

Skipton Community News



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FREE
WEEKLY

Sunday 10th May is Mother's Day



Visit Skipton Market

Saturday 9th May

In the Skipton Mechanics Hall

Anderson Street, Skipton

From 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

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A project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc. For more Information,
or for Stall Bookings, ring Jan, Market Co-ordinator on 0422 785 017



SKIPTON BINGO NIGHTS
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT THE SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

Join the Skipton regulars for the
next BINGO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
THEME: Star Wars

Free tea and coffee and the bar
 will be open.

Come along for a fun night with
 the locals.

At the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club.
 Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at
 6:30pm.

Great prizes to be won!
 All are welcome, bring a friend!



HELP
WANTED

The SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.,
 is to launch a new website in order to
 serve the community.

If you have any ideas as to what should be
 included or other suggestions for this website,
 we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please contact the Secretary -
 Donald Marani-Binks on 0428 738 332
 email - secretaryskiptonpa@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH
ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICES

ANZAC Day 2026 services in Skipton were well
 attended, with strong community support at both the
 Dawn Service and the midday march from the Primary
 School along Montgomery Street to the Cenotaph.

A particularly meaningful contribution was made by the
 Grade 5/6 students of Skipton
 Primary School, who each
 presented a summary of the lives of
 the twelve local men who died as a
 result of the Second World War.
 These men were honoured through the
 planting of twelve Pin Oak trees along the
 Pin Oak Walk overlooking Mt Emu Creek -
 an enduring tribute initiated at the
 request of their families.



Over time, three of these Pin Oaks have been lost and
 now require replacement. As these plantings were of
 deep personal significance to the families of these fallen
 servicemen, it is important that we honour their wishes
 by restoring the trees and maintaining this living
 memorial for future generations.

We were grateful for the many offers of support that
 contributed to the success of the day and helped us
 honour the service and sacrifice of our brave men and
 women of all wars. We sincerely thank Country Grocers,
 HarvFest, Squadron Energy, Doug, Phil and Pete, along
 with everyone who contributed and presented on the
 day.

—Friends of the RSL, Skipton Branch—

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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

HEALTH MINISTER VISIT

The Health Service recently had the pleasure of
 welcoming Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Minister for Health,
 and Martha Haylett MP to the Beaufort campus.

The visit included a tour of the Beaufort Ripon Peace
 Nursing Home with residents and staff followed by
 meeting with the Community Advisory Committee
 including an informative discussion on Palliative Care
 Services.

National Palliative
 Care Week is coming
 up on 10-16 May.
 Conversations about
 palliative and end-of-
 life care are often
 avoided because
 they can feel too



confronting or "too soon", and many people aren't sure
 what palliative care is or when it can help. National
 Palliative Care Week is a chance to change that - by
 encouraging earlier conversations and connecting people
 to trusted information, tools and support.

At Beaufort and Skipton Health Service, we take our
 commitment to palliative care seriously, it encompasses
 listening to patients, supporting their personal wishes,
 and ensuring they can remain in their community
 whenever possible. Receiving positive comments from
 family members highlights the dedication
 and care of our team.



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SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School phone: 5340 2002

Email: skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.auwww.skiptonps.vic.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2, Week 2

Monday 27th - Wed 29th April

- Grade 3/4 Camp

Friday 1st May

- Cross Country

Term 2, Week 3

Monday 4th May

- School Council - Online

Thursday 7th May

- Mother's Day Stall

Friday 8th May

- Prep-2 Earth Ed Stem Academy

Term 2, Week 4

Monday 11th May

- VSSS Select Students

Term 2, Week 5

Wednesday 20th May

- Prep Kinder visit

Monday 22nd May

- Athletics Day at Llanberris in Ballarat - OWN TRANSPORT REQUIRED

Term 2, Week 6

Monday 25th May

- PLAY Incursion Grade 5/6

Friday 29th May

- Grade 3/4 Earth Ed Incursion

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS

Michelle's Award

Hunter - For having a great start to the term. Hunter you have shown great focus and worked hard to complete all of your work!

Miss Mac's Award

Amity - For demonstrating resilience and effort in our Maths lessons, and approaching your learning with a positive attitude. Keep it up, Amity!

Mrs Donald's Award

Henry - For quietly stepping in to help his peers when they're feeling upset. It is wonderful to see your thoughtfulness in action.

Mrs Bourke's Award

Arthur - For your humour, warmth, increased confidence and sensational results on your last spelling test! I am proud of you! Keep it up!

Congratulations to all!

