

# PYRAMID PRESS

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## Welcome to our new Pyramid Policeman

Even though he can't play football, the new policeman Senior Constable Brett Vine is a welcome addition to our town.

Brett has been here just on two months, commuting for each shift from Kerang while he waits for the renovations on the Station house to be completed.

Prior to Pyramid he was working in and around Swan Hill for six years, so has a good handle on the district.

Brett can track his passion for the police force back to when he was a teenager, working in a mechanic shop down in Melbourne. A couple of officers used to bring their cars in to be worked on, and he was inspired by them to pursue a career in the Force.

He says it's getting harder and harder to attract new recruits, as policing becomes more complex "Police wear a lot of hats in a their jobs these days,"

When Brett isn't at work, he's spending time with his family, fresh water fishing around the district [Lake Charm is a favourite spot], or hunting deer in the high country.

In a few weeks, Brett and his family will be living here full time.

Brett encourages anyone who wants to say g'day to stop him on the street, or come into the cop shop and have a catch up with him. Great to have you here Brett!



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#### Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

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# WHAT'S ON

## Wet Sheep tossing

Sunday | Mount Hope

## Christmas in Pyramid Hill

Saturday 14 December, Street Party, music, food, Christmas Lights Competition and more!

## Pyramid Hill FOODSHARE 2024 dates

Thursday Monday 2nd December

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

## Justice of Peace

12.30- 2pm | 10th Dec | Neighbourhood House

## NDCH Nurse Practitioner visits Pyramid Hill

Thursday 5 December

NDCH Clinic, call 54521366 for an appointment

## Christmas Carols

Combined Churches Event for the whole community  
19th December | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall

## St Patrick's Primary School Celebration

Sunday 8 December | 11am - 3pm

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## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### TUESDAYS

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

**Goldfields Library visit** | 11:30 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



**Pyramid Hill Christmas Market**

3pm - 6pm  
Saturday 14th December

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Every second Tuesday during term 3:30-5:00 pm at the Uniting Church - Enquiries: Robyn 0427 561 973

Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens

On Friday 22nd November the Seniors Christmas Lunch went off without a hitch with 33 enjoying a lovely meal together, Here's a photograph of special guest Nicole Taylor from Loddon Shire, cutting the Christmas Cake.









Tennis Notes

Hi all, here are the scores from Saturday (23/11), and the updated ladder!









Yarrowalla 5 (97) def Lake Meran, 0 (38)  
Calivil Nth, 4.5 (104) def Mincha West, 0.5 (92)  
Dingee forfeited to Raywood  
Serpentine: Bye

Ladder:  
Mincha West, 3.83 (129.5%)  
Calivil Nth, 3.83 (129.3%)  
Dingee, 2.75 (123%)  
Raywood, 2.67 (85.5%)  
Yarrowalla, 2.17 (99.3%)  
Serpentine, 2 (94.5%)  
Lake Meran, 0.25 (60%)

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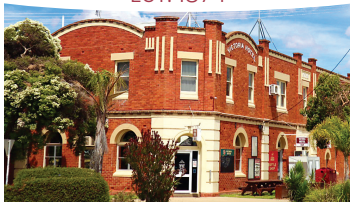
Monday – Friday			
	Dep Melb	Dep Bendigo	Arrive Pyramid
	07:39 AM	10:00 AM	11:09 AM
	06:08 PM	08.26 PM	09:34 PM
Tuesday and Thursday (Need to book on Thursdays)			
	01:06 PM	TUE 03:09PM	04:29 PM
		THU 03:10PM	04:29 PM
Friday Only			
	07:08 PM	09:10 PM	10:25 PM
Saturday & Sunday Only			
	07:40 AM	10:00 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
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	08:05 AM	09:18 AM	11:30 AM
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The Pyramid Hill community is set to gather for an exciting Australia Day celebration in 2025, with this year's event focusing on "Celebrating Community and Our Agricultural Heritage."

The festivities will take place at the Lions Park East as part of the Pyramid Hill Pool Precinct, starting at 4 PM. This picturesque location has been chosen to provide a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

What is Advent? The word advent means the arrival of a notable or important person.

Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Birth of Christ on Christmas day and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. It has been celebrated since the 6th century.



# PYRAMID HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

## KISS THE PIG!

The Pyramid Hill Progress Association are raising funds for upcoming projects around our community! The three key projects we are fundraising for are an Australia Day Pool Party at the local pool and making this free to everyone, the creation of Town Murals and Town Beautification through the addition of shade trees! To help raise these funds we're giving you the rare opportunity to decide who gets to Kiss a Pig! Below you'll find some key local people who you can purchase votes against to make them Kiss The Pig! Don't forget you can vote for multiple people! Scan the QR to vote!

