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Congratulations Helen on your 100th birthday!

By Roman Kulkewycz

Mrs Helen Kirton, who has lived in Bunyip for the past six years, celebrated her 100th birthday on the 18th December at the Tonimbuk Hall. All of her four children, nine grand children and seven great grandchildren were there to help her celebrate. Daughter Nicki and granddaughter Jodi flew home from London, son Ric and grandchildren Jess and Dylan flew in from the US, daughter Michele come over from Perth, and granddaughter Lara with her two daughters came down from Sydney for the celebration. Her son Derick and family live locally. This was the first time ever that all of Helen's descendants had been together with her at the same time.

Immaculately dressed in a sky blue blouse and navy slacks, Helen greets me with her sparkling hazel eyes and warm smile and we sit down to talk about her life. She tells me that the wheelie walker in the corner of the room is for emergencies only; Helen's only walking aid is a walking stick. She has a sharp mind and a quick wit with a great sense of humour. When she talks about her past, she is able to describe in minute detail all of those events. She also remembers vividly when man walked on the moon, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the drowning of Prime Minister Harold Holt and the death of Princess Diana.

Helen Kirton (nee Wheeler) was born in Narrabri, NSW, on the 18th December, 1917. She had two brothers which were both killed in WWII; one at sea and the other in Papua New Guinea. Of her two sisters the younger one died at age 8. Her other remaining sister passed away in 1989.

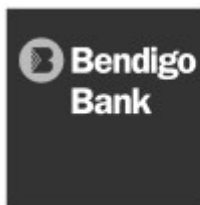
Her younger years were spent at Narrabri, then she went to boarding school at Mossvale and on to the University of Sydney where she completed an Arts Degree in 1939.



She has vivid memories of her childhood years – talking to the “Swaggies”, who were never a problem, sleeping on the veranda and her father's luxury cars namely a T Model Ford, a Chandler and an Armstrong Siddeley.

In 1940 she met RAAF Wing Commander Peter Birch, a Spitfire pilot and after a short courtship of 10 weeks the couple married. Following Peter's death in 1962, Helen married David Kirton who was a grazier. Sadly David passed away in 2010.

Some of the significant events of Helen's life include the birth of her four children and living in Sydney during the war and remembering the time that the



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Japanese midget submarines entered Sydney Harbour. She recalls the family going by sea to the UK in 1955 to live there for two and a half years while Peter was there on exchange with the RAF.

Possibly the most significant event happened when Helen was flicking through the pages of the Melbourne Age and saw a tiny article which read that human WWII remains were found in Papua New Guinea in the same area that her 23 year old brother James was killed. A farmer was ploughing his field and came across human remains. Helen made inquiries and found that these unknown bones had been sitting in a war museum for 10 years. It was established that these were her brother's remains which finally brought the family closure. Her other brother died at sea when the boat was attacked and sunk. His remains were never recovered.

In 2010 the Australian Government sponsored Helen, son Derek and daughter Michelle and other family members to attend the funeral of her brother James in New Guinea. A military nurse and a Padre were part of the official contingent James was buried with full military honours at the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery where there are 3,824 burials, 699 of which are of unknown soldiers.

During her university years she was a champion hurdler. She has received an award in recognition of 30 years of volunteer work at the Korowa Court and for many years volunteered at the Mt Eliza Opportunity Shop.

Helen enjoys watching the tennis and swimming on TV, embroidery and is a member of a local sewing group. Her message to young people is to stay away from drugs and to have a good work ethic. Her philosophy on life is to not worry about things that you can't change. Helen is sure that her longevity is due to healthy eating, a positive outlook on life and her two glasses of white wine before dinner each night.

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz



Helen's son Derek and Helen with the Queen's congratulatory card.

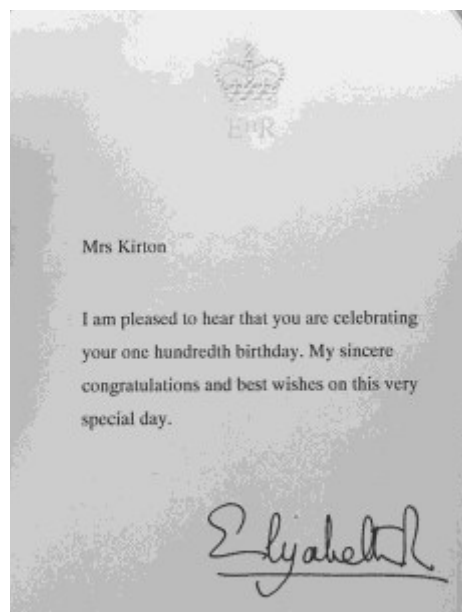
Birthday Celebrations



Helen with her four children – (L-R) Ric, Michele, Derek and Nicki.



