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Mick Slocum OAM has refreshed the Maldon pillarbox: a story of renewal to say Happy New Year!
Photo courtesy Rob Leeson.

**REFRESHED
2025**



Maldon's historic postbox has had a lick of lovely fresh paint and it seems like the perfect symbol of renewal to say: Happy New Year! But the inspiring story of how the pillar box came to be painted by Mick Slocum OAM also speaks of regeneration and rejuvenation at any time and any age.

It sounds like a vocational calling, and certainly it came about by accident, but painting pillar-boxes is Mick's third or fourth career. "I was a pharmacist by profession and I'd always been in the music business, I always played," says Mick, who was a member of the Bushwackers Band in the 1970s and more recently toured the world to promote and highlight Australian music and cuisine.

While scrubbing away spray-painted tags, during a self-described 'anti-graffiti fad' near his Melbourne home last year, he decided to take the cleaning a step further. "I walked

past my local pillar box for the fifty-thousandth time when a light bulb went off over my head and I thought I could make it look even better," he describes. After painting it, and then a dozen others, he showed photos to managers at Australia Post who were surprised and impressed. They engaged him to paint more post-boxes, providing a list of 180 and negotiating a rate of pay per box.

It sounds as though there is a decent amount of labour involved: each pillar box requires a thorough cleaning and sanding to remove the old paint before Mick can commence the make-over. "The layers of paint hide the original details," he explains. "The boxes were designed and built in Melbourne in the 1880s. They go into the ground about three feet and it's not worth the bother to remove them."

Mick is working his way around country towns; he has painted 16 boxes in Ballarat and others in Castlemaine and Chewton. He now has an apprentice as he branches out to

paint the cast-iron electricity substations that can be found on street corners in inner Melbourne.

Aged in his 70s, Mick acknowledges that it is not always easy to take on new projects but that the first step is to start. "As you age, motivation gets harder and harder because your energy levels drop," he says. "But I force myself to ride my bike and go to the gym because it's difficult," he says. "And I force myself to do this, because it's difficult."

When pressed about why it's worth doing things that are difficult, Mick says: "It keeps you young, it keeps your mind active, it challenges you, it keeps you away from the telly." Mick laughs that people often notice the newly-painted, 140-year-old boxes for the very first time, and points to the fact that he can see and enjoy the results of his efforts.

Such great lessons as we head into a New Year and consider ways to live satisfying lives in 2025.

Michelle Dorian

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2025 COMMUNITY DIARY

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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 1.45pm for a 2pm start, subject to the weather. Resumes on Sunday 26 January 2025. 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 POLE WALKING, (during school terms) 2pm Castlemaine Botanic Gardens (Picnic shelter).

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

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

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD MORNINGS from 10am MNC Community garden.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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.

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

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

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

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY

MALDON CEMETERY FRIENDS WORKING BEE, 9.30am–11.30am. Our cemetery grounds and buildings need a little care and attention from some willing helpers on a regular basis. Training, equipment and morning tea provided. BYO hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and especially gardening gloves.

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH except January

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH except January

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

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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.

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY

NEWSTEAD POOL Local Teens Play the pool gig + BBQ + Inflatable

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY

MALDON HISTORIC BUS TOUR 12.45 - 2pm \$10. By Maldon Museum and Archives. Bookings essential from MNC 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au

MALDON TWILIGHT DINNER Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/mvsrd9m2>

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY

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SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

ALL POOLS, Australia Day Free Pool entry. Live music + BBQ (Newstead)

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY at the Maldon Golf Club from 3pm, food and refreshments with live music and fun with the Tarrangower Thong Throw Competition.

BBQ AT THE LAKE, Join your local community for a BBQ at the Lake Cairn Curran picnic area near the wall. Bring chairs, your meat and salad and some drinks and enjoy the friendship from 12pm.

MONDAY 27 JANUARY

FREE BBQ in the Maldon Shire Gardens hosted by the Maldon RSL between 9am and 11am. Maldon Brass Band and locals reciting poetry and singing.



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Twilight Dinner will proceed



Definitely, absolutely, positively going ahead

THE 2025 Maldon Twilight Dinner will definitely, absolutely, positively go ahead with an emphasis on the positive, according to the organisers who have taken over the reins for the first time this year. Tickets for the Saturday 18 January event are on sale now.

Maldon Lions Club President Renee Thompson, who is coordinating the night with a crack team of community groups, has confirmed that all the components are coming together. "We've started from scratch and we're feeling really positive," she said. "We plan to put on a magnificent event and show people that it is a fantastic night out." She hopes the community will support the dinner, which is a significant fundraising activity for the Maldon Lions Club, the Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum, Maldon Freemasons and the Maldon Golf Club. Hardworking volunteers from all of these groups will put in many hours of effort to create a wonderful dinner with music under the stars on Main Street. The focus is on bringing Maldon people together to highlight and celebrate the town. "We are proudly promoting our Maldon community and supporting Maldon businesses," Renee told the *Tarrangower Times*. "It's about Maldon and that's the way it should be!"

Entertainment on the night will include musical theatre performers and a raft of local music such as The Amazing Valentinos, Darling Buds of Maldon, the Jam Tarts Trio and more. "There will be continuous music the whole time," Renee said. Food and beverages

will be provided in abundance by local businesses. Renee and her team have been listening to feedback and taking steps to ensure that improvements are implemented. A well-intentioned sign: (which was advised and approved by Council) to alert drivers of the planned road closure on the day caused some initial confusion, but the organisers have clarified that retailers will remain open on the day. The shopping strip of Main Street, Maldon will be closed to vehicular traffic from midday on Saturday 18 January for dinner preparations. Tickets will be checked but normal pedestrian access to the shops will not be restricted by the event.

Organising an outdoor feast for hundreds of people is a huge undertaking with many moving parts and the Twilight Dinner promises to be a wonderful event for locals and visitors alike. Renee is looking forward to a great night under the stars. "The event is for everyone and I'd love for the locals to get behind it."

Tickets for the 2025 Maldon Twilight Dinner are on sale now via ticketebo.com.au/maldon-festivals.

Tables of eight are available (book together to guarantee sitting together) but there is no minimum ticket purchase. For more information about the dinner and ticket options visit: maldonfestivals.com and for updates, follow tinyurl.com/2juvj3hd.

Michelle Dorian

Cemetery update

AS we begin 2025, I would like to tell you a bit about what's happening at our cemetery.

Before I go any further, I would like to thank our faithful volunteers for their tremendous efforts. The cemetery is looking more loved than it has for a while. Thank you also to those in the community who have noticed and given feedback to that effect. A little praise goes a long way.

If you've been inside the Sexton's Cottage, you may have noticed that daylight is visible through those yellow-painted walls. There is no hot water or heating and the roof needs replacing. The cemetery is on the heritage list, so who better to call on than Maldon's own international award-winning heritage architect Andrew Fedorowicz.

Andrew has supplied all drawings and specifications for the work required to fully restore the cottage to her former glory. The estimated cost is around \$200,000. As soon as a grant is opened, we will be ready to apply. We also require a grant of around \$30,000 to repair the Rotunda.

On a more positive note, we have received a substantial grant to repair the roads and drains throughout the cemetery. Unfortunately, the grant is about \$19,000 short of the amount required. We have six months to raise the extra funds, complete the work and acquit the grant.

Maldon Cemetery is a community asset, and the Trust members are calling out to the community for your support. Watch out for cemetery raffles, trivia nights, cemetery tours and anything else we can come up with. Together we can achieve great things.

Christine Fitzgerald
Chair
Maldon Cemetery Trust
0419 347 408

All set for Australia Days

MALDON Golf Club and the Maldon RSL Sub Branch have teamed up to offer two days of music, food and fun to the local community for Australia Day. Head to the Golf Club from 3pm on Sunday 26 January and then continue with the RSL at Maldon Shire Gardens on the public holiday, Monday 27 January between 9am and 11am.

A community co-production

Golf Club Secretary Bob Briggs said that the club had held a successful event last year and was happy to work alongside the RSL to expand the day for 2025. "People remarked that it's great to have something on. It's great to have community organisations getting together," he said.

RSL President Sharon Telford explained that while Maldon had previously held Australia Day activities since the 1980s, COVID put a stop to it and the original organising committee disbanded. This year, the RSL decided to put on an event for the community. "The members decided it was something they could and should do. It fits with the ethos and one of the purposes of the RSL, which is to promote national pride and collegiality," she said.

Sunday Fun Day

The Golf Club activities have a distinctly Aussie theme, and will be serving 'iconic' prawn skewers on the Barbie, 'traditional' BBQ lamb burgers and 'indulgent' lamingtons as well as drinks at the bar. Live music by the Darling Buds of Maldon will include some specially-prepared Aussie bush songs. Entry to the event is free, while card facilities are available to pay for food

and beverages.

The highlight of the day will surely be the Tarrangower Thong Throw Championship, sponsored by SP Machinery & Hardware. Come and test your technique; entry fees start at \$2 per throw (with funds supporting the Junior Golfing Program) and competition will take place all afternoon from 3pm to 6pm with cash prizes available. Bob makes it clear that gumboot throwing methods will not fly. "You need to take a frisbee approach and flick it away from your body, you can't lob it like a boot because it doesn't have the weight." Kids are particularly encouraged to have a throw.

Baringhup Community: Join your local community for a BBQ at the Lake Cairn Curran picnic area near the wall. Bring chairs, your meat and salad and some drinks and enjoy the friendship from 12pm on Sunday 26 January.

More on Monday, for free

Maldon RSL will host a free BBQ in the Maldon Shire Gardens and offer sausages from Maldon Butchers and bacon from Don KR, both generous sponsors of the event. Come and hear the marvellous Maldon Brass Band, with a special performance of the Australian National Anthem by Louise Clarke. Talented locals will recite poetry and sing songs for us all to enjoy. "It will be all local people that we know," Sharon said. "We're keeping it pretty relaxed." Everyone is welcome to both events and no bookings are necessary.

Michelle Dorian

New chicken factory plans posted

THE operator of multiple broiler farms on the Moolort Plains has indicated new plans to apply for council permission to build five new facilities. At least three of the proposed new chicken farms appear to be located in Baringhup.

On Sunday 22 December 2024, owner of Pavilion Farms (PF) Michael Vukadinovic posted an image in a thread in the Maryborough & Goldfields Community Facebook group. Mr Vukadinovic's accompanying written comment states: "...this is a map of where the next 5 farms for which we will apply permits for will be built." The 'map' is an aerial view that includes the property bounded by Baringhup Road, Allens Road and Hurses Lane where a PF broiler farm currently operates.

Six green rectangles have been digitally placed on the image; one seems to indicate a facility that has a pending application with Central Goldfields Shire Council (CGSG), one sits to the west of Hurses Lane and two are located to the north between Havelock Road and Baringhup West Road. The location shown in the image is right on the border of CGSG and Mount Alexander Shire Councils (MASC); the proposed farms appear to be located in both local government areas.

Pavilion Farms currently operates multiple broiler farms in Carisbrook with two further advertised applications in process (for sites on

Baringhup Road and Pyrenees Highway). The company undertook a protracted legal conflict with community living in Mount Alexander Shire between 2012 and 2019, relating to proposed chicken farms in apparently a similar area of West Baringhup as indicated by the green rectangles on Mr Vukadinovic's 'map'.

Relating to the proposed locations in his posted image, Mr Vukadinovic wrote: "These farm plans and locations are fully compliant with the Broiler Code and all other planning requirements." His written comment further indicated that attempts had been made to discuss plans with local residents. He continued: "We have time and options to be patient but these farms will be built unless you guys decide to sit down with us and have a sensible conversation about your concerns and we will accommodate them as much as possible."