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**Pyramid Hill**  
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**Sat 14th Dec**  
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**Food from 5.30pm**  
**Kids Activities all afternoon**  
**Elias Lanyon 6.30pm!**  
**Xmas Lights Competition**  
**'Kiss the Pig' Finale 7.30pm!**  
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## Pyramid Hill Progress Association's **Summer Business BBQ Brekkie** **Friday 6th December, 7am to 9am** **Kelly Street Park.**

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# Bowls Notes

Mother Nature, or the BOM, or whoever is in charge of the weather elements, must have finally got the message that lawn bowls is more enjoyable played under pleasant weather conditions, as that was what was provided this week. Thank the heavens! Well, for Wednesday, at least. Saturday ...that's another story!

## Wednesday Pennant:

Division 1 hosted the very strong Cohuna 1 side as we began the second round of matches for the Season. Our previous encounter against Cohuna 1 was the very first match and, as we recalled, there was a gaping hole between the scores when Cohuna won that bout 85-31 shots with two of our rinks not managing to make double figures. In consideration of those figures, the encouraging fact is that we have made improvements. Now, don't get excited! We still didn't register a win anywhere, but our loss was not so dramatic. Roma, along with Suzanne, Kate and Heather maintained their prowess and again lost by just the one shot. This time their score was 18-19, in comparison to the last effort 17-18. That's consistency for you! Not only that, they won the Freddo Frog Award in the first round and won it again this week. A double dose of consistency!

Marie S. with Jan, Loraine and Rose scored 16-29 losing by thirteen shots which was a resounding improvement of the first round when they suffered a humiliating twenty-five shot loss. Admittedly, there was a change of players and a change to the opposition line up, but the result was encouraging. On the third rink, Skipped by Tony C. with Marie N., Joe and Ian, the outcome was also soul-elevating as they lost by eleven shots, 16-27, in comparison to the first defeat by twenty-eight shots. The overall tally 50 -75 definitely reads better than 31-85. Well done, crew! That's the good stuff we are made of. We can't all be bowlers like Kelsey Cottrell or Aaron Wilson or we would be representing Australia in the Olympic Games, but on our own bit of turf, that is a fine effort. (In actual fact, lawn bowls has not yet reached the status of being part of the Olympic programme, although it is part of the Paralympic programme for the last seven years – just a bit of trivia, in case anyone feels they may have been over-looked for selection.)

Division 2 visited Gunbower to tackle our neighbours, some of whom had been playing with us for a couple of years when Gunbower had insufficient numbers to field their own team. Now, with the rule inclusion of unlimited men and no position differentials, it has enabled the Club to have more flexibility, and it soon became evident where these people's hearts were. Tony B. and his team of George, Maurie and Carmen began the game well and kept up the pace until the midway mark. Then the score started to gradually gravitate Gunbower's way and ended up out of reach with our neighbours winning 21-9. Sadly, there were no good news stories this week as the rink

Skipped by Allan, with Anthony, Dorothy and Robyn was total forgettable from start to finish. Gunbower took complete control leaving our folk utterly powerless 6-43. Another day to put behind us. Next week's matches for Midweek Pennant: November 27th, Division 1 travel to Barham while Division 2 host Cohuna Golf 2.

## Saturday Pennant:

Now apparently the powers in charge of the weather have had enough of our whinging about the wind, and retaliated with a vengeance! With the prediction of hot, hot weather, the Saturday matches were fast tracked to the morning in an attempt to avoid the worst of the heat.

That seemed to be a providential move for Division 2 who faced up to the top placed Cohuna Golf side and managed to pull off an overall victory, 79-59. That twenty shot win was secured by two rinks who enjoyed the conditions and held steady throughout their games. Well, fairly steady. Lionel's rink saw a change of personnel with the inclusion of Ray P. playing third, Marie N. and David. They were coasting along very nicely with their opponents stalemating on two shots for twelve ends.

That jolly lunch break saw them lose momentum and they gave away a run of twelve shots in the period of four ends straight after the break. With their opponents then just four shots in arrears, they managed to regroup and bring home the bacon with a final flurry of their own, winning another twelve shots over the last five ends to finish 31-14 ahead. (Twelve seemed to be the operative number!) Terry D. continued his fine form as Skip and led the way for Jan, Ian and Rose as they all steadily plied their skills, gelling together magnanimously to create a winning total 31-13. Once they got their noses in front at the sixth end, they never let up on the pressure, stamping their dominance with a haul of fourteen shots in five ends. They were the Freddo Frog winners, too!