Helen with her seven great grand children ready to blow out her 100 candles.



Helen's lovely card from Her Majesty the Queen.

Thank you to Barbara Birch for providing the above photos of Helen's birthday celebrations.

Dr Bronwyn King to speak at Bunyip & District's Australia Day Celebrations



By Roman Kulkewycz

Dr Bronwyn King, Radiation Oncologist at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and founder and CEO of Tobacco Free Portfolios, will be the Australia Day Ambassador and guest speaker at this year's celebration of the **Bunyip & District Australia Day Celebrations** which will include the '*Australia Day Bunyip Citizen of the Year Award*' to be held on Australia Day starting at 9:15am for a **9:30am start on Friday 26th January** at the Bunyip Community Hall.

Through Dr King's collaborative work with the finance industry she has played an integral role in the decision of over 35 Australian Superannuation Funds to divest tobacco stocks worth approximately \$2.5 billion. As well as being the Tobacco Control Ambassador for Cancer Council Australia, she is an Australia Day Ambassador, an Ambassador for Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia, and also represented Australia in swimming and served as Team Doctor for the Australian Swimming Team.



In 2014, she was one of the Australian Financial Review and Westpac 100 Women of Influence, and received the 2015 VicHealth Award for Preventing Tobacco Use.

The Bunyip Singers will provide entertainment on the day for the ceremony, and Gerry Cunningham will recite something Australian for us. At the conclusion of the ceremony morning tea will be served.

Everyone is very welcome. Come and celebrate our special day!

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Thomas' Anglican Church Bunyip

By Chris Bennie

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held at St Thomas' in Bunyip on the evening of Sunday 17th December at 8:00pm. Father Ken Parker, our priest in charge, led the service. 52 people attended, including Father Tony Aspinall from St Joseph's Catholic Church in Iona, and Keith Sainsbury from the Uniting Church in Bunyip, as well as some Anglicans and others from elsewhere. A number of these shared in the readings.

The Bunyip Singers, ably led by Dorothy Myers, were present and sang a number of Christmas carols and Christmas songs, and led the congregation in the singing of several Christmas hymns as well.

Margaret Carlile, accompanied by Dr Brian Chapman, sang a setting of the carol "Silent Night" by John Rutter and also a setting of "The Shepherd's Farewell" from Berlioz' great Christmas cantata, "The Childhood of Christ".

One of the other highlights of the evening was the singing of the new "Gippsland Carol," with words by Father Jim Connelly who was present in the congregation, with music by Dr Chapman, who accompanied the choir and congregation in the singing of the carol.



The service was followed by a light supper with a glass of wine, a soft drink, or a cup of tea, for those who wished it, in the newly refurbished parish hall. It was altogether a joyous occasion.

The below photograph was taken from the back of the church, during the 9th Lesson (John 1:1-14), read by Father Ken Parker. It gives a good impression of how well attended the service was and how bright and joyous the worship in the church was.



The 9th Lesson (John 1:1-4), read by Father Ken Parker.

Talkin' Fishin'... Keeping on track

By The TackleMan®

Welcome back! The year starts again... so get ready! Well I am, but unfortunately the fish aren't yet.

Remember when you were at school and kinder for the 'colouring in' class? The number one rule was stay in between the lines. The same rule applies in boating; don't stray outside the lines called channel markers. Steer or travel outside these at your own risk! Miss the channel and you'll end up on rocks, sand or mud, or a combination of all of these. The risk is damage to your boat or motor, or worse an injury to yourself or passengers. All of these are your responsibility owning a watercraft, same as with vehicle users on the road. Left high and dry you could spend a long time on a sand bar a long way from the water, and waiting quite a while for the tide to return and re-float you. Although maybe not life threatening, the embarrassment as other boats pass by will be painful. If your unfamiliar with an area, the best course of action is to navigate the channels on a lower incoming tide level as this will define the channel more. Also stay centre of the channel markers being aware of their position for your return voyage.

If you have a sounder with GPS, stay central between the 'red' and 'green' channel markers while tracking your course and storing it in the log. This will make it much easier for the next time you go out as you just follow your saved tracks, and on the days the water is discoloured you can be confident you're still in the centre of the channel. Always keep an eye on your depth as a lapse in concentration in shallows can be an expensive lesson. Try to remember every year or so to update your tracks or your maps micro card as the satellites positions alter slightly with the earth's tilt and rotation over time.

