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## Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

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## CO-ORDINATOR CATCH UP

Hi Neighbours,

I am off on holidays for a few weeks, back on the 2nd April. Between the staff, volunteers and Committee - we will make sure the House stays open for all your usual needs.

My holidays will eventually be by a beach on the NSW South Coast, reading, swimming and relaxing, catching up with friends and family. The first week though, I will take my time, driving across via Gippsland, staying with friends and exploring. \*Note don't ever go on a driving holiday with me, neighbours. I am always wondering 'where does this weird little road lead?' and ending up in strange secluded spots with no mobile reception and no clue. I once followed the GPS Maps thing in the car, to find a friend's new house - and ended up in someone's paddock, driving along a channel bank.. true story. But it was a memorable day.. heh, and I saw some things I wouldn't have seen if I had just stuck to the roads like I was meant to...

I will be back in time for School Holidays, so we have some groovy programs planned for the kids then. Watch the Press for more information in the next week or two. Until April,

Kim

## Pyramid Cares

### March Program

**Friday 1 and 15 March 11AM** - Carer's Coffees at the Neighbourhood House. This is open to all individuals caring for someone in the community.

**Thursday 21 March 5PM** - Caring for Kids at the Neighbourhood House. This is open to all individuals caring for children with complex needs.

**Every Thursday** (subject to weather) - walkers group for all carers wanting to socialise while improving overall health.

Meet at Neighbourhood House for a 9:30AM start.

**Friday 22 March 1pm** - Pinot and Picasso at the Memorial Hall. This is open to all individuals caring for someone in the community, enjoy a guided painting session with afternoon tea. Bookings required. Call 54557129 or email [pyramidhillprograms@gmail.com](mailto:pyramidhillprograms@gmail.com)

The Connecting Carers in their Community grants program is supported by the Victorian Government.



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**Friday 22 March, 1.15 - 3.30pm**

Community Hall - The Supper Room  
30 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill

Limited spaces. Bookings essential by Friday 15 March

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# WHAT'S ON

## Guerilla Hoola Hooping

Sunday | Mount Hope

## Pool Party and Movie Night

9 March | 5.30 pm

112 Victoria St

## Pyramid Cares

15 March | 11 am | **Carer's Coffee**

21 March | 5pm | **Caring for Kids**

22 March | 1 pm | **Pinot and Picasso** | Memorial Hall

Every Thursday | 9.30 am | **Walking Group**

All programs run from the Neighbourhood House unless stated. Ph: 5455 7129

## Nurse Practitioner in Pyramid Hill

7 and 28 March | NDCH Victoria St bookings essential

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## International Women's Day Breakfast

8 March | 8 - 10 am | 47 Myer's St Bendigo

## Monster Town Garage Sale

The town of Wedderburn will hold a whole town garage sale. Maps will be available at Wedderburn Community House on the day of the garage sale.

**Date:** Saturday 9th March 2024 9am -4pm

**Contact:** WCH 5494 1257

## Charm of Finches

13 March | 8 pm | \$10

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

## Ward Boundary Reviews

Public submissions close 13 March

[vet.vic.gov.au/loddon](http://vet.vic.gov.au/loddon)

## Breast Screen Victoria Mobile Van in Kerang

Until 15 March

## Festival of Small Halls

21 March | 6.30 pm for 7pm start

Tickets \$10 at the Neighbourhood House

## Soils Decision Making

21 March | 11 am - 2.30 pm

Pyramid Hill Bowling Club

## Storytime

22 March | 10.30 - 11 am

67 Kelly St

## Good Friday Service

29 March | 10 am | Church of Christ

## Bike Mechanic

Neighbourhood House

Friday 19 April | 10 - 11.30 am, 12 - 2 pm

Bookings ph: 5455 7129

## Regular Activities

### TUESDAYS

**Morning Coffee** | 10:15 AM | Neighbourhood House

**Goldfields Library visit** | 11:00 AM | Neighbourhood House

### WEDNESDAYS

**Moderate Movers exercise group** | 1 PM | Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall | BYO exercise mat or towel

