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Spotted at Maldon Market last Sunday: 9-year-old Harry! Facepainting was a popular new addition to the usual line-up at the family-friendly event. Photo courtesy Rob Leeson.

LIGHTS, CASTLEMAINE, ACTION!

Mount Alexander Shire Council (MASC) announced last Friday 7 February that a large crew, shooting for a Hollywood movie, will arrive to film in Castlemaine over the next week. Permits are still being finalised so not all details are available, but the council advised that a Liam Neeson movie called *The Mongoose* will be shot in the centre of town in streets including Lyttleton, Templeton and Frederick Streets, plus some filming on the Midland Highway near Maclise Street. The expected dates are Monday 17 to Tuesday 25 February and some changes to traffic access may occur during these times.

Council advised that it is working closely with the production company, Servo Productions, to arrange permits; it requires the film team to work closely with local community. The council announcement said: "We understand that this filming might cause some inconvenience over those days. At Mount Alexander Shire Council, we are seeking to maximise the substantial benefits this opportunity presents the shire and the region, while recognising and minimising the effect it has on the community's day-to-day operations."

The news struck a chord with Rob Leeson, legendary photographer for the *Tarrangower Times*, who shared the following upon hearing about Hollywood coming to Castlemaine: "Last time Liam Neeson was here he was filming at a lake and

I was taking photos with a long-angle lens from in the bushes, trying to get an action shot of the explosions. And a security guard came up to me and told me to move and I said hey, I'm allowed to be here and he said yeah but we can see you farting around in the background, we need you to get out of the shot!"

Stay informed about filming updates by checking the MASC website: mountalexander.vic.gov.au/council/news-and-updates.





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2025 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 piste in Church Street, from 10.45am for a 11am start, subject to the weather. For further information contact 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 WALKING, (during school terms) 9.30am Castlemaine Botanic Gardens (near Picnic Shelter) Further info and bookings 5479 1000.

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. Recommencing February 2025.

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 WALKING (during school terms) 4.30pm Harcourt (near children's playground) 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.

NUGGETY 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.

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 WEDNESDAY FORTNIGHT

NEWSTEAD COMMUNITY LUNCH, Feb 19, March 5, March 19. \$7 per head – all welcome 12.30 – 1.30pm at the Newstead Community Centre. Enq: Anthony Santamaria 0490 055 918.

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.

MALDON PETANQUE CLUB, practice session, 4pm, St. Brigid's. All welcome.

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

CASTLEMAINE & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETINGS, 7pm Aitken's Corner Cafe, cnr of Gaulton & Johnston Sts., Castlemaine. All welcome. <https://nhw.com.au/membership-application/>

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. Annual membership \$25. 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 WALKING for experienced walkers 9.30am Castlemaine Botanic Gardens (near Picnic Shelter) Further info 5479 1000.

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 15 & SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

MALDON ANTIQUE FAIR, gates open at 8am. Admission \$5, kids free, Maldon Football Ground (Bill Woodfull Reserve). Enq: text Mark 0414 244 842 or www.maldonevents.com.

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

DECREASING THE RISK OF DRUG-RESISTANT INFECTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY, 11.30am–12.30pm at the Rural Transaction Centre, Newstead. More info: info@dhehkayahealth.org.au.

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

MALDON BOWLS CLUB COMMUNITY NIGHT BBQ AND BAREFOOT BOWLING, 5.30pm. Live music with Arty-Rex. Free bowling practice/coaching for parents + junior development from 4pm.

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

BENDIGO WRITERS CLUB with Anne Grace 7–9pm Bendigo Library, Activity Room 1, 259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo. Cost \$10 supper included.

MALDON CARAVAN PARK HAVE YOUR SAY DROP IN SESSION, For local business owners and event organisers, 5.30pm–7pm Maldon Community Centre.

SATURDAY 1 MARCH

MALDON CARAVAN PARK HAVE YOUR SAY DROP IN SESSION, For community members, 8am–11am Maldon Old Bank Corner.

MALDON TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE, commences 8am. Maps (\$2) from Maldon Neighbourhood Centre on the day.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

MALDON GARDEN CLUB TOMATO COMPETITION at the Progress Hall. Tomatoes to be delivered there by 4pm for judging at 5pm. Details: Christine 0428 810 633.

SUNDAY 16 MARCH

WALK THE LINE - MOOLORT, 9.30am–12.30pm from the Moolort Silos to Bald Hill Road. For more details and to book: tinyurl.com/3aepaxrv

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

SCAM AWARENESS SESSION, With Jack Kennedy from Bendigo Bank's Financial Crime Risk Department at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Church St., Maldon, 5–6pm, nibbles provided. RSVP: drop into either branch, call 5475 1747 or email MaldonMailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.au.

EXHIBITIONS

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 2 MARCH

JULIE ANDREWS, *Following the Half-Light*, Cascade Art Gallery, Thursday - Sunday 10am–5pm. Artist Floor Talk: 2pm Sunday 16 February.

Please let us know if there are any changes to the Diary.

Contact Karen on 0404 357 556 or email karen@tarrangowertimes.com.au



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Walk to consider impact of proposed chicken farms

THE group behind the Castlemaine to Maryborough Rail Trail (CMRT) project is inviting the general public to take a walk along a section of the trail on Sunday 16 March, asking residents to consider the potential impact of proposed broiler farms. The CMRT project aims to turn the 1870s railway line, known as the Moolort Line, into a recreational track for walking, running and cycling between Castlemaine and Maryborough.

President of CMRT Janice Simpson explained that the proposed Carisbrooke broiler farm, which has an application with Central Goldfields Shire (CGS) Council, would affect the rail trail because it is very close to the old railway line. "They've proposed a buffer zone over the existing rail trail," she explained. The CGS Planning Scheme requires 'buffers' for various constructions, to provide adequate distances between different uses of land.

The CMRT website states that the proposed buffer, "could limit or stop use of about 1.5km of the Rail Trail across the Moolort Plains." But Ms Simpson explained that there is no option to move the rail trail from its 150-year-old route. "There's been a feasibility study that indicates it's very feasible and there's no reason to go anywhere else." She pointed out that Central Goldfields Shire Council and Mount Alexander Shire Council have each pledged \$40,000 to the project. "I can't see that cash-strapped councils want to chuck money into the air for no gain," she said.

The CMRT hopes that if people can walk the route, they will be able to see the impact that a broiler farm would have on users of the trail. "The walk will cover the 1.3km of 'buffer zone' according to the application," Ms Simpson said. "Readers might like to come along, Geoff Park will speak, he knows so much about the Moolort Plains. We've chosen that location to specifically highlight where the planning proposal has located the broiler farm and we hope people will be able to see that the site is inappropriate."

Peter Strang from Maldon Cycling indicated that a broiler farm might not be a draw-card for cyclists on the route. "It depends. Having

a broiler farm there would not make it more attractive," Peter said. "It certainly could be a disincentive if it was sited badly." It reinforces the suggestion that people should visit for themselves.

The CMRT project commenced in February 2021, with a feasibility study completed in August 2023; it is now in its pre-construction phase. The \$35million project has received funding so far from the Mount Alexander Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire Council, State Government of Victoria. The *Tarrangower Times* has contacted Mount Alexander Shire Council for comment.

Ms Simpson said that her group is opposed to the proposed broiler farm application. "We have formally objected to CGS because that's where the formal application lies. Members of our committee have been in touch directly with councillors about our concerns."

'Walk the Line' to see for yourself. Meet at Moolort Silos, 85 Keystone Mine Rd, Moolort on Sunday 16 March at 9:30am.

For details and to book, visit: tinyurl.com/3aepaxrv.

Avian flu arrives in Victoria

Agriculture Victoria confirmed on Saturday 8 February the presence of avian influenza at a poultry property in northern Victoria. The affected property has been placed under quarantine and restrictions have been placed over much of Strathbogie Shire to prevent movements that could spread the virus. The Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness at Geelong stated that it is a different strain to the one that impacted south-western Victorian poultry farms during 2024 and the 2024 New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory outbreak.

The current risk to the public remains low and Agriculture Victoria advised that it is safe to consume eggs and poultry products from supermarkets.

Any suspicion of an emergency animal disease (EAD) should be immediately reported to the 24-hour EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888 or to your local vet.

Fire report

THE fire brigades at Newstead, Baringhup and Maldon have all had a quiet week, which is worth mentioning since there were some very high temperatures.

No call-outs and nothing to report, let's not jinx this great run by saying any more. Stay safe and alert, everyone!

Group push to get off the gas

GET involved but don't try to say MANZWG (Mt Alexander Net Zero Working Group)!

MANZWG is the local group encouraging folk in the shire to move towards renewable energy use and they are holding a drop-in session on Saturday 22 February in Castlemaine. The group's current focus is the State Government's proposal to electrify residential and commercial buildings across Victoria. The government plans to reduce demand for gas in Victoria by bringing in regulations to require new builds to install electricity only, and to replace end-of-life gas appliances with electric appliances. Stakeholders and the community are asked to comment on proposed energy reforms before

they are finalised, by completing a survey and/or making a submission.

MANZWG is running a drop-in session to support people making a submission, a process which will take approximately 10 - 15 minutes. They invite attendees to stay and have a chat and a cuppa with MANZWG members about the group's activities, celebrating businesses in the Mount Alexander community who are on the journey to renewable energy.

Come along and meet MANZWG at Castlemaine Senior Citizens Centre on Saturday 22 February from 10am - 12 noon. For information and to make online submissions, visit: engage.vic.gov.au/building-electrification.

Sign up, roll up: Maldon garage sale



Brianna purchased this coffee table from one of the garage sales at the Neighbourhood Centre last year. It was her fourth time at the Maldon TWGS.

REGISTER now to involve your household in the 17th Maldon Town-Wide Garage Sale! Maldon Neighbourhood Centre (MNC) is coordinating the event and is compiling a map of participating houses; the deadline is Wednesday 26 February.

It costs just \$10 to have your sale printed on the town map which will be sold at MNC, making it a huge event for locals and visitors alike. To hold a garage sale on the day, register by filling out the online form (with online payment) or drop an envelope into the MNC or Maldon Newsagency, with \$10 and your name, phone number and address. There are limited options for stalls at the MNC itself. The MNC will call to confirm your registration, so if you haven't heard from them by Thursday 27 Feb, contact them.

