

PYRAMID PRESS

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Unit Catches Alight in Kelly Street

Friday 21st November at approximately 5.30pm a residential unit caught alight in Kelly Street.

As smoke engulfed the small home, neighbours raised the alarm, and realised the sole occupant George Cheater was locked inside.

Windows to the unit were smashed, to allow for the occupant to be rescued from the smoke.

Local fire brigade, ambulance and police attended ensuring the scene was managed and that George received prompt care.

George had recently returned to his unit in Pyramid Hill after some time away.

He sustained some burns, and smoke inhalation and remains in hospital.



The unit is undergoing repairs this week.



Volunteers Drivers Needed!

Our Community Car program has had the busiest year yet, but we are running short of volunteer drivers!

This is a sincere call out so we can keep this vital service running! Could you spare a half day a fortnight?

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Fire on Ritches Road Wednesday 26 November, at 3.20pm 14 vehicles were responding to the emergency. Hoping all is under control!

[sirens going off as I am putting Press together this week!]

Inside: Bowls Update, What's On, Pool Hours, College News, Art Show Flyer, Advent HOPE, Christmas Cooking, VFF Petition to preserve farmland, Past Press, Durham Ox Christmas Tree, Mologa Solar info sessions, Upcoming Courses in Cohuna. PHNH XMAS hours

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REMINDER: NO PRESS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WHAT'S ON

Harvest Dreaming
 Sunday | Mount Hope

Murrabit Market
 6 December | Murrabit

Cohuna Farmers and Makers Market
 December 21 | Garden Park Cohuna



Handmade Christmas cards

Pyramid Hill Library Agency

Tuesday 16 December, 11.45am-12.25pm



Bendigo Showgrounds Market

Every Sunday from 8.30am at Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Road Bendigo

Finders Keepers Op Shop - furniture and tools
 Shed next to Pyramid Hill Store

Opening times Sunday **10am - 1pm** | All proceeds from sales go back into our community. Accepting donations of quality used goods.

Pyramid Hill Golf Trail Park Run

Saturdays | 7.45am for an 8am start at the Hill

Justice of the Peace at Neighbourhood House
 Tuesdays 12.30 - 2pm 9 December

NDCH - Nurse Practitioner Visit.

Book in to see Yvonne on these dates: 27 November | 18 December Call NDCH Medical clinic 54521366

Mologa Solar Hybrid Project Information Sessions
 3 December at Community Centre in McKay St. More info on page 9.

Christmas Pyramid Hill Christmas Carols, Save the Date! Thursday 18 December 7.30pm at Memorial Hall.

Pyramid Hill Art Show 13-19 February 2026
 Entry Forms available from 14 November - 30 January.

More details at Pyramid Hill Art Show FB contact Anne Grogan aegrogan@gmail.com

Christmas Craft with Naarah!

16 December | Magnets and Christmas Cards | Goldfields Library activity at Neighbourhood House

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS

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

Coffee and Catch Up | 10:15 AM | All Welcome | Neighbourhood House

Goldfields Library visit | 11:30 AM | Neighbourhood House

Bowls Practise Each Tuesday at 4.30pm Pyramid Hill Bowling Club

WEDNESDAYS

Book Club | 4:30 PM | FIRST Wednesday of each month. Christmas Party on Wed 3 December at 'the Deck' Please bring a gift of a book for Kringle-time!

THURSDAYS

Art Group | 10.30 AM | informal crafty arty gathering | 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 FB for more details].

Senior Citizens each Friday | Community Centre McKay Street. Cuppa, chat and games. On the 2nd and 4th Fridays join us for a community meal commencing at 12 noon. Other Fridays commence at 1pm. For more information please contact Terry on 0429843479 or Lyn on 0428564006.

For the people who are booked to attend the **Christmas lunch in Barham** on Monday 1st December the bus will be leaving the Community Centre at 10.45am.

We are holding our regular lunch this Friday 28th in the Community centre at 12. If you haven't already confirmed please contact Lyn.