**Social Bowls** | 7:00 PM | 98 Victoria St

**Book Club** | 4:30 PM | last Wednesday of each month

### FRIDAYS

**Playgroup** | 10:00 AM | Preschool, 67 Kelly St

**Scrabble Fever** | 2:00 PM - stumps | Neighbourhood House

**Mark Boyce, Justice of the Peace is on leave until after the Term 1 holidays.**

**Pyramid Hill Church of Christ**  
Kelly Street, Pyramid Hill

## Good Friday Service

**29th March, 2024**

**10.00 am**



**All Welcome**

## PYRAMID HILL STORYTIME. Stories, songs and rhymes for preschoolers

Pyramid Hill Playgroup  
67 Kelly Street

Fri 23 Feb  
Fri 22 Mar  
Fri 19 Apr  
Fri 17 May  
Fri 14 Jun

10.30-11am



# PUBLIC NOTICES

## CHURCH SERVICES Anglican

**1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM**

Tyndale Church  
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**2nd Sun | 9:00 AM**

**4th Sun | 11:00 AM**

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## Church of Christ

Sun | 11:00 AM

Church of Christ, Kelly St

Enquires: June Smith | 0438 062 646

## Uniting

1st & 3rd Sun 10:00 AM

Tyndale Church, Victoria St

## Kids Rock

For all school aged children

Every second Tuesday

during term

3:30-5:00 PM

Uniting Church

Enquiries: Robyn | 0427 561 973

## Catholic

Sat Mass | 6:30 PM

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Victoria St



## SCHEDULES

26 February 2024

25 March 2024

22 April 2024

20 May 2024

17 June 2024

15 July 2024

12 August 2024

23 September 2024

21 October 2024

18 November 2024

2 December 2024

## ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Pyramid Hill



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### TRAIN/COACH MELBOURNE TO PYRAMID

#### Monday – Friday

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	06:08 PM	08:26 PM	09:34 PM

#### Tuesday and Thursday (Need to book on Thursdays)

	01:06 PM	TUE 03:09PM	04:29 PM
		THU 03:10PM	04:29 PM

#### Friday Only

	07:08 PM	09:10 PM	10:25 PM
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#### Saturday & Sunday Only

	07:40 AM	10:00 AM	11:09 AM
	06:43 PM	08:57 PM	10:05 PM

### TRAIN/COACH PYRAMID TO MELBOURNE

#### Monday – Friday

	Dep Pyramid	Dep Bendigo	Arrive Melb
	08:05 AM	09:18 AM	11:28 AM
	02:46 PM	03:59 PM	06:11 PM

#### Tuesday and Thursday

	10:51 AM	12:26 PM	02:25 PM
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#### Friday Only

	05:30 PM	07:01 PM	09:09 PM
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#### Saturday Only

	08:05 AM	09:20 AM	11:30 AM
	02:46 PM	04:01 PM	06:09 PM

#### Sunday Only

	08:05 AM	09:18 AM	11:30 AM
	05:47 PM	07:00 PM	09:12 PM



**NEED AN APPOINTMENT  
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NURSE PRACTITIONER?**



## **QUAMBATOOK & PYRAMID HILL**

### **QUAMBATOOK**

Thursday, February 29th

Thursday, April 11th


### **PYRAMID HILL**


Thursday, March 7th

Thursday, March, 28th

**Contact us to make an appointment on 54521366**

#### **Services:**

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#### **Nurse Practitioner Yvonne can:**

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**Thursday 21 March**

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**Program Highlights**

- Soil Health Guide - Showcasing Tools and Resources  
Rebecca Mitchell Agriculture Victoria
- Unlocking the potential: Farmer insights on the value of the soil health guides  
Jo and Greg Bear, Farmers
- Excellent Farming starts at ground level: The business case for paying attention to your soil  
Kate Burke, Think Agri