Mr Vukadinovic's post seems to be a reply to a comment that has since been deleted, so the context of the conversation is not available. The *Tarrangower Times* has attempted to contact Mr Vukadinovic to discuss PF's plans but he has not responded.

To view PF's current broiler farm applications visit: tinyurl.com/ybrxyent.

Submissions or objections will be considered by Council up until the time that planning applications are decided.

Michelle Dorian

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MONDAY 3 MARCH, 2025 PROGRESS HALL, MALDON

For more info contact: Christine Gibb 0428 810 633



Bite size news and opportunities: summer edition

Managing livestock and heat stress

Throughout summer, heat stress in livestock can become a major issue both for production levels and animal welfare, but there are precautions that you can take, according to Agriculture Victoria's Senior Veterinary Officer Dr Jeff Cave.

The ideal temperature range for cattle is between 5 and 25°C, and for adult pigs just 18 to 20°C.

Poultry have been known to perish due to heat stress on very hot days.

High humidity can also play a significant role in heat stress. For any given temperature, the degree of heat stress increases as the relative humidity increases. Check your livestock daily, looking for any signs of stress during hot weather. Heat stressed livestock will seek out shade, drink more, eat less, stand rather than lie down, pant, may produce less milk and can be less fertile.

On hot days, give livestock unlimited access to shade or shelter and good quality, cool drinking water. Make sure you are ready to implement your fire plan. Avoid moving animals during the hottest part of the day and try to avoid it on extreme days. High quality feed should be given during the evening when it is cooler, when livestock are more likely to consume it.

If you are not living at a property, arrange for a neighbour to check on animals in your absence.

By making some minor management changes and taking a little extra care of your livestock in extreme hot weather, the effects of heat stress can be substantially reduced.

Music lovers mustn't miss: Newstead Live

The delightful Newstead Live takes place over the last weekend in January, when a range of diverse and highly regarded international and national artists perform in live music venues across town. Wonderful acts this year include Alanna and Alicia, Bush Gothic, Freya and Tom McGowan, Girl Friday and the Sepia Tones, Double Dole String Band and the Mast Gully Fellers. Special food and drink options for the weekend include The Troubadour Wine Bar, Thai Cafe & Continental Breakfast at the Community Centre, and food vans in the Festival Village.

Other activities include workshops, impromptu sessions, spoken word performances and open-mic sessions. It features Australia's original trad disco and pool party, good food and camping. Newstead Live is a music festival for all ages and is on Friday 24 to Monday 27 January, for tickets visit: newsteadlive.com/tickets-1.

Volunteer for Newstead Live!

Newstead Live needs people to drive around Central Victoria and put up posters or leave flyers and they're willing to do a fair trade! Contact the organisers via the festival web page: newsteadlive.com/get-in-touch.

Bushfire impacted farmers welcome recovery support

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) has welcomed the Federal Government's Disaster Recovery Allowance for those impacted by the Grampians National Park and Macedon Ranges bushfires and is praising local communities and farmers for heeding warnings ahead of the blazes. For those wishing to lend a helping hand, the VFF's Disaster Relief Fund is taking monetary donations. The VFF Disaster Relief Fund is an independent charity that assists regional Victorians, including farmers through natural disasters. People wishing to directly support farmers impacted by bushfire can donate to the registered independent charity, the VFF Disaster Relief Fund online: vff.org.au/vffdisasterrelieffund.

Have your say about Council Budget

Mount Alexander Shire Council is inviting the community to comment on Council's 2025/2026 Budget. The submission process is now open for community members and organisations to submit a proposal for projects or funding considerations for the 2025/2026 Budget. Mount Alexander Shire Council's Mayor, Cr Rosie Annear said that community feedback is important in helping Council develop its 2025/2026 Budget.

"As a small regional Council, we manage to do a lot on a limited budget," said Mayor Annear. "With the cost of materials and services increasing, and with more responsibilities and expectations from State and Federal government, and community, it's increasingly difficult to do the work we want to do with the funds we have." Mayor Annear said that the input of the shire's "passionate and engaged residents" is essential to the development of the new budget.

All community input received will be collated and provided to Councillors for their review and consideration during the budget process. Community members who provide a submission and wish to speak to their submissions may do as at the meeting of Council in May 2025.

Councillors will consider the draft budget for adoption at a meeting of Council in June 2025.

Visit: shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au
Email: info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au
Post: 2025/2026 Draft Budget, PO Box 185, Castlemaine VIC 3450
Call: 5471 1700
Visit Council Offices: 27 Lyttleton Terrace, Castlemaine (8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday)
Submissions close on Friday 7 February 2025.

Spare your skin this summer

SunSmart urges Victorians to focus on sun protection this summer to lower their lifetime risk of skin cancer. 289 Victorians presented to emergency departments in Victorian public hospitals last year with sunburn, Head of SunSmart, Emma Glassenbury said the data served as a reminder for just how serious sunburn can be. "No one should wind up in hospital emergency departments purely from enjoying time outdoors – particularly when sunburn is easily preventable. We want to encourage all Victorians to consider their access to shade, remember to regularly reapply sunscreen, keep their sunnies on, slip on covering clothes and don a wide brim hat this summer to keep themselves safe," Ms Glassenbury said.

However, medical attention may be required in extreme cases of sunburn. Associate Professor Daniel Malone of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University said: "Aloe vera gels can soothe a sunburn, but people with sunburn should see a doctor if they have blisters that cover a large area of the skin, experience symptoms such as fever, headaches or dizziness, or if the sunburn appears infected."

Maldon Historic Tour

Looking for something different to do on a Saturday afternoon in Maldon? Maybe you have visitors staying who would like to see some different parts of Maldon! Take a fascinating bus tour of historic Maldon in air-conditioned comfort for one hour, led by Maldon Museum & Archives Association Inc. Saturday 18 January, 12.45pm, \$10. For information and bookings, contact Maldon Neighbourhood Centre: tinyurl.com/3fm3aj6f.

Kidstuff during school holidays

Art Activities

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) has a selection of free, drop-in art activities for kids at the Central Goldfields Gallery and Castlemaine Library over the summer holidays as part of the NGV Kids on Tour program. Make and create cat and dog ears you can wear, flower pompoms, paper moths and more... come and join in the fun! These self-guided

activities are available each day of the school holidays during opening hours. For more information and online activities: ngv.vic.gov.au/kids.

Central Goldfields Gallery is also holding an art activity for kids to create a necklace and small painting creation on Wednesday 22 January 2025 from 10.30-11.30am at a cost of \$5 per child.

Bookings phone 5461 6600, details at centralgoldfieldsartgallery.com.au/Learn-178.

Lots at the libraries

There are other activities at Castlemaine Library and all the other Goldfields Libraries, see here for details: ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram.

Go to the zoo, zoo, zoo

Families can take advantage of free entry for kids under 16 to Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Open Range Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Kyabram Fauna Park on weekends, public holidays and school holidays. To find out what's on and where, visit: zoo.org.au.

Free Sunday concerts

Head to the Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo to enjoy free, informal concerts every Sunday afternoon throughout January. Showcasing a broad range of Bendigo local talent and other fine performers from further away, these concerts are a wonderful way to enjoy the magic of the Yi Yuan Gardens. While you're there, visit the museum to learn all about the resident Chinese dragons, including fascinating multimedia display created by Multimedia artist and educator Ivan Sun. goldendragonmuseum.org/events.

Take a dip

For simple, old-fashioned and budget-friendly fun, head to the local pool. With music, sausage sizzles and splashes galore, you can easily spend hours moving between the shade and the water. Keep an eye out for the family fun days and events at the pool nearest you by following Mount Alexander Pools on Facebook: tinyurl.com/5fxt3fdn.

Castlemaine Careers Fair: connect with local job seekers

The Castlemaine Careers Fair 2025, taking place on Wednesday 19 February, is a fantastic opportunity for businesses to connect with local job seekers, including school leavers, career changers, and experienced professionals. Employers can participate by hosting a stall in the Castlemaine Town Hall to showcase your business and current job opportunities or attending the Networking Lunch in

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Tarrangology : what is in store for you in 2025?

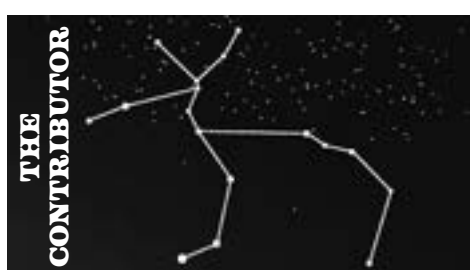
CHECK out these local types, find your identity and your future will be revealed!



The Contender is a Mars-ruled Cardinal Fire sign, known for initiation and independence unless it is playing in a team in which case it will do what coach says. It moves quickly and suddenly, sprinting forward or playing a hand without holding back. The Contender is fuelled by passion, inspiration, Gatorade and snags (or tea and cake). The Contender is willing to take risks as long as the risks are within the game; it always wants to go first and be first. During 2025, Neptune moves into your sign for the first time in 160 years, so you will win some and lose some, but it will all come together on the day. Remember that not everything is a game that you can win, but be sure to set boundaries to maintain your competitive edge and avoid burnout.



The Perennial is a Venus-ruled Fixed Earth sign, characterised by permanence and down-to-earth qualities. The Perennial gets things done slowly and methodically, the way it has been done for generations. It invests in things that have substance and cultivates pleasures like food and wine and often refuses to lower its standards. Though resilient, the Perennial struggles with change, preferring familiar faces and places. During 2025, transformation planet Pluto returns to your sign, offering opportunities that might mean you cannot continue to wear the same outfit every day. Beware of maintaining an all-or-nothing approach to life; you can't get the ute out if you don't open the gate occasionally.

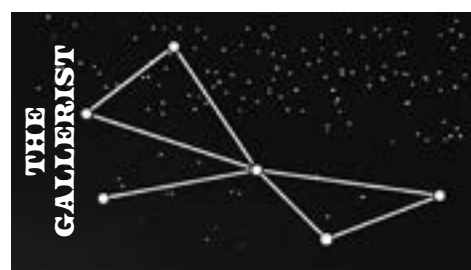


The Contributor is a Mercury-ruled Mutable Air sign that deals with connections and adaptability. The Contributor engages in dialogues with multiple sources and wants to be involved in everything (and in fact is probably on multiple committees). Its detail-oriented nature allows it to understand how things work and assist in activities at every level from traffic management to washing the dishes. The Contributor has networks in all directions in order to make things happen. During 2025, Uranus lands in your sign for the first time in 76 years, bringing its weird energy and leaving you prone to becoming scattered as a result of

being involved in too many projects. Beware of the dangers that can come with knowing a little bit about too many things and avoid talking over everyone else.



The Volunteer is a Moon-ruled Cardinal Water sign known for defence and protection; it cares for that which is essential and exposed. The Volunteer is tuned to safety and works with others to achieve its important tasks. It is nurturing and generous in its nature, is available for others when they need assistance and is great at using equipment and/or following procedures. 2025 will see you hit the ground running — you will be called and needed in various places — but the planets warn you to avoid spreading yourself too thinly and to occasionally look away from the VicEmergency app. Beware of always taking on other people's problems and remember that your sensitive nature requires safety and comfort for you too.



The Gallerist is a Sun-ruled Fixed Fire sign characterised by creativity and style. The Gallerist has a big personality and loves to attract attention but can also shift the focus onto others. It aims for authentic self-expression, exudes warmth and creativity but can be sensitive to feedback. During 2025, Jupiter will enter your friendship sector during the first half of the year and you will have many opportunities to chat over glasses of bubbles and free cheese. Beware of spending all your money at Laine & Col or Platform No.5 when you are on your way to buy groceries at IGA.



