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CO-ORDINATOR CATCH UP

Hi Neighbours

When I first started here two years ago, the person who opened the door to me on that day was Teagan Talbot. I remember we both looked at each other and SMILED like we had known each other for a decade.

I was absolutely so impressed with her warmth and calm and confident character. She had been holding the fort alone for a month before I started, and said she hadn't wanted to touch a thing while she waited for me to come in and start making some changes. I know that would have been tough for her. One of her truly extraordinary skills is making a place *better*. I am so proud of all the work she has done as our Press Administrator, and as a team member here at the House. I have always looked forward to our day each week working together. I love knowing how her boys are growing. She has always been my connection to 'what's going on in the farm calendar this month!?'

I am so excited for her next stage in life here in Pyramid Hill. Check a little further into the Press for a message from Teags about where she is off to next!

Neighbours we have our Christmas Market coming up on the 9th of December - just a week and a bit away! There are a whole lot of community based celebrations coming up. I do hope you find something that you'll attend with family and friends in the lead up to the end of the year.

If you are needing help to get through these next few weeks, I would love you to come and see us here at the Neighbourhood House. There are so many ways we can support you. Maybe you need a bit of help with finances? You might be eligible for a No Interest Loan. You can call about NILs directly via 9606 0117.

You might need some food support, or assistance getting through some overwhelming feelings that Christmas brings up for you. Even if you know someone who needs help, let us know and we will help out with referrals and genuine assistance where we can. Lifeline is a great number to have in your kit as well, you can call them anytime on 131114.

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Christmas Market

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023

WHAT'S ON

How to turn your Halloween Decorations into cheery Christmas Decorations
Don't scare the kids this year!
Sunday | Mount Hope

Summer Business BBQ Brekkie
Friday 1st December | 7am - 9am
Lions Park, Kelly Street

Pyramid Hill Foodshare
Monday 4th December | 4.30 pm
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Friday 8th December | 10.30 - 11am
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Nurse Practitioner Clinic at NDCH
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Bookings Essential 54521366

Christmas Market
Saturday 9th December | 4pm - 7pm
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

Christmas Carols
Thursday 21st December | 7.30 pm
Memorial Hall

Regular Activities

TUESDAY

Moderate Movers exercise group | 1 PM |
Seniors Centre Mackay St | BYO exercise
mat or towel
Morning Coffee | 10:15 AM | Neighbourhood
House
Goldfields Library visit | 11:00 AM |
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WEDNESDAY

Social Bowls | 7:00 PM | 98 Victoria St !
Book Club | 4:30 PM | last Wed of each
month
Ask an Accountant | 1:00 - 2:00 PM
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FRIDAY

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term | Neighbourhood House
Playgroup | 10:00 AM | Preschool, 67 Kelly
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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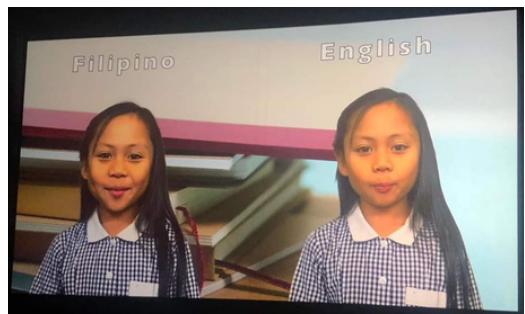


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LANGUAGES FILM FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

Each year, the Catholic Education Office holds a Languages Film Festival and Competition for all the schools in the Sandhurst Diocese. Our languages assistant Mary Anne, worked tirelessly with the students to produce a fantastic short film, highlighting the development and skills of our students. Last Tuesday, all our students travelled over to Shepparton for the viewing of all the films and announcement of the winners. It was very exciting to hear our name called out as the winners of the Small School section of the competition. Congratulations to Mary Anne and all the students on a wonderful achievement.



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For information on operating hours, entrance fees, contact details and to keep up to date with everything happening at your local Loddon Shire Council pool, please visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Community-facilities/Swimming-within-Loddon>

Community Recovery Grants recipients announced

Loddon Shire Council is pleased to announce the successful allocation of Community Recovery Grants, marking a year of progress since the devastating flood.

Supported by both State and Federal funding, these grants allow the Loddon communities to maintain strong relationships and support a more resilient future across our Shire.

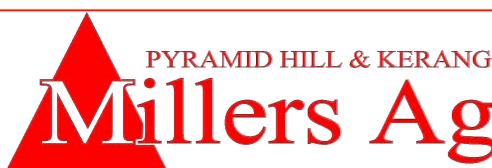
With a total funding of \$66,086, the Community Recovery Grants have enabled a diverse range of events and activities. Grants ranged from \$500 to \$5,000 depending on the activity or event.

