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14 & 15 SEP '26

CONNECTING OUR TOWN TO THE HILL

THE HILL CONNECTION MASTERPLAN

We want you to be involved.
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design right for our community.

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Spiire has been busy designing and have a sketch Masterplan ready for your input.

Come along to one of the sessions and see it. We'd love to hear what you think.

The Hill Connection Masterplan is a hi-level design project connecting our town to the Hill.
Turn over for more info ...

14 SEP 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Community Hub
Mackay St, Pyramid Hill
ALL WELCOME

15 SEP 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
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15 SEP 1:00 - 3:00 pm
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Mackay St, Pyramid Hill
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This project is managed by:
 PYRAMID HILL
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Over decades we have asked the question.. *How do we connect the Hill to the rest of the town, safely and accessible in all weather?*

Turns out, there is no 'simple' answer. That is why Pyramid Hill Progress are working on this project to look at how to upgrade and improve the walking track and the Bullock Creek crossing, enhance our town entrance, and create nature based spaces that enhance our beautiful Hill.

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Inside this edition:

Seniors News, Loddon Arts Trail, Seniors Garden Party, Life Member PHGC, Gwen Miller acknowledgements, Birchip Cropping Group workshop to reduce grain loss, Neighbourhood House News, Football Netball Round up - Semi's this week! Wood collection season starting dates, PHFNC Person of the Year announced, Mologa Solar Hybrid permit for comment, Loddon Shire nominations for Australia Day open, Garage Sale.. and more!

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

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LODDON
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ARTS

2-4 October, 2026

Rethinking the white-box gallery, the **Loddon Valley Arts Trail** takes art beyond the walls and into the places that make this region unique.



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WHAT'S ON

Canola Gazing

Sunday | Mount Hope

Pickleball in Pyramid Hill Last chance to come and try! Friday 4 September | 9.30am | Pyramid Hill Netball Courts Cost \$5 per session | Contact Colleen Hampson to register your interest and find out more info.

Pyramid Hill Progress Seasonal Breakfast

Friday 4 September 7am

Tryburn Hat Burning Workshop

Sunday 11 October 12.30 - 2.30pm

Contact Neighbourhood House to book in!

... more dates inside this edition of the Press!

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 *our own books!*

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 - next dates are : Friday 14 August, 11 Sept. 9 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec]

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

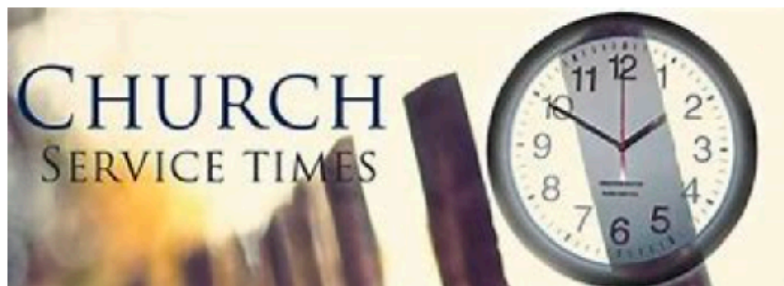
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PUBLIC NOTICES

The next edition of the Pyramid Press will be published **Thursday 17 September**

Get your stories and photos in to us at
pyramidhillpress@gmail.com by
Tuesday 15 September.



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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Enquiries: June Smith 0438 062 646

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Wednesday Mass 6.00pm each week

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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

PYRAMID HILL KIDS ROCK—for all school-aged children

Every second Tuesday during term 3:30-5:00 PM

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SENIOR CITIZENS

Spring has sprung. The weather is getting warmer, so why not come along to Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens and catch up with your friends. Enjoy some good company, plenty of laughs and a lovely social outing.