**Registration**

Free event  
<https://tinyurl.com/soilslaunch>

Where: Pyramid Hill Bowling Club  
Time: 11:00am to 2:30pm  
Morning tea and lunch included

Further Information  
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## Featuring Svatar Knutur and The Maes

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Tickets purchased at the Neighbourhood House or at the door if available

*Festival of Small Halls*

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# O'CONNORS CASE II

## PYRAMID HILL FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB O'CONNORS CASE II COMMUNITY PRACTICE MATCH SERIES

**SATURDAY 23RD MARCH MITCHELL PARK, PYRAMID HILL**

TOWARDS **ZERO**

We are a Good Sports club

**GOOD SPORTS**

**11:30AM - BENDIGO U18 WOMEN YELLOW V BLUE**

**1:00 PM - NEWBRIDGE V WANDELLA**

**2:30 PM - CHARLTON V ULTIMA**

**4:00 PM - LAKE BOGA V WOORINEN (MURRABIT - NETBALL)**

**5:30 PM - PYRAMID HILL V BOORT**

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# Addressing El Nino misconceptions at BCG Trials Review Day

Understanding climate indicators was a key message from BCG's Climate Expert Kate Finger who presented BCG's Trials Review Day held on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.

The senior researcher explained to the 170 plus farmers and advisers in attendance that a declaration of an El Nino, as happened last year, "did not always equal drought." In fact, she explained that while 56 per cent of the time the years did result in drier than average, 31 per cent declared were average and another 13 per cent were above average for Birchip (based off historical records). "It is important that farmers understand that while there is increased risk, it does not mean it will eventuate. We want farmers to be aware of the increased likelihood to capitalise on opportunities and have a plan in place to be prepared." Ms Finger also implored the audience to keep this information in mind when reports of El Nino were sensationalised by the media. "Yes, there is a higher chance however we need to be prepared not alarmed."

## Biostimulants

BCG's Dr Yolanda Plowman's discussion regarding biostimulants also drew interest from the crowd. Dr Plowman, who completed her PhD in the field of microbial organisms commonly used as biostimulants, urged farmers and adviser to be mindful of biostimulants. This is due she said, to lack of regulation, claims versus evidence questions, lack of independent research and research which showed some products may introduce harmful microbes into paddocks. Her advice was simple: "Make sure that the products you wish to use are backed by good science and remember: currently it is an industry worth billions of dollars which is currently unregulated in Australia."

## Slugs and snails

Dr Michael Nash's engaging discussion on snail and slug management was also well received by growers grappling with the sharp increase in numbers and subsequent damage caused by slugs, and contamination due to snails. Swan Hill mixed farmer Bradley Williamson said the talk had come at the perfect time for him to start thinking about how he was going to manage snails in the coming season.

## Protein mapping

Jil Jil farmer Julie McClelland, who undertakes a considerable number of soil tests each year on her farm, said the harvest technology panel session showed promise: "I'm hopefully that protein mapping will mean we can get the soil data we need without me having to do so many soil tests," she laughed.

Local research presented by BCG staff was also a highlight. Senior Manager of Extension Kelly Angel's visuals showing the efficacy of different herbicides on Star of Bethlehem demonstrated the importance of looking below to determine effective management of this house plant-turned weed.

## Life membership

Ian and Anne McClelland and John and Robyn Ferrier were awarded life memberships of BCG at the event which was held at the Birchip Leisure Centre.

The life memberships, recognised the leadership, vision, passion and hard work each has provided BCG over four decades. In making the announcement, Vice Chair Greg Kuchel said the Birchip-based leading not-for-profit organisation may never have materialised without the contribution of these community leaders.

## Service to BCG

BCG CEO Fiona Best recognised the service of Brooke Bennett and Kelly Angel for their five and ten years of service respectively: "Thank you for your expertise, leadership and dedication to helping farmers and communities be more profitable, sustainable and happy."

