

Skipton Community News



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WEEKLY

STATE BUDGET LETS SKIPTON DOWN DURING RECOVERY FROM JANUARY FIRES



Streatham-to-Skipton bushfires.

Mayor Cr Kate Makin said the lack of funding for the vital facility sends a discouraging message to residents working hard to rebuild.

"Skipton and surrounding communities are still in recovery mode after the January fires, and our people continue to feel the impacts every day," Cr Makin said.

"To see the State Budget again overlook funding for the reserve is deeply disappointing."

Cr Makin said the reserve is not just a sporting facility, but an essential hub for wellbeing, connection and recovery after emergencies.

"Funding for the upgrade is critical to community recovery and to rebuilding long-term resilience," she said.

"After events like the January fires, people need safe, fit-for-purpose places where they can come together, support one another and begin to heal. The rec reserve plays that role."

Cr Makin said Council has raised these needs directly with the State Government.

"Council has met with Deputy Premier Ben Carroll and our local Member for Ripon, Martha Haylett, and others, to clearly outline the importance of the reserve and the ongoing recovery needs of the community," she said.

Despite those discussions, and the clear evidence of need, this Budget leaves Skipton no better off. Our community continues to feel unheard."

While the Budget includes recovery funding for other parts of the state, smaller regional communities like Skipton again miss out on meaningful investment, even after major emergencies," Cr Makin said.

"Recovery doesn't end when the fires are put out.

"If we are serious about resilience, we must invest in the facilities that help communities recover and prepare for future events. Skipping over projects like this only delays that work."

Mt Elephant Ward Cr Nick Cole said the importance of the facility can't be underestimated.

"It's more than a sporting hub. With the fires and the floods, it's a community hub and relief centre. Government agencies use it as well.

"During the fires this year they opened the kitchen and used it making meals for people in the fire-affected

areas.

"People have camped there during floods because their homes are in low-lying areas.

"The toilets aren't up to scratch. It's an integral part of the community up there but it seems to be being ignored.

"Skipton's been battered enough. Council is again calling on the Government to prioritise the Skipton Recreation Reserve upgrade in future funding allocations."

Skipton Football Netball Club Secretary Simone Smith said:

"Since 2017 we have been advocating and lobbying hard for a redevelopment at the Skipton Recreation Reserve to service the whole community.

We have missed out on two election commitments and now three State Budget bids, not including numerous grant applications.

"We have remained apolitical throughout this process but it seems that both State and Federal governments continue to ignore the urgency and necessity to fund this important infrastructure.

"Not only do we have girls changing in cars because our change room facilities are male-only, the social rooms are an important meeting place for all residents of the community.

"It is the place for isolated and fire-affected farmers to gather and debrief, share, relax, and decompress.

"It is the place for families to come together to help ease the load on those experiencing tough times.

"Our community has shown great strength and compassion towards each other in the most extreme of circumstances: floods, fires, and being forgotten!

"This legacy build is an investment in our community, our town's viability and sustainability, and would demonstrate recognition of the incredible volunteer work and participation in Skipton sport and recreation for men and women.

"We just don't know why we haven't been supported yet for this project that's a game-changer for our region. Our community asks why not? What else can we do? And don't keep forgetting us."

Cr Makin reassured Skipton district residents Council had not forgotten them.

"The community has shown incredible strength throughout the recovery process.

"Our recovery team are out there supporting people every day and Council will continue to advocate strongly until Skipton receives the support it needs to recover fully and build resilience for the future."

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

Skipton community and recreation hub



CHALLENGE

The Skipton recreation reserve is one of the most valued community gathering spaces in Skipton.

The recreation reserve is home to:

- Five AFL football teams and an Auskick program – Skipton FNC
- Seven netball teams and a NetSetGo program – Skipton FNC
- Four cricket teams – Skipton Cricket Club

However, the existing facilities are 40 years old, are no longer fit for purpose, and do not have female-friendly changerooms. They don't meet state sporting association facility guidelines nor user expectations.

In October 2022, the Skipton community suffered its fourth major flooding event in 10 years. The facilities at the recreation reserve became the only safe gathering place for people during this emergency event, as well as after.

The clubrooms are now the community's only accessible meeting place, providing meals and social connection, as well as supporting recreational activities for the town and surrounding district.



It aligns with Corangamite Shire's Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2016–2026, Recreation Reserves Master Plan and the AFL Goldfields Regional Strategy.

