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Pyramid Hill's Biggest Morning Tea

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Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Friday
12 June 11am
@ Community Centre

Congratulations to Pyramid Hill Progress Association - and ALL the community members who worked hard on putting together a funding bid for the Tiny Towns State Government grant. Today it has been announced that we will be able to create a plan for a walking track connecting the Hill to the CBD, and the creation of a nature based play space at the Hill.

Projects have also been funded for our Loddon based neighbours in Dingee, Mitiamo, Korong Vale and others*.

Progress will keep you updated as the project fires up!

*there's a more detailed story in the Loddon Herald today!



Over the last three years we have run the Biggest Morning Tea with great success! This year Neighbourhood House, teams up with the Seniors to put the fun into 'fundraising' for Cancer Research. If you would like to donate a small item for our RAMPANT RAFFLE we would be grateful!

Inside this edition:

Seniors Activities, Cheesemaking with Barry coming to Pyramid Hill, What's On, Church times, College Page, new offers from Millers Ag and Sylvaterre Nursery, Jack Kelly - a little history, Utility Relief Grant - and Energy Assistance Program, Vale Stacky Talbot, Cheesemaking fun, Finders Keepers garage sale this Saturday, changes to the Maternal Child Health program in process... and a reminder to get your Revo Rebate

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REMINDER: NO PRESS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WHAT'S ON

Hoping [and Hopping]

Sunday | Mount Hope

DS Nursing Home Care

Tuesday 16th June from 10am at Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House * a new home care provider for our area.

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 Store, Kelly St



Pyramid Hill Biggest Morning Tea

Friday 12 June at 11am, Community Centre

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

WEDNESDAYS

Book Club | 4:30 PM | FIRST Wednesday of each month. This month we are reading Always Home, Always Homesick by Hannah Kent

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].

☀️ Community Visit ☀️

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📍 Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

📅 Tuesday, 16 May 2026

🕒 From 10:00 AM



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👋 Come and Meet Us!

We'll be visiting to:

- Connect with the local community
- Share information about our services
- Answer any questions
- Discuss support options for you or your loved ones

💬 **Everyone is welcome — we'd love to see you there!**

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

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

Enquiries: Rev Sue Allen 0417 365 386
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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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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

Mitchell Park AGM

Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING to be held at Mitchell park on the 26th June 2026 at 7pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate persons as a committee of Management. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to, or on the night

For further information or nomination forms please contact Terry Stobaus 0429321555.

Vale Ken 'Stacky' Talbot

A funeral for Stacky was held on the 10 June 2026 at Mitchell Park in Pyramid Hill.

We send our deepest condolences to Leanne, Byron, Teagan, Jack, Freddie and Dusty - and the extended Talbot family at this emotional time.

We hope you gained comfort from sharing stories of Stacky's life and exploits today, with all who loved him.

A lovely bloke - taken too soon.



The next edition of the Pyramid Press will be published 25 June! Get your stories and photos in to us at pyramidhillpress@gmail.com by Tuesday 22nd June.

In next edition - Winter School Holiday Programming!

Changes in the pipeline for Maternal Child Health Service Delivery in Loddon



Loddon Shire Council will work with the State Government to transition its Maternal and Child Health service to an alternative provider, with a strong focus on continuity of care for local children and families.

The decision follows an independent review of the Council-run service, which found that while it is highly valued by families and performs strongly in relation to participation and community connection, the current model faces ongoing sustainability challenges and risks when being delivered in a local government setting.

These include a small specialist workforce, limited internal clinical governance capability and the difficulty of sustaining specialist clinical oversight within a rural council setting.

Loddon Shire Mayor Dan Straub said Council would now begin detailed transition planning as it worked closely with the Department of Health to identify and progress a future service model.

This would include further engagement with staff, union representatives and any potential future provider.

“By making this decision now, Council can work proactively with partners to support a well- managed transition, rather than reacting to future workforce and governance pressures,” Cr Straub said.

“The focus is on supporting long-term service arrangements that provide stability and continued high-quality outcomes for local families.”

Council recognises the deep importance of this service to local families and the broader community. The service has been highly valued for many years, reflecting the trust and relationships that have been built through its delivery.

Council acknowledges the contribution of its Maternal and Child Health staff and the important role they play in supporting families across the municipality. Although Council has resolved to transition out of providing the service, there will be no immediate change to current service delivery arrangements, and families should continue to access services as usual.

Council is committed to keeping families and the community informed throughout the transition process and will provide further updates as more information becomes available.



MintBush Majesty

Prostanthera (Mint Bush) are aromatic heavy flowering native shrubs ranging in size from groundcovers to large shrubs.