ANGLICAN CHURCH—Durham Ox Rd Pyramid Hill

1st Sunday of each month join with the UCA at Tyndale Church at 10.00am

2nd Sunday 9.00am HC at St Thomas' Anglican Church

3rd Sunday join with the UCA at Tyndale Church at 10.00am

4th Sunday 11.00am HC at St Thomas' Anglican Church

Enquiries: Rev Sue Allen 0417 365 386
Bill Boyd 0448 219 457

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Kelly St Pyramid Hill

Every Sunday at 11.00am

Enquiries: June Smith 0438 062 646

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—Victoria St Pyramid Hill

Saturday Mass 6.30pm each week

Wednesday Mass 6.00pm each week

Enquiries: Contact Kerang Presbytery 5452 1041

TYNDALE UNITING CHURCH—Victoria St Pyramid Hill

1st Sunday of each month 10.00am at Tyndale Church

2nd Sunday 9.00am join with Anglicans at St Thomas' Church

3rd Sunday 10.00am at Tyndale Church

4th Sunday 11.00am join with Anglicans at St Thomas' Church

Enquiries: Rev'd Mark Boyce 0402 906 780

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Practical Christmas Gift Idea!

Our friends at Letizias are running some workshops in Cohuna over the next few weeks. If you are stumped for a Christmas gift idea - why not give the gift of a short course..???



UPCOMING COURSES SPECIAL PRICES DECEMBER ONLY!

Victoria RSA - \$80

Wednesday 3rd December 9.30am - 3.30pm

Barista Workshop - \$130

(The Big Cohuna Stockyard 105 King George St)

Monday 8th December 10am - 1.30pm

Food Handlers - \$110

Tuesday 9th December 9.30am - 2.30pm

Victoria White Card - \$160

Wed 10th December 9.30am - 3.30pm

First Aid/CPR Refresher - \$130/\$80

Friday 12th December 9.30am - 3.30pm

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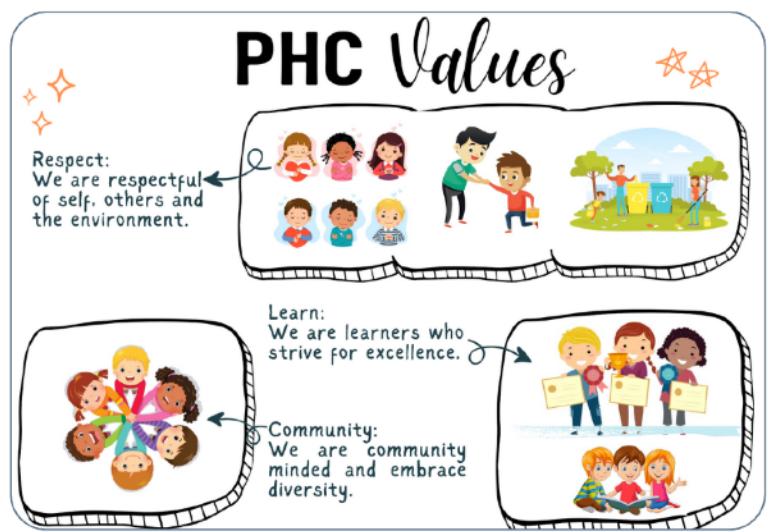
Last week on the 18th of November our secondary students went on school camp to Torquay. Students participated in surfing lessons, which was very fun for them to do. They then went kayaking, where they played games like races and swapping kayak partners in the water, they also stopped by the beach and played some fun beach games. The students went on a 16 km mountain bike ride along the beach which was very enjoyable with great views. The Year 9 and 10 visited Deakin University on a tour, this was a great opportunity for them to have options in the future. - Laura, Year 9



—● QUICK Updates

DEC 2025

- 1-5 Dental Visit
- 3 Year 9&10 First Aid Course
- 4 Year 10 Dinner
- 4 Year 5 to 8 Games Day Boort
- 8-12 Work Experience - Year 10
- 9 Moving Up Day
- 15 Presentation Night
- 16 Activities at PHC
- 17 Bendigo Trip
- 18 Pool Day





PYRAMID HILL
ART COMPETITION



A Major's Vision

PYRAMID HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

PYRAMID HILL ART SHOW

13 – 19 February 2026

\$9,000

Prize Money

Gala Opening & Awards on
Friday 13th February at
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

**Entry Forms available via
Facebook page or email**

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entries close 31 Jan 2026



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HOPE

The word 'Advent' comes from Latin and means "coming;" its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ to Earth; it is a season that focuses on waiting. Advent means something new is coming. The dawn of a new and better era. This is really what the Christmas season is all about. It's the celebration of the ADVENT of a new era. God broke into time and space and entered our world. The themes for Advent that help us to focus our lives are hope, peace, love and joy.

