

Skipton Community News



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FREE
WEEKLY

SKIPTON'S BIRTHDAY MARKET CELEBRATES 18 YEARS

Skipton celebrated 18 years of its Community Market on Saturday 11th July on a cold, but bright winter's day. A pleasure to welcome visitors, from out of town as well as locals, and stall holders all reported interest.

Our Birthday Raffle was a great success, thank you to everyone who bought tickets, especially friends in Linton who supported the raffle.

The winners were:

- **1st Prize \$100 voucher from Skipton Country Grocers**
Gail C. from Skipton
- **2nd Prize \$50 voucher from Beaufort Butchers**
Barb P. from Skipton
- **3rd Prize Crystals and gemstone jewellery from Jan's Crystals**
Dale C. from Skipton
- **4th Prize A jolly green frog toy**
Pauline G. from Carranballac

Plenty of snacks and chat in the Supper Room and a huge Thank You to Anne Singleton who couldn't mount her produce and bric-a-brac stall (being on holiday) but provided a huge Birthday Cake which was much enjoyed.



Looking forward to our August Market on Saturday 8th August and an idea to brighten up our town in spring - Marigold seeds to plant for all!



—Report by Lilla Orton, photographs by Lois Lane—

The Carranballac Progress Association
Est. 1947
VIC 3361

NOTICE OF AGM

5TH AUGUST | 6.30PM | STONELEIGH CFA SHED

CONTACT PAUL LISTON 0407053924

FROM THE EDITOR

A REMINDER TO OUR ADVERTISERS



Please be aware that **INVOICES** are **NOW DUE FOR PAYMENT**. Invoices and new rates information have been emailed for your records. If payment is not received, your advertisement will be removed from the

Skipton Community News until the account is settled.

If you are having any issues receiving invoices via Xero, please don't hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Angela, by email treasurerskiptonpa@gmail.com, or call 0418 341 168.

We thank you for your continued support for our weekly newsletter, allowing us to deliver news and provide a voice for our community.

—SCN Editor, Kathy Leewai—

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—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

NOTICE OF AGM

SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Skipton and District Historical Society will hold the Annual General Meeting of the Society on Sunday 9th August at 2pm in the Old Police House, in Stewart Park Historical Precinct, Montgomery Street, Skipton.

All members are urged to attend, the date is a change from the normal meeting day of the Society.

Interested members of the Community are also very welcome, a chance to join the Society and be part of our journey forward or simply find out about us.

Please contact Secretary Barb Pett on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com for further information.

—Skipton and District Historical Society—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Friends and family of Harry Waldron are invited to join in celebrating his 100th birthday!

To be held at the Beaufort Community Complex, 39 Park St, Beaufort.

Sunday August 2nd, 11am-3pm.

Refreshments will be provided, please RSVP to Louise on 0439 424 337.

—Louise Williams—

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



COMMUNITY NOTICE

NOTICE OF AGM

FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will be held on Thursday 13th August at 11am in the Meeting Room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson Street, Skipton.

Business includes Election of Office Bearers for the coming year, Reports on the past year, and Plans for the future.

All members are urged to attend, Volunteers are urged to maintain their commitment, and any interested community members will be equally welcome to support the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch in their mission to keep the memory of the past, and unite and support our service men and women and their families into the future.

Let's We Forget.

Contact President Graham on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293 for further information or support.

—Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch—

COMMUNITY NOTICE - NOTICE OF AGM

CARRANBALLAC RECREATION RESERVE

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT INC.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th of August at 6:30pm at Stoneleigh CFA Shed.

Business includes annual reports, financial statements and election of the Committee of Management.

For nominations or further information, please contact Paul Liston on 0407 053 924.

—Carranballac Recreation Reserve Committee of Management—

Wednesday, 5th August
★ 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:
YOUR FAVOURITE MOTION PICTURE OR TELEVISION STAR
Dress up and share in the fun!



