

Skipton Community News



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FREE
WEEKLY

FREE EVENT

PHOTO AND ART EXHIBITION OPENS THIS FRIDAY 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.

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.

Don't miss out on contributing to the Photo and Art Exhibition and being a part of history!

Print your photos, create your art work, write a poem, create a sculpture, write your fire story in relation to the Streatham/Carranballac/Skipton Fire on 9th January 2026.

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.**

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.

A THANK YOU TO OUR POTTERUPPERERS & BULBARIANS

Thank you to all the team of 12-15 community potterupperers for potting up plants to create some colour in our fire impacted community gardens.

Any pots that you have ready for the fire-impacted community of Streatham, Carranballac, & Skipton, please deliver to the **Skipton Hall on Friday 19th June by 12pm.** They will remain available until Sunday 21st June.

An invitation to all our fire-impacted community:

Please take a selection of pot (all tough plants) home with you and enjoy the love and sharing from members of our community who see it as their way to support you. All pots are FREE!!

We will have more pots of plants and trees for you to pop in the ground on Saturday 24th October - when we enjoy a special gathering to launch the Book and Film.

This project was created by Kate Dunne who is employed at Gorsts Rural. Thank you Kate!!

—Pat Gabb—

FROM THE EDITOR: SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS TO GO ON BREAK



The Skipton Community News will be taking a much needed break from **Thursday 25th June until Thursday 9th July 2026.**

Please send in any notices of your events or meetings by 4pm 19th June to be sure our readers see it over the break.

Thank you for your continued support of the Skipton Community News. We are here to support your clubs and organisations in any way we can. We can advertise your items for sale, if you're looking for workers, or if you have an event open you would like to promote.

Get your information to us by 4pm Friday 10th July to get your notices in the next SCN printing on 13th July.

Please send an email to skiptonscn@gmail.com at any time for more information or to start a conversation.

—SCN Editor, Kathy Leewai—

FROM THE EDITOR A NOTE TO OUR ADVERTISERS



Thank you for your continued support for our weekly newsletter, delivering news and a voice for our community.

We have recently updated our rates and have sent out invoices for yearly accounts for payment. Please view the attachments to the emails as they contain further information regarding our new pricing structure and the associated discounts for regular business.

If you would like to amend your account, make any changes to your advertising frequency or artwork, please don't hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Angela, by email treasurerskiptonpa@gmail.com, or call 0418 341 168.

We appreciate you advertising with us and look forward to having your support through the rest of 2026 and beyond.

—SCN Editor, Kathy Leewai—

JOB VACANCY CLEANER/CARETAKER

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

We are looking for a reliable, dedicated person/s to look after one of Skipton and districts most important buildings.

This is a paid position.

Duties include:

- General cleaning duties
- Checking for any maintenance issues
- Reporting any issues to the Secretary
- Checking cleaning supplies
- Ordering new cleaning supplies
- Communicating with the Secretary
- 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 gjlavley@bigpond.net.au for a job description.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICE

SKIPTON FRIENDS OF VISION AUSTRALIA

We would like to thank the community, friends, and members for their generous donations towards our Mother's Day Raffle - also ticket buyers - very much appreciated.

WINNERS:

- 1st Sue
- 2nd Lauren Williams
- 3rd Pat Yeoman
- 4th Cath Kavanagh
- 5th Sarah Phillips
- 6th M. Deppeler

Thank you all for your caring and helping those with low vision.

Yvonne Shady, President Ph: 53 402 113

Marg Fraser, Secretary Ph: 53 403 576

—Skipton Friends of Vision Australia—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

THANK YOU TO SKIPTON FIRE BRIGADE

The Shady Family would like to thank the Skipton Fire Brigade for organising and co-ordinating the burning of the Skipton-Rokewood Road.

This activity involved many district fire units, along with private units.

The end result is to be commended by the dedicated volunteers who took part in this exercise.

—Yvonne Shady—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

BLAZE Aid CAMP SEEKING COOK

The BlazeAid Skipton Base Camp at Bradvale 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.

Please contact the BlazeAid Coordinator, Jen Weightman, via email at skipton@blazeaid.com.au.

