

PYRAMID PRESS

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Ian Bartels named Pyramid's Citizen of the Year

Mr. Ian Bartels has lived his entire 86 years in the township of Pyramid Hill and has served his community through his work as an electrician, even following his official retirement – he is still fixing pumps and attending to electrical issues for sporting groups eg. Golf, Bowls, Mitchell Park.

Ian has volunteered his services and expertise in numerous ways over the years and is currently (or of recent times) quietly going about his day attending to various job not looking for thanks or gratitude and often at his own expense.

Some of these voluntary contributions are listed here:

- Mowing and watering the grounds of the former hospital and rest home, the cemetery and the gardens of local community members.
- Ensuring water supply is available for wildlife at the hill
- Keeping the Store clock going and adjusting the time until the recent refurbishment – this required some agility in scaling the vertical ladder as well as dealing with the electronics.
- Painting the exterior of the Anglican Church hall, and keeping the amenities tidy for all to use.
- Constructing the sign from previously used bowls at the Bowling Club entrance
- Being the go-to-guy to set up PA systems for various events in the town

Ian's previous involvement in the community included:

- Member and Life Member of Golf Club, original member (piper) in the Caledonian Pipe Band, Member of the Hospital Board
- Sporting involvement in football, golf and bowls
- Long standing church member of St Thomas' Anglican church and until recent times provided digitally acquired music for the hymns

As mentioned before, Ian's contributions to his local community have been numerous (probably way more than this list extends) and he has always gone about his day quietly, just doing what he sees needs doing or responding promptly to requests. He is a model citizen and deserves the accolades.



Inside: Pyramid Hill Progress, Pyramid Hill Seniors, College News - Book Week Roundup, Footy and Netball roundups and Awards, Loddon Shire Notices, BCG Media Release and upcoming events, and Durham Ox Women's Gathering

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WHAT'S ON

Up-Hill Battles & Wrong End of the Stick games
Sunday | Mount Hope

Pyramid Hill FOODSHARE 2024 dates
Monday 23 September | 21 October | 18 November | 2nd December
From 4.30pm at Pyramid Hill Catholic Church while supplies last.

NDCH Nurse Practitioner visits Pyramid Hill
Thursday 12 Sept, 3rd October, 5 December
NDCH Clinic, call 54521366 for an appointment

Pyramid Hill Progress Association Meeting
Wednesday 18 September | 7pm
* third Wednesday of the each month
Victoria Hotel

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House AGM.
5PM Tuesday 27 August, Neighbourhood House

Justice of Peace
12.30- 2pm Tuesdays, 20th August | 3rd & 17th September | 15th & 29th October | 12th & 25th November | 10th December
Neighbourhood House

Seniors Rights Victoria
Friday 23rd August | 10.30am for 11am talk
Neighbourhood House

Farmers Day Out.
7am Wednesday 28 August Wedderburn

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

Junior Darts | 5pm | Golf Club
Call Joe for info 0428990487

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 **[not during holidays]**

Social Bowls | 7:00 PM | 98 Victoria St

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

THURSDAYS

Art Group | 10.30AM Neighbourhood House

Pyramid Cares Walking Group | 9.15AM Neighbourhood House

FRIDAYS

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

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

Hill Walking Group | 4.15pm | 1st Friday of the Month Meet at the Hill for friendship and fitness

LODDON AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE – TERRICK WARD REPRESENTATIVE

Expressions of interest are invited from members of the Loddon Shire Terrick Ward to fill a vacant position on the Loddon Australia Day Committee.

The Loddon Australia Day Committee comprises a volunteer community representative from each Loddon Shire Ward, and a Loddon Shire Councillor as non-voting Committee Chairperson.

The Committee meets in-person, at a central location, generally 2-3 times each year to fulfil its role in assessing nominations and selecting Loddon Australia Day Award recipients, and assessing entries and selecting winners of Australia Day competitions.