The Renovator is a Mercury-ruled Mutable Earth sign that deals with discernment and helpfulness. It gathers, compiles, and curates information, mainly using Pinterest and Instagram. The Renovator analyses things to see where they can be more efficient and has an overall fixation on quality and perfectionism. During 2025, the North Node in Pisces activating your partnership sector may mean that you will have to compromise on paint finishes or furniture placement. Multiple eclipses, both solar and lunar, warn of planning or heritage permit delays. Use your critical skills and judgement towards positive improvements rather than customer service staff.



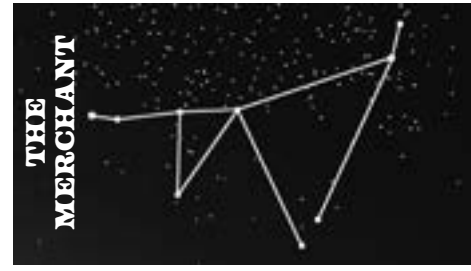
The Commuter is a Venus-ruled Cardinal Air sign known for harmony and balance, spending half of its time travelling to and from work in the city. The Commuter collects opinions and understands issues from multiple perspectives. This comes as a result of chatting to fellow V-Line passengers, by eavesdropping during the commute or from listening to podcasts while driving. During 2025, Neptune moves into your house of relationships from March to October which might require you to actually choose a position rather than always seeing both sides of an argument, but at least you won't be alone. Avoid becoming contrarian just because you can't make up your mind. Beware of daydreaming or you might miss your stop.



The Antiquarian is a Mars-ruled Fixed Water sign that is characterised by depth and resilience. It experiences profound and intense feelings, values the holding and the uncovering of secrets, and wishes that more financial resources were allocated to maintaining heritage architecture. The Antiquarian is capable of taking either offensive or defensive positions. During 2025, Jupiter shifts into Cancer for 13 months which means that you may need to choose between competing historic interests in order to gain satisfaction from any. Your ability to withstand harsh environments may see you managing conflicting opinions or leading a working bee.



The Weekender is a Jupiter-ruled Mutable Fire sign that deals with inspiration, potential and possibility, but often struggles with commitment. The Weekender is free-spirited and defined by big picture thinking; somehow managing to maintain a home in the city and another in the country. The Weekender is often the friendliest person on the street, partly because it needs to ask a neighbour to bring in the wheelie bins. During 2025, Jupiter in your love zone for the first half of the year means that you may be torn between pottering in your potager and the urban nightlife. Remember to mark your calendar in advance to ensure that you won't be distracted by city stuff and miss the Easter Fair, Bonfire or Gothic Festival.



The Merchant is a Saturn-ruled Cardinal Earth sign and is known for responsibility and business-like conduct. It buckles down and does what needs to be done in a focussed and thoughtful way, sticking to the clock. The Merchant is often the Designated Driver in a friendship and is motivated by a strong sense of duty. During 2025, take the opportunity to be involved in networking events, even though you take a while to warm up to people. Consider how small changes to normal habits, traditions or opening hours can lead to improvements. Beware of repressing emotions while seeking profits, especially when Saturn goes retrograde in Pisces later in the year.



The Tree-changer is a Saturn-ruled Fixed Air sign and is characterised by intelligence and innovation. It looks to the unknown, trying to figure out the rules that govern things, especially when faced with the culture shock of moving from an apartment to a half-acre block. The Tree-changer moves with the desire to create a new future but can also be rigid in its need for change. During the first half of 2025, Jupiter moves into Gemini, providing opportunities to become involved in your new community to perhaps lose the feeling of being a fish-out-of-water. Try to get to know locals as individuals and avoid believing in conspiracy theories, even if you are now living off-grid.



The Bush Poet is a Jupiter-ruled Mutable Water sign that deals with expansion and idealism. It is intuitive, sensing other people's thoughts and motivations, except when on a roll with an epic story. The Bush Poet is sensitive, romantic, sociable and can regularly be found at a café or bar, especially when there is an Open Mic session. During 2025, when the Virgo eclipse occurs in March during Venus Retrograde, you may need to accept contradictions in order to remain connected to all your many friends. Beware of thinking that everything is a sign and if you can't remember if you dreamt an incident or it actually happened, avoid telling everyone the details. Don't forget to register as a volunteer for the Maldon Folk Festival.

Written in the stars by Mystic Michelle for entertainment only, of course.

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AS the temperature soars, water is just as important as fire. Community use of water to stay cool, hydrate or for recreation means that a number of issues around water come to light at this time of year.

Water saving rules remain

The amount of water used across North Central Victoria spikes during high temperatures as residents use water to remain hydrated, water gardens, fill swimming pools or run air conditioning.

Coliban Water's General Manager Water and Climate Strategy Adam Crameri explains that while the company expects and plans for usage to increase with hot weather, there are some things customers can do to ensure water is being used wisely and to best effect.

Permanent Water Saving Rules are in place requiring that a hand-held hose may only be used if it is fitted with a trigger nozzle and leak-free, while fountains or water-features may only be used if it recirculates the water. Gardens or lawns may only be watered with a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can at any time or with a watering system between 6pm to 10am. Hard surfaces, including driveways, paths and decks, must be cleaned with a broom and not with water, except for special circumstances as outlined here: tinyurl.com/mr8dzfrh.

Why save water?

Saving water can save money and potentially, save lives.

Water usage is one area that can be monitored as part of cost-of-living budgeting. Residents can work out their water usage by looking at their bill, reading their meter, and then recording their usage over 24 hours. "Being aware of how much you're using day-to-day is the first and best way to make savings," Mr Crameri says.

Importantly, during bushfire season, the demand for water increases as risks to infrastructure also increases, so residents are advised to store an emergency water supply for family and pets. "While we prepare our network for the fire season, a reliable water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire emergency," Mr Crameri warns. "Customers may encounter low water pressure, a loss of water supply, or impacts to water quality due to heat, fire damage to our pipes and equipment, or high demand from firefighters."

If extreme weather conditions or a bushfire threat impact the water supply, Coliban Water informs customers through text messages, its website, and social media updates.

Castlemaine water reclamation plant plans

The Castlemaine community has given feedback on the proposed plans to upgrade the Castlemaine Water Reclamation Plant at two public drop-in sessions last month. Responses from the public acknowledged the need to upgrade the plant to meet the area's growing population, while ensuring improved wastewater treatment that will continue to benefit Campbells Creek's flora and fauna.

Two drop-in sessions – one at the Maxi IGA in Castlemaine and one at the Castlemaine Water Reclamation Plant – were held for the public as part of the review of the project's Development Licence Application (DLA) to the Environment Protection Authority. The community will have a chance to provide further feedback on the planning permit application in 2025.

Following the approvals for the project, upgrades will take several years to complete and will take place in the plant's existing boundary to increase the plant's treatment capacity, improve the quality of treated wastewater and provide more resilient sewer services to the growing community. The plant currently treats wastewater from 15,500 residents and businesses in Castlemaine and surrounding areas. Growth forecast estimates the Mount Alexander Shire's population will hit 22,000 by 2028.

Take care sinking a bore

Underground water exists across much of Victoria, and it is tempting to sink a bore to gain access to this precious resource, but depth, quality and yield of bore water varies enormously. Some bores generate good quantities of water, but others produce small amounts or water that is high in salt or other impurities.

Agriculture Victoria Land Management Extension Officer Clem Sturmfels said sinking a bore is expensive, so it's important landholders do their homework prior to engaging a drilling contractor.

"Check out existing bores in your area to review the depth, yield and quality of water, or access the online interactive map, Visualising Victoria's Groundwater (VVG). This map allows the user to zoom in to their farm and turn on various coloured layers which indicate the likely depth, yield and quality of water in the area."

A groundwater licence is required. For further information about accessing groundwater, visit the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) website: tinyurl.com/47hbyhna.

Stay safe in and on the water

Summer in Australia brings too many headlines about water-based tragedies, reminding us to stay safe when we head out for some fun in the pool, river, lake, beach or reservoir.

Mount Alexander Pools

The key lessons are: stay vigilant and become competent in the water. Our local pools offer swimming lessons through the VICSWIM Summer Kidz program. As part of the partnership with Mount Alexander Pools, which are located in Maldon, Harcourt, Castlemaine and Newstead, YMCA operates the Watch Around Water program, water safety education program aims to increase awareness of the importance of active supervision of young children in public aquatic facilities. For more details see Life Saving Victoria's website: tinyurl.com/ye2xwvxx.

Be mindful when sharing the water

Northern Victoria's lakes, dams, and reservoirs often attract more than 500,000 visitors during the summer holidays. Goulburn-Murray Water's (GMW) Water Storage Services general manager Alan Shea encouraged people heading out onto the water to be mindful of those around them.

"There is a five-knot limit at all our water storages for boaters within 50 metres of other vessels, navigation aids, swimmers and fixed or floating structures," he said. "It is crucial people observe these limits for their own safety and the safety of those around them, particularly during peak periods such as the summer holidays."

Several dry months, along with high irrigation demand, have seen the water levels of many GMW storages drop in recent months; Cairn Curran has fallen 27 per cent. Mr Shea said boaters should account for these changes. "When water levels drop, the nature of a waterway changes," he said. "Areas that were deep enough to boat at high speeds in previous months may now be much shallower, and hazards that were well below the surface may now be just below the waterline."

Check for blue-green algae



There are no current blue-green algae warnings for Cairn Curran or Laanecoorie Reservoirs, but swimmers are being urged to check for blue-green algae warnings this summer. Blue-green algae is naturally occurring and are often present in waterways at low levels throughout the year. However, blue-green algae also contain toxins that at certain levels can be harmful to humans and animals. GMW regularly tests its lakes, dams and reservoirs for algae levels and issues warnings on its website when tests reveal elevated levels. Swimmers should avoid waterways with suspected blue-green algae.

It is important to note that blue-green algae cannot be removed, it can be present even when there is no obvious change to the colour of the water and when a blue-green algae warning is announced, it is not known how long the blue-green algae will remain at high levels. Check for warnings at: tinyurl.com/p278vmnc.

Irrelevant but Interesting: scientists working on bluebottle prediction tool

There are no beaches in Central Victoria and (usually) no bluebottles on Victorian beaches, but in an interesting development, scientists from UNSW Sydney are working on technology that can go so far as predict which beaches and on what days bluebottle jellyfish will wash ashore. Using wind and swell forecasts, knowledge about this curious creature's anatomy and lots of complicated maths that oceanography brings with it, the scientists are building a tool that can make the likelihood of picking a beach with bluebottles more than just a matter of (bad) luck. Still in its testing phase, the plan is to include the prediction tool in Surf Life Saving Australia's app, Beachsafe, when next summer rolls around.

Utterly trivial: bluebottles are not a single animal but a colony of four kinds of highly modified individuals (zooids) that are dependent on one another for survival. Did you know that there are left- and right-handed bluebottles? Out in the open ocean, where bluebottles live, they drift along according to the winds. They have either right or left angled 'sails' which catch the wind and determine their direction of travel.

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Shooting our natural opportunity and heritage

Stemming from a long-time regional farming family, I can say wildlife is struggling. It's having to congregate in fewer and fewer safe places. This may make it look like there is more of it - in those few places - than there really is.

Climate change is making life tough enough for our native critters. More heatwaves. More droughts. More frequent and intense bushfires. Add to that relentless development, whacking roads and fencing through the homes and highways of wildlife without a thought.

Let's talk roos. Many people may not realise over half our 16 macropod species have already gone extinct in Victoria since European settlement.