Remember when leaving the port, jetty or boat ramp to head out, make sure the 'red' channel markers are on your right, and the 'green' on your left, and the opposite way on your return.



Always observe the 5 knots speed limits for your safety and others too. If a boat is travelling towards you, it's the opposite of road rules, you keep to the right. It's amazing how many people don't know this waterways rule. Give each other a clear indication of your travel direction well before you meet by accident.

Enjoy your boating safely and have great days fishing. Don't forget to check your lifejackets! With seams and CO₂ gas cylinders, look for corrosion and leaks.

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We've all sat our boating license test, but refreshing your memory on the rules and regulations is a good idea. Look at the waterway maps, usually at the boat ramp, and take a photo if you can for reference. For further clarification visit www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/29536/10-Aids-to-navigation-VBSH2015.pdf.

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Check lifejackets!



And cylinders for corrosion.



Marooned... when you don't stay between channel markers.

What could be causing your migraine

By Robert Jacobs, Naturopath

Migraine headaches are a surprisingly common disorder, affecting marginally more women than men. It is interesting to note that prior to puberty, migraine is more common in males, however following puberty incidence increases in females. There appears to be quite a few causes and therefore a variety of treatments. In this article I will attempt to outline the main reasons that I have found to cause migraine headaches and explain some of the treatments I have found successful.

Migraines can occur both without and with visual auras (flashing lights or blind spots). The symptoms are a generally unilateral (one-sided) throbbing head pain, often accompanied by nausea, agitation, numbness and tingling on one side of the body. An attack can last up to three days and can vary in severity.

Migraines often occur in several stages, and acknowledging the onset can often help to reduce the frequency, severity and duration of an attack. Almost half of the sufferers experience a prodromal stage. Sensitivity to light, noise, irritability and loss of appetite. Auras can precede head pain. The headache can vary in severity and is sometimes accompanied by nausea and even vomiting. Several senses, even speech and movement are frequently effected. An attack is often followed by tiredness, irritability and tenderness.

It is vital to explore the causes of the problem rather than just concentrate on the symptoms.

Food sensitivities appear to be a major causative factor. The main culprits are cows milk, chocolate, wheat and alcohol. There are extremely valid scientific reasons to uphold this theory, far too technical to

explore in this article. An elimination diet is the best way to assess whether there is a dietary component to the problem. That is, one by one, eliminate the food or substance that could be causing or aggravating the symptoms. This should be done in supervised and systematic way.

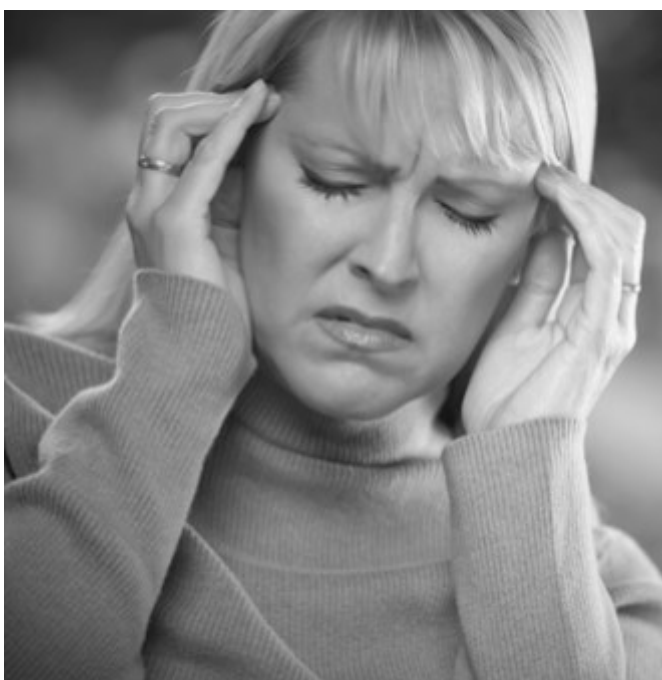
As mentioned before hormonal problems and imbalances are often involved. A naturopathic treatment, if this is the case, can involve herbs such as Black Cohosh, Chaste Tree, Dong Quai and Wild Yam as well as nutritional substances that are very beneficial.

Prescribed medication may also be an issue as adverse reaction due to vasodilation and increased intracranial pressure. Examples include calcium channel blockers and ACE inhibitors.