To be considered for this role, you must be a resident of the Terrick Ward, be able to demonstrate a keen community interest in your Ward and the Loddon Shire, and be available to attend meetings in November and December.

Expressions of interest will be accepted until 9.00 am on Monday, 16 September 2024, by post to the Loddon Australia Day Committee, PO Box 21, Wedderburn, 3518, or email to australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au.

For further information please contact Council on 5494 1200.



PUBLIC NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

Anglican

Anglican Church Services
 1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM
 Tyndale Church
 Victoria Street, Pyramid Hill
 2nd Sun | 9:00 AM
 4th Sun | 11:00 AM
 St Thomas' Church
 Durham Ox Road, Pyramid Hill
Enquiries:
 Rev Sue Allen | 0417 365 386
 Bill Boyd | 0448 219 457

Church of Christ

Sunday | 11:00 AM
 Church of Christ, Kelly St
 Pyramid Hill
Enquires:
 June Smith | 0438 062 646

Uniting

1st & 3rd Sunday 10:00 AM
 Tyndale Church, Victoria St
 Pyramid Hill

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 Pyramid Hill

WOMEN'S GATHERING DURHAM OX WOMEN'S GATHERING DURHAM OX



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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
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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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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

Pyramid Hill Progress Association

Items discussed at our August meeting included the Parkrun around the Hill, the sad closures of St Patrick's Primary School and the Pyramid Hill Lions Club at the end of the year and the progress of the building works at the Senior Citizens rooms.

All the different organisations and events in Pyramid Hill are run on the power of volunteers. Instead of joining an extra organisation and going to yet another meeting, what if you join an individual event or project that you are excited about? We have a number of upcoming events planned (see invitation below) as well as the Parkrun, Australia Day, Art Show and Fiesta events in early 2025.

Please email me at pyramidhillprogress@gmail.com to get involved or, if you see me around I'm really happy to chat and get you connected with the organisers of each project and event.

Save the Dates:

Spring Business BBQ, Friday 6th Sept 7.30-9am at Kelly St Park

Art Day at the Hill, Sunday 6th Oct

Combined Community Christmas event, Saturday 14th Dec, Kelly St Precinct.



Pyramid Hill Progress Association's Spring Business BBQ Brekkie Friday 6th September, 7.30am to 9.30am Kelly Street Park.

Come support our local business owners and have a chat with mates.



Hot food and drinks will be available.
Everyone is welcome, see you there!



Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens

A new committee of the Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens has been formed.

President: Terry Wood

Secretary: Fred Balli

Treasurer: Cheryl Jones

General Committee: Kate Wood, Tania Quinn

The above committee of the Pyramid Hill Social Seniors invite interested people in the district to please attend the meeting advertised below. This meeting will give everyone the opportunity to discuss what activities they would like included in the agenda for the coming months. We are looking forward to lots of fun and great companionship.

Bingo will be played after the meeting.

Meeting date: 1pm Friday 30th August

Location: Memorial Hall Supper Room

Contact: tp.wood@bigpond.com 0429843479

Discover cutting edge pulse agronomy at BCG Main Field Day

BCG's Main Field Day, set to take place in Nullawil on September 11, will showcase the latest advancements in pulse agronomy. Leading experts, Kelly Angel from BCG, Audrey Delahunty from Agriculture Victoria, Stuart Nagle from SARDI, and Jason Brand from Frontier Farming Systems, will present breakthroughs in pulse variety selection, disease management, and end-use strategies to enhance the role of pulses in farming systems.

"The dry season we've experienced in the region underscores the importance of yield stability in ensuring profitability when growing pulses in challenging conditions," says Kelly Angel, BCG Research and Extension Officer. "Newer pulse varieties are increasingly showing a yield advantage compared to older ones."

A highlight of the day will be the pulse super session, where experts will discuss new vetch varieties entering the market. The session will cover the various end uses of vetch—grazing, hay, brown manure, and grain—and their impact on subsequent crops. Understanding these legacy effects is key to optimising crop rotations and improving soil health.

