

Pyramid Press

Pyramid Hill Streetscape update



Works are continuing on the Pyramid Hill Streetscape Revitalisation Project with the contractor progressing works in Lions Park before moving on to Kelly Park. The works at Lions Park include the replacement of the concrete path to and around the shelter, replacement of garden beds, planting of trees and shrubs, and a new path around Lions Park.

Works as of late February 2023 in Lions Park include:

- Completion of concrete footpaths
 - Construction of garden beds, in preparation for plantings
 - Installation of boundary fence between the park and the Filipino food store
- Preparation works for the construction of the wombat pedestrian crossing in Kelly Street, connecting Lions Park and Kelly Park, are expected to get underway in March. Council thanks the local community for their patience while works on the project continue.

The Pyramid Hill Streetscape Revitalisation Project has been made possible through \$800,000 in funding from the Victorian Government's Building Works package and Council.

Story provided by Loddon Shire Council

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CO-ORDINATOR CATCH UP

Hi Neighbours

It's heartwarming for me to see so many of you at our weekly gatherings at Mount Hope. Last week's Side-Stroke Swimming Carnival was one of the best I have ever been to. Congratulations to all the winners, and well-done to the losers. Someone has to lose.. Don't they, for there to be winners?

We have had a lovely week here at the House, with new volunteers signing up to drive our car and provide assistance. I grabbed the artworks I bought from the Art Show, and talked to my friend Cheryl the Accountant about a new program over Wednesday lunchtime. We are having our first Ask An Accountant this week as a little trial run. We will be talking about budgeting and having lunch for the next few weeks. Our Wicking Beds are underway! Brydon and the Hands on Learning students at the College are part of the way through making our new raised garden beds.

Our BookClub was a little depleted in numbers last week, but those who came have launched into a new Australian contemporary fiction book called 'Cairo'.. We are tempted to ask Joyce to share her reviews on our books in the Press each month, as she has a unique and articulate way of leading discussions.

We haven't received the registrations for our Wicking Bed Workshop which was due to run this weekend, so we will put it off for a few weeks and revisit once we start our garden.

Neighbours, it's been a busy busy time at the House, and I love that we are really helping out our community and getting wonderful feedback from everyone that comes in! If you haven't been in to see us for a while, maybe you should - just to find out what is new.

Oh - speaking of NEW and HELPING OUT.. the Government has extended the Power Saving Bonus. What does that mean? If you haven't applied yet this financial year, you have until the 28th March to bring your electricity bill in to me to apply for \$250 to go into your bank account. The program continues AFTER the 28th with a new round. You can apply for ANOTHER \$250 - how is that? All Australian households are eligible to apply. The application process really only takes 10 minutes. All I need to help you with it is a recent bill and your bank account details.

If you have got to reading this far, then you know.. You could make \$500 in a week. It's not a scam friends. It's real, the lady at the Neighbourhood House told you so.

Until next week

Kim

ASK AN ACCOUNTANT



Wednesdays 1pm - 2pm

Neighbourhood House

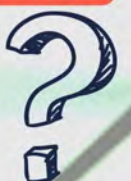
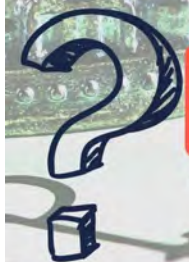
Come and learn some tips and tricks from Cheryl and enjoy a light lunch with us!



