

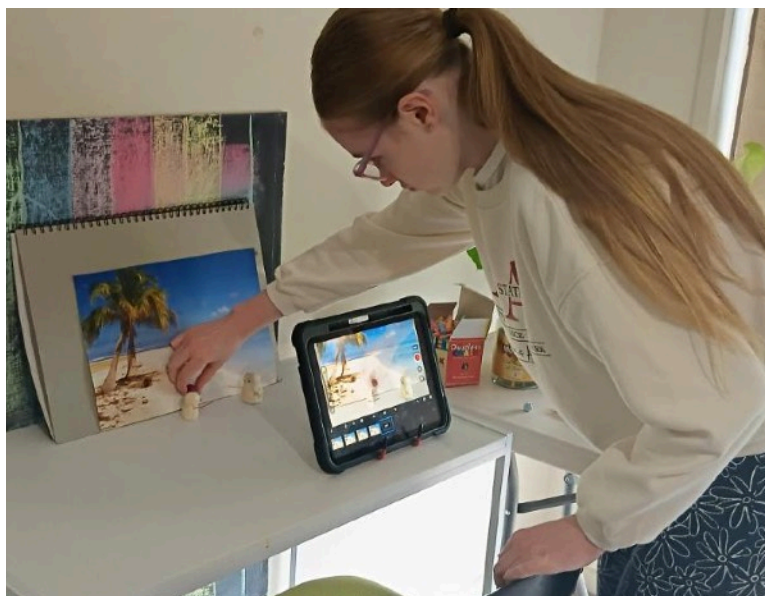
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School Holiday Animations!



Goldfields Library ran a fantastic stop motion animation workshop as part of our School Holiday program at Neighbourhood House last week! Thanks to Polly for working with our young people to teach them how to make little creatures and bring them to life! We had great fun. More photos from our School Holiday program inside..



Inside this edition:

Seniors Activities, School Holiday Program, Bus trip to Shepparton Art Museum, What's On, Church times, Historical Society, Forest Firefighters jobs open, Rego Rebate, Finders Keepers re-opening dates and more..

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REMINDER: NO PRESS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WHAT'S ON

New Financial Year Resolution Setting

Sunday | Mount Hope

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall AGM

Monday 13 July 7.30pm | Supper Room | All community warmly invited to attend.

Lets Talk Women's Mental Health - Pyramid Hill

Women's Health Loddon Mallee | Thursday 9 July 1pm-2.45pm | Community Centre. Details on page 9

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 *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*

Moderate Movers

12.30PM | Community Centre in McKay St | Bring a towel / exercise mat and a cold drink. [not during school hols]

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].

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 **TEMPORARY CLOSURE DUE TO MAINTENANCE**

Seniors News

Friday 10th July – Light

Lunch and games – 12 noon Community Centre, please contact Lyn on 0428564006 for catering purposes. Soup and sandwiches perfect for a wintery day.



Friday 17th July – Games afternoon, afternoon tea and refreshments 1 pm Community Centre

Friday 24th July – Christmas in July – 12 noon Community Centre. Come along in your Christmas cheer and enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch.

Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens AGM will be held **Friday 24th July 26** at 1pm in the Community Centre

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 day.

For further information or nomination forms please contact Lyn on 0428564006

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Cheryl, Margaret, Mabel and John.

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Contact **DAVID JAMES**

PUBLIC NOTICES

The next edition of the Pyramid Press will be published **Thursday 16 July!**

Get your stories and photos in to us at pyramidhillpress@gmail.com by **Tuesday 14 July.**



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

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Bill Boyd 0448 219 457

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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

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Uniting Church Enquiries: Robyn 0427 561 973

FINDERS KEEPERS OPEN

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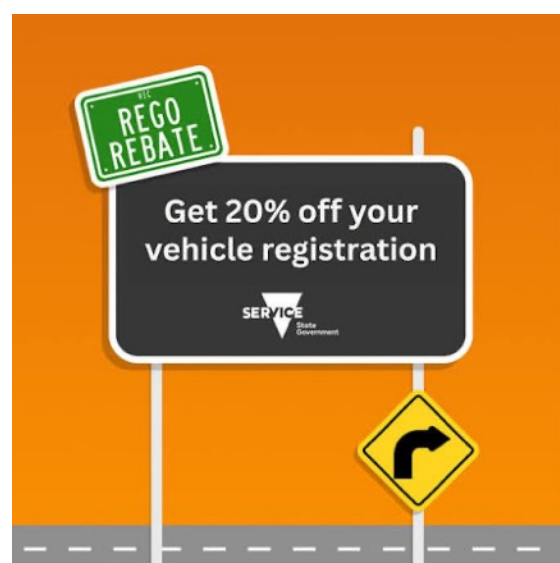
Please bring in your donations:

Sunday 12 July 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Monday 13 July 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

*or as usual from 19 July onwards
Sundays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm*

2 KELLY ST, PYRAMID HILL



Have you applied to get the 20% rego rebate for your car and motorbike? You have until the end of July to do it!