BCG is currently investigating the performance of existing pulse varieties while also offering an exclusive preview of soon-to-be-released varieties. With both vetch and pulse experts on hand, growers will have the opportunity to ask pressing questions about the management of these crops. Given the early onset of severe Ascochyta blight in lentils across many areas in 2023, disease management will be another key focus of the day. Discussions will explore variety responses, resistance ratings, and the critical timing of product applications to manage diseases like Ascochyta blight and Botrytis grey mould effectively.

BCG's Main Field Day offers the latest in local agronomic research to farmers, agronomists, and advisors. In addition to pulse agronomy, the event will cover new cereal varieties, canola establishment, long coleoptile wheat, and disease management in wheat and barley.

Tickets are available for purchase on the BCG website. Visit bcg.org.au/events for more information and purchasing options. MEDIA CONTACT: Jess Bidstrup
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BCG Main Field Day NULLAWIL

Wednesday September 11, 8.30am - 4pm

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NORTH CENTRAL CROP WALK

📍 Bendigo-Pyramid Rd, Mitiamo
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⌚ August 28, 10-12:30pm
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Netball Notes

Good Luck to all PHFNC Football and Netball Teams competing in Finals Go Bulldogs #2024#



Jess debuted to the A Grade court as a junior in 2001, and the following year at 16yrs old soon cemented herself amid the side. Since then she has been a highly valuable and key player in our A Grade Team. Jess also played 50 PHFNC Junior games, winning both Club & League B&F awards in both the 15 & 17&U grades she was also a LVFNL 17&U Premiership Player and has also represented our Club at Interleague Junior Level. Her greatest achievements lie with X 3 A Grade LVFNL Premiership Player, X 5 PHFNC A Grade B&F, X 2 A Grade Coach (X 1 Premiership Coach). Jess we have enjoyed the journey of your success, and we are so proud to celebrate this milestone with you. Congratulations Jess- You are a PHFNC Legend.

Round 18- Pyramid Hill V's MGYCW Saturday 17th August 2024

A Grade- A Grade had a solid last game of the home and away season. An early lead came off the back of accurate shooting and whole team defensive pressure. The girls were able to maintain a comfortable lead all game which gave an awesome opportunity for juniors Kaity and Jess to step onto the court, both looking comfortable in the A Grade Team. Special mention to Jess Holdstock for reaching a massive milestone of 200 senior games. Jess had a standout game in goals earning best on. Best On Award: National Hotel Award: Jess Holdstock. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 60 MGYCW 49. PHFNC Vote Count- Congratulations to Best & Fairest -Jessica Holdstock 44 Votes.

Congratulations to Runner Up – Abbey Dingwall 28 Votes.

B Grade- Our B Grade girls went into the game knowing it would be a tough one. The game started off slow while the girls found their groove. Come half time, the weather gods had graced us with some windy, rainy conditions, making it anyone's game. The girls adjusted well to the weather, slowing it down and using their give and goes to work the ball down the court. The intensity increased in the final minutes of the game, however the girls determination and drive shone through, allowing them to sneak away with a one point win." Players Award" Laura Herbert. Best On Award: Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill Award: Simone Edgley. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 46 MGYCW 45. PHFNC Vote Count- Congratulations to Best & Fairest- Simone Edgley 56 Votes. Congratulations to Runner Up- Mikayla Burge 50 Votes.

C Grade- After a slow start with the drizzling rain we were able to adjust to the slow and slippery conditions. We played our game the whole way through with some stella moments from all the girls. Especially our Birthday girl Nic who was happy to take home the win once again for the final time in our home and away season. MGYCW kept us on our toes and pushed us right to the very end. We head in to finals with a week off for finishing top of the ladder and providing us more time to fine tune our game to come out firing when we play in the 2nd Semi Final. Amazing game from the girls, showing how cohesive and strong our team is. Best On Award: National Hotel Award: Erin Farrar. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 30 MGYCW 28. PHFNC Vote Count- Congratulations to Best & Fairest Erin Farrar 35 Votes. Congratulations to Runner Up- Shannon Taylor 33 Votes.

