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Dry Seasons Strong Spirits night a success!

Congratulations to all involved bringing comedians Marty Fields and Tom Siegert, and Jeremy Forbes from HALT to our Community Centre last week.

It was a good night to have a laugh and catch up with friends over a show and supper.

HALT [Hope Assistance Local Tradies] is an important resource for tradies, truckies and farmers.

If you missed the night but want to find out more.. head to their website. <https://halt.org.au/>

In this issue: Golf and Bowls news [including MORE groovy bowling pictures - and a dreadful joke!], West Gate Theatre review, Mologa Anzac Day invitation, Unit to Let - Dingee, Neighbourhood House news, Easter Traditions, Rock n Roll Dancing Round up for week one, Interesting article from Stephen Loosely regarding growing Pyramid Hill, Jarklin Trivia

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WHAT'S ON

Why Not Grow Rice This Year?

We have enough water.....

Sunday | Mount Hope

Ernie Miller is turning 90!

Save the date | Sunday 12th April for a luncheon party.

Infant Immunisation Pyramid Hill

Wednesday 8 April 11am | NDCH | McKay Street | Pyramid Hill contact to make a booking 54941200

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

Justice of the Peace | Neighbourhood House | Tuesdays 12.30PM - 2PM 31st March

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. This month the theme is *WW2 Intrigue* TWO vacant spots in Book Club! Come join us.

Moderate Movers

12.30PM | Community Centre in McKay St | Bring a towel / exercise mat and a cold drink.

THURSDAYS

Art Group | 10.30 AM | informal crafty arty gathering | Neighbourhood House

Card Sharks | 2PM | Neighbourhood House [other games available too]

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. On the 2nd and 4th Fridays join us for a community meal commencing at 12 noon. **For more information please contact Terry on 0429843479 or Lyn on 0428564006.**

SATURDAYS

Pyramid Hill Golf Trail Park Run

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

SUNDAYS

Finders Keepers Op Shop - Furniture and Tools

10am - 1pm next to the Pyramid Hill Store, Kelly St

Senior Citizens

On Friday the 27th we will have a meal.

Our guest speaker will be Georgia Anderson from Northern District Health.

Georgia facilitates the *Support for Carers Program*. This program is Victorian funded but still relates very close to Carer Gateway supports.

would like to attend. Lyn 0428564006

Pyramid Hill Golf Club

Working bee - Starting from 9am

March 29th March

Many hands make light work – all help is appreciated.

Golf schedule - 12:30pm hit off

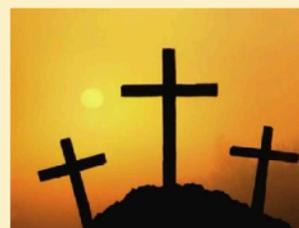
Pyramid Hill Church of Christ

Kelly Street, Pyramid Hill

Good Friday Service

3rd April, 2026

10.00 am



All Welcome

On this Day March 26.

1909 – Australian actor Chips Rafferty was born in Broken Hill.

1984 – The \$100 note was put into circulation

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

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Every Sunday at 11.00am

Enquiries: June Smith 0438 062 646

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Wednesday Mass 6.00pm each week

Enquiries: Contact Kerang Presbytery 5452 1041

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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

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TRIVIA NIGHT
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MENTAL HEALTH

11 April 2026

7 Pm

Jarklin Hall

\$10 per person

All Proceeds to go to Mental Health Organizations

RSVP by 10 April

Individual or Table to:
Alex Mountjoy: 0400 379 222

BYO Food and Drink

Jordan Wood as Host

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

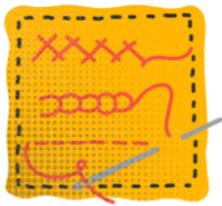
KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Book In: 54557129

*adult supervision required for children under 10

MONDAYS

10.30 - 12.00 TERRARIUMS!
LITTLE GARDENS IN GLASS VESSELS



WEDNESDAYS

10.30 - 12.30 SLOW STITCHING
CREATIVE FABRIC CRAFTING

THURSDAYS

10.30 - 12.30 MOSAICS
MINI MOSAIC PROJECTS



Cost \$5 per child for each activity!!

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House will be closed over the Easter break. However! We will be running School Holiday programs in the mornings!