In the first week of advent the Bible reading that is used is from Isaiah 2:1-5. Isaiah has a vision where God is at the centre of all things and then this beautiful passage where swords are beaten into ploughs and spears into pruning hooks and there is no more war.

Isaiah dreams of beaten swords into ploughshares. They are dreams of peace, of life, of hope that Christ will bring. And as we reflect on this thought we might ask the questions, "What are the swords in our hearts that need to be changed? What are the swords that wound us and hold us back from dreaming and from knowing God more fully? We may indeed ask the God of hope to help us change them into something life-giving.

Through prayer, we can enter into God's presence and ask Him to prepare our hearts the way He prepared all of history to receive the gift of His Son. We can ask the Father to use this time during Advent to cut away the distractions and make our lives a place of warmth and openness.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as we enter this Advent season, help us cling to the hope You bring. In a world that feels heavy with need, remind us of Your promise to come again and make all things new. Let our hearts be filled with the light of Your presence, leading us closer to You each day. Amen.

ADVENT MESSAGE SUPPLIED BY REV.
MARK BOYCE.



Bowls Notes:

Mid-Week Pennant:

We were hard pressed to score any wins this week. Obviously the week off did us no favours. The major source of excitement was the match between **Red Team** and Barham. With some of our regular players unavailable others had to step up. Joe's team with Kate, Maurie and Rose had some really good heads but they were confronted by an opposing Skip who just couldn't do anything wrong. Many a-time they were holding a handful of shots only to be thwarted by the man with the arm. After scoring a tidy four on the fifth end, they sat at that level for another seven ends and struggled to reach double figures until the dying stages of the match. The fact that their opponents were only scoring in small numbers emphasized the impact of that stick-man. They finished eleven shots down, 11-22. The team with Marie N (Skip), Carmen, Bill and Glen got away to a magnificent start, quickly racing to seven shots, and managed to keep their noses in front all day. However, try as they might, they were unable to muster a high enough score to cover Joe's rink. At the very last end of the match scores were tied overall. We just had to wrangle one shot to score a victory but instead we gave three shots away. Perhaps the pressure was too much! Whatever, it was a tad disappointing to get so close and succumb on the last end despite winning the rink 26-18. The Freddo Frog Award didn't have quite the flavour it could have had.



Blue Team welcomed new player, Glen, into their side. If you haven't witnessed a Baptism for a while you missed out again on Saturday; it was a baptism of fire for Glen. He must have felt like a sinking submarine, he was thrown so turbulent into the deep end. Tony was Skip, with Glen in his very first game of Pennant playing Third, along with Lyn, Second, and George, Lead. The normal lie of the land is new players usually play Second or Lead, and the Skip and Third positions are delegated to the more experienced players. From all my recollections of my 100+ years of bowling I have not identified another occasion of the new player donning the cap of the Third in their first game. Glen just showed everyone that it could be done, and probably created a bit of history in the process. The score at the end of the match was almost as historical (or hysterical) 6-37, but it was not for the lack of some good bowls and determination. They were just surpassed and outclassed by the stronger Cohuna side. On the other rink, Allan (Skip), with Robyn, Dorothy and Jasmine were really good sports and went out of their way not to show Tony's rink with the newbies up. They finished 5-37 down- maybe the jet lag due to the flight home from New Zealand was a contributing factor, or maybe that's clutching at

straws. Regardless, it was very gallant gesture by Allan and Co to make a sacrifice of that ilk. I'm sure when they get over the trauma of such a thrashing they'll thank you for your consideration. Ultimately Glen will probably never forget his first game of Pennant bowls and, in time, will surely have much to brag about how much he has improved with experience!