The nervous and muscular systems are also very frequently in the picture. Physical and emotional tension can cause the muscles to contract, resulting in headaches and even migraines. Several dietary supplements most notably Magnesium can be used as well as herbs such as Withania, Passion Flower, Kudzu and Chamomile. In some cases body work such as massage can assist in relieving stress. Although this is sometimes beneficial it can often be an aggravating factor. It is therefore important to be cautious in the treatment received. Being a practitioner who is not only a Naturopath, but also a Masseur gives me the advantage of being able to explore and decide on the choice of treatment. There are also some great relaxation techniques that are extremely useful in prevention of tension.

The herb that I have found as the root of my migraine treatment is Feverfew. I have found it invaluable as an anti inflammatory, analgesic, antiallergenic and antispasmodic herb.

As migraine is such a debilitating illness for those who suffer, it is important to know that there are options that can help in the reduction of severity and frequency of the problem.



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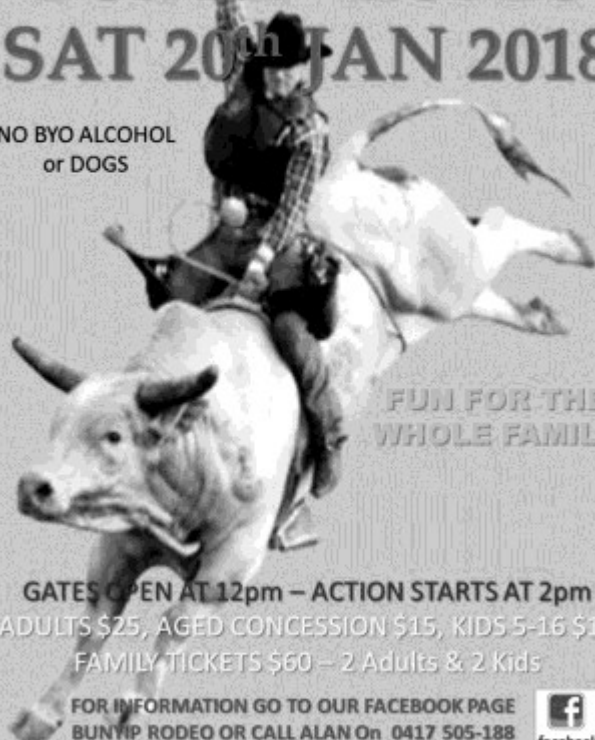
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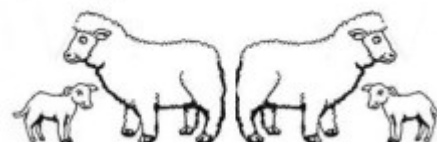
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Railway Avenue Tynong 3:30pm–5:30pm

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For further information please contact
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 **Night Owls**
Welcome New Members

The "Nights Owls" is a social group of ladies
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Sunday 25th March 2018

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	3:00pm	Hillview Bunyip Aged Care
Sun, 21 Jan	10:30am	Drouin Uniting Church – 'Combined Worship'
Sun, 28 Jan	10:30am	Longwarry Union Church – 'Combined Worship'
Sun, 4 Feb	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church – 'Holy Communion'
	10:30am	Drouin Uniting Church – 'Holy Communion'
	5:00pm	Drouin Church Hall – 'Families at 5' – Messy Church with Fun, Food, Faith, Friends
Wed, 7 Feb	11:00am	Amberlea Aged Care
Sun, 11 Feb	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
	10:30am	Drouin Uniting Church
	7:30pm	'Songs of Praise'
Sun, 18 Feb	9:00am	Longwarry Union Church
	10:30am	Drouin Uniting Church
Wed, 21 Feb	1:30pm	Lyrebird Village
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For further information, please phone 03 5629 5295 or email anglicanbunyip@dcsi.net.au. **16 A'Beckett Rd, Bunyip**





St Thomas' Anglican Church Bunyip Hall is available for hire. To make enquiries or an inspection, please phone 03 5629 5295 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you .


St Thomas' Anglican Church Bunyip Pop Up Shop will be opening in March 2018. More details will be in the next Bunyip & District Community Newsletter in February.

 **THUMBS UP...**

A very big thank you to those lovely Christmas volunteers. Bunyip looked just that little bit special this year. Thanks to all the kind people who donated or decorated. Let's do the same next Christmas with maybe a few more additions.

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Bunyip Tennis Club news  

Happy New Year to everyone!
The Bunyip Tennis Club Committee would like to wish everyone a safe and happy 2018.

The summer of tennis is officially here, and Bunyip TC and the team from Ace Active Tennis have some great events coming up during January and February.

Junior Tournaments

AAT West Gippsland Junior Championships take place at Bunyip Tennis Club on Saturday 27th January (singles) and Sunday 28th January (doubles).