Other topics covered on the day included farmer and adviser experiences, grid sampling at a paddock scale, silicon in wheat and lentils, long coleoptile for moisture management, crop disease research, insects in harvest weed seed control systems, vetch for risk mitigation in dry times, pulse update, Septoria and cereal disease update, and the latest cereal varieties.


Trials Review Day is a members' only event. If you would like to become a member call the BCG office on (03) 5492 2787 or visit [bcg.org.au](http://bcg.org.au)

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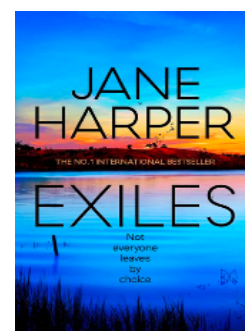
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## BOOK CLUB

### Last Wednesday of the month

**Exiles** by Jane Harper. At a busy festival site on a warm spring night, a baby lies alone in her pram, her mother vanishing into the crowds.



A man with a beard is sitting in the driver's seat of a car at night. He is holding a yellow and orange breathalyzer device in his mouth and blowing into it. The device has a red screen and the number '99' and 'SW0202' on it. The background is dark, with some blurred lights visible through the car windows.

# Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.  
If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,  
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed  
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.







This week's happenings at Pyramid Hill College

## School Swimming Sports

Respect Learn Community



### Swimming Age Group Champions 2024

<b>8/9 Year Girls:</b>	Tia Gould
<b>8/9 Year Boys:</b>	Tobias Wiltshire
<b>10 Year Girls:</b>	Lillian Broad
<b>10 Year Boys:</b>	Zeb Gould
<b>11 Year Girls:</b>	Xanthe Farrar
<b>11 Year Boys:</b>	Samer Mohamed
<b>12 Year Girls:</b>	Elsie Poole
<b>12 Year Boys:</b>	Brady Gilmore
<b>13 Year Girls:</b>	Siri Harrison
<b>13 Year Boys:</b>	Tristan Broad
<b>14 Year Girls:</b>	Cecily Farrar
<b>14 Year Boys:</b>	Cooper Gould
<b>15 Year Girls:</b>	Dempsey Lee
<b>15 Year Boys:</b>	Rylan Chislett
<b>Open Girls:</b>	Shamica Castro
	Eloise Walters
<b>Open Boys:</b>	Jack Gould

### New record

Cooper Gould U/14 Backstroke (29.91)

The Pyramid Hill College and St Patrick's Primary School annual swimming sports were held on Friday and what a spectacular day it was. The competition was fierce, participation was incredibly high and there was a huge number of parents, grandparents and friends cheering our students on and most importantly good sportsmanship and enjoyment were highly visible by all. Sports Captains; Shamika, Jack and Jaxon and Terrick Sports Captains; Jed, Rylan, Cecily and Alina showed great leadership throughout the day, encouraging their team to give their personal best

Loddon House just managed to sneak ahead with points and were declared the winning team on the day. A highlight of the day was the much anticipated student, parent and teacher relay, which had the student team scoop the winning honours.

A huge thank you to Mr Roberts and Mr McCann for their organisation of the day, and special thanks to all parents who assisted with the BBQ, recording or helping out in many ways. Thank you to the pool life guards and the College and St Patrick's staff who worked hard on the day to ensure a premier event.

### 2024 Age Group Champions



**Loddon House Captains: Jack Gould & Shamica Castro**



# ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## STEAMING Ahead @ St. Pats

STEAM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. Through STEAM, students develop key skills including problem solving and creativity.

STEAM is an extremely important part of our Curriculum. Taught from Foundation all the way through to Year 6, STEAM is a broad subject area encompassing many disciplines. This term at St. Pat's, we have been using Ozobots, Sphero and Bee-Bots in our STEAM classes.

