

Skipton Community News



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FREE
WEEKLY

PHOTO AND ART EXHIBITION SET FOR NEXT WEEKEND IN SKIPTON HALL

FROM THE BLACK TO THE GREEN: FROM HEART ACHE TO THE LONG JOURNEY OF RECOVERY

The Streatham, Carranballac, Skipton Fire, 9th January 2026 Photo and Art Exhibition - *"From the Black to the Green: From Heart Ache to the Long Journey of Recovery"* will be held at the Skipton Mechanic's Hall next weekend, Friday 19th June, 5:30pm-9:00pm, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June, 9:30am-4:00pm.

If you have photos, or would like to create a drawing or painting, make a sculpture, write a story or poem of your fire experience, please Create & Be Involved!

Deliver to Pat Gabb at the Skipton Hall at the following times:

- Photos, Art, Sculptures, Written Stories & Poems may be delivered to Pat Gabb **Thursday 18th June from 8am-4pm, or no later than Friday 19th June 8am-12pm.**

A folder of written stories and poems from our Community will be created for the Skipton Historical Society to preserve for the future. Everyone is welcome to create as we were all impacted to some degree.

Children are naturally welcome to create however they wish.

Volunteers are most welcome to help Thursday 18th and Friday 19th for setting up - many hands make light work! Extra hands may be needed in the kitchen the evening of 19th June and during the day on the 20th and 21st June.

The OFFICIAL OPENING will be held Friday 19th June at 7pm - please join us as we thank so many for their support of our Community.

Entry is free all weekend, doors open 5pm Friday 19th with a light supper available for free to all and Liam will be sharing his great music with us.

A raffle for an artwork by Sandi will be held so pop a few \$ in your pocket for a chance to win.

The Potterupperers and Bulbarians will have pots of plants from their gardens for our Community, especially those impacted by the fire, to take home and put a little life back in their gardens.

These will be outside the Skipton Hall over the whole weekend. Our sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to this part of our sharing.

—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:

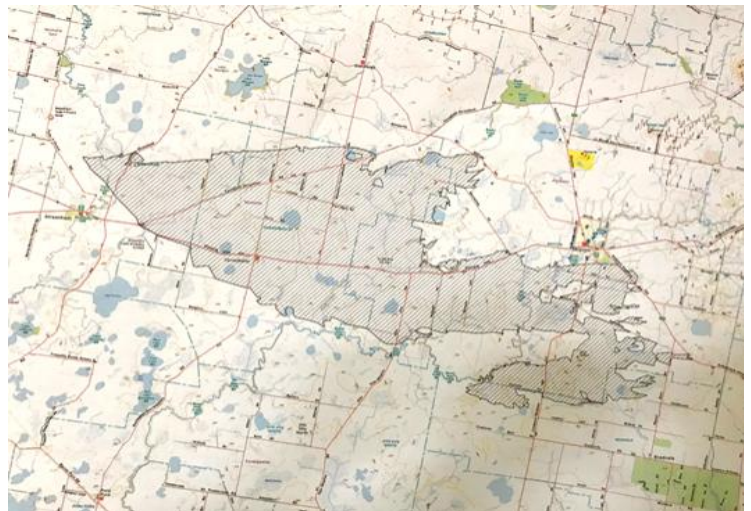
Pat Gabb

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. The Book will be for sale at an affordable cost - more details to come in July.



A note for your diaries - Saturday 24th October will be the LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY FIRE BOOK AND DOCUMENTARY in the Skipton Mechanic's Hall, 5pm-9:30pm.

Be part of the sharing and healing.

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

If you have any queries please contact Pat Gabb now on 5340 2177 (conversation) or 0473 421 802 (text).

—Pat Gabb—



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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

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The Skipton Mechanics Hall is looking for a Cleaner/ Caretaker to look after the Hall.

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- Attending monthly Hall Committee meetings

For further information, contact Secretary Graham Layley on 0408 838 261, or President Ian Nash on 0427 402 046, or email gilayley@bigpond.net.au for a job description.