The project involves building a new community hub to replace the existing facility, including:

- Function rooms
- New female-friendly changerooms for netball, football players and umpires
- Security lighting
- Improved storage for first aid, cleaning and utility rooms
- Accessible public toilets

Scan QR code to view the redevelopment plan



SOLUTION

This community asset would benefit from a redevelopment that supports modified sports programming, recreational activities and multi-functional social spaces.

This shovel-ready project has been identified by the Recreation Reserve Committee, Skipton community and Corangamite Shire as a priority.

ASK

Stage 1 (Female-friendly changerooms)

Government	\$2.5M
Council (confirmed)	\$300K
Community (confirmed)	\$150K
Total	\$2.95M

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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

National Palliative Care Week aims to make palliative care easier to understand by encouraging honest questions and offering clear, human answers. As Australia's population ages, and with dementia now the leading cause of death nationally, access to palliative care is more crucial than ever. While need is growing with an ageing population, palliative care is for anyone of any age with a life-limiting illness - including children and young people.

GETTING TO
THE HEART OF IT.
Big questions Real answers

National
Palliative Care
Week 10-16 May

At Beaufort and Skipton Health Service, we take our commitment to palliative care seriously. Recently, our Community Advisory Committee engaged in meaningful discussions about the palliative care services we provide. We provide care close to home, by skilled local staff, with families at the heart of it all. In our tight-knit rural community, the loss of a single member can ripple through many lives, making it imperative that our care is infused with sympathy, empathy, and compassion.

Palliative care is not merely about symptom management; it encompasses listening to patients, supporting their personal wishes, and ensuring they can remain in their community whenever possible. Avoiding unnecessary transfers and keeping individuals in familiar surroundings helps prioritise comfort and dignity at every stage of their journey. For many families, being close to home and surrounded by loved ones can make an immeasurable difference during life's toughest moments.



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Skipton | 2 Blake Street | 5340 1100



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TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service have an amazing and dedicated team of volunteers that we would like to recognise and acknowledge this National Volunteer Week.

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| ✓ Meeting consumer representatives | ✓ Visiting with residents |
| ✓ Meals on Wheels | ✓ Reading to residents |
| ✓ Community transport drivers | ✓ Leisure & Lifestyle activities |
| ✓ Music and entertainment | ✓ Walking and exercise groups |
| ✓ Gardening | ✓ Fleet car cleaning |

For more information contact Erin on 5349 1682 or email
volunteer.liaison@bshs.org.au

(Available: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8am-1pm)
or visit bshs.org.au/supporting-us/volunteers

Celebrate National Volunteer Week with morning tea — a chance to thank our wonderful volunteers and warmly welcome anyone keen to learn more.

MONDAY 18 MAY 10:30AM
SKIPTON — ACTIVITIES ROOM
2 BLAKE STREET, SKIPTON

TUESDAY 19 MAY 10:30AM
BEAUFORT — CWA ROOM
28 HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT



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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—



The Progress Association

is active throughout the year and brings you such varied events as the **ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL** **WEDNESDAY BINGO** and the **SATURDAY MARKET - WITH A LOT MORE YET TO COME!** - as well as generally supporting the Skipton Community.

We meet once a month and now the day has been changed to **THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH** which we feel will be a more convenient day for all those who may wish to attend.

THE NEXT MEETING IS AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 2026 AT THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

We welcome new members from Skipton and the District Community. Please come along to a meeting, see what we do, make a contribution, have your say and help us make Skipton a vibrant and action-packed town!

For further information contact Donald Binks (Secretary)
secretaryskiptonpa@gmail.com 0422 738 332

Camperdown Veterinary Centre

1 Leura Street, Camperdown

Monday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Tuesday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Wednesday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Thursday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Friday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday	9.00am - 12.00pm



Please note:

NEW OPENING TIMES

59 William Street Lismore

Every Tuesday 9.00am-12.00pm

To book an appointment for your pet, please call (03) 5593 1077

Routine on-farm visits from 12.00pm onwards every Tuesday.

For all emergencies, please ring (03) 5593 1077 and follow the prompts to talk to a vet on call.

www.camperdownvet.com.au

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AT THE SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

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SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School phone: 5340 2002

Email: skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

www.skiptonps.vic.edu.au



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2, Week 4

Monday 11th May

- VSSS Select Students
- Regional Cross Country for qualifiers

Term 2, Week 5

Wednesday 20th May

- Grade 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

Term 2, Week 7

Monday 1st June

- VSSS in Colac

Friday 5th June

- P-6 First Aid

Term 2, Week 8

Monday 8th June

- Public Holiday - King's Birthday

Tuesday 9th June

- Report Writing Day - Student Free Day

Friday 12th June

- Netball Comp for selected 5/6 students

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS

Michelle's Award

Clementine - For always doing her best and approaching every task with a positive attitude.