Saturday Pennant

Division 2: Oh Woe, Oh No!!! Although the effort and endeavour was present, the castle came crashing down although not as devastatingly as the effects of the cyclone in Darwin. Our loss on all rinks to the Barham side has caused us to topple from top spot to second on the Premiership ladder. All eyes focussed on Lionel's rink in the early stages as he, along with Carmen, David and Glen got off to a positive start. It would seem that the hoodoo of Lionel having never scored a win was going to be broken at last, but at the seventh end with the score 8-1, no-one noticed the black cat cross their path. For the next ten ends they could not conjure up another score while Barham piled on twenty-one shots without faltering. From there a few heads went down and shoulders drooped as it became crystal clear that their match, indeed the whole match, was out of reach for a win. The 12-25 loss was just too wide a bridge to traverse.

Marie S (Skip), Marie N., Terry and Ian worked hard but struck an opposing Skip in miraculous form. The pressure was immense and became even more intense when they donated six shots on one end midway through the game. They managed to salvage the loss of those six shots over the next two ends as they clawed back a double set of three. Some great heads were set up but the devilish Skip from Barham caused broken hearts time after time. Despite winning the majority of ends, they finished six shots behind, 19-25. It was a great contest marred by the resulting loss. A similar outcome was evidenced on the rink played by Jan (Skip), Jean, Kate and Rose. They, too, scored on the majority of ends albeit mostly by just one shot each time. They just couldn't break clear of their opponents and were all tied up on the second last end at 16 apiece. Sadly it was Barham who scored the one shot victory, 16-17. The overall score displayed on the electronic score board showed a loss by twenty shots, 47- 67. We can't complain about the weather elements as we were tucked up under the dome, and there were no lumps and bumps or jutting bits of turf on the synthetic surface, yet we seemed to struggle to adjust – or maybe we were just out-played by a better side. It's

back to the drawing-board to see where we can improve.

Winners of the Frog Award took a bit of a twist this week. Jan's rink were the best performers for the Pyramid Hill side so they certainly qualified. With Division 3 not playing due to the Bye, Joe and Bill were recruited by Barham to fill a couple of vacancies. Bill assisted his rink to achieve a drawn match, while Joe starred to help his lot score a great sixteen shot triumph. They both enjoyed the winning feeling and are deserving of a Frog Award as well. Good work, guys, but don't even think of applying for a transfer.

Other Notes:

- **Mid-Week Pennant – Red Team** travel to Barham to play Barham 3 while **Blue Team** travel to Leitchville.
- Saturday Pennant – Division 2 host Leitchville while Division 3 host Kerang.

• **Social Event:** The Christmas Party has been booked in to the Sporties Club at Kerang for Thursday 11th December. The Sporties Bistro is all about delicious meals, a family-friendly vibe, and plenty of space to kick back

and enjoy – a place where everyone feels welcome and the food always hits the spot. The Kerang Sporties Club has come on board as one of our sponsors so we are repaying their support by making use of their Bistro for our Christmas social night. Please place your names on the sheet at the Club house for booking purposes.

- **Congratulations to Marie S.** who, with Ian Maine from Wakool, won the Mixed State Pairs for the Northern District Playing Area. It was a very tight affair with eh scores tied up at the end of the required fifteen ends. A decider end had to be played to formalise a winner. Well done, Marie and Ian.
- **BBQ Take 2** With both sides playing at home on Saturday we will have another go at the BBQ event at the conclusion of the day's play.

A brighter note: Have you heard about a new sport called Quiet Tennis? It's like regular tennis but without the racket.

Have your say on the proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid Project

Potentia Energy is proposing to develop, construct and operate a Solar Hybrid project in Mologa, Victoria.

The proposed Solar Hybrid would generate up to 662,000 MWh per year of clean energy – enough to power around 109,500 homes in Victoria.

Community engagement is a key part of the development process and entire project life cycle and allows us to understand any concerns the community may have. We appreciate the feedback received so far, which showed strong interest in learning more about the project. In response, Potentia Energy will host four additional information sessions in December 2025 to provide you with an update on the proposal.



Community information session



Join us at the Pyramid Hill Community Centre, 6-10 McKay Street on **Wednesday 3 December** at either 9am, 11.30am, 4pm or 7pm.

