

Skipton Community News



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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!

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—

FREE SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARY

THIS MAN'S WORTH

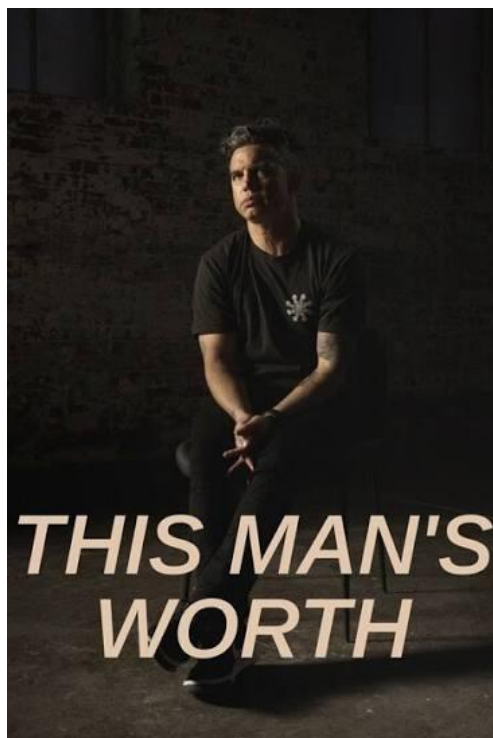


Please join us for a screening of *This Man's Worth* on Thursday 9th July.

***This Man's Worth* is a thought provoking documentary that delves into the subjects of mental health and suicide awareness.**

John Patterson and Dr Craig Wood will host the event and lead discussion on suicide awareness, prevention and coping strategies.

This compelling film has received recognition at prestigious events like the Melbourne & Sydney Film Festivals.



ALL WELCOME: Bring along your partner, a friend, family member or neighbour and join us for this important conversation.

VENUE: Camperdown Bowls Club - 8 Thornton Street, Camperdown

TIME: 6pm start with screening to commence at 7pm

Finger food provided. Drinks available at bar prices.

RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 6th July. Phone 555 83 000.

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 gjayley@bigpond.net.au for a job description.

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

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.**

To include your meeting dates and events in our next printed issue, please email details before 4pm, Friday 10th July to skiptonscn@gmail.com.

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.

We have affordable advertising rates for local businesses as well, so get in touch to place an ad.

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

—SCN Editor, Kathy Leewai—

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**



SKIPTON'S BIRTHDAY MARKET

Saturday 11th July

Skipton Mechanics Hall

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Our Birthday Raffle



1st Prize.. \$100.00 Voucher from Country Grocers, Skipton

2nd Prize.. \$50.00 Voucher from Beaufort Butchers

3rd Prize... Crystals from Jan's Crystals and Gemstones

Tickets \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00 from Local Outlets

And for sale at the Market until the Draw at 12.00noon

Browse our stalls in the Hall, there's Books, Plants, Jewellery,
Winter warmers, Bric-a-brac, Craft, Cakes and more,
Out of the Wind and Rain.



Help us celebrate with coffee and snacks and Birthday Cake in the cosy
Supper Room, make it a date with friends and family and neighbours.



A project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc. For more Information
or for Stall Bookings, ring Jan, Market Co-ordinator on 0422 785 017

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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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

STEPPING BACK IN TIME TO THE 1920s

The idea for a 1920s theme day began as a casual conversation among residents, many of whom had fond memories of past decades or a love for vintage items.

Organised by the residents themselves, the 1920s theme day was a testament to what can happen when everyone comes together with a shared vision. Residents made head bands, chose dresses from the op shop, chose their accessories, made decorations, got involved in a scavenger hunt, and had a delicious afternoon tea.



Skipton's 1920s theme day was more than just a fun afternoon. It was a celebration of community, creativity, and the timeless joy of coming together.

In a world that often feels fast-paced and disconnected, events like these remind us of the power of shared experiences and the magic of stepping into another time, if only for a day.