Miss Mac's Award

Maggie W. - For always demonstrating pride and effort in completing your work to the best of your ability.

Mrs Donald's Award

Ted - For your enthusiasm and positive attitude at camp, and for looking out for your classmates in the city.

Mrs Bourke's Award

Isabel - For working so hard to improve your Oral Reading Fluency! Your improvement is incredible and is a testament to your work ethic and courage to always have a go, which are awesome! Well done!!

Congratulations to all!



WESTERN PLAINS ATHLETICS DAY



THINGS TO KNOW!

- Uanberris in Ballarat - 22/5 4:15 for a 9:30am start!
- Parents need to provide transport or organise car sharing - no costs involved!
- Students wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM
- There is a canteen, but please bring own food & drink too
- It can be really cold there (especially in the morning) bring a coat
- Families are welcome to watch! Please just stay outside the track
- There will be a timetable of events for the day on the School Facebook page by Thursday 21st of May
- Derrinallum, Lismore and Rokewood Primary Schools are all there for the day too!
- Any other questions? Nat or Chanelle are happy to help!



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



SQUADRON ENERGY

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

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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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

Sunday 17th May

Wednesday 20th May

Sunday 31st May

Wednesday 3rd June

Sunday 14th June

Wednesday 17th June

Wednesday 28th 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 5th May: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 12th May: Red & green bins

Tuesday 19th May: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 26th May: Red & green bins

Tuesday 2nd June: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 9th June: 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:

SKIPTON COMMUNITY SHOP

BSB 633 000 Account number: 230967804

SKIPTON OP-SHOP**OPENING HOURS**

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

Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 3pm

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**SKIPTON LIBRARY AT THE MECHANICS HALL**

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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

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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ENSURE YOUR BURN-OFF IS REGISTERED



With the fire season behind us, emergency services are urging landowners to register their burn-offs to avoid unnecessary callouts.



The quickest and easiest way to register your burn-offs is by using the Fire Permits Victoria website at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify.

CFA is also urging people to ensure they are picking appropriate conditions to conduct a burn-off to minimise the risk of burns escaping.

CFA Acting Chief Officer Garry Cook said with unusually warm weather this autumn people should take care.

"We have had some rainfall however people shouldn't become complacent, burning off still needs to be done with care," Garry said.

"We know burn-offs can flare up several days afterwards, so it's important residents monitor wind conditions before and after burning off and notify their neighbours to be mindful of smoke.

"If you light a fire to burn off, you own it. Please don't leave your burn-off unattended and always make sure it is fully extinguished properly with water."

An online registration will always be fast and easy. Unregistered burn-offs can cause a spike in calls to Triple Zero (000) and unnecessary callouts for firefighters.

Triple Zero Victoria's Chief Operations Officer, Paul Santamaria, encourages the community to take the very simple step of planning ahead and registering their burn-off online.

"We are still seeing high registrations by phone in some areas including Lara, Yarrowonga, Healesville, Olinda, Kyneton, Woodend, and Mount Evelyn, and we encourage these communities to register online," Paul said.

"When everyone does their bit and registers a burn-off online, it reduces unnecessary calls, and helps our Triple Zero Emergency Communications Officers to focus on emergencies.

"If you are planning to burn-off more than two hours from now, registering online will always be the fastest and simplest option."

If, for any reason, you are unable to plan ahead and need to start your burn-off immediately (within 2 hours), you can register by calling 1800 668 511 - however early planning, and online registration is preferred.

For more information about burning off safely, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff.

Before you notify us, make sure you:

- Follow regulations or laws by CFA and local council.
- Notify your neighbours if the burn will generate fire and smoke.
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the activity and a few days afterward..
- Postpone your activity if high fire risk conditions develop.
- Establish a gap in vegetation or fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.
- Have enough people to monitor, contain, and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.
- Never leave a burn-off unattended.

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

CLEAR OUT OLD ELECTRONICS AT UPCOMING E-WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS



Golden Plains Shire Council is inviting residents to safely dispose of their old or unwanted electronics items at two free E-

Waste Collection Days being held this May and June.

