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A Quick Look Inside..

Our intrepid Progress Association President, Drew Chislett got the key to the door last week to have a sneak peek inside the new Community Centre!

As of printing there is no opening date.. but it can't be too long now!



Neighbourhood House Reduced Hours and Services in March

Due to staff holidays, we are reducing hours at the Neighbourhood House from Tuesday 18 March - Friday 28 March. The House will be open 10am - 1pm Tuesday to Friday each week.

For these two weeks there will be NO Pyramid Press. The last Press for March will be next week, Thursday 13 March. We regret that this also means we have reduced hours for Services Australia access and Goldfields Library.

Remember
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Inside: BCG Succession Planning, Pyramid Press Survey, Bowls Notes, Sylvaterre Nursery feature plant, Progress Autumn BBQ, Suicide Prevention Training, College News,

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Coordinator Catch Up

Hi Neighbours!

We had a groovy day at the Memorial Hall yesterday with almost 200 people attending Asking For Trouble's performances! The kinder and primary students showed up first, and had a fun time. I am betting there were a whole lot of kids who had never seen a woman stand on her hands before..

Then it was lovely to have a mob of our local seniors attend the afternoon performance with the high school students!

There's a bit coming up in Neighbourhood House land in the next few weeks! First thing to know, Dr Ziggy and I going away for a fortnight - so Lizzie and some plucky volunteers will be holding the fort, from 10am - 1pm instead of the usual 4pm close time for the last two weeks in March. Because of the reduced staffing we will have to put the Press on a hiatus for two weeks as well. Many apologies. This was not an easy decision to make! Next week will be the last Press of March. Please get your information in to us asap to be included.

We have courses coming up in early April. All three of the courses will be run by external training providers. I am waiting on the full info about Barista and Food Handling.. however the details on how to book in are in the what's on section of this week's Press!

Rhyme time is coming back! We are excited to be holding Rhyme Time prior to the Storytime at the Kinder.. [we may change times depending on how this all goes].

In other news - it's my birthday on Monday, that is why the whole state is getting the day off. Enjoy it.

Kim



Pyramid Hill Progress Association's

Autumn Business BBQ Brekkie

Come down to the Lions park to support our local business owners and have a chat with mates.

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Friday 7th March, 7am to 9am

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Sunday| Mount Hope

Pyramid Hill Progress Seasonal BBQ

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Ag Chemicals Training - Pyramid Hill

14 and 15 April - to register head to this web page www.thecentre.vic.edu.au/ or call 5721 0200
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Barista and Food Handlers Certificates

12 and 13 April | Find out about the course here <https://qss.edu.au/courses/> or call Jackie 0438848850

Garage Sale Saturday March 8.

Jenny Prior has organised 8-10 garage sale sites to participate! Balloons will be out the front on the morning of the Garage Sale. Participating streets include Victoria, Kelly, Barber, Albert and Railway Ave - full list available on noticeboard the night before

Sheep Information Morning #2 at Millers Ag.

Wednesday March 12 | 8am breakfast | presented by Heidi | bring all your wooly questions!

Water Aerobics [updated details]

THURSDAYS | 6pm | Pyramid Hill Pool

\$10 class only. This will only continue if there are consistent numbers! Please come along and bring a friend!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

Carer's Walking Group | walk from Neighbourhood House to the Hill | 9am

TUESDAYS

Staying Strong Exercises | Kelly Park Exercise Equipment | 9.30am - 10.30am \$5 per class

Morning Coffee | 10:15 AM | Neighbourhood House

Goldfields Library visit | 11:30 AM |

Neighbourhood House

WEDNESDAYS

Moderate Movers exercise group | 9 AM | Pyramid Hill Tennis Club | BYO exercise mat or towel

Social Bowls | 7:00 PM | 98 Victoria St

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

THURSDAYS

Art Group | 10.30 AM Neighbourhood House

FRIDAYS

Pyramid Hill Playgroup | 10:00 AM | Preschool, 67 Kelly St [Storytime and activities once a month with Goldfields Libraries see Pyramid Hill Playgroup on Facebook for more details].

Card Sharks, Games and Afternoon Tea | 2:00 PM - 4pm | Neighbourhood House

Pyramid Hill Golf Club

It is nearly time to get the course prepared for the upcoming season.