Places are limited, so register via the QR code above. Alternatively, you can secure your spot for a specific session by emailing engagement@urbis.com.au or calling 1800 271 009.



Completing our survey

Provide your feedback by completing a short survey on our website: potentiaenergy.com.au/project/mologa-solar-hybrid

About Potentia Energy

Potentia Energy is a leading Australian renewable energy developer and asset owner, dedicated to supporting the nation's transition to clean energy. Potentia Energy has a growing portfolio of utility-scale wind, solar, and battery storage projects, including local projects Cohuna Solar Farm and Girgarre Solar Farm.



For more information

Potentia Energy has commissioned Urbis Engagement to collect feedback from the community and provide further information about the proposal.



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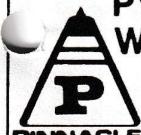
ASSOCIATES

The Annual Meeting and Closing Day of the Pyramid Hill Golf Associates will be on Tuesday September 24th.

There will be a 18 hole stroke event starting at 1.30pm, names in by 1 o'clock. Tea will be at six o'clock (please bring a salad) followed by the Annual Meeting. This is an important meeting on the golf calanders so could all associates please attend. The Club Closing Day is Sunday September 22nd Bring your own partner, Ladies a salad, men a sweet. Sunday September 29th is Invitation Day bring a friend.

Please return books for Woolrest Underlay.

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CUBS

Two hundred and forty cubs from 21 packs gathered at the "Cow Patch" Boort on Sept 15th for the Annual Mandurina Day held for cubs of the North West Region.

The cubs, leaders, scouts, guides and parents enjoyed a wide range of activities including painting pet rocks, making their own Mandurina badges, A brush to clean the dashboard of the car, making and flying kites, making pancakes with Boort Ranger Guides, finger printing with the help from the law. Tug of war, egg and spoon race, 3 legged race and sack racing along with ambush helped dispense some energy.

Trevor Moresi from Boort kindly brought his beautifully restored gig pulled by his horse Jemima.

Cubs and leaders came from Sea Lake, Woorinen, Dimboola, 2/3 Kerang, 1st Kerang, Charlton, 2nd Cohuna, 1st Cohuna, Wedderburn, Pyramid Hill, Leitchville, Boort, St Arnaud, Hopetoun, Nyah West, 1st Swan Hill, 3rd Swan Hill, Lake Boga, Donald, Wycheepoof, and Woomelang.

With perfect weather all went well and everyone enjoyed themselves making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. Remember this song???

Make new friends, But keep the old,

One is silver, The other gold.

Our thanks must go to C.L. Graham Hall and Ian Potter 1st Lake Boort, for all the work they put into the day and to the parents committee for providing lunches for the 350 people that were present.

TYNDALE

EVENT

FUND RAISING EVENT

For Tyndale Sunday School Hall Renovation Work; Tuesday September 24th 12.30pm.

Light Luncheon:

\$1.00 each
Soup, Sandwiches, Tea & Coffee & Slices

A trading table will be operating (donations will be gratefully received anytime)

Display and sales of Tupperware(Pam Sinclair)
Rawleigh Products
Home made Chocolates
Equipment & Chocolates for the home Chocolate maker.

Very Good Value door Prize
All Welcome to Lee Dixons Home
38 Kelly st Pyramid. Next door to the National Bank. Phone 557227.

A&P

Messrs Alan Scott, Ken Watson, Bill Price and Bob Ritchie will be honored with Life Memberships of the Pyramid Hill A&P Society at this years show.

The President Mr Bruce Fawcett, requested a period of silence at the commencement of the last meeting, in memory of two recently deceased Life Members Mr J.B. Richards and Mr Herbert Bawden

Circulars have been mailed to all Stud Sheep Breeders within an 80 KMs of Pyramid Hill notifying them of the 1st Annual Flock Ram Show and sale to be held at the 1985 Show. The first entries were received this week.

The Society would be most grateful for any information regarding the Shows held before 1940 so that preparation for the 1986 Show can be made. Mr Ken Watson has 1924 and 1938 Show schedules in his possession.