We are bringing back the terrariums and tiling projects as we had such fun last year! But a new one on the list is fabric crafting - slow stitching and creative fabric activities!

We are looking forward to this one!

Kids under 10 to be supervised by parents or special adult humans.

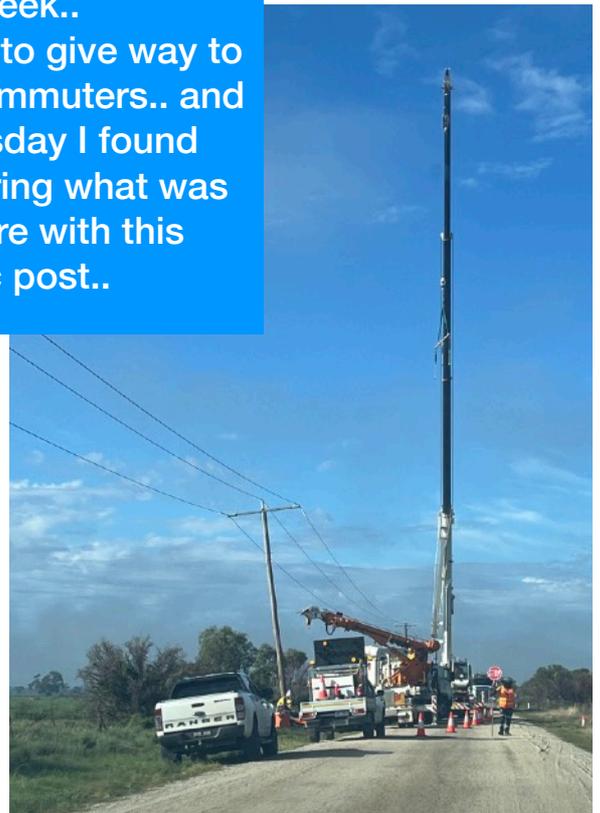
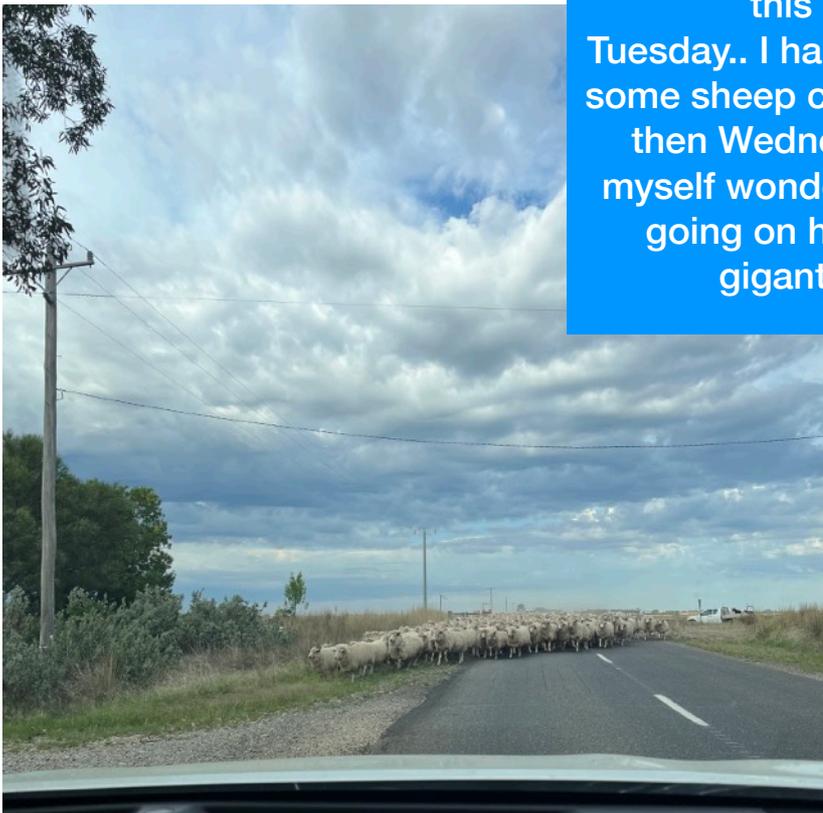
Give Kim and Lizzie a call to

Garden help needed!

Do you fancy helping the committee wrangle the front garden of the Neighbourhood House? Even if you aren't up to pulling weeds.. you might have some sheep poo or mulch you could donate? Call in or Call us on 54557129

Running late for work twice this week..