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



CAMPERDOWN
VETERINARY CENTRE

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.**

SKIPTON FNC GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION

The Skipton Football Netball Club is thrilled to once again be hosting our Goods and Services Auction on Saturday 25th July at the Skipton Mechanics Hall.

This exciting community event is set to be a fantastic family night out, with something on offer for everyone. Enjoy a delicious meal, great company, and an entertaining evening as we come together to support a wonderful cause. With plenty of fun, auctions and surprises throughout the night, there will be something to enjoy for all ages.

We are now calling on the incredible generosity of our local community and supporters to help make this event a huge success. We welcome donations big and small, whether it's a product, service, experience or something unique to auction on the night, every contribution will make a meaningful difference.

All funds raised will go towards building a new playground for the youngest members of our club. A space where children can play,

families can connect, and memories can be made for generations to come.

Together, we can create something truly special for our club and our community.

If you'd like to make a donation, please get in



Goods & Services Auction
Saturday July 25th
 SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL
6:00- 7:30 Happy Hour
 \$4 BEERS \$6 SPIRITS
6:30 Dinner
 SPIT ROAST, ROAST VEGTABLES AND DESSERT
 \$20 PER PERSON OR \$50 A FAMILY
7:30 Auction starts

 **SKIPTON**
 FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

contact with the event organisers:

Darren Fletcher - 0400 402 034

Alex McLean - 0487 292 019

Lauren Bodman - 0444 587 311

Nat Robertson - 0402 458 161

—Nat Robertson, Skipton Football Netball Club Communications—

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 10

Monday 22nd June

- Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra and Sydney

Friday 26th June - Last Day of Term

- Bulldogs in Schools for Prep-4
- 2pm Assembly
- 2:30pm Finish
- Grade 5/6 return

Term 3, Week 1

Wednesday 15th July

- P-4 Excursion to Bluey
- Grade 2 Sleepover!

Friday 17th July

- Assembly 3:10pm

Term 3, Week 2

Friday 24th July

- School Tree Day— Stockyard Hill

Term 3, Week 3

Monday 27th July

- Prep 100 Days of School



SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS

Michelle's Award

Lucy- For demonstrating curiosity by asking thoughtful questions and showing a genuine interest in what we are learning. Well done Lucy!

Miss Mac's Award

Matilda H - For showing focus and resilience during our Maths lessons, and being willing to share your thinking with our class. Well done, Matilda!

Mrs Donald's Award

Lacey - For always doing her best and bringing a positive attitude that makes learning and everyday experiences fun for those around her.

Congratulations to all!

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.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: 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

Sunday 28th June

Wednesday 1st July

Sunday 12th July

Wednesday 15th July

Sunday 26th July

Wednesday 29th July

Sunday 9th August

**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 23rd June: Red & green bins

Tuesday 30th June: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 7th July: Red & green bins

Tuesday 14th July: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 21st July: Red & green bins

Tuesday 28th July: Red & yellow 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

Corangamite
Moyn
Library Service

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.

Skipton Art Trail Group & Skipton Progress Association
with Moreton Hill Wind Farm
sponsorship
Bring you our next community event



Moreton Hill Wind Farm

The proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm is located on Wadawurrung Country, about 35 kilometres southwest of Ballarat. The wind farm will have up to 62 turbines, producing enough electricity to power around 260,000 homes and prevent almost 350,000 tonnes of emissions annually.

The wind farm is proposed to connect to the electricity network via a new underground 220kV powerline to the Berrybank terminal station about nine kilometres south of the wind farm.

For the latest updates on Moreton Hill Wind Farm and to sign up for our community updates, please scan the QR code or visit: www.moretonhillwindfarm.com.au



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BEAUFORT
60 Neill St, Beaufort
Ladies & Gents Hairdressing

HOURS: Closed Mondays
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (9am till late)
Friday (8:30am-5:30pm)
Closed Saturday

Gift vouchers available / Waxing and Lash & Brow Tints
Stockist of Redken / Zenz alternative Hair Colour

Phone 5349 2688 for appointments



Urgent Care Centres

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



Access Urgent Care Centres via front hospital entry

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

For life threatening emergencies call 000 for assistance

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

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Introducing AusAlert™

and the AusAlert national test

Monday 27 July 2026

The Australian Government is launching AusAlert, a new national warning system that can send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices in times of disaster.