Time: 10:45am–4:00pm

Cost: \$15 Singles, \$10 Doubles

Ace Active Tennis will also be running the Courting Success Tennis Junior Invitational Tournament at Officer Tennis Club on Thursday 18th January (singles) and Friday 19th January (doubles).

Time: 10:45am–4:00pm

Cost: \$15 Singles, \$10 Doubles

Junior Tennis Clinics

We will be running a 2-day clinic at Bunyip Tennis Club on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th January. The main focus will be physical and mental preparation for tournament play. There will be plenty of fun to be had for our younger juniors too.

Time: 9:00am–10:30am

Cost: \$25 per day or \$40 for both days

To enter or find out more details, please text or call Chris Millidonis on 0404 077 673.

Club Open Day

The Club will be hosting a free tennis day on Sunday 4th February. This event is open to people of all ages and all abilities, and we hope to encourage lots of local people come along, pick up a racquet, have a hit, socialise and have lots of fun.

We welcome people who have never played before, and tennis regulars at the club between 10am and 2pm to enjoy free activities, including Cardio Tennis, speed serve, coaching, free play, sausage sizzle, prizes and more.

The Club Tennis Day promises to be a lot of fun, and you don't need to know how to play tennis to come along and join in. It might just be the start of a new interest and new friendships!

For more information, please contact Vanessa Kent on 0401 422 084 or vkent@hotmail.com.



Bunyip Tennis Club Open Day

Sunday 4th February 10am to 2pm

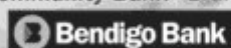
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- Test your serve speed • Equipment for sale
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Bunyip Tennis Club - Bunyip Recreation Reserve
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Bunyip Football Club comprises of six teams – Under 16's, Under 18's, Reserves, Seniors, Youth Girls and Women's Open.

Commencement of pre-season training for our 2018 season is as follows.

Women's Open team commences Wednesday 17th January 6pm and is coached by Adrian Bray.

Under 16's, Under 18's, Reserves and Seniors teams commence Friday 19th January from 6pm, and following week Monday and Wednesday. Under 16's coached by Dave Papley, Under 18's by Brad Walker, Reserves by Glen Clark and Seniors by Aussie Jones and Ricky Clarke.

Youth Girls commences Wednesday 31st January from 6pm and is coached by Steve Shaw.

All previous and new players welcome, so come down and try a training session.

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Contact Alan Wright on 0417 505 188.

www.bunyipfootballclub.teamapp.com



Bunyip Scouts news

Bunyip Scout Group is looking forward to another year of action packed activities, camps and adventures. For the scouts, Term 1 includes a scout favourite – the Beach Camp, plus there is the annual "tactics" night with other troops involving water guns, a night at the local swimming pool and much more. The cubs too have a busy program with lots of fun and excitement.



So if you are looking to get active, have loads of fun, enjoy team work, develop new skills and create friendships to last a lifetime – give scouts a go!!

Cubs are for children aged 7 to 10 years and meet on a Tuesday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm; and Scouts are for children aged 10 to 14 years and meet on a Thursday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Both during school terms.

For any enquiries please email Sharon Murray at gl.1stbunyip@scoutsvictoria.com.au.



(L-R) Bunyip Scout Leaders Peter Hartmann, Melissa Seal and Ashley Cooke with Aleisha Hartmann who received the highest achievement for a scout – the Australian Scout Medallion Award.



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Monthly local police update

(25th November 2017 to 11th January 2018)

By Sergeant Danny Hower, Victoria Police

Hello and best wishes for the year ahead. Thank you to everyone for the Christmas cards and good thoughts. We're proud of our connections with all the special people and will catch up for a cup of tea soon.

Response type jobs have been nicely quieter over the Christmas period which has allowed us to concentrate on some longer term local issues and plans.

On top of our day to day activities, here are a few extra things we hope to further develop over the year.

- Relationships and involvements with the local schools and students.
- Ongoing liaison's with the licensed premises in the area.
- Continued support and involvement with the local sporting clubs and competitions.
- Promotion of respectful driving and greater awareness by all local road users, particularly heavy vehicle users in the area.
- Increased community and cultural awareness of alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, homelessness and mental health, and the intertwined relationship of all these.
- Increased focus on illegal firearms activity and ongoing support for Parks Victoria and Bunyip State Park users.

Bunyip Police involvements during this period have included the following.

- Ten family incidents – three in Lang Lang and one each in Bunyip, Garfield, Tynong, Tynong North, Nar Nar Goon North, Bayles and Catani.
- Eight people referred to other agencies for assistance.
- Five Family Violence Intervention orders issued and served.
- Three people conveyed to hospital for mental health assistance.
- Twenty one people or cars field contacted for suspicious behaviour – six in Bunyip, four each in Garfield and Nar Nar Goon, three in Pakenham, and one each in Garfield North, Tynong, Longwarry and Koo Wee Rup.
- Fifteen people arrested and eighteen people going to court for criminal or traffic matters.