Tuesday.. I had to give way to some sheep commuters.. and then Wednesday I found myself wondering what was going on here with this gigantic post..



ROCK N ROLL DANCE LESSONS

Courtesy of Bendigo Jailhouse rockers



Pyramid Hill Hall Friday Nights

20th & 27th March

10th & 17th of April (easter off)

7-9pm (arrive at 6:45)

\$60 per person for 4 weeks
to be paid upfront on the 20th

please no children in the hall during lessons. great
excuse to get a sitter and have a night out

Contact

Meg Stewart : 0429 366 470
or Trevor Mac : 0428 633 345

We had 18 newbies start their Rock 'n Roll venture on Friday night. We were expecting more - it's a bit of a strain on the organisers if folks book and then don't show up. Thanks to the six people that let us know they couldn't make it.

Eight lovely, patient teachers from Bendigo Jail House Rockers came to help us and all our left feet. A great fun night had by all, with a lovely supper and cuppa afterwards with lots of laughs and mingling between locals and Rockers.

We are dancing again this Friday and it's the last night for any one new to sign up.

Don't be afraid it's a great casual environment to learn something new or dust off your moves. Partners are not required, plenty of willing helpers on the dance floor. (last 2 weeks we will be moving onto next steps so new people



Bowls Notes

As the end of the Bowl Season approaches, especially with the Pennant matches all completed, we might be lulled into a false sense of security and think that we can rest on our laurels. That is not the actual case. Several major events still loom on the horizon.

Firstly: Wednesday Day, 1st April: PHBC is hosting an Any Combination 4's Tournament commencing at 10:00am. This will mean that all members need to contribute to ensure that the tournament is meticulously organized and the facilities are all in top order. Please ensure you attend to your allocated tasks and be ready to lend a hand with catering and other jobs on the day. We are greatly appreciative of the sponsorship provided by Catalyst Metals and cluBahram for this event.

The second date to remember is that of Wednesday, 8th April which is scheduled for the next Board Meeting. Board Members will meet at the Clubrooms at 7:30pm. Please note that this meeting has been pushed back a week due to the Tournament on the 1st.

The third event of importance is the Club Wind-up Dinner to be held at the Pyramid Hill Victoria Hotel on Wednesday, 15th April with a 6:30pm start. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. Please notify Marie N of your intention to attend, or place your name on the sheet at the Bowling Club, for booking purposes. It will be another occasion whereby we can highlight and celebrate, not just a great year, but the coveted Premiership.

Sunday the 3rd of May is the designated day for the very popular Seafood Tournament. This is another Any Combination 4's event with a starting time of 12 noon. Entries should be lodged with Lionel Mann or Jan Leed. This tournament is very generously sponsored by Paul Carter from the Victoria Hotel.

Last year we had the delight of hosting players



across the State who contested in the 60 Over Carnival. This year the Carnival is set for Monday 18th May through to Tuesday, 25th May. Depending upon the number of entries received by the major hosts, cluBarham, we may be invited to provide our venue on three days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) for sectional matches of pairs, mixed pairs and singles. As well as having the opportunity to view some top bowlers in action, it is also an opportunity for our Club to raise some valuable funds. Further information will be provided as it comes to hand.

Then as we head into the half way mark for the year, the PHBC will hold its AGM on Wednesday 3rd June, at 7:30pm. Please give careful consideration to the people who will be in positions to lead the Club for the next twelve months. Nomination forms will be



available and should be lodged with the Secretary, Carmen Cauchi, at least one week prior to the meeting.

The bowls season still continues with numerous tournaments in surrounding areas. If you are feeling the need for a game of bowls, contact our Tournament Managers, Lionel and Jan, who will point you in the right direction and may even help you to form a team of other interested players. Of particular note Soup and Pie Days kick off on 26th March at Cohuna Golf and are then held weekly for four weeks. In addition, Kerang runs its big Easter Tournament Friday 3rd April through to Tuesday 7th April.

It's certainly not time to pack away the bowls just yet.

