

Pyramid Press



Mother's Day at Pyramid Hill Preschool



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MEMBER 2021

CO-ORDINATOR CATCH UP

Hi My Neighbours

Happy Mothers Day week to all of you who are mothers or have mothers. I hope you all have a cozy catch up with those you love this weekend.

At Neighbourhood House Headquarters we are organising the Biggest Morning Tea for Thursday 25th May. Through holding a Biggest Morning Tea in Pyramid Hill we can contribute to fundraising research, care and respite services on behalf of the Cancer Council, and have a bit of fun together in the process!

Over the next two weeks Penny and I will be looking out for contributions to our RAMPANT RAFFLE and volunteers to pour the tea and set up tables. What's a Rampant Raffle? Well, we have just made up a fun way to fundraise - with thanks to Leanne Talbot. We would love small prize contributions to raffle off during the morning! Got a bottle of wine or a box of chocolates, maybe a plant in a pretty pot or a painting to donate? Wonderful! Bring them in to the Neighbourhood House, or give us a call and we can come pick them up from you!

Also I would love to mention that we turned our Neighbourhood House into a restaurant on Thursday night! We had such a fun time cooking with Saurav from Northern District Community Health, and then enjoying some mild pumpkin/lentil dahl/soup last week. It was hot and spicy and warming and we had a great chat over good food.

This is a program we would like to expand and do once a month. Who would like to join us?

Another bit of news is that we have filled our Ag Chemicals courses at the end of the month - but we STILL have some spots available for our First Aid Course at the end of the month.

Give us a tingle if you want to join us,

Kim



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Sunday | Mt Hope

Mother's Day
Sunday 14th May

Justice of the Peace, Mark Boyce
Tuesday 16th May | 12.30 - 2.30 pm
Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Pyramid Hill Food Share
Monday 22 May | 4.30 pm
St Patrick's Catholic Church

Biggest Morning Tea
Thursday 25th May | 10.30 am
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

Pyramid Hill Playgroup Storytime
Friday 26th May | 10.30 - 11 am
Pyramid Hill Kinder

First Aid Course
Thursday 25th May | 9.30 am
Senior Citizens Centre
Details inside the Press

Chemical Users Course
Wednesday 31 May & Thursday 1 June | 9 - 4pm
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

WHAT'S ON *regular activities*

Cleo Community Car
Call the Neighbourhood House to book transport to your next appointment | 54557129
Price List inside

Bendigo Blood Donation Trips - Community Car
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TUESDAYS

Moderate Movers exercise group | 2 PM | Seniors Centre
Mackay St | BYO exercise mat or towel
Morning Coffee | 10:15 AM | Neighbourhood House
Goldfields Library visit | 10:15 AM | Neighbourhood House

WEDNESDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

Rhyme Time | 9:30 AM every Friday during term |
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Last Wednesday of the Month
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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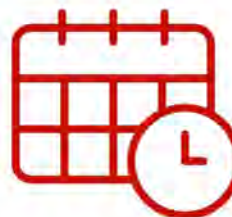
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'Happy Mother's Day'



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Mother's Day Breakfast

On Tuesday we celebrated our 'mums, grandmas and special friends' at the annual Mother's Day Breakfast. It was wonderful to have a record crowd in attendance and the students enjoyed looking after their guests. Thank you so much to all who attended this very special breakfast.

We wish all those wonderful people in our lives a very special 'Mother's Day' and thank them for all that they do to support our students. The world is a better place because of you!



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BOWLS NOTES

Seafood Tournament

One hundred and ninety-two legs of all shapes and sizes, lengths and claddings, along with one hundred and ninety-two arms (no, that's not right! Some players carried an extra arm.) with bodies attached (thankfully) graced the greens last Sunday to compete in the Seafood Tournament. They were brave souls as they wrestled with the elements. As the saying goes, "It was colder than a brass toilet seat on the shady side of an iceberg." They demonstrated great fortitude and resilience to last the distance, but they were extremely grateful of the warmth of the Clubrooms and the hot food and creamy sponges served for afternoon tea.

It was a glorious sight to see ninety-six players from a wide area, including five teams from our Lockington neighbours, mingling and laughing, talking and walking, bowling and adding scores all in the hopes of winning one of the coveted trays of seafood generously donated by Paul and Kathy Carter from the Victoria Hotel. It goes without saying that, although people like their bowls, the major attraction was the chance to win the succulent seafood.