A big pat on the back to them. Nathan, in his new position as Skip, had a close encounter all day and had worked hard to build up a promising lead until the eighteenth end, when an errant drive sent the bowls scattering and gifted the opposition with a soul breaking five shots. Giving away nine shots on the last four ends left his team with Jean, Kate and Terry S., floundering 17-22 at the final siren. That was a disappointing finish to what was otherwise a very fine performance. Regardless, the win on two rinks and an overall win, has bolstered our confidence and premiership points.

Division 3 did not fare so well with the change to the morning time slot against the might of Kerang Golf who strolled in the gate in dribs and drabs, like Brown's cows, without a care in the world.

Maybe this was just a façade as it didn't take them long to settle down to business once on the greens. The first to feel their might was Joe and his team of Anthony, Jasmine and Allan. Their opposition very smartly amassed twelve early shots to zip, before the home side kicked into gear

and managed scoring seven before Kerang Golf put the foot down again. Not going away, our guys fought back to be within four shots with two ends to play, but had out of good luck charms. The victory went to Kerang Golf 17-24 despite PH winning eleven of the twenty-one ends. That's a moral victory, of sorts. The rink Skipped by Lorraine, with Maurie, Carmen and Tony R., opened their account on the first end but other scoring opportunities were few and far between and they only added singles when the occasion did occur. The loss of a four, then later in the game two threes, put the game beyond doubt with the score line stretched out to a fourteen shot deficit, 9-23.

The last rink of Tony B. and his team of George, Amy and Robyn were last to suffer the pain, and pain it was.

After claiming first blood at the start, they saw Kerang Golf claim two fours, followed by two threes in quick succession and the game slipped away at a rapid rate. Keeping the pressure on the rest of the game, the opposition really rubbed it in with a haul of eleven shots on the final two ends to amass a whopping 37-9 total. To our credit, we are fielding Pennant sides each week, but are not of the same calibre as other Clubs with players chosen on performance. However, it is great to see our new and older bowlers face up week after week - one day things will improve, we hope.

**Next Week's matches:** Saturday 30th November, Division 2 travel to Barham – hopefully the Midweek comp will have afforded some valuable practice on the carpeted surface. Division 3 are rostered to host Cohuna 3 at home. Here's hoping for some more success.

#### **Social Activities:**

Our next dinner at the Victoria Hotel will not be until the third Thursday in January.

The Christmas Party will be at the Gunbower Hotel on Thursday, 12th December commencing at 7:00pm. Make sure your name is on the list to indicate whether you are going or not. Family and friends are welcome. Remember to bring a gender matched gift to the value of \$15. All Club Members are asked to donate an item or two for the Christmas Hamper Raffle. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from any Club member or a couple of venues around the town.

The tickets cost just \$2 each and the three-prize raffle will be drawn on December 11th. All Club Members are asked to participate in at least one tournament for the Season. Thanks to those who have already participated in a tournament. We

## *Plenty at Seventy*

*Jam packed into seventy and filled to the brim  
Are things that make 'Geoffro' the individual of him.  
There are things that are of plenty which are him to a T  
Yet without these idiosyncrasies, just who would he be?*

*There is plenty of fear when up at a height  
To look down from above gives him a dreadful fright.  
He clammers the ladder to get to the summit  
But not after searching for another to gamble the plummet.*

*There are plenty of expletives which flow from his lips  
Telling a story, or joke, in conversation, or daily life tips.  
Working with sheep is the recipe for his language to flow  
The vocabulary is the same, it's repetitive and always on show.*

*The attire rarely alters, it's simple, it does the job,  
Plenty of shorts, singlet and thongs helps him stand out from the mob.*

*The hotter the better, the sun he does seek  
It's practical and understated, yet to him it is chic.*

*Plenty of kindness and outreach to those who are in need  
He is always on hand and beside you with speed.  
He is generous and giving and happy to help  
Understanding what you need before you even give a yelp.*

*Plenty of cold ones on hand for him and a mate  
Never short-handed, so you will never have to wait.  
Home brew or craft, you can keep them to yourself  
'Cause they'll never be found in his fridge or on the shelf.*

*Plenty of innovation, looking for the best option for all  
A thinking mind considering what possibilities might befall.  
If there's a better method or a simpler way  
He'll share his thinking and won't lead you astray.*

*May there be plenty more opportunities to celebrate just you  
Of all that you are and for all that you do.  
Keep sharing your wisdom, your jokes and what you know  
'Cause without all of these, you just wouldn't be 'Geoffro'!*

*Happy birthday 02-12-2024*

need to share the duty of representing our Club as, the more we support other Clubs, the more inclined they are to return the favour when we hold our own tournaments.