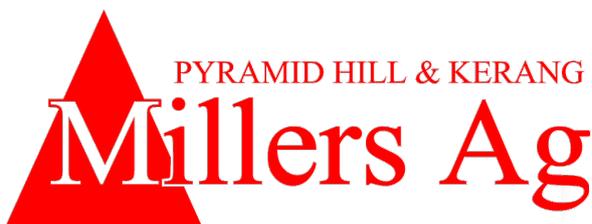
On the bright side of things: *Are you sweating while putting petrol in your car? Feeling sick when you go to pay for it? You might have Carownervirus.*



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- Kurrajong**
- Mallee Golden Wattle**
- White Cypress Pine**
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To the Community

We would like to extend an invitation to all of you to attend our **ANZAC Day Ceremony** at the WW1 Memorial at Mologa at 8 am.

From an overgrown and neglected Memorial to a place fit for the celebration and remembrance of the soldiers, the Mologa & District Landcare Group, with the help of the community, has changed this area for old and young to attend.

Pictures don't tell always the whole story; you must be there to believe and see the change which has occurred. You can feel the presence and spirit of peace when the ceremony is held. Old and young alike will think of the soldiers which have given us the security to live in peace even if they paid the ultimate sacrifice.

We have written books "**Faces to Names**", which shows the pictures of the soldiers on the Memorial and tells the stories of them, and "**100 Years of WW1 Memorial at Mologa**", which tells the story how it came about to build this Memorial. From an idea of the Memorial, to the unveiling and then on until now.

Our community, the district and members from interstate will assemble here to pay their respect to these brave men who have fought for our peace.

After the ceremony, you are invited, we will have a BBQ so that people can have a chat.

Thank you

Bill Boyd, President of Mologa & District Landcare Group
www.mologalandcare.com



Last weekend I headed to Melbourne to see **West Gate**, a play created to honour the story of the thirty five men who were killed in the West Gate Bridge collapse on the 15th October 1970. This incident remains Australia's deadliest industrial accident.

In the opening scene we meet the workers, Union representative, the Engineers and construction Manager. We find out there's some anxiety about conditions for the workers, but management and the Engineers are on a time crunch so they persuade the workers to get back on the tools.

Over the next few scenes we see the relationships between the Italian, European and Aussie workers. We see them keeping each other accountable on site 'You're my eyes and ears!' The experienced welder Vittorio [Steve Bastoni] says to his young co-worker in a few of the scenes. There's camaraderie, ribbing, respect and football team rivalry amongst the working crew. We get to see how they rely on each other both on the job site and after work.

Looming over the cast during all these scenes is a dimly lit, tall blank column of concrete - representative of one of the pylons of the bridge. It's the only piece of set on stage.

There's a terrific moment when the workers are working on putting all the pieces of the west side of the bridge together - they're working on stage and then a trap door opens and a couple of blokes climb down into the stage - you get the sense they are hanging under the bridge working.. What the Engineers have asked the workers to do is absolute madness.. Moments later there's a booming sound, and the tragedy, the collapse happens

It is intense that in such a short time, you can become so invested in the characters on stage - and when you only see **some** of them return for the final scenes.. Well it was heart-wrenching.

The play was written from real testimonies from survivors of the tragedy, and family members. It really is one well worth seeing.

It's on at the Southbank Theatre until the 18th April.

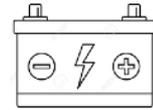
Leading the cast are Steve Bastoni, Daniela Farinacci and Lachy Hulme.

**side note: I first saw Steve Bastoni as a bleach haired Rocky in the Rocky Horror Picture Show in 1988. The very next day, as I was walking along Russell Street my charm bracelet caught on the cream open-knit sleeve of someone walking beside me.. I looked up, and it was Steve! If my life was a romantic comedy.. well we'd be married by now.*



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From Stephen Loosely - via the Pyramid Hill Community Noticeboard Facebook page.

This morning I put the following question to Google Gemini AI [artificial intelligence] and so after ten seconds, here is the answer this AI gave ..

Question: "Please advise us what our Australian small country town, Pyramid Hill, should do to develop and grow in population and in wealth?"

Answer: Pyramid Hill is a unique gem—that striking granite outcrop rising from the plains is a landmark most towns would kill for.

However, like many small towns in the Loddon Shire, the challenge is shifting from "surviving" to "thriving."

To grow both population and wealth, the town needs to leverage its specific identity as a multicultural agricultural hub while modernizing its appeal for the 2026 economy.

