

# Pyramid Press

## Pyramid Hill Art Show

With 195 entries, including art from an internationally known Australian artist; from experienced mid-career artists and students there will be something for everyone to enjoy at the first ever Pyramid Hill Art Competition.

The opening night event is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm until 10pm. An entry ticket for this event is \$15, which includes complementary drink and finger food, music and the announcement of the winners of the \$4100 in prizes. Most of the artwork will be for sale.



There's a great representation from local artists, but surprisingly there are a number of entries from as far as South Australia and Melbourne. There has been a big response from youth, and hopefully this start in the art competition arena will provide them a lot of benefits in their future art pursuits. Paul Haw will also be presenting a display of Aboriginal artefacts from the district around Boort.

This week has been all systems go with receiving the last of the artworks, and taking delivery of the display screens on Monday. Tuesday has been focused on installing the screens, ready for the art to go up on the walls in preparation for judging by renowned artist Geoff Paynter. On Friday local art-loving volunteers will be dressing the hall and getting the food prepared for the Opening event.

The Art Competition had to be re-scheduled from the original October date, but the small organising committee were quick to set a new date, and kept artists informed the whole way. It's a terrifically huge job, but the small committee lead by Anne Grogan and Terry Wood have done the hard work to ensure our first ever Pyramid Hill Art Competition will be a success!

**The exhibition can be viewed Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm, and Monday to Thursday from 10am-3pm.**

### Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

43 Kelly Street | PO Box 86, Pyramid Hill, 3575

Tel: 5455 7129

**Hours Tues - Fri 10am - 4pm**

Press Submissions due Tue | 06:00 PM

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## CO-ORDINATOR CATCH UP

### Hi Neighbours

I am not sure if you have noticed, but we are cultivating a dried arrangement of a garden out the front of the House. Farming some spiders. Possibly harboring some lizard families and snake mates. We have to regularly clear tumbleweeds from the foyer of the House. Not quite tumbleweeds. Its that spidery, spiky snowflake grass that rolls about. What is it called? Is there a local farmer that is growing this stuff as a crop? Is this actually something I should be cultivating instead of kicking out the door? To the untrained eye, we look.. Abandoned.

In the next few days we should be seeing some kind of high powered demolition action out the front of the House, when Chris Leerson gets his tools out to demolish our wildlife habitat and turn it into a dustpan - ready for a shiny new community garden to be installed!

There are a lot of great native plants in our garden [some, admittedly are dead - but many are alive] which have served a terrific purpose, however at times have become so overgrown that we can't see Peg if she walks between them. Actually Peg can't push her walker past them when they get too healthy and this is the reason we are getting rid of the Eremophila and the other natives. If you have any interest in them, please let me know and we will try and save them for you to plant in your garden!