C Reserve- The MGYCW game was a tough one, facing up to not only one of the top teams on the ladder, but also the weather. The rain was not something we accounted for and certainly presented a challenge. Dayna and Claire persevered in goals and our mid court and defensive end fought and made their presence known. Pyramid fought hard but Maiden Gully came away with the win in the end. Best On Award: Pyramid Hill Victoria Hotel Award: Kelly Gould. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 18 MGYCW 44. PHFNC Vote Count- Congratulations to Best & Fairest Claire Pickles 46 Votes. Congratulations to Runner Up- Olivia Turvey 37 Votes.

17 & Under- It was a cold and cloudy day when Pyramid Hill faced off against MGYCW. Pyramid Hill started strong and took an early lead, showing great teamwork and shooting. However, as the game went on, MGYCW began to catch up and eventually took control of the match. MGYCW's defence got tougher, and their shooters started hitting their targets, allowing them to move ahead on the scoreboard. Despite this, Pyramid Hill fought hard until the end.

Netball Notes continued:

Special mention goes to the Under 15's Matilda Kervin, Chloe Dehne, Cecily Farrar, and Sophie Twigg, who stepped up and played really well, helping to keep the team in the game. In the end, MGYCW won 56-37, but Pyramid Hill can be proud of their effort. They still have a chance to make a comeback in the Elimination Final. Best On Award: Pyramid Hill News and Post Award: Shamica Castro. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 37 MGYCW 56. PHFNC Vote Count- Congratulations to Best & Fairest Mia Farrar 36 Votes. Congratulations to Runner Up- Kaitlin Broad 32 Votes. Congratulations to Alina Gould- Coach's Award.

15 & Under- The girls tried really hard but sadly we didn't make it across the line, which cut our season short. The score does not show how we played, we all tried really hard. Our final game of the season and our girls fought to the end. The girls picked up their momentum in the second quarter bringing the score board back. The defence worked hard in the ring allowing many turnovers throughout the game. Mid courters passed the ball to get down the court giving it to the shooters who were working well together. The girls tried hard, the final score not reflecting the hard fought game. A great season of team building and individual growth. Thanks to Jodie for being a great Coach. "Coaches Award" Jamison Walters. Best on Award: Pyramid Hill Store Award: Matilda Kervin. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 27 MGYCW 43. PHFNC Vote Count- Congratulations to Best & Fairest Cecily Farrar 50 Votes. Congratulations to Runner Up- Sophie Twigg 26 Votes. Congratulations to Isla Cladingboel- Coach's Award.

13 & Under- What a great match. Our final game for the season sure was a nail biter. The game was goal for goal right to the end. Our girls positioned well, clearing out and making space down the court for the ball to move smoothly. Defence was strong and our attack was on point. Well done to the girls for working together as a team. Unfortunately, two goals down at the final whistle meant no win today. All girls should be proud of themselves, and the improvement over the season has been a credit to their effort. Thank you to Bec for being a great Coach to this large young team. "Special Junior Award" Michell Wool Award: Ruby Fletcher. Best On Award: Ava Threlfall. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 14 MGYCW 16. PHFNC Vote Count- Congratulations to Best & Fairest Siri Harrison 40 Votes. Congratulations to Runner Up- Ruby Fletcher 30 Votes. Congratulations to Xanthe Farrar- Coach's Award.

Minis- No Game MGYCW have no Minis side. The Minis and the NSG had a Final Scratch Match and really enjoyed the game we had two Dads join in which made it so much fun. Thank you to Coach

Maddison for all your guidance in developing new skills, teaching team work and being a great support and mentor to all the Minis this year. Thank you from all the children and parents of the Minis Team.