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Bring & Share lunch to follow

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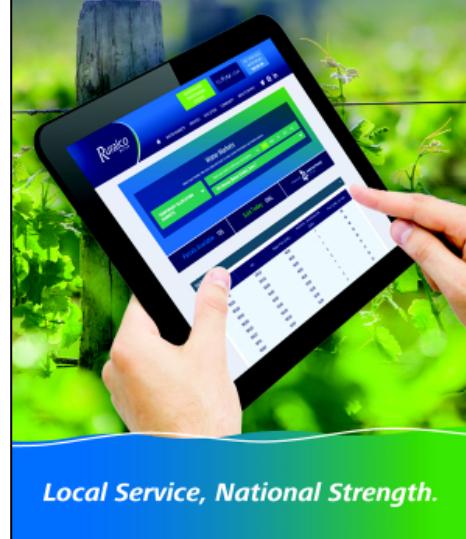
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Tennis Notes

Here are the scores from Saturday (01/3) and the updated ladder at the end of our home/away season

Raywood, 5 (113) def Lake Meran, 0 (70)
Calivil North, 4 (108) def Dingee, 1 (85)
Mincha West, 4 (109) def Serpentine, 1 (77)
Bye: Yarrawalla

Ladder:

Mincha West, 3.46 (138.9%)
Dingee, 3.25 (63%)
Calivil Nth, 3.11 (151.4%)
Raywood, 2.82 (110.1%)
Serpentine, 2.18 (109.8%)
Yarrawalla, 2.04 (91.3%)
Lake Meran, 0.54 (66.8%)



Playgroup 2025 – Everyone welcome!

When: Every Friday from 10am

Where: Pyramid Hill Preschool

Come along to play, learn, and socialise in a fun and supportive environment.

Goldfields Library also visits once a month for Story Time and activities at 10:15am.

Whether you're a returning member or new to the group, we'd love to see you there!

For more information, feel free to contact Claire Pickles. Also be sure to follow Pyramid Hill Playgroup on Facebook.



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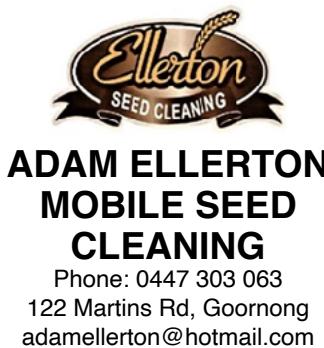
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MEDIA RELEASE

TITLE: Significant election promise for Little Lake Boort Recreation Precinct Project

FURTHER INFORMATION: (03) 5494 1200, email: comms@loddon.vic.gov.au

Loddon Shire Council has welcomed news of a significant election promise from the Nationals of \$950,000 to contribute to the Little Lake Boort Recreation Precinct Project, should the Coalition form Government after the 2025 federal election.

On 19 February 2025, Dr Anne Webster, Federal Member for Mallee visited Boort to announce the significant funding commitment, which represents a substantial contribution to the project.

Loddon Shire Mayor, Cr Dan Straub expressed his appreciation for the financial commitment towards the project.

"This funding commitment will help transform the Little Lake Boort foreshore into an even more vibrant and accessible space for our community and visitors to enjoy," Mayor Straub said.

"This project has been a key advocacy priority for Council. Investing in this precinct will not only improve the experience for locals but also attract more visitors to our region, benefiting businesses and boosting our local economy."

Delivery of this funding pledge would unlock Council's capacity to deliver an extensive overhaul of the foreshore area, with improvements to Nolan's Park, Historic Park, Boort Tennis Club and the Boort Croquet Club.

The project will ensure these improvements enhance the experience of both the community and visitors to this unique and valued recreational oasis.

Council looks forward to working with all levels of government in delivering this project, ensuring lasting benefits for the Boort community and wider Loddon region for many years to come.

The 2025 federal elections will be held on or before 17 May 2025.

Photo from left: Loddon Shire Mayor, Cr Dan Straub, Dr Anne Webster, Federal Member for Mallee and Loddon Shire Councillor David Weaver (Boort Ward)



Pyramid Hill Football/ Netball Catering Committee Annual Meeting.