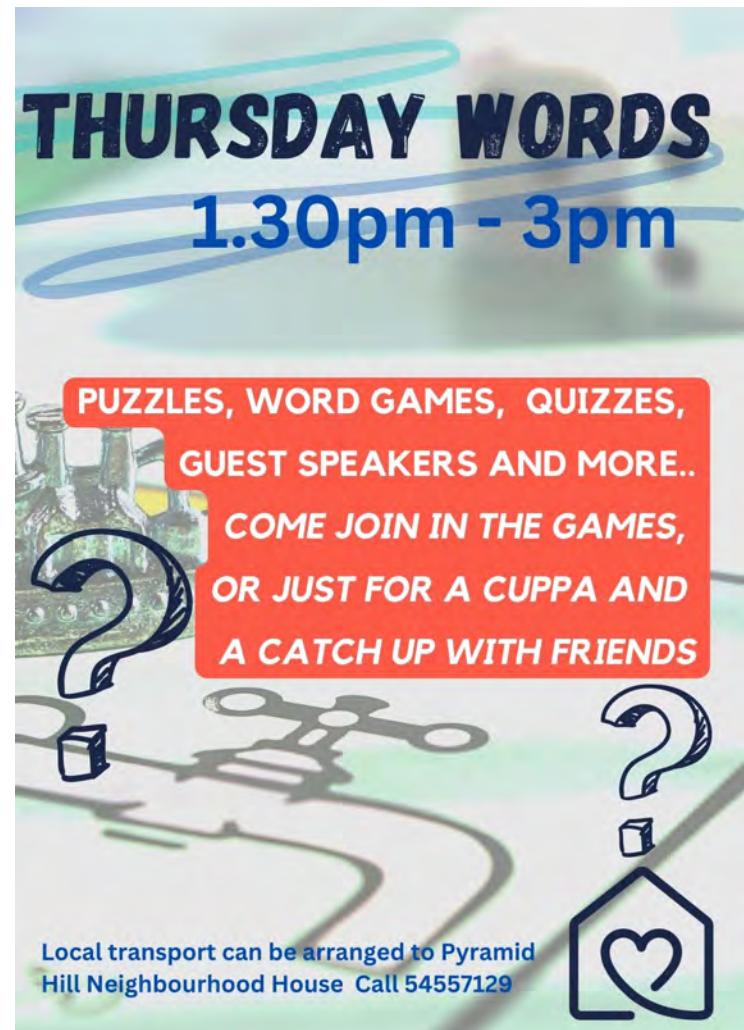
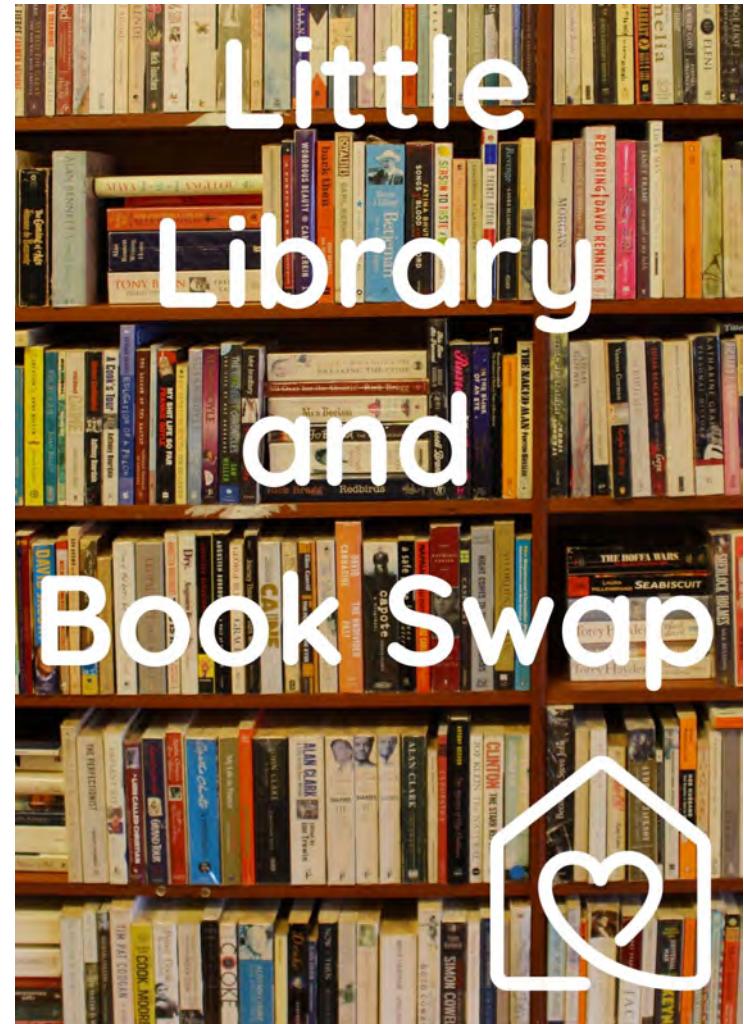
The Loddon Shire have given us a grant to spruce up the front entrance to the building, so we've co-opted the Hands on Learning students to make us some purpose built raised beds. Millers are supplying a whole lot of gardening supplies, and we also have the Leersons on the tools. It will be a community effort getting this community garden together.

Watch this space, and get involved when you can!

The other addition to our front garden is that we now have a Book Swap cupboard beside the community pantry. We've had a beautiful lot of Childrens' books donated so far. There's new and second hand books in the cupboard for you to borrow, swap or keep. We are also accepting donations of books for grown ups as well.

We hope today has been groovie for you,

Come and visit sometime! Kim



# WHAT'S ON

## Moderate Movers exercise group

Tuesdays 9.30am | Seniors Centre | BYO exercise mat / towel

## Thursday Words

Thursday 16th February | 1.30 - 3pm

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

## Bowls Social Night

Thursday 16th February | 6.30pm

Victoria Hotel

## Pyramid Hill Art Competition Official Opening & Awards

Friday 17th February | 7 - 10pm

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall Entry \$15

## Plan for Pyramid Group Chat

Friday 17th February | 10.30 am

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Wednesday 22nd February | 10 am

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Wednesday 22nd February | 6.30 pm