The number of lifestyle properties in our regions is higher than ever. Thankfully, most landowners appreciate wildlife. It's the reason people come from the cities to visit. Kangaroos help keep fuel loads down and are a whole lot cheaper than non-native stock or slashing. Their soft feet are far better on the land than hard hooved non-natives. They eat and drink less, don't need drenching or shearing and are beautiful to watch.

Economically it seems to me we have a golden opportunity in the regions. Tourism - for which kangaroos are our mascot for good reason - is the largest industry in the country. And according to Tourism Australia, wildlife is the top attraction.

Most of our native wildlife species are unique to Australia. Let's protect and care for the native creatures who were here long before us and in so doing look after our financial future.

Name and Address Supplied

Junior Library

I do not want this letter to be in any way construed as a criticism of the current Committee of Management at the Maldon Athenaeum Library where I sincerely believe that under the leadership of Tina Fratta the committee members and volunteers are doing a great job in continuing the long tradition of service to the Maldon community.

However the reporting in the *Tarrangower Times* last week (20 December 2024) of the 'In Maldon Today Radio Program' was incorrect. While Fiona Farley has been doing a wonderful

job working in the Junior Library during the past couple of years she has not been 'assisting in the development of a Children's Library within the Maldon Athenaeum Library'.

There is no doubt that Fiona's work during the past two years has been really significant. She has re-vamped and culled books that are no longer relevant to the Junior Library and introduced other good features.

The actual idea for the establishment of a Junior Library at the Athenaeum was first mooted in 1954 but it took until 2004 for it to actually come in existence. There were wonderful donations (including a significant one of books for senior primary and junior secondary children from Fiona's parents), monetary grants from the Maldon Community Bank and the Stoneman Foundation as well as private individuals. The Junior Library provided boxes of books for the Maldon Pre-School, conducted visits to and from the Maldon Primary School, held fabulous story times activities for pre-school children, held a special 150th celebration party for the junior members in 2013 and was fortunate to have artist Sally Roadknight generously offer to paint a mural on one wall of the Junior Library. In addition to the normal library opening hours, the Junior Library was open once a week until 5pm to enable those children attending school outside Maldon to access the Library.

During the latter part of 2004 the then Committee of Management was approached by the Victorian Government and asked if we would host the region's Write Around Australia competition. This was a huge undertaking, involving many people and hours of work as well as having benefits for our junior members and Maldon Primary School. Author Michael Pryor held workshops for grade five and six children from surrounding schools, including Newstead and Castlemaine.

A survey conducted around this time showed that there were 60 children using the Junior Library from 39 families. Membership of the Junior Library has always been free.

I have written this letter because I want new families to Maldon to understand that there is a great Junior Library at the Maldon Athenaeum and that it is well worth a visit and it certainly is up and running.

Joy Leneaux-Gale

(past president of the Committee of Management of the Maldon Athenaeum Library)



The Maldon Shop N Win winner on 20 December was Carl Richards from Maldon who purchased from Maldon IGA. Paul Simmons Branch Manager from Maldon & District Community Bank drew the winning ticket.



The Maldon Shop N Win winner on 3 January was Stephanie Lierich who purchased from Pure Gold Holistic & Wellbeing. Catherine Tait is pictured with Lesley from Pure Gold with the winning ticket. Photo courtesy Pure Gold.

Sunday 12 January – 1 Church Street – 9am to 1.30pm

THE January market is on! It's time for the 'Holiday Market'—a fun and relaxing way to kick off the new year. Join us for the first market of 2025 and celebrate with us in style. Thanks to your support, our wonderful community keeps this market alive and thriving.

Can you believe how quickly 2024 flew by? We're excited to share that 'Jim and Jens' stone fruit is back! They missed the last market due to weather impacting their crop, but their assurance to they'll be here this Sunday with their fantastic fresh fruit. And what a treat—'Blackwood Orchards' will also be joining us with their delicious cherries. Remember, stone fruit has a short season, so don't miss this chance to grab these locally picked treasures while you can.

This market will feature a delightful mix of returning favourites and exciting new stalls. You'll find artisans showcasing handmade crafts, arts and delicious treats alongside our regular homegrown staples. Highlights include the new potato sourdough bread from 'Barbora's Bread and Bagels' in Baringhup. Trust us, this bread is a must-try, but you'll need to be quick—it's a real crowd-pleaser!

Local favourite 'Nuggetty Garlic' is back with its premium, short-season product, and

we're thrilled to welcome new stallholders like 'Chocolate Lilly Flowers,' featuring meticulously grown and stunning blooms. There's also 'DORM' and the 'Linen Duck,' offering handmade and printed clothing.

From cheeses to preserves, woodwork to candles, chocolate to eucalyptus and emu oils, and real fruit cordials to beer and wine, the variety this market offers is truly amazing. Don't forget to check out Farmer Phil's seedlings, 'Packed with Love Seeds,' and Sandor's Harvest for all your fresh veggie needs. Bring your shopping basket—you'll want to stock up on these fantastic handmade and homegrown goods!

Take a moment to relax in the shade with a coffee or a delicious lunch from our food vendors while enjoying live music by local musicians 'Keveen and Jim.' Don't miss the Maldon Swimming Pool fundraiser at the gate and BBQ—your donations will support this important community resource.

Come along this Sunday and experience the charm of the HOLIDAY Market. Meet our talented artisans and growers, browse the fantastic selection, and enjoy the country atmosphere.

The Maldon Market Community wishes you a wonderful 2025 and thanks you for supporting your local makers and growers.

Lynn McShanag

Fire report

THERE have been some very hot days and active fires in Regional Victoria since our last Fire Report but Bruce Clements 1st Lieutenant (Acting Captain) of Maldon Fire Brigade has confirmed that the local team has not recently attended any fires. "There were a couple of turn-outs for smoke sightings but that's about it," he said. "There was smoke drifting in from the Grampians that made people a bit wary. It's good that people are vigilant." To help avoid false alarms, residents can keep an eye on the VicEmergency website or app, and sign up for email alerts.

CFA resources have been stretched over New Year, with bushfires in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park, Bullengarook and recently, Moliagul, so Maldon firefighters have remained on stand-by. The Baringhup Brigade attended Moliagul but didn't stay long.

Safe snags

The current key message from the CFA is that residents should know when it is safe and permitted to have a barbecue during the summer holiday season. Remember that you can't cook outdoors using solid fuel such as wood or heat beads during Total Fire Ban Days and a fire or BBQ should never be left alone; it should be monitored by an adult who is able to put the fire out.

The full guidelines are available on tinyurl.com/mrpwzpf and they include:

Do not cook a BBQ during a Fire Danger Period unless:

- The wind is less than 10 km/h. This means that leaves on trees are gently moving around in the breeze but branches are not moving.
- The area 3 metres around and above the fire is clear of anything that can burn.

Do not cook a BBQ during a Total Fire Ban unless the above conditions exist plus:

- The BBQ uses only gas or electricity and is a permanently fixed structure built of stone, metal, concrete or another non-flammable material designed exclusively for meal preparation. Or the BBQ is designed and commercially manufactured exclusively for meal preparation (including portable gas BBQs and portable gas stoves) and when alight is placed in a stable position.
- You have 10 litres of water ready, or a hose connected to a tap and ready to use.
- The BBQ must be turned off or the fire completely put out when finished.

The whole of Mount Alexander Shire is in a Fire Danger Period until Thursday 1 May 2025. Total Fire Bans are declared by CFA's Chief Officer on days of heightened fire danger and are advised via the CFA website and VicEmergency at emergency.vic.gov.au.

Stay safe and be careful with your grill gatherings; 'fire up the barbie' is just a figure of speech.

Michelle Dorian

Tomato mania has hit Maldon!

DO you grow the best tomatoes in the Maldon district? Perhaps you grow the biggest or the ugliest? Or you may be famous for the tastiest tomatoes in the district!

The Maldon Garden Club will allow you to compete against other avid tomato growers to eventually decide who has this loved pastime of tomato growing down to a fine art.

They are holding a tomato-growing competition over the next couple of months, culminating in the judging in the Progress Hall at the Maldon Community Centre on Monday 3 March at 5pm. This event is part of the Club's 25th anniversary celebrations.

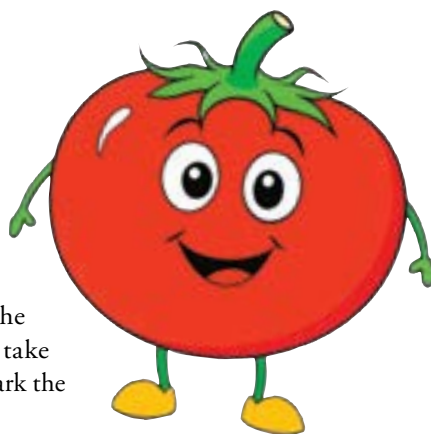
Even if you are hopeless at growing tomatoes, there is a category for you! You may produce the ugliest, funniest shaped or even the most diseased tomato! Whatever your ability at this mystifying pastime is, come along with your entry at 4pm on the day, with judging to commence at 5pm. There will be an entry fee of \$2, with one entry per category accepted. The



winning entry will receive a trophy and rosette, and the runners-up will take home a sash to mark the occasion.

Four judges will scrutinise the entries on the day. One will be Rebecca from the Maldon Bakery, and the other will be a Community Bank Maldon & District representative. The remaining two have yet to be announced.

The Maldon Garden Club is hugely grateful for the Community Bank Maldon & District grant, which made this event possible. Contact Christine Gibb on 0428 810 633 for further details.

Kerry Cain




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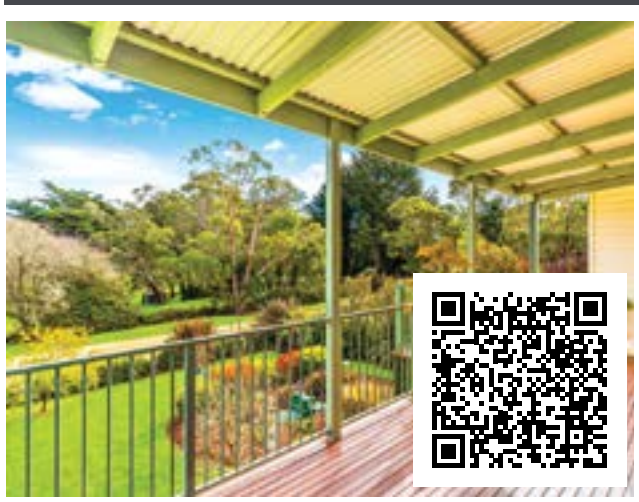
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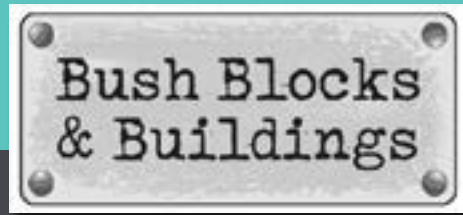


