

Pyramid Press

Celebrating the women of our region!

Lovely gesture for local identity



Here's our gorgeous Brigitte and her grand-daughter Kayla with the portrait painted by Des Lowrey. This beautiful image was paid for and gifted to Brigitte by an anonymous donor - on a visit to Pyramid Hill during our Art Show last month.

The visitor to Pyramid Hill was so taken with the portrait, as it reminded her of her own mother. She wanted to make sure that Brigitte and her family were able to enjoy it into the future.

What a lovely gift from a stranger!

This is the first of our monthly updates on the **Plan for Pyramid**.

In mid-February the Pyramid Hill Progress Association started talking to schools and community members about what Progress should focus on for the next 5-10 years. The students gave us a beautiful vision into an active and vibrant town that would have lots for them to do and eat! Who knew they wanted to eat so much? Their teachers, online participants and focus groups have also offered up terrific ideas. Some are big and some are so beautifully simple but just needed to be pointed out. So far just under 200 people have responded—that's 33% of our population.

Your ideas are important too and there's still time for you to tell them to us. Just go to the online survey or get a paper copy from the Post Office before 17 March.

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What's next? Once we have gathered all your ideas together, we will collate and analyze them. With the respondents staying anonymous, Progress will be the first to see the results and then you will get to see them too. Later we will write them into a report for us all to read and strive to implement the lead ideas.



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CO-ORDINATOR CATCH UP

Hi Neighbours

Happy International Women's Day!

I have just been thinking about women I admire. I think of women of history, and women who have done historically great things. Do you know what, my deepest confession is this. Although I am in awe of the work done by extraordinary women in history and all over the world. The women I most admire are the ones I see, have worked with, have known through my life who have done great work - *life changing work on a smaller scale*.

I admire my friend Angela, a youth arts practitioner who has worked with children and teenagers to create theatre based on their dreams, ideas and issues. I think about my best friend who home schooled her kids through Melbourne's COVID lockdowns, started a new business and learned how to play drums - and is now gigging every other weekend in her two new bands. I think of my big sister who has been there at every single milestone of my life as my biggest cheerleader and my biggest inspiration. She's devoted her life to education and positively impacting the lives of kids in her regional town.

There are so many women I admire in Pyramid Hill, who quietly doing the work to make sure the community is the best it can be. Our business owners, and opp shop ladies who keep an eye on their regular customers and make sure they are travelling OK; the women who make up the community at the Neighbourhood House; the women who work behind the scenes in our volunteer run organisations; the ones who cook, drive, farm, educate, nurse, care for and advocate for our town. I am truly reflecting on all that I have seen women do here in the last year - and encourage you to do the same. If you appreciate a woman in your life - let her know.

Ok team, I guess the other big thing that everyone is talking about is that I beat Jim Carroll at Scrabble on Friday by what could be called 'a fair margin'.. I mean, gloating would be unbecoming.. but some say he was beaten by over 230 points. To tell you the truth I didn't actually think I could count that high!

OK, Teags is giving me the hurry-up so I have to finish the column.

Until next week Kim

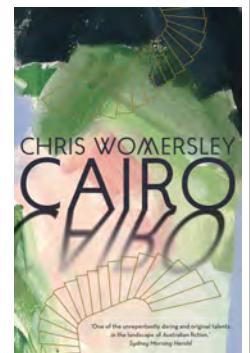
Book Club

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!



Update on our Community Garden



Planning for our community garden is underway with the Hands on Learning students making these raised garden beds. We've also had a generous donation from Peg and we have bought some healthy beautiful trees to go in the garden, namely a dwarf lemonade and two crepe myrtles.

All is coming together nicely! We only had one person sign up for the Wicking Bed workshop on Saturday 4th March so we have regretfully postponed. If you would like to attend a future workshop - please let us know.