September 4th Games and Trivia – 1pm

September 11th Light Lunch \$8 – 12 noon

September 18th Games and Trivia – 1pm

September 25th Main Meal \$12 – 12 noon

Check out our new Facebook page – Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens

We wish the following people a very happy birthday in September. Glenys, Tania,



Life Membership – Rod Wilkinson

Club Captain Jason Deller had the honour of presenting Rod Wilkinson with Life Membership of the Pyramid Hill Golf Club at the club's annual tournament. Rod has made an outstanding contribution to the club over many years, spending countless hours ensuring the fairways and surrounds are maintained to an excellent standard. He is also highly skilled in repairing and maintaining the club's equipment, always willing to put his expertise to work when something needs fixing. Beyond his work around the course, Rod has been a valued committee member and has also served the club as handicapper and vice-captain. Rod's dedication, hard work and willingness to help in so many different areas have made him an invaluable member of the Pyramid Hill Golf Club. The club thanks you for your dedication and congratulates you on your life membership, Rod.

(Rod is pictured with his sons, James and Mark)



MILLER (Broad) Gwenneth Isabel (Gwen)

Passed away peacefully on August 23rd, 2026,
aged 90 years

Dearly loved wife of Ernest (Ernie) Miller
Much loved Mother of Rodney, Ashley, Neville,
Warrick, Russell and Scott
Mother in law of Diane, Fiona, Michelle, Liz, Rhonda
and Pauline

Grandmother of Claire, Erin, Georgia, Sophie,
Charlie, Emily, Jack, Alec, Isabella, Eliza, Hugh,
Samuel, Levi, Annabelle, Phoebe, Annabel, Will,
Grace and Liam

Great Grandmother of Evelyn, Arthur, Oscar, Ada,
Ivy, Noah, Paddy, Remy, Willa, Hailey and Kylie

Thanks to the staff at The Village Cohuna
for their care

- Forever in our hearts -

A Funeral Service was held at the Tyndale Memorial
Church Pyramid Hill on Tuesday September 1.
Hundreds of family and friends attended to honour
Gwen's life, and share memories.



Miller, Gwenneth

Dearly loved Sister-in-Law of Joyce and Arthur
(dec) Young.

Loved Auntie Gwen of Margaret & Chris, Anne
& Neil, Barbara & Ian, and their families.

Cherished memories of family gatherings,
friendship, and gardens over the years.

**Tryburn Hat Burning workshops are coming to
Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House!**

Karin will be bringing a range of products you can try your hand at burning
designs into - including suede bags, caps and bush hats / akubra types.

Choose a design, and then use a woodturning tool to singe the design
onto the product. It's great fun.

Karin has a range of designs to choose from - or you could bring an image
you'd like to create yourself.

Cost for workshop AND hat is \$100. [Other items at varying prices]



Check out the other photos
from her workshops on her
Facebook page : Tryburn Hat
Burning



**Workshop: Sunday 11 October, 12.30 - 2.30pm
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To book your space: Call Neighbourhood House 5455 7129



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GRDC Harvester Workshops: Prevent grain losses and improve profits this harvest



Grain growers across Victoria and South Australia will have the opportunity to sharpen their harvest performance and reduce grain losses through a series of free Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) harvester setup workshops this September.

Delivered by Northern Sustainable Soils, Birchip Cropping Group and Mallee Sustainable Farming, the full-day workshops will provide growers with practical information to improve harvester productivity, minimise grain losses and make informed decisions ahead of the 2026 harvest.

GRDC Senior Regional Manager South Courtney Ramsey said the upcoming workshops would provide growers with practical, independent advice to help minimise grain losses and maximise harvest efficiency. "Even small improvements in harvester setup and operation can have significant impact on grain recovery, efficiency and overall profitability. These workshops are designed to give growers practical, evidence-based information they can apply directly on farm," Ms Ramsy said. "By bringing together leading harvest specialists from across the grains industry, growers will have the opportunity to learn where grain losses occur and explore proven strategies to reduce losses and improve harvest performance.

"GRDC is pleased to support these workshops as part of our commitment to investing in extension activities that help growers adopt proven practices, improve productivity and maximise returns from every hectare," she said.