Sandwich fillings are requested for Afternoon Tea at the Iron Man Day on October 6th. The Society caters for this in the Golf Clubhouse. Mrs Dianne McGillivray c/o Mrs Isabel Wilson Won the Dinner run in conjunction with the street stall on Friday.

ST. PAT'S TRIVIA NIGHT

Victoria Hotel

Friday 27th Sept. 8pm

Novelty Prizes

Major Prize: A three course dinner at the Hotel.

\$5.00 per head

with supper provided.

Limit of six per table.

BOOK NOW!

Ring Linda 557 072.

MORE NOTICES

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 21st September at 9.00am at the Pyramid Tennis Courts. Players of the Four Teams are asked to attend.

THANK YOU

Thanks to my family and friends for best wishes on my 21st Birthday.

Allison Marlow.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Friends and relations of Ethal and Bill Burke are invited to afternoon tea at Senior Citizens Club Rooms on Sunday 22nd September at 3.30pm to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Definitely No Presents.

BROWNIE AND GUIDE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting of the Local Association it was decided to change the regular meeting date so that the parents who can't attend on a Thursday morning, will now be able to do so. The meetings of the local association will now be held at 1.30pm on the 4th Monday in the Month, in the Guide and Scout Hall. All parents and friends of Guides and Brownies are very welcome.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

On the 22nd September at 10am there will be Sunday School for all ages then at 11am Morning Family Worship will be held with Martin Goldup. In the evening at 7.30pm an Evening Gospel Fellowship will be held with Boort joining in, this will be followed by a cuppa.

Then on Wednesday 25th September Good Companions will be held for all girls from prep. On Thursday 26th at 8pm a study on 1 Corinthians 13 at the home of Glennis and Glen Broad. Everyone welcome to share with us.

SHIRE OF GORDON

Land holders within the Shire of Gordon are reminded that an election will be held for appointment to the Land Protection Regional Advisory Committee of the Department of Conservation Forests and Lands.

Council supports their nomination of Mr. Alan Scott of Pyramid Hill, voting will be conducted at the Lands Department Office Boort and the Lands Departments Residence, Pyramid Hill, between the hours of 10am and 4pm on Tuesday, 24th September, 1985.

Any land holder is entitled to vote, postal voting also applies. Land holders are requested to participate by voting on September 24th, Council supports the nomination of Mr. Scott.

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Farmers launch petition to protect irreplaceable farmland

VFF MEDIA RELEASE, NOVEMBER 18, 2025



The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is calling on Victorians to pledge their support to grow and protect the State's prime farmland by signing a new petition as part of the new 'Help protect Victorian farmland' campaign.

VFF President Brett Hosking said Victoria's farmland represents a huge asset that needs protecting.

"Our farmland is an economic powerhouse that underpins more than 150,000 jobs and contributes in excess of \$20 billion to the Victorian economy each year."

"Victoria is Australia's food bowl and our farmland is a National treasure, producing almost a quarter of the Nation's food, from just three per cent of arable Australian land."

"Our farmers protect and conserve our State's incredible biodiversity, as well as being industry leaders in the emissions reduction our planet needs so urgently."

"Farmers and the soil they farm are irreplaceable and I'm urging everyone to back our farmers. We must send this message loud and clear to governments right across the Nation," Mr Hosking said.

Across Victoria, productive agricultural land is facing challenges for competing land use, such as housing estates, mining approvals, transmission corridors and large-scale energy projects. The rate of our prime farmland loss is staggering. We've lost well in excess of 100,000 hectares to housing alone in the past 10 years, that's 6,500 times the area of the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The petition is designed to remind governments and decision makers that farmers and the rural communities they support are vital to our State's success.

The VFF is calling for a change in how land use decisions are made, with a particular focus on food security, local communities, and long-term sustainability.

The VFF is urging the Victorian Government to develop a Statewide strategy that:

- Protects high-value agricultural land from fragmentation;
- Ensures real consultation with local communities;

- Provides fair compensation for landholders and communities; and
- Guarantees shared benefits for regional areas impacted by development.

"We're not asking for development to stop. We're asking for it to be planned with intelligence, respect and an eye to the future."