There are more than 100 different species of Prostanthera in Australia many of which do exceptionally well in the Pyramid Hill Climate.

At Sylvaterre Nursery we currently have 9 of the best Mint Bush species for local gardens.

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Pink Mint Bush

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Hairy Mint Bush

Spreading shrub, 40cm-2m tall x 2.5m wide. Strongly aromatic foliage. Purple/mauve flowers in spring.

Scarlet Mint Bush-Yellow Variant

Compact shrub to 60cm x 60cm. Yellow tubular flowers in spring. Aromatic foliage. Well-drained soil in full sun or part shade. Drought and frost tolerant.

Balm Mint Bush

A fragrant Victorian native shrub with pink flowers in spring and aromatic foliage. Ideal for borders, pathways, and low to medium screens. 1-2m x 1-2m Frost and Drought tolerant.

Mountain Mint Bush

Small shrub / groundcover up to 50cm x 80cm. White flowers with a mauve centre from September to February. Hardy plant in a well drained semi shaded position. Very showy in flower.

Piggyback Mint Bush

Upright bushy shrub, 1.5-2m high x 1.5m wide. Aromatic, dark green foliage and tubular deep pink flowers from Autumn to spring.

Variegated Mint Bush

Medium-sized shrub to 2m tall x 1.2m wide with aromatic, variegated leaves and purple flowers in spring and summer. Responds well to pruning and suitable for hedges and topiary.

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Say Cheese!

Dozens of people learned how to make cheese last week, when our Cheese Guy, Barry came back to town.

Lizzie and Rosie were amongst the students.. here they are with their ricotta!

I have heard from last year's Cheese makers they are still using the techniques they learned from Barry!

If you missed out this time, you can follow Barry's workshops as he moves around the state. At his website www.eventbrite.com.au/o/cheesewithbarry

Just a note on Barry - as he lives down in Gippsland - his workshops are mainly down that way,



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Secondary Sleep Out

Building Awareness Through Experience

PHC Student Representative Council hosted a secondary sleep out on May 28. We aimed to bring awareness to those who are less fortunate and living on the streets. Well done to those who slept on the floor or had a cardboard alternate mattress. Students took on the challenge of cooking soup for their evening meal - which was delicious. A great night was had together, making connections, building community and having fun.



Reconciliation Week

Learning, Listening and Growing Together

Our student leaders, together with our principal, led a special presentation for Reconciliation Week on June 2. Students shared the meaning and importance of reconciliation before everyone took part in a Healing Hands craft activity, showing our commitment to respect, understanding and unity.



Trade and Tech Fit Excursion

Exploring Future Careers

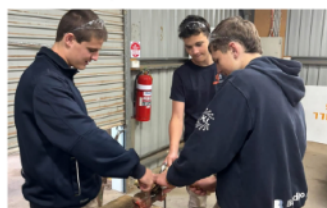
On June 3, a group of Year 10 students travelled to Melbourne to attend the Trade and Tech Fit Expo. The excursion gave students the opportunity to explore a variety of trades, industries and career pathways, helping them think about their future goals.



Sea Lake and SuniTAFE, Swan Hill

Discovering Local Pathways

Year 10 students visited Haeulser's Sea Lake and SuniTAFE Swan Hill to take part in hands-on activities and gain a better understanding of vocational education. The experience provided valuable insight into the skills and training available through local pathways.



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John McKay – Storekeeper

Born 1861 - died 1936



Later he served an apprenticeship in general storekeeping with Messrs Robertson and McIntosh, Colac, and, in 1877, managed an insolvent estate at Rochester. He then spent time as an accountant at the Australasian and European Bank, Mitiamo. In 1883, he became manager of R F Dyke's store at the Sandhills, Terricks.

In 1885, with his brother, Sam McKay, who later became manager of Hugh V McKay and Co. at Sunshine, he established a general merchandising business at Pyramid Hill with over a dozen employees. This was the first store at the corner of Victoria and Kelly Streets.

John built a home, named "Lumleah", on the corner of Victoria and McKay Streets. In 1909 the Advertiser reported that "The largest, most commodious, probably most costly private dwelling, is the villa residence of Mr John McKay in Victoria St East. It is built of reinforced concrete and is in all respects a highly finished structure". The home was to become a private hospital and eventually the local Bush Nursing Hospital. It is the birthplace of many readers of this article. It is now a private residence.

On 9th November, 1899, John's nine-year-old son Willie, and a nephew two years younger, son of Hugh V McKay, tragically drowned in a boating accident on a dam at Pyramid.

The McKay business was to become one of the largest and best-known firms in the north. The Mincha creamery was purchased in the early 1890s

Article by Michael Gregory of the Pyramid Hill and District Historical Society

Born in March, 1861, John McKay became a prominent figure in the early days of Pyramid Hill.