After contesting three games of eight ends, there were four teams who got through unscathed. The point system and a count back of shots up was employed to determine the margins and decide the winners. The teams entered by Boort and Echuca came oh, so close, but missed out by a cat's whisker. Congratulations to the team from Gunbower, captained by Jason Heard, who managed to amass 82 points and 37 shots up to claim the title of winners and receive the biggest trays of seafood. They finished just ahead of the Cohuna Golf team, captained by Ian Coates, having also scored 82 points but their 27 shots up placed them worthy Runners-Up and able to claim the smaller, but still equally mouth-watering, seafood arrangements. Thanks, Paul and Kathy, for your generosity – the lucky winners certainly were the envy of us all and went home grinning and drooling.

These days don't just happen. There's an enormous amount of work that goes on beforehand and behind the scenes on the day. Many hours over days, weeks and months were put in by the green keepers, Bill, Joe, Carmen, Allan and Greg, as they have fertilized, watered, mowed, rolled, lined, scarified, trimmed and raked to have the greens and surrounds in tip-top condition and appearance. Their hard work earned them bounteous praise and accolades. Sincere thanks to them all for

their dedicated involvement.

Thanks also to those who baked and prepared food, set up the equipment, adorned the dining tables, cleaned and tidied, served and fed the multitudes and then cleaned up afterwards. Thanks to our Tournament Secretaries, Lionel and Jan, who gathered and coordinated the teams - many who came in reciprocated appreciation of our own PH players who have put themselves out into the bowling community and supported other Club tournaments. Thanks to Marie S who devised the draw which, in itself, is not an easy task given all the little contingencies that need to be taken into account. Thanks to those who donated raffle prizes (some from our Club members and some from local businesses). The raffle comprehensively added some very valuable funds for our coffers. And of course, special thanks must be given to our Catering Coordinator, Kate, who worked her magic in the kitchen once again. Thankfully, she had a couple of reliable helpers (slaves) and the 96 players got their more-than-ample fill. Whatever you did, big job or little, thanks so much for contributing to the outstanding success of the day. Your work did not go unnoticed, and was truly appreciated.

The event was a fantastic culmination to another fun-filled season. We can now put our feet up for a while and take time to recharge our batteries in preparation for Season 2023-24.

Social Night at the Vic Hotel:

Our next Social Night at the Victoria Hotel is scheduled for Thursday, 18th May at 6:30pm. Let's repay Paul's generous sponsorship of the Seafood Tournament with a good attendance at the social night dinner.

AGM

It is planned to hold the AGM of the Pyramid Hill Bowling Club on Wednesday, 14th June at the Bowling Club rooms commencing at 7:30pm. Please do your utmost to attend.

Keep Smiling: Two shrimps were at the bar each enjoying a bowl of hot chips. Being a cold day and feeling a tad peckish I thought I'd be bold enough to ask them to share. "Don't even think about it," advised the bartender, "They won't share. They're just two shellfish." And on that note, I bid you all, "Adieu."



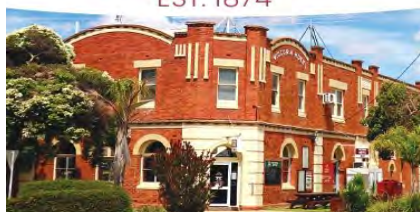
Gunbower-winners of the Seafood Tournament.



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Pot'n'Parma Night

Thursday – Open Midday

Dinner from 5.30pm
Steak'n'Pot Night

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FOOTBALL NOTES

It was good to bounce back after lean round 4 results, with the Bulldogs winning the Seniors and Reserves football, but losing a competitive Thirds clash when we hosted Bridgewater.

The visitors led for all of the Thirds' game, but this week, on their home turf, the young 'Dogs were able to keep the scoreboard ticking over, and although the final margin was more than 10 goals, there were many passages of play and individual efforts that would have pleased coach Bryden and team manager Luke. Four goalkickers for the game was a "plus" and with great leadership displayed by Connor McCoy (Pyramid Hill Butchery Award), Lewis Stubbs (Ant Free Shearing Award), Tony Fernandez (Wizartry Signs Award), Blake Gibson (President's Award) and Xavier Emmerson (Good Sports Award), there is plenty to look forward to as the season progresses. Others to put together 4 tough quarters included Riley Hutton, Kobi Manton and Harley Barnett.