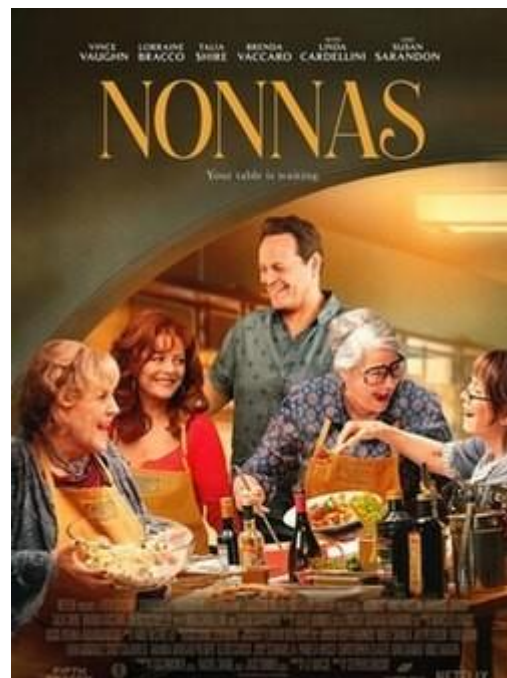
—Dale McIntyre—

DARLINGTON MOVIE NIGHT

featuring

NONNAS

2025 Comedy/Drama



WHERE: DARLINGTON HALL

WHEN: FRIDAY 21st AUGUST, 7:30PM

\$5 ENTRY - INCLUDES SUPPER

DRINKS AND RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

BINGO

Wednesday, 1st July, 2026.
★ Doors open 5.30pm, Eyes down 6.30pm ★

new venue
THE SUPPER ROOM OF THE MECHANICS HALL
Anderson Street, Skipton

★ ★ ★ A light supper is available at Interval. ★ ★ ★
Free tea and coffee available. Raffles.

This month's theme for fancy dress is:
LAW & ORDER, COPS & ROBBERS
Dress up and share in the fun!

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT RECOVERY

with David Younger



WED 17 JUNE, 6.30 – 8.30 PM
SKIPTON RECREATION RESERVE
FREE EVENT

David Younger returns to Skipton to share insights on recovery after fires:

- Learn about recovery after fires, especially as the first year progresses
- Focus on wellbeing and supporting yourself and others
- Hear shared experiences and practical insights from communities across Australia
- Relaxed, supportive environment with time for questions and conversation

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT – EVERYONE WELCOME

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:

Scan the QR Code, call Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100, or email skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au



Pyrenees
Shire Council

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—

ARTIST CALL OUT FOR GOLDEN SPACES 2026 SUMMER EXHIBITION



Artists from across Golden Plains and surrounding regions are encouraged to exhibit their artworks at the Golden Spaces 2026 Summer Exhibition, with Expressions of Interest (EOI) open now.

Golden Spaces is a free, community-based program offering group art exhibitions across three locations: the Bannockburn Cultural Centre, The Well at Smythesdale, and the Golden Plains Civic Centre.

This exciting initiative celebrates and promotes the talent of artists from across the Shire and surrounding regions, increases access to the arts for the community within a local setting, and provides professional development opportunities for both emerging and established artists.

The 2026 Summer Exhibition marks the seventh exhibition in the series. The 2025 Summer Exhibition is currently on display at The Well in Smythesdale and the 2026 Winter Exhibition is now on display at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey praised the Golden Spaces program and the opportunities it has provided to artists in the region.

“Golden Spaces began as a pilot program in 2023, answering a call from our creative community for free and accessible exhibition programs and spaces in our Shire,” Cr Sharkey said.

“Fast forward to now, the 2026 Golden Spaces Summer Exhibition marks the seventh exhibition in the series. Each year, Golden Spaces has shown over 40 artists and an incredible 60 artworks per year,” he said.

“The remarkable talent we have in our Shire and in surrounding regions is evident with each exhibition, and I have no doubt the 2026 Summer Exhibition will be no different. I encourage our artistic community to apply and help make this the biggest exhibition yet.”

EOIs are open until 5pm, Monday 31st August 2026 and can be completed at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/golden-spaces.