BOOK CLUB

Twice a term, we send home Scholastic Book Club catalogues for all students.

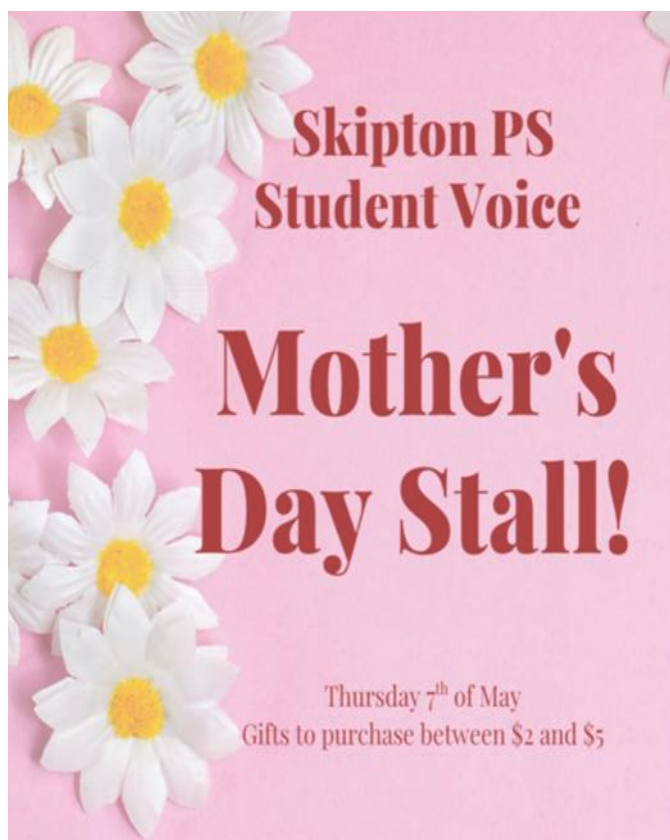
Orders must be placed through the Scholastic Loop App with books delivered back to school for distribution.

By ordering books from Scholastic, the school earns points which allows us to purchase more wonderful books for our library space.

WELCOME TO COACH FINN McDONALD - NO LIMIT SPORTS

We are excited to welcome Coach Finn McDonald to Skipton Primary School, who will be joining us on Fridays to work with our students as part of the No Limit Sports program.

We are thrilled to be working with No Limit Sports and look forward to seeing our students grow in confidence, enjoyment and engagement through this wonderful program.





Western Plains
ATHLETICS DAY

**LLANBERRIS
ATHLETICS RESERVE**

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 9:30AM START

DERRINALUM COLLEGE
Rokewood Primary School
Skipton Primary School



Moreton Hill Wind Farm

The proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm is located on Wadawurrung Country, about 35 kilometres southwest of Ballarat. The wind farm will have up to 62 turbines, producing enough electricity to power around 260,000 homes and prevent almost 350,000 tonnes of emissions annually.

The wind farm is proposed to connect to the electricity network via a new underground 220kV powerline to the Berrybank terminal station about nine kilometres south of the wind farm.

For the latest updates on Moreton Hill Wind Farm and to sign up for our community updates, please scan the QR code or visit: www.moretonhillwindfarm.com.au



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Contact Marilyn Ellis on 5340 3515 for enquiries

Usual Service times

9:00am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart on 0437 495 553 for enquiries

Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation**Skipton/Lismore**

- Week One 10am Skipton
- Week Two 10am Skipton
- Week Three 10am Skipton
- Week Four 10am Skipton
- Week Five 11am Lismore

**St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beaufort****Service Times**

- Week One Sunday LLA 10:00am
- Week Two Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Week Three Sunday LLA 10:00am
- Week Four Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Week Five Sunday LLA 10:00am

St Aloysius' Redan
St James' Sebastopol
St Peter's Linton

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale & Snake Valley)

Parish Priest: Fr. Con
 Bagaoisan OSJ
 Presbytery: 508 Leith St,
 Redan
 Telephone: 0435 494 472

Assistant Priest: Fr. Eladio
 Lizada OSJ
 Telephone: 0450 017 007

Parish Coordinators & Safeguarding Officers

Redan: Bernadette Lynch
 Telephone: 0455 212 123
 Email:

redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office hours: Tuesday &
 Thursday 9am - 4pm

Sebastopol: Pauline O'Brien
 Telephone: 0428 699 624
 Email:

sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office hours: Tuesday & Friday
 9am - 3pm

For Linton Parish enquiries, contact Fr. Con Bagaoisan

The parish acknowledges that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Parish Mass Times

St Aloysius, Redan & St James, Sebastopol: Thursday 9:30am, Friday 9:30am, Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Brigid's, Snake Valley, St Peter's, Linton & St John's, Skipton: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

3 Lyons St, South Ballarat

Telephone: 5331 2933

Email: ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.auWeb: stpatricks cathedral.weebly.comwww.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm



The phone will be transferred to the on-call priest so that Hospitals, Aged Care facilities, Funeral Directors or others seeking the services of a priest may be responded to.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation.

