

Skipton Community News



A Project of Skipton Progress Association Inc.
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FREE
WEEKLY

David and Sue Hunneybell

Are leaving Skipton.

The Skipton Progress Association

Wish Them all the Very Best in their

New Home, and Thank Them Both

*For the Enormous Contribution They Have Made to
Skipton Community Life In the Last Few Years.*

Everyone is Invited to Join in a Morning Tea

On Thursday 4th June at 10.00a.m.

At the Bluestone Café in Skipton.

To acknowledge their dedication to Skipton



on the first Wednesday of the month.
Doors open 5.30pm, eyes down 6.30pm.

NEW VENUE
**THE SUPPER ROOM
OF THE MECHANICS HALL**

\$10

**Admission
\$10.00**



Light Supper of
Party Pies,
Sausage Rolls etc.,
\$5.00



Free tea
and coffee.



GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!!!



This month's theme

WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE - NEW FINANCIAL YEAR -

DRESS IN RAGS AND TATTERS -

or come as you are or come as you aren't - who cares! :-)

*Come along for an exceptionally fun night's
entertainment with the locals - bring a friend!*

All are welcome!

THE BLACK TO THE GREEN THE HEARTACHE TO RECOVERY: OUR COMMUNITY'S JOURNEY

INVITATION TO ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS, ARTISTS & WRITERS!

Please join the community exhibition - Recording the 2026 Streatham-Carranballac-Skipton Fire.

Lut us show the fire, the immediate recovery, and the long term recovery through landscapes and people.

Everyone is welcome to share their photos (printed, mounted on card, with a description and the name of the photographer), create a work of your chosen form (painting, drawing, sculpture, etc), or write poems or stories about then, now and the future, what you experienced and how you feel, and what support you received to grab a positive future.



All contributions need to be delivered to the Skipton Hall to Pat Gabb on Thursday 18th June from 8am to 5pm, and Friday 19th June from 8am to 12pm.

Opening evening will be Friday 19th June from 5:30pm-9:30pm - Official Opening at 7pm.

A free winter meal of soup and warm nibbles will be available for all.

The evening and weekend, 20th-21st June, from 9am-4pm will also be free.

Please note: a community Photo Book will be created from the exhibition which will be for sale from July.

Volunteers to help setup and clean up would be appreciated. Please contact Pat Gabb on 0473 421 802.

—Pat Gabb—

AN OPEN INVITATION

This is an OPEN INVITATION to any town or country resident to share their 2026 Streatham-Carranballac-Skipton Fire and Recovery Stories.

Thursday 25th June to Sunday 28th June

Oral history interviews will be held in the Skipton Hall Meeting Room with 25 minute interviews.

Everyone in our community was impacted in some way! If you would like to be part of this historical project, please contact:

Pat Gabb

Phone: 0473 421 802 (text is good - Pat will contact you back)

Email: apgabb1@bigpond.com

If you are interested, maybe you would like to create a Group to share one interview - 3-4 people max.

We are creating a film/documentary from the interviews, photos and art - plus a community Photo Book from the photo/art exhibition on the 19th-21st June.

Be part of the sharing and healing.

Don't miss out on being a part of this important historical project! Contact Pat now!

—Pat Gabb—

GARAGE SALE

for Deceased Estate Items



SATURDAY 6th & SUNDAY 7th JUNE

8:30AM - 2PM

69 MONTGOMERY STREET

All welcome

SKIPTON CEMETERY TRUST

The Skipton Cemetery Trust is seeking help from the community with the replacement of trees that were cut down.

All donations of \$100 or more to replace these trees will have the donors name placed on a board near the front gate.

Please make direct debit donations to:

Bendigo Community Bank

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 163398050

Account Name: Skipton Cemetery Trust

Reference: Trees + family name

For more information, contact:

Bob Thornton (Secretary) on 0413351144

OR email skipton.cemetery.au@gmail.com

—Bob Thornton, Secretary Skipton Cemetery Trust—

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 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

Term 2, Week 9

Monday 15th June

- School Council meeting

Term 2, Week 10

Monday 22nd June

- Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra and Sydney

Friday 26th June - Last Day of Term

- 2pm Assembly

- 2:30pm Finish

- Grade 5/6 return



SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS

Michelle's Award

Georgie - For showing great maturity and using feedback to make your procedural writing even better.

Miss Mac's Award

Fletcher - For working hard during our phonics lessons to listen for all the sounds in the words and write the correct letters. Well done, Fletcher!

