

Skipton Community News



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FREE
WEEKLY

SKIPTON OP SHOP CELEBRATES 10th BIRTHDAY



Happy 10th birthday Skipton Community Op Shop! Photograph courtesy of Lois Lane

On Sunday 26th April the Skipton Community Op Shop celebrated its 10th birthday with cake, candles, and fun!

President Pat Hutchison made and cut the yummy birthday cake as Op Shop Co-Ordinator Stan Foote was unable to be there, owing to his commitment to the football club gate - 26 years and counting!

Over the years, the shop has been able to assist many local groups with various projects and needs, and also other op shops in times of disaster. In return, shops such as those in Terang and Timboon donated blankets and bedding to Skipton this year.

Stan also received offers of help from op shops from as far away as New South Wales when our district was suffering recently.

With many thanks to the most generous donors from far and wide who keep staff very busy each week, the shop has been able to donate over \$250,000 to assist with various needs in the community.

—Story and photograph from roving reporter Lois Lane—



Skipton Community Shop

SKIPTON OP-SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday	10am - 4pm
Saturday	10am - 3pm
Sunday	10am - 2pm

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

Visit us in person at 21 Montgomery Street, Skipton.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/skiptoncommunityshop

COMMUNITY NOTICE**TRIBUTE TO MARY BRADSHAW**

The President Dave, Secretary Barb, and members of the Skipton and District Historical Society pay tribute to our life member, Mary Bradshaw, who passed away peacefully on April 10th 2026.

Mary was our Historical Secretary from 1984 to 2024. A dedicated member who devoted so much love and time to gathering information, photos, and family history to add to the Collection.

R.I.P.

—Barb Pett, Secretary Skipton and District Historical Society—

**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.

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—

Skipton and District**Historical Society****COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RAFFLE**

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ON THE BACK PAGE**

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Sunday 10th May is Mother's Day



Visit Skipton Market

Saturday 9th May

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Anderson Street, Skipton

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

*Find a present for that special lady,
Enjoy a social welcome in our Supper Room
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Tickets for sale in town and at the Market



*Browse our stalls, there's jewellery, crafts, and
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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

DAN TEHAN

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WANNON



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- ✓ National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- ✓ Pensions and My Aged Care
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- ✓ Veterans' Affairs
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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



SQUADRON ENERGY





**Skipton PS
Student Voice**

Mother's Day Stall!

Thursday 7th of May
Gifts to purchase between \$2 and \$5

COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING TO SUPPORT SKIPTON FAMILIES



Corangamite Shire Council will seek Victorian School Building Authority funding to respond to the Victorian Government's Best Start Best Life kindergarten reform.

At its meeting on Tuesday 28th April, Council supported a staged plan to grow early years services in Skipton to meet local demand and prepare for upcoming State Government kindergarten changes which will see Council deliver 30 hours of pre-prep by 2031.

"Council authorised a funding application for Skipton Kindergarten to ensure childcare services are not displaced in addition to preparing the building to accommodate additional hours of kindergarten," Mayor Kate Makin said.

"While there is no certainty of the outcome of the application, it's an exciting opportunity for Skipton to see a much-needed service expanded."

Cr Makin said early years services are essential to the wellbeing of families and the future of small towns.

"Council has endorsed a staged expansion of the early years facility to support the State's Pre-prep reforms and, importantly, to ensure childcare is not displaced for local families.

"This is about making sure young families can live and work in our communities, knowing they've got access to the services they need."

Mt Elephant Ward Cr Nick Cole, who represents Skipton, said: "I'm fully in favour of this, as is Skipton."

"A connected building would create more capacity for kindergarten and ensure child care places can increase."

More planning and community consultation will take place before any changes are made.

Council will keep families, staff, and the wider community informed as the project moves forward.

Parents and carers said during Council's Early Years Plan consultation that there was demand for longer childcare hours and more places, especially for babies and toddlers. In addition, the State Government's Best Start, Best Life reforms will require councils to deliver 25 hours of funded four-year-old kindergarten by 2029, increasing to 30 hours by 2031.