Victoria Hotel

## Shrove Tuesday pancakes

Tuesday 21st February | 10.30 - 11.30 am

St Patrick's students cooking pancakes at Neighbourhood House

## Book Club

Wednesday 22nd February | 4.30 pm

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

## First Aid

Thursday 23rd February | 9.30am

Senior Citizens Centre Pyramid Hill

To register: <https://richriverfirstaid.com.au/training-dates/>

## Pyramid Hill Playgroup Storytime

Friday 24th February | 10.30 - 11am

Pyramid Hill Kinder

## BCG Trial Review Day

Friday 24th February | 9 - 4.30pm

Birchip Leisure Centre

## Community Lunch

Thursday 2nd March | 12 - 2pm

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

## Scattered People A song can take you home

Friday 3rd March | 7.30 pm

NDCH Function Room Kerang

## Pyramid Hill & Districts Annual Reunion

Sunday 5th March | 10 am - 3pm

More information inside the Press

## VLINE TRAIN AND COACH

### Monday – Friday

Train dep Melbourne | 07:39 AM and 06:08 PM

Departs Bendigo | 10:00 AM and 08.26 PM

Arrives Pyramid | 11:09 AM and 09:34 PM

### Tuesday and Thursday

(Need to book on Thursdays)

Train dep Melbourne | 01:06 PM

Coach dep Bendigo | Tuesday 03:09 PM

Thursday | 3.10 PM

Arrive Pyramid | 04:29 PM

### Friday Only

Train dep Melbourne | 07:08 PM

Arrives Bendigo | 09:00 PM

Coach departs Bendigo | 09:10 PM

Arrives Pyramid | 10:25 PM

### Saturday & Sunday only

Train dep Melbourne | 07:40 AM and 06:43 PM

Arrives Bendigo | 10:00 AM and 08:57 PM

Arrives Pyramid | 11:09 AM and 10:05 PM

## V/LINE TO MELBOURNE

### Monday – Friday

Train dep Pyramid | 08:05 AM and 02:46 PM

Arrives Bendigo | 09:18 AM and 03:59 PM

Arrives Melbourne | 11:28 AM and 06:11 PM

### Tuesday and Thursday

Coach dep Pyramid | 10:51 AM

Train dep Bendigo | 12:26 PM

Train Arrives Melbourne | 02:25 PM

### Friday only

Coach dep Pyramid | 05:30 PM

Train dep Bendigo | 07:01 PM

Train Arrives Melbourne | 09:09 PM

### Saturday only

Train dep Pyramid | 08:05 AM and 02:46 PM

Departs Bendigo | 09:20 AM and 04:01 PM

Arrives Melbourne | 11:30 AM and 06:09 PM

### Sunday only

Train dep Pyramid | 08:05 AM and 05:47 PM

Departs Bendigo | 09:18 AM and 07:00 PM

Arrives Melbourne | 11:30 AM and 09:12 PM

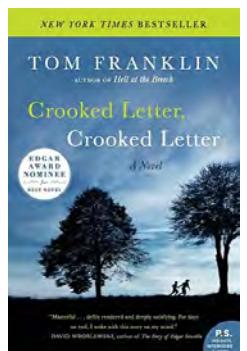
## Book Club

Last Wednesday of the Month

This month's book is:

**Crooked Letter Crooked Letter**, author Tom Franklin.

This popular group has two vacancies only for those wishing to join this year!



# PUBLIC NOTICES

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Anglican

1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM  
Tyndale Church  
Victoria Street  
Pyramid Hill

2nd and 4th Sun | 10:00 AM  
St Thomas' Church  
Durham Ox Road  
Pyramid Hill  
Enquiries:  
Bill Boyd | 0448 219 457

### Uniting

1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM  
Tyndale Church, Victoria St,  
Pyramid Hill

2nd and 4th Sun | 10:00 AM  
St Thomas' Church,  
Durham Ox Road,  
Pyramid Hill

### Catholic

Sat Mass | 6:30 PM  
St Patrick's Catholic Church  
Victoria St  
Pyramid Hill

### Kids Rock

For all school aged children  
Uniting Church Pyramid Hill  
Every second Tuesday  
during term  
3:30 - 5:00pm

### Enquiries:

Robyn | 0427 561 973

### Church of Christ

Sun | 11:00 AM  
Church of Christ Kelly St  
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### Enquires:

June Smith | 0438 062 646

# Garage Sale

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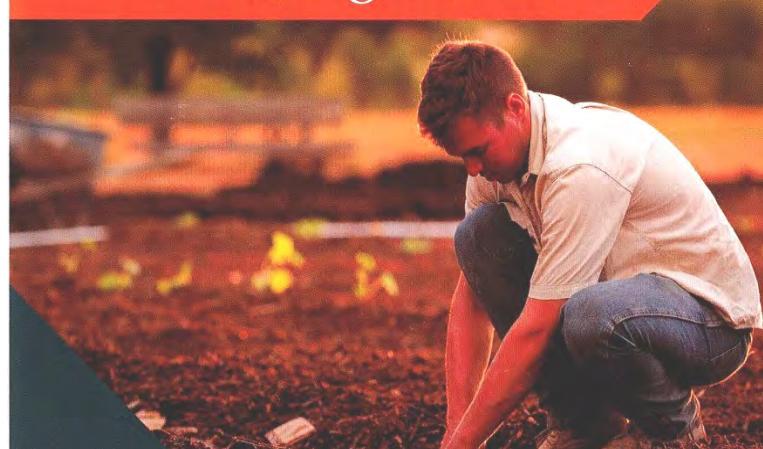
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**FOOTBALL & NETBALL DRAW**