It's easy if you have the Service Victoria App already installed on your phone. If you don't know how to work it - please come into Neighbourhood House and we will help you out!

It's well worth doing, and will take minutes. All you need to provide is license number, bank account details and registration number.



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Preventative health and
wellbeing support

Health education, lifestyle
coaching, and care
coordination

Yvonne will be in:

Pyramid Hill

16th July	17th Sep	8th Oct
19th Nov	10th Dec	

Quambatook

9th July	19th Sep	1st Oct
3rd Dec	24th Dec	

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Leanne, Byron, Teagan, Jack, Freddie and Dusty wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who offered kindness, support, sympathy cards, flowers, food, messages, and shared memorable stories of our Stacky (Ken, Dad, Bumpa).

The 'Village' has really wrapped its arms around us which has brought great comfort to our family as we try to process moving on without Stacko.

We are especially thankful to those who attended the funeral service or watched via livestream; thanks to Adams Funerals Kerang & Gerardine Prendergast.

A big shout of thanks to the Pyramid Hill Football & Netball Club who catered so perfectly in every way and helped make the day a true celebration of Stacky's life.

It would be very remiss of us not to also mention and sincerely thank the NDHS staff, BDHS staff and Bendigo Palliative care staff who all assisted heavily over the last 12 months and made Stacky feel very loved and important.

Looking for a new place to explore? The Leitchville Arts and Nature Trail is a terrific walk to do - join the trail at the back of the Leitchville Hall. The circuit takes about 20 - 30 minutes to do. There's plenty of little sculptures to spy along the way..



Need some help keeping the heat on 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 You could also call the **Energy Assistance Program** to help you find talk to the power companies to get the best deal.

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Blurry Borders | profile of local photographer, Kristan Emerson.



Almost a decade ago, I met an extraordinary photographer living in Swan Hill.

Despite having 3% vision in one eye only - Kristan Emerson has been travelling the world, and photographing his adventures as a record of where he has been and who he has met along the way.

I was absolutely baffled at how a blind man could create such beautiful photographs. Many of them were portraits of people he had met. [Including the picture of Ma, from Myanmar - a village dweller with an extraordinary cultural face tattoo - pictured].

When he began telling me some of the stories of his travels I realised that he used his camera to capture the experiences that he had missed 'seeing' in real time.

Kristan's way of travelling involves him snapping at colour and movement - or setting up portraits of people he meets during his travelling day. At the end of the day, when he puts all his images on his computer he can hold the screen up to his eye to get a sense of the images he has taken.

I was mesmerised by his talent and his stories - and we put together an exhibition and series of talks that travelled throughout Victoria. Especially important to Kristan was talking to young people with disabilities about how they should let nothing hold them back from reaching their dreams.

Some of the countries he has visited include Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Myanmar and Thailand,

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Pyramid Hill Historical Society - *provided by Michael Gregory.*

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH AT PYRAMID HILL

With the opening of St Patrick's School in 1956 the Sisters of St. Joseph arrived as the first teachers. This is an abridged account of those early days written by one of the nuns, Sister Maria Anne Cahir...

In late January, 1956, Sister Genevieve Brodie and Sister Maria Anne Cahir, accompanied by the Provincial Sister of Victoria, Sister Adrian Ryan, arrived by train at Pyramid Hill. Father Frank Owens and many of the parishioners along with their children met us at the railway station. There was a sea of faces. Many of these children had never seen a nun, and in 1956, we were still in full habit. What a hot day it was! The kind ladies had a meal prepared for us at the presbytery. That first cold drink at the presbytery was ever so welcome.

There was no convent as such. Miss Mary Ervin welcomed the three of us into the two front rooms of her home. Around 5.30 am we would walk to the church, pray together, meditate, be there at Mass then go to the presbytery, and later on to the school staff room, for breakfast. This continued until the mornings and evenings were getting too dark. Then Mary would drive us to school and drive us home where she so kindly had a meal prepared for us. In the middle of the day, one Sister would do playground duty while the other dined in Mr and Mrs Lucas's front room of their bakery home. This was a few doors down from the school – on the opposite side of the street.