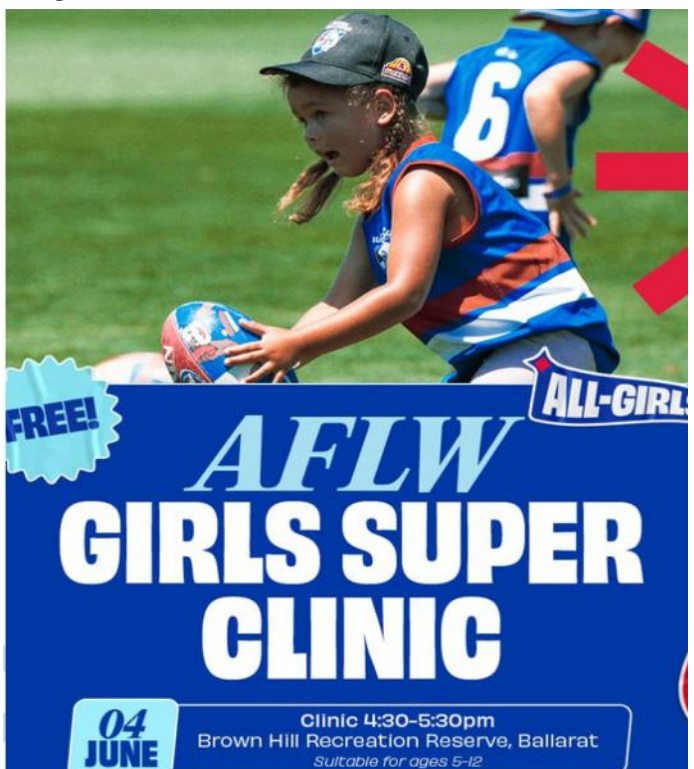
Mrs Donald's Award

Claudia - For her intentional effort to incorporate interesting vocabulary into her class responses and writing. Wonderful work, Claudia!

Mrs Bourke's Award

Tilly - For consistently helping in the classroom, including helping Mrs Bourke with a mountain of homework corrections! Thank you!

Congratulations to all!



3 JUNE 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

BEAUFORT HOSPITAL UPGRADES COMMENCE

Work has commenced on a \$2.3 million refurbishment of Beaufort Hospital funded by the State and Federal Governments.

\$2.3 million has been awarded to Beaufort Skipton Health Service to reconfigure double rooms at the hospital to single rooms



with ensuites. The Health Service has been seeking funding for numerous years to bring rooms at Beaufort Hospital up to modern day standards.

Workers commenced demolition works in a project converting three shared rooms with shared ensuites to six private rooms with their own ensuites.

The project is co-funded by Commonwealth and State Regional Health Infrastructure Fund funds and is expected to be completed late this year.

These funds will make the Beaufort Hospital even better, creating more modern, state-of-the-art bedrooms and ensuites for nursing home residents.



Beaufort | 28 Havelock Street | 5349 1600

Skipton | 2 Blake Street | 5340 1100



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BLAZE AID AT BRADVALE



More than 150 people gathered at the Bradvale Recreation Reserve on Sunday 17th May to thank and celebrate four months of BlazeAid's service to the Streatham to Skipton and Larralea fires.

Corangamite Shire Mayor Cr Kate Makin thanked everyone for coming together to recognise the efforts that have supported fire recovery in this community so far.



BlazeAid volunteer Marnie Kregor, Beaufort Rotary member Dale McIntyre, and Camp Coordinator Jen Weightman

Mayor Kate said, "The heat of January may feel like a distant memory today as we stand here in cool autumn weather, but we know that recovery is a marathon, not a sprint, and is something we do best together, hand in hand."

"BlazeAid's work is practical, hands on, and deeply meaningful. By helping impacted residents with fencing and other recovery tasks they have eased pressure on individuals and families at a time when there is already too much to carry."

Kate acknowledged the councillors from both Corangamite and Pyrenees Shires in attendance and said, "Recovery is never the work of one person or one organisation alone. It takes councils, emergency services, volunteers, community groups and neighbours pulling together."



*L-R: David Rae, Belinda Bennett, Sarah Johnson, Kate Makin, Jamie Vogels, Nick Cole, and Justine Linley
Councillors and staff from Corangamite Shire Council attended the celebration to thank BlazeAid volunteers and coordinators*

Kate also gave a big thank you to BlazeAid President Kevin Butler, and to Chris Male, the original Camp Coordinator who handed over to Jen Weightman. They have been on the ground pretty much from day one.