**12:00 PM - NYAH NYAH WEST UNITED V WANDELLA**  
**1:30 PM - ULTIMA V NEWBRIDGE**  
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## PYRAMID HILL & DISTRICTS ANNUAL REUNION

**10 AM – 3 PM, SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

**McKinnon Pavilion Bendigo Show Grounds**

### **HELP US BOOST ATTENDANCE.**

It would be lovely if everyone planning to attend rang one other couple or individual who does not ordinarily attend but are likely to enjoy the day.

### **THE NIGHT BEFORE AT THE NATIONAL HOTEL HIGH STREET BENDIGO IS ALSO BACK.**

From 6.30 pm onwards. If you plan to have a meal it is recommended you book. Otherwise just join us for a drink anytime.

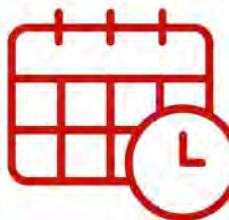
### **COST**

\$6 Registration fee to cover costs of: venue, Sausage sizzle and tea and coffee. Chairs provided. Toilets at the venue. B.Y.O other food, drinks, etc

For further information contact: Glenda Morrison 0427-301464 or Therese Herrick 0412-559193

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**THURSDAY**  
**23RD FEBRUARY**  
**9.30AM**

**TO REGISTER: <https://richriverfirstaid.com.au/training-dates/>**  
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# PYRAMID PRESS

## DALE WINS STATE TITLE

Young thirteen year old fire brigade runner Dale Herrick bought the Pyramid Hill fire brigade their first ever junior state title when he won the hydrant race at the annual state junior Fire Brigade demonstration held at Traralgon last weekend.

The Pyramid boys had a very successful and enjoyable weekend as they ran into sixth place in another three events, the one man y; the two man flaked hose and the four man wet hose events and recorded good times in all their other runs.

The boys are indebted to their evergreen coach John Carroll and managers Pat Carroll and Jimmy Hoban who made the long trip to look after them for the weekend. The eight boys who took part in the demonstration were Anthony Carroll, Paul Ballis, Mark Lacey, Neville Miller, Anthony Hoban, Michael Carroll, Tim Hoban and Dale Herrick.



## AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

On Monday 8th March, Dr David Friebel and his wife Jill will share in an informal evening at the home of Earle and Sharolyn Chislett.

The evening will start about 6p.m with a basket tea and later Dr. Friebel will show slides of the work he will be going to do in Africa and the family will sing together.

If you have been a friend or a patient of David's and would like to show your appreciation for his work, come along and join us. The Evening will not be late. Further particulars ring 551249.

## S.R. & W.S.C. Loses Typist

Work would seem to be piling up at the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.

District Office Manager, Ross Kelly, informed your intrepid reporter that they are looking for a typist. (What? Have they been that careless, misplacing typists?)

But seriously now, one of their current typists is about to leave and the vacuum left must be filled otherwise office workers down at the State Rivers might not be able to find their desks, let alone cups of tea or coffee under the paperwork.

Anyone wishing to apply for the position should send a written application to the District Office Manager, Pyramid Hill S.R. & W.S.C., no later than 9:30 am. Monday 15 March. Applicants must quote the position number 90/05/1494/3.

To qualify for the job, the applicants must have passed an approved typing test at the speed of 30 or 42 words per minute.

Salary is determined by the typing rate and age.

Salary	30 wds Minute	42 wds Minute
Under 17 years	\$6,589	\$8,007
At 17 years	\$7,262	\$8,007
At 18 years	\$8,238	\$8,998
At 19 years	\$9,399	\$10,268
At 20 years	\$10,541	\$11,499
Adult Range	\$12,400	\$13,540

## Edwards' Thought For The Week

An Education shows a foolish person how little others know, it shows a wise person how much more there is to know.



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## SHUCKS !

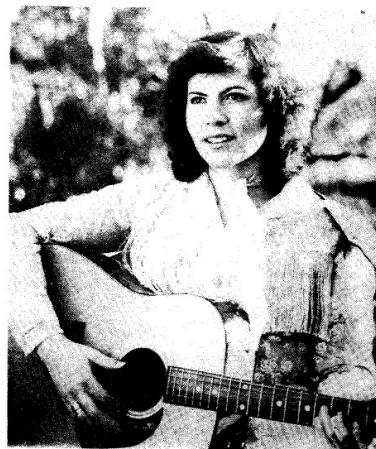
Shucks! Only two weeks until the all singing, all dancing whizbang knees up Country and Western Night.