WHAT'S ON

Pig and Lady Day

Sunday | Mount Hope

Moderate Movers exercise group

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

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

Plan for Pyramid Group Chat

Friday 17th March | 2.30 pm

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Golf Working Bee

Sunday 19th March | 9am

Bendigo Blood Donations

Tuesday 21st March | 5pm

Bookings essential

Details inside the Press

Safe Seats Safe Kids

Friday 24 March | 10am - 4pm

Bookings Essential

Rusty Bearings appearing at Victoria Hotel

Friday 24th March

Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill

Pyramid Hill Fiesta Planning Meeting

Friday 24 March | 4pm

All welcome to plan the Fiesta in October!

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Pyramid Hill Football and Netball Community Practice

Match Series

Saturday 25th March

Mitchell Park Pyramid Hill

Further details inside the Press

Have your say in our

PLAN FOR PYRAMID

Pyramid Hill Progress Association
want you to share your ideas.

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What is possible?

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1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM

Tyndale Church, Victoria St,
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Tuesday 21st of March,

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Kim

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Senior Notes from Peg

Members played card bingo which was enjoyed by all, then indulged in Cuppas and biscuits. A Happy 80th Birthday was wished to Lorna Forster and cake enjoyed by all. On Friday March 17th a lunch will be held at 12.15pm and the cost is \$10. All Welcome

A small gift for raffle would be appreciated. Names to Bernie, June or Peg. Thankyou to all who helped in the Kitchen today, many hands help.

Exciting news from Margaret Williamson

I would like to share my news with you as i am proud to have spent over 50 years in the area, mostly in town. Today is International Women's Day and here at BlueCross Box Hill, Blue Cross have nominated me to be the senior speaker to answer their questions. It is being filmed and sent to all the other Blue Cross homes. I feel very honoured, so I thank Pyramid Hill for allowing me to partake in so many community activities. Now I am putting you on the map. Wish me luck

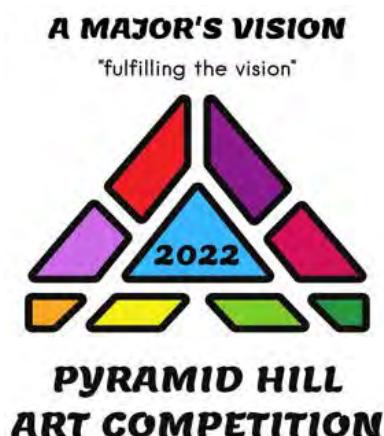


PYRAMID HILL ART SHOW

AWARDS

People's Choice Award

Abby Smith No 148
"Paddock Play" (Cohuna)



AWARD	NO	ARTIST	TITLE OF WORK
BEST IN SHOW Millers Agricultural Award	32	Christopher Duffy	"Iain - A man of Many Hats"
THE HILL Catalyst Hancock Joint Venture Award	44	Neil Gude (Bendigo)	"Afternoon Light at Pyramid Hill"
VICTORIA HOTEL AWARD Pyramid & Surrounds	86	Pam Moore (Kerang)	"Early Morning"
BARAPA BARAPA AWARD Birds and Animals	151	Heather Stanmore (Cohuna)	"Watching over the Wetlands"
COLIN KING AWARD People and Portraits	85	Des Lowry (Bendigo)	"Local Identity - Brigitte"
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD Landscape & Seascapes	146	Teresa Siesmaa (Newbridge)	"Kalbarra - Fun in the Sun"
CORIAN PARK EARTHMOVING Regional Award	115	Sandra Neivandt	"Straw Necked Ibis"
HIGHLY COMMENDED		Maria Wallace Samantha Taylor Fleur Jobling Heather McKean Sarah Wallace-Smith Rachel Stacey Peacock	Landscape Colour 2 Yin & Yang Pyramid Hill Pop Art Beautiful Hydrangea "Notice to Vacate"