AusAlert will be ready to use in October 2026, but before it launches, we need to test the system across Australia.

On **Monday 27 July**, your mobile devices, such as mobile phones, tablets and smart watches, may receive a test alert. The notification will vibrate and include a loud siren-like sound that lasts about 10 seconds. If this could disrupt you or cause you or a loved one to feel unsafe, please turn off your mobile devices or switch them to aeroplane mode before the scheduled test time in your location, and leave them off for at least one hour.



For more information, visit ausalert.gov.au



Write a Will

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. We can also assist with:

- Power of Attorney
- Asset protection
- Trusts
- Structuring
- Superannuation
- Taxation Law

LISMORE RECONNECTS THANKS TO NEW FOOTBRIDGE



A long-awaited replacement footbridge in Lismore officially opened over the weekend, restoring a vital link for the town.

With funding from GPG Berrybank Windfarms, the Victorian Government's Tiny Towns Fund and Corangamite Shire Council, work is now complete on the footbridge under the Hamilton Highway. The new footbridge provides pedestrian access without the need to cross the busy highway.

A community event officially opened the new footbridge on Sunday 21st June from 11am at Browns Waterholes. The day featured a local history guest speaker and a guided walk with the Lismore Walking Group along the Lismore Discovery Trail.

After the launch, attendees enjoyed a lunch at a local eatery.

The new 18-metre bridge replaces a previous footbridge that has been closed for more than three years after reaching the end of its lifespan.

The bridge is a key link in the Lismore Discovery Trail, which includes extensive walking trails around the township and a trail heading to the Lismore Cemetery.

Mayor Kate Makin said the new bridge would make life safer and easier for locals and visitors.

"This restores a simple but important connection that locals have been missing. We've worked hard to secure funding and get this done properly for Lismore," she said.

Mount Elephant Ward Councillor Nick Cole thanked GPG Berrybank Windfarms and the State Government for funding the project alongside Council.

"Kids can now access the local swimming pool without having to cross the busy Hamilton Highway," Cr Cole said.

"It also opens up the Discovery Trail again, and that means more opportunities for people to walk, run and discover the charm and history of Lismore," he said.

"This is a great asset for the community and it will serve Lismore for a long time to come."

The \$200,000 Lismore Footbridge replacement project included funding from Council, GPG Berrybank Windfarms, and the Victorian Government's Tiny Towns Fund.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

CARRANBALLAC RECREATION RESERVE REBUILD TO BE COMMUNITY-LED



Pyrenees Shire Council will receive a lump sum insurance payment for the Carranballac Recreation Reserve destroyed in the January 2026 Streatham Yalla-Y-Poorra fire.

Council will also enter into an agreement with a yet-to-be determined community body that will take responsibility for rebuilding the reserve using the insurance funds.

Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari said this approach would empower the Carranballac community to play a leading role in shaping the reserve's future.

"This model gives the community real ownership of the project and ensures the rebuilt reserve reflects local needs and priorities," Cr Ferrari said.

"Carranballac residents, including the Progress Association, bring a wide range of skills, knowledge and passion that will be invaluable in delivering a facility the community can be proud of."

"While this approach may take longer than a like-for-like rebuild through Council's insurer, it provides a unique opportunity to create something that better meets the long-term needs of the community."

Council will continue to support the community throughout the process, helping with planning, coordination and governance as needed.

The Carranballac Recreation Reserve is located on Crown land and operated by a Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) Committee of Management. However, the buildings have been insured by Council for many years, with Council also facilitating the site clean-up following the fire.

Further details about the community partnership and project timeline will be shared as they are confirmed.