E-Waste includes any item with a plug, battery or power cord that is no longer wanted. Once collected, these items are dismantled into components such as plastic, glass, metal wiring and circuit boards. These materials are then sent to specialised recyclers and manufacturers to be repurposed into new products, reducing environment impact and supporting a circular economy.

The Drop Off Events will be held on:

- Saturday 30th May from 9am-1pm on Russell Street, Meredith
- Saturday 6th June from 9am-1pm at the Golden Plains Civic Centre (Bannockburn Family Services Centre car park)

Residents can drop off a range of household electronics items including toasters, coffee machines, slow cookers, blenders, food processors, computers, laptops, tablets, hard drives, scanners, and printers.

Items not accepted include whitegoods, CDs and DVDs. Large or bulky items such as whitegoods can be taken to Council's Rokewood Transfer Station.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey said the Drop Off Events support responsible recycling and will help keep harmful materials out of landfill.

"E-Waste is one of the fastest-growing waste streams, and these collection days give our community a simple, safe way to do the right thing for the environment. By recycling old electronics, we're keeping valuable materials out of landfill and supporting a stronger circular economy for Golden Plains," Cr Sharkey said.

"I encourage residents to look through their homes, sheds and cupboards for any unused or broken electronic items. Bringing them to our E-Waste Collection Days is an easy way to reduce clutter while helping our shire reduce landfill and recover valuable materials," he said.

Community members can register to attend the sessions by visiting www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/resident/waste-management/e-waste. Walk-ins are also welcome on the day.

For further information, contact Council's Environment and Sustainability team at enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—

DERRINALLUM TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET

**SUNDAY 24th MAY
UNDER THE ELMS DERRINALLUM
9AM UNTIL 1PM**

Featuring: Food stalls, plants, leather, woodwork, metal work, bric-a-brac, crafts, candles, Lions Club BBQ, homemade cakes & slices, and more!

Cash preferred - some stalls do not offer EFTPOS.
For more information, contact Rae 0427 764 299

Free chemical course

Free ACUP training is being offered to landholders impacted by gorse in the Snake Valley area by the Victorian Gorse Taskforce in conjunction with the Upper Mount Emu Creek Landcare Network.

You will receive a mix of hands-on training and theory in chemical use, storage and handling. You'll learn to safely transport, store, prepare and apply chemicals to control weeds such as gorse.

30 or 31 May, from 9am - 4pm each day at Snake Valley

Register your interest by 20 May with Lyn Heenan, UMEC Landcare Network Facilitator on 0407 801 932 or lyn_heenan@bigpond.com

Funding provided by the Partnerships Against Pests program



DAN TEHAN
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR **WANNON**



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- ✓ Pensions and My Aged Care
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- ✓ Immigration, citizenship and passports
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Urgent Care Centres

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service's Urgent Care Centres operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Access Urgent Care Centres via front hospital entry

Our Urgent Care Centres respond to all emergencies including life threatening and urgent medical care.

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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.

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 at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Pet-rego or the Civic Centre at 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown.



One-on-one farm advice

Farmers can register for a free one-on-one farm consultation on the best way forward for their business. The consultation includes a session of up to three 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 bit.ly/3QCZZ8a or call Agriculture Victoria on 13 61 86 or email drought.support@agriculture.vic.gov.au.



Bushfire donations

A dedicated account has been set up for people affected by the January Streatham-Skipton fire. All funds will go towards helping fire-affected residents and communities. It is being organised by the Skipton to Streatham Fire Recovery Group.

Name: SKIPTON TO STREATHAM FIRE RECOVERY
BSB: 633000
Account number: 241004076

Upcoming events

Red Sky Morning
Friday 29 May, 7.30 pm
Theatre Royal, Camperdown

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.



Tinderella and the Eight Unique Uses of Tinder

Friday 12 June, 7 pm
Theatre Royal, Camperdown

A comedy for anyone who's felt the highs and lows of dating apps and those who are curious about how it all works.



Wellbeing and inclusion

Cooking on a budget

Thursday 14 May, 1-2.30 pm
Camperdown RSL

Free afternoon tea with South West Healthcare dietitian Brandon Yap. Bookings 5593 7100.

Movie of the month

Tuesday 2 June, 10.30 am-12.30 pm

Blueback, Port Campbell Art Space
 A marine biologist's forges a unique bond with a rare blue groper.