I sure hopes y'all been gettin' down to Vic Johnson's or the Victoria Hotel to book in to hear the melodious voice of Ellen Lee Osterfield and the twangin' sounds of Country Rythm.

Don't you forget, that March 13 is the date to remember. The evening's entertainment starts at eight o'clock and you'd have to be a sway back mule not to make it there right from the start.

And where is this ol' good time little hoedown goin' ter take place? Mitchell Park of course! There will be a Bar-B-Q and refreshments available as well.

Cost of the evenings entertainment is a meagre \$5 for adults, \$1 for young 'uns under fifteen and young 'uns under ten get in for free. And if yer book books in before the 12th of March you could find yourself copping a \$50 door prize (Don't worry, its nut a door....or a window....yuk yuk, good joke, eh boss!!)



## CEP

The Loddon Campaspe Country Education Program has now an area coordinator. She is Ms. Jenny Campbell of Elmore. Ms. Campbell has extensive experience in film and television and has vast knowledge of submission for funds and equipment. The coordination is housed at East Loddon High School. She starts officially on March 1st and can be contacted if you have any enquiries as to the working of CEP.

**STRUMBLING NORTH**

**8PM-11PM**

**FRI 10/3 - VICTORIA HOTEL-PYRAMID HILL**

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KERANG \$30

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GUNbower \$20

BOORT \$25

\*SWAN HILL \$65

\*MELBOURNE \$140



Small group booking prices available on request.

\*If your travel is over 100km one way you may be eligible for a partial refund from VPTAS - see us for more detail.

See Penny or Kim at the Neighbourhood House to book CLEO our Community Car.

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**BIRD DAY OUT**

**5 MARCH 2023**

**SIMON STARR**

LPLN Goods shed  
28 Station Street Inglewood

Please RSVP to Will  
[lpln.facilitator@gmail.com](mailto:lpln.facilitator@gmail.com) or 0490412430

Simon Grew up in the UK and studied a degree in Ecology before working at bird observatories in the UK, Canada, and Australia while traveling around the world in search of birds. Simon eventually settled in Victoria where he has lived in both Northern Victoria and Melbourne while running guided bird-watching tours (Firetail birdwatching tours) for between 1 and 10 days throughout Australia. Simon also founded and manages the Birding Victoria website and has done so since 2004.



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# St Patrick's Primary School

Our Community Readers program has been a successful and enjoyable part of life here at St. Pat's for a number of years now. It involves members of the broader community coming in one morning per week for 15 minutes and reading with one of our students. We've found that both parties get a lot of enjoyment from this and a special bond develops throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of it, please contact the school .



## SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancakes for Sale!

Come along to the Neighborhood House next Tuesday, 21st February between 10:30 and 11:30 am.

Pancakes will be sold for 2 for \$1 or donation with a choice of toppings available, including jam, honey, maple syrup and lemon juice.

All money raised will go to the aid agency Caritas Australia.

We look forward to cooking for you!



More Information:  
Ph: 54557220  
Mobile: 0438359981



# BOWLS NOTES

**Northern District Playing Area Championships:** Well done to Lionel and Jean who represented our Club with dignity, aplomb and skill at Kerang in the Area Championships. Lionel bowled superbly to get through to the second round after defeating his first opponent from Kerang Golf. Both Jean and Lionel can be proud of their achievements – our Club is proud of them.

**Wednesday Pennant: Division 1:** Another game of Pennant and another lesson in how to lose graciously. The gaping crevice between the calibers of the Clubs was evident very early in the match. Simply put, we were out classed and not much match for our opponents. Still, they can't win if they don't have a team to beat (food for thought??) Tony (birthday boy), Ian, Jan and Rose were jolted into the real world as they did a 7 shot haul on the very first end. Actually, this was unbelievably strategic play, as there, displayed on the score board for all to see, was the score **7 0**, Tony's birthday age. That's called advertising the event! As the game wore on the team started to gel and finished up with an 11 shot deficit (15-26). Roma, Marie S., Marie N. and Peter had a day of fluctuating fortunes – more downs than ups and not much luck to off-set the downs. They finished 16 shots down (14-30), clearly out performed by more skilled bowlers. Marg, Ted, Kate and Graham appeared to play some great bowls. Apparently, their opponents played even greater bowls, as they lost 18-28, but in the process they gained the accolades of losing by the smallest margin on the day and earning themselves the last issue of Freddo Frogs. The conditions of play were fantastic. The company was great. We were out there having a go and we gave it our best. What more could one wish for???? (a few more good bowls perhaps). At the end of the season we can claim that we finished in fifth spot – just out of the four, if you want to put a positive spin on it. Best wishes for all teams playing in the finals series.