Introducing AusAlert™

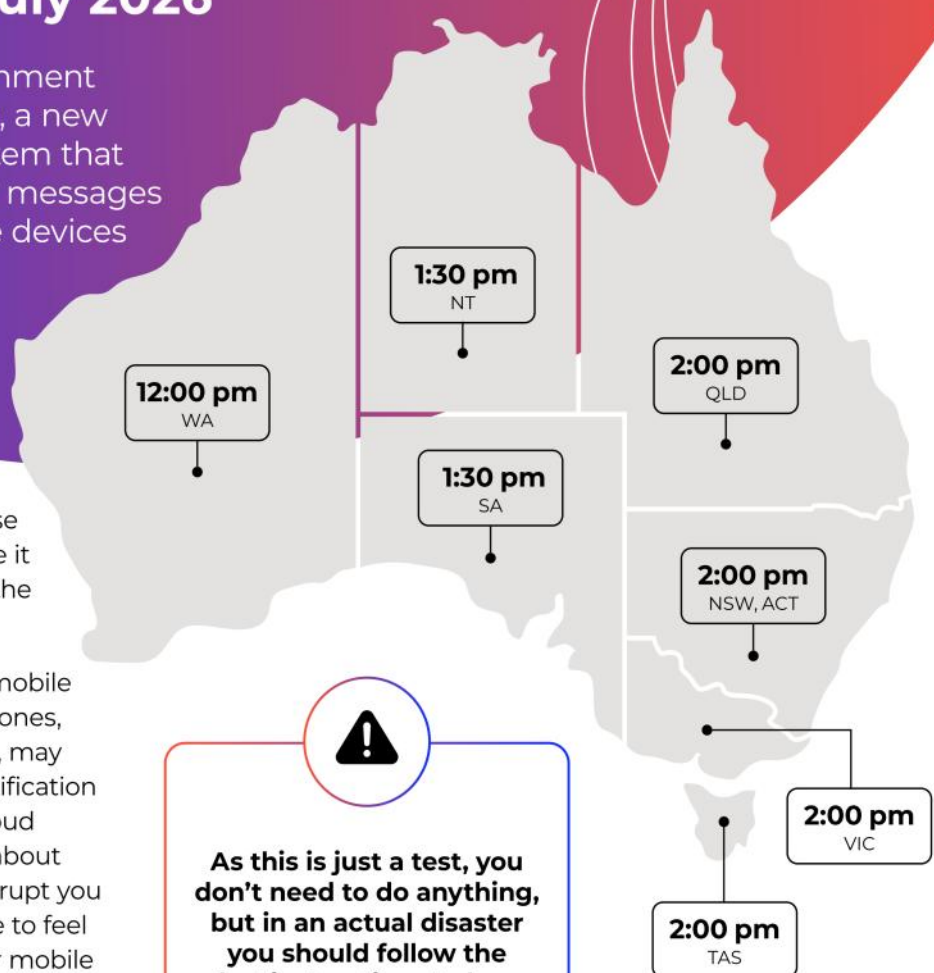
and the AusAlert national test

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.



As this is just a test, you don't need to do anything, but in an actual disaster you should follow the alert instructions to keep yourself and others safe.

For more information, visit ausalert.gov.au

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT AVAILABLE THROUGH CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

Property owners could be eligible for free demolition and debris removal, with support still available through the State Government's Clean-up Program.

Victorians affected by the January 2026 bushfires can still register for the State Government's Clean-up Program.

Free demolition and debris removal is available for eligible properties damaged by the bushfires. This includes properties that are insured, but where there is not enough to cover clean-up and a level of rebuild.

Forge Solutions, the program's head contractor, complete the clean-up works at no cost to the owner.

REGISTRATION

Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV) encourages all property owners affected by the bushfires to register for the clean-up program. ERV works with property owners to understand their situation, assess damage, review insurance and confirm eligibility. Property owners can register online or by phone:

- www.vic.gov.au/register-for-cleanup
- Emergency Recovery Hotline: 1800 560 760 (option 3)

If a property owner previously withdrew from the program, they can still opt in while registrations remain open.

HOW IT WORKS

Before any work begins, Forge undertakes a site assessment in consultation with the property owner. After this, the property owner is given a Work Pack outlining what has been agreed to be removed, and noting anything the property owner has requested to be left. The property owner opts in by agreeing to the scope of works.

Forge Solutions delivers the clean-up works using qualified trades, where possible from the local area. Once the works are complete, the property owner undertakes a final walk-through with Forge to confirm everything has been completed as agreed.