We are a child safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

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Bendigo Community Bank Beaufort

Account name: Skipton Progress Association Inc.

BSB: 633 000 Account number: 146 795 687

**SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION**

Beaufort Road, Skipton

Skipton Transfer Station opens fortnightly on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1-5pm

Wednesday 22nd April

Sunday 3rd May

Wednesday 6th May

Sunday 17th May

Wednesday 20th May

Sunday 31st May

Wednesday 3rd June

**Skipton Kerbside Bin Collection**

Red waste bins collected weekly, yellow recycling fortnightly, purple glass on first recycling week each month

Green bin collected fortnightly between January & September, weekly between October & December

Tuesday 21st April: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 28th April: Red & green bins

Tuesday 5th May: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 12th May: Red & green bins

Tuesday 19th May: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 26th May: Red & green bins

SKIPTON FOOD BANK**AT JUBILEE CENTRE**

10 MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON

**NEW OPENING HOURS****MONDAYS 2PM-5PM****WEDNESDAYS 12PM-3PM****THURSDAYS 9AM-12PM**

An emergency community pantry providing free food, toiletries and hygiene products, cleaning supplies and other necessities to those in need, no questions asked.

Please consider a financial donation to:

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BSB 633 000 Account number: 230967804

SKIPTON OP-SHOP**OPENING HOURS**

The after-hours phone number for Stan has
 changed to **5340 2478**

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Saturday 10am - 3pm

Sunday 10am - 2pm

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Friday 3pm-5pm

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Publish your meeting or events dates in the Skipton Community News each week!Email details to the Editor to skiptonscn@gmail.com

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Or drop us a note into our drop boxes in either the
 roadhouse or the Skipton Country Grocers.

The deadline for inclusion is 4pm every Friday, to be
 printed in the next week's newsletter.

Story contributions are also welcome.

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Noticeboard



Grant applications closing Monday 4 May!

Community Grants: up to \$2,000 for new leisure, cultural or recreational programs, projects, activities, events, or equipment.

Facility Grants: up to \$2,000 (dollar-for-dollar and in-kind) for facility improvements or equipment.

Environment Support Grants up to \$3,000 (dollar-for-dollar) for environment and sustainability projects in the Shire.

Events and Festivals Grants: up to \$7,000 (grant and in-kind) for signature events and up to \$3,000 for local events.

Enabling Grants up to \$5,000 for planning and costings.

Berrybank Wind Farm Grants: up to \$25,000 for projects significantly benefitting Shire residents, within 75 km of wind farm.

Applications close Monday 4 May.

Guidelines: corangamite.vic.gov.au/grants or 5593 7100.



Facility design grants

Up to \$7500 towards designing new facilities for community use, sport and recreation. Apply any time at corangamite.vic.gov.au/facility-design



Pet registrations

Pet registration fees were due on Friday 10 April. New dog and cat registrations can be done online. We offer a discounted registration fee for desexed pets. Register your animal online at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Pet-rego or visit us at the Civic Centre at 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown.



Respect in Sport Free Workshop

Wednesday, 6 May, 6-7.30 pm
Killara Centre, Camperdown

As part of Council's commitment to our Fair Access Policy, we are partnering with the team at South West Sport to deliver a 'Respect in Sport' workshop to clubs in Corangamite.

This workshop focuses on building the capacity of sporting clubs and community sport volunteers to embed a culture of safety, equality, and respect within your club, setting you up for future success and sustainability.

Bookings: trybooking.com/DLCCV

Victorian Seniors Festival Expressions of interest

Community groups are being encouraged to host an event celebrating our older Corangamite Shire residents during the 2026 Seniors Festival in October. Interested community groups or social clubs, made up of exclusively volunteers over 55 years, can call Council's Positive Ageing Access and Inclusion team on 5593 7100 or email servicenav@corangamite.vic.gov.au to find out how to apply.

One-on-one farm advice

Farmers can register for a free one-on-one farm advisory consultation on the best way forward for their business. The consultation includes a session of up to 3 hours (face to face on farm or online) and follow-up call, to develop and implement a drought management action plan.