**Division 2:** Ideal conditions for bowling greeted our players at Kerang for the last game of Mid-week Pennant this season. They were soon reminded of their previous encounter as to how slick the Kerang team is. Dawn, with her team of Wayne, Carmen and Joe won two of the first four ends and were settling in nicely before Kerang applied the foot to the pedal and started to score multiples consistently. A welcome 4 shot end midway through was a godsend, but it happened too late for any real enthusiasm as the deficit was already huge, although Kerang's scoring did taper off a little after that. A sound defeat of 9-44 was the end result. A similar sorry scenario was occurring on the other rink where a lone digit was displayed on the scoreboard for several ends before they finally added two more shots on consecutive ends. Lorraine, with Allan, Robyn and Bill fought on defiantly before two wayward ends by Kerang allowed them to pick up six shots, only to be regained shortly after by the Kerang opponents. As is often the case, their aim was to achieve double figures and this they managed to do by scraping in one shot on the last end to record a disappointing 10 – 35.

Full credit goes to Kerang as they are contesting finals next week

and were obviously honing their skills. Their Club then hosted lunch which was much appreciated by all. In the speeches delivered wishing all bowling teams good fortune for the finals, Pyramid Hill Club was praised for its participation and persistence and wished success for the future. Let's all keep that positivity in mind and front up again for bigger and better things next season.

**Saturday Pennant:** A very trying, gusty and strong windy day played havoc with the bowls as players contested the Semi Finals at Cohuna Golf and Cohuna last Saturday. In spite of the conditions some amazingly skillful bowls were delivered and applauded. In Division 1 Cohuna were successful over Cohuna Golf by 5 shots and two rinks up 65-60. While Barham 1 defeated Kerang Golf 74-53 and two rinks up. In Division 2 Kerang 2 defeated Cohuna Golf 65-60 with one rink up, while Barham 2 had a comfortable win over Cohuna 2 85 – 35 and wins on all three rinks. In Division 3 Barham 4 scooted home with a mighty win 102 – 37 against Kerang Golf, while Kerang 4 defeated Wakool 55-48 with two rinks up.

The Preliminary finals will be played at Barham next week with Division 1 match between Barham and Cohuna Golf; Division 2 - Barham 2 plays Cohuna Golf; and Division 3 sees Kerang 4 play Kerang Golf 3. Here's hoping for weather more conducive to good bowling.



First Prize Winners from Cohuna – Katie P, Rhonda B, Marj M.

### **A/C Two Bowls Triples Tournament:**

What an amazing success was our tournament held last Sunday evening!! The wind was still blowing but nothing like it had during the day, or the previous day, and the twilight playing conditions, being trialed for the first time, were just what the doctor ordered. Twenty-two teams graced the greens, mostly due to the effort of the Tournament Secretaries, Lionel and Jean for recruiting the teams. It was a beautiful sight to see bowlers flowing over onto both greens – that hasn't happened at PH for some time. The compliments flowed thick and fast regarding the state of the paying surfaces. They were running fast and true. Well done to the green keepers who can proudly absorb all the praise as they have toiled for many weeks to ensure that the surfaces were in peak condition. Bill, Joe, Carmen, Greg and Allan, take a bow. Thanks also to all members who contributed to the successful running of the day by firstly attending to your nominated job and also helping with other matters as needed. The generosity of the Sponsors, Mawson's Concrete and Quarries, Graeme Hayes Real Estate, Paul Miller ASM Insurance, Elders and Kelly Bros Monumental Masons allowed us to provide tantalizing winning prizes. In return for their sponsorship we encourage bowlers to make use of their businesses and support them (however, please don't feel the need to rush your support for the monumental masons – perhaps keep it on the back burner for a few years yet.) A great array of raffles helped bolster the profits for the night – thanks to our generous donors including the PH Butchery, PH News Agency and PH Coffee Bank for the items provided.



*An amazing array of delicious desserts. Note the new aprons, too.*

A highlight of the evening was the "out-of-this-world two course dinner" served up after the players had completed their games. Kate and her crew excelled again! Cold meat and the choice of eleven different salads, was followed by a selection of twelve different decadent sweets fit to be award winners on MKR. Crickey!! It was a sight to behold and make the digestive juices overflow! If you didn't want Black Forest Cake, you could select

Pavlova, Date Cheesecake roll, Panacotta, Tiramisu Roulade, White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake, Lemon Meringue Pie, Tiramisu Tart, Banoffee Pie, Apple Pie and Custard, Strawberry Marshmallow Cheesecake, or Fruit Salad and Ice-cream. How's that for a selection??! The meal certainly puts the catering at PHBC on the map- at the top of the map! A job so superbly done, Kate. Thanks to other members who made and provided food as well. It was a magnificent team effort. It was a great occasion for the catering crew to show off our new kitchen aprons so skillfully sewn by Lorraine. They looked every bit professional.

