian Human Rights Commission from 2012 to 2017. In 2019, she was appointed Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore. This historical account is subtitled 'One Woman, Her Incredible Fight for Freedom, and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear'.

Do They Hear You When You Cry by the Togo writer Fauziya Kassindj is an autobiographical story of her refusal to submit to kakia, the Togo ritual of female genital mutilation and a forced marriage.

Freedom, Only Freedom: The Prison Writings of Behrouz Boochani. Boochani is a Kurdish-Iranian writer, journalist, scholar, cultural advocate and filmmaker, detained for six years in Australia's offshore migrant detention centre.

A reminder that the Dharrang Gauwa (Mt Tarra) speaks presentation with Professor Barry Golding, talking about his book *Six Peaks Speak: Unsettling in Southern Dja Dja Wurrung Country*, is on Sunday 8 December at the Maldon Community Centre Meeting Room, at 2pm. A copy of the book will be available for loan from the library.

Book reviews

Victoria and its Metropolis by Alexander Sutherland, 1888

Victoria and Its Metropolis is a large two-volume history of Victoria, written in 1888 by Alexander Sutherland. Beautifully presented with many etchings and drawings throughout, this book is the perfect addition to any library of Australian and Victorian history. It contains a huge amount of information on the people of the colony and its early history.

The first volume covers information from the discovery of Australia, through to the exploration of Victoria and the first settlers to the pioneers. It then continues on to discuss immigration, the era of gold, the development of government, agriculture, music and art, literature and the metropolis of Melbourne.

A large portion of the second volume examines the colony by district, which covers many districts throughout the state as well as the metropolitan area. Hundreds of biographical entries are scattered throughout and a comprehensive biographical index is included at the end. This work provides an invaluable resource for all local and social historians of Victoria and the metropolis of Melbourne.

Speaking Up by Gillian Triggs, 2018

As president of the Human Rights Commission, Gillian Triggs advocated for the disempowered, the disenfranchised, the marginalised. She withstood relentless political pressure and media scrutiny as she defended the defenceless for five tumultuous years. How did this aspiring ballet dancer, dignified daughter of a tank commander and eminent law academic respond when appreciative passengers on a full airplane departing Canberra greeted her with a round of applause?

Speaking Up shares with readers the values that have guided Triggs' convictions and the causes she has championed. She dares women to be a little vulgar and men to move beyond their comfort zones to achieve equity for all. And she will not rest until Australia has a Bill of Rights.

Pheasant's Nest by Louise Milligan, 2024

She wonders if they have discovered her missing yet. Has it broken in the news? Who has been assigned to cover her story? Have they started spooling through her social media and pulling out photographs? Constructing a narrative about who she is and what possible reason any person has to kidnap or kill her?

Kate Delaney has made the biggest mistake of her life. She picked the wrong guy to humiliate on a girls' night out and now she is living every woman's worst nightmare. Kate finds herself brutalised, bound and gagged in the back of a car being driven who knows where by a man whose name she doesn't know, and she is petrified about what's in store for her.

Independence Square by Martin Cruz Smith, 2023

It's June 2021, and Arkady knows that Russia is preparing to invade and subsequently annex Ukraine as it did Crimea in 2014. He is, however, preoccupied with other grievances. His longtime lover, Tatiana Petrovna, has deserted him for her work as an investigative reporter. His corrupt boss has relegated him to a desk job. And he is having trouble with his dexterity and balance. A visit to his doctor reveals that these are symptoms of Parkinson's Disease.

An acquaintance has asked him to find his daughter, Karina, an anti-Putin activist who has disappeared. In the course of the investigation, Arkady falls for Karina's roommate, Elena, a Tatar from Ukraine. The search leads them to Kyiv, where rumblings of an armed conflict grow louder. Later in Crimea Tatiana reemerges to complicate Arkady's new romance. And as he gets closer to locating Karina, Arkady discovers something that threatens his life as well as the lives of both Elena and Tatiana.

The Bass Rock by Evie Wyld, 2020

Surging out of the sea, the Bass Rock has for centuries watched over the lives that pass under its shadow on the Scottish mainland. And across the centuries the fates of three women are linked: to this place, to each other. In the early 1700s Sarah accused of being a witch, flees for her life. In the aftermath of the Second World War, Ruth navigates a new house, a new husband and the strange waters of the local community.

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Touki: See how I eat these dog treats, straight from the bag? Dogs Go Whacko for them! That's how you know I am a dog.

TT: It would be so great to have a photo of your face for the paper.

Touki: Oh sure, but ask me some questions first.

TT: OK. What sort of activities do you enjoy, Touki?

Touki: Well, of course I play fetch and I come when you call.

TT: That's all normal for a dog.

Touki: See what I mean?

TT: Anything else?

Touki: I'm looking forward to the Australian Open - it's my favourite sport! I love watching the tennis on TV and tapping at the ball on the screen.

TT: You like balls on TV.

Touki: That's right, I spend my time indoors.

TT: Really. No walks, then?

