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## The Scots Are Coming!

*Who is this tall, hardened fella  
with the fixed stare, kilt  
and sporran?*

The Pyramid Hill Historical Society are planning for a Scottish invasion on the afternoon of Sunday 21st April at the Memorial Hall. All Scots, their descendants and interested friends are invited to attend. Music and storytelling, bagpipes and a shortbread competition as well as the launch of the book *Scots Wha Hae the history of the Caledonian Pipe Band in Pyramid Hill*.

Bendigo Pipe Band will start the celebrations with a traditional 'piping in' at 1.30pm. This should be an extraordinary sight and sound, and definitely one to bring the young ones along to experience!

The Pyramid Hill Museum will be open throughout the afternoon.

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## CO-ORDINATOR CATCH UP

Hi Neighbours,

Welcome to my favourite part of the year! My recent beach holiday was a little on the cool side [15 - 20 degrees and raining most days!] but it was wonderful to get away and catch up with a dozen or more old friends along the way. Thank you to the awesome staff and Committee who kept the House ticking along. I'll book in for the same time next year if that's Ok?

While I am writing this, we have the first of our Coeliac Support Groups meeting in the main House. As part of Pyramid Cares, Lizzie Boikos has initiated social groups for people in our community who are in an informal caring role, and this is one of the programs we are trialling right now!

Do you know about Pyramid Cares? We have a walk and talk group on Thursday mornings, Caring for Kids the third Thursday of the month and a Carers Support Group regularly meeting on Fridays at 11am. If a support group is not your idea of a good time, but you do need support.. please call us and we can talk through what resources are available - like do you need help to fund respite or transport for yourself? Do you need tools to help you care for your person? We have developed some pretty awesome connections with service providers and can confidentially assist you get connected to real help!



Six Book Clubbers met up for lunch and a trip to the theatre last weekend to go see the Bendigo Theatre Company production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time. We had a great day, and apparently I could have a side hustle organising Contiki Tours.

The next awesome thing I want to mention is that we are hosting the Biggest Morning Tea in Pyramid Hill again this May. Last year our town generously raised \$1300 for cancer research and respite. The team are so keen to see if we can match that figure, or maybe grow our attendance. We will have the Rampant Raffle again. For that to be a success, we are looking for donations of quality goods/services to run mini-raffles on the day. Some ideas could be bottles of wine, toiletries, gardening items, pot plants etc. Generally Items that could be around \$30-\$50 gifts.

Please get in touch with the House if you would like to make a donation - or if you would like to help us organise the day. It would be wonderful to have you on board with us.

Lastly we have Peter Major heading our way again on Friday for another pushbike clinic. Bring your ailing and failing bikes to Peter and he will breathe new life into your tyres, treads and break pads. He might also fit your bike to ensure your hips and knees don't give out on your next long ride.. hey Rosi Bear?

I want to shout out to our neighbour Peter who has been doing the lion's share of our veggie gardening lately. Have you seen our garden bursting with eggplants, leek, zucchini and herbs?

Until next week, Kim



# WHAT'S ON

## Snake Snuggling

Sunday | Mount Hope

## Nurse Practitioner in Pyramid Hill

\*every second Thursday.

NDCH Victoria St | bookings essential

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## Scots Wha Hae

Sunday 21 April | 1.30pm

Bendigo Pipe Band, Shortbread Competition

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

## Bowls Events

Friday 19 April | 6:30 PM | Wind up dinner at Gunbower

Sunday 5 May | Seafood Tournament

## ANZAC Day 25 April

**Mologa** 8am Service | Guest Speaker | BBQ

**Pyramid Hill** 9.45am Service | Morning Tea

## Bendigo Goldfields Chrysanthemum Championships

Saturday 27 April 9am to 4pm and Sunday 28 April 9am to 3pm

Mechanics Institute Hall 19 Main Rd Laanecoorie

## Community Car Sweet Morning Tea

For our volunteers, and those interested in volunteering for local community transport.

Tuesday 30 April | 11am

Neighbourhood House

## Bike Mechanic

Neighbourhood House

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

Bookings ph: 5455 7129

## Pyramid Hill FOODSHARE 2024 dates

22 April | 20 May | 17 June | 15 July | 12 August | 23 September | 21 October | 18 November | 2nd December

From 4.30pm at Pyramid Hill Catholic Church while supplies last. All welcome.

## 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

### THURSDAYS

Pyramid Cares Walking Group | 9.15AM | weekly

Caring for Kids | 1 PM | 3rd of each month

### FRIDAYS

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

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

Pyramid Cares carer support group | 11 AM | 1st and 3rd of each month at Neighbourhood House



Our dear friend Helen Stevens has had a bit of a health setback lately. We wish her a speedy and painless mend and recovery, and hope she is home with us soon!