C Grade Best & Fairest - Erin Farrar. Runner Up - Shannon Taylor



17 and Under Best and Fairest - Mia Farrar. Runner Up - Kaitlin Broad. Coach's Award - Alina Gould. Coach - Kelly Gould, Emily Prout absent



Under 13's Best & Fairest Siri Harrison. Runner Up - Ruby Fletcher. Coach's Award - Xanthe Farrar.



ABOVE: 15 & Under Best & Fairest Cecily Farrar. Runner Up - Sophie Twigg. Coach's Award - Isla Clasingboal. Coach - Jodie Fletcher.

BELOW: Under 18's



ABOVE: Seniors Football Best & Fairest - Tom McGregor. Runner Up - Ben Knight. Leading Goal Kicker - Zach Alford.



ABOVE: A Grade Netball Best & Fairest - Jess Holdstock. Runner Up - Abbey Dingwall

LEFT: Under 18's Bess & Bert Wood Memorial Trophy - Harrison Goodes. Runner Up - Blake Gibson. Leading Goal - Kicker Harrison Goodes



RIGHT: Reserves Football Best & Fairest - Tom Walker. Runner Up - Mitch Dingwall



Football Round 18

It was a mixed bag of weather conditions that welcomed the Eagles to Mitchell Park for the last of the home-and-away games, with sunshine, wind and rain all prevailing at some stage.

The Under 18's, in a game that saw them struggle to score early, but finish strongly in the second half, went down to the Rams. The Reserves also took time to find the big sticks, but finished powerfully to win, and in a similar scenario, the Seniors also posted goals after the first break to score a healthy win.

The Under 18's had plenty of the ball in the first term but just couldn't score, with all 15 scoring shots coming from quarter 2 onwards. Xavier Emmerson (Victoria Hotel Pizza Award) again was a 4-quarter contributor, and his tireless work in the corridor meant the forwards eventually got the scoreboard ticking over. Harry Goodes was again at his speedy best and nailed 3 of the 'Dogs 5 goals. Blake Gibson (Good Sports Award), continued on his great form, again effectively reading the ball as it came into the back-half. He was also able to post a goal. Both Harry and Blake took part in the Senior game as well. Hayden Ray (Pyramid Hill Butcher's Award) was another who enhanced great recent games with another solid display. Others to come under notice included Oscar Emmerson (1 goal), Kobi Manton and James Hercott.

The Reserves had a fair share of the ball early, but a combination of the conditions and the Eagles early intensity meant minor scores preceded what turned out to be a good final goal tally. The Dogs were able to post 18 goals after the first break, and Mitch Dingwall's 15 goals meant he took home the Victoria Hotel Award and also leap-frogged a few other contenders to top the League Goal kicking table. The Pony Award went to Greg Quinn who continued his stellar season, whilst mid-field general and play-maker Tom Walker claimed the National Hotel Award. Nathan Coyle was the recipient of the Good Sports Award, with noticeable mentions going to Nathan and Matt Moon, Ashton Dye, Kaleb Quinn, Matt Smith and Dylan Lovell. Congratulations to Rylan Delamare who ran out for his milestone 100th Club game, looking forward to the next one.

The Seniors also started relatively quietly and it took a while for the scoreboard to "kick over". Sixteen goals after the first change of ends, courtesy of 9 individual goalkickers, meant a good result was posted considering the conditions. Bailey George, in a superb running display, finished with 6 great goals and claimed the Victoria Hotel Award, whilst Ben Knight, in another impressive on-ball display, won the National Hotel Award. Others who did more than their bit included Steven Gunther (Healthy Mates Award), forward half "live-wire" Zach Alford (5 goals), Damon Hemphill and Brad Ladson.

We wish all 3 football teams the best this weekend. A special "shout out" to all those who assisted with the PHFNC football and netball Vote Count that was conducted in the Clubrooms after the Round 18 clash. The crowd was massive, the food was first class and the atmosphere continued the excellent mood and spirit that has been present all season. Congratulations to Leanne Gibson who was named PHFNC Club Person, to all individual winners and a special "thank you" to all of our coaches and assistants who worked tirelessly through the home-and-away season.