The continued generosity of the parishioners was amazing. The day before school was to commence the school was not quite ready for occupation so those people worked long hours into the night to have everything in readiness.

After we settled in, Sister Adrian returned to her duties as Provincial. Later on, we found it necessary to be nearer the church and school, so a little cottage was rented opposite the church, between the McRostie and Stone

families. The ladies took one whole day to clean that place, furniture was given and one room became the chapel. The house was made comfortable by the parishioners. We were in this house until Christmas.

Returning after the holidays, Mr Bert Wood gave us the use of his home – a couple of doors further on – between the Stone and Bartels families. So you see, they always kept us in good company. Both families were very thoughtful to us. Dear Mrs Bartels took our sheets and towels and laundered them.

It was this year, 1957, that preparations were underway to buy the Water Commission home. This was between the church and school. Much work was put into this building to refurbish it into a convent. It was a lovely old home and holds deep memories for me.

At weekends, and sometimes after school, Sister Genevieve and I walked the streets of Pyramid Hill visiting homes, the elderly, and the sick.

There were only the two Sisters in the school so we were responsible for four or five grades each. Many hours were spent in lesson preparation – it was all chalk and blackboard.

For me, a new school was an experience and something for which I am grateful.

My memories of Pyramid Hill are happy ones. My prayer is that God will bless all our benefactors and the present and future generations in that parish.

Sister Maria Anne Cahir



Photographs:

1. 1956 First Communion class with Sr Genevieve (left) and Sr Anne (right) at the back.
2. Early photo of the school.
3. 1973 First Communion class with Sr Veronica.

Forest firefighters help protect Victorian communities

Applications are now open for seasonal and ongoing forest firefighter roles across Victoria.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is recruiting entry-level forest firefighter positions across Victoria for the upcoming bushfire season. Both ongoing and seasonal roles are available.

FFMVic Chief Fire Officer, Chris Hardman, said seasonal firefighters boost Victoria's firefighting capacity in the lead-up to summer and during the peak fire season.

"New recruits train and work alongside our permanent firefighters, responding to bushfires to keep communities safer this summer," Mr Hardman said.

"They will be part of a team of close to 1800 frontline personnel and 1200 accredited incident management staff this bushfire season."

"These are fantastic jobs doing practical work, right at the frontline of protecting communities and



the environment."

FFMVic firefighters responded to more than 900 bushfires across the state last summer and delivered priority planned burns which will help reduce the impact of future bushfires.

Mr Hardman said seasonal firefighter roles provide rewarding career opportunities for those with a passion for the outdoors, learning new skills and making a difference.

"In addition to responding to bushfires and helping to deliver planned burns, seasonal firefighters also undertake pest and weed control works, and

maintain recreational reserves, fuel breaks and forest roads," he said.

"We want a diverse pool of people applying for our jobs. We want our crews to reflect the communities they serve and to have a range of skills and experiences."

"Most importantly, we're looking for recruits with a 'can do' attitude who can work as part of a team."

Some roles are designated for First Nations employment.

Applications close 26 July. Seasonal employment occurs between October and May, with some variations on start and end dates depending on seasonal requirements.

For information and to apply, visit jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/sffoo or call 136 186.

Pyramid Hill Football Notes

Despite the recent rain, Maiden Gully's ground was in good condition for our Round 12 clash. For the first time in recent weeks, the Pups had a full line-up and produced one of their best performances of the season. Zac Somerville (Carroll Family Award) competed strongly in the contest, while Matthew Caspani (Victoria Hotel Pizza Award) provided plenty of rebound from half-back. Noah Howe (Good Sports Award) and Jack Gould (Mr Morison Award) controlled the ruck, giving our midfielders first use of the football. Cooper Gould (Stewart Farms Award) tackled hard in the midfield and Ewan and Tynan intercepted well in defence and transitioned the ball effectively to our forwards.

Maiden Gully proved too strong across the four quarters, but the Pups never stopped competing and continue to show encouraging growth each week. A big thank you to Cooper, Noah, Mitch, Darcy and Liam for joining the team, and to our supporters and volunteers for their continued support.

We travelled out to Maiden Gully on a greasy surface, but that didn't influence the game. The game was physically challenging from the first bounce. Stopping the run and being defensively accountable helped guide our positive plays in our game. We will continue to improve and work on our 4 quarter performances.

O'Connors Player of the Match went to Alex Jennings.