Buyers should plan to have small change on hand for the sale itself, which takes place on Saturday 1 March from 8am. Buy a map from MNC for \$2 to make the most of the day. The

organisers are expecting over 50 participating households so there will be bargains and treasures to be found across the town!

See the online registration form at: tinyurl.com/44jdpwza and direct all queries to Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, call PH 5475 2093.

Michelle Dorian



Council is inviting residents to have their say on the future potential use of the Maldon Caravan Park.

There are four options up for consideration:

- Continue maintaining the operation of the caravan park.
- Repurpose the land for recreation and/or leisure.
- Repurpose the land for social and affordable housing.
- Hand the land back to Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA).

Have your say

- Complete a survey at shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au.
- Call 5471 1700 and speak to a Council officer.
- Email your feedback to info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Drop-in sessions

Learn more, ask questions and provide feedback in-person.

Session one: For local business owners and event organisers

When: Wednesday 26 February, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Where: Maldon Community Centre

Session two: For community members

When: Saturday 1 March, 8.00am to 11.00am

Where: Maldon Old Bank Corner

Learn more at shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

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Bite size news and opportunities: summer edition

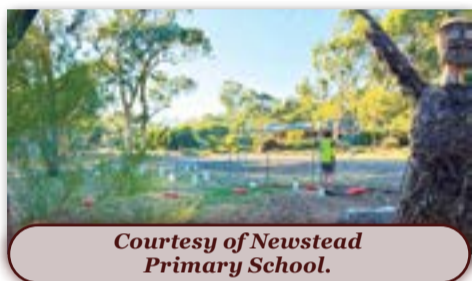
Council meetings recommence



Meetings of Mount Alexander Shire Council commence on Tuesday 18 February and will occur at 6.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month, with the last scheduled for Tuesday 16 December this year. The meetings are live-streamed and recorded on the council's YouTube channel and residents may submit comments or questions to be addressed at the meeting; there is an online form which should be completed by midday on the day of the meeting.

For dates, agendas, minutes, video stream and details of how to submit a question, visit the MASC website and search for 'Council Meetings'.

Newstead Primary playground upgrade



Courtesy of Newstead Primary School.

Students at Newstead Primary school are experiencing fantastic changes to their outdoor environment (see more on Page 5) with works to take place until Wednesday 19 February. Last year students voted on the design of a new playground to replace the existing one along Canrobert Street. Once the playground has been constructed the school will organise a working bee to fill the space with new mulch.

BBQ and bowling



Arty Rex will be playing at the Maldon Bowls Club's community event.

Come along to the wonderful Community Barbecue and Barefoot Bowls event next Friday 21 February at Maldon Bowls Club. There will be live music and it's always a great atmosphere — no pressure to have any bowling skills, but if you'd like to gain some, they offer free coaching from 4pm. The \$5 entry includes bowling, use of equipment and a raffle ticket. Children under 15 free. 82 High Street Maldon, Friday 21 February from 5.30pm (free coaching from 4pm).

Performance Workshops

Join a group at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre to work towards creating short performances starting this weekend, Sunday 16 February. This series of eight workshops will be fun and thought-provoking, as participants build scenes and characters through lots of creative play.

Work with experienced theatre director Michelle Dorian to develop and devise new works or re-imagine existing texts, culminating

in small public showings to friends and family. There is also the possibility of involvement in public events with new theatre company, Plein Air.



Develop or improve performance craft and confidence, enjoy creating with a small team, have fun thinking about new ways to express ideas and stories. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, Sundays 3pm - 5.30pm from Sunday 16 February. \$80 or \$60 concession for eight sessions. **Book online:** tinyurl.com/42dskx6b.

Who's on first?



Try your hand at baseball with Central Victoria's newest club! The new look Central Victorian Rangers Baseball Club is offering the chance to 'come and try' in February and March at their new home in Elphinstone.

CV Rangers are hoping to field four teams in this year's Bendigo Baseball Association winter season. They are looking for players of all ages and genders to form two junior and two senior teams. They are also on the lookout for supporters, officials, coaches, sponsors and volunteers. The club has been established on the grounds of community pride and is a non-segregated club that is inclusive for all. They aim to provide opportunities for everyone in our community to participate in healthy, safe, and inclusive baseball activities in a fun and family orientated environment. Come and try baseball on Sunday 16 February from 10am, Saturday 22 February from 10am and Sunday 2 March 10am at Elphinstone Recreation Reserve, Olivers Lane, Elphinstone. For more information contact Rhiana on 0439 739 851 or malmesburyrangersbaseball@outlook.com.

MP rejects renewables



One Nation's Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell on the floor of parliament.

Member for Northern Victoria Region Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell has used the first sitting week of State Parliament, Tuesday 4 to Thursday 6 February, to make contributions relating to three proposed renewable energy projects that she says will rob three separate communities within this electorate of valuable agricultural land. The One Nation Party member called on Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny to

reject planning permits for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project in Dederang and solar facilities proposed for Meadow Creek and Colbinabbin, between Bendigo and Rushworth. Mrs Tyrrell said: "All three of these projects are strongly opposed by the respective communities and it is time the Minister and the Allan Labor Government finally listened to regional Victorians instead of pushing ahead with their destructive renewable energy agenda."

Council building services shared

Mount Alexander Shire Council (MASC) announced on Monday 10 February that it has entered a partnership with Hepburn Shire Council to deliver building services across both shire areas. It says community members will benefit from a more streamlined and efficient building services team. The consolidation of the building services teams means a single, skilled team will now provide building services to the communities of both shires.

The new team structure will commence on Tuesday 1 April 2025 and will be managed by MASC. MASC Chief Executive Officer, Darren Fuzzard said the change would improve service delivery and reduce duplication. "By combining our resources, we can provide a stronger, more efficient service for our communities," said Mr Fuzzard. "This means better support for local builders, businesses and residents when it comes to building processes." The council says there will be no changes to the way residents and businesses access services.

New NT clay exhibit



Hermannsburg Potters, Antala-iperra/weather, 2022. Hand built terracotta, underglazes.

Central Goldfields Art Gallery invites residents to attend an exhibition opening featuring ceramics from the Central Desert Region of the Northern Territory. Clay on Country is a celebration of clay, community, culture, and creativity showcasing the work of 35 artists and collectives from the central desert region. The exhibition will be opened by Central Goldfields Shire Mayor, Councillor Grace La Vella, with guest speaker Louise Tegart, Director of the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Come along from 2pm Saturday 22 February to Central Goldfields Art Gallery, Old Fire Station, 1 Neill Street, Maryborough. RSVP by 18 February 2025 by calling 03 5461 6600 or email cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au. The exhibition will remain on show until 22 June 2025.

Mosquito virus found in Northern VIC

A confirmed human case of Japanese encephalitis (JE) has been identified in a resident of northern Victoria, the first case of JE in Victoria this mosquito season. JE virus has

also been detected through environmental surveillance in northern Victoria along the Murray River, and in mosquitoes and feral pigs in New South Wales this summer. These findings indicate that JE virus is likely circulating in northern Victoria. JE virus can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain and is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes.



Residents and people visiting northern Victoria, particularly inland riverine regions and near the Murray River, are potentially at higher risk of infection and should take measures to prevent mosquito bites by using mosquito repellent containing picaridin or diethyltoluamide (DEET) on all exposed skin. Wear long, loose fitting clothing when outside, and ensure accommodation, including tents are properly fitted with mosquito nettings or screens.

Power company responds to fuse concerns

Last week's edition of the *Tarrangower Times* (Friday 7 February) featured a story about

Sam and Alex, who'd been alerted by a buzzing sound to some faulty wiring in their Maldon house. The *TT* approached Powercor and asked whether there might be an issue with older fuses. A spokesperson from Powercor has responded as follows:

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The Spokesperson also advised that customers can report any faults to Powercor's Bendigo based contact centre any time on: 13 24 12.

Make your comment about Maldon Caravan Park



Mount Alexander Shire Council (MASC) is seeking feedback about the future of Maldon Caravan Park, which it has managed since 2023. An online survey is gathering community thoughts about potential uses for the site, with the council saying it seeks to understand local needs and priorities. The community consultation process will close on Monday 10 March.

Afterwards, the feedback will be compiled with planning and budgetary considerations in a report for Councillors to consider in mid-2025 as they decide on the future of the park and use of the land. Find the survey at Shape Mount Alexander: shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/maldon-caravan-park. See ad page 3.

Newstead Primary goes Gaga Agreement offers funding and improvements for students



The blokes from Newstead Men's Shed who built the Gaga Ball pit at the primary school. What a great new game!

A great partnership driven by students at Newstead Primary School has resulted in a fun new facility in the school playground. The 2024 senior leadership group approached Newstead Men's Shed to build a Gaga Pit... but first they had to explain what it was!

"About eight months ago, we were doing some maintenance and the principal Cathy Callander asked us into her office," Graeme Lees from Newstead Men's Shed explained. "There were about four kids who were part of a senior leadership program, they'd sat down and asked themselves 'how can we improve the school?' And they told us all about Gaga and asked us to build a Gaga pit. I looked at my bloke and he looked at me and we went: 'What?'"

Gaga Ball is described by its promoters as 'Australia's fastest growing schoolyard game'

and there is a website that features rules and specs. "We had to Google it," Graeme said. "The pit has to be an octagon and it has to be a certain height." Gaga Ball is a fast-paced and simple game — reminiscent of 'poison ball' or 'dodgeball' — that seems to have originated at American summer-camps.

Graeme said the blokes at the Men's Shed enjoyed the challenge of building the pit. "Because we were doing it from scratch, we had to scratch our heads a bit," he said. "And we had to make a few changes and make it fit the yard, obviously." He commended the fundraising work of the student leaders and said that Mount Alexander Timber and Hardware offered a really a good price for the materials. What a great outcome and a productive community partnership!

Michelle Dorian



(L to R): Simon Wood | Principal of Crusoe College, Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters MP, State Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards MP.

STATE and Federal representatives of this region met at Crusoe College in Bendigo last week as both Governments made a joint announcement last week about education funding, having come to a landmark agreement that ties federal financial contributions to reforms designed to benefit students. They announced on Friday 7 February that the Australian Government will increase its contribution to Victorian public schools as the state education system makes changes intended to help students catch up, keep up and finish school.

As part of the agreement, the Commonwealth will provide an additional 5 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) — an estimate of how much total public funding a school needs to meet its students' educational needs — lifting the federal contribution from 20 per cent to 25 per cent of the SRS by 2034. Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters

said: "Every school student in the Bendigo electorate deserves access to a quality education. This landmark funding agreement will help improve our local schools and boost outcomes for students."