THURSDAY WORDS

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WHAT'S ON

Frog Racing for Fun and Profit
Sunday | Mount Hope

Moderate Movers exercise group
Tuesdays 9.30am | Seniors Centre | BYO exercise mat / towel

Thursday Art & Craft
Thursday 2nd March | 10 am
Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Thursday Words
Thursday 2nd March | 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

Hard waste collection
Sunday 5th March
Council staff will collecting items from Monday 6th March
(more details in the Mayoral Column)

Bird Day Out
Sunday 5th March
LPLN Goods Shed, 28 Station Street Inglewood

Ask an Accountant
Wednesday 8th March | 1-2pm
Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Plan for Pyramid Group Chat
Wednesday 8th March | 2pm
Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Pyramid Hill Football/Netball club catering Annual Meeting
Thursday 9th March | 7.30 pm
Pyramid Hill Football Sheds

Stumbling North appearing at Victoria Hotel
Friday 10th March | 8pm - 11 pm
Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill

Twilight Colour Run
Sunday 12th March | 4pm registration & 4.30 pm start
Little Lake Boort

Loddon Vale Field Trip
Tuesday 14th March | 9.45 am -2.30 pm
Details inside the Press

Q & A with our Accountant Cheryl..

How long have you and your husband been in Pyramid Hill?
Three years.

I know you are passionate about accounting. What do you particularly love about it?
I like numbers, it's challenging - and it is good to see how you can help somebody beat the system.. <laughter> and let's face it that's what a lot of accountants live for.

What are your top tips for managing a budget?
Discipline, a certain amount of discipline. And you have to realise what your reality is and what you want to get out of it in the end. You need to have goal. Like a holiday - or the sheer fact that you know everything is being paid for on time.
A problem is that some people think it is hard, and it isn't. You can make it simple. Everyone needs a budget - even if you are on a big income.

What are the big traps that people can get into?
Afterpay, and payday loans. Then the next thing you know there are a number of loans you have to pay each week. They are the problem. I must admit they will go against you on a future loan with a bank. The banks can see your credit history. It's a big trap when you are young, because you won't have the hindsight that we have as older people.

If you were starting out again, what would you do differently?
Whatever I have done, has worked for me and I wouldn't want to change anything. I have passed my knowledge onto my kids and it is rewarding to watch my kids and the businesses I work for grow and succeed.

What will we be talking about in our first session?
We will discuss Budgeting, how to write one, the benefit of a budget, how to put it into practice, various resources that are available to you for free.
We will discuss the damaging effects of using Afterpay and Deferred payments.

In the coming weeks we will cover topics such as:

- Accounting Procedures
- How to read your bank statements
- Taxation
- Interest Rates for Farmers

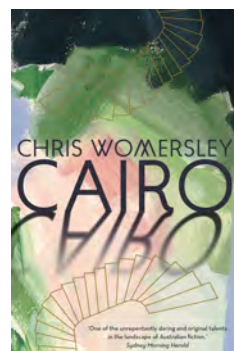
Book Club

Last Wednesday of the Month

This month's book is:

Cairo, author Chris Womersley.

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



PUBLIC NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

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1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM

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Sun | 12th March 9:00 AM

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Pyramid Hill

2nd and 4th Sun | 10:00 AM

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Catholic

Sat Mass | 6:30 PM

St Patrick's Catholic Church

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Sun | 11:00 AM

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June Smith | 0438 062 646

Letter to the Editor

To all the community who were there to help me pre-floods and during the floods, please accept this notice as my way to publicly acknowledge your generosity, kindness and much needed assistance.

Dee, Raeleen and the gentle delivery man who didn't know me but still offered to drop off at that time, precious paper of a personal nature, like water, almost impossible to come by during short supply of goods everywhere.

Steve Mann, Shire Municipality team, Kim, Paul, Cathy and the team at the Victoria Hotel and the Lions Club of Pyramid Hill who without their willing hard working skills my property would still be a massive task, beyond my reach. My heartfelt thanks, love and blessings to each and everyone. If I have left out anyone, please know it is my overloaded memory that is the cause.

Chivalry isn't dead in Pyramid Hill. I wish to also say thankyou to Marshall for fixing my flat tyre.

May all your lives be filled with only the best that this amazing universe has to offer.