VICTORIA POLICE



- Issued eighteen Infringement Notices (on the spot fines) for traffic offences.
- Used capsicum foam on a Lang Lang gentleman and escorted him to hospital after discussions were unsuccessful in resolving some issues.

Amongst other things, we also investigated some bad Christmas behaviour which was performed by local people in local public places. This resulted with the following action.

- Five men being barred from a hotel, as well as being charged with costly behavioural offences.
- A 32 year old Bunyip man being charged with assault and was banned from attending a supermarket.
- A 49 year old Garfield man getting a lift home, but having to pay a high price for being drunk.
- A 51 year old Drouin man being interviewed for theft and deception relating to a place he was familiar with.
- A 39 year old Drouin man being charged in relation to the theft of firewood.

Other things reported to us included the following.

- Two collisions on the freeway at Nar Nar Goon North and Garfield North.
- A burglary at Garfield Golf Course.
- Theft of a trailer from a Garfield residence.
- A firearm being discharged over private property in Bunyip.
- The finding of a wood splitter which had previously been reported stolen.
- Theft of a set of number plates from a car parked at Garfield Rail Station.
- The loss of a mobile phone at Gumbuya World, as well as a number plate in the Cora Lynn area.
- Fence damage in Tynong North.

Thanks again for all the support we receive from the community.

Danny Hower, Victoria Police Sergeant 26184
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by Zach Jacobs



Bunyip Fire Brigade – ready to serve

2017 saw the brigade attend 76 emergencies in and around the Bunyip and Garfield area. Of these, 34 were classified as ‘fire’ or ‘explosions’, 12 as ‘motor vehicle accidents’ and seven as ‘hazardous materials incidents’. Other callouts were classified as ‘false alarm’, ‘good intent’, ‘malicious hoax’ and ‘other’. All of these were attended by your volunteer brigade who give up their time to help our communities.

By now you should be aware that **fire restrictions** are in force and that burning off is strictly banned during this time. If you require more information about what you are permitted to do during the Fire Danger Period (FDP) and on days of Total Fire Ban (TFB) please go to the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) and search “Can I Can’t I”.

Please note that burning off during the FDP is illegal and police will be informed. If you light or allow a fire to remain alight on a day of TFB police will attend and you face the possibility of being charged and given a substantial fine etc.

During the FDP the brigade has been rostered to attend any emergency as requested by CFA in any part of the state. This is a huge commitment by our members who may have to give up to 5 days away from family and work to assist another community in another part of Victoria. For this we thank our volunteers and especially their families.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN FORCE!
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Christmas street decorations

By Davina Veenstra

Thank you to Team Tony, Carmelina and Donna for helping me to take down decorations that made our little town look festive. Next season please join us to once again make our town sparkle. Christmas

*Bunyip & District
Community House*

decorations will be stored at Community House and a craft day will be organised during the year to make big red bows. Any other ideas welcome!
We hope everyone had a safe Christmas and new year.



Opening Hours: Monday to Friday – 9:30am to 4:00pm

All participants are required to be financial members of the Community House for insurance cover. **Annual Bunyip & District Membership costs** are \$6.00 for individuals and \$12.00 for families. Bunyip & District Community House is closed on Public Holidays and during school holidays.

WELCOME TO 2018!

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BDCH Reopens

House Re-opens: **Tuesday 30th January 2018**

BDCH January 2018 Operating Hours

Open for Terrific Tuesdays from 10:00am to 3:30pm on Tuesday 9th, 16th and 23rd January



Commencement Dates for Term 1 2018

Tuesday 30th January: Folk Art with Judy, Card playing, Beginner Art Class with Judy

Wednesday 31st January: Computer with Maureen & AJ, Genealogy with Ron

Thursday 1st February: Computer/Android with Cathrine, Cuppa with Rose & Kath

Friday 2nd February: Computer help with AJ

Monday 5th February: Butterfly Dance with Jen



REMINDER! 2018 BDCH Membership payments are due on recommencement of classes / activities.