Over the past two weeks the Reserves have been hit hard with injuries and players being required for Senior duties. We faced Bridgewater with no fewer than 12 regulars missing. Thanks to the former players who responded to the "SOS", and their commitment to the red, white and blue. A six-point quarter time deficit had been slightly reduced by the main change, but the "premiership quarter" saw the game decided. Five goals to one helped set up what would be a meritorious 5 goal victory. Greg "Sticky Fingers" Quinn marked everything that came his way and was a deserved "Pony Award" winner. A 4-quarter running effort on the wing saw Connor Gibbins take home the "Victoria Hotel" Award, and a typical in-and-under effort from Tom Nunn saw the "National Hotel" Award go his way. Lachlan Dillon received the "Good Sports Award" for his efforts. Others to do well included Jayson and Matt Carroll, and the 2 "ever-greens" in Stephen Donat and Rowan Pollock.

Keen to respond after the previous week, the 'Dogs Seniors welcomed 2 debutantes, and Brodie Carroll and Brad Moon both slotted in seamlessly and were integral in what was a tough, hard-fought win. Mitch Dingwall made a return to the Seniors and he and brother Zac were influential at their respective ends of the ground. Dylan Collis continued his great start to the season. He won the hard ball, delivered with precision and slotted 3 classy goals. He took home the "Victoria Hotel" Award for his contribution, whilst the "National Hotel" Award went to Zac Alford for his hard-at-it approach around the stoppages and preparedness to win the hard ball. In what was a great team response to last week's loss, others to come under notice included Tom Brennan (3 goals), "Dutchy" Holland, skipper Steve Gunther, Jack Woodward (2 goals), Bailey George and Gavin James. The final margin of 46 points was a good reflection of the extended periods of control that the 29-19 scoring shots indicated. It was great to see three sets of

brothers take the field and all continue the family tradition at the Club. Steven and Mitch Gunther, Zac and Mitch Dingwall and Brad and Matt Moon meant there were plenty of 'one-eyed' fans in the outer. Injury prevented Bryden Morison joining his brother Dylan in the match.

A huge "shout out" to our very loyal band of hard-working Club volunteers who were again hard at work behind the scenes. Match-day tasks for the electronic scoreboard, gatekeeping, canteen and bar duties, runners and water boys, timekeepers and umpires were all completed in excellent fashion...again.

On the social scene players, members and supporters are reminded of the Club Ball on May 27, after the Round 8 game versus Inglewood.

#TACplayyourrolephonedownbuckleup

Senior Player Of The Week

Dylan Collis, our silky left-footed mid-fielder, is now in his second season with the Bulldogs. A premiership player with the "Waratahs" in the Top-End during our off-season, Dylan is a key cog in the 'Dogs on-ball brigade and renowned for his tackling and effective use of the ball. Dangerous inside the 50 metre arc, Dylan sets a positive example for all teammates and is highly regarded and respected in the Club. Well done on being our "Player Of The Week"

Reserves Player Of The Week

Greg Quinn has been a very welcome addition to the Bulldogs since crossing from the Macorna FNC. Now in his third season at our Club, he has played 31 games, all of high quality and has been integral to the recent on-field success and resurgence of the "Ressies". Thirteen times he has been in our weekly best players, and with strong marking and great work at the "coalface" he is another recruit who has brought plenty of "extras" to our Club. Respected by all, his friendly off-field nature and affable manner has seen him slot in positively at the "Kennel". Congratulations "Quinny"; top job.

Under 18's Player Of The Week

Connor McCoy





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Saturday 6th May Pyramid Hill vs Bridgewater

A Grade

With another new combination – welcome Sim! We got off to a great start in sunny conditions. We gelled together and held the lead, despite a sudden shower and freezing wind in the third quarter, we came away with a strong win. Well done!

Final Score: Pyramid Hill 47 Bridgewater 28

Award: Abbey Dingwall

B Grade

The B grade girls started out strong this week. Each quarter saw some different combinations and the girls adapted well. The game was relatively even throughout, but Pyramid managed to come away with win in the last quarter. Great effort by everyone!