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TV Guide

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

ABC TV	SBS	SEVEN	NINE	TEN
<p>6:00 The Great Australian Bee Challenge (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:00 News Breakfast [s]</p> <p>9:00 News Breakfast Late [s]</p> <p>9:30 The Princess And The Press (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:30 Poh's Kitchen [s]</p> <p>11:00 Antiques Roadshow [s]</p> <p>12:00 ABC News At Noon [s]</p> <p>1:00 The Newsreader (M I) [s]</p> <p>2:00 The Split [s]</p> <p>3:00 Back Roads [s]</p> <p>3:30 Grand Designs (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:15 Long Lost Family (PG) [s]</p> <p>5:00 Antiques Roadshow [s]</p> <p>6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s]</p> <p>6:30 Hard Quiz Kids (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:00 ABC News [s]</p> <p>7:30 The Secret History Of The British Garden [s]</p> <p>8:30 Murder In Provence (M v) [s]</p> <p>10:00 Joanna Lumley's Great Cities Of The World: Rome (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:50 Grand Designs: North Wales (PG) [s]</p> <p>11:35 Long Lost Family (PG) [s]</p> <p>12:25 rage New Music (MA15+) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch</p> <p>9:15 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG)</p> <p>10:15 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG)</p> <p>11:05 Great Canal Journeys: The Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal (PG)</p> <p>12:00 Worldwatch</p> <p>2:00 Such Was Life: Starring Water</p> <p>2:10 Heritage Rescue</p> <p>3:00 Great British Railway Journeys (PG)</p> <p>3:35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG)</p> <p>4:05 Jeopardy! (PG)</p> <p>4:30 Letters And Numbers</p> <p>5:00 Motorsport: Dakar Rally Highlights</p> <p>6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG)</p> <p>6:30 SBS World News</p> <p>7:30 The Prestige (M v)</p> <p>9:55 Rock Legends: Elton John (PG)</p> <p>10:25 SBS World News Late</p> <p>10:55 Every Family Has A Secret: Grace Karskens & Ming Balintong (M)</p> <p>11:55 De Gaulle (MA15+) (In French)</p> <p>12:50 Kin (MA15+)</p> <p>2:45 Grayson's Art Club: Britain (PG)</p> <p>3:35 Make Me A Dealer</p>	<p>6:00 Sunrise [s]</p> <p>9:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s]</p> <p>11:30 Seven Morning News [s]</p> <p>12:00 Movie: "As Gouda As It Gets" (PG) (*20) Stars: Kim Shaw, Clayton James, Tara Joshi, Romaine Waitte, Morgan Kelly, Rebecca Croll, Daniel Brochu, Leni Parker, Devin Upham</p> <p>2:00 Motorbike Cops (PG) [s]</p> <p>2:15 Catch Phrase (PG) [s]</p> <p>3:00 The Chase UK (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:00 Seven News At 4 [s]</p> <p>5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) [s]</p> <p>6:00 Seven News [s]</p> <p>7:00 Cricket: Big Bash League: Hobart v Sydney Thunder "Live" From Ninja Stadium [s]</p> <p>10:30 Cricket: Post-Game "Live" [s]</p> <p>11:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer (PG) [s]</p> <p>12:30 The Real Manhunter: The Bus Stop Killer Levi Bellfield (M d,v) [s]</p> <p>2:30 Home Shopping</p> <p>4:00 Million Dollar Minute [s]</p> <p>5:00 NBC Today [s]</p>	<p>6:00 Today [s]</p> <p>9:00 Today Extra Summer [s]</p> <p>11:30 NINE News Morning [s]</p> <p>12:00 Movie: "Sparks Over Brooklyn" (PG) (*23) Stars: AnnaMaria Demara, David Lafontaine, Ben Sanders, Hannan Younis, Belladonna Defranco</p> <p>2:00 Pointless (PG) [s]</p> <p>3:00 Tipping Point (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:00 NINE News Afternoon [s]</p> <p>5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) [s]</p> <p>6:00 NINE News [s]</p> <p>7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:30 Find My Beach House Australia: Redlands, Queensland/ Sunshine Coast, Queensland [s]</p> <p>8:30 Movie: "King Richard" (M I) (*21) Stars: Will Smith, Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor, Jon Bernthal, Saniyya Sidney, Demi Singleton, Tony Goldwyn</p> <p>11:30 Casualty 24/7 (M) [s]</p> <p>12:20 Tipping Point (PG) [s]</p> <p>1:10 Delish [s]</p> <p>1:30 Home Shopping</p> <p>4:00 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo [s]</p>	<p>6:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:00 The Yes Experiment (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:30 Farm To Fork [s]</p> <p>8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s]</p> <p>8:30 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s]</p> <p>9:00 Lingo (PG) [s]</p> <p>10:00 Entertainment Tonight [s]</p> <p>10:30 Jamie One-Pan Wonders [s]</p> <p>11:30 Judge Judy (PG) [s]</p> <p>12:00 Farm To Fork [s]</p> <p>12:30 Family Feud (PG) [s]</p> <p>1:00 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less [s]</p> <p>2:00 Wheel Of Fortune [s]</p> <p>2:30 Lingo (PG) [s]</p> <p>3:30 Judge Judy (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:00 Family Feud (PG) [s]</p> <p>4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s]</p> <p>5:00 10 News First [s]</p> <p>6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG)</p> <p>6:30 The Project (PG) [s]</p> <p>7:30 Movie: "The First Wives Club" (PG) (*96) Stars: Diane Keaton, Goldie Hawn</p> <p>9:35 Movie: "Starsky & Hutch" (M d,l) (*04) Stars: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson</p> <p>11:40 The Project (PG) [s]</p>
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<p>11:50 Not Going Out (PG) 12:20 My Family (PG) 12:50 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 1:25 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 2:05 ER (PG) 2:50 Doctor Who (PG) 3:40 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:10 MythBusters (PG) 5:05 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 5:50 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 TBA 8:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Absolute Power" (M) (*97) Stars: Clint Eastwood 10:30 ER (PG)</p>	<p>2:45 Scandinavian Star (PG) (In Danish/ Filipino/ Norwegian/ Portuguese) 3:55 BBC News At Ten 4:25 ABC World News Tonight With David Muir 4:50 PBS News Hour 5:50 Alone (PG) 7:05 Jeopardy! 7:30 NITV News Summer Yarns 7:35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (M I,s) 8:30 A League Of Their Own (M) 9:25 Secrets Of Penthouse (MA15+) 10:15 Homeland (M I,s) 1:20 Movie: "The Operative" (MA15+) (*19) Stars: Diane Kruger</p>	<p>9:00 RSPCA Animal Rescue (PG) 9:30 NBC Today 12:00 Better Homes And Gardens 1:00 Escape To The Country 2:00 The Great Australian Doorstep (PG) 2:30 Room For Improvement 3:00 Dvine Living (PG) 3:30 Harry's Practice 4:00 Better Homes And Gardens 5:00 Escape To The Country 6:00 Bargain Hunt 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer 8:30 Escape To The Country 11:30 Bargain Hunt 12:30 Dvine Living (PG)</p>	<p>6:00 Gideon's Way (PG) 7:00 Religious Programs 7:30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo 8:00 Home Shopping 10:30 The Baron (PG) 11:30 Endangered - Expedition Kimberley 12:30 Tennis: Adelaide International: Day Session "Live" From The Drive 6:30 Keeping Up Appearances: The Candlelight Supper (PG) 7:00 Tennis: Adelaide International: Night Session "Live" From The Drive 11:00 Movie: "It's Complicated" (M d,s) (*09) Stars: Alec Baldwin</p>	<p>6:00 Home Shopping 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 8:30 Diagnosis Shopping 2:15 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 10:30 JAG (PG) 12:30 Bondi Rescue (PG) 1:30 Star Trek - Voyager (PG) 2:30 Jake And The Fatman (PG) 3:30 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 5:30 All 4 Adventure (PG) 6:30 JAG (PG) 7:30 NCIS (M) 11:15 Bull (M) 12:15 Home Shopping 2:15 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 4:05 All 4 Adventure (PG) 5:00 JAG (PG)</p>
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<p>2:00 Jimmy Shu's Taste Of The Territory 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 5:15 Harlem Globetrotters: Play It Forward (PG) 6:00 Bamay 6:35 Africa's Underwater Wonder Series 7:30 Movie: "The Goonies" (PG) (*85) Stars: Sean Astin 9:35 Movie: "Stand By Me" (M I) (*86) Stars: Wil Wheaton</p>	<p>12:15 Movie: "Austin Powers: International Man Of Mystery" (M I,v) (*97) Stars: Mike Myers 1:55 Movie: "The Lake House" (M I) (*06) Stars: Keanu Reeves 3:45 Movie: "The Thief Lord" (PG) (*06) Stars: Aaron Taylor-Johnson 5:35 Movie: "Funny Face" (G) (*57) Stars: Audrey Hepburn 7:30 Movie: "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (PG) (*88) Stars: Steve Martin 9:35 Movie: "The Big Wedding" (MA15+) (*13) Stars: Robert De Niro</p>	<p>11:00 Storage Wars (PG) 11:30 American Restoration (PG) 12:00 American Pickers (PG) 1:00 Pawn Stars (PG) 2:00 Pawn Stars Do America (PG) 3:00 STIHL Timbersports (PG) 3:30 Full Custom Garage (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: "The Whole Nine Yards" (M v) (*00) Stars: Bruce Willis 10:35 Movie: "Pineapple Express" (MA15+) (*08)</p>	<p>11:00 Transformers: Cyberverse (PG) 11:30 Teen Titans Go! (PG) 12:00 Hart Of Dixie (PG) 1:00 Bewitched 1:30 I Dream Of Jeannie 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: "Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory" (G) (*71) Stars: Gene Wilder 9:35 Movie: "Lara Croft Tomb Raider" (M v) (*18)</p>	<p>11:00 Friends (PG) 12:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 1:00 Rules Of Engagement (PG) 1:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 2:00 Becker (PG) 2:30 Frasier (PG) 3:30 Rules Of Engagement (PG) 4:00 Farm To Fork 4:30 The King Of Queens (PG) 5:00 Becker (PG) 5:30 Frasier (PG) 6:30 Friends (PG) 8:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 10:30 Rules Of Engagement (PG) 11:00 Impractical Jokers (MA15+) 11:30 Entertainment Tonight</p>