**Wednesday 12th March at
7.00pm At the Pyramid Hill
Football Shed. All welcome.**

**Please come and support
your Football club and be a
part of it.**

This committee is a small but vital part of the workings of the Pyramid Hill Football/Netball Club with match day food options as well as Thursday night teas. It is usual for all families and individuals to be given a shift or two to help out with these duties via rosters.

These will be drawn up in time for the first home game in April. Anyone able to help out on Gala Day on 29 March would be very much appreciated, and is asked to contact Tania or Lorraine, thank you.

We will not be expecting new members to be put in to daunting positions as yet but mainly gain more awareness and create more interest. Hope to see you there in 12th

Bowls Notes

With the Pennant Season being wrapped up this week (only the Mid-week Grand Final left to play) our eyes will soon be left searching for Tournaments to play.

In the meantime players and spectators feasted on some great matches in both the Mid- week Preliminary Finals and the Saturday Pennant Grand Finals.

Mid-Week Results of the Preliminary Finals played at Cohuna Golf: Division 1 – Barham defeated Cohuna in a tight contest 58-53, only five shots separating the two teams. Barham will now play Kerang in the Grand Final play off on Wednesday, 5 th March at Barham Bowling Club.

Division 2 – It was a prolonged game between Gunbower and Leitchville with neither team wanting to concede defeat as they engaged in a neck-to-neck encounter. A drawn game was played after the first 42 ends. The coin was tossed and each rink played another end, with the result again being a tied match. Another toss of the coin and away they went again.

With nerves of steel Gunbower managed to sneak home with a 2 shot victory, 43- 41 shots.

Gunbower will now face Barham 2 in the Grand Final also played next Wednesday, 5 th March at Barham Bowling Club. Good luck, to all involved.

Saturday Pennant results of the Grand Final: Division 1 – Cohuna 1 prevailed over Barham 2 winning with the tiny margin of three shots. Each of the three rinks was a tight contest with only one or two shots between them. Cohuna managed to win two of the rinks which gave them the winning edge – 52-49. A brilliant finish for Cohuna Bowling Club!

Division 2: It was a nail-biting encounter also between Kerang Golf 2 and Cohuna Golf 3 with Kerang Golf managing to claim the Premiership with a six shot victory – 59-53. The result was basically determined on one rink as the other two rinks, with quite large margins, cancelled each other out. Congratulations to Kerang Golf.

Division 3: Wakool had a handsome victory over Kerang Golf who scraped home a win by one shot on one rink, but the other two rinks showed big margins to Wakool who claimed the prize comfortably – 73-37. Well done, Wakool.

Northern Valley Division: Kerang 1, coming into end of season in top form, managed to topple Cohuna Golf 1 on all three rinks, earning them the inaugural shield for the newly formed Northern Valley Division. It was a smorgasbord of great bowling which kept the crowd enthralled. The final score showed Kerang premiers by ten shots, 74-64.

Congratulations Kerang Bowling Club; that is a fine achievement and places you into the history books.

Rounding Off the Season;

Board Meeting on Wednesday 12th March 7:30pm

Victoria Hotel dinner Thursday 17th March 6:30pm

A/C Tournament Wednesday 2nd April

Seafood tournament Sunday 5th May

End of Season Break-up dinner yet to be announced



With a bit of spare time up my sleeve, and feeling the need to de-traumatize, the following notes were penned (typed) with a bit of tongue in cheek.

Prayer of The Skip, When You are not A Skipper's Sneeze

(For those who might find this prayer sacrilegious, transpose the word pray for hope).

Before the game gets under way, I've already lapsed into prayer; don a hat, shine my bowls, shake the hands, the contest to prepare. I'm praying we'll not be annihilated, we're just a humble crew— perhaps the opponents are feeling kindly or have come down with the flu.

I pray that the roll up gives my team a clue to the pace of the green and how much grass to take. I pray the wind will not be strong that the weather will give us a break.

I pray that they won't be offended if I tell them, "It's just your weight when they roll too short or too long."— or even, if I say "You are a bit heavy," they'll not get me wrong.

I pray the rolling of the kitty is somewhere near my feet. Not too long especially on a green that's fast, when the bowls whiz to the ditch as beyond the T they pass; not too short to require a feathery, gentle touchy; not out of bounds to give the opposition privilege to choose their favoured length. Oh, Lordy, I want it just right or at least somewhere in between.