Find out more at go.vic.gov.au/4mCBGmMor, call Agriculture Victoria on 13 61 86 or email drought.support@agriculture.vic.gov.au.



corangamite.vic.gov.au



WELLBEING AND INCLUSION.

Movie of the month

Tuesday 5 May CANCELLED

Oddball, Alderwood Manor, Cobden

Tuesday 2 June, 10.30 am–12.30 pm

Blueback, Port Campbell Art Space

Returning to her coastal hometown, a marine biologist confronts a complicated past and a deep connection to the ocean.

Navigation Support Program

Skipton Library: Tuesday 12 May and 9 June, 10 am–12 pm

Explore and talk

Self-paced tour around key landmarks. Finish with a drink and chat at a local cafe.

- Wednesday 13 May, Timboon. Meet at the distillery at 10 am.

For Corangamite residents. Participant limits apply. Please book on 5593 7100.



CAMPERDOWN THEATRE ROYAL

Friday 29 May, 7.30 pm

Tickets: \$25 @ tinyurl.com/redskycamperdown

Tom Holloway's award-winning script captures the heart of regional Australia – the early mornings, the long silences, the unspoken care that holds families together.

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SENIORS INVITED TO LIVE THEIR BEST LIFE WITH THEIR OWN FESTIVAL EVENTS



Community groups are being encouraged to host an event celebrating older Corangamite Shire residents during the 2026 Victorian Seniors Festival in October.

The theme for this year's Victorian Seniors Festival is 'Connect, Create and Celebrate' which brings a positive message that encourages people to learn, connect with others, and to live their best life.

Council Co-Ordinator Positive Ageing, Access & Inclusion Belinda Rowbottom said Council was standing by to help promote enjoyable and memorable events, for seniors, by seniors.

"We'd love to see you hold an event that will celebrate being an older person and encourage seniors in our community to participate and enjoy themselves," Mrs Rowbottom said.

"It's about growing in experience, connecting with others, and having some fun.

"It's a great way to let the community know about your group, which can be promoted as part of the Corangamite Shire Council's Victorian Seniors Festival promotional campaign.

"Your group are in control of the event and its planning, including the date, venue, catering, and any entertainment.

"Council will promote the events in a printed programme which will be distributed around the Shire and email directly to 30 community groups.

"Details of each event will also be listed on our website at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Events."

Interested community groups or social clubs, made up of exclusively volunteers over 55 years, can call Mrs Rowbottom on 5593 7100 or email servicenav@corangamite.vic.gov.au to find out how to apply.

Expressions of interest can be lodged at corangamite.vic.gov.au/SeniorsFestivalEoi until Friday 12th June.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

CALLING FOR HELP IN THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all community members for help with the following community events and activities:

- Community Photo Exhibition - FREE EVENT planned for 19th/20th/21st June in the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Volunteers are needed to help set up the Hall for the exhibition.

Everyone is invited to print (5x7 or larger), mount on card and name their photo for this gathering of photos of before, during, and after (the recovery of our Landscape and our Community). Images of people, places and activities - anything fire related - are welcome. Everyone who contributes photos will have at least one photo in the BOOK.

- Community Oral History recordings - Volunteers are needed to help and be interviewed to tell their stories.

FitzMedia from Warrnambool is being employed to record the stories the community would like to share for Historical Record. Please contact Pat Gabb for a time slot to share your experiences, including Town, Farms & Volunteers. Interviews will be 30 minutes long.

- Creation of the Photo Book - Volunteers with computer skills are needed to create the book and run the project. A team of two or three would be perfect.
- Launch of Book and Fire Film/Documentary - FREE night of celebration on Saturday 24th October at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Volunteers will be needed for many jobs that evening which will be a special evening for the WHOLE COMMUNITY - Streatham, Carranballac, Skipton & beyond.

Details to order the book will be shared in the future. Please contact Pat Gabb on 5340 2177 or 0473 421 802 ASAP for information or to lend a helping hand.

—Pat Gabb—

PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL MONITORS GLOBAL FUEL CRISIS



Pyrenees Shire Council will continue to monitor the ongoing global fuel crisis for its immediate and potential service impacts.

At its meeting on Monday 20th April, Council voted to work with peak bodies on potential mitigation measures and advocate

to governments for crisis support.

Pyrenees Shire Council Acting CEO Douglas Gowans said both Council operations and the community are already experiencing immediate and emerging impacts from the fuel shortage triggered by the Middle East conflict.