Classifications: (G) General, (PG) Parental Guidance, (M) Mature Audiences, (MA15+) Mature Audience Over 15 Years
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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 Movie: "Casablanca" (PG) ('42) Stars: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Conrad Veidt, Sydney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre 3:15 Lucy Worsley - Agatha Christie Mystery Queen (PG) [s] 4:15 Joanna Lumley's Great Cities Of The World: Rome (PG) [s] 5:00 Eat The Invaders (PG) [s] 5:30 Dr Karl's How Things Work [s] 6:00 Brian Cox - Life Of A Universe [s] 6:30 Back Roads (PG) [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Beyond Paradise (M) [s] 8:30 Vera: Witness (M v) [s] 10:00 Shetland (M I) [s] 11:00 rage Guest Programmer (MA15+) [s] 5:00 rage (MA15+) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:35 The World From Above 10:05 Love Your Garden (PG) 11:00 Britain's Great Outdoors: Dorset/ Yorkshire (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 1:00 Surf Life Saving: Shaw And Partners Iron Series: Round 2, Day 1 *Live* From Newcastle 3:00 Worldwatch 4:00 Plat Du Tour 4:05 Forgotten Frontlines: The Huertgen Forest (PG) 5:00 Motorsport: Dakar Rally Highlights 6:00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers: From Gold Mountain To The Silvery Tay (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Magical Train Journeys In Switzerland: On The Bernina Express From St Moritz To Tirano (PG) (In English/ German) 8:30 Cotswolds And Beyond With Pam Ayres: Longleat House</p>	<p>6:00 NBC Today [s] 7:00 Weekend Sunrise [s] 10:00 Seven Morning News [s] 12:00 Border Security - International (PG) [s] 12:30 Surf Patrol (PG) [s] 1:00 Seven's Horse Racing: Gold Coast - Magic Millions Day *Live* [s] 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Border Security - International (PG) [s] 7:30 Movie: "Back To The Future III" (PG) ('90) - Enjoying a peaceable existence in 1885, Doctor Emmet Brown is about to be killed by Buford "Mad Dog" Tannen. Marty McFly must travel back in time again to save his friend. Stars: Michael J Fox, Christopher Lloyd 10:00 Movie: "Mercury Rising" (M I, v) ('98) Stars: Miko Hughes, Bruce Willis 12:25 Movie: "Deadly Seduction" (M v) ('21) Stars: Lindsay Hartley, Andrew Rogers 2:30 Home Shopping 4:00 It's Academic [s]</p>	<p>6:00 The Garden Gurus [s] 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:00 Weekend Today [s] 10:00 Today Extra Summer [s] 12:00 Destination WA [s] 12:30 Find My Beach House Australia [s] 1:30 Movie: "Problem Child" (PG) ('90) Stars: John Ritter, Jack Warden 3:10 Movie: "Everything, Everything" (PG) ('17) Stars: Amanda Stenberg 5:00 NINE News First At Five [s] 5:30 Country House Hunters Australia: Bruny Island, Tasmania [s] 6:00 NINE News Saturday [s] 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:30 Movie: "Rams" (PG) ('20) Stars: Sam Neill, Michael Caton, Wayne Blair 9:50 Movie: "Just A Farmer" (PG) ('24) Stars: Leila Mcdougall, Joel Jackson 11:50 Movie: "Avarice" (M I, v) ('22) Stars: Gillian Alexy, Luke Ford 1:30 Country House Hunters Australia (PG) [s] 2:00 The Incredible Journey Presents [s]</p>	<p>7:00 Escape Fishing With ET [s] 7:30 On The Fly [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] 10:30 Farm To Fork [s] 11:00 10 Minute Kitchen [s] 11:30 Silvia's Italian Masterclass [s] 12:00 Australia By Design: Innovations [s] 12:30 Exploring Off The Grid [s] 1:30 The Yes Experiment [s] 2:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures [s] 3:00 Good Chef Bad Chef [s] 3:30 My Market Kitchen [s] 4:00 All 4 Adventure [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:30 The Dog House Australia (PG) [s] 8:30 The Dog House UK (PG) [s] 9:30 Ambulance Australia (PG) [s] 10:45 Ambulance UK (PG) [s] 1:00 Home Shopping 5:00 Religious Programs [s]</p>
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<p>7:00 Weekend Breakfast [s] 10:00 Secret Science (PG) [s] 10:25 Boyer Lecture 2024: Professor Anna Goldsworthy [s] 11:00 Compass (PG) [s] 11:30 Songs Of Praise [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 12:30 Landline [s] 12:55 New Leash On Life: Ringo/ Memphis (PG) [s] 1:55 Dream Gardens: Yarragon, Victoria [s] 2:25 The Secret History Of The British Garden [s] 3:25 Long Lost Family (PG) [s] 4:10 Extraordinary Escapes: Alison Steadman (PG) [s] 5:00 Magda's Big National Health Check (PG) [s] 6:00 Antiques Roadshow [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Miriam Margolyes In New Zealand (M I) [s] 8:30 Until I Kill You: Love/ Hate (M I) [s] 10:05 You Can't Ask That: Dementia (M I) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:25 Judo 9:30 Football: FIFA World Cup Classic Matches: Argentina v France (2022) 11:30 Motorsport: Speedweek 1:30 Cycling: National Road Championships: Elite/ U23 Women's Road Race *Live* From King's Park, Perth 5:30 Motorsport: Dakar Rally Highlights 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Fortress Britain With Alice Roberts: Avoiding Armageddon (PG) 8:25 Asia's Ancient Civilisations: Japan's Vibrant Ryukyuu Kingdom/ The Ainu, Japan's Indigenous People Of Nature (PG) (In English/ Japanese/ Korean) 10:15 Putin And The West: A Dangerous Path (M v) (In English/ French/ Russian/ Ukrainian) 11:25 Michael Mosley's 21 Day Body Challenge (PG) 2:10 Love Your Garden 3:05 Make Me A Dealer (PG)</p>	<p>6:00 NBC Today [s] 7:00 Weekend Sunrise [s] 10:00 Cricket: The Women's Ashes: Pre-Game Show *Live* [s] 10:30 Cricket: The Women's Ashes: Australia v England: ODI: Game 1 *Live* From North Sydney Oval [s] 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Cricket: Big Bash League: Melbourne Renegades v Melbourne Stars *Live* From Marvel Stadium [s] 10:30 Cricket: Post-Game *Live* [s] 11:00 7News Spotlight: The Truth About Amy (PG) [s] - Spotlight's 'Truth About Amy' presented new evidence that has now sparked a fresh investigation into one of Australia's most intriguing cold cases. 12:00 The Duke And I (PG) [s] 1:00 Travel Oz: Heroes Of Australia (PG) [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 Tennis: Australian Open: Pre Show *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 11:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Day 1: Day Session *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 4:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Day 1: Afternoon Session *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 6:00 NINE News Sunday [s] 7:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Day 1: Night Session *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] - NA Wide World of Sports presents the 2025 Australian Open, live from Melbourne Park. Join us for the opening Grand Slam of the year, with host James Bracey as live play continues. 11:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Day 1: Night Session *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 12:00 New Amsterdam: TBD (M) [s] 1:00 First On Scene (M) [s] 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs [s]</p>	<p>8:00 Healthy Homes [s] 8:30 Food Trail: South Africa [s] 9:00 My Market Kitchen [s] 9:30 Australia By Design: Architecture [s] 10:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) [s] 11:00 Luxury Escapes [s] 11:30 Buy To Build [s] 12:00 Pooches At Play [s] 12:30 The Chef's Garden [s] 1:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield [s] 1:30 Cook With Luke [s] 2:00 Farm To Fork [s] 2:30 NBL: Round 15: Tasmania JackJumpers v Perth Wildcats *Live* From MyState Bank Arena, Tasmania [s] 4:30 Good Chef Bad Chef [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 The Sunday Project (PG) [s] 7:00 The Dog House: Celebrity Dog House Australia (PG) [s] 8:30 The Graham Norton Show (M) [s] 9:30 Movie: "Scream VI" (MA15+) ('23) Stars: Courtney Cox, Melissa Barrera</p>
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The Blacksmith's Display

*Under a spreading chestnut-tree
The village smithy stands;
The smith, a mighty man is he,
With large and sinewy hands,
And the muscles of his brawny arms
Are strong as iron bands.*

SO said Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; it's one of the things I had to learn as a kid and almost remembered, with a couple of errors, to this day.

It's quite a moving poem if you read it through, ending with;

*Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend,
For the lesson thou hast taught!
Thus at the flaming forge of life
Our fortunes must be wrought;
Thus on its sounding anvil shaped
Each burning deed and thought.*

All this deep and meaningful stuff was inspired by Lindsay Grey at the Maldon Machinery Museum who gave me an interesting insight into, you guessed it, the Blacksmith's display.

Starting from the beginning, a blacksmith is someone who makes things out of metal, usually steel, using a forge and other tools. Look at an old horse-drawn wagon, of which there are a few at the museum, and you will see that it is made of wood and held together with all sorts of brackets and plates. These are made by the blacksmith in his forge, which is a bed of very, very hot

coals used to heat up steel so that it can be shaped into the part you need.

So here is a guy, using nothing but fire, constructing things out of metal and ending up with a horse-drawn wagon. No electricity, no power tools, no computer, just his brawny arms and lots of experience.

He might have had a wagonwright or a wheelwright to help him, but often he would just be working on his own, hammering, drilling, bending and sawing the steel.

The local Blacksmith would make anything from horse-shoes to equipment for the mines, axes, picks even nails and chains; you get the idea.

Quite a handy guy to have around, no Bunnings or Steve's hardware back then. If you needed something, you made it or had it made.

The blacksmith exhibit is a working display, like many of the other fascinating things at the Museum. Lindsay has picked up some of the skills and can knock out a horseshoe or a fire tong after getting the hearth up to the required temperature and hammering it out on the anvil. He was quick to admit though, that the old smithies were extremely skilled and basically never stopped learning about their trade.

There are still a few around, but it's another thing that we owe the Museum for. For preserving these half-forgotten trades and making us aware of what life used to be like in the not-so-distant past.

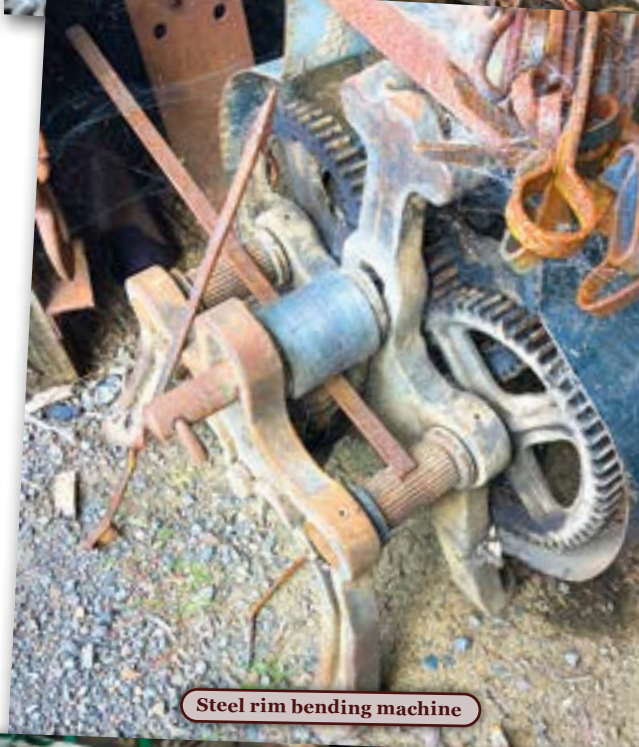
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Mechanical hammer



Vertical drill belt powered



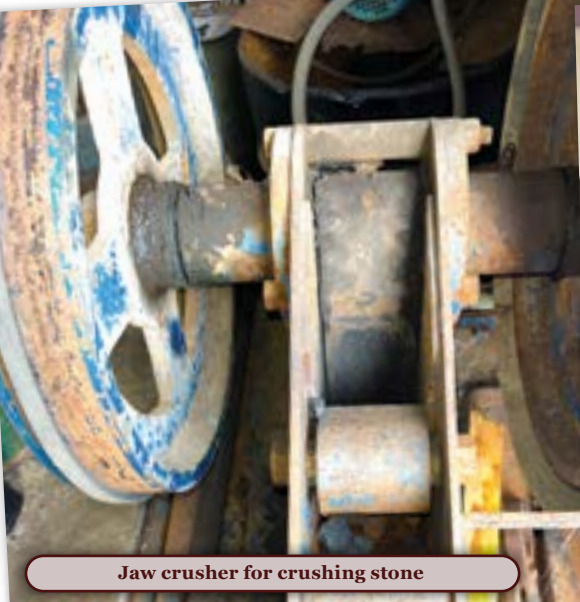
Steel rim bending machine



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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



Female Mistletoebird arriving with mistletoe fruit.



The mistletoebird nest

Mistletoebirds are a lovely feature of the local bird fauna. Each year, from spring through summer, I discover several of their beautifully woven and highly engineered nests, made mainly from cobwebs with a few adornments such as spent wattle flowers added in. The adults become vocal during the breeding season, singing from high perches within their chosen territories. Around town they have access to their primary food source, mistletoe fruits, that occur in ripening abundance at this time of year. Curiously, around town they choose to nest in non-native plants and often quite low down. Both parents bring food to the young, with the female doing the bulk of the work. It looks like there is a single nestling in this case, suggesting some sort of calamity. Often there are three in a brood, occasionally as many as four.

... and the peg?

A few days before these images were taken the nest, including at least one nestling, was discovered on the ground – possibly the result of a very windy evening. The thoughtful 'caretaker' carefully re-attached the nest near the original site. The adults happily resumed their duties and so far, so good.