The workshops will bring together harvester specialists, industry experts and researchers for facilitated discussions and practical demonstrations covering preventable grain losses, methods for measuring harvest loss, harvester efficiency and output, harvest weed seed control, fire prevention and the calibration of harvester technology.

Victorian grain grower Mitchell Henderson, who attended a past workshop, said the sessions provided valuable insights and practical ideas. "I'd recommend the workshops to any grower who wants to improve their productivity. "Things are evolving all the time, and people are learning new things, so attending these types of events is another tool in the toolbox," Mr Henderson said.

Workshop leaders

The workshops will be led by industry specialists including:

- ❑ Murray Skyman — Independent Harvest Specialist, International
- ❑ Brett Asphar — Independent Harvest Specialist, Australia
- ❑ Kassie van der Westhuizen — Independent Harvester Specialist, Australia
- ❑ Ben White — Kondinin Group
- ❑ Peter Broley — Primary Sales Australia

The workshops will also include practical demonstrations by industry representatives and machinery manufacturers.

Program

The workshop program will cover:

- ❑ Understanding the impact of harvest loss
- ❑ Measuring grain loss and adjusting harvesters to reduce losses
- ❑ The latest harvest weed seed control information
- ❑ Setting up mill systems, including iHSD, Seed Terminator and Seed Control Unit
- ❑ Chaff decks and chaff lining
- ❑ Reducing the risk of harvester fires
- ❑ Improving harvester capacity and efficiency
- ❑ Managing harvest operations, productivity and economics

Birchip Cropping Group (03) 5492 2787 info@bcg.org.au

WORKSHOP DATES

Terrick Terrick Wednesday 16 September 9 am–3 pm

Location: 148 Knight Road, Terrick Terrick East, VIC 3573

<https://www.bcg.org.au/event/grdc-harvester-set-up-echuca/>

Bridgewater Friday 18 September 9 am–3 pm

Location: Wheelhouse AGnVET – Bridgewater

<https://www.bcg.org.au/event/grdc-harvester-set-up-workshop-bridgewater/>

Registration is essential for catering purposes.

Netball Notes

Elimination Final (23/08/26)

17 & Under – The girls found themselves down at quarter time, but rather than letting the scoreboard get to them they regrouped, made some important positional changes and came out with a different level of determination in the second quarter. The changes really paid off with the girls finding their rhythm, working together and turning the game around and back on their terms going into half time with an 11-goal lead. The second quarter really set them up for the rest of the game, the girls showed great composure and maturity to hold onto the lead for the remainder of the game. The defensive pressure was outstanding, with everyone applying strong pressure right across the court and making it difficult for the opposition to find clean options, with the girl's constant pressure created opportunities which were rewarded with goals. The midcourters worked hard all day, driving to the ball, contesting every ball and applied pressure forcing Bridgewater to make errors. The goalies showed great movement, creating space and worked patiently together to find the best shooting opportunities. When the pressure was on, they stepped up and converted goals they needed. Was a fantastic team performance built on pressure, movement, determination and belief!

Pyramid Hill 43 def Bridgewater 36

LVFNL Player of the match - Jami Walters & Coffee Bank Award - Alina Gould

A Grade – What a performance from the girls! Jules and Imo producing a best on court performance, Jules with some huge tips and crucial intercepts at the right moments and Imo running hard through the centre applying consistent pressure, strong drives and patient feeds. In the defence end was on point and gave us lots of opportunities to get ahead. Our midcourters worked tirelessly applying consistent pressure through the centre and forcing the opposition into making errors, everyone's work rate, movement and defensive effort were a massive part of creating opportunities for the team. In attack our goalers and midcourters worked hard all game, moving well, creating space and showed great patience. When we needed them, our goalies stepped, showing composure and accuracy under pressure and converting the opportunities created by the team. A fantastic team effort from start to finish! Strong defensive pressure, patient play, great movement and everyone stepping up when it mattered the most!