Raffle Winners

Pair of Paintings: **Jean Mann**

\$200 voucher from Grant Rule's Eaglehawk –
Janine Worth

School Awards

AWARD	ARTIST	Grades 5 -6	Emily Watkins
Year 10 - 12 1st	Alana O'Brien (Emerald Secondary)	Highly Commended	Ruby Mitchell Tristan Broad
Year 10 - 12 Digital 1st	Josephine Ceballos	Grades 3 - 4 1st	Emily Lister (East Loddon)
Year 7 - 9 1st	Eloise Walters	Highly Commended	Tyler Pollard Ize Pantig
Highly Commended	Dempsey Lee James Correa	Foundation - 2/3 1st	Xanthe Farrar
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TOP SWIMMING EFFORT

An admirable performance by all competitors saw Pyramid Hill H.E.S. finish fourth in the North Central High School Sports Association Swimming Sports held at Boort last Friday. Although competing against much larger schools, and being unable to field starters in all but one "Open" class events, the students gave their "all" and attained a result of which they should be very proud.

Highlights of the day were the great performance by Kerry Mooney in winning both the U/16 Girls Freestyle and Breaststroke. These results enabled Kerry to take out the Girls U/16 Individual Champion award. Anthony Carroll put in a strong performance to take out the Boys U/16 Backstroke; whilst the Girls Intermediate Relay consisting of Maureen Cassidy, Leisl Vincent, Kerry Mooney and Raelene Hickmott scored a convincing win.

A word of warning to future Girls Open Butterfly contestants; Look out for Tracie Ballis who this year managed to finish second. Not bad for someone still still eligible for U/13 races.

Youth Quest

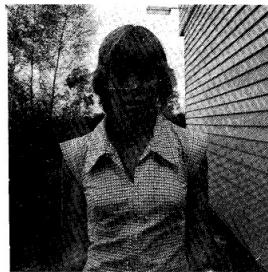
Regional judging of the Youth of the Year Quest was conducted at Barham Services Club on Sunday March 15th.

Five contestants from the District competed. Anne Phelan of Deniliquin High School won the Regional Final of the Quest.

The other contestants were John Doyle (Cohuna) Anne Ralphs (Pyramid Hill) Penny Rowlands (Gunnedah) and Carol Scherubl (Leitchville).

Chairman of the judging panel, Cr. Lui Basile of Kerang, announced the winner and praised the high standard of all contestants; he indicated that only a small points margin separated all contestants.

Anne Phelan received a \$100 savings account from the bank N.S.W (which sponsors the national quest) and she will represent the Region in the District Final to be held at Echuca on 28th of March.



Point scorers for Pyramid were as follows:

T. Ballis	2 G Open B/Fly
J. Bartels	4 G U/13 Br/Stroke
A. Carroll	1 B U/16 Bk/Stroke
M. Cassidy	2 G U/15 Br/Stroke
	2 G U/15 Bk/Stroke
C. Gray	4 G U/13 Bk/Stroke
R. Guthrie	4 G U/16 Bk/Stroke
Equal 2 G Intermediate Diving	
R. Hickmott	2 G U/14 Fr/Style
	2 G U/14 Br/Stroke
K. Mooney	1 G U/16 Fr/Style
	1 G U/16 Br/Stroke
D. Noelker	3 B U/13 Fr/Style
	2 B U/13 Bk/Stroke
	2 B U/13 Br/Stroke
L. Vincent	4 G U/15 Fr/Style
R. Whitewood	2 B U/14 Fr/Style
	2 B U/14 Bk/Stroke
Girls Intermediate Relay 1st	
Girls Junior Relay 3rd	

PERTANG PERTANG PERTUNK

Yahoo, whacko, whoopy doo dah day! Pyramid Hill F.C. ran a most successful, social and financial, night at its first Country and Western Venture.

Ellen Lee and the Country Rythm entertained the huge crowd throughout the night. There certainly was a lot of foot tapping.

Winner of the fifty dollars was Loretta Martin.

On behalf of the Pyramid Hill Football Club we would like to thank all those that attended (Senior Constable McDougal was most impressed with the crowds behaviour) and those who came along to help run the night.

You'll come back now, hear?