Some of the proposed improvements to education include: early phonics and numeracy checks to identify students who need additional help; initiatives that support wellbeing for learning, including access to mental health professionals in schools; high-quality and evidence-based professional learning; initiatives that improve the attraction and retention of teachers.

"There's no better place to get a world class education than one of our Victorian public schools here in Bendigo," Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards said. "This funding agreement is a win for our students and teachers and ensures that our local public schools get their fair share."

On location, behind the scenes

AS excitement builds for another Hollywood production filming in our region, the *Tarrangower Times* wanted to find out all about the behind-the-scenes processes involved.

Emily Owens is Executive Producer and CEO of Toffee Studios, which has recently been host to the filming of the new Netflix show, *Apple Cider Vinegar* and the 2025 AACTA (Australian Academy of Cinema, Television and the Arts) award-winning film, *Better Man*. Emily has extensive film and television production experience; she speaks passionately about the industry and the unique opportunities created when filming in country Victoria. She was happy to give the *TT* her expert, insider information about how location filming works.

"It's really important that everyone's on board and everyone understands the process," Emily said, explaining that Mount Alexander Shire Council (MASC) has a department to help manage permits and expectations for residents. "You'll have people working in council that are representing residents, they will work

with the people that will be affected by the filming."

The MASC website outlines the requirements for film, television and advertising shoots, which include permits to use council-managed land including roads, lanes, paths and parks.

"There's so much paperwork," Emily said. "Film crews have to work so hard with mud maps (site plans) and traffic management plans, there's a whole department and they will be working with the council to work it out. Council may also have been on the site visits to choose the shooting locations. Then they have to do what is reasonable and fair for the local residents - your council might request a physical meeting or a letterbox drop. It will be mandated by the council as to how the residents should be informed."

For various reasons, not least of which is the privacy that must be shown to a Hollywood star, not all information about a film shoot will be made publicly available. "They have duty of care so there may be some 'cloak and

daggers' involved. They may have some flexibility in case they can't film due to changes in the weather, for example, and they are not going to inform everyone about every step," Emily said. In situations where residents may be inconvenienced, the crew is required to keep the community informed. "It will be really low impact compared to something like construction, but the people that are affected, the crew is going to let them know. If people haven't been told, it may be because they won't be affected."

Emily spoke about the reasons why particular locations will be chosen, saying: "Place tells story, they've come here for a reason. But many other places are fighting for this business." She said producers, who were hit hard by COVID and have struggled to rebuild the local industry, want to work in regional towns where the process is smooth. "The thing is for film crews, they want ease, they want logistics to be worked out. It's highly stressful to work out things like truck access, three-phase power and billeting for crew. It's a major responsibility

and they want to be conscientious." She said locations are often an extra 'character' in a film and they can inspire the feel of the film and then the region shines through.

And as for the benefits of having Hollywood come to our hometown? According to Emily, they might start with the shoot itself but then continue. "Local services will be used in those areas," she said, pointing to catering, props, traffic management and accommodation as examples. "It attracts a lot of attention to a place, think of *Bondi Rescue* and *Bondi Vet*. And with *Lord of the Rings*, people who trained in New Zealand have now gone on to work in Hollywood."

Overall, Emily believes that a local film production is immensely positive, particularly for tourism. "The benefit is far-reaching. And it's exciting; it's beyond financial. If you get it right, it becomes part of the tapestry of the region. We want to step in a place where we know our stars and our heroes have stepped, because we want to be part of that."

Michelle Dorian

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Info session on decreasing drug-resistant infections

DHELKAYA Health is pleased to announce an upcoming community wellbeing information session for February, led by Community Health Nurse, Jenny Miko. This informative session will take place on Thursday, 20 February from 11.30am to 12.30pm at the Rural Transaction Centre in Newstead. The focus of the session will be on 'Decreasing the Risk of Drug-Resistant Infections in the Community', an important topic given the rising global concerns about antibiotic resistance.

The session will provide valuable information on how community members can actively participate in the fight against drug-resistant infections. Some practical tips will be shared, including information on how your small actions can make a big difference in preventing the spread of resistant microbes.

"We know that the use of antibiotics for preventable conditions is a significant factor contributing to the rise of drug-resistant infections," said Jenny. "This session will provide insights into how we can all play a part in safeguarding our community's health. By simply following a few key practices, we can collectively help reduce the need for antibiotics, protecting ourselves and future generations from infections that may become harder to treat."

This session is free and open to everyone—no prior registration required. It offers a great opportunity for members of the community to learn about this crucial health topic.

"We're committed to supporting our community with accessible health education and information, and we encourage everyone to attend," said Jenny. "The more we know, the better equipped we'll be to protect ourselves and others from preventable health risks."

For more information, please email info@dhelkayahealth.org.au.

Janine McCarthy

Works begin on Guildford Big Tree



Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register, Council officers have consulted with local Djaara elders on the above listed works. The large, fallen limb will be used by DJAARA (Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation) for exciting future cultural activities.

Shop 'n' Win Winner!



Linda (right) was a happy winner of a \$50 voucher in the recent Shop 'n' Win competition in Maldon! She shared her winnings with a friend and enjoyed afternoon tea together at Maldon Rose Cafe. Photo courtesy of Maldon Rose.

MOUNT Alexander Shire Council will be undertaking works to improve the health of the Guildford Big Tree, following storm damage in 2024.

The majestic River Red Gum is estimated to be between 500 and 1,000 years old, and has been awarded the title of Victorian Tree of the Year by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

The tree was damaged during a severe storm in February 2024 and shed a very large limb.

The following works will take place to improve the health of the tree, as well as reduce risks to both the tree and the public:

- Weight reduction
- Formative pruning
- Mulching with Indigenous understory plantings
- Replacement of the surrounding fence

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*Betty Taylor
Bradford*

Australia Day Debate

My letter from 31 January concerning respecting Australia Day attracted two vigorous responses. They both expressed strong views about recognising the facts about our nation's history. So we should. Nonetheless, to wallow in the dark parts of our history is self-destructive. There are a number of recognised days throughout the year where people of Aboriginal descent (and others) may conduct survival or invasion events. In the spirit of reconciliation, I am simply asking to let me have one day per year where I can celebrate our great country without commiserations.

Whilst I reject Mary Dolton's position supporting conducting a dual event, Lauren Williams' letter is far more problematic. The imputation that I am racist for the views I expressed in my original letter is ridiculous and offensive. As a patriot and veteran, I hold strong views about our great country and I will continue to seek celebration of our country on 26 January each year. Lauren would no doubt be surprised about my family composition, my overseas service and the diversity of my friends and the dozens of people I have employed. Furthermore, I reject the claim that I parrot lies. Again, this is extremely offensive and I leave it to her to do the decent thing and correct her offensive letter.

Yours sincerely,
*Brian Fitzgerald
Patriot & Veteran
Bradford*

Clunes Booktown Festival returns



Chloe Smith Photography

THE Clunes Booktown Festival will return on 22 and 23 March 2025, celebrating its 19th year with a diverse program of author talks, workshops, and book stalls. Held in the historic goldfields town 36km north of Ballarat, the festival will once again transform Clunes' main street into a literary hub.

This year's event will feature leading Australian writers, including Helen Garner, Kate Grenville, and historian Clare Wright, alongside *Gardening Australia's* Costa Georgiadis and ABC's *Back Roads* host Heather Ewart. Discussions will cover a range of topics, from the power of the media to sustainability, neurodiversity, and the rise of new book genres such as romantasy and cosy crime.

Festival Director Suzi Cordell said attendees could expect a rich program that explores storytelling in many forms. "Along with author talks and workshops, more than 100 book stalls will offer second-hand, new, and collectible books," she said.

Additional attractions include an Historical Walking Tour, a Poetry Slam, a Kids Village, and the popular Hay Bale Maze. A special screening of *Mad Max* will be held at The Tin Shed, where scenes from the film were originally shot.