Pyramid Hill 52 def Inglewood 48

LVFNL Player of the match – Julia Castaing & Stewart Family Farm Award – Imogen Broad



First Semi Final (30/08/26)

17 & Under – Pyramid started the match with steady, composed play, building through the second quarter as their defensive pressure earned them the lead. They forced turnovers and controlled much of the first half. However, after the break, Mitiamo came out firing, lifting their intensity and matching Pyramid's pressure across the court. Despite fighting their little hearts out right to the final whistle, Mitiamo's second-half surge proved too strong and they took the win. The girls' resilience and refusal to drop their effort under tough conditions was a

standout and they should be very proud of their efforts not just today, but for the entire season.

Pyramid Hill 35 def by Mitiamo 38

Pyramid Hill Store Award - Dempsey Lee & Pyramid Hill News and Post Award - Rian Pantig

A Grade – Our first semi – final was a tough and hard-fought contest, with the team giving everything right until the final whistle! Although the result didn't go our way, there was plenty to be proud of in the way the girls fought, supported one another and continued to work hard throughout the entire game. The intensity was high from the very first centre pass, with strong defensive pressure across the court making every possession hard – earned. Jules and Bec worked tirelessly to contest every ball and apply pressure to Bridgewater's strong and accurate goalers. Our mid courters Imo, Amber, Shan, Ash and Em ran hard all day, providing lots of pressure, strong drives and determination to transition the ball from defence into the attack end. Our goalers and mid courters showed patience and persistence when moving the ball into the goal ring and feeding the goalers. Despite facing a strong opponent and having some challenging moments throughout the game, the team continued to battle until the very end, showing great resilience and determination on the court. While we didn't come away with the win, the effort, commitment and fight shown by every player should be recognised. Finals netball is never easy, and everyone should be proud of how far we have come as a team!

Pyramid Hill 41 def by Bridgewater 53

Victoria Hotel Award – Emily Prout

Nominations Now open for Loddon Shire's
Australian of the Year awards.

Who would you vote for, for our local
Aussie of the year? Categories include:
Young Citizen of the Year
Ward Citizen of the Year

Community Group/Event of the Year
Nomination Forms are available on the
Loddon Shire website. Or come into the
Neighbourhood House and we will
download them for you!

Entries close at 4 pm on Friday, 30 October
2026 and can be submitted by: Email
to australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au

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map, and covered by our insurance.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 5
NOVEMBER**



Here's pic of the team behind the teams.. I wonder if anyone is keeping score of how many pies, hotdogs and dim sims goes out the door each week?

Thanks to Lauren for the pic of the kitchen crew at last week's elimination final! Sporting new aprons - printed locally by newcomers to town, Kim and Sean Leslie.

Pyramid Hill Op Shop

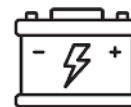


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Bulldogs PHFNC 2026 Club Person Of The Year.

At the recent PHFNC Best & Fairest Night, Luke Roberts was nominated and recognised for his excellent contributions to the development and encouragement of our Junior Footballers.

A Pyramid Hill local, Luke attended our school, completed his Teacher Training and then elected to return and take up a teaching role at our school. He teamed up with Bryden Morison and shared coaching duties of our Under 18 footballers for 2 seasons.

He then took up a similar co-coaching role with Mitch Gunther and is now in his second year of this partnership. On Tuesday nights, when the senior squad train in Bendigo, Luke can often be found engaging with the next generation of Bulldogs at Mitchell Park.

Luke has also assisted Chris Cane with the establishment of our recently formed Under 14 football squad. The tireless efforts of Luke have not gone unnoticed, and the guidance and direction he provides for the youth of our town is something all

Pyramid Hill locals can feel proud.

Good on you Luke, well deserved!



Spring firewood collection season opens 1 September

Victorians can prepare for next winter by collecting free firewood for personal use from state forest collection areas from 1 September until 30 November. Free firewood for domestic use from state forests comes from naturally fallen trees and by-product from forest and fire management works. As a result, the amount that is available will vary.

DEECA balances access to firewood with safety, forest values, biodiversity and cultural heritage.

Maps are published online from Tuesday 1 September, at www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood.