Interschool Sport

Monday saw the students of P.H.H.E.S. travel to Charlton for the second round of summer sport. A most enjoyable day was topped off when the Charlton Principal shouted everyone to drinks and icy poles.

The girls softball team showed the benefit of hard training and performed their best ever. In a sport not emphasised very much the girls have continually shown improvement. Similarly the junior tennis performed better than their first match. However, Charlton won both these events.

Basketball brought a mixed bag of results - Two wins each. Charlton convincingly won the junior boys and senior girls basketball. Pyramid Hill junior girls thrashed Charlton and our senior boys fell in by 2 points.

Our cricket team, ably led by Anthony Hoban, created the surprise of the day. THEY WON!! Sent into bat they amassed 72 for the loss of 8 wickets, many lower order batsmen sacrificing their wicket in search of quick runs. Timothy Hoban top scored with 25 and he and Clive Rumble gave the innings a healthy but risky start

Charlton started slowly in the run chase. Anthony Hoban bowled four overs without conceding a run. In a tense few overs it was the ground fielding of Pyramid that allowed them to restrict Charlton to 71; a one run victory for the Hill.

Jenkins Gem of the Week

In the absence of our Beloved Resident Philosopher (could his recent contributions to the world of philosophy have so drained his brain as to lay him low) We have substituted Jenkins Gem..

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8PM-11PM

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Did we have a goodnight? You bet we did!!

Did we have a good day? For sure!!

This was our first chance to have our March weekend Pyramid Hill and Districts Annual Reunion since 2020. (And we just snook that year in.) A healthy number took up the opportunity to reconnect, whether by day or by night or by both. Let me share with you the journey over the weekend as I reflect.

On Saturday night, possibly for the first time ever, I was looking forward to arriving at the designated starting time for our night at The National in Bendigo. (ie I was NOT going to be late! It runs in the family, lateness that is - my mother Elva Mann was habitually late and now my daughter blames me for passing on the gene) I was thinking that arriving ON TIME would allow me to meet and greet people. I was wrong!!

Curiously, I found the noise level rising as I wove my way through the bar to the room we'd booked. I turned the corner and beheld a wonderful sight- a quickly growing crowd of excited people. The party had begun and before long there were thirty seven of us folk.

Who was there? you may ask. Whilst this was originally started as 'The Younger Sect' of the Annual Day Reunion we are now mostly in our sixties and seventies!! Strangely, but not so strangely, we once thought being 60 or 70 was old! So the answer to that question, **Who was there?** - A collection of mature age folk who share an attachment to Pyramid Hill - including some living there now. **And how did we pass the time** until they were putting the chairs up around us and vacuuming? We ate, we laughed, we drank, we laughed, we told stories, we laughed or sometimes consoled and we laughed some more. And, yes, of course, we also posed for endless photos. (Have phone will click)

Next day a few of us joined the older sect at the McKinnon Pavilion in the Show Grounds. **Who was there?** you may ask. A gathering of upstanding citizens and ex-citizens of Pyramid Hill and Districts ranging in age from forty something to ninety something. In fact, it was noted that we had three nonagenarians with us (which made we "Night Before" folk feel **much** younger) These were: Mr Bill Burke Junior -formerly of Pyramid Hill, currently of Echuca; Mrs Gwen Gamble- formerly of Mologa, currently of Bendigo and Mr Kevin Cox formerly of Sylva-terre currently of Bendigo. By the way, Kevin retired this year after spending decades of reunions buying, cutting and, for the most part of that time, cooking the onions for our bbq. Marathon effort Kevin Cox!

What did we do? you ask again. Well, as to be expected, the day went more gently than the night before, although... we did much the same thing. We ate, (sausages from the bbq- cooked to perfection by Owen Rule and Francis Jansen) we laughed, we drank,(tea and coffee this time), we laughed, we told stories, we laughed or sometimes consoled, and we laughed some more.