Sylvia Fieldew
Mincha



PYRAMID HILL FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB CATERING COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

9th March 2023

7.30 pm

At the Football Sheds

All interested people are invited to attend

Have your say in our

PLAN FOR PYRAMID

Pyramid Hill Progress Association
want you to share your ideas.

What should our priorities be?

What is possible?

You can tell us by using this link

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or the QR code

Come to one of our friendly GROUP CHATS

**Pyramid Hill
Neighbourhood House**

2:00 pm, Wednesday 8 March

2:30 pm, Friday 17 March



Want to think about it over a cuppa at home?

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PYRAMID HILL & DISTRICTS ANNUAL REUNION

10 AM – 3 PM, SUNDAY 5th 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

Pyramid Hill Progress Association

Pyramid hill Art competition

The Progress Association sub committee appreciates all the positive comments and praise received from all those who attended our Art Show. This includes many people who traveled from other areas of Victoria and Interstate

When you start something new it is very gratifying to hear of such compliments and support.

Contributing to the success of the Art Show was the support we received from Kim, co-coordinator of Neighborhood house.

Kim assisted us with a successful grant application , advertising in the press and a vast amount of photo copying.

Thanks Kim

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2 T vinegar
1 cup water
stock or gravy
Chopped parsley

Trim Chops

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Pour mixture over and leave for 2 hours
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Bill: 0427 888 102

This week's happenings at Pyramid Hill College



Respect Learn Community

Art Show



Last week the students were excited to visit the Pyramid Hill Art Show. Not only did they have the opportunity to proudly display their work but they also closely studied the magnificent work and differing styles of the exhibiting artists. Congratulations to the organisers of the Art Show and thank you for allowing our students to showcase their talent. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Foodshare Program

This week our Year Eight students have had the opportunity to work with Bendigo Foodshare on a community program 'Cooking for Change'.

Students worked with Chef Caroline to make 70 Chilli Con Carne meals which have been distributed throughout the community.

Students learnt about community kitchens and the need to feed people on a large scale.

From all reports the food was very well received.



Events

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MARCH 3rd 7.30 pm

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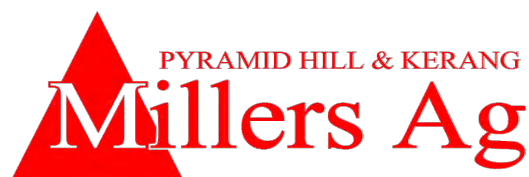
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IRRIGATION RATIONING

Due to the high 1981/82 Seasonal Sales entitlement, the commencement of irrigation of annual pastures and the dry climatic conditions, it has become necessary to introduce rationing of supplies in the Pyramid Hill area as from Monday, 1st March, 1982.

Deliveries in the Pyramid Hill area are running at record high levels, with full utilization of the capacity of the Waranga Western Main Channel west of the Campaspe River, including full use of the Campaspe pumps, giving maximum possible supply to irrigators in the Pyramid Hill area.

Despite this, the unprecedented high level of demand for irrigation water has exceeded the capacity of the Waranga Western Main Channel and it has become necessary to ration supplies to all irrigators in the Pyramid Hill area.

The situation will be reviewed if seasonal conditions change but an early end to rationing is not in sight.

The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission has announced that the seasonal allocation to Goulburn Murray Irrigators will be without limit above 200% of Water Right, but delivery in excess of 200% to individuals be approved under the following conditions.

- Specific application to be made in writing to the District Engineer.
- Supply of water in excess of 200% of Water Right to any holding is not to prejudice supply to other irrigators who have not yet used their previously announced entitlement of 200% of Water Right.

While supplies continue to be rationed at the Pyramid Hill Centre no application for sales in excess of 200% of Water Right can be considered.

Bearing in mind that the reasons for the rationing are outside this Centre's control, irrigator co-operation and understanding would be greatly appreciated by the staff at the Commission's Pyramid Hill Centre.



PERTANG, PERTANG

Yahoo, wacko, whoopy doo dee do doo dah dah! Yes folks, tomorrow night is the big night when y'all can shake a leg and waggle the hips at the Country and Western night.