Without additional infrastructure, these changes risk reducing childcare availability for working families.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

Camperdown Veterinary Centre

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Tuesday	8.00am - 5.30pm
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Saturday	9.00am - 12.00pm



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CFA MEMBERS ROLL UP SLEEVES AS BLOOD DRIVE KICKS OFF



This year's fire season might have ended but CFA's dedication to the community hasn't, with members around the state getting ready to roll up their sleeves for the annual Emergency Services Blood Drive.

Each year, Lifeblood hosts a 3-month blood drive dedicated to emergency services teams, uniting us in our shared mission to save lives.

For more than a decade, the Emergency Services Blood Drive has stood as a testament to that partnership, with close to 130,000 donations collected and an extraordinary 390,000 lives saved.

In 2025, 14,190 donations were made toward this blood drive. This includes 4,199 made in Victoria, which accounts for 29.5% of overall donations.

CFA contributed more than 950 of these donations, helping to save around 2,877 lives.

CFA Commander, James Wong, joined representatives from other emergency services at an event at the Melbourne Donor Centre on 1st May to launch the blood drive.

"One donation can save up to three lives," James said.

"If you've been thinking about donating, now's the time for a good cause."

James has a history of donating blood and said for him it was a no brainer to take part in this year's drive.

"I began donating blood in 2017," James said.

"Being a part of CFA means we give back and this is just another way we can do that."

Across Australia, levels of O- and O+ blood are low, but Lifeblood encourages everyone, no matter what blood type to give if they are able.

You don't need to know your blood type to donate, you can simply make an appointment and Lifeblood will take care of the rest.

Please share this message to help Lifeblood find the donors needed most. To find your nearest donor centre, visit www.lifeblood.com.au/donor-centre

—Media release: CFA Victoria, www.cfa.vic.gov.au—

Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

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

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 Telephone: 0450 017 007

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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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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**

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**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:

SKIPTON COMMUNITY SHOP

BSB 633 000 Account number: 230967804

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Post us a flyer to PO Box 60, Skipton VIC 3361

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.



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2026 ANZAC DAY IN SKIPTON

Following on from last week, we would like to add the stories and show the research done of the Soldiers from WWII, as told by Grade 5/6 students from our Skipton Primary School - Maisie Molloy, Vivienne Barr, Jack Smith, Will Mills & Rocco Swanson.



Skipton and District World War 2

Good afternoon everyone. We're the Captains of Skipton Primary School and we would love to share some information about the men and women from Skipton who served during World War 2.

During World War 2, more than 150 men and women enlisted, or were conscripted, from the Skipton district, including places like Bradvale, Carranballac, Mingay, Mannibadar, Stoneleigh, Mt Bute, Lake Goldsmith, Vite Vite and Pittong.

They came from all walks of life, including: farmers, labourers, shop keepers, mechanics, drivers, shearers, and many other jobs.

Of these brave men and women, 12 unfortunately lost their lives either by being killed in action, dying from disease or meeting misfortune.

In 1946 Pin Oaks were planted along the creek to remember the 12 men who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. They are still there today, but unfortunately a couple of the trees have died over the years.

Of the 12 soldiers who died some still have relatives in and around the area.

We are going to share some information about each of those 12 brave men.

Private Reginald Robert Cairns, who was also known as Ted, was a member of the 2nd 6th AIF Battalion. Ted was born in 1909, the son of Robert and Alice, and grew up in Mingay, one of a family of 6 and attended Mingay State School.

Ted enlisted in October 1939, and on the 2nd of March 1940, while travelling home on his motorbike, he skidded off the road near Scarsdale. Ted is buried in Skipton cemetery with the words "Sometime we will understand" inscribed on his grave. He was 30 years old.



Ambo's Fiona Meek & Russell Pitcher

Thomas Edward Walker was a member of the Army Ordnance Corps. He was born in London in 1896. He was living in the Stockyard Hill area and enlisted and fought in World War 1 in Gallipoli and France. After World War 1, he ran a green grocery business in Skipton.