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<p>6:00 News Breakfast [s] 9:00 ABC News Mornings [s] 10:00 Our Brain (PG) [s] 11:00 Antiques Roadshow [s] 12:00 ABC News At Noon [s] 1:00 Call The Midwife (M) [s] 2:00 Fake Or Fortune? [s] 3:00 Back Roads [s] 3:25 Grand Designs (PG) [s] 4:15 Long Lost Family (PG) [s] 5:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice [s] 5:25 Antiques Roadshow [s] 6:30 Hard Quiz (PG) [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 7.30 (PG) [s] 8:00 Dr Karl's How Things Work: Chocolate [s] 8:30 Eat The Invaders: Carp (PG) [s] 9:05 The Penguin King With David Attenborough [s] 10:00 Miriam Margolyes In New Zealand (M I) [s] 11:05 ABC Late News [s] 11:20 Murder In Provence (M v) [s]</p>	<p>5:00 Worldwatch 9:15 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:15 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:05 Great Canal Journeys: To Milan By Lake And Canal (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Amazon - The Lost World: Lost Jungle Civilisation (PG) 2:55 The Weekly Football Wrap 3:25 Plat Du Tour 3:35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 4:30 Letters And Numbers 5:00 Motorsport: Dakar Rally Highlights 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Who Do You Think You Are?: Miranda Otto (PG) 8:40 Came From Nowhere (M I) 10:25 SBS World News Late 10:55 Beyond Signs (MA15+) (In French) 11:55 Christian (M) (In Italian) 3:00 Grayson Perry's Rites Of Passage (M)</p>	<p>6:00 Sunrise [s] 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) [s] 10:00 Cricket: The Women's Ashes: Australia v England: ODI: Game 2 *Live* From CitiPower Centre [s] 5:30 The Chase Australia (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Home And Away (PG) [s] 7:30 Cricket: Big Bash League: Hobart v Melbourne Renegades *Live* From Ninja Stadium [s] 11:00 Cricket: Post-Game *Live* [s] 11:30 Lockerbie (PG) [s] - A continued examination of the Lockerbie tragedy, looking at the bombing, its aftermath, and determining who was ultimately responsible. 12:35 Underarm - The Ball That Changed Cricket (PG) [s] - One of the most infamous and controversial events in cricket, the underarm incident of the cricket World Series Cup. 1:30 Harry's Practice [s] 2:00 Home Shopping</p>	<p>6:00 Today [s] 10:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Pre Show *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 11:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Day 3: Day Session *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 4:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Day 3: Afternoon Session *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 6:00 NINE News Sunday [s] 7:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Day 3: Night Session *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 11:00 Tennis: Australian Open: Day 3: Night Session *Live* From Melbourne Park [s] 12:00 New Amsterdam: Big Day (M) [s] - An explosion at a wedding ceremony sends a stream of injured partygoers into New Amsterdam; Max and Wilder scramble to find a rare blood type to save the groom; in helping a girl out of a catatonic state, Iggy learns the truth about the wedding. 1:00 First On Scene (M) [s] 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs [s]</p>	<p>8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s] 8:30 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s] 9:00 Lingo (PG) [s] 10:00 Entertainment Tonight [s] 10:30 Jamie 5 Ingredient Mediterranean [s] 11:30 Judge Judy (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 Neighbours (PG) [s] 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) [s] 6:30 The Project (PG) [s] 7:30 Movie: "Jack Reacher" (M I,v) ('12) Stars: Tom Cruise, Lee Child 10:05 10's Late News [s] 10:30 The Project (PG) [s] 11:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) [s] 12:30 Home Shopping</p>
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Welcoming Lord Hopetoun.

The Vice Regal visit

WHEN Lord Hopetoun Governor of Victoria agreed to open the Castlemaine Horticultural Society's Show on Wednesday 2 May 1894, he also accepted an invitation from John McIntyre to visit Maldon. McIntyre, the Minister of Lands, was also the MLA for Maldon.

The Governor arrived in Castlemaine by train at 12.40pm accompanied by a large party including the Premier James Patterson, who was also the MLA for Castlemaine. They were welcomed by the Mayor of Castlemaine Robert Mitchell, Charles Powell Hodges the local Chinese interpreter dressed in the robes of a Mandarin and other local dignitaries. After an elaborate luncheon at the Mechanics' Institute (now the Castlemaine Library), the Governor was given a lightning tour of Thompson's Foundry before opening the Horticultural Show at the Orderly Room.

After spending about half an hour at the Show, the Governor and his party left Castlemaine by train for Maldon where they arrived at 3.50pm. As their train drew into the station, the Eaglehawk Consolidated mine fired a salute. On the platform members of the Maldon Shire Council greeted the Governor and presented him with an illuminated address.

The Governor, councillors and other officials then proceeded to the Shire Hall. Lord Hopetoun rode in a carriage drawn by four splendid horses driven by George Ray. On his way down Main Street Hopetoun passed under a triumphal arch featuring the word 'Welcome'. At the Shire Hall school children waving blue and white flags (the Hopetoun colours) sang the National Anthem. After taking refreshments with the Council, the school children sang *Auld Lang Syne* and the Governor congratulated them on their conduct.

Hopetoun was then given a whirlwind tour of the town and driven to the top of the Nuggetty Range to take in the views. On their return trip the official party stopped at the Eaglehawk Consolidated mine and inspected the surface workings.

After their tour the dignitaries returned to the Masonic Hall at Robert Page's Royal Hotel for the official reception. Page had decorated the walls of the hall with mottos. These included 'Accept the hearty thanks of the people of Maldon', 'All loyalty to the Queen and the Governor' and 'Long life and prosperity to the Earl of Hopetoun'.

Shire President William Blair Gray proposed the Governor's health and said he hoped His Excellency would soon be able to spend a day in Maldon learning about its industries. John McIntyre seconded the toast saying Hopetoun was the right man in the right place and that when Australia was federated the Governor should be at its head. The Governor responded by thanking McIntyre for his invitation to visit Maldon. He commended the town on the beauty of its scenery and how well its people looked. The Council then presented Hopetoun with a spray of flowers and a collection of local minerals intended for Countess Hopetoun.

At 5.15pm the Governor and his party left Maldon and returned to Melbourne.

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Weed watch



Cape Broom (courtesy Lee Mead).

Cape Broom

Common Name: Cape Broom

Botanical Name: *Genista monspessulana*

Weed Classifications: Cape Broom is classified as a Restricted Weed in Central Victoria.

Where did it Come From: Cape Broom is native to the Mediterranean and was introduced to Australia as an ornamental garden plant.

What Does it Look Like: Cape Broom is an erect, evergreen, woody shrub, has one main stem with many branches, and grows up to 3 m high. Plants live for 10 to 15 years and have a deep, branching tap root. The pea-like flowers are bright yellow and appear in clusters throughout spring. Five to eight seeds are produced in each flat, silky pod; each plant producing thousands of seeds.

Why is it a Problem: Cape Broom invades native grassland, woodland vegetation and watercourses where it forms dense thickets. It displaces native groundcover species and shrubs, reducing biodiversity and habitat value. The plants increase nitrogen levels in the soil which can encourage other non-native plants to invade. Dense Cape Broom thickets provide cover for pests like rabbits and foxes. Cape Broom is a fire hazard in wooded areas if it has formed a dense and flammable understorey because it can bridge the gap between understorey and canopy.

How does it Spread: As the seed pods dry in summer, they burst and eject seed over several metres, aiding dispersal into native vegetation. Longer distance dispersal is due mainly to soil movement from road graders and earth-moving equipment. Fire triggers germination of dormant seed, which can lead to mass germination. Seeds germinate in autumn and spring. A large proportion of the seed is initially dormant and can survive in the soil for over five years, supporting ongoing germination for many years.

Spread: It is most common in areas that are not being actively grazed, such as roadsides and native vegetation. It grows in a wide range of conditions but does best in sandy soils.

How can it be Controlled: Small plants can be hand-pulled in spring when the ground is soft. Large shrubs should be cut close to ground level and the stump painted with herbicide (cut and paint). In pastures, sheep, goats and cattle eat Cape Broom, particularly younger seedlings and new soft shoots. Larger plants and dense thickets may need to be slashed and sprayed with herbicide. Due to the abundant seed store Cape Broom produces, effective control programs must manage ongoing germination over several years. An insect, the Cape Broom psyllid, acts as a biological control agent for Cape Broom. The impact of psyllid insects varies depending on local conditions and climate, but should be considered as an additional control method in an ongoing management plan.


More Information: can be found on the Agriculture Victoria website at tinyurl.com/273wfc27.

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

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IN MALDON TODAY RADIO PROGRAM



TODAY is our first program for the new year and kicking it off will be Nancy and Mike on the console with all the goss from the festive season. Tune in to find out who got drunk and made an ass of themselves, who dismissed it all with a 'Bah, humbug!' and every attitude in between. The annual Twilight Dinner is just around the corner and Renee Thompson – will be our guest putting you in the know.

Last year our final program featured a double-shift involving all available presenters. Shift number one featured Loz, Katrine, Lynzo and Stevo (pictured) – the A-Team or support act depending on your point of view – while shift number two consisted of Slats, Ann, Mike and EC (pictured, with Nancy on the other side of the camera). Our apologies for the dad jokes and the same-old Christmas songs. Must have been just like your own family gatherings. We'll try harder next time.

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

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Library news

The library is open again!

Happy New Year. We hope you are having a relaxing and joyful holiday time and that you and your garden have survived the occasional very hot day. Holidays are a great time for reading and the library is open again after a short break: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2pm-4pm and Saturday 9.30am to 12 noon. If you are not already a member, why not join the Maldon Athenaeum Library? For \$30 you can have a year's worth of books, choosing from the collection of over 15,000 items. You can pay in person any time we are open or join online: the Maldon Athenaeum Library bank account deposit details are: 633-000:109 829 333. **Please use your name to identify the deposit.** You might also like to become a library volunteer: there are a variety of ways in which you can be involved, and a great way to get to know people, especially if you are new to the district.

Come in and take advantage of the cornucopia of newly purchased interesting and entertaining books. You may like to borrow Helen Garner's take on AFL, *The Season*, the new Minette Walters historic novel *The Players*, the Booker short listed book by Australian author Charlotte Wood, *Stoneyard Devotional*, or *Mr and Mrs Gould*, the story of John Gould and his talented wife Elizabeth, who revealed the astonishing world of Australian birds and wildlife in one of the most important naturalist expeditions in history. We have gardening and cooking books, travel stories and animal tales, books on local wildlife and local history and a large selection of popular fiction. Whatever your taste in literature, we have a book for you! Don't forget that we are also a children's library, with books for all ages, including young adults. On a hot day, or when it is raining outside, the children's library is a welcoming place for parents (and grandparents).

If you have received books as gifts this Christmas and you would just like to share the joy with others, please consider re-gifting them to our library collection. We are delighted to receive recently published books, fiction and non-fiction, and books of special interest to the Maldon community.

For current members, a reminder that your annual subscriptions for 2025 is now due.

Library reviews

***This is Happiness* by Niall Williams, 2019**

Change is coming to Faha, a small Irish parish that hasn't changed in a thousand years. For one thing, the rain is stopping. Nobody remembers when it started; rain on the western seaboard is a condition of living. But now – just as Father Coffey proclaims the coming of the electricity – the rain clouds are lifting. Seventeen-year-old Noel Crowe is idling in the unexpected sunshine when Christy makes his first entrance into Faha, bringing secrets he needs to atone for. Though he can't explain it, Noel knows right then: something has changed.