Activities at Bunyip & District Community House

Day	Times	Activity
Monday	10:00am–12:00pm	Art Class with Karen
	1:00pm–3:00pm	Computer Big Fish Games
Tuesday	1:00pm–4:00pm	Social Card Playing Group
	10:00am–12:00pm	Folk Art Class with Judy
	4:00pm–5:30pm	Art for Beginners with Judy
Wednesday	10:00am–12:00pm	Computers with Maureen & AJ
	1:00pm–3:00pm	Genealogy with Ron
Thursday	10:00am–12:00pm	Computer/Android, Cathrine
	1:00pm–3:00pm	"Cuppa & Chat" with Rose & Kath
Friday	10:00am–12:00pm	Computer Help with AJ

NOTE: iPad Classes with AJ can be arranged by appointment.

Activities at Garfield Picture Theatre

Day	Times	Activity
Tuesday	9:00am	Garfield Fun & Fitness

Activities at Bunyip Hall

Day	Times	Activity
Monday	9:30am–10:15am	Butterfly Dance (suitable 2½ to 5 years)
	4:30pm–6:30pm	Yoga with Chris in the supper room
	5:30pm–7:00pm	Art for Adults with Trish (bookings essential – \$12 per person)
	From 6:30pm	Let's Play Bridge Locally
Tuesday	1:00pm–2:00pm	Tai Chi Practice (Golden Lion)
Saturday	10:00am–11:00am	Tai Chi Practice in the supper room

Activities at Bunyip Hillview Aged Care

Day	Times	Activity
Tuesday	10:00am–3:00pm	Patchwork & Sewing (BYO lunch) held 1st and 4th Tuesday each month
Wednesday	8:30am–2:00pm	Bunyip & District Men's Shed Call Alan Berry on 03 5629 6140 or mobile 0429 296 140
	1:00pm–3:00pm	Sewing & Knitting held weekly Call Barb on 0407 294 326
Thursday	10:00am–12:00pm	Art & Craft Class with Karen held weekly
Friday	10:00am–2:00pm	Bunyip Garment Makers held fortnightly

Do you need information on any of our activities? Check our website, www.bdch.com.au or call us on 03 5629 5877.



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Community calendar

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2018

★ Public Holiday

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
15 9:30am Bunyip Singers	16	17	18 Pakenham Racing – Kids Night Out	19 11am Hillview Gems	20 12pm–7pm Bunyip Rodeo Show	21
22 9:30am Bunyip Singers	23 Story Camp Workshop	24 Story Camp Workshop	25 Story Camp Workshop	26 ★ Australia Day 9:15am Bunyip Celebration	27 6:30pm Garry Johns Show	28 9am–2pm Bunyip Community Market
29 9:30am Bunyip Singers	30	31	1	2 11am Hillview Gems	3 9am–1pm Jindivick Country Market	4 10am–2pm BTC Open Day
5 9:30am Bunyip Singers	6	7	8	9 11am Hillview Gems	10	11
12 9:30am Bunyip Singers	13	14	15	16 11am Hillview Gems	17	18
19 9:30am Bunyip Singers	20	21	22	23 11am Hillview Gems	24	25 9am–2pm Bunyip Community Market

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Local Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

BUNYIP

Bunyip & District Community Bendigo Bank® Branch – 18 Main St
Bunyip Fire Brigade Station – 15 Pearson St
Bunyip Recreation Reserve – Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Rd
Bunyip & District Men's Shed – 22 A'Beckett Rd (off Anderson St)
Hillview Bunyip Aged Care – 22 A'Beckett Rd
IGA Supermarket Foyer – 2/6 Main St

CANNIBAL CREEK

Cannibal Creek Reserve – 133 Garfield North Rd

GARFIELD

Garfield Bowling Club – Beswick St
Garfield Golf Club – 180 Thirteen Mile Rd
Garfield Post Office – 77 Main St
Garfield Recreation Reserve – Beswick St

LONGWARRY

Longwarry Fire Brigade Station – 15 Bennett St

MARYKNOLL

Maryknoll Fire Brigade Station – 16 Koolbirra Rd
Maryknoll Recreation Reserve – Marrakilla Rd

NAR NAR GOON

Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade Station – 6 Carney St
Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve – Spencer St

TONIMBUK

Tonimbuk Equestrian Centre – 370 Sanders Rd,
Bunyip North

Rotary



Ambulance
Victoria



Find a publicly accessible AED visit
www.registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au



TYNONG

Tynong Fire Brigade Station – 47 Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Rd
Tynong Recreation Reserve – Park Rd
Tynong Post Office, General Store – 40 Railway Ave