—Graham Layley, Secretary Skipton Mechanics Hall Committee of Management—



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, Jen Weightman, via email at skipton@blazeaid.com.au.

—Dale McIntyre—

DISASTER RECOVERY EXPERT TO SHARE WELLBEING INSIGHTS IN SKIPTON

Six months after the Streatham-Skipton bushfires, all community members - directly affected or not - are invited to share a meal, a cold drink, and a relaxed conversation about the ongoing recovery.

Guest speaker at the free event, recovery expert David Younger, will share insights on life after fire and the journey beyond the first year.

“Come along to a community conversation about recovering from the fires,” Mr Younger said. “It will be an opportunity to connect with people that you already know as well as to meet some new faces.”

“We will talk about common community experiences during the first 12 month and how to navigate the path ahead whilst looking after yourself and each other. There will be time for questions and general conversation with each other.”



Recovery expert David Younger

The event is jointly hosted by Corangamite Shire Council and Pyrenees Shire Council.

Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin said it was an opportunity to come along, whether to explore wellbeing, support others, and learn from the experiences of other communities across Australia.

“We would really love for everyone across the wider community to come along, whether you were directly impacted by the fires or not.

“The session is to give community members the skills to help support their neighbours through recovery, and look after themselves.

“It’s not about turning everyone into an amateur counsellor. It’s about recognising if someone we cross paths with seems a bit off and could use a supportive, non-judgemental conversation - Community supporting community.”

Pyrenees Shire Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari said: “It’s really important that our fire-affected residents get the proper support they need to recover after such a devastating event.



“This session will give these residents skills to make sure they are looking after their wellbeing, connecting with other people in their communities and to help them find exactly the right support they need in this ongoing recovery phase.”

Food and soft drink provided, with other drinks available at bar prices.

Bookings are essential - register via the QR code, call 5593 7100, or email:

skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au

When: Wednesday 17th June, 6:30pm

Where: Skipton Recreation Reserve

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—



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DAVID & SUE HUNNEYBELL FAREWELLED LOCAL CAFÉ PACKED



David and Sue Hunneybell, with Dale McIntyre (centre), holding their gifted platypus watercolour

The centre of beautiful downtown Skipton became alive at the Café de Bluestone last Thursday, 4th June. Local inhabitants including dignitaries and other luminaries were in attendance.

Guest of honour were Sue and David Hunneybell whose shadows loomed large over the community for the decade they were resident. David, having been a past president of the Skipton Progress Association, with his presence felt throughout the town as

he engaged in many erstwhile activities.

Regretfully, all good things must come to an end and so it was that Sue and David were required to move to Maryborough for health reasons. Judging from the large crowd of well-wishers in attendance at the café, all residents were sorry to see them go.

Local identity Dale McIntyre made a short speech of appreciation and presented, on behalf of the community, a watercolour representation of a platypus - the symbol of Skipton. A gift that was much appreciated.

David, in reply, said that should anybody from Skipton venture to Maryborough, they would be warmly received at his new abode.

—Story by SCN reporter Kent Clarke, and photograph courtesy of SCN roving reporter Lois Lane—

RED RIBBON DAY AT OP SHOP

Op Shop Co-Ordinator Stan Foote and President Pat Hutchison were finally able to cut the ribbon on the most welcome new ATM almost five months after the original machine was fatally damaged in an attempted robbery in January.

Most helpful for not only the community but the many travellers and a cash only Op Shop.



—Story and photographs by SCN reporter Lois Lane—



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.



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MORNING MELODIES AT THE HOSTEL



Last week many hostel and nursing home residents were able to enjoy the toe tapping morning melodies with Cath and John Kavanagh at the helm, or should that be the keyboard?

Song books are on hand but most residents seem to know the words by heart - great old tunes from days gone by like *Goodnight Irene*, *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*, *Daisy Daisy*, etc, bring back lots of memories and smiles.