Final Score: Pyramid Hill 42 Bridgewater 34

Award: Bec Cladingboel

C Grade

Bridgewater came out strong in the first quarter and continued with great accuracy in the goaling. Half time Bridgewater remained in the lead by 4 goals. The rain started and Pyramid broke through with the lead. Strong defence, consistent mid court and amazing goaling won Pyramid Hill the game. Well done girls great fighting until the end

Final Score: Pyramid Hill 30 Bridgewater 23

Award: Lauren Driscoll

C Res

On a cool day in Pyramid Hill we took on Bridgewater. The girls played well with Bibs and Nic dominating the intercepts. Bridgey came away with the win but the girls can all hold their heads up high after the efforts they put in!

Final Score Bridgewater 43 Pyramid Hill 18

Award: Kelly Gould

Under 17

It was a strong start from both teams and at half time Bridgewater was ahead by 5 goals. Bridgewater made a strong push in the 3rd and 4th quarters to push ahead and win solidly. The girls in defence worked together well despite their workload. Awesome effort - the scores

didn't reflect the huge efforts put in by the girls!

Final Score: Bridgewater 48 Pyramid Hill 25

Glenn Atkins Award: Isabelle Caspani

Fletcher encouragement award: Eloise Walters

Under 15

The Pyramid girls had a difficult match against the height of the Bridgewater girls – the tall players were at both ends of the court! Our girls never lost their fighting spirit, still kept trying to get the ball past them in the girls and stop their high passes, the girls did an awesome job considering!

Final Score Bridgewater 30 Pyramid Hill 13

Pyramid Hill Bakery Award: Shamica Castro

Under 13

Today was a tough match however the girls kept a fighting spirit. There were some nice intercepts from our defence team resulting in turnovers which was great to see. Unfortunately some missed passes from our girls allowed Bridgewater to take advantage and sneak ahead. Our girls had some strong centre passes which quickly fed the ball down into our goalers. Great effort girls!

Final Score Pyramid Hill 19 Bridgewater 29

Coffee Bank Award: Laura Poole

Minis

The girls had a hard fought game with improving use of the whole court. There were lots of intercepts by our girls and some great shooting! Well done Minis!

PHFNC Canteen Award: Ivy Cladingboel





St Patrick's Primary School

Last Friday, all the learners from St. Pat's attended the Good Samaritan Cup in Kerang. The Good Samaritan Cup is an annual event during Catholic Education Week involving the students from St. Joseph's Kerang, St. Mary's Cohuna and St. Pat's. We start the day by celebrating Mass together before dividing into groups for the rest of the activities. The Prep to Grade 3 children participated in a tabloid sports session rotating through 8 different activities, whilst the Year 4-6 students had a choice between Netball, Football or T-Ball. A wonderful day was had by all.



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AEMO Public Forum Review

Last Friday (5 May), Chris Earl – Managing Director Loddon Herald arranged a public forum to discuss the region's role in the switch to renewable energy.

I would like to thank the industry experts and community leaders who formed the panel, including::

- The Hon Peter Walsh, Leader of The Nationals and Member for Murray Plains
- Nicola Falcon, AEMO Victorian Planning Group Manager
- Professor Bruce Mountain, Director, Victoria Energy Policy Centre, Victoria University
- Merryn York, AEMO Executive General Manager System Design
- Kathryn Myers, farmer
- Darren Edwards, Director, Victoria Energy Policy Centre

Your insights and expertise on the topics were invaluable and helped create an informative discussion. Your contributions to the forum were truly appreciated by all who attended and watched remotely.

I would like to thank everyone who attended and shared their thoughts and concerns on the AEMO VNI West project. Participation is essential in ensuring that the decision making progress is transparent and that the voices of our community are heard.

To view the recording of the public forum please visit [Loddon Herald Facebook page](#)

Ward boundary review for Loddon Shire

The Local Government Minister has requested a ward boundary review for Loddon Shire before the October 2024 Council elections. The review will consider if the Council has an appropriate number of councillors and if it should be one large unsubdivided area or subdivided into wards. They also consider research/analysis, voter growth or decline over time and public submissions. A total of 39 local councils must have their electoral structure reviewed, and residents can have their say. The reviews will be conducted in three rounds within the next 18 months.