Well, I'm here to tell you that the Pyramid Hill Football Club had the right idea when they organised for Ellen Lee Osterfield and the Country Rythm to come and entertain.

Tickets are selling like hot corn jacks at a square dance so you better get in there and buy one real quick like. Don't forget, only \$5 buys the time of your life (\$1 for kids under 15 and not a red cent for the little ones under 10). There'll even be a bar-b-q and refreshments there.

Today is the last chance you'll get to win a \$50 door prize! The winner will be drawn at the Victoria Hotel after 5pm (the very last chance to buy a winning ticket) tonight!

So don't miss out, come tomorrow at 8pm at Mitchell Park will see a hoe down! See ya there.



Don't forget the working bee at Mitchell park tomorrow morning.

Progress Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Pyramid Hill and District Progress Association will be held in The Memorial Hall at 8-00p.m. Tuesday next.

This Association serves the people of Pyramid Hill and needs your support if it is to continue to be an effective voice for the district at Shire and Government levels.

The Association currently concerned with the proposal by the Parliamentary Public Bodies Review Committee to change the urban water supply from the control of the State Rivers & Water Supply Commission to a Gorden Water Board. This issue affects all residents of Pyramid Hill. Mr. Eddie Hann M.L.A. for Rodney and also a member of the P.B.R.C. has been invited to address the meeting.

Nominations will be called for all office bearers and as some of the present committee will not be renominating there is a need for some "new blood".

If you care about the town and District you live in, then please give serious thought to standing for office in your Progress Association.

LIONESS CLUB

The newly formed Pyramid Hill Lioness Club has decided to raise funds to purchase kitchen equipment for the Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall.

A street stall will be held on March 12 and on April 16 they hope the public will assist by attending a fashion parade (Betinna will be supplying the fashions) at the Memorial Hall.

Edwards' Thought For The Week

A cynic is a person with faulty vision; he sees things as they are, not as they ought to be.



TENNIS NOTES

Round 17

Results

Calivil North 5 (126) def Lake Meran 0 (24)

Raywood 3 (79) def Yarrawalla 2 (64)

Mincha West 5 (83) def Calivil 0 (44)

Dinged 4 (113) def Serpentine 1 (65)

Ladder

Calivil North 52. 166.6%

Dingee 50. 134.3%

Mincha West 46. 123.8%

Serpentine 41. 97.4%

Yarrawalla 36. 107.9%

Raywood 27.5. 82.6%

Lake Meran 21.5. 58.9%

Calivil 6. 50.7%

BOWLS NOTES

It's hard to believe that the Pennant Season has almost been completed. With a curtailed season due to the impact of Covid, floods and heat, it's as though we have finished before we have begun.

Wednesday Pennant: Spectators were treated to a couple of great matches as they relished the fine playing conditions at Kerang last Wednesday. At time the breeze was a bit tricky but players still showed great skill. The Division 1 match went down to the wire. All morning Cohuna Golf 1 led the way against Cohuna 1 and it seemed just a tad unfair that the last few ends saw them come undone, but that is the way with bowls – or anything for that matter. It's not over, until it's over – which was definitely the case in the Semi-final. Cohuna managed to win on just one of the three rinks but that win was sufficient to propel them into the Grand-final against Kerang next week. The final score registered Cohuna a tally of 60 shots to Cohuna Golf 57 shots. The Division 2 match saw Kerang 2 bundle Barham 2 out of the finals with a win of 15 shots – 53-38. Kerang 2 will now play Kerang Golf in the Grand-final. The Grand-final will be played at Cohuna Golf commencing at 9:30am on Wednesday 1st March