At the conclusion of the EOI period, successful artists will be notified, and the 2026 Summer Exhibition will be launched at the Twilight Market in December 2026. The exhibition will be on display for 12 months rotating between the Bannockburn Cultural Centre, The Well at Smythesdale and the Golden Plains Civic Centre.

For further information, contact Council’s Arts, Culture & Heritage team at golden.spaces@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—

SUCCESSFUL PLANNED BURN AT SKIPTON



A successful planned burn has been carried out at Skipton following years of planning to reduce bushfire risk to the township.

Skipton Common, an approximately 100-hectare reserve, has long been a concern for the local community due to its proximity to Skipton and the potential risk it poses during bushfire conditions.

CFA Acting Vegetation Management Officer (West Region) Matthew Keller said the burn followed extensive work to develop a long-term approach to bushfire mitigation.

“The Common had been identified as a concern for some time, but following the Streatham fire there was renewed community interest in finding a long-term solution to help reduce risk to the township,” Matthew said.

Representatives from the Western Region Ecological Network (WREN), Skipton Fire Brigade, Beaufort Group, CFA’s Vegetation Management Team, and local LandCare groups formed a committee to develop a shared management approach.

The group met regularly to discuss treatment options, priorities, and how to balance fire risk reduction with environmental considerations.

“This wasn’t a one-off burn. The group developed a three-year management plan to guide future treatment across the reserve, including annual maintenance around the township boundary,” Matthew said.

After monitoring weather forecasts and undertaking further planning, crews identified a suitable opportunity to complete the planned burn on 27th April.

Matthew said the intricacies of the burn required careful planning.

“A lot of planning went into this burn because the area sits close to homes and private assets, so we had to wait for the right conditions to manage fire behaviour and keep smoke away from the township and highway,” Matthew said.

“Planned burning is not about

burning for the sake of it. Every burn starts with a clear objective, whether that’s protecting homes, farms, roads, critical infrastructure or environmental values,”

Matthew said the burn formed part of an ongoing effort to reduce fuel loads and improve community safety around Skipton.

“The burn reduces the overall fuel hazard, which can reduce fire intensity and give firefighters the upper hand if a bushfire approaches the town,” Matthew said.

CFA Acting Deputy Chief Officer (West Region) Steve Alcock said planned burns are an important part of bushfire preparedness.

“We know we can’t stop every fire, but fuel management is one of the most important tools we have to reduce the impact fires can have on communities,” Steve said.

“The burn at Skipton Common is a good example of local agencies, land managers and the community working together to address a long-standing fire risk.”

CFA has exceeded its planned burn targets across the state in the last two years.

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



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

Wednesdays 11am-12pm
Beeripmo Development Centre

Skipton

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

Gait & Balance Group Beaufort

Wednesdays 10:15am-11am
Beeripmo Development Centre

Skipton

Thursdays 9:15am-10am
Skipton Day Centre Room

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17 JUNE 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

PROTECTING AGAINST PREVENTABLE DISEASES

Skipton Medical Practice has Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and COVID vaccinations available for all eligible age groups.

Under the National Immunisation Program (NIP), free influenza vaccines are available for:

- Pregnant women, at any stage of pregnancy and in every pregnancy
- Children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- People aged 65 years and over
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- People with certain medical conditions



Under the National Immunisation Program (NIP), free RSV vaccines are available for:

- Pregnant women at 28 to 36 weeks of pregnancy
- People aged 75 years and older and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 60 years and older
- People with medical risk factors for severe RSV disease aged 60 years and older
- Infants up to 8 months:
 - ⇒ whose mother did not receive the RSV vaccine during pregnancy, or
 - ⇒ who were born within 2 weeks after the mother receiving an RSV vaccine, or
 - ⇒ who have a condition or circumstance that increases their risk of severe RSV disease regardless of their mother's vaccination status
- Young children aged 8 months to under 2 years who have medical risk factors for severe RSV disease in their second RSV season.

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.

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**

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


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.auOffice hours: Tuesday &
Thursday 9am - 4pm

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.

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**

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

Sunday 10am - 2pm

**SKIPTON LIBRARY AT****THE MECHANICS HALL**

5 Anderson St, Skipton



Open Tuesday 10am-12pm

Friday 3pm-5pm

 Fiction, non-fiction, Large Print, DVDs, eBooks,
 children's books & DVDs, biographies, and more.