—Story and photograph courtesy of Lois Lane—

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—

COUNTRY GROCERS SKIPTON AWARD



Skipton Country Grocers staff members and managers
L-R: Bec Corbett, Imogen Ross, Courtney and Ashlee Layley

Last week Skipton Country Grocers received an Australian United Retailers (AUR) Ltd

Foodworks Most Outstanding Community Initiative award.

Country Grocers managers Ashlee and Courtney Layley said the award was given to the supermarket for its work with the Children Ballarat Specialist School (BSS).

Children from the school aged between 15 and 18 years old visit the store every Wednesday during Term Three to gain work experience and to gain confidence and what it is like to be in the work force.

This great program has been running for five years and staff member Bec said, "It is an absolute delight to work alongside the students who display so much dedication to every aspect of the learning."

—Story and photographs by SCN roving reporter Lois Lane—

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- 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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**Parish Coordinators &
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Email:

redan@ballarat.catholic.org.auOffice hours: Tuesday &
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Sebastopol: Pauline O'Brien

Telephone: 0428 699 624

Email:

sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.auOffice 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: stpatrcathedral.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 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

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

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SKIPTON COMMUNITY SHOP

BSB 633 000 Account number: 230967804

SKIPTON OP-SHOP**OPENING HOURS**

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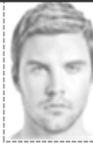
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WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MORNING TEA

MONDAY 15 JUNE, from 10.30 am
ROSE ROOM, TERANG CIVIC CENTRE

Come along for a cuppa and join the Positive Ageing Access & Inclusion team as we bring our community together to raise awareness about elder abuse.

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.

You'll learn how to:

- Recognise when something isn't right
- Support older people in your community
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NEW GROUP TO HELP MAKE SHIRE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL



Community members and Corangamite Shire staff are collaborating to ensure the lived experiences of elderly people and people with disabilities are understood and considered when planning and delivering Council services and infrastructure.

The Positive Ageing, Access and Inclusion Reference Group (PAA&IRG) has met twice since forming in January.

Group Community Representative Andrew Leeman hopes his input will make a positive difference for elderly people and those living with disabilities.

"I started as a disability worker and became disabled myself. I thought I'd give back to the community from both aspects."

Mr Leeman, 61, was diagnosed with Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease at 53.

The genetic condition affects the nerves, muscles and bones of his lower legs, limiting his ability to walk.

"I've had three bone fusions in both feet. I have to wear this monstrosity for life," he said, pointing to the 5kg boot on his right foot. "It was either amputation of this, so I chose this."

"You don't know what affects you until you have a disability. Being a heritage town, we have a lot of issues. There are certain shops I physically can't go into."

"Hopefully I can put forward thoughts and ideas the Council group haven't had; think outside the box and tick a few things off."

Fellow Community Representative Cindy McDougall was a member of the former Disability and Inclusion Reference Group, which was expanded to include older residents' lived experience and voices and became the PAA&IRG. The wider focus aims to provide solutions for people of different ages and abilities who face similar challenges.

"I was motivated to join that, and to continue on in the Positive Ageing, Access and Inclusion Reference Group to help build inclusion in our local towns and throughout the shire," she said.

"I believe that only through listening to people who have lived through everyday issues and struggles, and by sharing both positive and negative experiences, can we build a better world for those who come after us."

"There has already been so much positive change in our region that can be directly attributed to the group and

our ideas, and this has been incredibly satisfying.

"On a personal note, I was particularly pleased to suggest and see a new disabled park placed at both Noorat Primary School and Mercy Regional Noorat Campus to help accessibility for younger people attending school and for others who attend community events at these premises."

"I hope that through my input, along with my fellow group members, that older people and people with a disability will be able to more easily engage in their local communities."

Chair Cr Jo Beard, who lives with primary progressive multiple sclerosis, said the group had a vital role in guiding the implementation of the PAA&IRG Plan 2025-2029 by sharing local knowledge, lived experiences, and

ideas that matter to the community.