Saturday Pennant: The Grand Final was played last Saturday at Kerang and, would you believe, the weather conditions were quite conducive to good bowling until, or despite, the shower of rain. One could almost be justified in thinking that the weather gods look down and teasingly try to interfere or challenge with a variety of elements! Saturdays, and Wednesdays, seem to be a prime opportunity to throw in a gale, a storm, a heat wave or even an icy blast. The Division 1 players from Cohuna 1 v Cohuna Golf 1 put on a fine display of great bowling and for some time it looked like Cohuna Golf were going to repeat their victory of the previous season as they scooter off to a comfortable start and at

one stage were 15 shots up across the board, doubling their opponent's score. Things were looking rosy for them but if there's one thing we learn about bowls, it's that the cat is never in the bag until the bag is tied up. By the time the 50th end had been played there was only one shot separating the two teams. A tight finish was then eminent and it was Cohuna who had the ascendancy going into the last 63rd end of play 4 shots up. The desperate drive by the Cohuna Golf Skip to kill the end, cleared some of the head but left the kitty undisturbed and the remaining counting bowls still left them 2 shots in arrears. Cohuna's defeat of Cohuna Golf by 2 shots (55-53) was a deserving win breaking a long premiership drought. Congratulations to all players who showed great sportsmanship and great skill.

The matches in Division 2 (Kerang 2 v Barham 2) and Division 3 (Barham 4 v Kerang 4) were both won by Barham in reasonably comfortable style. Barham 2 won 84 -66 plus 18, while Barham 4 won 71 – 50 plus 21. Congratulations to the Barham teams who showed that they still have the skills and the power on the grass. So endeth the Saturday Pennant competition for another season. It was short but sweet, but there will be no end of tournaments to fill in the gaps of a Saturday afternoon.

Tournaments at PH: Even though the Pennant Season has almost concluded, there are still tournaments galore to keep players engaged. Our next tournament at PH is on **Wednesday 22nd March** commencing at 10:00am followed by another tournament on **Wednesday 5th April** again with a 10:00am start. Our last hosted tournament is scheduled for **Sunday 7th May** with a 12:00 start. That is the very popular Seafood Tournament. Please put these dates in your diary and keep doing your great maintenance jobs to ensure the place looks fantastic.

Social Night at the Vic Hotel: Our next dinner outing supporting our generous sponsor, Paul from the local hotel, is set for **Thursday 16th March** gathering at 6:30pm

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

Bereavement: The PHBC were saddened to learn of the recent passing of former Veteran player Lily Jones, and extend deep and sincere sympathy to Ian and his family. We have fond memories of bowling with Lily who had her own unique but successful style and we enjoyed her company, support and good humour around the Club. RIP, Lily.

Keep Smiling: Did you hear the one about ...the shepherd who drove his sheep through town and was given a ticket for making a ewe turn?

Dave was visiting his son the other night, conversation was light on when Dave suddenly asked, "Can I borrow your newspaper, son?" "Dad, this is the 21st century," his son replied. "I don't waste my money on newspapers. But if you like, you can borrow my iPad." I can tell you this: That spider never knew what hit him!



Barefoot Bowls:

There were a few anxious moments as teams assembled to begin play on the first night of Barefoot Bowls. Some quick rearranging, a frantic phone call and coercing of an onlooker, saw the rinks finally filled and play got under way. The bowlers were given the chance to get the feel of the greens by rolling first to the “spiders” or stubby holder. Mysteriously, no one got within cooee of the stubby holder – perhaps they were pinging and trying to take it out. Steve was one lucky bowler who truthfully claimed he had aimed for one spider but ended up drawing closest to the other spider. Hopefully, during the “Fines Due” session following the evening’s play, Vaughan and Adam learnt the hard lesson that to hold playing their bowl until others had played was an unfair tactic not allowable and could only result in a hefty penalty. “Go” means “Go” – everyone rolls together and if your bowl gets bumped by someone else’s bowl – tough luck! Crickey – the prize was not so wonderful that tactics had to be employed – in fact, as it turned out no prize was awarded. The good old 70’s music kept everyone in high spirits and the newly introduced system of scoring made for a more interesting and sometimes confusing tallying of bowls in the head – particularly in the power play ends. For those who forgot to nominate their power play, again tough luck. Lesson learned the hard way – they probably won’t forget next week. Fines were imposed for gaudy-even-if-classy pants, swearing of course, and the wrong bias delivery. It was the wrong night to