I pray the Lead can get bowls kitty close – at least within coo-ee; one just behind, the other a resting toucher. What a dream that would be! That's surely a reasonable prayer. Oh, Lordy, just get one close.

I pray the Second will have watched previous bowls just played, and worked out a likely track. I pray they can put bowls into the head so the rest of us can have a crack. Please just bowl to the whereabouts and, oh for heaven's sake, our own strategic bowls are not the one to take. Oh, Lordy, keep the good bowls coming.

I pray the trusty Third corrects all things thus gone wrong. If we've got enough short bowls, I pray for something long. There's times to play the up-shot when things are looking dire; just bowl with a bit more pace – add a touch of fire.

I'm praying you're my rock, my very saving grace. I'm praying your bowls will fall into perfect place. Oh, Lordy, can you attract the kitty?

As we cross for change of end, I pray with eye brows raised. I smile and mutter kind words and offer words of praise. I pray that they don't notice beads of sweat upon my brow, as I ponder what I have to do and consider all things "How?"

I pray that as I bend to bowl, my back will not give way; that my knees will stop shaking, and my butt will not sway. And as I watch my bowl, my breathing takes a pause, I twist and turn and squint to see what damage I have caused.

I pray in silent reverence there'll mild applause at least, that a lucky shot or two I've been lucky enough to fleece.

I pray that with my bowls I've added numbers to the score - not ruined what my team have given me before.

I pray that if I can't get shot, I'll at least cut it back – I don't want to put on display that I'm just a Skipper' hack. Oh, Lordy, what is the fate to be?

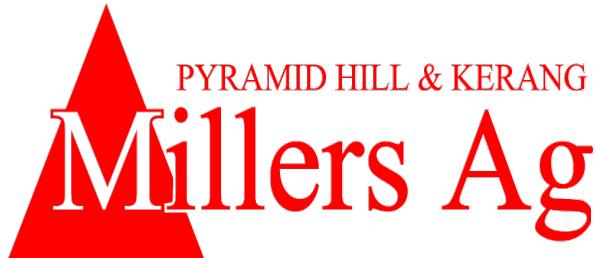
I pray that the measure is showing in our favour. I pray harder still as multiples we savour. I pray until we get our first score upon the board, and then rejoice, whate'er the tally, it won't be a scoreless hoard. After playing 21 exhausting ends, I pray, "Thank, Lordy, that is over!" If only we had scored some more we'd be sitting in green clover.

We all shake hands and grab our gear and smile through tightened lips, our effort it was worthy though we could use some winning tips.

But, I'm satisfied we've not been smashed and have given them a fright; and say, "Thanks again, dear Lordy, the Coffee Bank's in sight.

There are some who consider bowling as simple as a breeze, but it's fraught with ragged tension when you're not a Skipper's Sneeze.





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Planning for Tomorrow: BCG succession workshop

Farm succession is often complex, emotional, and uncertain. To help farming families tackle the issue, BCG is hosting a Succession Planning Workshop on Wednesday, March 12, from 9:00am to 2:30pm at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre, as part of GRDC's RiskWi\$e initiative. The event will provide practical discussions and expert insights to support a smooth transition between generations.

Guiding succession with experts

James Hamilton from Cultivate Advisory will lead the day, helping participants navigate the key challenges of succession planning. With years of experience supporting farm businesses, Hamilton understands that successful succession is about maintaining both business viability and family harmony.

"At the end of the day, the goal is for everyone to turn up at Christmas and be happy," Hamilton says. "Good communication, planning, and clear expectations are key."

Tackling the tough conversations

Succession involves financial, legal, and emotional considerations. The workshop will break these elements down into manageable discussions, helping families take control of their future.

Jack Langley from Farrell Goode Solicitors will delve into Capital Gains Tax and timing, including the implications that follow.

Tim Findlay from Cato Advisory will discuss the characteristics of farm businesses that are well-positioned to transition to the next generation, ensuring long-term scalability and viability. He will also address how rising land prices have changed the dynamics of succession planning and what this means for those looking to transition their farms.