"Council relies heavily on fuel for road maintenance and construction, as well as waste and recycling services," Mr Gowans said.

Council has already identified potential cost increases for some services and projects between 10% and 25%.

Mr Gowans said some works have already been delayed or deferred, particularly those without immediate significant community impact.

"Council will operate within our financial constraints at all times," he said.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust priorities to ensure essential services are maintained.

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—

Camperdown Veterinary Centre

1 Leura Street, Camperdown

Monday	8.00am - 5.30pm	 CAMPERDOWN VETERINARY CENTRE Please note: NEW OPENING TIMES
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Wednesday	8.00am - 5.30pm	
Thursday	8.00am - 5.30pm	
Friday	8.00am - 5.30pm	
Saturday	9.00am - 12.00pm	

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- ✓ Immigration, citizenship and passports
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**BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1936 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO
LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.**

**These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)**

MOTOR CAR TURNED OVER

MARVELLOUS ESCAPE OF PASSENGERS

A marvellous escape from what might easily have proved a serious accident was experienced by a party of motorists approaching Skipton late on Tuesday afternoon from the direction of Ballarat. Mr C. J. Braden, a life insurance inspector, and a party of friends from Hamilton, were travelling in a new model Chevrolet Six car, returning to their home town.

About a mile and a half out of Skipton Mr Braden turned slightly off the road formation to pass a horse-drawn waggonette, driven by Mr Frank Osborne, of Skipton. The car wheels commenced to skid in loose gravel on the roadside, so Mr Braden turned back to the road in front of the waggonette. The acceleration took the car right across the road and a very sharp return was necessary to avoid more roadside trouble. Quick action by the driver caused the car to stall and then turn completely over. The radiator was bent back on to the engine, glass in the lamps and a door smashed and the hood dented in.

The safety body construction of the car saved the occupants from serious injury and when released by willing helpers it was found that a few minor abrasions and shocks covered the damage.

After trifling adjustments by an expert from Skipton Garage the Chev. was able to proceed next morning under its own power.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Tenders are invited for a supply of gravel for the Eurambeen—Streatham Road in the Shire of Ripon.

The secretary of Skipton Golf Club has received invitations from the Lismore and Beaufort clubs for representatives to be present at their opening day tournaments tomorrow.

Dog fanciers would be well-advised to take special care of their animals at present, as poison is said to be scattered about near the precincts of the town. Several dogs have fallen victims to the insidious bait.

Further misfortune has befallen Mr Alex. Slater, who had his leg broken by a kick from a horse at the blacksmith's shop of Messrs J. and W. Wise about three months ago. He was almost ready to return home from Ballarat Hospital when he slipped and again damaged the leg. It will mean another lengthy course of treatment before he can come back to his home.

The honesty of childhood was exemplified by the action of a boy who found a ten shillings note on the road one day this week and took it to his teacher at school. Teacher placed the note with their postmaster, who awaits an owner. It is to be hoped that should a proved claimant appear he will remember to reward such honest behaviour in a suitable manner.

Among the visitors at the Skipton recreation reserve on Monday was Mr H. Adams, who was well known in this district many years ago, especially when he first published the "Grenville Standard" 41 years ago and served the reading public here before the establishment of "Skipton Standard," which now performs that service.

To discover more about Skipton's past, drop into the Old Police House at 35 Montgomery Street between 2pm and 4pm on the third Sunday of every month. All are most welcome.



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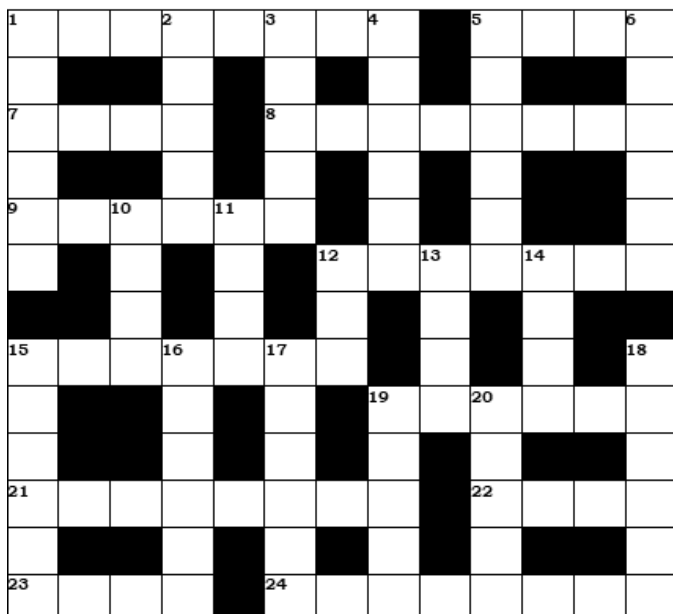