Alex provides run and carry all day from the wing. Hopefully someone recorded his stats because they would be up on the premier data highlights of the week. Jamarson Tewhata (National Hotel) was impressive as a 1-2 punch with AJ. The run and carry across the ground was what we needed. Captain Dylan Lovell (Victoria Hotel), was again prominent over all 4 quarters. Other key contributors were Mark Storey (Good Sports), Nathan Moon, Sonny Battiscombe and Jack Douch. We hope to keep building into the back end of this year and being positive with our game style.

For our Senior team close, last gasp victories are becoming a regular occurrence this season. Although not good for the nerves the last-kick goal was enough to get the 4 points. In what was a struggle all day, the 'Dogs were almost 2 goals down at the first change, 3 goals in arrears at the main break, but thanks to perseverance and persistence, just 7 points behind at the last change.

A five-goal last term, the highest total by either team, saw the job get done. Brodie Carroll (Victoria Hotel) and Jayden Dick (National Hotel) were instrumental in the Bulldogs forwards seeing enough of the ball to

claim the points. Jhye Baddeley Kelly (5 goals) was the hero. Well worthy of mention for 4 quarter efforts were Jayden Dick, Tom Downie, Ryan McGhie, and Lachie Nicholson.

Thanks to David James, Fiona Moon and Lauren Driscoll who have worked tirelessly to pull together our Goods & Services night; we hope to see as many as possible back at the Town Hall tonight.

A big welcome to our valued Sponsors who will today spend the second half of the senior game upstairs enjoying PHFNC hospitality. Our Club genuinely appreciate your off-field support.

After last week's narrow escape players and supporters enjoyed a night at the National Hotel; thanks to the social Committee for their efforts in organising the night.

2026 LVFNL Nationalised Award

The PHFNC is pleased to acknowledge Leigh Forster as our latest LVFNL Nationalised Award recipient. Leigh is well known around the Club for his outstanding service, unwavering commitment, and countless hours of volunteer work over many years. A Pyramid Hill local, Club Life Member and long-term Committeeman, Leigh's contribution to match-day operations sees him overseeing our electronic scoreboard, Team managing, waving flags and attending to whatever match day jobs are required.

Thank-you Leigh. Leigh is volunteer gold and he and his family sit at the heart of all that's good about our Club.





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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

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Mountain Mint Bush

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Piggyback Mint Bush

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Variegated Mint Bush

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Neighbourhood House News

Hi Neighbours - we've had a mass of kids go through in the last two weeks enjoying our school holiday program.

While I write this, there are some of our regulars getting their hands dirty and laughing in with Lizzie while they make some air dry clay creations.

We've had a whole range of free activities this holiday! From cupcakes to stop motion animation, friendship bracelets, air dry clay and soft critter making at our slow stitching workshops on Wednesday. It's been a fun and tiring two weeks!

For those that came along, we hope you had a great time with friends.

In the months leading up to Christmas we have some new programs - and some new modifications to Neighbourhood House to look forward to! We are going to do some minor renovations to our space to DOUBLE the size of our workshop area. It's a bit exciting! Watch this space.

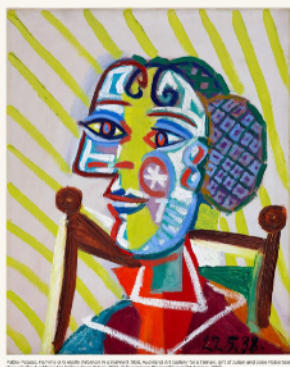
Now I am advertising a bus trip to Shepparton to see the Degas AND Archibald Prize touring exhibitions. Give me a call if you are interested in having a day out..

Also - we are going to be on reduced hours for two weeks as I go on Holidays for two weeks.

Lizzie will open the House from 10am - 2pm most days from 24 July - 6th August. We will keep you posted.

Also - I hope you enjoy learning about Kristan Emerson the photographer from Swan Hill - I wonder if we could entice him to exhibit here..

FACING MODERNITY:
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Degas to Picasso is a the fantastic new exhibition from Auckland Art Gallery, which will be shown in Australia only at Shepparton Art Museum until 20 September. [CHANGE OF DATE TO ALSO SEE THE ARCHIBALD PRIZE!!]

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If you notice something unusual, talk to your local vet or call the Emergency Animal Disease hotline on 1800 675 888.



True story..

An elderly woman from Pyramid Hill decided to prepare her Will and make her final requests. She told her Lawyer to write these two specific actions to be completed on her death.

The first request, she wished to be cremated, and secondly she wanted her ashes scattered at the Coffee Bank.

"The Coffee Bank?" her Lawyer exclaimed, *"Why The Coffee Bank?"*

"Then I will be sure that my daughters will visit me twice a week.."



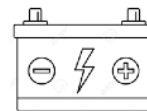
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