SAFETY

ERV will not send contractors to a property without notifying the property owner. Authorised workers carry identification, wear Victorian Government or Forge Solutions branding, and will never ask for payment. If a property owner is unsure about someone attending their property, they should contact the Emergency Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760 (option 3) to check.

AVAILABLE SUPPORTS

Free legal help with insurance is available through Disaster Legal Help Victoria. Financial counselling is also available through Anglicare, and the Rural Financial Counselling Service (details below).

Register today to find out if a property is eligible.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Disaster Legal Help Victoria

Phone: 1800 113 432

Anglicare:

Phone: 5440 1100

Email: DisasterFC@anglicarevic.org.au

Rural Financial Counselling Service

Phone: 1300 735 578

Email: admin@wswrccs.com.au

—Media release: Emergency Management Victoria—



CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Do you know someone who hasn't started their clean-up after the January bushfires?

They may be eligible for free clean-up support.

Register online for Clean-up vic.gov.au/register-for-cleanup or call the Emergency Recovery Hotline

☎ 1800 560 760 (option 3).

OTHER FREE SUPPORT

Disaster Legal Help Victoria provides free legal assistance

☎ 1800 113 432

Rural Financial Counselling Service offers support with financial planning and insurance

☎ 1300 735 578

A quick check-in could help them take the next step.



TABLET BASICS AND SUPPORT

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FEEL MORE CONFIDENT USING A TABLET?

Join our friendly Digital Literacy sessions designed especially for older adults.

- ✓ No experience needed
- ✓ Small, relaxed group
- ✓ Bring your own Apple or Android (Samsung) tablet, or use one of ours
- ✓ Learn at your own pace with one-on-one help

Topics include tablet basics, important apps, email & online safety.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

CAMPERDOWN

Killara Centre
1 - 4 pm

Thursday 9 July
Thursday 23 July
Thursday 6 August
Tuesday 18 August

TERANG

Rose Room, Civic Centre
1 - 4 pm

Tuesday 1 September
Tuesday 15 September
Tuesday 13 October
Tuesday 27 October

COBDEN

Heytesbury Room, Civic Hall
1 - 4 pm

Thursday 12 November
Thursday 26 November
Thursday 10 December
Thursday 17 December

Places are limited, bookings essential.

Contract the Positive Ageing, Access & Inclusion team on 5593 7100.



**WELLBEING
AND INCLUSION.**



Good Things

22 JULY 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every day, Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals and a friendly connection to people in our community who may be older, living alone, recovering from illness, or unable to prepare meals themselves.

We are currently seeking dedicated volunteers to join our Meals on Wheels team. Volunteer shifts are generally short and do not require a large amount of time.

We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds and walks of life. If you are friendly, reliable, enjoy helping others, and have a current driver's licence, we would love to hear from you.

No previous experience is required, with training and ongoing support provided.

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity and would like to support people in your local community, consider becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

For more information contact Erin on 5349 1605 or email volunteer.liason@bshs.org.au

Available: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8am-1pm



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



CONNECT WITH US

bshs.org.au

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

MORE PLANTS WITH ANOTHER GENEROUS AND COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

Debra King from the Hamilton Community House had the great idea of potting up plants and sharing them with the Streatham Carranballac Skipton Community, just like our local Potterupperers and Bulbarians have been doing with many of our community, loving the love being shared!

Debra King and Kay Sullivan (pictured below) arrived on my farm yesterday from Hamilton to deliver this ute load of tough plants for me to share out to you all. They call themselves The Potluck Plant Cutters, Potters and Plant Mothers, along with fellow members Nola Joseph and Anne Simpson. There are approximately 100-200 pots to enjoy.



You will also notice a photo with some beautiful wooden trucks, cars and tractors for me to share with impacted families with young children. They were created by Chief Community Shed toy maker John Lowcock, assisted by Ernie Spencer, Jason Polak, Rick Oliver, and Stephen Trimnell.

May I Sincerely Thank all the incredibly generous people above for their compassion and their energy to support our Fire Impacted Community. It is truly heart warming and humbling to be thought of over 6 months after the fire as it is a long road to recovery for the Community.