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5. Frolic (4)

7. Stratford's river (4)

8. Inhabitant (8)

9. The Hellenic Republic (6)

12. Creator of the 'Diddy Men' (3,4)

15. Seed used in baking (7)

19. Root vegetable (6)

21. Dregs (8)

22. Chopped (4)

23. Long prison sentence! (4)

24. Spray (8)

2. Arabian sprite (5)

3. Wear away (5)

4. Safe (6)

5. Torn (6)

6. Early type of bomb (6)

10. Eastern ruler (4)

11. Bird's crop (4)

12. Musical pitch (3)

13. Roman emperor (4)

14. Whale genus (4)

15. Gouging tool (6)

16. Counsel (6)

17. Capital of 9 Across (6)

18. Curly-haired dog (6)

19. Actor, ___ Sallis (5)

20. Instruct (5)

DOWN

1. Transformation (6)

PUZZLES

Courtesy of Gail Ward. Solutions on page 20.

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How to play Sudoku:

Fill a 9x9 grid with digits 1-9 such that **each row, column, and 3x3 sub-grid contains all digits without repetition**. Use logic and process of elimination to place the missing numbers into the empty cells, starting with numbers that have only one possible location. The game is won when the entire grid is filled correctly

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BERRYBANK WIND FARM COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM RETURNS IN 2026



Golden Plains Shire Council and Berrybank Wind Farm are once again partnering to deliver the Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Program in 2026. Applications for this year's grants program will open on Friday 1st May and close at 2pm, Monday 1st June 2026.

The Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Program provides funding opportunities to support local community and business groups for tourism, economic development and climate change projects in Golden Plains Shire. There is a grant pool of \$75,000 available for this program in 2026.

Applicants are eligible to apply for grant funding in three categories:

- Tourism
- Economic Development
- Climate Change

Applicants must seek funding for amounts exceeding \$2,000. Multiple year applications are permissible for annual events or programs of up to 3 years.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey said the Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Program plays a critical role in strengthening our community.

"This program supports local community groups and business organisations to deliver worthwhile projects, programs and events to the community. Funding opportunities are in place to champion and celebrate our region and to help make a difference in our local communities, economy and environment," Cr Sharkey said.

"I encourage potential applicants to read the guidelines and discuss your application with Council's community Grants team who are on hand to support you through the application process," he said.

For further information about the program, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Community Development & Grants Officer at communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—



COMMUNITY NOTICE

INVITATION TO LOCAL ARTISTS

Local artists are invited to create and exhibit your artwork in the upcoming Community Fire Photo Exhibition.

The theme is the Skipton-Carranballac-Streatham fire and the recovery of the community and landscape.

Contributions are to be delivered to the Skipton Hall on Thursday 18th June after 3pm, or on Friday 19th June between 8am and 12pm.

The exhibition will be open Friday 19th June from 5pm-9pm, Saturday 20th June and Sunday 21st June from 9am-4pm.

Artwork and photos may be collected after 4pm on Sunday 21st June.

For more information, please contact Pat Gabb on 5340 2177 or 0473 421 802.

POTTERUPPERERS & BULBARIANS

We have 15 community members potting up for our fire-affected neighbours and collecting bulbs for some spring delight.

If you wish to join in, please contact Pat Gabb so she can keep you in the loop.

If you need pots or potting mix, let her know - we are hoping to collect more potting mix to help everyone.

Watch this space as we share our progress.

More help is needed on this project. Please contact Pat to lend a hand.