Congratulations to the following groups, whose events are set to contribute to the continued recovery of the community:

- Boort District School Parent's Club Fete, Boort P-12 School Parent's Club
- Boort Preschool Building 60 Year Anniversary, Boort Preschool
- Bridgewater Community Christmas, Bridgewater on Loddon Development

- Calling the Autumn Break - A Dinner for Community, Boort Lawn Tennis Club
- Celebrating Calivil Community, Calivil Recreation Reserve
- Christmas at the Vale, Korong Vale Food Share
- Community Christmas Get Together, Bridgewater Cricket Club
- Community Recovery Youth Event, Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House
- Dingee Christmas Tree, Dingee and District Lawn Tennis Association
- Durham Ox Community Christmas Tree, Durham Ox Memorial Hall Committee
- Flood Recovery Through Art, Lions Club of East Loddon
- 'Game Plan F!', Boort Netball Club Inc.
- Mysia Community Christmas Tree, Mysia Recreation Reserve
- Pre-Season Launch Event, Pyramid Hill Football Netball Club
- Serpentine Community Christmas Tree, Serpentine Tennis Club and Serpentine Playgroup
- Spring into 2024, Active Farmers Bridgewater
- The Travelers Table - comedic play, Boort, Buckrabanyule and Community Productions
- Women of Wedderburn, Inglewood and Districts Health Service
- Xmas On High, Wedderburn Community House Inc.
- Yando/Appin/Canary Island Community Christmas Get Together, Yando Public Hall Inc.
- Youth activities at Boort Street Christmas Party, Boort Resource and Information Centre
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BOWLS NOTES



There is little joy to report this week but, with the approaching Season of Advent, we are more focused on Hope – joy comes later in the Season.

Mid-week Pennant: After a week's respite we returned to mid-week competition with Division 1 restarting the cycle of rounds by playing Kerang at Kerang, and Division 2 playing Kerang 2 at home. **Division 1** were totally outplayed by the very strong Kerang 1 side who showed that familiar turf can be a huge advantage. Despite having beaten Kerang 1 in the first round of matches, we got nowhere within a bull's roar this time. The best of the losing rinks was the team lead by Marie S., Ted, Marie N. and Bill. They lost by 8 shots due in large to the dead-eye-dick, stick swinging opposition Skipper who could ping off our bowls at random regardless of our crossed fingers and toes as we tried to protect our multiple numbers in the head. His accuracy had to be admired but it was still nearly enough to reduce us to tears – there seemed to be little justice for our own good bowling, headed by Bill who had a good day out. Roma, Peter C., Terry S. and Ian started in a tardy fashion but came home with a surge of form in the later stages of their game to make up some ground and finish 14 shots down. Again, the opposing Skip caused some havoc by managing to draw precisely into the tiniest of gaps. Tony C., Marg, Joe and Rose found the task too insurmountable as they kept conceding multiple numbers on the majority of their losing ends. Surrendering a 7, a 5, a couple of 4s and a couple of 3s meant they were in for a pounding. They finished 21-38 in deficit. The overall loss by 39 shots was a bit deflating, dimming the memory of the win on the previous match-up into the dark past. We **hope** for better things in the match ahead against Cohuna Golf.

Division 2: It was a case of switcheroo as while PH Div. 1 travelled to Kerang, Kerang Div. 2 travelled to PH. The venue to them is of little consequence as they normally show their dominance wherever they play. Surprise, surprise!! Both of our rinks got off to dream starts with Dawn and her team comprising Allan (Lead), Dorothy and

Wayne snapping up 5 shots on the opening end and remaining buoyant until Kerang strung together four ends to lead the way. All tied up on the 12th end, things were beginning to look a little shaky as Kerang strung another four ends together, indicating the wheels were falling off very quickly. Adding salt to our wounds, losing a 4 on the final end left our team soundly beaten 17-36 and totally deflated. Lorraine and her team, Carmen (Lead), Ray P. and Glenn totally surprised themselves by combining well and putting down some great bowls to win 7 of the first 8 ends and, at the same time, hold Kerang to a solitary 1 shot. Then, seeming like we left our bag of tricks behind at a change of ends, Kerang got on the come-back march and our form slackened off a little. A great battle developed, however the margin was dwindling as the match progressed. It went from a dream start to Dreamland, it seemed, as Kerang took the last 3 ends and the game at 19-21. It was disappointing to lead all the way and then go down, but hopefully we can take heart from winning the Freddo Frog Award and learn to find a winning way.

Saturday Pennant:

Division 2: came up against the Barham 2 side. We knew that we would have to be at our best to stand any chance, especially if our form against the Barham 3 side of the previous week was to be any indication. Lionel, Jean, Ray P. and David got away to a great start and did not their opponents get even a sniff. They won 15 of the twenty-five ends and all but three of those ends were won with multiple scores. At one stage they were 19 shots up, however Barham managed to reduce the deficit to 13 shots at the final call. Well done to their team to win 36-23 – it is a great feather in their caps and a feed of chocolate frogs as well. It's a pity that their performance could not be replicated on the other two rinks who floundered like chooks in a bath tub. Jan, Marie N. Ian and Rose were well in the game mid match and the Barham boys were beginning to feel under the pump until the pressure valve released on the 15th end when Barham picked up 6 shots and then went on to win 6 of the final 10 ends. Bother!! We thought we'd given them the mushroom sandwiches at the tea break but we must have got the mix wrong. Anyway, it was still a creditable effort to go down by 13 shots (17-30)

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BOWLS NOTES continued

against the caliber of their opponents. Marie S., Ted, Terry and Bill also struggled and the writing was on the wall early on as they were already 15 shots in arrears by lunch time. They failed to make little headway for the remainder of the match but held steady to only forfeit 4 more shots in total over the rest of the match to finish 16-34 down. Our hope is that when we take on Cohuna Golf 3 next week our results will be more in the positive zone.