Ozobots are little robots that are designed as an introduction to coding. Students use color combinations to move the Ozobot on a path from one location to another. Spheros are really cool programmable robots that transform the way kids learn, create and invent through coding, science, music and the arts. Bee-Bots are an exciting robot designed for use by young children. These colourful, easy-to-operate and friendly little robots have been an awesome tool for teaching sequencing, estimation and problem solving while also having lots of fun.



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# BOWLS NEWS

Honestly!! I know it's hard to believe that a simple game of bowls can be so impacted by the elements of Nature. The Mid-week Grand Final was postponed last week due to the very high forecast temperatures including strong winds. Now, the worst case scenario may not have eventuated but it can still be considered a wise and thoughtful decision by the Management group, as people want to be at home protecting their own homes, surrounds and selves in times of those kind of weather events. Consequently, the Grand Final will now be contested this Wednesday at Kerang commencing at 9:30am. We still wish all players good luck and good bowling.

**TOURNAMENTS:** There is definitely no need for players to go short of a game of bowls if you have the desire to keep playing and keep in touch. Jan (Tournament Secretary) or Carmen (Tournament Scout) can advise on anything coming up this side of the Black Stump.

Most importantly, we still have three tournaments of our own to host.

**Wednesday, 20th March** - Any Combination 4's, 10:00am start, Lunch and afternoon tea provided. Sponsored by Wagner Pitson, Providence Gold and Kelly Bros.

**Wednesday, 3rd April** - Star Day, Any Combination 4's, 10:00am start. Lunch and afternoon tea provided. Sponsored by Kite Gold, CluBarham and Loddon Shire.

**Sunday, 7th May** - Seafood Tournament, Any Combination triples, 12 noon start. Sponsored by Victoria Hotel.

Entries are being taken for all of these events through our Tournament Secretaries Jan (0427 511099) or Ted (0429 366922).

Sincere thanks to the sponsors for their generosity in the support of our Club.

Naturally, we will be looking for all Club members to contribute to the successful running of each tournament.

**KEEP SMILING:** Mabel came home from bowls to find her husband already at home sitting in his favourite chair waving a rolled up newspaper round his head. Mabel: 'What are you doing dear?' Dave: 'Swatting flies - I got 3 males and 2 females' Mabel 'How on earth do you know which gender they were?' Dave: 'Easy - 3 were on the beer, and the other 2 were on the phone'

# TENNIS NEWS

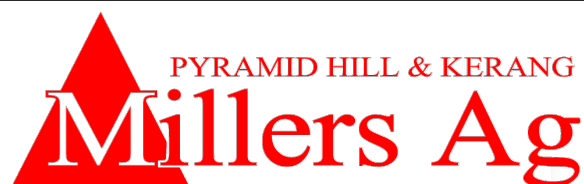
Next week finals begin between the top four teams.

## RESULTS

Lake Meran, 3 (96) def Yarrawalla, 2 (92)  
Calivil North, 4 (116) def Mincha West, 1 (81)  
Dingee, 4 (115) def Raywood, 1 (82)  
Serpentine had the bye

## LADDER

Mincha West, 3.97, 147.41  
Calivil Nth, 3.50, 126.40  
Dingee, 2.97, 106.35  
Raywood, 2.57, 101.57  
Serpentine, 1.93, 89.16  
Yarrawalla, 1.77, 82.68  
Lake Meran, 0.64, 60.72



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### Thursday - Open Midday

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Steak'n'Pot Night

### Friday - Open Midday

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Dinner from 5:30pm  
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# MAYORAL COLUMN

## FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

February's Council Meeting saw several items presented for the Councillors' consideration.

Outcomes of the meeting included:

- Adoption of the Borrowing Policy v2
- Received and noted the Finance Report for the quarter ending 31 December 2023
- Appointment of Rod Poxon as the Audit and Risk Committee Chairperson
- Received and noted the Local Laws and Planning Compliance Quarterly Activity Report
- Received and noted the Tourism and Economic Development Quarterly Activity Report Oct – Dec 2023
- Council make a submission in support of the Ward Boundary Review preliminary report.