Winners of the major prizes were: Best last game = two of our own (Marie S. & Ted) with Roma.

Third Prize = Jean Southerland's team from Cohuna Golf.

Second Prize = Som Pacoe's team from Kerang.

First Prize = the Cohuna team which included Marj M., Rhonda B. and Katie P.

Congratulations to all winners, and thanks again to the sponsors for their generous support.

**Social Night at the Vic Hotel:** Our next dinner outing supporting our generous sponsor, Paul from the local hotel, is set for 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**Club Pennant Break-Up:** planned to dine at Moama on 30<sup>th</sup> April, Sunday afternoon. More details to follow. Put the date in your diary.

### **Barefoot Bowls**

Barefoot Bowls is returning. Put these very important dates in your diary.

**Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Get your teams organised, check out your flat-soled shoes, pump up your muscles and prepare for some fun.**

**More information to follow.**

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# FOOTBALL NOTES

## Building Farm Spirit

Living in rural Australia can be very rewarding. Keeping yourself in a fit state to enjoy the good times is important. Keeping yourself in a fit state to weather the difficult times is even more important.

The benefits of sport and social connection are well known, and the Pyramid Football Netball Club is inviting members of the Pyramid Hill community to head down to the club on training nights or match day over the season and become part of Team Pyramid Hill.

We'll look forward to seeing you around the club

[\*\*#BuildingFarmSpirit.\*\*](#)

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## Pyramid Hill

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# TENNIS NOTES

## ROUND 15

### Results

Calivil North 5 (110) def Dingee 0 (77)

Yarrawalla 5 (121) def Calivil 0 (56)

Lake Meran 4 (76) def Raywood 1 (71)

Serpentine forfeited to Mincha West

### Ladder

Calivil North 42 143.6%

Dingee 41 123.6%

Serpentine 38 104.8%

Mincha West 36 114.7%

Yarrawalla 34 118.1%

Raywood 21.5 75.5%

Lake Meran 21.5 69.4%

Calivil 6 52.6%

Do you have a great idea for a festival or event to celebrate our town? Would you like to see more houses built and our CBD expanded and do you have a great idea of how we could do that?

The results will be put together so we get a snapshot of what progress for our town and district looks like right now. We will then make our draft **Plan For Pyramid** and send that out for comment and revision. There will be some things we can achieve together but other ideas might need to be fed up to Council or we might need to advocate on a higher level for them.

Please participate if you can, it's the best way we can work together on developing our community.

**You can participate in these ways:**

**Online.** [www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JCLN3Q](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JCLN3Q)

**Group chat.** Choose a time that suits you:

- 10:30 am, Friday 17 February, Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

- 10:00 am, Wednesday 22 February, Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

- 6:30 pm, Wednesday 22 February, Victoria Hotel

**Printed surveys.** At Neighbourhood House and the Post Office from 15 Feb – 15 Mar.

Another way you can access the *Plan for Pyramid* survey is via this **QR code**.



## Pyramid Hill Progress Association

### ‘Plan For Pyramid’

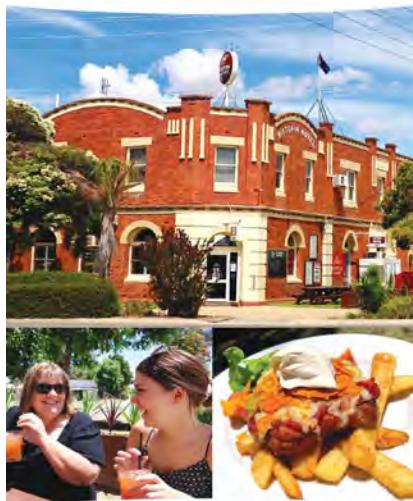
Pyramid Hill Progress Association is creating a blueprint for the next ten years. We want to know from our community what our priorities and possibilities can be.

Over the next two months, we will be capturing feedback from our community members through surveys, group discussions and drop-in chats to find out what we are all most passionate about seeing in our town that will take us into the next decade.

We want you to dream your best version of Pyramid Hill. Does it need more sports venues, more tourism opportunities, *medical*, educational, environmental and social opportunities?

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STEAK'N'POT NIGHT

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LUNCH FROM 12.00  
HAPPY HOUR 5.00-6.30  
DINNER FROM 5.30PM  
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This week's happenings at Pyramid Hill College



## Year 7/8 Beach Camp



What a wonderful way to start the year with our Year 7 and 8 class heading off to Queenscliff to enjoy a four day camp. So far the weather has been magnificent as our students have explored the marine environment: rock pool discovery, beach walk, sand creatures and the Queenscliff Discovery Centre.