L-R: Pyrenees Shire Mayor Damian Ferrari, BlazeAid President Kevin Butler, BlazeAid donor Fiona Tonkin & Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin

Kevin Butler gave a salute to all volunteers and said that the goodwill and helping of others ran in the veins of BlazeAiders and stated they will be here until every kilometre of fencing has been completed before they pack their bags.

Kevin introduced Fiona Tonkin from Soroptimist International Ballarat, who told her story of having put aside \$30,000 for disaster relief which she donated to BlazeAid, with \$10,000 to the Skipton relief and the same amount to two other country clubs.



Skipton CFA Chief Ben Cameron with Magnolia and Walter

Mayor Kate concluded with a thank you to CEO David Rae and CEO Jim Nolan and the many staff of both councils and government over the last few months, as well as the many CFA members, brigades and volunteers, community leaders and local leaders who stepped forward and bore the incredible

weight not just during the fire events but with the relentless work of recovery.

A spit roast lunch was served to enjoy along with great music from legend Neil Murray.

*—Story and photographs
by SCN roving reporter
Lois Lane—*



Right: Barb rocked out to Neil Murray

Community event!

After the Fire

Date: June 9th June
Time: 5.30-7.00pm

Location: Skipton Recreation
and Sports Reserve

How can we learn from
each other to improve our
shared experience?

How can we better
understand how and why
warnings are published and
how community uses them?

Light supper provided!

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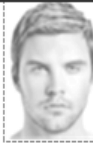
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Usual Service times

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**

10am at Skipton each week

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


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 Bagaoisan OSJ
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 Redan
 Telephone: 0435 494 472

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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.

ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE**Skipton Community News Banking Details**

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 3rd June

Sunday 14th June

Wednesday 17th June

Sunday 28th June

Wednesday 1st July

Sunday 12th July

Wednesday 15th July

**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 2nd June: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 9th June: Red & green bins

Tuesday 16th June: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 23rd June: Red & green bins

Tuesday 30th June: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 7th July: 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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 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.



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, 10TH JUNE 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



SKIPTON FIRE BRIGADE IS RECRUITING

If you are over 18 years old, then **WE WANT YOU!**

We are on the lookout for new fire fighters and non-operational members.

Our team is a well-trained and relaxed group of dedicated individuals who proudly serve and protect our community.



We are looking for new members who want to learn new skills and show up when our community needs it the most.

Come give us a hand!

Go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers

or

Contact Ben on 0400 272 119



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A New Year's resolution you should keep

Writing or updating your Will should be at the top of your 'to do' list in 2026. Contact our experienced team to get it started.

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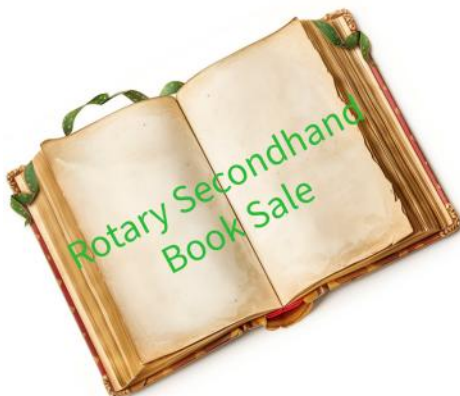
2026

Official Opening

Friday 5th June 7:30pm

\$25 entry

Details at

pyreneesartexhibition.org


Sat 6th & Sun 7th June

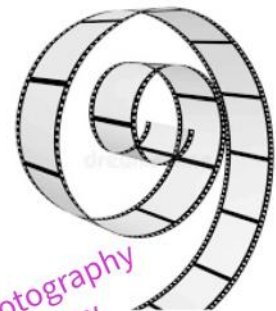
10am – 5pm

Mon 8th June

10am - 2pm

\$10 entry

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 Photography
 show




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Our Social Support Groups provide an opportunity for community members to remain connected to one another while participating in a variety of activities.