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—



2026 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED



Pyrenees Shire Council's 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey results highlight opportunities for continued improvement according to Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari.

"The 2026 results show Council is maintaining the status quo when it comes to delivering community services, but there is always room to improve," Cr Ferrari said.

"We will carefully review these results to identify where we can further develop and refine the services we provide to our community. I would also like to thank the community for taking part in the survey and providing constructive feedback."

Council's overall performance rating remains steady at 58% - unchanged from 2025. This result aligns with the State average and is higher than the small shire average of 53%.

Waste management and library services were among Council's highest-rated areas, reflecting strong community satisfaction. However, the survey identified unsealed roads and sealed local streets as the lowest-rated services, though they had risen on the previous year's figures.

"It's clear our community places a high priority on roads, and this is an area where increased investment is needed," Cr Ferrari said.

The survey is conducted annually by Local Government Victoria as part of a statewide assessment of community satisfaction across councils. In 2026, 413 residents from Pyrenees Shire participated in the survey.

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—

STUDENTS TO HELP SHAPE**2026 WINTER BALL**

Corangamite Shire's Year 12 Winter Ball returns in 2026, with students taking the lead to host the celebration.

After a standout debut in 2025, the ball is back in winter 2026, offering a chance for Year 12 students to celebrate their final year of secondary school alongside their peers from across the shire.

Corangamite Shire Council started the Winter Ball last year after students raised the idea of an inter-school event to connect with each other and celebrate Year 12.

A committee of Year 12s will help organise the 2026 Ball, choosing the theme, the music, and more.

Council's Youth Officer Arron Graham-Exelby said committee members didn't need event planning experience - just ideas and a willingness to get involved.

"If you've ever said 'they should play this' or 'it would be better if', this is your moment to create the kind of night you actually want to go to - from the music to the vibe and everything in between," he said.

"You'll walk into the ball knowing you had a hand in creating it, and that's what makes it special."

Arron said he looked forward to seeing what a new group of Year 12 students would create for the 2026 Winter Ball.

"Year 12 can be a tough year for students, and we want to celebrate their achievements and give them a fun night at the halfway point of the year," he said.

"We're proud to trust our young people to lead something like this and bring their ideas to life.

"If you've got ideas or just want to be a part of it, get in touch - we'd love to have you on the team."

Year 12 students who live or attend school in Corangamite Shire can register their interest in joining the organising committee by visiting

WANT TO RUN THE BIGGEST NIGHT OF YEAR 12?

JOIN THE 2026 WINTER BALL COMMITTEE!

Last year **SOLD OUT**.
This year... we're going bigger.

We need a team of Year 12s to:

- Plan the vibe
- Organise the event
- Bring the experience to life

No experience needed.
Just ideas, energy, and commitment.

Think you've got what it takes?

Register now. Scan the QR code or visit
corangamite.vic.gov.au/WinterBall26

Event will be alcohol, smoke and vape free.



Scan QR code
to register your
interest!



CORANGAMITE
SHIRE

corangamite.vic.gov.au/WinterBall26

The Winter Ball is alcohol and smoke-free, with no passouts, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

The event will be at Camperdown's Theatre Royal later in winter

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

Your're invited to

SPECIAL PERSON Day!




Please come along to school for some learning, fun and afternoon tea!

Where: Skipton Primary School
When: Thursday 13th of August 1:15-3:25pm

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Thursday
17th of
September!
Come to
school in
your
favourite
team
colours!



**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)**

Fire Is War's Fiercest Weapon

Fire bombs will be far more dangerous weapons than poison gas in air raids of the future, according to Professor J. Enrique Zanetti, of Columbia University, U.S.A.

These bombs, he adds, will weigh about two pounds each, and be made of "thermite"—a mixture of iron oxide, magnesium and powdered aluminium.

People who have read sensational forecasts of poison-gas attacks from the air may laugh at the idea of bombs so small being used. But Professor Zanetti points out that a single two-ton bombing 'plane could carry nearly 2000 of them.