## PYRAMID HILL STORYTIME.

Stories, songs and rhymes for preschoolers

Pyramid Hill Playgroup  
67 Kelly Street

Friday 19 Apr  
Friday 17 May  
Friday 14 Jul

10.30 - 11am



# PUBLIC NOTICES

## CHURCH SERVICES

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Anglican Church Services  
1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM  
Tyndale Church  
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4th Sun | 11.00 AM  
St Thomas' Church  
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1st & 3rd Sun 10:00 AM  
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### Catholic

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

### Justice of the Peace







Attending Neighbourhood House on these days,  
1-2.30pm.  
No appointment necessary.

Tuesday May 14th  
Tuesday May 28th  
Tuesday June 11th  
Tuesday June 25th











#### TRAIN/COACH MELBOURNE TO PYRAMID

Monday – Friday

	Dep Melb	Dep Bendigo	Arrive Pyramid
	07:39 AM	10:00 AM	11:09 AM
	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
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
Friday Only			
	05:30 PM	07:01 PM	09:09 PM
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



Pyramid Hill & District Historical Society invite you to

# SCOTTS WHAE HAE



**SUNDAY, 21 APRIL 2024**  
**PYRAMID HILL MEMORIAL HALL**  
**1.30 PM – 4.00 PM**

A Celebration of the Caledonian history of Pyramid Hill and District  
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## Harmony Day

Harmony Week is an exciting opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge diversity within the Australian community and bring people together. This annual celebration symbolises inclusiveness and respect, celebrates diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.

To celebrate Harmony Day, our students were asked to either dress up in their national colours, or wear orange, the colour for Harmony Week. This event also doubled as our final fundraiser for Project Compassion and Caritas.



## Hot Shots Tennis

On the last week of term 1 our Year 5 & 6 students travelled to Boort for the Calder Hot Shots Tennis Day.

Our learners joined with students from Pyramid Hill College to compete against children from other schools in the district.

Congratulations to the team for finishing in 3rd place!



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# Netball News

## Welcome to the 2024 Netball Season!

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill, the National Hotel, and the Coffee Bank Pyramid Hill for their ongoing support. We also warmly welcome our newest sponsors, Michell Wool, Pyramid Hill Store and Pyramid Hill News and Post.

**A Grade-** With our first game all playing together we got off to a great start. Abbey and Aleesha starred in defence with Abbey keen to run. Second quarter saw a slow start. The mid court girls Imogen, Gemma, Teagan and Bec worked well together and trialled the rolling subs, much needed on a hot day! Jess and Darci moved well in the ring and we were fortunate enough to extend the lead in the 3rd and 4th quarter, coming away with a great win! Awesome start to the season girls. Victoria Hotel/ National Hotel Award: Darci Tierney. Final Score : Pyramid Hill 60 BL Serpentine 45

**B Grade-** The B Grade girls had a bit of a slow start but were able to build quarter by quarter to come out with an impressive first win! The defence end was solid all game with intercepts galore, while in the attack end they were able to build on connections and were looking the goods come the final quarter. What a great first hit out girls!! Each week in B Grade, thanks to generous sponsorship by an anonymous club member, there will be a "Players Award" which is voted on by the Team. This week's winner of the Pyramid Hill Voucher was newcomer and all-rounder Laura Herbert. Victoria Hotel/National Hotel Award: Mikayla Burge. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 42 BL Serpentine 25

**C Grade-** C Grade started Round 1 with some challenging weather. Serp put up a fight, but we pulled it together with the help of our new Team Members Gemma, Kym, Emma and Emelia. Well Done Girls on a Great Win. Victoria Hotel/ National Hotel Award: Nic Campbell. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 52 BL Serpentine 28

**C Reserve-** A Sunny Day in Serpentine the C Reserve girls brought home a Win for the Club. Defensive pressure was great by the girls followed through to the shooters Claire and Dayna who worked well together in the ring to finish it off. Victoria Hotel/National Hotel Award: Claire Pickles Final Score: Pyramid Hill 44 BL Serpentine 32

**Under 17-** A huge Welcome to Jess Minogue, and the girls stepping up from the U15's Eloise, Shamica, Dempsey and Alina. With new numbers this year we've formed a great team. Taking the first goal of the game and thrived to the very end to come away with a great Win. With the help of great

support on and off court the Doggies are shaping up for a great season. Well Done to Mia and Jess for taking out the Awards. Pyramid Hill News and Post Award: Mia Farrar. Michell Wool Award: Jess Minogue. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 56 BL Serpentine 30

**Under 15-** Today was a little hot and at times a little windy but it didn't stop us from taking some great turnovers and goals. Everyone put all their effort into the Game. Although we finished with a loss we made a comeback in the Final Quarter. Well Done to the Girls who have moved up from the U13's Good Luck for the season ahead. Pyramid Hill Store Award: Gillian Pacala. Encouragement Award: Cecily Farrar. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 14 BL Serpentine 27.