Free membership, all welcome.

**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.

COMMUNITY STALWART AWARDED AFSM



Rodney McErvale has been recognised with the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) for his outstanding service to CFA and the communities of Raglan, Beaufort and surrounds.

Rodney has dedicated 37 years to CFA, responding to over 500 incidents in that time, including 36 incidents in 2025 alone.

Throughout his service, he has held the roles of a firefighter, Lieutenant, Raglan Captain, Deputy Group Officer and Beaufort Group Officer, giving thousands of hours to support local communities and emergency response across Victoria.

Rodney said receiving the AFSM was never on his radar.

"It's a great honour, but it's also a reflection of the people I've served alongside over many years," Rodney said.

"CFA is built on teamwork, and I've been fortunate to work with so many dedicated people who give so much to their communities."

Rodney's leadership was tested during the 2009 summer bushfires, where he served as a Sector Commander in the Healesville area, north-east of Melbourne.

For his leadership and dedication during this deployment, he was awarded the National Emergency Medal.

"The bushfires in 2009 were an incredibly difficult time for so many communities and firefighters," Rodney said.

"You carry those experiences with you, but they also reinforce why training, leadership and community connection are so important."

Rodney said one of the most rewarding aspects of his CFA journey has been helping younger members gain experience and develop into future leaders.

"I was lucky to have people who were prepared to teach me, show me things and give me opportunities when I was young," Rodney said.



"If you've got young, keen people, you've got to let them have a go under guidance. You can do all the

training in the world, but you can't beat real-world experience."

Beyond the fireground, Rodney has played an important role in helping communities record and preserve their experiences after major fires.

His strong connection to local communities led him to help facilitate projects documenting the 2019 Lexton fire and the 2024 Bayindeen-Rocky Road fires, capturing the voices of those directly affected.

Those projects led to the publication of two books: *Heat, Help and Healing*, which documented the 2019 Lexton Fire; and *Scarred*, which captured community stories from the 2024 Bayindeen-Rocky Road fires.

Through these initiatives, Rodney has also helped secure donations for local committee groups, ensuring funds were reinvested directly into affected communities.

"It's important that these stories are not lost," Rodney said.

"Fires have a lasting impact, but they also show the strength of local communities and the way people support each other through recovery."

Rodney said the support of family, fellow volunteers and local communities had been central to his time with CFA.

"No one does this alone," Rodney said.

"It has been a privilege to serve and to help where I can."

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



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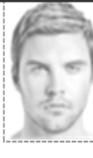
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Beaufort and Skipton Health Service's Urgent Care Centres operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week



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

For life threatening emergencies call 000 for assistance

Beaufort | 28 Havelock Street | 5349 1600
Skipton | 2 Blake Street | 5340 1100

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LEADERSHIP & CLUB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Sporting clubs across the region are invited to a FREE leadership and club development workshop hosted by Pyrenees Shire Council and Sports Central on Tuesday 23rd June from 6:30pm to 7:45pm at the Goldfields Recreation Reserve, Bendigo Community Bank Complex.

Designed for committee members, volunteers and emerging leaders, this workshop will explore how strong leadership and effective management can help clubs thrive.

Participants will gain practical insights into strategic planning and goal setting, volunteer recruitment and retention, understanding committee roles and responsibilities, and creating safe, inclusive and welcoming club environments. The session will also focus on building positive club culture and developing sustainable systems that support long-term success both on and off the field.

Whether you're new to committee life or an experienced club leader, this workshop is a valuable opportunity to build confidence, capability and stronger community sporting clubs.

To Register –
Scan the QR code



Sports Central



Tuesday 23rd June



6:30pm to 7:45pm



Goldfields Recreation Reserve

Bendigo Community Bank Complex, Park Road, Beaufort



CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Noticeboard



Join our team

Emergency and Local Laws Coordinator

- Permanent full time
- \$99,720 – \$111,603 p.a.
- Based in Camperdown

Applications close 5 pm, Monday 22 June.

Concreter (Plant Operator)

- Permanent full time
- \$73,465 – \$76,734 p.a.
- Based in Cobden

Applications close 5 pm, Monday 22 June.