"Even if only ten two-ton 'planes managed to break through the military defences," he adds, "and scored only one effective hit for every hundred bombs dropped—an absurdly small percentage—this would mean that 200 fires would start in widely-separated places in the raided city. If gas bombs were used it would only be practicable to gas small areas of a city, and this would lead to no military result. But the razing of hundreds of buildings by fire would be a very different matter. The destruction of railway termini, docks and piers, for example, would be a serious handicap to any attempts at organised relief."

Moreover, he adds, small thermite bombs are likely to be used because after they had fallen through roofs of buildings there would be no crash to attract the attention of the defenders to the point of impact.

ANIMOSITY OF NEIGHBORS

MAGISTRATE'S ADVICE SOOTHES TROUBLES

Two residents of Streatham were the principals in a case brought under the notice of Mr Bond, P.M., at Skipton Police Court last Wednesday. James Olney, a poultry farmer, laid an information against Irene Drummond, charging her with having assaulted him in a public street. According to the evidence submitted, a question by defendant as to what Olney knew about her dog brought a reply that he knew nothing, whereupon Drummond attempted to strike him. Olney caught hold of the woman and she then kicked him, inflicting several painful bruises.

Mr S. Young, who appeared for defendant, questioned the complainant and some witnesses, and was about to put his client in the box when the Police Magistrate offered a few words of friendly advice, suggesting that the couple should have a quiet talk over their troubles. Judging from what had already been placed before him he thought the defendant was at fault in taking the law into her own hands. He knew something of feuds in small country towns and did not like to see neighbors bringing their troubles into court. He was loth to record a conviction.

After a brief retirement Mr Young informed the Police Magistrate that satisfactory explanations had been made, and Mr Olney had agreed to withdraw the case.

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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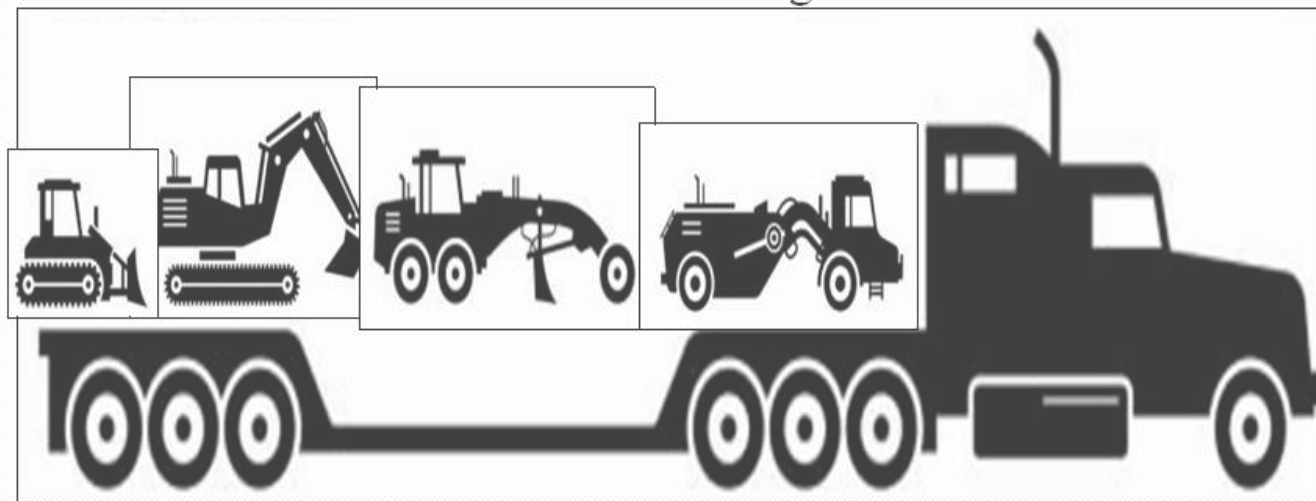
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PYRENEES 2026 YOUTH ART COMPETITION OPEN SOON



Local young artists - get your paints, pencils, clay or cameras ready!