Festival entry is \$10 for those aged 16 and over, with free access for adults and children. Author talks cost \$25, and workshops \$30, with discounted ticket packages available.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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<p>6:00 News Breakfast [s] 9:00 ABC News Mornings [s] 10:00 Planet America (PG) [s] 10:30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) [s] 11:05 The Newsreader (M I) [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 1:00 Silent Witness (M I) [s] 3:00 Nigella Bites [s] 3:25 Grand Designs (PG) [s] 4:15 Long Lost Family (PG) [s] 5:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s] 5:30 Antiques Roadshow [s] 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Monty Don's Spanish Gardens [s] 8:30 Silent Witness (M I) [s] 10:15 Optics (PG) [s] 10:45 Hard Quiz (PG) [s] 11:15 ABC Late News [s] 11:30 Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont Spelling Bee (NZ): No-One Is Wrestling, We're Spelling (PG) [s] 12:15 Grand Designs: County Down (PG) [s] 1:05 rage New Music (MA15+) [s] 5:00 rage (MA15+) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:15 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Animals (PG) 10:10 Ireland's Historic Gardens 11:05 Great Canal Journeys: The Leeds-Liverpool Canal (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 The Abyss - Rise And Fall Of The Nazis: The Seeds Of Violence (PG) (In English/ German) 3:00 NITV News Nula 3:30 Plat Du Tour 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:10 Britain's Secret Islands (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 Costa Concordia - Why She Sank (M I) (In English/ Italian) 8:30 Tony Robinson's Marvellous Machines: Unsung Heroes (PG) 9:25 Mysteries Of The Ancient Dead: Egypt, Rome, Nepal 10:20 SBS World News Late</p>	<p>6:00 Sunrise [s] 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s] 12:00 Seven Noon News [s] 1:00 Golf: LIV Golf League: Day 1 *Live* From Adelaide [s] - The 2025 LIV Golf tour heads to the Grange Golf Club in Adelaide. Catch all the action right here, live and free on 7 and 7plus. 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer [s] - The Better Homes and Gardens family are back! It's Valentine's Day and the team are rolling up their sleeves to help some incredible charity organisations which share the love all year round. 8:30 Movie: "Pretty Woman" (M I) ('90) Stars: Julia Roberts, Richard Gere 11:05 GetOn Extra [s] 11:35 Australian Idol: Auditions (PG) [s] 1:20 Travel Oz (PG) [s] 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Million Dollar Minute [s] 5:00 NBC Today [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Today [s] 9:00 Today Extra (PG) [s] 11:30 NINE News Morning [s] 12:00 Movie: "Love At First Like" (PG) ('23) Stars: Gina Vitori, Nate Crnkovich 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 David Attenborough's Mammals: Dark (PG) [s] 8:40 Movie: "Valentine's Day" (M s) ('10) - In a series of interconnected stories, various Los Angeles residents wend their way through the highs and lows of love during a single day. Stars: Julia Roberts, Jessica Alba, Kathy Bates 11:10 Movie: "The Sun Is Also A Star" (M I) ('19) Stars: Yara Shahidi, Anais Lee 1:00 Let's Eat With George: Love Of Food [s] 1:30 Home Shopping</p>	<p>7:00 Frugal Foodie [s] 7:30 Farm To Fork [s] 8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s] 8:30 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s] 9:00 Lingo (PG) [s] 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) [s] 10:30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PG) [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 Wheel Of Fortune [s] 8:30 The Graham Norton Show (M I) [s] 10:50 10's Late News [s] 11:15 The Project (PG) [s] 12:10 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) [s]</p>
ABC ENTERTAINS	SBS VICELAND	7TWO	9GEM	10 BOLD
<p>12:00 Not Going Out (PG) 12:30 My Family (PG) 1:00 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 1:35 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 2:15 ER (PG) 3:00 Doctor Who (PG) 4:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:20 Love Your Garden (PG) 6:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 QI (PG) 8:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Going The Distance" (MA15+) ('10) Stars: Justin Long 10:10 ER (PG) 10:55 Not Going Out (PG)</p>	<p>12:30 The Nine Lives Of Arnold Schwarzenegger (M I,s,v) 1:25 Question Team (M s) 2:20 Fanatics - The Deep End (M) 2:45 Blaktrax 3:15 The Story Of Sandstorm And Kernkraft 400 (PG) 3:45 BBC News At Ten 4:15 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir 4:45 PBS News Hour 5:45 The Fast History Of (PG) 6:10 The Machines That Built America (PG) 7:00 Jeopardy! 7:25 NITV News Update 7:30 If You Are The One (In Mandarin)</p>	<p>8:00 Million Dollar Minute 9:00 Surf Patrol 9:30 NBC Today 12:00 Better Homes And Gardens 1:00 Escape To The Country 2:00 The Great Australian Doorstep (PG) 2:30 Sydney Weekender 3:00 DVine Living (PG) 3:30 Harry's Practice 4:00 Better Homes And Gardens 5:00 Golf: LIV Golf League: Day 1 *Live* 6:00 Golf: Post-Show 7:00 Heathrow 7:30 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 8:30 Escape To The Country 11:30 Bargain Hunt 12:30 DVine Living (PG)</p>	<p>8:00 Home Shopping 10:30 Pointless (PG) 11:30 My Favourite Martian 12:00 Days Of Our Lives (PG) 12:55 The Young And The Restless (PG) 1:50 Explore 2:00 Sport: Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 Highlights 3:00 Movie: "Up The Chastity Belt" (PG) ('72) Stars: Bill Frazer 5:00 Our Yorkshire Farm (PG) 6:00 Antiques Roadshow 7:00 Rugby Union: Super Rugby Pacific: Waratahs v Highlanders *Live* 9:30 Rugby Union: Post Match</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 8:30 Jake And The Fatman 9:30 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 11:30 JAG (PG) 1:30 Jake And The Fatman (PG) 3:30 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 5:30 JAG: The Return Of Jimmy Blackhorse/ Clipped Wings (PG) 7:30 NCIS: Silver War/ Switch/ The Voyeur's Web (M) 10:20 FBI: Undisclosed/ Codename: Ferdinand (M v) 12:15 Home Shopping 2:15 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 4:05 JAG (PG)</p>
NITV	SBS MOVIES	7MATE	9G0!	10 PEACH
<p>12:00 Movie: "Purple Rain" (M I,s,v) ('84) Stars: Prince 1:55 Black As (PG) 2:00 Yarrabah The Musical 2:30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:00 Waabiny Time 3:35 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea 4:05 The Mysterious Cities Of Gold (PG) 4:35 Motown Magic 5:00 Our Stories 5:30 NITV News: Nula 6:00 Bamay 6:40 Arctic Secrets (PG) 7:30 Movie: "The Silver Brumby" (PG) ('93) Stars: Caroline Goodall</p>	<p>12:10 Movie: "Yesterday, Today And Tomorrow" (M) ('63) Stars: Sophia Loren (In Italian) 2:20 Movie: "Finding Graceland" (PG) ('98) Stars: Harvey Keitel 4:10 Movie: "Thunderbird Are Go" (PG) ('65) Stars: Sylvia Anderson 5:55 Movie: "Race" (PG) ('16) Stars: Stephan James (In English/ German) 8:30 Movie: "Death Proof" (MA15+) ('07) Stars: Kurt Russell 10:35 Movie: "How To Blow Up A Pipeline" (M I,v) ('22) Stars: Ariela Barer</p>	<p>10:00 Blokesworld (PG) 10:30 Billy The Exterminator (PG) 11:00 Storage Wars (PG) 11:30 American Restoration (PG) 12:00 American Pickers (PG) 1:00 Pawn Stars (PG) 3:00 STIHL Timbersports (PG) 3:30 Counting Cars (PG) 4:30 Storage Wars (PG) 5:00 American Restoration (PG) 5:30 American Pickers (PG) 6:30 Pawn Stars (PG) 7:30 Surveillance Oz (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Bad Boys" (MA15+) ('95) Stars: Will Smith</p>	<p>6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 Transformers: Bumblebee Cyberverse Adventures (PG) 11:30 Bakugan (PG) 12:00 Gossip Girl (M s) 2:00 The Golden Girls (PG) 2:30 The Nanny (PG) 3:30 Seinfeld (PG) 4:30 The Addams Family 5:00 Bewitched 5:30 I Dream Of Jeannie 6:00 The Golden Girls (PG) 6:30 The Nanny (PG) 7:30 Movie: "Raiders Of The Lost Ark" (M v) ('81) Stars: Harrison Ford 9:50 Movie: "Pitch Black" (M I,v) ('00) Stars: Vin Diesel</p>	<p>10:00 Family Feud (PG) 10:30 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 11:30 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) 1:00 The Neighborhood (PG) 1:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 2:00 Becker (PG) 2:30 Frasier (PG) 3:30 The Neighborhood (PG) 4:00 Farm To Fork 4:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 5:00 Becker (PG) 5:30 Frasier (PG) 6:30 Ghosts (PG) 7:00 Friends (PG) 8:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 9:30 Frasier (PG)</p>

Classifications: (G) General, (PG) Parental Guidance, (M) Mature Audiences, (MA15+) Mature Audience Over 15 Years
Consumer Advice: (d) drug references, (s) sexual references or sex scenes (h) horror, (l) language, (mp) medical procedures, (n) nudity, (v) violence