***A bit of humour to keep our spirits up: With Christmas fast approaching, it's high time we had the puddings and the cakes made. I've been hard at work. Honestly, my cooking is so marvellous, even my smoke alarms cheer me on!***





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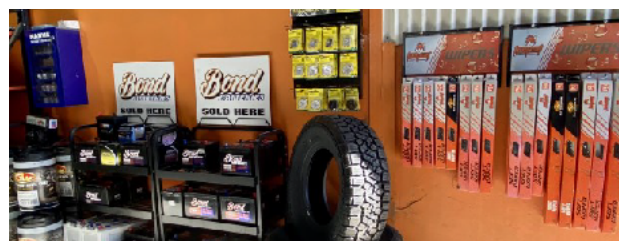


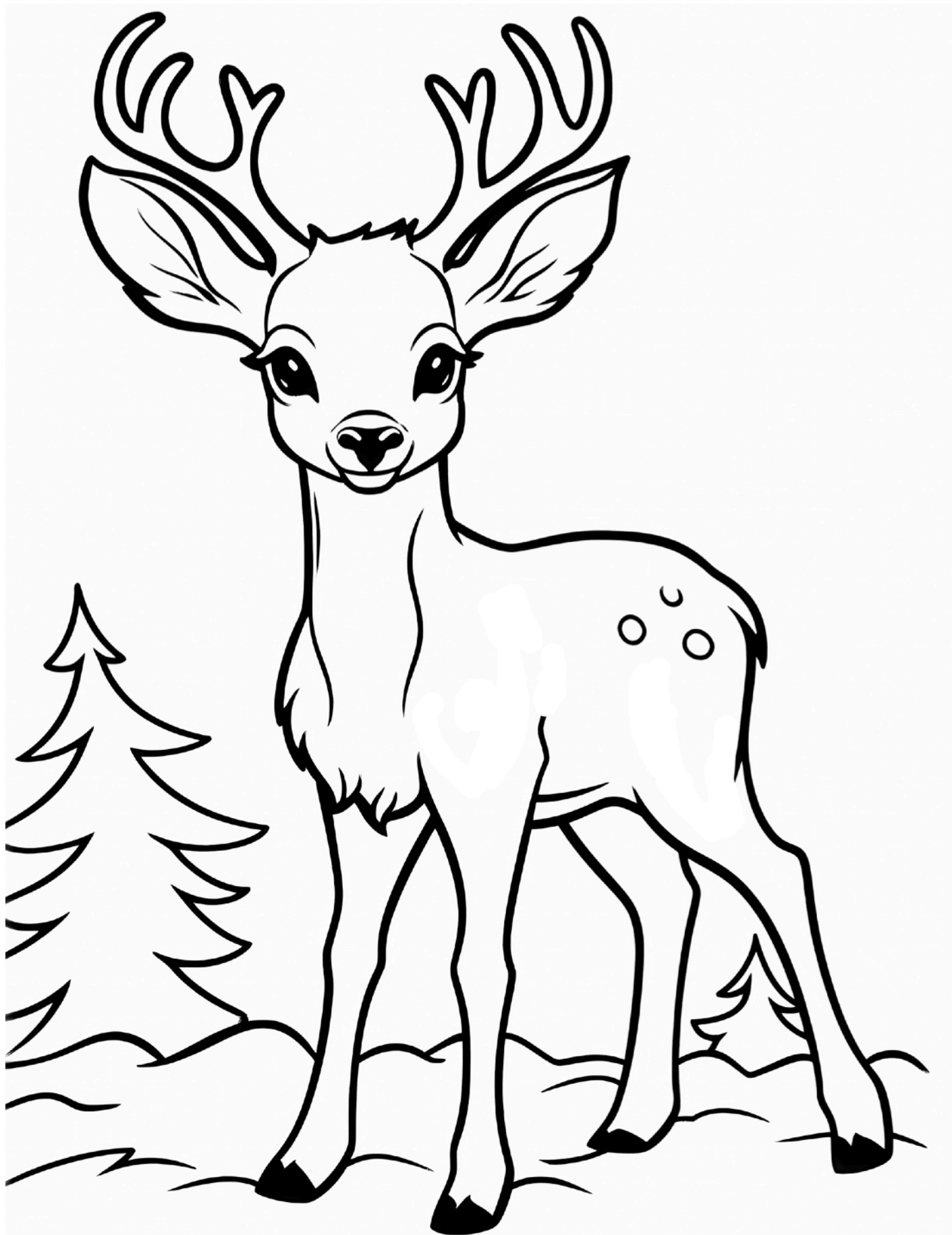
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# What is Advent?