May I also ask if Fire Impacted families are interested in receiving one of the toys for their young girl or boy, please text me on 0473 421 802 and I will deliver.

The plants will be taken to the Free Streatham Garden evening on Tuesday 28th July at 6:30pm. If you attend that evening, you will be welcome to take these tough plants home and fill your garden with love!

Any left over will be cared for on my farm until Saturday 24th October for the Community Gathering in the Skipton Hall. However, if any of our community would like to drive out and collect some plants to put in their garden, please contact me.

—Pat Gabb—



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 12th July

Wednesday 15th July

Sunday 26th July

Wednesday 29th July

Sunday 9th August

Wednesday 12th August

Sunday 23rd 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 14th July:

Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 21st July:

Red & green bins

Tuesday 28th July:

Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 4 August:

Red & green bins

Tuesday 11th August:

Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 18th August:

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.

STEWART PARK WORKING BEE BEGINS IMPORTANT TREE WORKS

The Stewart Park Committee of Management had a big day on Sunday 19th July for their monthly Working Bee, removing dead and diseased wood as part of the Park's tree management.

A stand of Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia baileyana*) trees had been identified by the Committee, with consultation from Landcare and the landowners DEECA, as being of priority to replace. The trees have reached the end of their natural life and have begun to show signs of rot, termite activity, and splitting. Large overhanging limbs show signs of strain at the trunk, threatening to pull them apart.



A very special historical tree planting event is planned for Saturday 15th August, in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of Landcare, to replace the wattles with a mix of Silver Banksias (*Banksia marginata*), Bursarias (*Bursaria spinosa*), and Drooping Sheoak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*). These beautiful remnant species have all been grown direct from seed saved from specific historically significant locations around the district, including the Rail Trail, Banongil, and Mooramong.



Silver Banksias (pictured right) are incredibly long-lived trees, with one on the Mooramong Estate classified as over 200 years old when it died in 2020, and it had been registered on the National Trusts of Australia's List of Significant Trees.



The cut branches and dead wood were safely disposed of on site by chipping as much as possible and burning off anything else that needed clearing. The chipped mulch and wood ash will be used in the park under the trees to feed the landscape, thereby ensuring the trees continue to be a part of the park.

Considered tree management allows the Committee to keep the public park safe, ensures the trees are thriving in the spaces they are planted and that they do not pose a threat to the general public, particularly our young tree climbers.

All are invited to attend the Landcare 40th Anniversary event on Saturday 15th August, from 3pm to 9pm. Dinner at 6pm, drinks at bar prices. RSVP at events.humanitix.com/celebrate-40-years-of-landcare-with-upper-mount-emu-creek-landcare-network.



—Stewart Park Committee of Management—



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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ENERGY**



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9am—7pm

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MOBILE SERVICE
0408 503 866

FAX
5336 1882



107a Hertford Street Sebastopol BALLARAT & DISTRICT



STOCKYARD HILL Wind Farm

Phone: 1800 753 730
Website:
www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au



WESTERN PLAINS
POWER WASHING
0431609779

- Pressure washing. (Concrete, bricks, sandstone, moss removal)
- Lawn mowing, whipper snipping.
- Gutter cleaning.
- Solar panel cleaning.
- General yard maintenance.



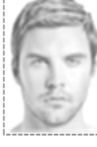
CUTTING GALLERY
BEAUFORT

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



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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RayWhite.

Josh Todd has the Ray White_Know How

With almost twenty years of selling properties in Skipton and district, Josh has the knowledge, skill and expertise to maximise the value of your property. It's how we've sold more properties in Australia than any other real estate group.

Josh Todd

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josh.todd@raywhite.comraywhiteballarat.com.au



Real help. Right now.

The Victorian Government is delivering real help, right now with **half price public transport for everyone, including concession card holders, from June 1st until January 1st 2027.**

Taking pressure off the pump with half price trains, trams and buses in metro and regional Victoria, saving daily commuters over \$850.

Learn more at transport.vic.gov.au

 **Half price fares Victoria**



Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne

BE FROST READY THIS WINTER

Central Highlands Water is encouraging residents across the region to get prepared for frosty mornings ahead.