"Having a safe, accessible, appropriate and reliable built environment is crucial for older people and people with a disability to maintain their independence and dignity," Cr Beard said.

"Being able to perform daily tasks and remain active without relying heavily on assistance supports all members of our community enjoy good quality of life

and social connections."

Cr Beard said living with MS had given her an additional lens to look through.

"I haven't always had MS since I've been on Council. It's only been the last 8 years. I could look at it as a negative, but I've got an opportunity because of it."

"It has enabled me as a councillor to think more broadly in how I represent our community, and how I look at built infrastructure, especially accessibility, in a different light."

"Now when I'm walking down the street I have to look down for hazards instead of looking up and around. I would never have thought of that until I was confronted with it myself."

Cr Beard said Council was really pleased that community members are represented along with stakeholders including Hampden P-12, Southwest Sport, are-able, and genU.

"By sharing their voices and their lived experiences, they can lead positive change and improve community inclusivity for all ages and abilities."

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—



PAA&IRG Community Representatives (front L-R) Cindy McDougall, James Carter and Andrew Leeman Backed by Cr Jo Beard, and Council's Assets Coordinator Maria Caro, Economic Partnership Officer Kellie Duynhoven, Infrastructure Projects Officer Dean Finlayson, Rural Access Officer Patrick Caruana, and Positive Ageing, Access and Inclusion Coordinator Belinda Rowbottom.

SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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Beeripmo Development Centre

Skipton

Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am
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SUPPORT AT HOME & RESPITE

Our Support At Home team and Residential Coordinator recently attended the Ballarat Ageing Well Expo hosted by the City of Ballarat.

The Support At Home Program is a government program that helps older people stay living well in their own home for longer. It funds care and support services that match the person's needs. The program commenced on November 1st 2025, and replaced the previous Home Care Packages.

If you have been assessed and approved for the Support At Home Program and would like to discuss how we can help you, please call 5349 1600. We can explain what your approval means, talk through the services that you can use and help you get started with Support At Home.

Respite Residential Care at Beaufort and Skipton Health Service is short-term care available at both Beaufort and Skipton. Regular breaks are important for both yourself and the person caring for you.

Once you have approval or for more information about Respite care please call 0492 807 535.




Beaufort | 28 Havelock Street | 5349 1600
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Camperdown Veterinary Centre

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Thursday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Friday	8.00am - 5.30pm
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Please note:

NEW OPENING TIMES

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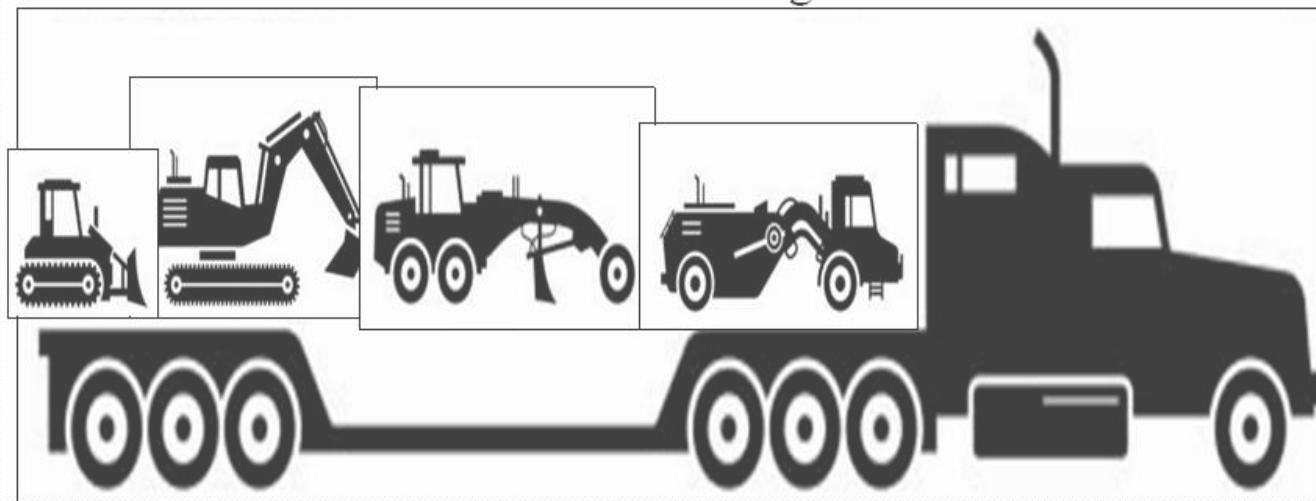
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LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.**