**Under 13-** What a great game to start the season for our U13 team. Many new faces, with some girls playing in their first U13 match.

The first half was even scoring with our girls displaying great team work and putting the pressure on their opponents. There were some awesome intercepts which created turnovers. A couple of injury calls in the last half but our girls kept up the fight.

BL/Serpentine took a strong lead in the third quarter resulting which lead to their win today. Our girls should be really proud of their efforts and we look forward to watching them grow stronger throughout the season. Award: Coffee Bank Award- Emily Dehne. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 7 BL Serpentine 15

**Minis-** We have some nervous but excited Minis Netballers to kick off the 2024 Season. Some great defence from everyone, some great goals. Fantastic passing. An Excellent and Fun Game had by all. Award: PHFNC Canteen Award: Nevaeh Golding.

## Past Players Day

Our annual footy reunion is happening at Mitchell Park this weekend (April 20th) when we take on Calivil at home. We're really looking forward to catching up with those who have sported Pyramid Hill colours or have supported the Club in some way over the years.

We're really keen to revisit our history and are hoping for a crowd so if we haven't seen you for a while, come along, enjoy a catch up with old mates, check out our 2024 teams then we'll head to the Vic Hotel for tea.

If this sounds like you, we'll see you at Mitchell Park Saturday!



## Community Flood Recovery Event.

Thanks to the Loddon Shire Council for supporting the Pyramid Hill Football Netball Club to host a Community Recovery Event last Thursday night.

The gathering was made possible by joint funding from the Australian and Victorian Governments as part of Council's Community Recovery Program and supports members of the local community, including PHFNC members and supporters, who were directly impacted or, played a supporting role during the 2022 flooding event.

The night provided a wonderful opportunity for those present to consolidate social links, promote community inclusion and to connect socially before the start of the football netball season.

Opportunities like this support resilience and positive wellbeing and help keep our communities strong. Special thanks to Mal and Josie (Loddon Shire Flood Recovery Team) for their support and to Mallee Wood Fired Pizzas for catering for us on the night. It was a great night.

If we haven't seen you for a while, please feel free to come along to training on a Thursday night or, head along to a game, we'd love to see you.



**Past Players Pictured:** The Pyramid Hill 1988 Senior Football Team catching up at Mitchell Park last year



## Top photos of our netballers last weekend.





## Football News

It was great to finally kick off a new season, although falling short in both the Seniors and Reserves was not the best way to launch into what is hopefully a successful 2024 campaign.

The Reserves started off with ample run and delivery deep into the forward zone and trailed by less than a kick at the first change. The damage was done in the second stanza, with the *Bears* kicking 4 goals to 1 and setting up a 26-point buffer. From that point on it was just 3 goals each, but with twice as many scoring shots the hosts were too good on the day. It was great to welcome new players Dylan Holden, Matt Smith, Tom Boyer, Brad Delamare and Sean O'Reilly to our club, with Matt and Sean featuring in the better performers list. Jack Timmins, fully recovered from knee surgery, returned with a solid effort. Up and coming Colts player Harry Goodes had a *purple patch* in the third term where he nailed three goals in quick succession. He received the *Victoria Hotel* award for his efforts, whilst Tom Walker, resuming from where he left off last season, claimed the *Pony* award for his 4-quarter efforts at the coalface. The *National Hotel* award was claimed by Brad Moon, with another Colts player, Blake Gibson, receiving the *Good Sports* award. Others to feature prominently included Greg Quinn and Matt Moon.

The Seniors also started in excellent fashion, and with 10 scoring shots to just 4 to the home team, the margin at the first change should have been greater than 15 points. This came back to haunt the 'Dogs because despite leading at every change we were overhauled in the final term. Both teams finished with 27 scoring shots, but the 15-points final margin saw our hosts as deserved winners. Hopefully some uncharacteristic skill errors and delivery turnovers can be rectified and will see us bounce back quickly. The *Victoria Hotel* award went to Zac Alford for his 4-quarter, forward zone pressure efforts that netted 5 goals. The *National Hotel* award went to new player Damon Hemphill for his skilful stoppage and forward craft. Others to run out 4 top quarters included Tom McGregor who intercepted and rebounded consistently across halfback and kicked a goal, Brad Ladson for his ability to link from defence into the forward zone, and Dylan Collis who was able to find plenty of the ball, particularly at the stoppages. They were well supported by Gavin James, Bailey George and recruit Ben Knight. Our Club also extend a welcome to new senior players Bailey Scott and Jaydon Cowling, and returning players Michael Dundon and Braidy Dickens.