Remember, if we all get home safely everyone wins
#Bulldogs2024 #playyourrole

Pyramid Hill Football Trophies 2024

Bess & Bert Wood Memorial Trophy Under18 Best & Fairest – Harrison Goodes

Under 18 Runner Up – Blake Gibson

Under 18 Leading Goal Kicker – Harrison Goodes

Under 18 Most Consistent – Xavier Emmerson

Vaughan Herrick Memorial Trophy Under 18 Most Improved – James Hercott

W. "Bill" Moss Memorial Trophy Under 18 Most Determined – Jacobi Mitchell

Dave Atkins Memorial Trophy – Under 18 Exceptional Commitment – Riley Hutton

Dave Atkins Memorial Trophy – Under 18 Exceptional Commitment – Hayden Ray

Towel donated by G & J Hickmott – Matthew Caspani

Reserves Best & Fairest – Tom Walker

Reserves Runner Up – Mitchell Dingwall

Reserves Leading Goal Kicker – Mitchell Dingwall

W. "Bill" Moss Memorial Trophy Reserves Most Determined – Kaleb Quinn

Reserves Most Consistent – Matthew Moon

Reserves Most Improved – Paris Walker

Reserves Coaches Award – Ben Culross

Reserves Best 1 st Year Player – Kaleb Quinn

Seniors Best & Fairest – Tom McGregor

Seniors Runner Up – Ben Knight

Seniors Leading Goal Kicker – Zach Alford

Plaques

100 Senior Games – Scott Mann

100 Club Games – Troy Woolhouse

100 Club Games – Rylan Delamare

Club Person – Leanne Gibson

Thanks to the weekly sponsors of the football teams – Victoria Hotel, National Hotel, Jamie Horsburgh, G & J Hickmott, and Pyramid Hill Butchers

This week's happenings at Pyramid Hill College



Book Week - Reading is Magic

What a wonderful day on Tuesday as Pyramid Hill College, St Patrick's Primary School and Pyramid Hill Preschool students celebrated Book Week in style. Students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and due to wet weather the parade was held in the Pyramid Hill College Stadium. There was a wonderful array of characters represented showing the vast range of interests and genres. Then it was to the BER where the 2024 Book Week Writers' Awards were announced. Congratulations to all students who were awarded prizes and to all entered their writing in the competition. We certainly have some budding authors in our midst.

Fiction Year F/1

Highly Commended: Amara Dizon Winner: Jonathan Roberts

Best Illustrations: Pearl Wigg Special Award: William Pickles



Fiction Year 2/3

Highly Commended: Ruby Roberts Winner: Jasper Mutugi

Best Illustrations: Edie Gould

Fiction Year 4

Highly Commended: Tia Gould Winner: Max Twigg

Best Illustrations: Ivan Shapland

Fiction Year 5/6

Highly Commended: Isabella Kunde Winner: Tyler Pollard

Best Illustrations: Lilly Broad

Narrative -Year 7/8

Highly Commended: Daemon Coussa Winner: Matt Caspani

Creative Response Year 9

Highly Commended: Cecily Farrar Sophie Gilmore Winner: Alina Gould

Creative Response Year 10

Winner: Oliver Quaife Best Illustrations: Chloe Stevens

Poetry Year F/1

Highly Commended: William Pickles Winner: Zoey Mowat

Poetry Year 2/3

Highly Recommended: Lucy Scott Winner: Maddie Leerson



Best Information Text F/1

Highly Commended: Mae Stevens Amara Dizon

Zoey Mowat

Winner: Catriona Yuna



Best Information Text- Year 2/3

Highly Commended: Kerenza Archbold Winner: Iain Estrella

Best Information Text- Year 4

Highly Commended: Alice Roberts Winner: Zeb Gould

Best Information Text- Year 5/6

Winner: Jace Pacala



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TITLE: Loddon Shire welcomes tabling of 2022 flood inquiry final report

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Loddon Shire Council has welcomed the tabling of the Victorian Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee's Final Report for the Inquiry into the 2022 Flood Event in Victoria. Tabled in the Legislative Council on 30 July 2024, the report makes 90 findings and 73 recommendations, including improvements to flood governance arrangements and boosting resources for emergency services responding to events such as floods.