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

Finding a Job

There seemed absolutely no hope for John Rinslip. Unemployed for months, penniless, and without a home, he thought several times of suicide, but always managed to regain control of himself at the last moment. Then, one day, wandering from his customary haunts to a more prosperous neighborhood, he came upon a new but very dirty car. Quite obviously it was a recent model, but for some reason the owner had allowed it to get into this shocking condition. Running his eye over the car, an idea suddenly dawned in Rinslip's mind. Supposing he knocked and asked the owner's permission to clean it thoroughly from tail to bonnet?

But no. The finished job would be far more convincing than anything he could say. Peeling off his coat, he began polishing away with some old rags he had in his pocket. It was a quiet district, and John worked soundlessly. When, eventually, someone did come out to ask what he was doing, the job neared completion. A little curt at first, the owner could not help admiring the difference in his car.

He questioned Rinslip more closely. In the end Rinslip went away with a few shillings in his pocket, feeling a new man. Within a week he was regularly soliciting work of this kind, and before very long he had a fairly reliable connection. Now, in Birmingham, he has a special garage-workshop used for car-cleaning only.

Many among the unemployed will say that Rinslip was fortunate. Certainly; but that one stroke of luck would have got him nowhere without his own initiative. And Rinslip's is by no means an isolated case.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

The first of a series of euchre tournaments was held in Carranballac Hall on Monday, May 35. A large number of players took part in the tournament, which proved to be a great success. The gent's prize was won by Mr T. Loader, of Pura Pura, and the ladies' prize was won by Miss E. Liston. After the tournament the ladies of the Catholic Social Club served a very tasty supper. A dance which followed until one o'clock was very much enjoyed.

Next tournament—June 22.

THE LIGHT HORSE TROOP

SKIPTON SECTION SUCCESS

The Skipton Troop of 4th Light Horse went to Camperdown on Saturday, 23rd inst., to take part in a shooting competition against representatives of the Warrnambool and Mortlake detachments of the Squadron. They succeeded in bringing back both the Squadron Cup (for which all the detachments of the B Squadron competed) and the Section Cup, Sergeant Guthrie's section topping the score.

Points scored during the day were as follows:—

TROOP SHOOT

Skipton	...	...	461 points
Mortlake	...	...	454 points
Warrnambool	...	...	360 points

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.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT RECOVERY

with David Younger



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Mortlake Pharmacy	
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Podiatry	
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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.

Euchre Card Group
Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.

Skipton Library in Mechanics Hall
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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.

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.

Beaufort Art Trax Gallery
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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.

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.

Sunday 14th June, 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!

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.

Wednesday 17th June, 6:30pm COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT RECOVERY WITH DAVID YOUNGER at the Skipton Recreation Reserve. Free Community Event—Everyone Welcome! David Younger returns to Skipton to share insights on recovery after fires. Come along to connect, ask questions, and spend time with others in the community. Food and soft drink provided, other drinks available at bar prices. Please RSVP for catering purposes, email skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au. More information on page 2 and page 15.

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. Details on page 1.

Sunday 21st June FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM, STREATHAM. Open from 11am to 4:30pm. Contact Bruce McKenna (Secretary/Treasurer) on 0466 286 011.

Wednesday 1st July 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. Great prizes to be won, everyone is welcome! More details to come.

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