*Supplied by Reverend Mark Boyce*



The word advent means the arrival of a notable or important person.

Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Birth of Christ on Christmas day and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. It has been celebrated since the 6th century. Advent is celebrated on the 4 Sundays before Christmas.

Advent is a time of preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ. It is a time when we purposely focus our attention on what the birth of Christ means for us as Christian people. It is a time of decluttering and refocusing. So often our lives get very busy and we can without realising it find our lives have lost the focus of what we are really about as Christian people and in our western communities our focus can become about consumerism, having the next best thing, or obtaining and having more of everything. Just think about cluttered cupboards full of things we never use. Consumerism has disastrous effects. It affects our relationship with Jesus. We can become greedy and inconsiderate of others.

Advent is often a time of refocusing on Christ coming into the world and it is also a time of focusing on others and not so much of ourselves.

The four advent themes this year are hope, peace, joy and love, and each week during our services we light a candle for each of these themes leading up to Christmas

We all need hope. Hope gets us through the difficult times. Hope gives us a promise of things to come. That there is a plan and purpose to all that goes on around us. In Advent we celebrate the hope of Christ coming into our world.

In the coming of Christ, we experience a God who did not write us off as a bad idea or a bad debt. In fact, we celebrate that God came to serve us, to be with us, to bring about a plan that would one day bring about a saving plan.

The birth of Christ always amazes me every year we celebrate it. The God who created the universe, who made it all come into being was willing to come and be with me and you and the whole world. That says that we are worthwhile, that God sees something in us worth going through all this for.

That gives me hope. It also gives me hope to realise that God has a plan and God will bring about a plan to restore all things.

If you are struggling with feelings of hopelessness this year may you experience the hope that Christ brings to every person this year.

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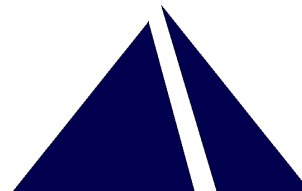
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## This week's happenings at Pyramid Hill College

### Year 9 Mock Interviews



Twelve Year 9 students took part in interviews applying for jobs chosen to suit their interests. Each student prepared a resume and a cover letter for the interview and answered questions about their interest in applying for the job, their strengths, weaknesses and what they could offer to the business or organisation. Volunteer interviewers: Alex Baldwin (HR Dept Loddon Shire), Neville Miller (Millers Ag business owner), Cheryl McKinnon (Ex Loddon Shire Mayor and NCLLEN Board member) and Brett Vine (newly instated Policeman at PH Police station) provided excellent feedback to the students as a group and commented on the high standard of preparedness, polite engagement and confidence demonstrated by students in the interviews.



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## MEDIA RELEASE

**TITLE:** Loddon Shire Council welcomes new Mayor and Councillors

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Councillor Dan Straub has been elected as the Loddon Shire Mayor during a Special Council Meeting on 19 November 2024.

Cr Straub, who is the Councillor for Terrick Ward, said he was delighted to be elected to the role.

"I'd like to thank my fellow Councillors for electing me as Mayor – it is a great honour," Cr Straub said.

"I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Cr Holt for his excellent leadership as Mayor for the past year."

Loddon Shire Council also welcomed three new Councillors and two returning Councillors, who were officially sworn in this afternoon.

- Boort Ward Councillor David Weaver
- Inglewood Ward Councillor Miki Wilson
- Tarnagulla Ward Councillor Nick Angelo
- Terrick Ward Councillor Dan Straub (returning)
- Wedderburn Ward Councillor Gavan Holt (returning)

Loddon Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Lincoln Fitzgerald congratulated Councillors on their swearing in.

"I congratulate our new and returning Councillors, and together with Loddon Shire staff, look forward to working with our new Council," Mr Fitzgerald said.

"I would like to thank all candidates who stood in the 2024 elections for their dedication to their respective communities by putting themselves forward for election.

"I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Wendy Murphy and Linda Jungwirth for their contributions and services as Councillors for the past term," Mr Fitzgerald added.

Mr Fitzgerald also paid tribute to outgoing Boort Ward Councillor Neil Beattie, who chose not to contest this year's election. Mr Beattie was elected to Loddon Shire Council in 2005.

"On behalf of the Loddon Shire Executive Team and staff, I thank Neil for his selfless dedication and service to Council and his community during the past 19 years," he said.

"As well as a Councillor for nearly two decades, Neil served three terms as Mayor and was recognised with an MAV Mayor Emeritus Award in 2022.



## What can I do at Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House?

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### Justice of the Peace

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