Pyrenees Shire Council is excited to announce the launch of its 2026 Youth Art Competition, running from 1st July to 31st August 2026.

Shining a spotlight on local youth creativity, the competition is open to all secondary school-aged young people who live, study, work, or participate in activities within the Pyrenees Shire.

Five winners will each receive a \$200 gift card prize, and selected artworks may also be featured across Pyrenees Shire Council youth publications, promotional materials, social media campaigns, and community engagement activities.

This year's theme, *"Good Things Grow Here"*, invites young artists to explore the Pyrenees through their own lens - celebrating place, identity, growth and community through creative expression.

Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari said the competition is a fantastic opportunity for young people to showcase their creativity and celebrate their connection to the region.

"Our young people have incredible talent and unique perspectives, and this competition is a wonderful way to support and recognise their creativity," Cr Ferrari said.

"The theme *'Good Things Grow Here'* is all about celebrating what makes the Pyrenees special, and I'm looking forward to seeing how our young artists interpret this through their work."

Entries are welcome across a broad range of artistic mediums, including:

- Photography
- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Digital art
- Mixed media
- Other visual art forms

Participants may submit up to five artworks, which can be either newly created or existing pieces.

Entries will be judged by Council and community representatives based on:

- Creativity and originality
- Artistic effort and presentation
- Connection to the theme

For more information, and to enter, visit pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Engage

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—



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The Beaufort Pool liner will be replaced before the 2026/27 pool season after it was identified as being at the end of its life during an assessment of all three Pyrenees Shire pools.

The ageing liner has previously caused temporary Beaufort Pool closures after air and water became trapped behind it. Replacing the liner will also mean the pool's shell can be accurately examined for any structural issues.

All three Pyrenees Shire pools, including Beaufort, Avoca, and Landsborough, are currently undergoing testing as part of a swimming pool service delivery review to improve efficiency and plan for future maintenance operations.

The review will include benchmarking with other regional councils, a study of operational models and processes, and development of an asset and maintenance

register and current condition assessments of all three pools.

Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Damian Ferrari said he wanted to reassure the community that Council has committed operational funding to all pools for the 2026/27 season.

"Council officers and contractors are working to complete works prior to the season's opening date," Cr Ferrari said.

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—



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MUSICAL CELEBRATES WOMEN WHO MADE CRICKETING HISTORY



Cricket, comedy and music are set to bowl over the crowd at Camperdown when hit show *The Deplorables* takes to the stage in August.

The Deplorables will be at the Theatre Royal on Sunday 16th August at 7pm.

The comedy tells the story of Australia's first women's cricket match in Bendigo in 1874.

Money is raised for charity, 2000 spectators attend, the women are praised for their sporting endeavours, and then all hell breaks loose as the press decides that women should stay home, know their place and sit down.

They didn't. Howzat! They came back the next year, and played another match, this time in front of 5000 spectators!

Mayor Kate Makin said the 70-minute one act play was suitable for all ages.

"We know our community loves sport, and they love a great night of comedy - this brings it all together," Cr Makin said.

"*The Deplorables* is a story of sport, resilience and community spirit - it's a great yarn that celebrates Australian history with music, humour and heart," she said.

Cr Makin said Corangamite Shire Council was proud to welcome a touring production that has been so well received across regional Victoria.

"It's entertaining, it's uplifting, and it's right here in Camperdown," she said.

The Deplorables has successfully toured throughout Victoria and Tasmania in 2025 and 2026 to acclaim, full houses and standing ovations.

Written by Christine Davey and presented by award-winning regional theatre company Skin Of Our Teeth Productions, *The Deplorables* is a joyous and uplifting musical.

It explores a momentous event and what it means in the 21st century.

"Join us for a tale of extraordinary women doing extraordinary things and the very ordinary men who tried to stop them," Ms Davey said.