Skipton Out and About Bus

Skipton Day Centre Room
Third Tuesday of the
month
10am-3pm

Beaufort Out and About Bus

Beaufort Library Carpark
Third Tuesday of the
month
10am-3pm

Skipton Walking Group

Skipton Day Centre Room
Every Thursday
12pm-12:45pm

Beaufort Walking Group

Beaufort Library Carpark
Every Wednesday
9am-10am

Strength Training

Beaufort

Wednesdays 11am-12pm
Beeripmo Development
Centre

Skipton

Thursdays 10:30am-
11:30am
Skipton Day Centre Room

Gait & Balance Group

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Wednesdays 10:15am-
11am
Beeripmo Development
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ROKEWOOD RESIDENTS TO ENJOY BETTER MOBILE RECEPTION



Residents in Rokewood are set to benefit from significantly improved mobile phone coverage with the constructions of a new Telstra mobile telecommunications tower on the western boundary of the Rokewood Works Depot on Kuruc-a-Ruc Road.

Golden Plains Shire Council welcomes the project, with construction beginning on Thursday 21st May and expected to take approximately four weeks. Commissioning of the new infrastructure is planned to be completed by the end of 2026 provided there are no unforeseen delays to completing the project.

The new facility will deliver stronger network coverage and enhanced data speeds, supporting more reliable mobile and internet connectivity for the Rokewood community and surrounding district.

The project is jointly funded through Round 3 of the Australian Government's Regional Connectivity Program, Telstra, and with support from the Golden Plains Wind Farm.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey said improving digital connectivity remains a key advocacy priority for Council.

"Enhanced digital connectivity is critical to the future of our rural communities. This new tower will deliver lasting benefits for Rokewood and strengthen the region's ability to grow, innovate and stay connected," Cr Sharkey said.

"The contribution from Golden Plains Wind Farm has accelerated this initiative and provides the added benefit of improving mobile coverage throughout the Wind Farm site," he said.

For further information, contact Council's Coordinator Economic Development at enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—

Camperdown Veterinary Centre

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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



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Enjoy morning tea while taking part in an engaging and interactive presentation delivered by Mpower Inc., auspiced by the South West Elder Abuse Prevention Network.

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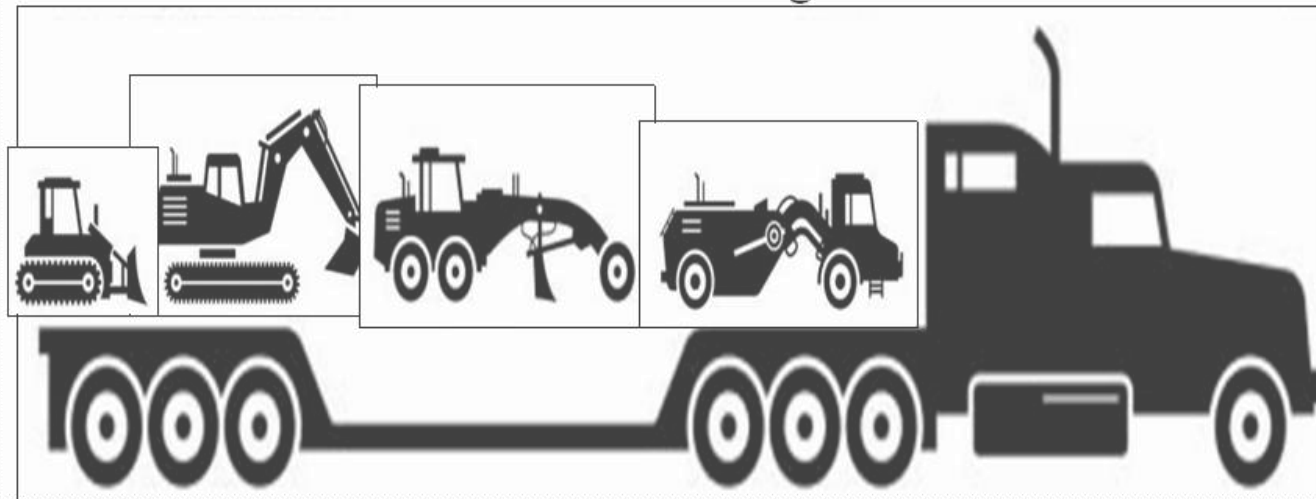
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**BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1936 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO
LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.**

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

HOLDEN'S CIRCUS

WELL PATRONISED AT SKIPTON

The fame gained by Holden's Circus, with its skilled troupe of artists headed by the Flying Gordons, in previous visits to this district, accounted for the patronage accorded to the company when they pitched their tents for a show at Skipton last Saturday night. On Friday they had performed at Streatham in the presence of a numerous audience, and the attendance from Skipton and the surrounding area on Saturday was regarded as very satisfactory. The management had announced that the lengthy programme advertised would be given in its entirety, but "The bes-laid schemes of Mice and Men gang oft a-gley," and on this occasion a painful injury to one of the principal performers caused a dislocation in the arrangements that could not be rectified at short notice. When showing at Horsham on the previous Tuesday one of the younger members of the company missed his footing in a balancing act, and in falling from a height struck another man heavily on the side breaking two of his ribs. This latter happened to be the senior member of the Kilroy Party, and his withdrawal from the performance meant a serious set-back to the rest of the party in their various items.