His name is linked with his brother, Hugh Victor McKay, in the invention of the stripper- harvester. It was first assembled at their smithy shop at Drummartin and was made out of

parts collected from various farming implements. When finally improved, this implement became the foundation unit of the famous harvester produced at the McKay works situated at Sunshine.



and afterwards formed into a butter factory. Stores were also conducted at Mildura and Mitiamo. In 1919 John disposed of his Pyramid business to the Pyramid Cooperative Society Limited.

He then resided at Leitchville where he had established another general store and a timber mill.

John McKay died in 1936 in his 76th year. His funeral took place at Pyramid Hill cemetery. The service at the grave was conducted by members of the Plymouth Brethren.

In Pyramid the road between Ottrey and Victoria Streets is named McKay Street.

John's son, Gordon, was awarded the Military Medal for service in World War I. Unfortunately he was seriously wounded in action in France. The injury resulted in the amputation of his leg. After the war he farmed on land at the end of MacRae's Road by Piccaninny Creek.



He had a wooden leg, but when off the farm he was a familiar sight using crutches with a safety peg securing the loose trouser leg to his waist. He would often swim in the pump hole where he irrigated from the creek. He told the story of one day when he was in the water and a tiger snake wrapped around his

good leg. He climbed out of the water with the snake still attached and tried not to panic. He stood for a while and eventually the snake decided to depart and all was well.



In 1970, in recognition of his family's significant role in the town's history, Gordon unveiled the foundation stone of the new Museum in McKay Street.

Did you know..?

You can head to the Wikitree website to check out what has been recorded about your family tree?

Here is the link to John McKay!
<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/McKay-1340>



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Wonderful Times at Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens

The Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens have enjoyed two fantastic events recently, bringing members together for fun, friendship and entertainment.

Our recent Free Fish and Chips Day was a huge success. Members enjoyed a delicious meal of fish and chips, followed by a scrumptious serving of sticky date pudding and ice cream. The day provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to catch up, share stories and enjoy each other's company. The event was so well received that it encouraged several new people to join our Senior Citizens group, and we warmly welcome our new members.

Last Friday, members were treated to a very special afternoon of entertainment by the Gay Charmers. Their lively music, humour, and engaging performance had everyone smiling, singing along and thoroughly enjoying themselves. A delicious afternoon tea added to the occasion, making a truly memorable day.

As member John Carroll remarked "It was the best day that we've had at Seniors". The good news is that the Gay Charmers will be returning in the future, giving members another opportunity to enjoy their wonderful entertainment.

The Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens continue to provide enjoyable activities and companionship for our community, and we look forward to many more happy occasions together.

12th June – No light meal, come along to the Neighbourhood House Biggest Morning Tea at 11am in the Community Centre

19th June – Games afternoon and trivia

26th June – Main meal and hopefully the Gay Charmers will be back again.

Having trouble keeping on top of your bills this winter?

Relief grants for paying overdue energy or water bills are available to low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship.

You may be entitled to a **Utility Relief Grant** if you have a concession / health care or veterans affairs card. Contact Department of Families Fairness and Housing on 1800 658 521

Neighbourhood House News

Hi Neighbours, over the last few weeks we have had a few visits from some awesome FREE services you should know about!

Did you know, **Northern District Community Health** have Counsellors visiting Pyramid Hill every couple of weeks? They provide a free service that ranges from Drug and Alcohol specialist support, to Generalist and Psychological Therapy Services for adults. If you or someone you know might benefit from this service - call 54510200 - you don't need a doctor's referral to take advantage of this service. I am reminded once again - how fortunate we are to have NDCH here!

We had a visit from Allie from **Mallee Family Care Community Legal Service** this week to talk about getting our affairs in order! You can talk to a Lawyer for free advice - which might include Family Law / de-facto relationships; family violence and intervention orders, Victims of crime assistance, consumer issues, going to court, debts and fines, disputes and dispute resolution. They can also provide you with referrals and legal information if that is what you need.


I recommend calling them on 1800 243 002 to see if you can get their support - or head to their website <https://mfclegalcentre.com.au>

We had an interesting chat about Wills and when to have the conversation with your loved ones about power of attorney, medical power of attorney and values wishes. The time is now people! Get your affairs in order!

Also.. have you applied for your rego rebate yet? Check on your phone - you may have the Services Victoria app already installed [many of us do since Covid] It will take you 5 minutes to apply with your bank account details, license number and vehicle rego! If you are having trouble you can come see us at the House - we can help.

Free money, neighbours! Get onto it!

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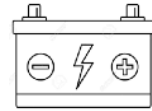
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