1. CAPITALIZE ON "THE HILL" (NATURE & TOURISM)

Wealth follows foot traffic. Currently, people might stop for a photo of the hill, but they don't always stay to spend.

- **Eco-Tourism Infrastructure:** Develop world-class walking and mountain biking trails around the base and summit.
- **The "Glamping" Pivot:** There is a massive trend for "secluded luxury." Small-scale, high-end farm stays or eco-pods overlooking the plains can attract Melbourne weekenders with high disposable income.
- **Astrotourism:** Pyramid Hill has incredibly low light pollution. Marketing the town as a "Dark Sky" destination for photographers and stargazers can fill beds during the off-season.

2. EMBRACE AND FORMALIZE THE MULTICULTURAL EDGE

Pyramid Hill has a secret weapon: its Filipino community. Unlike many dying country towns, you have a young, vibrant, and hardworking population.

- **The "Fiesta" Economy:** Turn local cultural celebrations into regional festivals. Food is the fastest way to pull people from Bendigo, Echuca, and Melbourne.
- **Entrepreneurial Support:** Provide micro-grants or "pop-up" shopfronts for local families to start small businesses (bakeries, specialty grocers, or cafes) that reflect the town's diversity.

3. SOLVE THE HOUSING BOTTLENECK

You can't grow a population if there's nowhere to live. This is the "chicken and egg" problem of rural Victoria.

- **Worker Housing Models:** Partner with local large-scale agricultural employers to develop high-quality, medium-density housing.
- **Subdivision Incentives:** Work with the Loddon Shire to streamline the process for subdividing larger town blocks into smaller, more affordable "entry-level" lots for young families.

4. ATTRACT THE "DIGITAL NOMAD" & REMOTE WORKER

The 2026 workforce is no longer tethered to the city. To attract young professionals:

- A "Third Space": You need a high-quality hub (perhaps in a refurbished historic building) that offers high-speed internet, great coffee, and a professional atmosphere.
- Marketing the "15-Minute Life": Highlight that in Pyramid Hill, you can own a house outright for the cost of a Melbourne deposit, walk to work, and have a commute measured in seconds, not hours.

The Strategic Value Chain

To build wealth, you must move from Exporting Raw Goods to Adding Value.

Agriculture - On-site processing, boutique branded grains or wool.

Tourism - Destination events, guided tours, and overnight stays.

Services - Specialised rural tech support and remote professional services.

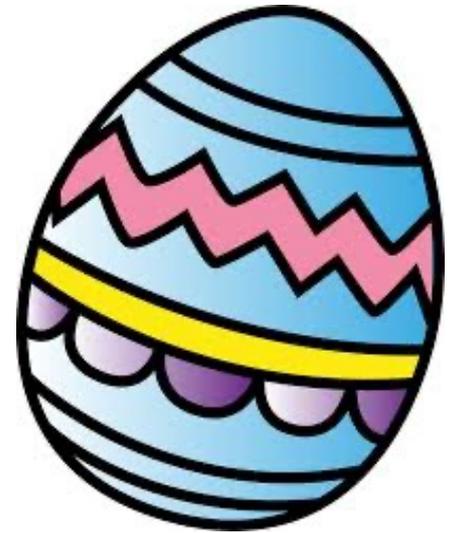
What do you think about what the new Artificial Intelligence google bot thinks of our town?



Easter Traditions Across the World

Which of these celebrations would you like to participate in?

I love the idea of an omelette with 15,000 eggs!



Australia

Easter Bilby

To protect native wildlife, many Aussies swap the bunny for the endangered bilby.

Norway

Påskekrimmen

A unique tradition of reading or watching murder mysteries and crime thrillers during the holiday.



Bermuda

Kite Flying

Locals fly colorful, often cross-shaped kites on Good Friday to represent Christ's ascension.



Greece

Red Eggs

Eggs are dyed strictly red to represent the blood of Christ. In Corfu, residents throw clay pots from balconies.

Sweden

Easter Witches

Children dress up as "Easter Witches" (påskkäringar) and go door-to-door for candy, similar to Halloween.

Poland

Śmigus-Dyngus

Also known as "Wet Monday," this involves large-scale, friendly water fights on Easter Monday.

France

Giant Omelette

In Bessières, members of a local brotherhood cook a massive omelette using roughly 15,000 eggs.