To find out more visit the Victorian Electoral Commission <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/council-reviews/electoral-structure-reviews>

Another great weekend of local sport

Great to see Nullawil Football Netball Club join the North Central Football League, already securing a strong win for the season.

In the Loddon Valley Football League, Inglewood Woodies Seniors and Reserves had a win over the Maiden Gully Eagles. Congratulations, also to the Bridgewater netballers 17&U, 15&U and 13&U who took out the win against Pyramid Hill last weekend.

I'd like to recognise and thank all those behind the scenes who put in many volunteer hours to ensure our local

competitions continue to thrive. It is great to see the community coming together to support local sport and enjoy the start of autumn activities.

Having mentioned behind the scenes work, I'd also like to congratulate those behind the Active Farmers 'Run for Resilience' which occurred in Bridgewater last Sunday (7 May).

Over 300 participants were registered for the Fittys 5km, 10km or 21km trails along the Loddon River and the beautiful surrounds of Bridgewater. There was live music on the day from Cam Last, Ambulance Victoria teaching CPR and great food for everyone.

Loddon's oldest family business celebrates 100 years

Congratulations to Inglewood's FP Nevins and Co for reaching the impressive milestone of 100 years in operation on 1 April. Over the past century, FP Nevins and Co have been an integral part of our local economy providing jobs and opportunities for countless individuals and families.

Thank you for being an important part of the community and wish you all the success in the future.

Council Meeting outcomes

Council has resolved to seek feedback from the community on its draft 2023/24 Budget after consideration of the document at the April Council meeting.

The Loddon Shire Council draft 2022/23 Budget sees continuation of a strong cash position, with no new borrowings. It includes a commitment to the Community Planning program, as well as projects and initiatives included in Council's various strategic plans.

The draft budget includes a rate increase of 3.5% – in line with the Victorian Government's Rate Capping Policy.

The draft budget allocates a capital expenditure program of \$10.73 million, which includes \$5.53 million towards roads, \$1.33 million for parks and streetscapes, and \$750,000 for recreational, leisure and community facilities.

Additionally, the draft budget includes a \$200,000 allocation for works associated with the Building Asset Management Plan and full funding of Council's ongoing commitment to community planning of \$750,000.

Waste service charges will increase by 3% per collection item, offsetting increases in the cost of kerbside waste and recycling disposal along with new licencing requirements. The cost of a 140-litre bin will increase to \$401 (from \$389) and a 240-litre bin to \$545 (from \$529). The cost for a 240-litre kerbside recycling bin will increase to \$151 (from \$147).

As the draft budget was developed during the recovery period of the 2022 major flooding events, the budget may change to respond to future flood relief and recovery efforts.

Together with the draft 2023/24 Budget, Council is also seeking community feedback on a draft Fees and Charges Schedule for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Feedback is open until 5pm Friday 19 May 2023.



What can I do at Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House?

Tuesday - Friday

10am - 4pm

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Business Services

Printing, simple desktop publishing, and design; use our computers and wifi. Small cost for printing, laminating and printing on plastic signage

Services Australia

Got some Centrelink, Medicare or other related business to do? We are a Services Australia Access Point.

Book a Meeting Room

Our small meeting rooms may be just perfect for you to see clients, or run a meeting. Free for community groups and not-for-profits.

Grants writing services for community groups

Get some assistance to raise money for your community group! We can assist you with finding appropriate grants for your projects, mentoring you to write your own grant applications, auspicing grants, or you can talk to us about writing a grant on your behalf for a fee.

Community Pantry

A free service with a range of items from pantry staples to toiletries. Open 24 hours. Please only take what you need.

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 in May!

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

Held in Pyramid Hill every six weeks. Bookings via Rich River First Aid.

CLEO the Community Car

Cleo-patra the car does regular shopping trips, Blood Bank donation trips and can take you to an important appointment. Door to door service! Bookings essential.

Social Coffee Mornings

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

Rhyme Time

Fridays at 9.30am
Musical program for mums and dads, babies and toddlers.

Goldfields Library

Come and browse our collection, join the library, order books from the main collection and enjoy this wonderful service. Storytime once a month. Weekly visits from our Librarian partners.

Moderate Movers

2pm Tuesdays
Seniors Rooms, McKay St
Bring your own exercise mat, towel and drink bottle. This is an active exercise group!

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 programs and book in for courses and special events as they come up.

Always, check the Press for the most up to date information!