"People can collect up to two cubic metres per person per day with a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year as long as they collect from designated firewood collection areas during a firewood season."



Firewood collection is not permitted in the new national parks and conservation parks including the new Cobaw Conservation Park. In the new addition to Bendigo Regional Park, firewood collection from designated areas will continue during spring and autumn until 1 July 2029.

Firewood collection from Central Victorian state forests will be limited to residents of the following local government areas to ensure local communities have fair access: Buloke Shire Council, Greater Shepparton City Council, Mt Alexander Shire Council, Campaspe Shire Council, Hepburn Shire Council, Northern Grampians Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire Council, Loddon Shire Council, Pyrenees Shire Council, Gannawarra Shire Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Strathbogie Shire Council, City of Greater Bendigo, Mitchell Shire Council.

"If your driver's licence shows your address as being in one of these LGAs, you can collect wood from the designated areas," Mr Falconer said.

Restrictions remain in place for firewood collection near Cohuna. Only residents from Campaspe, Gannawarra, Loddon and Swan Hill Rural City Council areas are permitted to collect from Gunbower State Forest.

Mr Falconer said it is illegal to collect wood outside designated areas or to chop down or damage any dead or standing trees. It's also an offence to take vehicles off formed roads to collect or load.

"Most people do the right thing by sticking to the collection limits and following the rules, but people should know authorised officers patrol state forests and can issue on-the-spot fines of up to \$814 to those caught breaking the firewood collection rules," said he said.

If prosecuted in court, more serious offending can result in maximum penalties of \$10,175 and/or 12 months in prison. Authorised officers can also seize chainsaws, trailers, vehicles, and equipment used in firewood offences.

The Victorian Government recognises supply and cost-of-living impacts are placing stress on people relying on firewood. Financial assistance is available for people on low incomes who buy firewood: www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/energy-concession-and-support

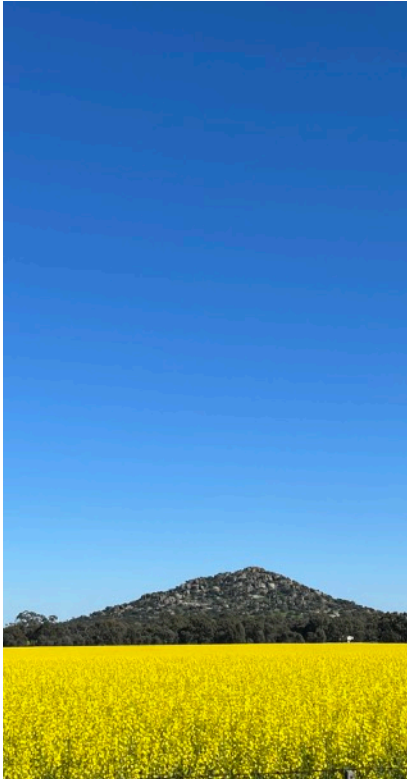
Suspected illegal firewood collection can be reported to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Coming soon to Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

- 21 September – 3 October
School Holiday Program
- **Thursday 8th October – Art
Workshop with Alannah
Cheshire**
- Sunday 11th October – Hat
Burning with Karin from
Tryburn
- **Tuesday 20th October –
Seniors Garden Party at
Community Centre**
- Sunday 8th November –
Agriculture Art with
Alannah Cheshire
- **Sunday 15th November –
Garage Sale.**



Contact us for more
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The bush was grey
 A week to-day
 (Olive-green and brown and grey);
 But now the spring has come this
 way,
 With blossoms for the wattle.
 It seems to be
 A fairy tree;
 It dances to a melody,
 And sings a little song to me
 (The graceful, swaying wattle):
 See how it weaves
 Its feathery sheaves:
 Before the wind a maze it weaves,
 A misty whirl of powdery leaves -
 (The dainty, curtsying wattle):
 Its boughs uplift
 An elfin gift;
 A spray of yellow, downy drift,
 Through which the sunbeams
 shower and sift
 Their gold-dust o'er the wattle.
 The bush was grey
 A week to-day
 (olive-green and brown and grey);
 But now its sunny all the way,
 For, oh! the spring has come to
 stay,
 With blossom for the wattle!