Sub-zero temperatures can create havoc for your early morning shower and cup of coffee, if a frozen water meter stops the water supply to your house. This can be even worse if the icy conditions cause your water meter to burst.

Central Highlands Water's Coordinator - Metering & Billing, Ben Schueddekopf, is reminding our community to take a few easy steps to protect their water meter.

"As the temperature plummets, simple household items can be used to cover your traditional analog water meter to help reduce frost risk; wooden and foam boxes, carpet offcuts, towels and hessian sacks all do the trick," Ben said.

"Those with a green thumb can also plant soft shrubs around their meter for added protection. We just ask that the meter remains easily accessible.



Covered traditional analog meter



Covered digital meter

"If a property has a digital meter installed, the plastic top is frost resistant and offers meter protection, it needs to remain uncovered to accurately transmit data.

"The pipes extending out from your meter can still be impacted by frost and can be wrapped with thick cloth, like a towel - a section of pool noodle also works well!

"Essentially, regardless of what type of meter you

have, if you *cover the metal* you will add extra protection from frost," Ben said.

"For those who do have a meter freeze, our most important advice is to never pour hot water on it - this can cause a burst. Ideally let it thaw naturally, or if you need to speed up the process, pour on some room temperature water," he said.

"If a burst does happen, our Maintenance team is available 24/7 to support. Mornings of extreme frost can increase demand so wait times can potentially be longer than normal," Ben said.

If your meter does burst, or you need to report a fault or outage, Central Highlands Water can be contacted on 1800 061 514.

Visit www.chw.net.au/protect-your-meter for more details.

—Media release: Central Highlands Water, photographs supplied by Central Highlands Water—

COASTER ART SHOW**RETURNS BY POPULAR DEMAND,
INVITING EVERYONE TO BE AN ARTIST**

Warrnambool's much-loved Coaster Art Show is back in 2026, bringing a fun, affordable and community-powered celebration of local creativity to The F Project main gallery from 22nd August to 6th September.

Presented by The F Project and run by volunteers, the Coaster Art Show invites people of all ages and experience levels to create original artworks on small coaster-sized surfaces. The playful format is designed to make art-making less intimidating, more accessible and a lot of fun - whether someone is an experienced artist, a first-time exhibitor, a young person, or someone who has always wanted to have a go.

The exhibition is returning by popular demand after strong community support for the show. Local residents, visitors and art lovers will be able to enjoy hundreds of small original works that showcase the depth, diversity and generosity of Warrnambool and the wider south-west creativity community.

Importantly, the Coaster Art Show makes it easy for everyone to take part. Entry is just \$5 per coaster, or \$2 for people under 18, and exhibition attendance is free. The small-scale format supports people who may not have the time, confidence, resources or studio space to create larger works, while still offering a professional gallery experience.

Visitors will also have the chance to purchase affordable original artworks, with all artwork sale proceeds going directly to the artist. This artist-centred approach means the show not only celebrates creativity, but also puts money straight back into the hands of local makers.

"The Coaster Art Show is about joy, confidence and connection," said volunteer Zoe.

"It gives the community a beautiful way to support local artists by taking home original work."

The Coaster Art Show 2026 will be open at The F Project main gallery from 22nd August to 6th September 2026. Community members are encouraged to enter, visit, bring friends and celebrate the return of a local creative event that has become part of Warrnambool's artistic identity.

EVENT DETAILS

What: Coaster Art Show 2026

Where: The F Project main gallery, Warrnambool

When: 22nd August to 6th September 2026

Artist Entry: \$5 per coaster, \$2 for people under 18

Exhibition Entry: Free

Artwork Sales: All proceeds go directly to participating artists

More information: Email coastershow2022@gmail.com

—Media release: Coaster Art Show 2026—

COASTER ART SHOW 2026 ENTER NOW

Fun Prizes to be won!!

OPEN MEDIUM/KEEP TO SIZE
MAX 3 ENTRIES PER PERSON
KIDS (18 & UNDER) \$2 /
ADULTS \$5 PER ENTRY

EXHIBITION OPENING EVENT
Saturday 22 August at The F Project
244 Tinner Street, Warrnambool 3200
(subject to future closer to date)

ALL ENTRIES AND FEE'S TO BE DROPPED AT THE F PROJECT BY AUGUST 1st 2026

FREE coaster packs are available at:

- The F Project
- One Day Studios
- Warrnambool Library
- Henna Street Picture Framers
- Blarney Books

NOTICE FROM SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Skipton Mechanics Hall is looking at restumping the main hall and the small meeting room (Billiard room).