Auskick will commence Thursday April 18th. Participants will need to be registered by a parent/guardian on the link provided on our Facebook page. When registering participants online you will be able to order their Auskick pack. The sessions are based around building skills and having fun. If you have any questions, please contact Luke Roberts. Location: Mitchell Park, 4:00pm – 4:45pm Yeah **the Pups!**

Welcome to those who are here for the annual footy reunion, no doubt the tales of those past on and off field memories and exploits will grow bigger and better as the day rolls on; Great to have you all here. Special thanks to Darryl Hoffman, Pat Dingwall and team for getting everyone together again. After the game we'll head back to the Victoria Hotel for a meal and to continue the catch up.

Please take the time to check out our social calendar and, make sure you support our 2024 Bulldog events where you can.

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#Bulldogs2024





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## Fire Danger Period lifted

The Fire Danger Period for Loddon Shire was lifted on Monday 8 April 2024. The CFA is reminding community members that although the Fire Danger Period has ended, it is still important to ensure that local conditions are safe for any burn-off you consider undertaking.

Landowners can now register their burn-off online at [www.firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au). Alternatively, you can register with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511 or emailing [burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au](mailto:burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au)

**For more information visit** [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off)

## Combating Invasive Weeds – community forum

Loddon Plains Landcare Network is hosting an event dedicated to combating invasive weeds head on in Central/North Western Victoria. This forum will bring together government agencies and dedicated community members to share strategies and insights on eradication, containment and prevention. From identifying invasive species to effective management techniques, LPLN will delve into every facet of weed control. Whether you are an experienced “weed warrior” or new to the cause, this event offers something for everyone.

**Forum details.** Thursday 9 May 2024 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Loddon Plains Landcare Network, 28 Station Street, Inglewood

**Registrations:** <https://events.humanitix.com/combating-invasive-weeds-a-community-action-forum-for-effective-weed-control>

## VNI West – April 2024 community drop-in sessions

TCV are hosting a series of informal drop-in sessions in April to provide local communities with information on key topics of interest including the VNI West planning and approvals process, route refinement, landholder compensation and next steps for the project.

The project team will be joined at each event by specialists in areas including compensation, agriculture, environment and technical matters related to VNI West at the upcoming drop-sessions.

16 April 2:30pm – 7:30pm – Kerang Memorial Hall

17 April 2:30pm – 7:30pm – Charlton Hall

Please visit [transmissionvictoria.com.au](http://transmissionvictoria.com.au) for further information.

## Dog and cat registrations

Council implemented new software in March, which has caused some delays in registrations renewal notices being sent out. The due date for payment will in turn be delayed, allowing owners the same four-week timeframe for payment after the notices are received. We will also confirm the dates for payment on the Council Facebook

page. Please note that will not be issuing any infringement notices in the meantime for not renewing your animal's registration.

## 2025 Kindergarten enrolments open.

2025 kindergarten enrolments across Loddon Shire open from the 22 April, 2024. The enrolment period has been brought earlier in the year to align with the Foundation (Prep) Victorian government primary school's enrolment timeline. This should make it easier for families to have one enrolment period across the Shire.

Kindergarten is free and children attend sessions for 15 hours per week that is spread across three days. Parents and carers who would like to enrol their child or children in the 2025 three or four-year-old kindergarten program can visit [www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Services-for-our-younger-residents/Kindergartens](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Services-for-our-younger-residents/Kindergartens)

Council's early year's team are also happy to post out enrolment forms to support families who may be having trouble accessing the online enrolment form. Council looks forward to receiving kindergarten enrolments from families and sending out first round offers from the 19 August this year. Second round offers will be sent to families from the 16 September.

For more information regarding kindergarten enrolment, please call Kindergarten Coordinator, Alycia O'Sullivan at Council on (03) 5494 1200.

## School Student Broadband Initiative

The School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) powered by nbn is an Australian Government program that offers free home internet to up to 30,000 families with school aged children until December 2025.

To be eligible for SSBI program, families must meet the following criteria:

- > Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep in Qld/ Vic/Tas).
- > Not have an active nbn network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- > Live in a premises that can access the nbn network via a standard connection.
- > Not have had an active nbn connection during the previous 14 days.

There are two ways to join the SSBI program:

1. Be identified and referred by a Nominating Organisation, or;
2. Parents/carers not currently working directly with an existing Nominating Organisation will be able to self-nominate via the National Referral Centre <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet/> Eligibility rules will apply. For more information, please visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications->





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## Northern District Community Health

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