—Pat Gabb—



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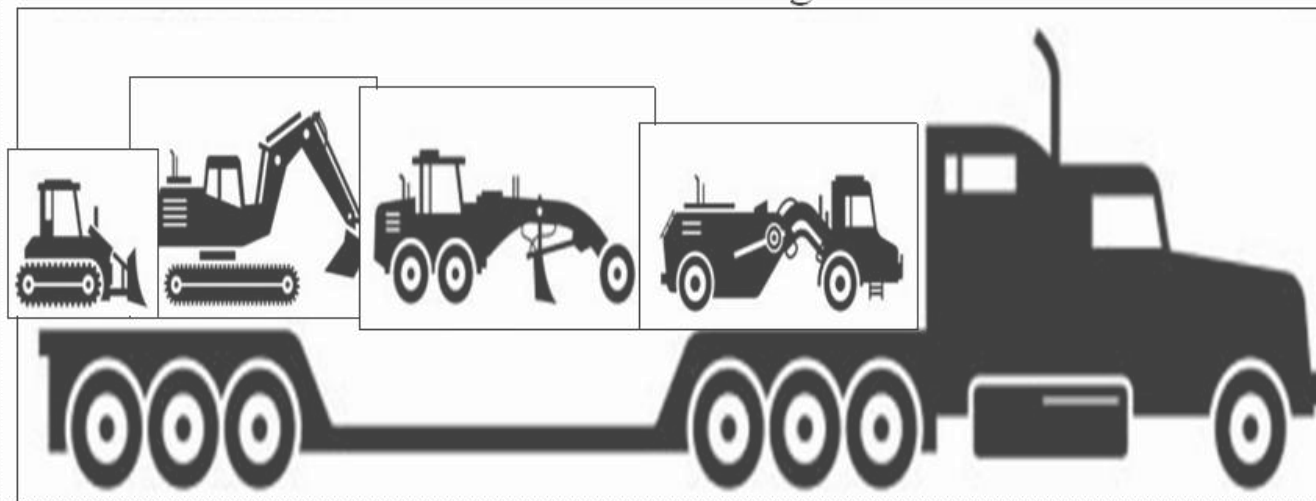
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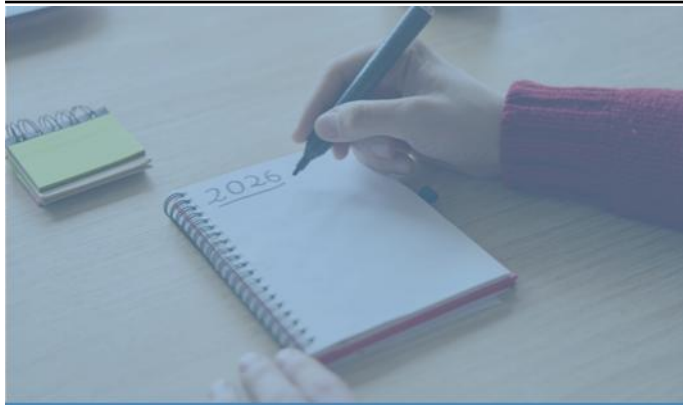
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GOLDEN PLAINS CAREERS EXPO TO GUIDE YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARDS THEIR FUTURE



The Golden Plains Career Expo (The Expo) returns in 2026, inviting individuals of all ages from across the Shire and beyond to attend this exciting event at the YMCA in Bannockburn on Thursday 4th June from 10am to 5pm.

The Expo provides a valuable opportunity for community members of all ages to connect with industry leaders and local businesses, explore diverse education and career pathways, and discover new avenues to strengthen their employment prospects.

Attendees will have the chance to meet and engage with representatives from education, skills and training providers, emergency services, the Australian Defence Force, local government, agriculture and a wide range of other sectors.

There is also an opportunity to discover more about upcoming local industry nights and accredited training opportunities, as well as hear from special guest speakers who will share valuable industry insights, pathway information and practical job-seeker skill development advice.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey described the Expo as a vibrant, valuable event for young people and anyone looking to shape their future career direction.

"The Golden Plains Careers Expo is a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to explore new pathways, connect with industry leaders and discover what's possible for the future. Whether you're a student, job-seeker or looking to make a career change, this event brings valuable information and inspiration right to our community," Cr Sharkey said.

"We're proud to host an event that brings together education providers, local businesses, emergency services, the Australian Defence Force and so many other sectors. It's a chance for residents to learn directly from the people shaping our region's workforce," he said.

"I encourage people to drop in, have a chat with the exhibitors and see what opportunities are out there. You never know what might spark your interest."

The Golden Plains Careers Expo is supported and funded by the Victorian State Government's Engage Initiative.

Registrations are required for group participation only. To register, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/Events. Food options will be available at the event.

For further information, contact Council's Youth Development team at youth@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

BLAZE AID CAMP SEEKING COOK



The BlazeAid Skipton Base Camp is looking for a camp cook to take care of meals for the volunteers a few days a week.

Meals provided to volunteers include breakfast and two-course dinners each day.

The camp is based at the Bradvale Hall, located at the Bradvale Recreation Reserve, 549 Crawfords Rd, Bradvale.