"The 2022 floods had a devastating impact on the Loddon Shire, causing widespread damage to infrastructure, agriculture, homes and the livelihoods of our residents," Loddon Shire Chief Executive Officer Lincoln Fitzgerald said.

"Council acknowledges the vital importance of the recommendations presented in the report, particularly those that address the unique challenges faced by rural communities like Loddon Shire.

"This includes around Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements; in particular that the Victorian and Federal governments work together to simplify the application process and that funding arrangements are not unduly burdensome.

"Cutting the red tape when it comes to applying for disaster recovery funding and management of funding, will help ensure councils like Loddon Shire are able to get out and start the recovery process as quickly as possible – including repairing crucial infrastructure such as local roads and bridges."

Other recommendations to be advocated by Council include those around long-term and dedicated mental health resources in flood-affected regions as well as funding and resourcing towards conducting and implementing up-to-date flood studies on a regular basis.

"Operational control is another important recommendation to come out of the inquiry," Mr Fitzgerald said.

"In particular, clearly stating the operational role and responsibilities of each emergency service in preparation for a flood emergency, outlining the appropriate chain of command, communication protocols and engagement with the local community."

Mr Fitzgerald said Loddon Shire looks forward to the Victorian Government considering the recommendations and responding within the next six months.

"These changes will not only strengthen our community's resilience to future flood events but enhance our ability to recover more effectively." The 2022 flood event affected 63 local government areas, totalling 81% of all local

government areas across Victoria. The tabling of the Committee's Final Report follows extensive community engagement and public hearings during the past 18 months.

The final report concluded there needed to be a more integrated, community centred and accessible approach to emergency management, from planning through to recovery.

To read the Final Report, visit www.parliament.vic.gov.au/getinvolved/inquiries/floodinquiry/reports

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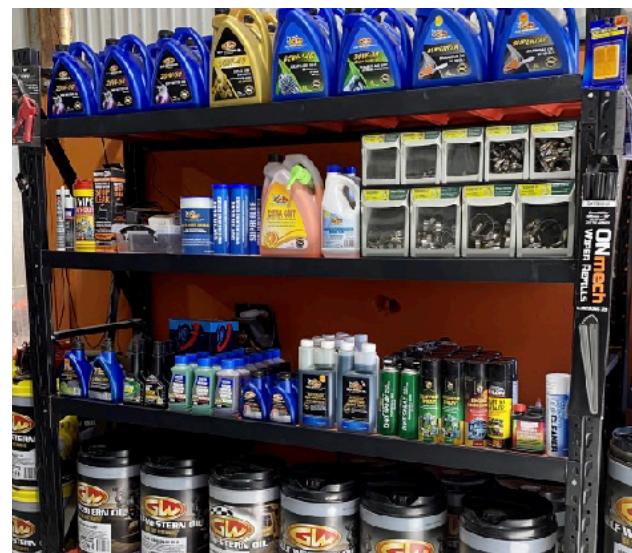


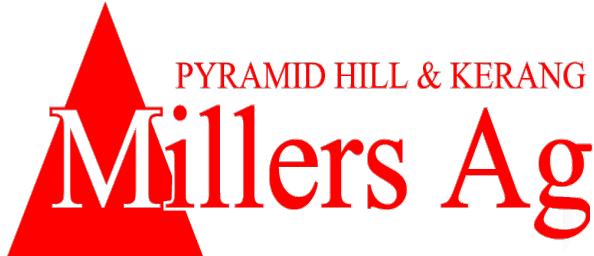
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