He signed up again for World War 2, working in Melbourne with the army when, in September 1941, he was found stabbed to death in Treasury Gardens. The RSL of Skipton applied and was granted to have his body returned to the Skipton cemetery to be buried with full soldiers service. He was aged 45.

Private George Ernest Millist was a member of the Infantry Battalion. He was the eldest son of George and Emily. George was one of 4 children who all attended Skipton State School. George's father Ernest is remembered as Skipton's lamplighter. George was killed in action on Ambon Island, Indonesia, on February 2nd 1942. His service is remembered on Panel No. 47 at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The Wise name is well known in the Skipton area. George was 20 years old.



The march, with Troubles the wonder horse taking part as usual

Private Thomas McIntyre, also known as Tom, was a member of the Infantry Battalion. He was born on November 1924. Son to Andrew and Ethel, he also had 4 brothers. The family were World War 1 soldier settlers at Bradvale, on the Mt Bute estate in 1921.

Tom's father was killed in 1936 in a farm accident. All of the boys attended Bradvale School. Tom enlisted in the AIF 2 weeks after his 17th birthday, by lying about his age. 3 months later he died at the hands of the Japanese as a prisoner of war on Ambon.



Vietnam veteran Terry Gough and RSL President Graham Layley

To the end of the war, his mother kept a light burning each night in case Tommy returned home. He is

commemorated at the Ambon Memorial Indonesia, and on Panel No. 47 at the Canberra War Memorial. He has relatives Andrew and Dale, and their families, living in Skipton. He was just 17.

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Private Alexander Calder Cobden was a member of the 2nd 22nd Infantry Battalion. He was born in March 1910 and was the son of William and May. One of a family of 9 who attended Carranballac State School. Alex enlisted in June 1940 was taken prisoner of war, with his death recorded as "at sea, South West Pacific Area" on the 1st of July 1942.

Many prisoners of the Japanese died while being transported from one place to another in ships. The Japanese did not attempt to protect these ships from allied bombing by using the customary identification.

Alex is commemorated at the Rabaul Memorial, Papua New Guinea, and on Panel No. 48 at the War Memorial in Canberra. He was aged 32.

Corporal Mark Kilburn was a Battalion member born in 1909 in Derbyshire England. He was killed in action on the 29th of August, 1942, and is commemorated in the Bomana War Cemetery in Papua New Guinea and on Panel No. 38 at the Australian War Memorial.

He was survived by his wife Margaret and his 2 children Geoffrey and Janet. Margaret and the children were living in Mornington at the time of Mark's death. She later returned to Ballarat and the children attended Mt Clear School. Mark's name also appears on the War Memorial at Mornington. Mark was 33 years old.

Private Lachlan MacKinnon was born in April 1902 at Elgol on the Isle of Skye, Scotland. His name appears on the wages book at "Mooramong" from January 1938 until June 1940. He was employed as a driver and mechanic for Scobie and Claire MacKinnon.

He served, initially, in the Middle East with the 2nd 8th Battalion and was returned to Australia in early 1943, with the intention of him being sent to the South West Pacific Area, however his war records show a steady deterioration in his health over the next few months, resulting in being classified as fit only for lighter duties.

He was transferred to work in Cairns and died in Cairns hospital in October 1943. He is buried in a Commonwealth War Grave in Cairns Cemetery and is commemorated on the Australian War Memorial Panel No. 90. He was 41 years of age.

Private Max Slater

was a member of the 2nd 29th Battalion and was the son of Adam and Lilian. He was born in 1918, the fourth of 5 children and he went to Carranballac State School. After finishing school, Max worked on the family farm.

Max enlisted on the 2nd of July 1940, and he died as a prisoner of war. He is commemorated in a war cemetery in Thailand. The total number of burials in this cemetery alone is nearly 7,000.

Max is also commemorated on Panel No. 57 at the Australian War Memorial. Max was 25 years old.

Private Eric Leslie Walker was a member of the AIF 37th 52nd Battalion. He was born in August 1917 in Mt Gambier, the son of Hugh and Irene. The Walker family was a group of families from the Mt Gambier district that made their way to Vite Vite area and settled under the "Closer Settlement Scheme".