Community Contacts

- A Bunyip Animal Rescue Network**
animalrescue@dodo.com.au or
www.speakforanimals.info/barn-2017
Bunyip & District Agricultural Society
Joan Harrison – 0429 550 605
(Meets at 8 pm on 3rd Wednesday at Bunyip Hall)
- C Bunyip Cemetery**
Anne Green – 0499 295 772 or
bunyipcemetery@dcsi.net.au
Bunyip & District Community House
Davina Veenstra – 03 5629 5877 or
admin@bdch.com.au
- F Bunyip & District Fire Station**
1800 240 667 or 000
- H Bunyip Hall Hire**
Sue Anderson – 0407 834 443 or
susananderson@dcsi.net.au
Bunyip Historical Society
03 5629 5966 (Meets bi-monthly)
- J Justice of the Peace (JP)***
Martin Sayers, OAM JP – 0411 074 468 or 03 5629 5339
S. Don McLean, JP– 0401 655 303 or 03 5629 6247
- L Bunyip Landcare Group**
Sue Anderson – 03 5629 5587 or
susananderson@dcsi.net.au
Cannibal Creek Landcare Group
Pam Cunningham – 0407 876 935
- M Bunyip Community Market**
Tony Arrigo – 0407 563 441 (Last Sunday each month)
Longwarry & District Fire Brigade Market
Janine – 0419 158 946 (1st Sunday each month –
March to December)
Bunyip Medical Centre
03 5629 5111
Bunyip & District Men's Shed
Secretary Allen Berry – 03 5629 6140 or 0429 296 140
(Meets each Wednesday 9:30 am to 2:00 pm)
- O Bunyip Community Op Shop**
03 5629 6117 (After hours Tony Arrigo – 0407 563 441)
- P Bunyip Police Station**
03 5629 5205 or 000
- R Bunyip R.S.L Sub-Branch**
David Papley – 0438 295 568
- S Bunyip Scouts Australia**
Sharon Murray – 0427 966 678 or
sharonleemurray26@gmail.com
Bunyip & District SES
1800 240 667 or 000
Anglican Church of St Thomas Bunyip
Raelene Carroll – 03 5629 5295
- T Bunyip & District Toy Library**
Hayley – 0400 103 644 (Located at the Maternal Child
Health Centre on Thursday 9:30 am–10:30 am)

- W Bunyip Country Women's Association**
Wendy Earwicker – 03 5629 9241 (Meeting at 10 am to
1 pm on 4th Friday at Hillview Aged Centre)

BUNYIP & DISTRICT
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Community Clubs

- B Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club**
Donna Deken – 0409 193 951
Garfield Bowling Club
Gordon Moxey – 03 5629 2384 or 0432 355 352
Longwarry Bowls Club
Trevor or Judy Eastwell – 03 5623 3631 or
Ken White – 03 5625 4034
- C Bunyip Bulls Cricket Club**
Arch Robb – 0402 678 552 or Ian McConnell –
0419 400 630
- F Bunyip Football Club**
Secretary Gina Dowie – 0422 335 660 or
bunyip.f.c@bigpond.com
Bunyip Junior Football Club
President Noel Mollison – 0438 513 443 or
noelxchloe@bigpond.com
- N Bunyip Netball Club**
Secretary Deanna Gallasch – 0408 505 292 or
bunyipnetballclub@hotmail.com
Bunyip Patch Workers Club
Barb – 03 5629 4326
- P Bunyip-Garfield Probus Club**
Secretary – 03 5625 4350 (Meets at 10 am 1st Tuesday
each month at Garfield Community Hall)
Bunyip Pony Club
Jim Fraser – 03 5629 4358 or Lisa Hocking –
03 5629 5259 (Every 2nd Sunday Pound Road Reserve)
Lillico Pony Club
Bree – 0458 828 782 (Every 4th Sunday Pound Rd Reserve)
- R Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield**
Graeme Squires – 0417 105 598
(Dinner meeting each Wednesday at 6:30 pm)
- S Garfield Senior Citizens Club**
03 5629 2586
Bunyip Singers Club
Dorothy Myers – 03 5629 5601
(Meets at Bunyip Hall every Monday 9:30 am)
Bunyip Slimmers Club
Sandra Hogan – 03 5629 9548
(Meets every Wednesday at Bunyip Uniting Church)
Bunyip & District Soccer Club
Adrian Gatti – 0417 590 830
Sorella Callisthenics Club
Samantha Holt – 0421 424 079 or sorellacc@hotmail.com
- T Bunyip Tennis Club**
Anne Marie Helmore – 0408 295 626
- U Bunyip Uncle Bobs Club**
Barry Turner – 03 5625 4830

* Justice of the Peace signing centre operates at the Warragul Police Station from Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

DOES YOUR LOCAL CLUB / COMMUNITY GROUP DETAILS NEED TO BE ADDED OR UPDATED?
Let us know your details and get more people involved.