However, after considering the advisability of cancelling the performance, Messrs Holden Bros. decided to carry on and the greater part of the promised programme was put through successfully. The performers were heartily applauded for some clever work, and the youthful portion of the audience in particular showed great appreciation of the turns staged for their benefit. The musicians came in for a word of special praise for the way they rose to the occasion.

After showing at Linton on Monday night the company headed for their home section, where they will go into recess for a time and hope to get their injured comrade back with them after his recovery from the accident.

HOW IT HAPPENS.

"I wonder how it happens," she remarked to me one day,
"That some find happiness at home
and others drift away?"
And I thought about our childhood and
the joys we used to know
In our sitting-rooms and parlors in the
days of long ago.
Then I said: "It doesn't happen! It's
deliberately planned!
It's the labor of a lifetime, if we only
understand.

"Oh, the mother spared no trouble that
would touch the home with grace
Or add a little beauty to our humble
dwelling-place.
All that went to make it pleasant long
she labored to provide,
And the glory of her purpose was to
keep us satisfied.
She wanted us to love it and to use
it and be glad
And to keep our homelife cheerful was
the only thought she had.

"So it didn't merely happen that we
never came to see
Any spot of greater freedom where
we felt we'd rather be.
Though at times we must have tried
her as we raced the rooms about;
For the sake of peace and quiet we
were never ordered out.
Though she never told her secret, 'twas
by love those fires were fanned.
And that happy home we cherished
was deliberately planned.

"Oh, you cannot drift to beauty or
find happiness by chance!
The charm of home is something to
be thought of in advance.
It's not merely to be wished for; it's
the labor of the years.
It is neither luck nor fortune! So
where happiness appears
It hasn't merely happened. Homes
that long united stand
By the fathers and the mothers are
deliberately planned."

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.

PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY



Pyrenees Shire Council welcomed six new citizens at a citizenship ceremony in Beaufort on Monday 18th May. The new Australians were joined by family and friends as they made their pledge of commitment to Australia and were formally presented with their citizenship certificates.

The new citizens came from six countries, including the Philippines, the United Kingdom and Canada, reflecting the growing cultural diversity of the Pyrenees Shire community. For many, after living in Australia for a number of years, becoming an Australian citizen was an important next step.

Each of the new citizens had their own reason for taking the pledge.

Darren Phillips, originally from the United Kingdom, said: "I have been here for 50 years, so I thought it was time to do it."

Jesamie Montibano grew up in the Philippines but has been living in Australia for many years. "I love it here in Australia. It has grown on me, and I decided that I wanted to become a citizen," Jesamie said.

For Deb Bain, from Canada, it was more about giving back to the community. "I want to contribute more to the community and becoming a citizen is the first step," Deb said.

As part of the ceremony, new citizens were presented with a native plant symbolising growth, belonging, and putting down roots in the community.

Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari said the ceremony was a meaningful way to officially welcome the new citizens into the community.

"It is great that people who have lived in our community for many years have taken the next steps to become Australian citizens," Cr Ferrari said.

"This ceremony provides an opportunity for us to formally welcome these new citizens and welcome them as part of our community."

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—



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- corangamite.vic.gov.au/Budget2026-2027
- shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au
- Corangamite Shire Council
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Council will consider adopting the Budget on Tuesday 30 June, 3 pm at the Killara Centre, Camperdown.