Those that regularly use the hall will know that this is something that is needed.

We have been told by the Shire and government agency that maintains the hall, DEECA, that there are no funds for the project at this stage.

We are looking at raising the money through government grants, both state and federal, windfarm grants and any other way we can think of.

A sub-committee has been formed for fundraising, we have engaged an engineer to conduct a report and we have had 3 different restumping specialist look at the job, still waiting on final quotes subject to the engineer's report.

The hall is such a historic building in Skipton, used by so many organisations within the community and district, this is a task that is not going to be completed tomorrow but we are hoping that within 2 years we have the job completed.

This is to let everyone know what is needed at the hall and why and how we are looking at raising the funds.

If you have fundraising ideas, please let the Hall Committee know.

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



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Squadron Energy wants to hear from the local community about the proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm, with the project's

Environment Report now on public exhibition through the Engage Victoria platform.

Located on Wadawurrung Country, around 35 kilometres south-west of Ballarat, the proposed wind farm would include up to 62 turbines and generate enough renewable energy to power around 260,000 homes each year. The project is also expected to prevent almost 350,000 tonnes of emissions annually.

The Environment Report examines the project's potential impacts and forms part of the assessment process under both Victorian and Commonwealth environmental legislation.

Squadron Energy Senior Project Manager Laura Jeffrey said community feedback would play an important role in informing the next stage of the assessment process.

"We encourage everyone with an interest in the project to review the Environment Report and share their feedback through the public exhibition process," Ms Jeffrey said.

"We are committed to working closely with landholders, neighbours and the broader community as we develop the project."

More than 30 community members from Linton and surrounding areas have already contributed ideas on how the project could make a positive difference for locals through a community benefit workshop held in March.

A further workshop is planned for the Skipton area to hear more local ideas for community investment.

Following the exhibition period, submissions will be provided to Squadron Energy to help finalise the Environment Report, including responses to issues raised by the community.

Community members can view the Environment Report and make a submission at: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/project/moreton-hill-wind-farm>

Submissions close on **7 August 2026**.

For more information about the proposed project, visit www.moretonhillwindfarm.com.au or contact Squadron Energy on **1300 119 463** or email info@squadronenergy.com.

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GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR
GROUP MESSAGE

AUGUST 2026

Road safety remains one of the most important issues for our community and continues to be a key focus for Golden Plains Shire Council.

As a large rural municipality with an extensive network of roads, bridges, footpaths and transport infrastructure, we know that safe, reliable and connected transport routes are essential to supporting our residents, businesses, visitors and agricultural industries. Council manages more than 1,700 kilometres of local roads, and we are committed to ensuring our transport network continues to meet the needs of our growing community.

This commitment is reflected in the development of two important strategic documents currently

underway: our new Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan 2027–2037 and our new Transport Asset Management Plan. Together, these initiatives will help guide how we improve safety, maintain critical infrastructure and prioritise investment across the Shire for years to come. Community feedback is playing a vital role in shaping both plans, helping Council better understand local experiences, concerns and opportunities for improvement.

To share your feedback on the development of both strategies, please visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations.

The need for ongoing action is clear. In the last 3 years, we've had 13 fatal crashes on roads across Golden Plains Shire, with many crashes occurring on high-speed rural roads. Through strategic planning, infrastructure upgrades, education initiatives and strong advocacy, Council is committed to reducing road trauma and creating safer outcomes for all road users.

Road safety is also a major pillar of Council's advocacy agenda ahead of the 2026 State Election. As part of our State Election Priorities, we are

calling for increased investment in road safety, roads and active transport projects across the municipality. This includes advocacy for projects such as the Midland Highway duplication, upgrades to key local roads, increased support for active transport connections, and the reinstatement of programs that assist rural councils to deliver critical road and bridge improvements.