There was also our **Memory List** of those who have passed away since we last met. It was compiled and read by Kate Wood. A very long list this time given it covered more years. So many good people whom we have known if not loved. The respectful minute's silence that followed had each of us in attendance reflecting on those on listed who were important to us. Personally, my thoughts were of my wonderful Auntie Thelma Mann of Mincha who was so much a part of my formative years; of Mr Bruce Newstead, a gentle man and a gentleman of my Mincha community and father of my sister in law; of Mr Stuart



Pictured above: A Class from the Sixties

CTS ANNUAL REUNION IS BACK!

Article written by Glenda Morrison

Farrar, another farming gentleman and close family friend - the Charlie Manns shared holidays at Ocean Grove with the Stuart Farrars. Then there was Noel Weaver, a dear friend, a beautiful, intelligent man and husband of my life long friend Leonie Weaver (nee Holt)

It was acknowledged that Lorna and Ron Pickles were on the list. They had both served on the Unofficial Reunion Committee for many years and until recent times. They started with our Chips long before Therese Herrick or I came on board. Good community people whom we miss. Speaking of Chips, it was great to have Joy Gregory and Johnene join us for the day.

Well, that was our weekend from my perspective. If you'd like to know more about who was in attendance browse the accompanying photos. You might just pick out some old friends you'd like to catch up with. You might also like to visit the Friends of Pyramid Hill 3575 Facebook page as there are many other folk from the reunion pictured there. (Some people just attract the camera though)! Jeanette McCarthy does a wonderful job as administrator of the page. Now there's a girl who loves Pyramid.

The good news is - WE DO IT ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR. Why? you may ask. Because life is short and we wish to enjoy each other while we can, because there are no friends like old friends who know your story and background - it's a bit like pulling on that old favourite woolen jumper, and ...because we share a love for a small town and the people in it and the people who have come from it.

I'll finish with a question for YOU . **Why don't YOU join us**

next year.? **March 2nd and 3rd 2024.**
Put it on the calendar. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** The more the merrier!!!
Signing off now- Glenda Morrison (Nee Mann)



Is that so Buster? Dale Alford, Beau Fawcett and David James



Barbara Hampson, Jeanette McCarthy and Marj Dingwall



Leahy Sisters- Kaye and Colleen



Johnene Gregory, Therese Herrick and Alison Rumble



The Boys: Peter Leahy, Leigh Alford and Chris Daldy



Good Friends: Marj Burke and Helen Stevens



Jeanette McCarthy, Jayne Gumley and Chris Moss



Girls in Glasses- Glenda Mann, Kate Wood and Sue Ladson.



The Rumble Siblings- Alison, David and Warren- with Leonie Holt

This week's happenings at Pyramid Hill College



Respect Learn Community

Save the date! Wednesday 5th April



GOLF NOTES

Summer Pennant

The Pyramid Hill Golf Club recently competed in the Northern District Golf Association's summer pennant competition. After four rounds the team made it through to the final against Kerang 2 after finishing second on the ladder (out of 9 teams). The team fought well but lost 2/1 overall. Congratulations to the Kerang 2 team on their victory. Thank you to everyone who played throughout the pennant competition, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to our pennant captain, Jason Deller, who organised the team each week and to club president, Steve Marshall, for initially seeking numbers and entering the team. Well done to the NDGA for the running of a successful competition. We hope to go one better next year!

Golf Working Bees

The golf season is nearly upon us so we are looking at getting the course ready for play. Many hands will make light work!

Sunday 19th March

Sunday 26th March

Sunday 2nd April

All working bees will start at 9am.

Pictured right: Luke Roberts, Blake Gibson, Steve Marshall, Steven Gibson, David Mann & Jason Deller



BOWLS NOTES

This week saw the conclusion of all Pennant matches with the playing of the Mid-week Grand Final at Cohuna Golf.