Students have been creative with sand sculptures and are enjoying the sea change as they experience beach volleyball, beach cricket and even some fishing. Today our students kayaked on the river in Anglesea and will be body boarding at Ocean Grove tomorrow.

School camps are not only educational but they are also important for building social skills and resilience. Our students are really excited to be able to be attending school camps again. We can't wait for them to return to tell us of their adventures.

# Victorian 2026 Commonwealth Games (V2026) Research Study

What are your ideas for Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games (V2026) sporting legacies for Bendigo and Central Victoria?



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# MAYORAL COLUMN 14 February 2023

## Get your marine licence this weekend at Boort

An upcoming marine licence (Boat and Jet Ski Course) course is happening this weekend, offering community members the opportunity to learn about boating practices, rules and regulations and how to operate a boat safely and responsibly.

Whether you're an experienced boater or just starting out, now is the perfect time to brush up on your boating safety skills and get your marine licence.

Date: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Time: 1pm-5pm

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## Capturing the flood damage

Plenty of work remains in repairing all the damage to our road network.

Council has had a team inspecting roads and capturing the damage in line with the State Government's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. This fund is there to help councils to restore its essential infrastructure such as roads after events such as the October floods.

To date the following repairs have been identified:

- 117 culvert repairs or replacements
- 56 floodway repairs
- 1 bridge replacement
- 273 km of gravel road re-sheets



- 47 km of unsealed road shoulders to replace
- 14.25 km of sealed road to be rebuilt

Approximately 95 per cent of the network has been assessed and as the data is reviewed over the coming weeks, the damage tally will grow.

Some damage assessments have been postponed so the impacts from harvest traffic on flood-affected roads is captured.

There has also been a need to reassess some roads as the damage has grown over time as traffic has travelled over them.

To put the situation that Council finds itself in perspective – Council's total road expenditure in the 2022-2023 Budget is \$6.7 million. The estimated repair bill for the flood damage to Council's road assets is approximately \$60 million.

## Reporting issues with roads

If community members have an issue they would like to report they can contact Council directly.

Council takes its responsibility to provide a safe road network seriously and appreciates the community's feedback. Council has designated staff who are responsible for taking these enquires and ensuring that they are followed up.

If you encounter an issue or wish to make a complaint about one of Council's roads or any other Council matter, you can contact the team on (03) 5494 1200.

Issues can also be lodged via Council's website at [www.loddon.vic.gov.au](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au) and clicking on "Report an issue".

Council also operates an after-hours service for urgent road issues, this is also accessed through the 5494 1200 phone number.

There are several roads in Loddon Shire that are the responsibility of Regional Roads Victoria (previously VicRoads). These include the highways and major connecting routes.

Issues on these roads can be reported to Regional Roads Victoria on 133 778.

A list of Regional Roads Victoria roads within Loddon Shire can be found on our website at [www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Footpaths-roads-and-drains/Roads-and-opening-the-appropriate-tab](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Footpaths-roads-and-drains/Roads-and-opening-the-appropriate-tab).



## What can I do at Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House?

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### **Pyramid Press Newspaper**

Our local weekly newspaper has all the good news stories. Community submissions to the paper to be received by 6pm Tuesday evening. Distribution on Thursdays.  
Available online at facebook

### **Book Swap**

We have a Little Library out the front of Neighbourhood House. Come and choose a book, or donate a book!

### **Power Saving Bonus**

All households are eligible for a one off \$250 government bonus, each financial year. We can help you out. [bookings recommended]

### **IT Support**

Got a tricky question about your mobile, laptop or iPad? We can help you out. [bookings recommended].

### **Community Garden**

Coming Feb/March

### **Book Club**

Our popular last Wednesday of the month club for book lovers!

### **Art, Craft and Coffee**

10.30am first Thursday of the month. Drop in to learn watercolour techniques or bring a project to work on and get some guidance.

### **First Aid Training**

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### **CLEO the Community Car**

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### **Social Coffee Mornings**

Tuesday mornings we catch up over a cuppa and some morning tea.

### **Thursday Words**

Thursdays at 1.30pm  
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### **Rhyme Time**

Fridays at 9.30am  
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### **Goldfields Library**

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### **Moderate Movers**

Tuesdays at 9.30am  
Seniors Rooms, McKay St  
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### **Christmas Market**

December.. yes we will do it again!

### **Still to come in 2023..**

PHNH website revamp,  
Community Lunches, Welcome Pack for New Community Members, Youth Club, Seed Bank, Weaving Workshops, Guest Speakers and more community events!

**Give us a call to talk about our program and to book in for courses and events as they come up. Always, check the Press for the most up to date information!**