have the letter ‘D’ in your name as David and Dorothy, although welcomed as Club Members earlier in the season, found out. After the totalling of scores, the wooden spoon-ers (Tanya, Colleen and Vaughan) were presented with their



Pictured: Julie Kerr

complimentary gift from the Donut King (a wooden stirring spoon) – a handy addition to anyone’s handbag. Joint winners with a total of 37+ points were the teams comprised of Geoff, Grant and Steve along with Adam, Ash and Darren. Unbelievably, despite the win, Steve showed little enthusiasm and claimed he might be missing next week which, of course, earned him a fine. Noticeably he still accepted his winning prize. All in all it was a great night (sorry about the lack of photos, Teagan – just busy doing other things and forgot) and it was just fabulous to see people relaxing and enjoying the game of bowls. Thanks to Lionel for rustling up the teams and making sure the bar was stocked. Thanks also to Bill for preparing the greens and slaving over the hot bbq to cook up the tea. It’s on again next week so come one come all for the bbq and another night of fun. Helpful hint: bring some small change for the fines imposed. Geoff’s name is in the book of IOU’s.



You know its serious when Steve Gibson pulls the tape measure out



Pictured above: Emily Prout



Pictured: Julie Kerr, Dorothy Kaye, Lizzie Fox, Ally Burke, Steve Gibson

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Skidders Flat

Dam Wall Tour

Last Friday I attended a community recovery bus tour of the Skidders Flat dam wall followed by a barbecue lunch.

Wedderburn residents who were evacuated during the October floods were invited to come along and learn about the structural improvements made to the dam wall.

During the tour, we were able to walk around the dam wall and were provided a detailed understanding of the works that were completed.

Thank you again to everyone who came out for the tour and I hope that this event provided you with a better understanding of the work that was completed.

Plan for Pyramid

Pyramid Hill Progress Association are asking for your input in its "Plan for Pyramid".

An online survey is available to all community members, and I encourage everyone to take a few moments to share their thoughts and ideas on how we can make our town a better place.

This is your opportunity to provide your ideas on what could be improved to make this community a better place to live.

To access the survey please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JCLN3Q or contact Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House on 5455 7129 before 15 March 2023.

Free seed service registration now open!

Have you been thinking about growing food at home but not sure where or how to start? Well, have we got an idea for you!



Healthy Loddon Campaspe has partnered with Grow It Local to launch a FREE seasonal seed service curated by gardening legend Costa for Loddon Shire residents.

Not only will you receive free heirloom seeds, but you will have access to an exclusive Member Dashboard where you will receive videos and how-to articles specific to each stage in the grow-along

journey, including plant origins, growing tips and recipes!

Registrations opened Monday 27 February and close Friday 10 March.

Get in quick as free seed packets are limited.

To register visit growitlocal.com/free-seed-service.

Grant Seeker Workshops with Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

Community groups and not-for-profits are invited to attend a free workshop which assists in writing successful grant applications and securing funding for important projects.

This workshop will be led by experienced grant writers and will cover topics such as identifying funding opportunities, developing a strong proposal and navigating the application process.

This is an excellent opportunity for those looking to secure funding for community based projects, and I encourage all interested individuals to attend.

Workshops will take place this Thursday 2 March at the following locations:

Pyramid Hill, The Coffee Bank at 10am
Boort, Godfrey and Bear at 1pm
Wedderburn, 24 Karat Café at 3pm

For more information contact Loddon Shire Community Recovery Officer – Josie McKinnon 0474 911 783.



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