***Salt Path* by Raynor Winn, 2018**

Just days after Raynor learns that Moth, her husband of 32 years, is terminally ill, their home and livelihood is taken away. With nothing left and little time, they make the brave

and impulsive decision to walk the 630 miles of the sea-swept South West Coast Path, from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall. They have almost no money for food or shelter and must carry only the essentials for survival on their backs as they live wild in the ancient, weathered landscape of cliffs, sea and sky. Yet through every step, every encounter and every test along the way, their walk becomes a remarkable journey.

***The Songs of Trees* by David Haskell, 2017**

Haskell repeatedly visits a dozen trees around the world, exploring the trees connections with webs of fungi, bacterial communities, cooperative and destructive animals and other plants. An Amazonian ceibo tree reveals the rich ecological turmoil of the tropical forest, along with threats from expanding oil fields. Thousands of miles away, the roots of a balsam fir in Canada survive in poor soil only with the help of fungal partners. These links are nearly two billion years old: the fir's roots cling to rocks containing fossils of the first networked cells.

Every living being is not only sustained by biological connections but is made from these relationships. Haskell shows that this networked view of life enriches our understanding of biology, human nature, and ethics.

***The Australian Beekeeping Manual* by Robert Owen, 2015**

The book is aimed at both the novice and experienced beekeeper in Australia and explains in detail the steps required to manage colonies of bees. Supported by over 350 photographs and drawings, each action to be performed is explained in detail with photographs showing the steps as well as the final result.

***Murder at Brightwell* by Ashley Weaver, 2014**

Amory Ames is a wealthy young woman who regrets her marriage to her notoriously charming playboy husband, Milo. Looking for a change, she accepts a request for help from her former fiancé, Gil Trent, not knowing that she'll soon become embroiled in a murder investigation that will test not only her friendship with Gil but will upset the status quo with her husband.

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Bite size news and opportunities: summer edition

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Mechanics Lane, a dedicated session where employers and potential employees can connect in a relaxed setting. Those in the hospitality sector can join the 'Coffee with the Boss' session at Castlemaine Community House in the afternoon – a great way to meet prospective staff over an informal chat. The event, hosted by Mount Alexander Shire Council in partnership with Workforce Australia, Castlemaine Community House, and Goldfields LLEN, runs from 9.30am to 3.30pm across venues, including the Town Hall, Phee Broadway Theatre, Senior Citizens Centre, Castlemaine Community House, and Mechanics Lane. The exhibitor registration deadline is Friday 10 January. For any questions or further details call 03 5471 1745.

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Feb		2.5	8.1	Feb		1.0	10.4	Feb		14.0	11.4
Mar		0.5	53.0	Mar		0.0	54.4	Mar		0.8	34.0
Apr		58.5	75.8	Apr		84.0	89.4	Apr		76.4	84.8
May		32.0	24.5	May		45.8	33.2	May		34.6	30.6
June		21.4	97.9	June		28.2	119.8	June		27.8	96.4
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
Nov		31.2	24.9	Nov		38.6	28.4	Nov		40.2	16.6
Dec		25.8	105.7	Dec		23.2	130.4	Dec		43.2	118.6
Total	18.0	406.4	541.0	Total	0.0	523.4	661.2	Total	21.6	532.4	538.0

Water Storage Capacity as at 7-1-25						
Cairn Curran	Max ML	143,601	Current ML	82,628	% Full	56.16
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Doggos OF THE Goldfields

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



Cooper is our Doggo of the Week. 10 January, 2024.

TT: Cooper, at 6 1/2, you're practically Maldon royalty. What's your secret?

Cooper: Easy, TT—be charming, wag often, and sniff enthusiastically! I've got the nose, the Labrador charisma, and just a dash of working-dog precision.

TT: It says here, you're the best dog in Maldon? Big title!

Cooper: Absolutely. It's a self-appointed role, but no one's challenged me yet. I'm basically the mayor, minus the paperwork.

TT: You and Emma sound like quite the whirlwind. Care to explain?

Cooper: Oh, Emma and I? We're a force of nature—part cuddle storm, part snack-seeking tornado. If there's chaos, odds are we're at the eye of it.

TT: I hear your mum's made friends thanks to you?

Cooper: Of course! I'm the ultimate conversation starter. People come for the wag and stay for the chat. Mum just had to keep up!

TT: Any final words for your fans?

Cooper: Stay pawstive, Maldon. Mayor Cooper always watching!



Sunday 19 January · Steve Thew · Golden Nugget

48 Main

Friday 10 January - **The Complete Unknowns** with Jim Dowling - from 7pm
 Sunday 12 January - **The Bishop's Deep Fry (Jake Fry & Matthew Bishop)** - from 4pm.
 Saturday 18 January - **Maldon Twilight Dinner**
 Sunday 19 January - **Kier Stevens** - from 4pm

Blue Cockatoo

Every Friday night - **Open mic** - from 2pm-5pm

Golden Nugget

Sunday 19 January - **Steve Thew** - from 1pm
 Sunday 26 January - **Australia Day - Brett Parkes** - from 1pm
 Sunday 2 February - **Back Alley Sally** - from 1pm
 Sunday 9 February - **Bec & Colin** - from 1pm
 Sunday 16 February - **The Complete Unknowns** - from 1pm

Maldon Golf Club

Sunday 26 January - **Celebrate Australia Day** with **Darling Buds of Maldon** - 3pm

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As per his wishes a private funeral has been held.

MOORE, Bill

Farewell Bill - Shire Engineer of Maldon and Newstead, chronicler of 70s and 80s Maldon, Golfer, Tai Chi practitioner, lover of poetry and history, jigsaw doer, dog lover, astronomer, great fan of Freddie Mercury and Queen and so much more.

Rest peacefully dear friend.

Much sympathy to Kylie, Stephen and Joel.

Marjorie Smidt and Mac the dog

MOORE, Bill

Members of Maldon Golf Club are saddened with the recent passing of Club stalwart William (Bill) Moore.

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Forever in our thoughts and fond memories we will always hold. You will be remembered for having a smile for everyone and a heart of gold.

Carol Nicholson (nee Bryant)

Passed away 23rd December 2024 in Maldon aged 91 years.

Raised in Norseman WA and travelled Australia. She will be missed by her daughters, Lee, Kay and Joy, their partners Ian, Peter and Wayne, grandchildren Erin, Anthony, Laura, Michelle, Nicole and Georgie, their partners, and great-grandchildren Natalie (dec), Rachel, Jack, Brock and Ben. Travelling again with Ken (dec). Thank you, Mum.

In keeping with Carol's wishes, a private cremation has been held.



Congratulations to the Winner of the Tarrangower Times Christmas Supplement Giveaway!

We are delighted to announce that the Kangaroo Hotel is the winner of the full-page advertisement in the Tarrangower Times Christmas supplement. The winning entry was drawn by Sophie Guerin from the Community Bank Maldon & District. Thank you to everyone who participated!

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Many folks wore their festive best! Hosted by Reverend Darcy Vaughan, the night featured choirs and local musicians. The Maldon Brass Band provided rousing accompaniment to the enthusiastic singing and many were impressed by the playing of the junior members.

The weather was fine, the sausage sizzle did a roaring trade, the picnic rugs and kids were all sprawling. A particular highlight was the interactive Christmas trivia quiz, which got everyone to their feet with arms in the air. The competition was fierce but the prize was humble: the winner was awarded 'the last chip'!

Michelle Dorian



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ELLEN'S GARDEN WONDERLAND



AS you approach the home of potter/photographer Ellen Hansa-Stanyer you cannot avoid the feeling of being watched. It's not your imagination; Ellen's neighbours include some very tall, curious kangaroos. Ellen and her late husband Ray Stanyer built the mud house and studio in the late 1990s, nestled in the midst of a sprawling bush block. Each step towards the buildings takes you further into the creative world that Ellen continues to build there.

Firstly, you're greeted at the gate by a white rabbit with table and teapot, ceramic figures from 'Alice in Wonderland'; it's a Mad Hatter's Tea Party on the fence! Ellen's explanation shows that her artistic inspirations come from far and wide. "I went to see a (Charles) Blackman exhibition and I hadn't read Alice, because I come from a different culture," she says, pointing out that she was born and grew up in Vienna, Austria. "So I read it as an adult, and I thought: she's stoned!" Ellen proceeded to make numerous Alice figures that are now dotted around her garden, including grinning cats and cheeky mice in teacups. "I went through Alice for years," she says.

Her pottery studio is a fascinating, angular shape. "The studio is a boat, because to me boats are moving forward. I did a lot of boats," Ellen reveals. "I just get stuck in a theme." The space inside is filled with images, objects and materials, revealing some of the phases through which her work has evolved. "Ray did the glazes, I worked on the wheel. I find it hard to just make one piece, it was always commercial. So now I work on sculptures, which is a different way of thinking," she says. "I've moved away from glazes. This is now what I like to play with, just the clay. Things that I find in the bush. I try and just work with natural materials. I use terracotta." In the past, Ellen held pottery workshops here but now she works with the company of her lovely dog named Skye.

Inside the house itself is Ellen's artistic haven that represents a unique focus on creativity, family and nature. Photographs, paintings and a gallery room of gorgeous pots and ceramics, plus colourful handmade tiles built into the walls themselves, are all testament to the fertile minds and inventive natures of the inhabitants. Ellen has been a professional photographer and commercial potter, has lived in Norway and travelled across Australia, and now she spends quite a lot of time writing about her interesting life. Classical music plays quietly as Ellen explains that the semi-circular spaces and broad windows were designed to maximise the view onto the native garden, planted to attract birds.

The garden features lovely plantings interspersed fantastical flora and fabulous figures, all created by Ellen. "I keep coming back to children and animals, where the animal is bigger. I don't know where they come from, they just come," she observes. "A lot of my work is for outside so I have to make things that are difficult to break, because once it's broken, that's the end of it." Some of her pole sculptures were recently exhibited at Mica Grange as part of its Spring Open Garden Sculpture Exhibition. A number of colourful, quirky poles (with balancing boats and teapots) emerge from a dam outside the fence; perhaps this is why the kangaroos linger longer. Ellen's wonderful garden is an inspiration and a visual joy for human and animal visitors alike.

If you have a garden, or studio, or shed you would like to share, please email editor@tarrangowertimes.com.au.

Michelle Dorian





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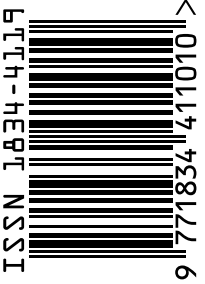
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OUR last sailing day for 2024 was for the **John Green Memorial Trophy** and the conditions were excellent. A great day's sailing for both mono hulls and catamarans to finish the year.

Sailing resumed on 4 January with the start of the Tony Kean Challenge Pacer Series. This is a series designed to introduce/instruct our novice and rookie sailors in the art of racing using the club's fleet of Pacer dinghy's. Novice and rookie sailors are teamed with experienced

sailors and up to four short races are conducted each Saturday for three weeks. Sailors are encouraged to swap positions in the boat or even change boats. The aim is to learn to sail whilst having fun - and hopefully win the trophy. Shifting winds were an additional challenge but all finished the day with smiles on their faces.

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THE club's first games for 2025, scheduled for Last Sunday, were called off because of the Heat Rule (if the forecast for Bendigo is over 35 degrees there'll be no play).

For those tragics desperate for their shot of pétanque, have a listen to this podcast by 'Rex' who covers 'All things Petanque. News, Views & Interviews. Reports, Reviews & Rumours'. The latest edition

of his Pétanque Points is Jan 6 2025 and includes an interview with Viv talking about playing in Kyoto.

Here's the link: tinyurl.com/5fnw2n2r.



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