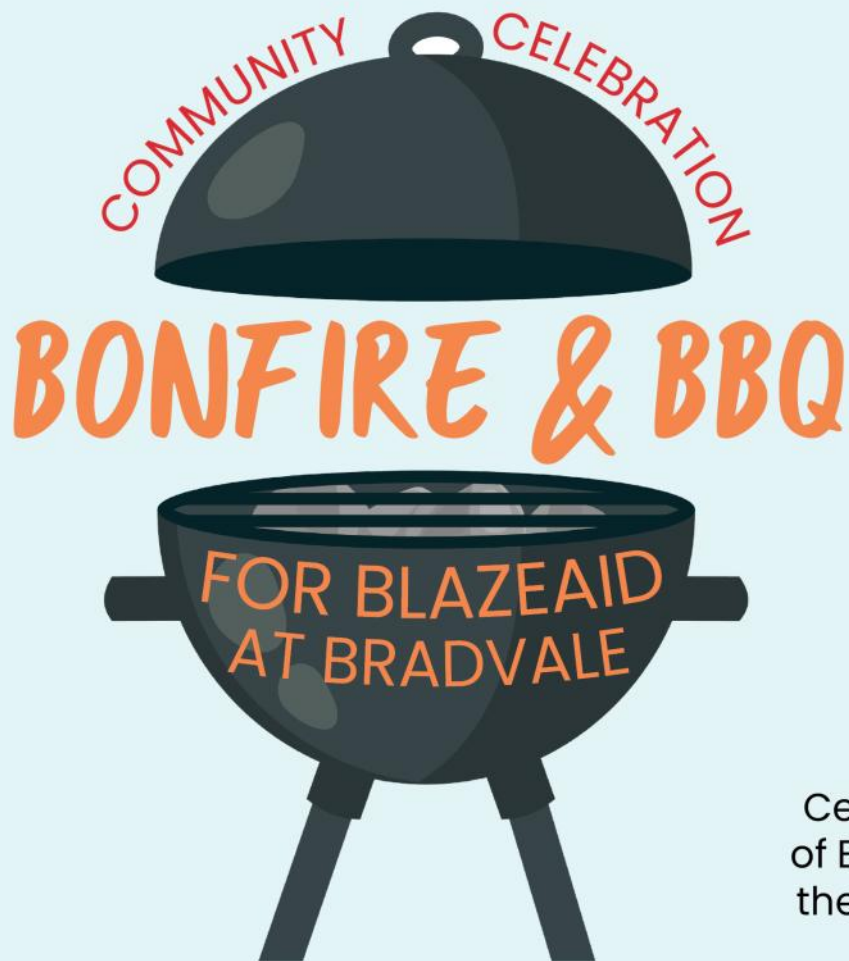
Navigation Support Program

Derrinallum Library: Thursdays 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 August, 17 September & 5 November, 1-3 pm.



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LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.**

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

SEASONAL CONDITIONS

NO NEED FOR ALARM

The general outlook throughout this district is fair. The rainfall for this season since December last to date amounts to 4 inches, as against 9 inches for the corresponding period of the previous year. With just enough rain fallowed land is being seeded, but other cropping ground has not had sufficient moisture for the purpose. There has been just sufficient rain to keep a short bite of grass for stock under normal conditions. Pasture hay has proved its value on various farms where supplies of this fodder have been noticeable.

Lambing ewes have had a slight pinch but no losses of any consequence have occurred in this district—generally stock is now thriving, and no set-back in wool growing conditions has occurred. Prices for all classes of sheep have been exceptionally good and some records have been established for fat lambs. The cattle market was dormant for some months and there is little prospect of improvement on account of prevailing dry conditions in other cattle districts in the State.

The wool returns for 1935/36 were very satisfactory, and the average price per clip would be in the vicinity of 18d per lb.

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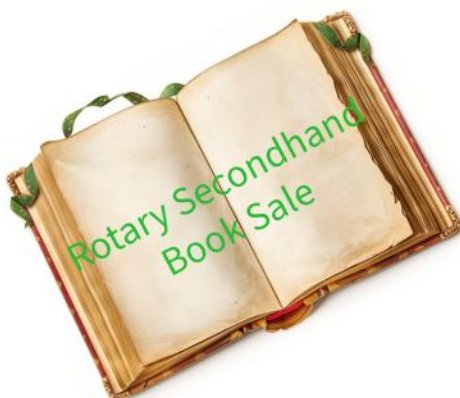
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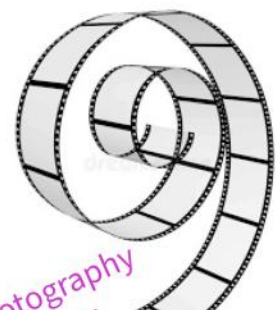
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Friday 29 May, 7.30 pm

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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. With sharp wit and tender honesty, it reflects the challenges and strength of small-town life, where connection is both fragile and essential.