Division 3: didn't win but nor did they lose! They had a day of rest due to the Bye Round – they didn't win any Freddo Frog Award either, however, they can hope that their rest period rejuvenates them for their next match against Cohuna 4. A big plus for the weekend end was that we were able to completely fill the Side without needing to search for any Substitution Players.

Mates Bowls Night.

Thank you to the bowlers who went the extra mile and turned out to assist with the Mates Program break-up as the Pyramid Hill College students and their significant adult mates encountered the challenge of rolling bowls and learning just a few basic skills about match play and scoring. They all participated enthusiastically and there were some who took to the game like ducks to water. Oh, if only they would sign the recruitment papers!

Thanks to the LLEN who provided the bbq tea which was quickly absorbed by the hungry tribes. Hopefully, there have been some seeds of interest in playing bowls in the future planted as a result of this experience.

Please TAKE NOTE: Mid-week Pennant next match **Wednesday 29th November** – Division 1 v Cohuna Golf 1 away. Division 2 v Cohuna 3 at home.

Saturday Pennant next match **Saturday 2nd December** – Division 2 v Cohuna Golf 3 away. Division 3 v Cohuna 4 at home.

Want You Need To Know – Please take note of the Bowls Etiquette for Leads and Seconds as printed on the notice board.

Christmas Break Up – at Gunbower Hotel **13th December** at 6:30pm. Names on the board at the Clubrooms, please. Please bring a gender matched gift to the value of \$15.

A couple of points to ponder: I like to have my money where I can see it – especially hanging in my wardrobe.
I don't want to brag but I can still fit onto the earrings I wore in High School.

TENNIS

Calivil North, 4 (78) def Lake Meran, 1 (76)
Raywood, 5 (110) def Yarrawalla, 0 (79)

Serpentine and Dingee were washed out
Mincha West had the bye

Ladder

Mincha West,	4.17, 157.35%
Calivil Nth,	3.50, 104.70%
Dingee,	3.25, 116.05%
Raywood,	3.17, 109.27%
Serpentine,	1.92, 88.31%
Yarrawalla,	1.17, 83.44%
Lake Meran,	0.33, 62.98%



PYRAMID HILL FLORIST
(Margaret Ritchie)

Christmas is fast approaching and I am now taking orders for all types of flowers and hampers (chocolates, fruit, nuts etc) and delivery can be arranged around the corner or around the world.

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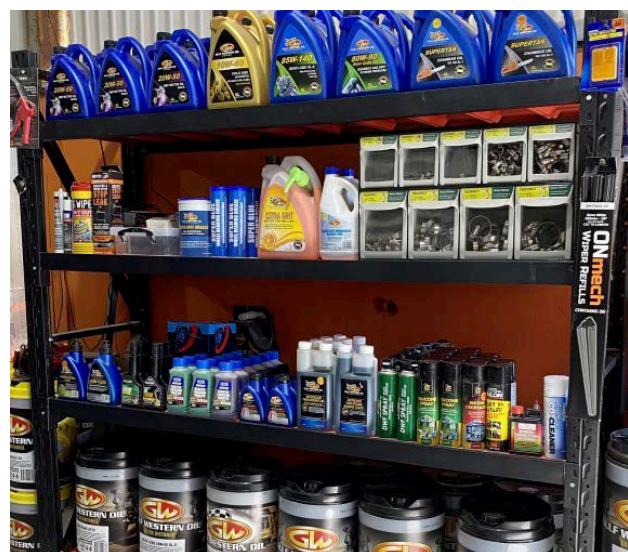


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HOPE

The season of advent is a time of preparation for the Christian church. It is a time of remembering and reflecting on the birth of Jesus Christ. It begins four weeks before Christmas and there are four topics that are focussed on.

These are Hope, Peace, Joy and Love and each week a candle is lit during the service to remind us that these things bring Christ's light to our lives and the world.

Hope is a strength in life. In fact, as we continue to recover from the past few years, it is a key ingredient to having resilience and optimism. In the Christian faith, we believe that God loves his creation and hope is a source of confidence in the future. It brings optimism to times of difficulty and the courage to keep going. It helps us to ask for help when we need it.

At Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus brings hope. It reminds us of the love God has always had for his creation and his desire for us to know his presence with us.

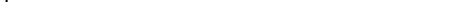
As you go about preparing for Christmas, take time to consider the gift of hope. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love, that God sent to us on the first Christmas in the baby Jesus.

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