"It's time we looked at our Victorian farmers and rural communities as an icon to be celebrated for all they provide to our economy, community and environment. I'm asking you to join us and help celebrate them with me," Mr Hosking said.

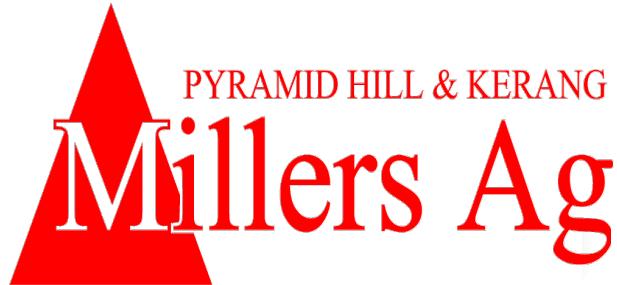
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Know of someone who should be on our Hamper Recipient List? Nominate them by calling into, or phoning Neighbourhood House 54557129, or message us on

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Neighbourhood House News

Hi Neighbours

We recently held our AGM, and there have been a few changes to the Committee of Management. I would like to welcome Jenny Farrar and Nadine Ray who have come on board as new members! With some gratitude and sadness we farewelled Leanne Talbot and Fiona Moon who have both held important roles supporting the governance of the Neighbourhood House for ['how long?' 'Years.. and years.. and years..!']

Carol Mullins takes on the role of Treasurer, and Jenny Emanson takes on the role of Chairperson. We thank all of our members and committee for the support in the last year.



Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House Christmas & New Year Trading Hours

Neighbourhood House will close at 3pm on Tuesday 23rd December and return Monday 19 January.

There will be no access to Goldfields Library or Services Australia. However - Cleo will still be available with some limits [depending on driver availability]. Lizzie will be in town, and able to be contacted.

Chocolate Cherry Cake

Ingredients

[gluten free Christmas cooking!]

- 50 gm dark chocolate (85% cocoa), chopped
- 2 tbsp coconut oil
- 210g coconut syrup or maple syrup
- 125ml (1/2 cup) Morello sour cherry juice
- 80ml (1/3 cup) brandy
- 100g almond meal
- 35g (1/3 cup) raw cacao powder, plus 2 tbsp extra
- 40g (1/4 cup) buckwheat flour
- 1/2 tsp gluten-free baking powder
- 3 eggs, separated
- 110g (1/2 cup) Morello sour cherries, drained
- 50g coconut sugar
- Morello sour cherries, extra, to serve
- Edible glitter, to serve (optional)

Method

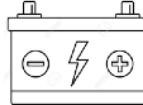
- **Step 1**
Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan forced. Grease and line base and side of a 20cm (base measurement) springform cake pan.
- **Step 2**
Place chocolate, oil, 115g of the syrup, 60ml juice and 2 tbs brandy in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until smooth. Transfer to a bowl. Set aside.
- **Step 3**
Stir almond meal, cacao, flour, baking powder, yolks and cherries into chocolate mixture. Use electric beaters to beat egg whites in a bowl until stiff peaks form. Slowly add sugar, beating until thick and combined.
- **Step 4**
Fold half the egg white mixture into the chocolate mixture. Fold in remaining egg white mixture until just combined. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.
- **Step 5**
Whisk remaining syrup, juice, brandy and extra cacao in a saucepan over medium-low heat for 1 minute or until smooth. Bring to boil. Simmer for 3-4 minutes. Cool. Place in fridge for 1 hour to thicken. Top cake with extra cherries, sauce and glitter, if using. *Recipe from taste.com.au*





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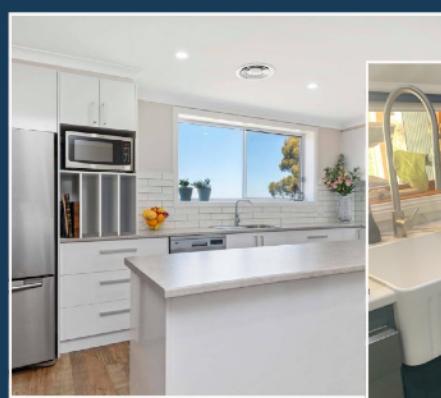
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