"These women deserve their place in history and it's time to bring them back to centre stage where they belong - a tale of extraordinary women doing extraordinary things and the ordinary men who tried to stop them."

Book tickets online at events.humantix.com/the-deplorables

WHEN: Sunday 16th August

WHERE: Theatre Royal Camperdown

CREDITS

Writer/Director: Christine Davey

Composer/Choreographer: Tess Parker

Cast: Tess Parker

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'The Deplorables' cast are set for a big hit when they perform in Camperdown on Sunday 16th August. Picture: Sandy Gray

Reviews:

'This beautiful story crackles with joy, love and energy!'

'This play sings though text, image and music.'

'An untold story that rightfully deserves its place - front and centre of every stage.'

'Nothing short of brilliant!'

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

COMMUNITY NOTICE HELP US BUILD THE SKIPTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Hello Skipton! We are finally starting a **Skipton Community Garden** for this lovely town of ours, and we need your help to get our roots in the ground!

Our goal is to create a vibrant, shared green space where everyone can grow fresh food, learn new skills, and connect right here in town.

To get started, we are looking for **founding members and volunteers**. Whether you want to dig in the dirt, help to build up a shed space for storage, fix broken tools and machinery, or assist with organising behind the scenes, there is a place for you! No gardening experience required.

Also, instead of buying everything new, we want to rescue your forgotten tools from the back of your sheds! If you have any spare, pre-loved items in usable condition that you no longer need, we would love to give them a second life.

We will be posting more information about tools and materials we need in the newsletter and around town as we get more help setting up. To start, we would just ask you to have a look at your gardening hand tools, digging and clearing tools, and other gear in your shed that we could clean up and put to good use again.

Even if you don't have tools to spare, please share this message with your friends and family in the area! We welcome everyone to be a part of this. Let's build something wonderful together!

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND MEETINGS

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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.

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

Thursday 9th July, 6pm FREE SCREENING OF THIS MAN'S WORTH at Camperdown Bowls Club, 8 Thornton St, Camperdown. Join South West Healthcare for a free screening of a thought provoking documentary that delves into subjects of mental health and suicide awareness. RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 6th July. Call 555 83 000.

Saturday 11th July, 9am-1pm SKIPTON'S BIRTHDAY MARKET at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. Celebrating **18 Years** of the Skipton Market, join us from 9am-1pm in the Hall. Our **Annual Birthday Raffle** will be drawn at 12pm noon, tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5, available to purchase now in Skipton shops and at the Market. Great prizes to win: \$100 voucher from Skipton Country Grocers, \$50 voucher from Beaufort Butchers, and a set of beautiful crystals from Jan's Crystals and Gemstones. All welcome to share coffee and snacks and birthday cake in our cosy Supper Room. For further information and stall bookings, contact Market Coordinator Jan on 0422 785 017.

Saturday 25th July, 6pm SKIPTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. A great night out for the entire family, join us to enjoy a delicious meal, great company, and an entertaining evening while supporting a wonderful cause. All funds raised will go towards building a new playground for the youngest club members. Calling on our incredible community to make this a success by donating goods or services, an experience or something unique. Welcome all donations, big or small. Please contact event organisers to make a donation. Contact details on page 5.

Monday 27th July, NATIONAL TEST FOR AUSALERT WARNING SYSTEM via mobile phones. Details on page 10. More information to come.

Sunday 2nd August, 12pm-3pm, TEXTURED COCKATOO PAINT & SIP COMMUNITY EVENT at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. All skill sets welcome, beginner friendly workshop. \$35pp, call Karen to book on 0427 729 808. Brought to you by the Skipton Art Trail Group & Skipton Progress Association, proudly sponsored by Moreton Hill Wind Farm.

Sunday 16th August, 7pm, THE DEPLORABLES musical comedy at Camperdown Theatre Royal. An uplifting, hilarious, and joyous musical about the first Australian women's cricket match in Bendigo in 1874. Book tickets at events.humantix.com/the-deplorables