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<p>6:00 rage (PG) [s] 7:00 Weekend Breakfast [s] 9:00 rage (PG) [s] 10:30 rage Guest Programmer (PG) [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 12:30 Beyond Paradise (M) [s] 1:30 Optics (PG) [s] 2:00 Mozart - Rise Of A Genius (M I) [s] 3:00 Hippo Watch With Steve Backshall (PG) [s] 4:00 Muster Dogs (PG) [s] 5:00 Eat The Invaders (PG) [s] 5:25 Dr Karl's How Things Work [s] 5:55 Australian Story [s] 6:30 Back Roads (PG) [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Beyond Paradise (M) [s] - We take a trip down memory lane as commissioner Selwyn Patterson celebrates fifty years of police service. 8:30 Vera: Against The Tide (M v) [s] 10:00 The Newsreader: A New Era (M I) [s] 10:55 Unforgotten (M I) [s] 11:40 rage Guest Programmer (MA15+) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:10 Britain's Great Outdoors: Cotswold/ Anglesey (PG) 10:10 Love Your Garden (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Surfing: Super Surf Teams League 2024 Highlights 3:55 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers: From The Trossachs To The Kelpies (PG) 4:25 Black Panthers Of WW2 (PG) 5:20 Movie: "Churchill And The Movie Mogul" (PG) ('19) Stars: Dilly Barlow 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Sandi Toksvig's Woodland Restoration (M I) 8:25 Scotland The New Wild: Islands (PG) 9:25 Great Australian Walks With Julia Zemiro: Cape Byron (PG) 10:25 Beautiful Lakes Of Northern Italy: From Lake Como To Lake Garda (In English/ Italian) 11:15 Home Jacking (M I,v) (In French) 12:40 The Man Who Died (M I,s) (In Finnish)</p>	<p>6:00 NBC Today [s] 7:00 Weekend Sunrise [s] 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend [s] 12:00 Seven's Horse Racing: Randwick/ Flemington "Live" [s] 5:00 Seven News At 5 [s] 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] 7:30 Movie: "The Bourne Supremacy" (M I,v) ('04) - Jason Bourne is the CIA's prime suspect in a murder and has to prove his innocence, recover his past, and save the woman he loves. Stars: Brian Cox, Franka Potente, Matt Damon 9:45 Movie: "Taken 2" (M v) ('12) Stars: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace 11:45 Border Patrol (PG) [s] 12:15 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters (PG) [s] 1:20 Travel Oz: Nitmiluk Gorge & Dubbo (PG) [s] 2:00 Home Shopping</p>	<p>6:00 Drive Safer (PG) [s] 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:00 Weekend Today [s] 10:00 Today Extra - Saturday [s] 12:00 Destination WA [s] 12:30 My Way [s] 1:00 Let's Eat With George: Farm To Plate [s] 1:30 Your Next Cruise [s] 2:00 Innovation Nation [s] 2:15 Movie: "Overboard" (PG) ('87) Stars: Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell 4:30 Explore TV [s] 5:00 NINE News: First At Five [s] 5:30 Getaway (PG) [s] 6:00 NINE News Saturday [s] 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:30 NRL: Indigenous v Maori All Stars "Live" From CommBank Stadium [s] 10:00 NRL: Post-Match "Live" [s] 10:30 Movie: "Air" (M I) ('23) Stars: Matt Damon, Jason Bateman, Ben Affleck 12:40 My Life As A Rolling Stone: Ronnie Wood (MA15+) [s]</p>	<p>7:00 On The Fly [s] 7:30 Escape Fishing With ET [s] 8:00 I Fish [s] 8:30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield [s] 9:00 My Market Kitchen [s] 9:30 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s] 10:00 The Weekly Kick-Off [s] 10:30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PG) [s] 12:00 Silvia's Italian Masterclass [s] 12:30 Exploring Off The Grid [s] 1:30 Frugal Foodie [s] 2:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures [s] 3:00 What's Up Down Under [s] 3:30 Roads Less Travelled [s] 4:00 My Market Kitchen [s] 4:30 Good Chef Bad Chef [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:30 The Dog House Australia (PG) [s] 7:30 Love It Or List It Australia: Saint Ives NSW [s] 8:30 The Dog House Australia (PG) [s] 9:45 Ambulance Australia (PG) [s]</p>
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<p>11:50 Movie: "Just Mercy" (MA15+) ('19) Stars: Jamie Foxx 2:05 ER (PG) 2:50 Not Going Out (PG) 3:15 Doctor Who (PG) 4:05 A Bite To Eat With Alice 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:20 Love Your Garden (PG) 6:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 7:00 Spicks And Specks (PG) 7:30 QI (PG) 8:00 Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont Spelling Bee (NZ) 8:50 Live At The Malthouse (M I) 9:50 Absolutely Fabulous (PG) 11:20 ER (PG) 12:05 rage (PG)</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 10:00 Front Up (PG) 11:30 Bamay 11:50 Subject (M v) 1:35 Beyond Oak Island (PG) 2:25 Year Old Tom (M I,s) 2:55 Celebrity Mastermind (PG) 4:00 BBC News At Ten 4:30 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir 4:55 PBS News Hour 5:55 The Food That Built The World (PG) 7:35 Impossible Engineering (PG) 8:30 Icons Unearthed (M I,v) 10:20 Hudson & Rex (M v) 12:00 The X-Files (M) 3:40 NHK World English News</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 8:30 Better Homes And Gardens Summer 10:00 My Greek Odyssey (PG) 11:00 Harry's Practice 11:30 GetOn Extra 12:00 Escape To The Country 2:00 Better Homes And Gardens 3:00 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 4:00 Escape To The Country 5:00 Seven's Horse Racing: Randwick/ Flemington "Live" 6:00 Dog Patrol (PG) 6:30 Bondi Vet (PG) 7:30 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 8:30 Escape To The Country 10:30 I Escaped To The Country</p>	<p>11:00 Explore 11:10 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo 11:40 Movie: "Arabian Adventure" (G) ('79) Stars: Christopher Lee 1:40 Movie: "Apache" (G) ('54) Stars: Burt Lancaster 3:30 Sport: Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 Highlights 4:30 Touch Football: Indigenous All Stars v Maori All Stars "Live" 5:30 NRL: Women's Indigenous v Maori All Stars "Live" 7:30 Movie: "Bridget Jones's Baby" (PG) ('16) Stars: Renee Zellweger</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 9:00 Jake And The Fatman (PG) 11:00 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 1:00 JAG (PG) 4:00 Escape Fishing With ET (PG) 4:30 Football: Isuzu Ute A-League Men: Round 19: Melbourne City v Perth Glory "Live" From AAMI Park 7:00 Football Tonight 7:25 Football: Isuzu Ute A-League Men: Round 19: Adelaide United v Newcastle Jets "Live" From Coopers Stadium 10:00 NCIS (M) 12:45 Bull 3:30 I Fish 4:00 JAG (PG) 5:00 Home Shopping</p>
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<p>1:15 Arctic Secrets (PG) 2:05 NITV News: Nula 2:35 Kutch'a's Carpool Koorioke (PG) 2:55 Movie: "Mabo: Life Of An Island Man" (PG) ('97) Director: Trevor Graham 4:30 Strait To The Plate (PG) 5:00 Spirit Talker (M) 5:30 The Last Land - Gespe'gewa'gi (PG) 6:00 Kutch'a's Carpool Koorioke (PG) 6:30 The Other Side (PG) 7:30 Alone Australia (M I) 8:30 Movie: "The Shining" (MA15+) ('80) Stars: Jack Nicholson 10:40 Nalujuk Night (PG)</p>	<p>11:55 Movie: "I'm Not There" (M I,s) ('07) Stars: Christian Bale 2:25 Movie: "Capricorn One" (PG) ('78) Stars: Elliott Gould 4:40 Movie: "Okal" (PG) ('11) Stars: Kris Marshall (In English/ French) 6:40 Movie: "Dancing Ninja" (PG) ('10) Stars: Lucas Grabeel 8:30 Movie: "The Hateful Eight" (M) ('15) Stars: Kurt Russell 11:35 Movie: "Bare" (MA15+) ('15) Stars: Dianna Agron 1:15 Movie: "Baby Done" (M d,I,s) ('20) Stars: Rose Matafeo</p>	<p>6:00 Hook Line And Sinker (PG) 7:30 Merv Hughes Fishing (PG) 8:00 A Football Life (PG) 9:00 America's Game 10:00 Pawn Stars (PG) 11:00 Storage Wars (PG) 11:30 American Restoration (PG) 12:00 Golf: LIV Golf League: Day 2 "Live" 5:00 Golf: Post-Show 6:00 Pawn Stars (PG) 7:00 Storage Wars (PG) 7:30 Aussie Salvage Squad (PG) 8:30 Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under (PG) 9:30 Air Crash Investigations (PG) 10:30 Deep Water Salvage (PG)</p>	<p>6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens (PG) 11:30 Pokemon: XYZ (PG) 12:00 Beyblade X (PG) 12:30 Movie: "Ruby's Choice" (PG) ('22) Stars: Jane Seymour 3:00 Ben Fogle: Starting Up Starting Over (PG) 4:00 Young Sheldon (PG) 5:00 Movie: "Stargate" (PG) ('94) Stars: Kurt Russell 7:30 Movie: "Deep Blue Sea" (M I,v) ('99) Stars: Samuel L. Jackson 9:40 Movie: "21 Jump Street" (MA15+) ('12) Stars: Jonah Hill 11:50 Young Sheldon (PG)</p>	<p>6:00 The Bold And The Beautiful (PG) 8:30 Wheel Of Fortune 10:00 Ridiculousness (PG) 11:00 Farm To Fork 11:30 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) 2:00 Ridiculousness (PG) 3:00 Friends (PG) 5:30 Frasier (PG) 6:30 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 10:30 Frasier (PG) 11:30 Ridiculousness (PG) 12:30 South Park (PG) 1:00 Home Shopping 1:30 South Park (PG) 3:00 Home Shopping</p>

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<p>7:00 Weekend Breakfast [s] 9:00 Insiders [s] 10:00 Offsiders [s] 10:30 The World This Week [s] 11:00 Compass (PG) [s] 11:30 Songs Of Praise [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 12:30 Landline [s] 1:30 Gardening Australia [s] 2:30 Monty Don's Spanish Gardens [s] 3:30 Sue Perkins' Big Adventure: Paris To Istanbul (M) [s] 4:15 Extraordinary Escapes: Sanetra Sarker (PG) [s] 5:05 Maggie Beer's Big Mission [s] 6:00 Antiques Roadshow [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Muster Dogs: Collies And Kelpies (PG) [s] 8:30 The Newsreader: Behind The Front Line (M I) [s] 9:25 Love Me (MA15+) [s] 10:20 Movie: "Love And Other Catastrophes" (PG) ('96) Stars: Frances O'Connor</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:05 Love Your Home And Garden (PG) 10:00 Football: FIFA World Cup Classic Matches: Korea Republic v Mexico (1998) 11:30 Britain's Great Outdoors 12:00 Worldwatch 12:55 Para-Badminton (PG) 1:00 Motorsport: Speedweek 3:00 Surf Life Saving 4:00 Yachting: Sail GP Highlights 5:00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers: A Highland River (PG) 5:35 Churchill's Forgotten War (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Mysteries Of Sink Holes: Ticking Time Bombs/ Hidden Worlds (PG) 9:20 Legends Of The Pharaohs: Amenhotep III, The Great Builder (M s) (In English/ French) 10:20 Great British Landmark Fixers: Royal Albert Hall 11:15 The Art Of Dissent (In English/ Czech) 1:10 Photos That Changed The World (M v)</p>	<p>6:00 NBC Today [s] 7:00 Weekend Sunrise [s] 10:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s] 12:00 Golf: LIV Golf League: Day 3 "Live" From Adelaide [s] 5:00 Seven News At 5 [s] 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Australian Idol: Auditions (PG) [s] 9:00 An Evening With Dua Lipa (PG) [s] - A concert special that features the London-born singer's performance at the Royal Albert Hall in London. The show includes her hit songs, interviews, and a surprise duet with Elton John. 10:30 Ed Sheeran v Adele (M) [s] 11:30 Autopsy USA: David Cassidy (M) [s] 12:30 Friday Night Lights: What To Do While You're Waiting (M s,v) [s] 1:30 Harry's Practice [s] 2:00 Home Shopping 3:30 Million Dollar Minute [s] 4:00 NBC Today [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Hello SA (PG) [s] 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:00 Weekend Today [s] 10:00 For The Love Of Pets (PG) [s] 11:00 World's Greatest Myths And Mysteries: Mysterious Landscapes [s] 12:00 Fishing Australia [s] 12:30 Innovation Nation [s] 12:40 Bondi Vet (PG) [s] 1:40 Movie: "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (PG) ('88) Stars: Steve Martin, Michael Caine 4:00 David Attenborough's Green Planet: The Making Of Green Planet [s] 5:00 NINE News: First At Five [s] 5:30 Postcards (PG) [s] 6:00 NINE News Sunday [s] 7:00 Married At First Sight (M I,s) [s] 8:30 60 Minutes (PG) [s] 9:30 NINE News Late [s] 10:00 See No Evil: Too Much Video (M v) [s] 11:00 The First 48: Life Interrupted/ Lucifer (M I) [s] 11:50 Iconic Australia: The Bush (PG) [s] 12:50 Destination WA [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Religious Programs [s] 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef [s] 8:00 The Yes Experiment (PG) [s] 8:30 Farm To Fork [s] 9:00 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey [s] 9:30 Loving Gluten Free [s] 10:00 Pooches At Play (PG) [s] 10:30 Are You RV Safe? (PG) [s] 11:00 Luxury Escapes [s] 11:30 Buy To Build [s] 12:00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PG) [s] 1:30 Cook With Luke [s] 2:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield [s] 2:30 Program To Be Advised 4:30 Good Chef Bad Chef [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 The Sunday Project (PG) [s] 7:00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PG) [s] 8:10 Matlock: Friends (PG) [s] 9:10 FBI: Riptide/ Creating A Monster (M) [s] 11:10 The Sunday Project (PG) [s]</p>
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<p>12:05 Movie: "Frequency" (M I,v) ('00) Stars: Dennis Quaid 2:00 ER (PG) 2:45 Not Going Out (PG) 3:15 Doctor Who (PG) 4:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:20 Love Your Garden (PG) 6:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 7:00 Spicks And Specks (PG) 7:30 QI (PG) 8:00 TBA 9:25 Kweens Of The Queer Underground (M s) 9:35 Planet America (PG) 10:25 Love On The Spectrum 11:20 ER (PG) 12:05 rage (PG) 1:05 Not Going Out (PG)</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:30 Small Business Secrets (PG) 10:00 Front Up (PG) 12:05 ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix Italy 1:35 Lee Lin Chin's Fashionista: Signature Prints 1:50 Jeopardy! 3:55 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir 4:25 PBS Washington Week With The Atlantic 4:50 Queer Sports (M) 5:45 Domino Masters (PG) 6:40 Abandoned Engineering (M) 8:30 The UnXplained With William Shatner (MA15+) 10:10 WWE Legends (M) 11:45 Hoarders (PG)</p>	<p>7:00 Religious Programs (PG) 8:30 Home Shopping 9:00 Steam Train Journeys (PG) 10:00 The Great Australian Doorstep (PG) 10:30 DVine Living (PG) 11:00 I Escaped To The Country 12:00 Escape To The Country 2:00 South Aussie With Cosi (PG) 2:30 Cities Of The Underworld (PG) 3:30 Steam Train Journeys (PG) 4:30 I Escaped To The Country 5:30 Escape To The Country 7:30 Rosemary & Thyme (PG) 8:30 Vera (M)</p>	<p>10:30 Movie: "Nurse On Wheels" (G) ('63) Stars: Joan Sims 12:15 Movie: "Passport To Pimlico" (G) ('49) Stars: Stanley Holloway 2:00 Sport: Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 Highlights 3:00 Movie: "Dangerous Voyage" (PG) ('54) Stars: William Lundigan 4:30 Movie: "Support Your Local Gunfighter" (PG) ('71) Stars: James Garner 6:30 M*A*S*H (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (M I,v) ('85) Stars: Sylvester Stallone</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 8:00 Reel Action (PG) 8:30 All 4 Adventure (PG) 9:30 What's Up Down Under 10:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures 11:00 Escape Fishing With ET 11:30 Cook With Luke 12:00 Exploring Off The Grid (PG) 1:00 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 2:00 JAG (PG) 3:00 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 4:00 What's Up Down Under 4:30 TBA 6:30 JAG (PG) 7:30 NCIS (M v) 10:20 Bull (M) 1:05 Charmed (M v) 4:00 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 5:00 JAG (PG)</p>
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TINKERS & SPOTTERS