Wednesday Pennant: The Division 1 Grand Final match between Kerang and Cohuna turned out to be a bit of an anti-climax with Cohuna proving far too strong in amassing a mighty 78 to 27 number of shots (plus 51 shots and 2 rinks up). This massive defeat enabled Cohuna to claim two Club Premierships at Division 1 level for the season as they had already claimed the Saturday Division 1 title. Congratulations, Cohuna, on this very fine achievement. In Division 2 the spectators, and players alike, were kept enthralled right to the end as the match between Kerang Golf and Kerang was decided by just 5 shots although no rink wins were recorded for Kerang. The final tally, 37-32, was a nail-biting finish. Well done to Kerang Bowling Club who were successful in have teams represented in the Grand Final at both Division 1 and 2 levels. Congratulations, Kerang Golf, on your Premiership win – a very fine effort.

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

TENNIS NOTES

Round 18

Results

Calivil North 5 (109) def Yarrawalla 0 (69)

Mincha West 5 (103) def Dingee 0 (80)

Serpentine 4 (96) def Lake Meran 1 (81)

Raywood 4 (75) def Calivil 1 (58)

Ladder

Calivil North 57 165.7%

Mincha West 51 124.2%

Dingee 50 127.5%

Serpentine 45 99.3%

Yarrawalla 36 109.5%

Raywood 31.5 85.8%

Lake Meran 22.5 61.4%

Calivil 7 52.7%

Club Pennant Break-

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

Keep Smiling: A cat gives birth in a public park and is fined \$50 for littering.

A photographer had his lens fall off his camera. He was fined for indecent exposure.



Pictured above: Lionel Mann delivering the goods, Tegan Roberts, Bill Quinn wearing his lucky shirt.

Pictured right: Dave Domaine with his game face on, Vaughan and Ally Burke.

Barefoot Bowls: Once again an eager bunch of Barefoot

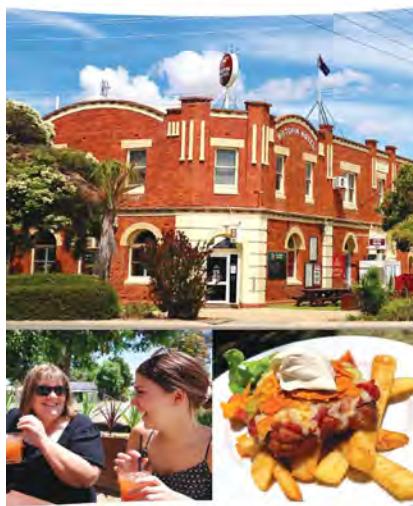
Bowlers rocked up at the greens last Wednesday night for the second week of competition. Few enjoyed the sausage sizzle offered before play commenced but were ready for the action which commenced with a roll to the spider. Then the music was activated for a calming atmosphere as play began. Unfortunately, not all the players were available this week leaving a couple of teams playing as pairs instead of threesomes. They were compensated by the rule allowing them to bowl three bowls instead of just two. Apparently this was not necessarily a disadvantage as the depleted team of Dave M. and Mark F. reigned supreme on the night. Tanya's team was delighted to rise to Runners-up after being cellar dwellers the previous week. Ally replaced her father, Geoff, and felt sure she was the difference. Obviously the sting of being fined last week for spectating and not playing was just the catalyst needed to spur her into skilful action. In the absence of President, Marie, players were given a reprieve from the prickle of fines, and as it turned out, they were more receptive to buying a raffle ticket than paying a fine – funny that! A player at one table (still to be identified and consequently reprimanded for this indiscretion) was heard to comment that they would rather buy a raffle ticket than pay a fine (silly, silly statement)... “walls have ears” and “grape vines talk”. Ostensibly, players at this table scored very well with the prizeshmmm, there must be some reprisal due there. Over all, a happy and fun night was had by all participants, and maybe, just maybe, in time and with some persuasion, some folk may consider taking up



bowling as a sport of recreation. Special thanks to the PHBC members who rallied around to run the session and particular thanks to Allan F. who organized the raffle goodies. We meet again for another night of fun this week.