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TICKETS: \$25 at tinyurl.com/redskycamperdown



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.

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

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Killara Centre, Camperdown



TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 10.30 AM

Breakfast at Tiffany's

1961 | 1h 55m
Port Campbell Art Space



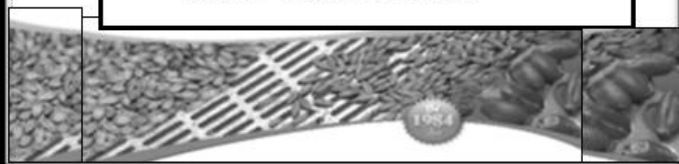
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Skipton Day Centre Room
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Beaufort Walking Group

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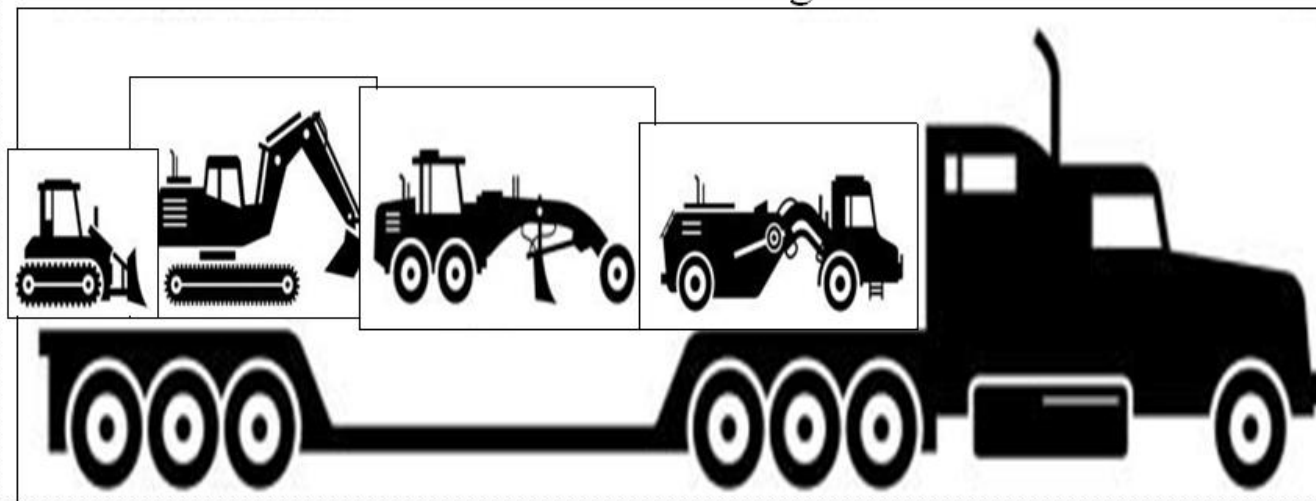
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND MEETINGS

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 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
Euchre Card Group Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.	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!
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 17th May Fireworld Discovery Centre and Museum, Streatham. Open from 11am to 4:30pm. Contact Bruce McKenna (Secretary/Treasurer) on 0466 286 011.
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 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
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.	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.
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.	Friday 22nd May, 9:30am SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY at Llanberris Athletics Reserve in Ballarat. STUDENTS OWN TRANSPORT REQUIRED.
Beaufort Art Trax Gallery Is Open: Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm Phone: Heather 0427 492 082	Sunday 24th May, DERRINALLUM TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET 9am to 1pm Under the Elms, Derrinallum. Cash preferred, some stalls do not have EFTPOS.
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.	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
	Wednesday 3rd June BINGO NIGHT at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club. 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!
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	Monday 8th June KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Tuesday 9th June SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT FREE DAY Report Writing Day.
	Thursday 18th June, 6pm 2026 SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the Golf/Bowls Clubrooms. All members and anyone from Skipton and outer Community are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact President Doug Smith or Secretary Gail Ward.