Beyond financial and legal considerations, succession planning is also about relationships and mindset. Neville Brady from Brows Up Consulting will lead a session on managing emotions and separating family relationships from business decisions. Participants will also complete a DISC behavioural profile assessment, helping them understand their communication and

decision-making styles - an essential tool for navigating family dynamics.

Who should attend?

This workshop is designed for farming families at any stage of the succession process. Whether actively transitioning management, planning for the future, or simply seeking guidance, the session will provide practical insights and expert advice.

BCG RiskWi\$e project manager Meg Conlan emphasises the importance of understanding risk when planning for the future: "Succession planning isn't just about handing over the farm - it's about ensuring the business remains viable for future generations. Having a plan in place helps avoid difficult, last minute decisions and sets the next generation up for success."

Participants will walk away with actionable steps and a clearer understanding of how to begin or refine their own succession plans.

About RiskWi\$e

RiskWi\$e is a 5-year, \$30 million national initiative (2023–2028) aimed at helping Australian grain growers navigate increasing levels of risk from weather variability and price volatility. By improving understanding of the risk-reward relationships in on-farm management decisions, RiskWi\$e supports growers in making informed, confident choices that maximise rewards and minimise potential losses. RiskWi\$e is conducted in partnership with grower groups, 6 action research group leads, research/extension partners, CSIRO and the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC). Find out more <https://grdc.com.au/research/partnerships-and-initiatives/strategic-partnerships/riskwise>

To register for the event or for more information, visit bcg.org.au/events.

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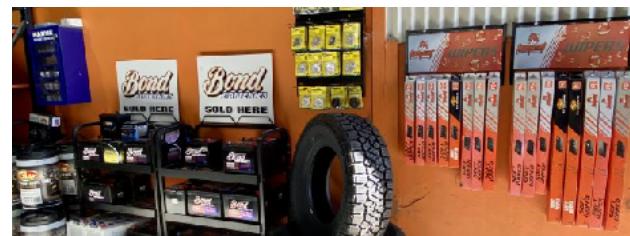


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2025 SURVEY

We are looking at new ways to deliver the Pyramid Press. When The Press began in the 1980's it was written and managed out of the College, and was pretty much the only way of getting information out to the Pyramid Hill masses. Now in 2025 we chat via social media, and we also have the Loddon Herald covering our weekly issues.

We know that the Press is loved, and distributed to hundreds of readers every week via paper or through our website. We are not proposing to end the Press, however we would like to get an idea of what it is YOU value, and whether we can make some changes to make it even better.

Did you know you can subscribe to the Pyramid Press and receive it straight to your email inbox?

<https://pyramidhillhouse.org.au/>

What is your Age?

- Under 35
- Under 65
- Under 105

Do you read the Pyramid Press?

Weekly / Monthly / Whenever I think of it

Where do you like to read your Press?

- Coffee Bank / Bakery /Post Office
- Facebook
- Delivered to my home
- Neighbourhood House Website
- Email

What articles or items are you most interested in reading?

Front page / Coordinator Catch Up / Neighbourhood House information / Church Notices / School page / What's On and social events / Sports pages / Local Business Advertising / Farming or special interest articles / Mayoral Column / Farm info [Birchip Cropping Group and GM Water announcements] / information about courses and training

Other _____

Do you use these Facebook Groups?

- Neighbourhood House
- Pyramid Hill 3575
- Pyramid Hill Buy Swap Sell

Other _____

Do you read the Loddon Herald?

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Whenever I think of it
- No, I read the Pyramid Press – that is the only place I get my news!

What do you love about the Press?

What do you think would make the Press a more helpful and better newspaper?

How often do you think we should publish the Press?

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Quarterly

Why?

What new articles or items would you like us to include?

- Crosswords / Word games
- Art and Photography
- More Sport
- Jokes / comic strips /kids page
- Stories by locals or about locals



Pyramid Hill history



Crime



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Reports from local Clubs and Volunteer Organisations

Other _____

Would you like to write for, or help us gather articles of interest for the Press?

Is there anything else you would like us to know? You are welcome to come to the Neighbourhood House to share your constructive ideas, email us on pyramidhillpress@gmail.com or call 54557129

Thanks for helping out! We will use all information collected to inform the next steps with the Press.

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