*picture is not wattle, but I love the
 yellow canola all around us right
 now!

A Love Story..

With Seniors Week fast approaching, I am reminded of this favourite memory.

I met a woman called *Ding* aged 93 when I was working in the aged care world. Her real name was Gordon, but was given the nick-name as a child. It's pretty hard to forget someone called Ding. She was as she sounded. A bit scatty, but bright and happy, well loved by her family. She also had a low lying melancholy, that would sometimes take hold of her, maybe it was because she recently widowed. At times aimless, like a boat without it's mooring.

Over a fancy-china kind of afternoon tea, the ladies began telling stories about meeting their husbands and other great loves.

Ding's story was extraordinary, and sweet and the only one I remember from that day.

It was mid Second World War, when Ding went to Elizabeth Bay with her best friend, who was engaged to a sailor whose ship had just docked. The fiancé sailor, met the girls with his friend; who, immediately on meeting Ding, asked her to marry him.

She protested "*We've only just met!*"

He assured her he had heard enough about her from the fiancé sailor mutual friend to know he wanted to spend the rest of his life with her. "*Give me the afternoon, at the very least.*"

They spent the afternoon together, and by the end of his short shore leave – they were engaged.

[personally, I could think of no-one worse to marry – all that tricky ironing!]

Ding's 94th birthday was in March, and on the actual day, I drove a bus of our residents to a fancy concert in a fancy hotel in Double Bay. There were buses, and fancy people, elderly, nurses and carers everywhere in a narrow street. I had off-loaded all of my passengers, except Ding. She was having a seniors moment, and forgetting things and remembering other things and wouldn't get off the bus. She was confused about a party she thought she was hosting later that afternoon for her birthday and didn't think she would have time for a concert AND a birthday party with her family. She probably had a point. But I didn't care. I needed to her to leave the bus, so I could go park somewhere. We were negotiating like mad people, and both of us were on the verge of tears. Actual tears. She'd been happy when she got on the bus, and now she was desperate to go home.

At this very crazy moment. A man appeared in my bus doorway. Not. Just. Any. Man. A handsome, young [twenty something] blonde sailor in a white naval uniform. The sun high in the sky made him kind of glow. *Glow.*

Ding was standing on the second top step in the bus doorway arguing with me, inside the bus. He was behind her. I could see him. She could not. I nodded at her, to turn around. And she did. A second later she fell from the second top step, like a kind of dramatic faint, into the sailor's arms..

And that. Was the most romantic thing I have ever seen in my life. That tiny tiny moment when she saw 'her sailor.'

She clung onto that sailor's arm for two hours, chatting and laughing all the while. He brought her afternoon tea. I kept an eye on them, but he was devoted to Ding the whole time. Walked her back to the bus at the end of the afternoon.

Honestly. I'll never forget it.



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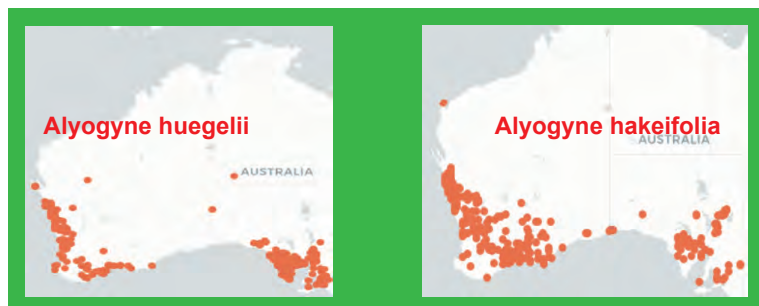


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Neighbourhood House News

Hi Neighbours

Well well well.. have you been into the House this week? We are in a state of happy chaos as we get our library straight, and paint our new workshop / meeting room!

The colour, well.. it's a bold choice - let's just say that! Come and have a look [it should be finished this weekend].