~ Pick of the crop ~

CLAIRE Cooper has been gardening so long that she doesn't even know how she knows so much about it. But she continues to seek learning opportunities and she shares her knowledge without hesitation.

Claire's garden is an example of what can be done with care and innovation; she is self-sufficient in many areas. Old bathtubs are now clever wicking beds boasting vigorous cherry tomatoes. A permanent 'net' structure over the entire main orchard protects various fruit trees and Claire has enjoyed an extended season this year, compared to many who have been invaded by lorikeet bandits.

"The fruit trees are still going," she confirms. "Nectarines at the moment and the apple trees are laden. The plums are finished and the peaches are almost done. The citrus is going gangbusters, even though some people say that Maldon doesn't do well with citrus."

It has been a delicious summer in Claire's kitchen garden, which she commenced in 2017 with only two existing trees. Claire has been activating her green thumb since around 2003 before moving to Maldon from West Brunswick. It's one of her favourite activities, alongside exercising. Aqua-aerobics at Maldon Pool is a particularly favourite way for Claire to keep cool, stay fit and spend time with local friends in summer. Claire is a regular walker and she also works out with a personal trainer. Honestly, she puts many of us to shame with the healthy activities; isn't it inspiring?

But back to the garden. The permanent netting over the orchard is a fairly new feature, having been installed in late 2024 by a company called Key Permaculture. "Now I just open the door and pick some cherries," Claire enthuses. "It's like going to the IGA!" But not everyone was happy with the installation of the net. "The galahs sitting up in the gum tree were watching and they were not impressed," she laughs.

There is so much smart thinking in every detail. "One side is bee-friendly because they need to get in and pollinate," Claire explains. "And the other side is fruit-fly covered netting." She goes on to explain that sadly, fruit fly has invaded Victoria — it is now considered endemic — and that everyone needs to be vigilant. "You can get traps with different lures for males and females. And I always remove fruit from under the trees for hygiene reasons, because fruit fly can spread to neighbouring houses. It's also good to freeze the fruit before you put it in the compost, to kill the fruit flies," Claire says, ever sensible.

Another innovation that others might choose to copy is the hand-stitched shade-cloths over the garden beds. They can be pulled up or down with a simple mechanism, depending upon the intensity of the sun. Meanwhile, the wicking beds are designed to reduce the need for constant care; the roots head down to the water well at the base and the water 'wicks' upwards. "It takes more effort to set them up, but then you can go away for a while and not worry about watering."

As the hottest period of the year draws to a close, Claire is busy harvesting and considering her next steps. She cooks big batches and makes jams and preserves, her own tomato passata and even spicy kasundi. Next to ripen will be pomegranates and she is planning to sow rocket, chard, radishes, bok choy and snow peas when the tomatoes are finished.

Claire grows more than she can consume — particularly noting an overflow of cucumber, figs, apples and passionfruit — and generously sends the surplus to Maldon Community Pantry, which is a great reminder that the pantry can provide fresh foods to those who need it.

Claire is a fount of gardening knowledge, partly due to her years of experience and partly because she has recently undertaken courses in Harcourt at 'Grow Great Fruit'. She has a solar pump attached to her water tank, herbs and flowers in shady corners and gushes about the joys of popping into the backyard for ingredients during dinner prep.

It doesn't sound easy to create a kitchen garden, when listening to Claire Cooper, but it sounds achievable and attractive. "A lot of it is trial and error," she says humbly, making it seem as though we could all have our own delicious summer fruit garden too.

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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.



Powerful Owl, Newstead district, 29 January 2025.



A thrilling encounter

I've been keeping an eye on a family group of **Powerful Owls** for some months now. For much of this time I thought only a single juvenile bird had fledged. Intriguingly I was certain a second nestling was present, calling from the nest hollow, when I relocated its overly adventurous twin back in late September.

In recent weeks I've confirmed the presence of a second juvenile, with both youngsters often roosting together in the company of the parents.

Now the youngsters are growing fast and the immatures are rapidly developing adult-like plumage. The bird on the left is an immature, while the other looks to me like the female parent. I found the male perched nearby but no sign of the second immature bird.

In a thrilling moment for the observer the youngster performed a wonderful wing and tail stretch, before returning to its motionless, but ever vigilant bearing.



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Upcoming First Aid course in Maldon



Nicole Gleeson: bringing life-saving skills to Maldon with Rhythm First Aid. One in four parents say they are not confident administering CPR to a child.

A first aid training course will be held in Maldon this month, offering participants essential skills in emergency response. Run by Nicole Gleeson of Rhythm First Aid, the course will take place on Thursday 27 February at the Maldon Golf Club.

The nationally recognised training covers a range of topics, including CPR, snake bites, choking, bleeding, asthma, fractures, and seizures. Participants will also receive instruction on using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). According to statistics provided by Gleeson, thousands of Victorians experience

out-of-hospital cardiac arrests each year, with around 20 cases occurring daily. In rural areas such as Maldon, where ambulance response times can be longer, early intervention through CPR and AED use can improve survival rates.

The course will run from 9am to 5pm and costs \$170 per person. Subsidised places at \$70 per person are available for volunteers from local community groups, supported by the Community Bank Maldon & District.

For further details or to register, contact Nicole Gleeson at hello@rhythmfirstaid.com.au.

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THIS year will be the 17th Maldon Antique Fair and will be held at Bill Woodfull Reserve on the weekend of the 15th and 16th of February 2025.

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Collectables and antiques of every type will be on sale at Maldon Antique Fair; from high-end china and ceramics all the way to old hand tools, rustic farming implements, vintage clothing, and books, with everything in between, quite literally, there will be something for everybody, whatever your passion.

This is an event that simply is not to be missed by anybody who takes their Antiques and Collectables seriously. If you are travelling up from Melbourne or down from Bendigo,

why not make a day, or possibly a week of it? Even without the fair, Maldon is a stellar place to visit and stay anytime.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



Newstead Biscuit Factory

THE Newstead Biscuit Factory (c. 1860s) was located about 1 ½ kilometres to the west of Newstead on the road to Carisbrook. The Biscuit factory was a very successful business right up until 1878.

The *Mount Alexander Mail* on 18 August 1863, wrote about the Autumn Show of the Castlemaine Agricultural Society, stating that the Newstead Biscuit Factory stall created the greatest interest. Owner Alexander McPhee, had piled up biscuits of all imaginable shapes and descriptions, none of them imports. 'The veritable handiwork of McPhee and his men, all made of Victorian flour and got up in a first-rate style.'

So important did the Society consider this class of exhibit, that they decided to visit McPhee's factory in Newstead. McPhee, who kindly conducted them over the premises, showed how they managed to fabricate such tasty goods. On the table were arranged a sample of various sorts made by the establishment: sea biscuit, arrowroot, coffee, Abernethy, wine, lemon, picnic, Boston crackers, ginger nut, soda and squirts. 'Delicate morsels, choice enough to supply the want of the picnicker, sailor, or anybody else.'

The dough was worked by a lever apparatus and then taken to a machine where it was rolled into cakes. Then the biscuits were stamped and cut. Full production was aided by 'an American notion that is perfectly effective.'

McPhee told of his fears of how he thought colonial biscuits might not suit the Victorian palate, but he persevered and after eight months he conquered. He would drive his goods to Castlemaine, Maryborough, Daylesford and everywhere, driving out the enemy (imports) in more places than one.