Transfer Station Attendant

- Casual, weekend availability required
- \$43.68 to \$44.80 per hour, inclusive of an industry allowance
- Various locations

Applications close 5 pm, Wednesday 1 July.

Apply at: corangamite.vic.gov.au/careers

One-on-one farm advice

Register for a free one-on-one farm consultation to develop and implement a drought management action plan for your farm. Session are up to three hours, on farm or online.

Find out more at bit.ly/3QCZZ8a, call Agriculture Victoria on 13 61 86 or email drought.support@agriculture.vic.gov.au



Rural Financial Counselling Services

Rural Financial Counselling (RFCS) can offer free and confidential counselling, small business support and wellbeing counselling to fire-affected farmers and small business. Counsellors are passionate about their work because they live in the region they service, many are from farming backgrounds themselves. Call 1300 735 578 or visit www.wswrcs.com.au.





COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT RECOVERY

with David Younger

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SKIPTON RECREATION RESERVE
FREE EVENT – EVERYONE WELCOME

Upcoming events

Lismore Footbridge opening

Sunday 21 June, 11 am to 1 pm

Browns Waterholes, Lismore

Join us for the official opening of the Lismore Footbridge! Celebrate this special occasion and then continue the journey with the Lismore Walking Group as we explore the Lismore Discovery Trail.

Free event with light refreshments from local eateries included.

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.

Movie of the month

Tuesday 7 July, 10.30 am–12.30 pm

Bran Nue Dae (2009), Terang Civic Hall

An Aboriginal student on the west coast of Australia in the late '60s runs away from a Catholic boarding school with his cruel headmaster in hot pursuit, meeting eccentric characters along the journey back to his hometown.

Bookings essential on 5593 7100

Navigation Support Program

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

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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Join VicGrid at a drop-in session to ask questions and learn more:

Fairway Café, High Street, Lismore

Mon 6 July, 5–7 pm

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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)**

Skilful use of woodwork and judicious application of paint on the frontages of some business places in the town have made an improvement in the appearances presented to travellers. With other rumored jobs put in hand in the near future customers should be induced to put more business with local traders.

William Thompson, who recently arrived at Dean from Skipton, was sentenced at Creswick court to two months' imprisonment on the charge of having stolen an overcoat belonging to Mr G. Tippet, and valued at £5, from Dean Mechanics' Hall. Thompson stated that he took the name of Tony Jenkins at Dean because he owed 30/- to a storekeeper at Skipton and he didn't want them to be chasing him. He wanted to get the money to pay the account.

Over 400 articles of first class mail-matter were carried to Melbourne from Hamilton on Monday, the inaugural day of the air mail services. This is the first daily air mail in Victoria between Melbourne and a provincial town.

Loyal citizens attended a gathering at Skipton Mechanics Hall on Friday afternoon, in response to the invitation of the Australian Women's National League to celebrate Empire Day. The school children supplied a good share of the programme and Mr Stan Walker, of Ballarat, was the speaker. Local singers assisted. A report will be given later

POLICE CHIEF SHOOTING

SHOTS WERE HEARD.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Sitting in a car near the scene of the shooting affray in which Supt Brophy was wounded on Friday night a young woman heard shots above the noise of a motor truck engine which was kept running.

Her story to-day indicated that the shooting of Brophy had been planned. Darkness hid the participants in the shooting, she said, but as the engine of a truck was run at high speed, apparently in an attempt to drown the noise, she heard several shots and saw streaks of flame. After a pause, there was another burst of shooting, and a single-seater car dashed away from the scene.

Reports were also heard by the Director of the Zoological Gardens (Mr Wilkie) when he was sitting in front of his fire at his home nearby. He thought they were fireworks.

POLICE FORCE INQUIRY.

Confirmation of the probability of the State Cabinet appointing a Royal Commission to investigate the police force generally was obtained in political circles yesterday. No announcement has yet been made by the Premier, but it is understood that there is a two to one majority in Cabinet in favor of the appointment of a Royal Commission. A majority of Ministers is understood to favor giving the Commission the widest possible powers and to obtain a thorough-going investigation of the police generally. Ministers had expected that a report by the Commissioner of Police (Sir Thomas Blamey) on the shooting of Supt Brophy would have been presented to the Chief Secretary to-day, but none was available.