We've locked in a few dates for workshops over the next month or two, with more to come. Check out the info in the Press this week!

One thing you might notice is we are starting to hold workshops on Sundays. We are hoping that this will suit some of our community who work - and are unable to come at regular business times.

Our Sunday Sessions will be held once a month. We would love your ideas as to what you would love to see come to our town!

[Do you want mosaics to come back..?]

Last night at our monthly committee meeting, we set the date for our Annual General Meeting. Members are invited to attend on Tuesday 27 October, 4.30pm at Neighbourhood House.

A note on Membership: If you would like to become a Member of our Neighbourhood House, we would welcome your support! We are taking 2026/27 Member applications until Monday 28 September.

For those of you who have been worried, Dr Ziggy is on the mend. It only cost around \$2,000 to get her little paws moving again. She had a very painful sounding infection in the fat around her liver. Possibly caused by leaking bile from her gallbladder.

I have her booked in to see the Vet on Friday this week. She's pretty good.. however in the last two weeks I have noticed a significant change - she's become - obedient...!! I am wondering if it is because

she is still feeling a little off colour or if she maybe is feeling guilty about the vet bills..



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Planning and Environment Interim Regulations 2026 (Form 2, Regulation 16)**NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT**

The land affected by the application is located at:

MOLOGA SOLAR HYBRID BENDIGO-PYRAMID ROAD & MOLOGA-DURHAM OX ROAD

- Crown Allotment 6 Section A Parish of Mologa, Vol 9056 Fol 961
- Crown Allotment 7 Section A Parish of Mologa, Vol 2429 Fol 740
- Crown Allotment 8 Section A Parish of Mologa, Vol 7628 Fol 185
- Crown Allotment 17 Section A Parish of Mologa, Vol 9056 Fol 962
- Crown Allotment 17A, 18A, & 18 Section A Parish of Mologa, Vol 10991 Fol 175
- Crown Allotment 17B Section A Parish of Mologa, Vol 2667 Fol 397
- Crown Allotment 17C Section A Parish of Mologa, Vol 10407 Fol 536

The application is for a permit to:

Use and development of a renewable energy facility (solar farm) and utility installation (battery energy storage system), associated buildings and works, display of a business identification sign and the removal of native vegetation.

Note: This is a summary. Full details of the proposal are contained within the application documentation.

The applicant for the permit is:

POTENTIA ENERGY PTY LTD C/- URBIS LTD

The application reference number is:

PA2604389

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the Responsible Authority:

Minister for Planning c/- Department of Transport and Planning 1 Spring Street, Melbourne VIC 3001 Online

at: <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/permits-and-applications/ministerial-permits/browse-ministerial-permits>

A permit is required under the following clauses of the planning scheme:

Planning scheme clause	Matter for which a permit is required
35.07-1	Use of land for a renewable energy facility and utility installation
35.07-4	Construct a building or construct or carry out works for a use in Section 2 (renewable energy facility and utility installation) of Clause 35.07-1; building setback within 100 metres from a Transport Zone 2 and within 100 metres from a waterway, wetlands or designated flood plain; and earthworks which change the rate of flow or the discharge point of water across a property boundary
44.04-2	Construct a building or to construct or carry out works
52.05-14	To construct or display a business identification sign
52.17-1	To remove, destroy or lop native vegetation, including dead native vegetation

To view applications and supporting documents in person, please contact Divyaa Sundaravadivel via email at energyandinfrastructure@transport.vic.gov.au to make an appointment to view the plans. This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. The plans may also be viewed online at <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/permits-and-applications/ministerial-permits/browse-ministerial-permits>.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority by email to energyandinfrastructure@transport.vic.gov.au or by post to:

Minister for Planning, C/- Department of Transport and Planning, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne VIC 3001.

An objection must:

- Be made to the Responsible Authority in writing,
- Include the reasons for the objection, and
- State how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available at its office for any person to inspect during office hours free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before:

18 SEPTEMBER 2026

If you object, the responsible authority will tell you, its decision.



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