Eric enlisted in January 1943, leaving his wife Mary Ann behind. Eric died of illness while serving in New Guinea in late 1943. He is commemorated at the Bomana War Cemetery, Port Moresby, and on Memorial Panel No. 67 at the Australian War Memorial. He was 26 years old.

Flying Officer Charles Ridley Fairburn was born in 1924 in Melbourne, the son of Major C.O. Fairburn; he married Florance Ridley. He enlisted in the RAAF in October 1942. At the time of his death in a flying battle, he was serving in 50 Squadron. The Lancaster Bomber came down in Germany in February 1945 on what was Charles' 29th operation of a tour of 30 ops.

Some of the crew survived. Charles is commemorated at Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany, and on the Australian War Memorial Panel No. 122.

Charles still has family in the Skipton area with Charles and Amanda and their family. He was just 20 years old.

Trooper Mervyn Lloyd Howel was a member of the Cavalry Regiment, and 2nd 11th Australian Commando Squadron. He was born in May 1918, the son of Percy and Florence, and one of a family of 3 boys - Mervyn, Ron, and Ray - all of whom served in World War 2.

Merv enlisted in May 1941, and was killed in action in Brunei Bay, Borneo in June 1945. He is commemorated at Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia, and on Panel No. 13 on the Australian War Memorial. His family was from Mannibadar. He was aged 27.

Private Stanly James Smith was a member of AIF 28th Battalion. He was born in August 1920 at Skipton, the son of Wallace and Susan. He was brother to Wallace, Albert, and Ruby Haley, all of whom served in the forces during the war.

The Smith family paid a very high price for our freedom, both Wallace and Albert were taken as prisoners of war by the Japanese. The single Pin Oak that is now damaged on the eastern end of the road bridge is dedicated to Stan, who was killed in action in New Guinea on 27th June 1945, a time when the war in Europe had already ended.

Stan is commemorated in the War Cemetery at Lae, Papua New Guinea, and on Panel No. 33 at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. He still has nephews, Stewart and Ron Haley, and family living in Skipton. Stan was 24 years old.

It was wonderful for all of us to see & experience the dedication made by our Community, friends & visitors - thanks also to the two young men who attended our Dawn Service after finishing a long night shift out on our farms - they would have been exhausted, dusty and hungry. At the least, we offered them breakfast!

It is refreshing to see the younger generations showing their appreciation & respect for our soldiers.

—Friends of the RSL, Skipton Branch—



Val Richardson & Kathy Heenan



LSC Anthony Graham laid a wreath



School Captains Viv and Maisie, and Vice Captains Jack and Will with the wonderful school wreath



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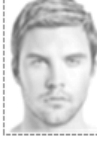
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**BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1936 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO
LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.**

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

DOGS KILL SHEEP

GRAZIERS THREATEN RETALIATION

On Monday morning some dogs got among flocks of sheep in paddocks bordering the township area and caused a lot of damage. In one flock belonging to Mr Earles six sheep and twelve lambs were killed, while several other animals were so severely mauled that they are not expected to recover. Mr Hills lost five sheep from a flock in an adjoining paddock. Sheep-owners generally believe that when a dog has effected a "kill" in a flock the animal will return the next night to feed on the dead sheep. Acting on this assumption, the owners poisoned a carcass and left it in the paddock. On Tuesday morning a visit to the scene revealed another carcass nearby. Closer inspection showed that it was a big black sheep dog, and had apparently fallen to the trap. Later on a second dog was added to the bag.

Wandering dogs are the cause of great worry to sheep-owners at the present time, for while the ewes are with lambs they fall easy victims to marauders because they will not go far from the young lambs. Owners of dogs should keep their animals out of the sheep paddocks, as several graziers have issued warnings that any trespassing dogs will be shot.

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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.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the BlazeAid Coordinator, Christine Male, on 0418 745 994 or email skipton@blazeaid.com.au.