The Society claimed that McPhee deserved great credit for what he had done and was entitled to the measure of success he had achieved.

In 1865, McPhee retired to his farm, selling the biscuit factory to William Sutherland, who had been conducting a bakery in Newstead at the time. In 1871, Sutherland planned to leave the Colony and advertised the factory for sale. It was described as 'The Newstead Confection and Biscuit Manufactory. The plant comprises the latest improvements in biscuit manufacturing and confectionery.' The property did not sell and Sutherland continued to run the factory until his death in 1878. William Sutherland was considered a gentleman who was long identified with the town in which he lived.

Karen Milner

This information was supplied by the Maldon Museum and Archives.



A fair deal!

AS we journeyed to our regular Bridge Play get-together, my guess is that most of us were hoping to get a 'fair deal' from the cards on offer for the day. With the random shuffling of the cards at the end of each week's play, there is no guarantee that we will get a 'fair deal' when we next play the intricate game of Bridge. We do live in hope!

Ken was quickly onto computing the order of play for the day and with the input of the random number by last week's winner Werner, the draw was announced. The tables were all organised and we soon had ourselves settled down to challenge the hands on offer once again. Judy Mac was the volunteer solo player for this week and was hoping that all sit-in partners would help with getting a 'fair deal' and a good score so that playing alone would not feel so lonely!! It was good to see that this week we were more focused and there were no incidents of 'muck ups' as in previous weeks. In fact, so eager were our group to please, the teamwork for tidying up at the end of the session left some of us in awe as tables were cleared before you could 'blink an eye', you might say. Now where did that biro go? We are learning, however slowly!

We had our usual break for afternoon tea with plenty to choose from, including a delicious fruit cake, which was enjoyed by all. It was then back to play out the final boards.

Ken again had quickly tallied the score sheets, entered the data, pushed the appropriate button and there they were, the final scores for the day. In first place were Kerrie and Newstead Jo with 47 points and a very happy duo indeed! There was an equal second between Judy Mac and Associates along with Ken and Lyn with 42 points each.

Liz and Mary were third with 38 points, followed by another equal placing for fourth between Annie and Kevin, along with Jan G and Fred. Well done to everyone and we do hope that getting a 'fair deal', as in life, helped all to enjoy the day.

That is, it for now – until we meet again.

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

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IN MALDON TODAY RADIO PROGRAM



TODAY proprietor of The Good Food Providers Adrian Upward is IMT's guest, chatting with Ann and Nancy about Maldon's new hospitality outlet. We hear the coffee's good!

Last Friday was a fascinating show, in which the latest IMT work experience lad Rick joined Katrine and Stevo in the studio for his first day. Ian Riley (pictured) joined the crew to talk about all things Bush Blocks & Buildings and his journey via selling real estate in New Zealand, that eventually led him to live in Maldon after being a regular visitor over the years. Ian has a fascination with all things old, especially cars and motorbikes so a lively discussion ensued about his involvement in the Maldon Vintage Machinery & Museum and the treasures held within.

Next week Slats and EC will spend time with serial guest and IMT pastor Father Wahid, talking old-fashioned religion in a world potentially losing its orbit.

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Library news

IT'S Valentine's Day and love is in the air! The connection between love and Saint Valentine, the 3rd Century Christian martyr, is tenuous. The habit of exchanging hand-made Valentine's love tokens dates from the 17th Century; however, commercialisation has intervened and February 14 is now a key date in the retail calendar. Research from the Australian Retailers Association suggests 3.4 million people in Australia will be buying gifts to show their love this year, with a cost of over \$450 million. That's a scary \$132 dollars per head, on average.

Why not forget about sending a card or waiting to receive a dozen very expensive red roses? Instead, read a good love story on Valentine's Day. Some literary critics would argue that there is no such thing as a 'good' romance. There is a general literary snobbery that clings to the genre. We are forced to become secret consumers of romance novels, risking accusations that we are not serious readers as the books are just fluff. Perhaps this might be fair if the choice is of the Mills and Boon variety, with beautiful ingénues and dashing heroic males (miraculously united in the final pages after adversity and confusion). However, there are many good books where love is only a part of the story. It feels good, somehow, to discover romance in a book that is on the surface a work of detective fiction, or one described as an historical novel, a travel book or a spy story. This is especially satisfying when the characters are not in their first flush of youth and seem to have interesting lives that involve things other than a romantic entanglement. Here are some recommendations of books by well-known authors with excellent literary credentials. A warning - the following list includes books where the romance may be unresolved or complicated, but that's life!

Caleb's Crossing by Australian journalist and novelist Geraldine Brook; *Tell Me Everything*, the new novel by Elizabeth Strout; *On Chesil Beach*, by Ian McEwan; *Devotion*, by Hannah Kent; *The Remains of the Day*, by Kazuo Ishiguro; *Unsheltered*, by Barbara Kingsolver; *The Players*, the most recent historical novel by Minette Walters; *Possession*, by A.S. Byatt.

And finally, one from left field: Helen Garner's new book, *The Season*. No, this is not about love of football. Nor is it, as the author writes, 'a critical study of football culture and its place in society'. It's a story about the author, her grandson and a footy season they spent together 'before he turned into a man'. That sort of love story.

Library reviews

***We'll Prescribe You a Cat* by Syou Ishida, 2025**

Tucked away on the fifth floor of an old building at the end of a narrow alley in Kyoto, the Nakagyō Kokoro Clinic for the Soul can be found only by people who are struggling in their lives and who genuinely need help. The mysterious clinic offers a unique treatment to those who find their way there: it prescribes cats as medication. Patients are often puzzled by this unconventional prescription, but when they 'take' their cat for the recommended duration, they witness profound transformations in their lives, guided by the playful, empathetic, and occasionally challenging yet endearing cats.

***Bedtime Story* by Chloe Hooper, 2022**

When Chloe Hooper's partner is diagnosed with a rare and aggressive illness, she has to find a way to tell their two young sons. By instinct, she turns to the bookshelf. Can the news be broken as a bedtime tale? Is there a perfect book to prepare children for loss? Hooper embarks on a quest to find what practical lessons children's literature, with its innocent orphans and evil adults, magic, monsters and anthropomorphic animals, can teach about grief and resilience in real life.

***The Dressmaker of Auschwitz* by Lucy Adlington, 2021**

At the height of the Holocaust 25 young inmates of the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, mainly Jewish women and girls, were selected to design, cut, and sew beautiful fashions for elite Nazi women in a dedicated salon. It was work that they hoped would spare them from the gas chambers. This fashion workshop, called the Upper Tailoring Studio, was established by Hedwig Höss, the camp commandant's wife and patronised by the wives of SS guards and officers. Here, the dressmakers produced high-quality garments for SS social functions in Auschwitz, and for ladies from Nazi Berlin's upper crust.

Drawing on diverse sources, including interviews with the last surviving seamstress, *The Dressmakers of Auschwitz* follows the fates of these brave women. Their bonds of family and friendship not only helped them endure persecution, but also to play their part in camp resistance. Weaving the dressmakers' remarkable experiences within the context of Nazi policies for plunder and exploitation, historian Lucy Adlington exposes the greed, cruelty, and hypocrisy of the Third Reich and offers a fresh look at a little-known chapter of World War II and the Holocaust.

***7 1/2* by Christo Tsiolkas, 2021**

A man arrives at a house on the coast to write a book. Separated from his lover and family and friends, he finds the solitude he craves in the pyrotechnic beauty of nature, just as the world he has shut out is experiencing a cataclysmic shift. The preoccupations that have galvanised him and his work fall away, and he becomes lost in memory and beauty. He also begins to tell us a story.

A retired porn star is made an offer he can't refuse for the sake of his family and future. So he returns to the world he fled years before, all too aware of the danger of opening the door to past temptations and long-buried desires. Can he resist the oblivion and bliss they promise?

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July		47.2	31.9	July		63.4	25.8	July		50.0	38.2
Aug		34.4	23.4	Aug		43.0	34.6	Aug		60.8	26.8
Sept		28.7	13.4	Sept		46.4	20.0	Sept		28.2	16.6
Oct		29.1	40.6	Oct		47.4	56.8	Oct		31.6	34.0
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Doggos OF THE Goldfields

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

TT: Lois and Ruby, which is which?

Lois: Just think of us as delicious flavours, I'm vanilla and Ruby is caramel.

Ruby: That's right. And you don't have to worry about liquorice, she is not as yum.

TT: Sorry, who is liquorice? I love liquorice.

Ruby: She means our other sister, Poppy, who's black and less poodle-like.

Lois: She's more like a womboodle than a poodle.

TT: Womboodle?

Lois: Half poodle, half wombat.

Ruby: Oh, you mustn't. But yes, Poppy is much... slower.

TT: When you're out walking, you mean?

Lois: When we escape and go away on adventures. We like to wait for opportunities to squeeze through the tightest gaps in a fence or wait patiently for an open gate.

TT: Oh dear.

Ruby: And we don't like it when Poppy comes with us because she gets caught and gets us in trouble.

TT: Have you tried more traditional ways of travelling?

Lois: Yes, we're rescues and we came here from the Gold Coast! We drove all the way to Maldon in a car.

Ruby: I don't like cars, I get carsick.

Lois: And Poppy is so judgemental, she stares at the driver the whole trip.

Ruby: As though she could do a better job of driving.

Lois: I wonder if she'd drive as slow as she runs.

TT: Do you two always gang up on Poppy?

Lois: The humans love her. They say she's a beautiful little thing.

Ruby: They say she's sweet.

TT: Lots of people do love liquorice.

Lois: I prefer vanilla.

Ruby: And I prefer caramel.

TT: Of course you do.



Lois & Ruby are our Doggos of the Week. 14 February, 2025.



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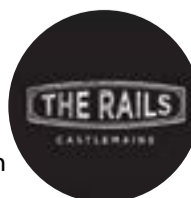
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A Graveside Service for Lynda will be held on Friday 14th February 2025 commencing at 4:00pm at the Maldon Cemetery.

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Newstead Community Lunch

THE Newstead Community Lunch is held at the Community Centre (next to the IGA Supermarket) and was attended well last Wednesday.

Indian food was the order of the day, and the meal was delicious with dahl, aloo Gobi, basmati rice, onion bhajans, Asian pickled salad and chana roti bread for mains, followed by a delightful Plum crumble served with yoghurt for dessert. The meal was very well balanced and thought had been given to healthy ingredients. Vegetarians are well catered

for as the meals are all vegetarian. One local commented that he had not cooked vegetarian meals himself and was highly impressed by the standard and taste of the dishes Anthony had created.