A reminder that Council Meetings usually take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 3pm. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Peters Street, Wedderburn, and are open to the public. Council Meetings are also streamed via Loddon Shire's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/LoddonShire](https://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire)

To view past Council Meeting agenda and minutes, visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Agendas-and-minutes/Agendas-and-minutes-2024>

## RELOCATION OF THE PYRAMID HILL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE

Due to building works, the Pyramid Hill Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Service has relocated to 12 Victoria Street (Northern District Community Health). The MCH Service moved to this new address on Monday 26 February.

For more information or to make or change an MCH appointment, please call 0409 166 891. For 24-hour Maternal and Child Health Service, call 13 22 29.

## BIRCHIP CROPPING GROUP'S YOUNG FARMER NETWORK BALL

Council is pleased to support the Birchip Cropping Group's Young Farmer Network Ball, to be held at the Bridgewater Hotel on Friday, 15 March 2024.

Birchip Cropping Group operates five Young Farmer Network groups: Buloke, Quambatook, Loddon, West Wimmera, and Yarriambiack/Hindmarsh.

The network provides young farmers in the region with educational opportunities to assist in furthering their knowledge in the industry, while providing a sense of community and a social outlet.

For tickets to a night of dancing and entertainment, delicious food and drinks, and even better company visit [www.bcg.org.au/events](https://www.bcg.org.au/events)

## PROVIDE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT RECREATION AT A ROSA DROP-IN SESSION

I encourage community members to provide their thoughts and ideas about recreation in Loddon

Shire at an upcoming drop-in session for Council's Recreation, Open Space and Aquatic Strategy (ROSA).

Planning of the 10-year ROSA is underway, with a key focus to be around the use of the diverse open spaces in Loddon Shire, including:

- sport and other active recreation reserves
- parks and playgrounds
- swimming pools
- tracks and trails
- bushland reserves
- rivers and lakes
- Drop-in sessions



Wednesday 6 March

Boort IGA: 9am to 10.30am

Pyramid Hill store: 11am to 12pm

East Loddon P-12: From 1pm onwards

I also urge everyone to complete the ROSA survey. This survey allows you to select your top three ideas regarding the use of recreation facilities in the Shire.

For more information, including a link to the survey, visit <https://connect.loddon.vic.gov.au/>

## LODDON HEALTHY MINDS NETWORK ART COMPETITION NOW OPEN

In an effort to continue to raise awareness of mental health within the Loddon community, the Loddon Healthy Minds Network will be conducting their art competition again in 2024.

Categories include an Open Age section, Senior Students (years 9 to 12) and middle school students (grades 5 to Year 8). There are also two junior students' categories – grades 3 and 4 and grades Prep to 2.

The two themes for the Open Age section and Senior Students categories are *Creating my Calm* or *It's Okay to Take a Break* and the themes for the Middle Grade Students are *Your Feelings are Valid* or *Be Thoughtful About What You Share Online*.

The junior students' categories will be a colouring competition (poster provided to the region's schools), with the theme Stay Positive in the Junior Grades (grades 3 and 4) and Your Feelings Matter (grades Prep to 2).

All entries are to be completed and delivered to the Loddon Shire office at Wedderburn by 5 August 2024.

To find entry forms and eligibility make sure to visit the Loddon Healthy Minds Network website [https://www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/events/2024-annual-loddon-healthy-minds-network-art-competition?fbclid=IwAR0etyhg0sNOPOIW6LtweC0xwWV2SoeH3ZsGeFShR7rh92\\_Rus\\_cB\\_z42ALM](https://www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/events/2024-annual-loddon-healthy-minds-network-art-competition?fbclid=IwAR0etyhg0sNOPOIW6LtweC0xwWV2SoeH3ZsGeFShR7rh92_Rus_cB_z42ALM)





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