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NETBALL & FOOTBALL NOTES

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Club Child Safety Officer (CSO)

Special thanks to Tania Burke who is our current Pyramid Hill Football Netball Club Child Safety Officer. Tania's role is voluntary and is supported by the PHFNC Committee. The role will serve as the first point of contact for PHFNC members and others who have concerns about a child or young person within the club and, provide advice and support to assist that person with making a report.

Tania will continue to champion the safeguarding message and work with the PHFNC Board to practically implement the policies and procedures.

Phone: 0429447339

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I encourage residents who plan to participate in woodcutting to follow the guidelines as illegal collection negatively affects forest health, wildlife habitat and public safety. These guidelines can be viewed <https://www.vic.gov.au/collecting-firewood>.

Remember:

- You can only collect trees or parts of trees that are already on the ground.

Don't collect trees that are clearly hollow or more than half the tree is covered in moss or fungi.

Don't take wood within 20m of any rivers, creeks, lakes or dams.

Take litter with you when you leave.

It is illegal to sell firewood you collect from collection areas.

There is no guarantee that firewood will be available for collection in the firewood collection area.

To find a firewood collection area please visit <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/find-a-firewood-collection-area>



3pm – 4.30pm

To register for the event click here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/64608121-5e57-4627-a3d4-22bc960ed99e@c1bd07b1-b7b6-47ca-9ef0-cf66735daae6>

Come along to either session and speak to the team and learn more about the project.

Written submissions are due on or before 5 April 2023 and should be emailed to VNIWestRITT@aemo.com.au

Lap It Up

I recently attended the Boort Cups Day on Sunday 5th March which was huge success.

The event was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our local harness committee members and numerous volunteers.

Congratulations to Double Helix who took out The Honourable Peter Walsh Boort Trotters Cup and Pas Guarantee taking out the Cr Neil Beattie Family Boort Pacing Cup.

Events like these not only showcase talent of our local community, but also bring in visitors from outside the shire, boosting our local economy and supporting local businesses.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants and thank you to everyone who helped make this event a great success.

Last Tuesday's Council meeting

Council has appointed a panel of 16 contractors for flood restoration works across Loddon Shire at its 28th February meeting.

Council appointed the Flood Restoration Works Panel following a publicly advertised tender process and evaluation by an assessment panel.

Officers have been inspecting Council's essential infrastructure for flood impacts following the October 2022 flood event. A list of restoration works is being compiled with the process 95 per cent complete. According to current data, the list of items requiring repair are:

- 117 culvert repairs or replacements
- 56 floodway repairs
- 1 bridge replacement
- 273 km of gravel road re-sheets
- 50 km of unsealed road shoulders to replace
- 14.25 km of sealed road to be rebuilt

The panel of contractors will provide Council with an efficient and flexible way to engage the necessary contractor workforce to carry out the restoration works, under the Commonwealth Government's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

To read more outcomes please visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/News-and-public-notices/Loddon-Shire-Council-Meeting-%E2%80%93-February-2023>

Murray River Group of Councils Meeting

Last Friday, I attended the Murray River Group of Councils meeting in Echuca.

At the meeting, we discussed a range of issues and initiatives that are important to the region. Some of the key topics of discussion were AEMO VNI West update, Flood advocacy, Murray Darling Basin Community Committee and advocacy for Canberra.

AEMO VNI West is a proposed new high capacity electricity interconnector between Victoria and NSW. Communities and land owners have five weeks to comment on plans to build overhead power transmission lines through the shire. To learn more about the VNI West project click here <https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/vni-west/about-the-program>

AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator) will be hosting a number of community sessions:

In Person

Thursday 9 March

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IT Support

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

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First Aid Training

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CLEO the Community Car

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Social Coffee Mornings

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

Thursday Words

Thursdays at 1.30pm

A social program to get your brains ticking over! Trivia, word games, scrabble and good times. All welcome!

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Fridays at 9.30am

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Scrabble Club

2pm Friday afternoons.

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!