Touki: Oh I'm more of a bookish type, I enjoy reading, too.

TT: What is your favourite book?

Touki: I loved *French Cats Don't Get Fat*, it was delicious.

TT: You're a cat, aren't you Touki. I've remembered how I know your name: you are the Second-Best-Friend of last week's Doggo!

Touki: It's not who you are but who you want to be, that's what I always say!

TT: Enjoy your dog snacks, Touki.



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Lap Swimming is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 6-7pm and starts on Monday 9 December. Aqua Aerobics sessions are held at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on 10 December.

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Lee Mead

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Hobo Playhouse: daring greatly



THE troupe of actors gathered and nurtured by Jeff Jones under the title of 'Hobo Playhouse' worked hard all year towards its showcase, which was held on Sunday 1 December at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. A large audience of around 50 people attended to see scenes, monologues and improvisations performed by the talented group.

The audience was moved by Carolyn Palmer as a grieving, graveside widow and Louise White as a Rwandan genocide survivor. They laughed when the supermarket teller played by Renee DeRobertis described a turkey falling out of a shoplifter's dress and when Graham Pitts as Professor Dripworth asked "Do we have the talent to win alien support?" A recurring theme was couples' communication: one pair (Mark Fuller and Fran Gleeson) talked entirely at cross-purposes while another (Bernice Steinfort and Ron Richardson) were as opposite as Coke and Pepsi.

Most of the pieces were rehearsed, but Jeff and the Hobos gave a glimpse into their process by showing some daring improvisations and exercises used to develop characters; in these, Juliana Cafarella was a brave participant who at one point launched into song.

The highlights were the scenes written by the actors themselves, in particular the heavenly humour of *The Enunciation*, written and performed by Fran Gleeson as Angel Gabriel telling Mary she will give birth to Jesus. "You'll be famous and artists will be lining up to paint you!"

A number of the Hobo players have gone on to perform in theatre productions in the region, including Maryborough and Castlemaine, demonstrating Jeff's skill as a tutor. Keep an eye on local companies to see where they pop up next.

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THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF CAIRN CURRAN

Photos taken during the construction of Cairn Curran provided by Goulburn-Murray Water.



IT'S usually only during floods and droughts that the everyday modern person thinks at all about the availability of water; we take for granted the trickle from the tap. But the contrast between the recent dry spell of many months and the rain of the last week has prompted Goulburn-Murray Water, the entity that manages the storage and delivery of water in our region, to share some information about how these extremes are managed. It is perhaps more interesting than you would think.

Flow and fluctuations

Cairn Curran Reservoir was constructed between 1947 and 1956 to try and provide a semblance of reliability to one of Victoria's least reliable rivers: the Loddon. The Loddon River's changeability is evident in the past few years alone; last month, Cairn Curran received just 1,260 megaliters (ML) of inflows compared to 148,000ML of inflows during October 2022. Thus, the 147,000ML storage went from receiving more than its entire capacity in one month in 2022, to less than one-thousandth of its capacity in the same month just two years later.

Without Cairn Curran, the full effect of these extremes would be felt; in the

dry times, irrigators would have little more than a trickle of water along the Loddon River to draw from, and during floods, the most extreme flows would rush downstream without a buffer.

This means that the reservoir needs to be proactively managed. Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) Senior Storage Officer Adrian Pearse said the rapid change between dry conditions and dramatic inflows created its own unique set of challenges. "When the storage is low, we need to keep the foreshore clear of debris and rubbish, because if we get some rain and it fills up, what's left on the foreshore will be dragged into the storage," he said. "There's a lot of red gum trees around Cairn Curran that often lose large branches when conditions go from dry to wet, so we need to be particularly vigilant in removing any logs that could get stuck in the radial gates.