As our population continues to grow, it is essential that investment in transport infrastructure keeps pace. Safe roads, better transport connections and improved active transport options not only reduce risk on our road network, but also strengthen access to jobs, education, services and community life.

Council will continue to work closely with our community, government partners and key stakeholders to ensure road safety remains a priority and to advocate for the infrastructure investment needed to support a safer and more connected Golden Plains Shire.

Yours in community,
Golden Plains Shire Councillor Group

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Golden Plains Shire is seeing an increase in dog attacks, with a number of recent incidents resulting in livestock being injured or killed. While these attacks can happen in minutes, the impact on animal owners can be significant and long-lasting.

The good news is that many dog attacks are preventable. Most reported incidents involve dogs that have escaped their property, often due to damaged or inadequate fencing.

To help keep your dog safe and prevent attacks, regularly check fences and gates for damage, ensure your property is secure, supervise and train your dog, and provide plenty of exercise and enrichment. Remember, any dog can wander or chase animals

if given the opportunity.

Dog attacks can have serious consequences, including injury or death of livestock, distress for animal owners, fines and prosecution for dog owners, and dogs being declared dangerous or, in severe cases, destroyed.

If you are involved in or witness a dog attack, seek medical or veterinary assistance if required, gather as much information as possible and contact Council at 5220 7111.



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

CAR'S WILD CAREER

HORSE KILLED — TREE FELLED

When a touring car was rounding a bend in the bushy part of the Ballarat to Skipton road, near Nintings Pool, at 7 o'clock on Monday morning, it crashed into a waggon team, killed the off-side leader, swung off the road, crashed into a tree, smashed it down, broke it in two—but no person was seriously injured although the car was badly smashed.

The car, owned by Mr G. Brown, of Ballarat, was travelling towards Smythesdale, carrying workers to a job at Skipton, and the waggon, drawn by six horses, was rounding a bend. The leading off side horse was struck in the chest and sustained injuries from which it died almost immediately. The waggon owned by Mr James Stevenson, of Snake Valley, was undamaged and its driver escaped injury.

Leaving the road, the car struck a tree, snapping it off at the ground, and as it fell against another tree the front of the car straddled and ran up the trunk snapping it off about six feet from the ground. The car did not overturn.

The matter was reported to the police at Smythesdale.

Beetroot Soup.

This little-known soup affords a welcome change from the old favorites.

Skin and slice four boiled beetroots. Place in saucepan with a large onion, some bones or fat, and a little seasoning. Cover with cold water and boil for an hour. Finally add the juice of one lemon and strain.

Rabbit Broth.

Cut a large rabbit into small pieces. Well wash the pieces first in cold and then in hot water. Dry, and dust with flour. Brown in boiling fat, add two quarts of boiling water. Boil for two hours. Add one onion, chopped fine, a few minutes before the two hours have expired.

Pork Bones Soup.

"The following recipes have been favorites in our household since granie's time," says a reader.

Put 2d. to 4d. worth pork bones in pot with cold water to nearly cover; when boiling, add 1 cupful each barley, split peas, and rice. Simmer for two hours.

When nearly ready add 2 or 3 onions and ½ cupful oatmeal mixed to a liquid with milk; season with salt and pepper.

More bones or water may be used to suit the tastes or needs of your household.

Sheep's Head Broth.

Soak the head in salt and water all night, then remove all brains and well wash. Put in pot with cold water, and bring to boil; skim well. Then add turnips, carrots, leeks, and ¼ lb. barley, ¼ lb. lentils, and shredded parsley. Boil until meat is ready, when carefully lift out.

If necessary thicken soup with a little flour, made smooth with cold water.

The meat and tongue may be served with potatoes.

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.