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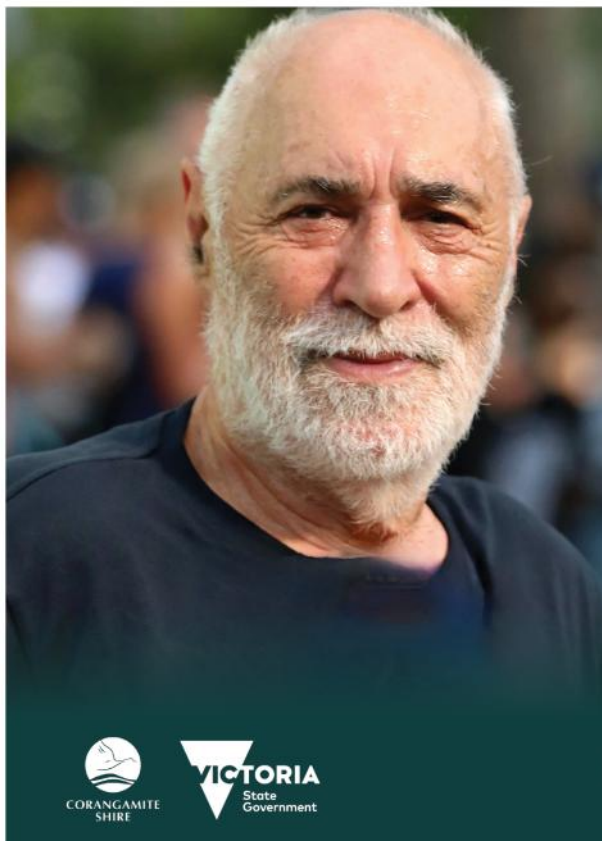
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Upcoming events

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.



Movie of the month

Tuesday 2 June, 10.30 am–12.30 pm
Blueback, Port Campbell Art Space

Marine biologist Abby's unique bond with a rare blue groper sparks highlights the urgent need to protect the fragile coral reefs. (2022, Mia Wasikowka)

Bookings essential on 5593 7100

Navigation Support Program

Skipton Library: Tuesdays 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September & 17 November, 10 am–12 pm.

(No sessions in October or December.)

Explore and talk

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

Wednesday 17 June, 10 am, 'The Shed' in Noorat

FREE to Corangamite residents. Participant limits apply. Bookings: 5593 7100.

Host a Seniors Festival event

Community groups are invited to host a vibrant event celebrating our older residents as part of the 2026 Seniors Festival this October. Volunteer-only groups and social clubs with members aged 55+ 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.



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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 3rd June BINGO NIGHT in the Supper Room, Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6:30pm. Free tea and coffee available, plus soup, pies and pasties for supper. 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 4th June, 10am FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO DAVID AND SUE HUNNEYBELL at the Bluestone Café in Skipton.
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.	Friday 5th June, 2:30pm AN AFTERNOON WITH PHIL CLEARY at Killara Centre, Camperdown. A compelling conversation about lived experience, driving change and preventing violence. Free event, light catering included. Registrations essential at corangamite.vic.gov.au/PhilClearyEvent
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	Friday 5th June, 7:30pm OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PYRENEES ART EXHIBITION at the Beaufort Shire Hall, 7 Lawrence St, Beaufort. \$25 entry. Details at www.pyreneesartexhibition.org
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 6th & Sunday 7th June, 8:30am-2pm, GARAGE SALE for Deceased Estate Items at 69 Montgomery Street, Skipton.
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.	Monday 8th June KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Beaufort Art Trax Gallery Is Open: Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm Phone: Heather 0427 492 082	Tuesday 9th June SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT FREE DAY Report Writing Day.
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.	Tuesday 9th June, 5:30pm-7:30pm CFA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT: AFTER THE FIRE in the Skipton Recreation and Sports Reserve, Anderson Street. Community members from Skipton town and district, and surrounding areas, are all invited to attend and share feedback and comments. Light supper provided. To RSVP, please call Bridget Clark on 0476 330 700. <i>More details on page 4.</i>
	Wednesday 10th June, 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
	Sunday 14th June, 9am-10am SKIPTON CEMETERY WORKING BEE Weather allowing, please come down to the cemetery and give the Trust a helping hand to clean up a few weeds and tidy the place up a little. For enquiries, please contact Bob Thornton on 0413 351 144.
	Monday 15th June, 10:30am WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MORNING TEA at the Rose Room, Terang Civic Centre. Come along for a cuppa and join the Positive Ageing Access & Inclusion team to raise awareness about elder abuse. Bookings essential, please call Corangamite's Positive Ageing & Inclusion Team on 5593 7100.
	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.
	Thursday 18th June - Sunday 21st June EXHIBITION OF PHOTOS AND ARTWORK documenting the Streatham-Carranballac-Skipton Fire and Recovery. At the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Official opening Friday 19th June at 7pm. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Pat Gabb on 0473 421 802 or email apgabb1@bigpond.com
	Sunday 21st June FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM, STREATHAM. Open from 11am to 4:30pm. Contact Bruce McKenna (Secretary/Treasurer) on 0466 286 011.