Construction of Cairn Curran

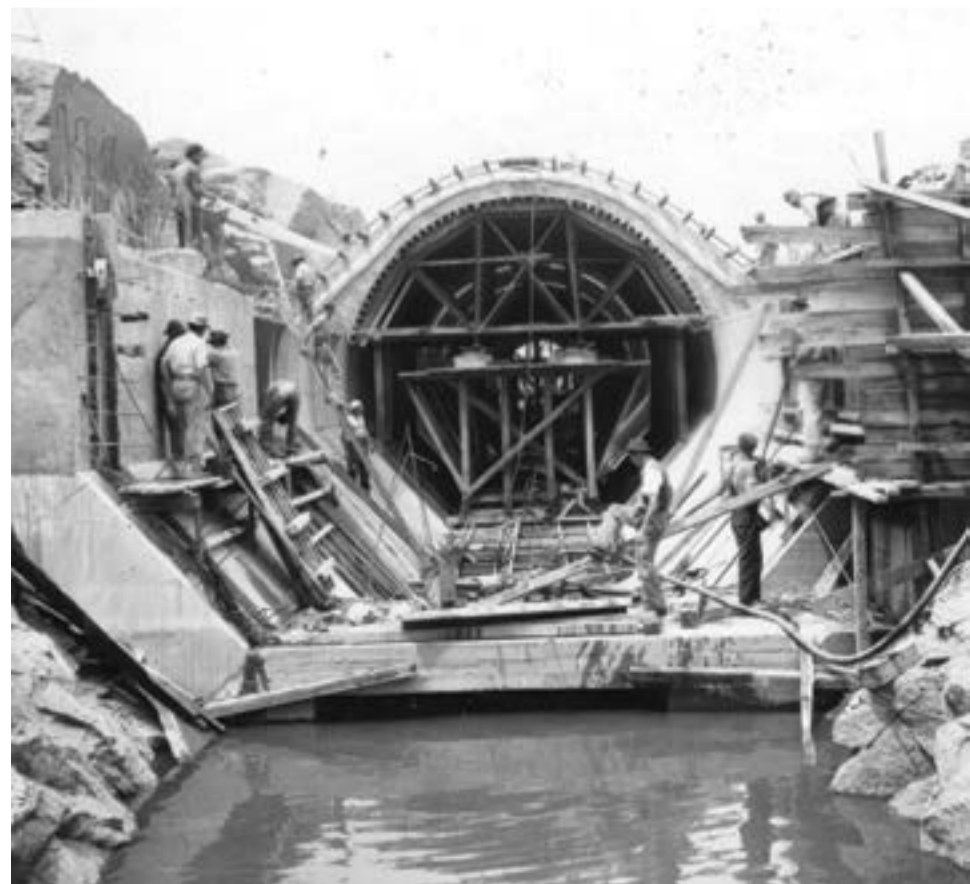
The reservoir was built to not only handle such extremes but to moderate them as well. Soon after the region was settled it became clear that the Loddon River's unreliability was a major obstacle. In 1948, the *Shepparton Advertiser* described irrigation on the Loddon River as being 'a story of undue optimism and disappointing results'. At the time, the only water storage on the Loddon River was Laanecoorie Reservoir, which had a modest capacity of 8,000 ML. While

irrigators had been advocating for an additional storage on the river since the Great Depression, the Second World War meant construction of Cairn Curran would not begin until 4 September 1947.

A shortage in materials initially plagued the works and a worker strike following the dismissal of a truck driver also delayed progress. At other times, morale was buoyed by workers' antics. Most notable was when Jack Baxter, another truck driver working at the reservoir, placed a 10-pound wager that he could push Maldon publican Frank O'Brien from Castlemaine to Maldon in a wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow had collection boxes attached to the sides to help fundraise for the hospital in Maldon.

Cuts to government loan funds meant that works on Cairn Curran dried up altogether in 1952. For about two years, the reservoir remained untouched in a half-finished state. However, in 1954, following a change in government, funding was allocated to complete Cairn Curran and works on the storage recommenced. This time, the works went smoothly, with the storage officially opening on 27 April 1956. Such was the significance of Cairn Curran to the area, Maldon Shire Council announced a 'half-holiday' to celebrate the reservoir's completion.

It's not clear why we no longer observe this half-holiday, but it is clear that Cairn Curran serves a vital purpose to the district amidst an inconstant climate.





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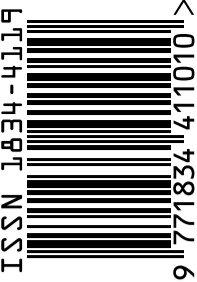
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Sociable Pétanque



Role reversal and fellership

ON Sunday 1 December the Piste Artistes gathered for a final game of Social Pétanque for 2024. It was another weird weather day, overcast,

humid, and plagued by sticky little flies. Of course no one had Aerogard. Despite these minor hiccups, everyone did their best to battle on against the flies and the wind and the soggy surface, so beautifully raked by Antoine. We missed Cap'n P's presence, as he was rescuing a kangaroo.

We welcomed a newcomer Lin and did our best to ensure she had a good time. While some games were over in a flash, others dragged on point by point. The most interesting outcome was that former winners and losers suffered or enjoyed total and surprising role reversals.

Eventually the overall winners were Carole and Steve with +21 points. A delightful first for them. They were followed in second place by Antoine, Marieanne and new bug Lin, with +14 points. Third place was taken by Ann, Geoff and Maxeen with +4 points. In fourth place EC and Mme Bleue scored -10 points. Marjorie and Joan came fifth with -14 points. While another total role reversal found Jenny and Kevin *lucky last* with -15 points, and they won chocolates for their surprising result! I should add that the Loser's chocolates are highly prized.

After a summer hiatus, our next games will be on Sunday 26 January at 1.45pm for a 2pm start, on the Penny School Piste. Come and join us for a new year of fun and fantasy. Call 0459 093 452 if you would like to be in a team every so often. Meanwhile we will gather at the Golden Nugget for lunch on 15 December to enjoy what my Aunty Flo called 'Fellership' and find out who was in the most winning teams for the year and thus winner of *La Boule Bleue*. To be presented by the 2024 winners, Geoff and André.

Mme Bleue

Glossary

Fellowship/fellership: friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.



Lin learning.



Steve and Carole winning.



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