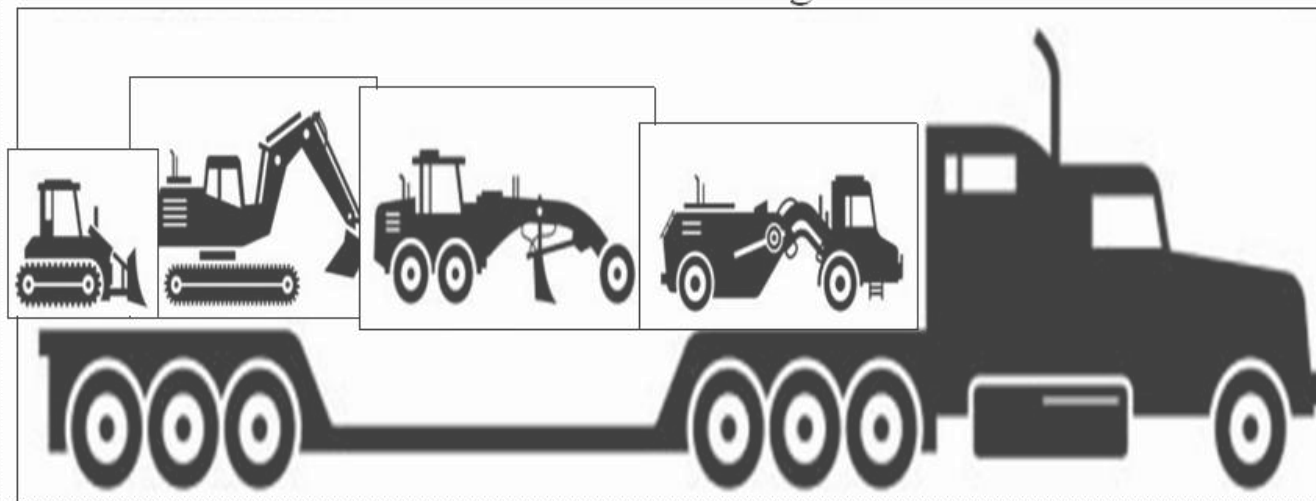
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- **Wednesday 19 August, Skipton Recreation Reserve, 6:30-9 pm.**

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Warren is a passionate advocate for rural wellbeing and resilience, sharing practical insights and personal experiences from life on the land.

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See the businesses that have already registered at whyleavetown.com/corangamite.



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If you're aged 12–25 and a soloist or in a duo or band with at least one Shire resident, you have an opportunity to play for up to 30 minutes at the following events.

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- Noorat Show | Saturday 21 November
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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

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.

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

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

Is Open:

Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm

Phone: Heather 0427 492 082

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.

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.

Sunday 26th July, 1:30pm MATINEE MOVIE featuring *My Fair Lady* (1964) Musical/Family. Starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. Doors open 1:30pm, screening at 2pm. Admission \$5 for adults (includes afternoon tea), children under 12 FREE. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Proudly supported by Pyrenees Community House and Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.

Monday 27th July, NATIONAL TEST FOR AUSALERT WARNING SYSTEM via mobile phones. More information on page 3.

Sunday 2nd August, 11am-3pm, HARRY WALDRON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION at the Beaufort Community Complex, 39 Park St, Beaufort. Friends and Family are invited to join in. Please RSVP to Louise on 0439 424 337.

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.

Wednesday 5th August, 6:30pm CARRANBALLAC PROGRESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at the Stoneleigh CFA Shed. For more information, please contact Paul Liston on 0407 053 924.

Wednesday 5th August, 6:30pm CARRANBALLAC RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at the Stoneleigh CFA Shed. Business includes annual reports, financial statements and election of the Committee of Management. For nominations or further information, please contact Paul Liston on 0407 053 924.

Sunday 9th August, 2pm SKIPTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the Old Police House in Stewart Park Historical Precinct, Montgomery St, Skipton. All members are urged to attend. Interested members are also very welcome, a chance to join the Society and be part of our journey forward. Please contact Secretary Barb Pett on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com for further information.

Thursday 13th August, 11am FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the Meeting Room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. Election of Office Bearers for the coming year, Reports on the past year, and plans for the future. All members urged to attend, volunteers urged to maintain their commitment, and any interested community members are welcome to support the mission of the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch. **Lest We Forget.** Contact President Graham on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293 for further information or support.

Saturday 15th August, 3pm-9pm 40 YEARS OF LANDCARE CELEBRATION at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. SAVE THE DATE!! Everyone is welcome to join the celebrations. More information on page 13.

Tuesday 18th August, VIETNAM VETERANS DAY Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will mount a service to observe the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan at the Skipton War Memorial from 11am. All welcome, personal tributes can be made on the day. More details to come.