Anthony Santamaria is the chef and driving force behind this fantastic luncheon, with Erica Bear providing the desserts. Greg Cowin and Steven McMahon are the diligent kitchen hands, and Ken Smeaton stars on the door, greeting each visitor with warmth and humour.

This is an excellent way to get to know your community and neighbours. The camaraderie between the regulars was lovely, and they warmly welcomed the newcomers.

If you have not been able to attend this Community Lunch yet, do yourself a favour and note the date. The next one will be on Wednesday, 19 February. They are held every second Wednesday of the month.

Kerry Cain



Anthony, Erica and Steven preparing and serving the delicious lunch last Wednesday.



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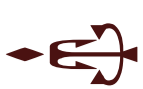
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Weed Watch



St. John's Wort plants in Maldon Historic Reserve. Photo courtesy Lee Mead.

St John's Wort

Common Name: St John's Wort
Botanical Name: *Hypericum perforatum*
Weed Classifications: St John's Wort is classified as a noxious weed (Regionally Controlled Weed) in Central Victoria.
Where did it Come From: St John's Wort was first introduced from Europe for ornamental and medicinal purposes in the 19th century. Many infestations in eastern Australia can be traced to a garden planting near Bright, Victoria, in about 1880.
What Does it Look Like: In late autumn, winter and early spring, horizontal, pale green or reddish stems with bright green, elongate leaves grow from the crown to form a rosette. One to many upright flowering stems are produced from this crown in spring. Clusters of bright yellow flowers (1-2 cm in diameter) develop in summer. Flowering is followed by the formation of reddish-brown seed capsules that contain small cylindrical black seeds, approximately 1 mm long. Seeds fall from the capsules in autumn when the erect stems die.
Why is it a Problem: St John's Wort is considered a threat to indigenous plants on private property, in national parks, state forests and other reserves. Native understorey plants in natural ecosystems of Eucalyptus and Callitris woodlands are particularly at risk.

How does it Spread: St John's Wort reproduces from seed or by suckering. It mainly sets seed without pollination and can produce between 15,000-30,000 seeds which remain viable for at least 20 years. New crowns may be produced by shoots from the lateral roots in spring and autumn.

Spread: St John's Wort is a serious weed of pastures because of its toxicity to stock and its ability to compete with desirable pasture species. However, 80% of current infestations occur in areas of indigenous vegetation, particularly open Eucalyptus woodlands. St John's Wort is a common weed of water catchment and conservation areas and therefore poses a threat to natural ecosystems.

How can it be Controlled: Isolated plants and small infestations can be removed by hand, removing as much of the root system as possible as it can sucker from roots left in the ground. Many different herbicides can be used to control St John's Wort by spot-spraying or broader scale spraying. The best time to apply herbicides is when the plant is starting to flower (October to December depending on locality). Effective long-term control in extensive infestations can be achieved by also using Biological Control insects. The most effective has been the Chrysolina beetles. Other biological controls, including the St John's wort mite, gall midge, aphid and root-borer, may be more effective depending on local climatic conditions.

More Information: tinyurl.com/3yvznanp.
Contact: if you find infestations in Maldon Historic Reserve, please email Parks Victoria at info@parks.vic.gov.au.

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Bush Poet



A plum-plucking buck

I'VE been entertained by the kanga that has a penchant for my plums! I think he's a young buck kicked out of the mob. He spends a lot of time in my garden. He picks the plums with his front paws. Chews each plum for ages until he's isolated the stone which he then spits out!

Who me – a plum plucking thief?

Bold Buck's paws, pluck a plump plum,
 Chew, chew, chew, chew, find the stone,
 Pfew, pfew spit it out.

Take a peek, then pluck another plum!

I'm not a plum plucker, I'm a plum plucking buck.

But I'll keep on plucking plums 'till the plum person comes!



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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	Bruce Kaye's Country Highway	Lunch Break with Grace La Vella	Cruising with Lins	Les Maygar's Americana	Love Is On The Air With Renee DeRobertis	Alice's Restaurant	Easy Listening
MIDDAY						Bruce Kaye's Country Highway	Strictly Vinyl (Encore)
1:00PM	Lunchtime Live With Robyn	Bruce's Juke Box Gems	Essential Hits with Tim Symons	Highview Live	MEC Live	Oz Country	Is It Relevant Today?
2:00PM	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Community Hour	Wood Songs Encore	Nashville Mix (Encore)
3:00PM	Alice's Restaurant with Robyn	On Air With Brian Peel	Dave & the Big Fella	Flashback To the 60's	Nashville Mix with Dave Moyle	Bring Up The Curtain with John Sayers	Bruce's Juke Box Gems
4:00PM	School's Out With Hope	Train Wreck	Vinyl Discovery With Peter G	Heading Home with Grace La Vella	Ladies Night Out	Classic Album of the Week	Thru Traffic With Will & Stu
5:00PM	Ladies Night Out	Animal Crackers		Animal Crackers	Flash's Fantastic Friday Show with Gordon	Thru Traffic With Will & Stu	Paul Freeman's Got The Blues
6:00PM	Off The Beaten Track with Renee	Moondog's Rock 'n Roll	Magic Carpet Ride	Turn Up Your Radio with Geoffrey Paul	Friday Night with Andy	Lee Is Boppin' the Blues	Clunes Calling with John Sayers
7:00PM	The Great Australian Dreamers With Jacko & Crew	Al Pal's Strictly Vinyl	Ian Fetting's Good Vibrations				Lost Oz 45s
8:00PM	Sassy's 80's Mixtape		Lee's Blues & Roots Revue	On Air With Brian Peel	Raised On Rock with Mark O'Neill	Saturday Night Dance Party	King of Instruments with John Sayers
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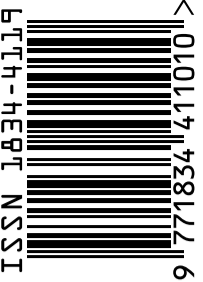
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Back on the Piste at last!



ON Sunday 9 February, the sociable Piste Artistes were the first group to get back on the piste. Even before the MPC, who have been plagued by the summer heat and crazy heat waves at St Brigid's. We trialled an early start at 11am, which all present agreed was much better

than playing in the heat of the afternoon.

The Penny School piste was literally smothered by leaves and bark during the summer hiatus. It was dealt with expeditiously by Antoine and Ann before everyone arrived. Playing conditions were so much better in the coolth of the morning, which inspired some lively play and entertaining banter.

Eventually, the overall winners were Jenny and Kevin with 2 wins and +13 points. They were followed in second place by the A Team, Antoine and André, with 2 wins and +10 points. Third place was taken by Phil and Joan with 1 win and +3 points. In fourth place Steve, Carole and Maxeen scored 1 win and -9 points. Geoff, EC and Mme Bleue came fifth with 0 wins and -3 points. While Viv and Ann were lucky last with 0 wins and -14 points, and they won chocolates, so it was not all bad! The Loser's chocolates are possibly more highly prized than the winners.

Our next games will be on Sunday 23 February at our NEW SUMMER TIME of 10.45am, for an 11am start on the Penny School Piste. Come and join us. Call 0459 093 452 if you would like to have a bit of fun for a couple of hours in the cooler part of the day before lunch.

Mme Bleue

Sailing report



SAILING on Saturday 18 February was held at Lake Eppalock since it was the Bendigo Yacht Club's turn to host the annual Jack Ginnivan, John Hawkins Challenge Cup.

Team Cairn Curran Sailing Club did extremely well winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in both the scheduled races.

Club member Craig Ginnivan was very happy to accept the cup (named after his father) on behalf of the club. It will be proudly displayed at the clubhouse - until next year's race!

Helen Whiteman

Cairn Curran Sailing Club



The piste before Ann and Antoine raked it.



EC contemplating the freshly raked piste.



André in action.

Maldon Bowls Club



LAST Saturday's final home and away game saw Maldon play for the first time at Bridgewater. The lush greens and great hospitality made for a great day of competition. Although windy, it was a pleasure to be bowling.

Wes's team Leonie, Maree and Eric had a solid first half scoring on 8 of 11 ends to lead

13 to 6. After the half-time break, all players performed well to score three 3s and a 2 to run out comfortable winners 29 to 11.

Jim's team of Ellen, Trevor and Peter had some tough opposition and a challenging green to contend with early. At halfway, scores were 11 all. The team then played some great team bowls to win 7 of the last 9 ends to win 21 to 17.

Annette's team of Phillip, Mike and Geoff started with a 4 and scored on 7 of the next 10 ends to lead 19 to 3 at halfway.

In an amazing second half, Maldon scored five 3s and two 2s to win 39 to 9. The final score was Maldon 89 shots to Bridgewater 37.

And so Maldon advances to tomorrow's semi-final against Maryborough Golf to be played at Maryborough Highland.

This week we had another very successful Triples Event at Maldon. Our next home Triples will be on Wednesday 12 March.

On Sunday 23 February Maldon will once again be competing in the Talbot Fours tournament.

Don't forget our next community BBQ bowls night with Arty-Rex next Friday 21 February.

Good Bowling all.

Peter Sedgwick

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Maldon Golf Club



WITH the festivities of Christmas and New Year but a distant memory, the hiatus of little or no golf over the past few months was the challenge confronting the team of five Maldon Golf Club golfers who ventured to Kyneton last Sunday.

After an absence of five years, the Club's decision to field a team in Golf Central Victoria District pennant competition was a great challenge prior to the upcoming commencement of our playing season. Members were quick to support this decision and a team of players assembled under the guidance and tutelage of Team Captain Ian Long.

What happened next? WINNERS are GRINNERS

Drawn against the formidable team of players from one of the District's leading Clubs, Neanger Park Golf Club, the team excelled, winning four of their games and drawing the fifth game. A great result, 4.5 to .5, and a top spot on the Leader's Board.

RESULTS

Richard Ruff won 1up lead by 1 hole after 18 holes
Harry Murray won 3/2 lead by 3 holes, 2 holes to play
Chris Mulholland won 5/3 lead by 5 holes, 3 holes to play
Garry Hutchins won 6/5 lead by 6 holes, 5 holes to play
Ian Long All square Equal holes won after 18 holes

This Sunday, off to Axedale Golf Club to compete against Bendigo Golf Club. All the best to the team.