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



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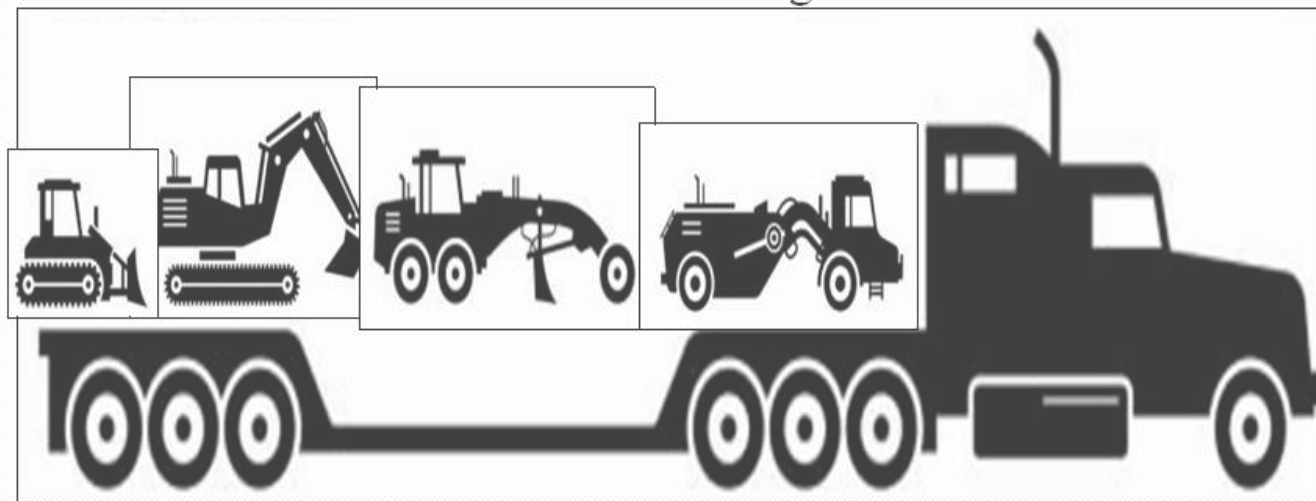
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Timboon & District Public Hall



TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 10.30 AM

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Killara Centre, Camperdown



TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 10.30 AM

Breakfast at Tiffany's

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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 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.
Euchre Card Group Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.	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.
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.	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.
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 21st June, 11am-1pm LISMORE FOOTBRIDGE OPENING at the Browns Waterholes, Lismore. Celebrate this special occasion and then continue the journey with the Lismore Walking Group as we explore the Lismore Discovery Trail. Free event with light refreshments from local eateries included.
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 21st June FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM, STREATHAM. Open from 11am to 4:30pm. Contact Bruce McKenna (Secretary/Treasurer) on 0466 286 011.
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.	Tuesday 23rd June, 6:30pm-7:45pm LEADERSHIP & CLUB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP at Goldfields Recreation Reserve, Bendigo Community Bank Complex, Park Road, Beaufort. Sporting clubs across the region are invited to a FREE leadership and club development workshop hosted by Pyrenees Shire Council and Sports Central. Designed for committee members, volunteers and emerging leaders. More details, and to register, please scan QR Code on page 8.
Beaufort Art Trax Gallery Is Open: Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm Phone: Heather 0427 492 082	Thursday 25th June SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS ON BREAK. Newsletter returns Wednesday 15th July. Please send in any notices for July to be included in our final issue this month.
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 26th June, LAST DAY OF TERM at Skipton Primary School. 2pm Assembly, 2:30pm finish.
	Wednesday 1st July BINGO NIGHT in the Supper Room, Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. THEME: LAW & ORDER, COPS & ROBBERS. Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6:30pm. Free tea and coffee available. Great prizes to be won, everyone is welcome!
	Monday 6th July, 5pm-7pm VICGRID DROP-IN SESSION at the Fairway Café, High Street, Lismore. Join the session to ask questions and learn more about the Central Highlands Renewable Energy Zone.
	Wednesday 8th July, 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