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND MEETINGS

Skipton Senior Citizens Club Every Monday at Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall From 2pm till 4pm on Monday, and on the fourth Monday have an earlier start of 12 noon for Lunch. Committee Meeting follows at 2pm. "Seniors" is a fantastic way to enjoy a weekly outing and to make new friends. Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "lots of Other Stuff"!! - Seniors also have trips and outings throughout the year. - Just come along, you will be happy you did.	Monday 27th—Wednesday 29th April, SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL Grade 3/4 Camp
Euchre Card Group Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.	Friday 1st May, SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY SPORTS DAY at the Skipton Recreation Reserve.
Skipton Library in Mechanics Hall Opening times: Tuesday 10:00am to 12:00pm Friday 3:00pm to 5:00pm Fiction, non-fiction, LARGE PRINT, DVDs, eBooks, Children's books & DVDs, and biographies. Free membership, all welcome. Come and check us out.	Sunday 3rd May The SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be holding their Monthly Meeting at 2pm in the Old Police House, next to the Court House Museum in Stewart Park Historical Precinct on Montgomery St. Almost the last chance to organize your ticket in the Ballarat South Rotary Raffle, vital funding for the Skipton Historical Society. Contact Secretary on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com.
Skipton Food Bank NEW OPENING HOURS - see Page 6 An emergency community pantry supplying food, toiletries, and other necessities for those in need, no questions asked. For cash donations, please deposit to: Skipton Community Shop BSB: 633 000 Account number: 230967804	Wednesday 6th May BINGO NIGHT at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club. Theme: Star Wars! Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6:30pm. Free tea and coffee available and the bar is open. Great prizes to be won, everyone is welcome!
Skipton Historical Society From 2pm-4pm, the third Sunday of every month, in the Court House Museum and Old Police House, in Stewart Park, Montgomery St, Skipton. All visitors welcome. Further enquiries, please call Secretary on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com.	Saturday 9th May 9am-1pm SKIPTON'S MOTHER'S DAY MARKET in the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson Street, from 9am to 1pm. Be there for the draw at 11:30am for the Vision Australia Mother's Day Raffle, tickets for sale in Skipton and at the Market. Find a present from our stalls with crystals, jewellery, crafts, bric-a-brac, plants, and gifts and music. Sit down for a moment with coffee, cake and a snack in our cosy Supper Room. For further information and stall bookings, ring Market Coordinator Jan on 0422 785 017. A project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc.
Skipton Community Market The community market is held on the second Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm. If you are new in town, or haven't been to the market before, come and enjoy a free morning tea and browse the interesting stalls. For stall bookings, call Jan on 0422 785 017.	Sunday 10th May MOTHER'S DAY
Beaufort Art Trax Gallery Is Open: Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm Phone: Heather 0427 492 082	Wednesday 13th May, 7pm SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Meeting every second Wednesday in the month, the Progress Association welcomes new members from Skipton and District for discussions around various events and programs throughout the year. For further information, please contact Secretary Donald Binks on 0422 738 332 or email secretaryskiptonpa@gmail.com
Beaufort Historical Society 9 Livingstone St, Beaufort Open hours every Wednesday 10am-4pm, and last Sunday of the month from 12pm-3pm. Except for the months of June, July & January. All welcome.	Sunday 17th May, 11am STEWART PARK WORKING BEE at Stewart Park, Montgomery St, from 11am. All are welcome to help maintain our beautiful Park, there's work for all abilities, from weeding to whipper snipping. Please wear appropriate clothing, closed-toe shoes, bring along your gloves and don't forget your hat!
	Sunday 17th May Fireworld Discovery Centre and Museum, Streatham. Open from 11am to 4:30pm. Contact Bruce McKenna (Secretary/Treasurer) on 0466 286 011.
	Sunday 17th May, 2pm-4pm THE COURT HOUSE MUSEUM & OLD POLICE HOUSE will be Open to Visitors. Skipton Historical Society members will be there to welcome you, perhaps answer a few questions and show you round the collection. In the Stewart Park Historical Precinct, on Montgomery St in Skipton. All very welcome. For further information, contact Secretary on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com
	Friday 22nd May, SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY IN BALLARAT own transport required.
	Friday 29th May, 7:30pm THEATRE WORKS PRESENTS: RED SKY MORNING at the Camperdown Theatre Royal. Award-winning script by Tom Holloway, directed by Lyall Brooks. A hauntingly beautiful Australian story that will stay with you. With sharp wit and tender honesty, it reflects the challenges and strength of small-town life where connection is both fragile and essential. Tickets \$25 from tinyurl.com/redskycamperdown