—Dale McIntyre—

6 MAY 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN**NATIONAL HEART WEEK**

Heart Week is Australia's national heart awareness week held in May each year. It provides an opportunity for all people living in Australia to start a conversation about heart health with their loved ones and take positive steps to reduce their heart disease risk.

Heart disease is one of the leading causes of death in Australia. Many heart attacks and strokes can be prevented through behaviours like following an eating pattern, being active, and being smoke-free.

Many people may not know their risk of developing heart disease, especially since you often can't feel risk factors like high blood pressure and cholesterol. Having a Heart Health Check is an important first step to protecting your heart.

If you are 45 years and over, and don't already have heart disease, you can see your GP for a Heart Health Check. Some people may be eligible earlier such as from 30 years for First Nations People and 35 years for people living with diabetes.

To book a heart health check at the Skipton Medical Practice, visit bshs.org.au/services/medical-practice/book-appointment or call 5340 1110.



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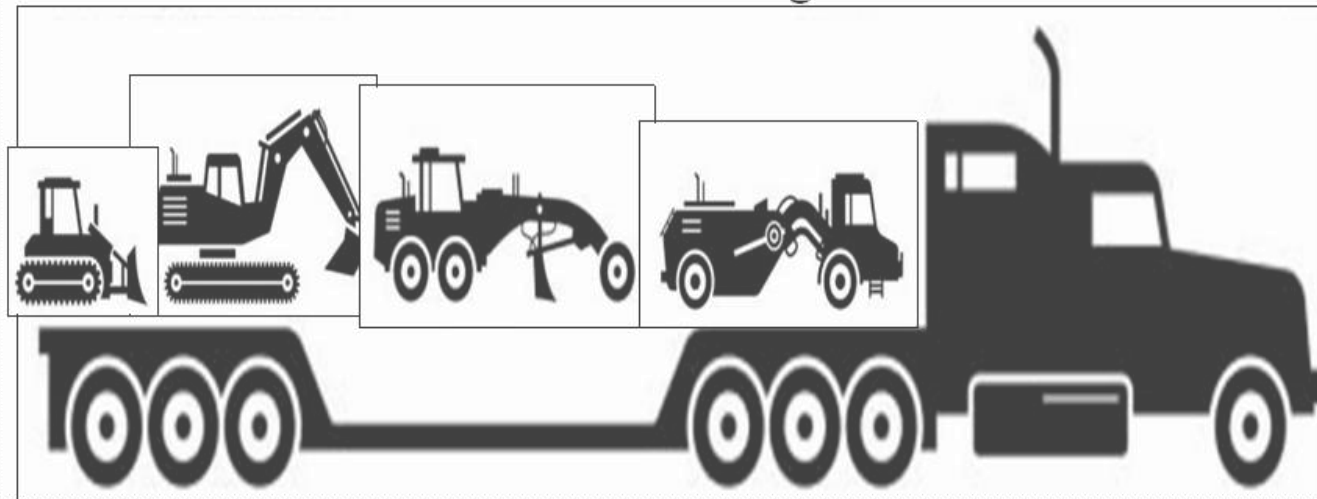
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- Climate Change

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There is a grant pool of \$75,000 available for this program in 2026.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss your application with Council's Community Grants team. Please enquire as soon as possible to allow adequate time to discuss your application prior to the submission deadline.

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



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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.	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!
Euchre Card Group Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.	Thursday 7th May, SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL Student Voice Mother's Day Stall. Gifts to purchase between \$2 and \$5.
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.	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 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	Sunday 10th May MOTHER'S DAY
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.	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
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 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!
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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, 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
	Sunday 17th May, 12pm BONFIRE & BBQ FOR BLAZE AID AT BRADVALE All community members are invited to celebrate 4 months of BlazeAid's service after the Streatham-Skipton and Larralea fires by joining us for a free Bonfire & BBQ Community Celebration at the Bradvale Recreation Reserve. The family-friendly event will have free food and live entertainment.
	Friday 22nd May, 9:30am SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY at Llanberris Athletics Reserve in Ballarat. STUDENTS OWN TRANSPORT REQUIRED.
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