

Skipton Community News



A Project of Skipton Progress Association Inc.
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FREE
WEEKLY

WHAT OUR SKIPTON PROGRESS PRESIDENT HAS BEEN UP TO THE LAST WEEK

Dale McIntyre at the 2026 Variety Bash: Halls Gap to Exmouth

Photographs courtesy of Karen Bodman



Vic Variety Bash Car 2512's post



FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH PLANTING A NEW TREE FOR STAN SMITH

Pictured L-R: Ivan Sanders, President Graham Layley, and Ian Phillips

The Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch, pictured right, replanting a memorial pin oak on the corner of Montgomery Street and Anderson Street.

Originally the site of the first of our memorial trees, this one dedicated to Stan Smith.

Sadly the original tree, that was planted after WW2, died recently. A new pin oak was generously donated to us by President Graham Layley and it was planted by Friends of the RSL members following the Vietnam Veterans Day service.

Well done guys!

—Sharon Andrewartha—



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**SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

The next general meeting of the Skipton Progress Association will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm in the small meeting room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall.

New members are welcome from Skipton and District for discussions around projects and events throughout the year. For further information, please contact Secretary Donald Binks on 0422 738 332 or email secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au.

—Donald Binks, Secretary Skipton Progress Association—

COMMUNITY NOTICE**SCN AVAILABLE TO PICK UP AT LOCATIONS
AROUND TOWN**

To our dedicated readers

Please look for this flyer to find copies of the SCN to take home as we are no longer delivering to mailboxes.

Look for it at these locations and more:

- Skipton Country Grocers
- Skipton Community Op Shop
- Skipton Roadhouse
- Beaufort & Skipton Health Service
- Skipton Primary School
- Skipton Library (at the Mechanics Hall)
- Skipton Senior Citizens Club
- Skipton Foodbank

Sign up to the email list: email skiptonscn@gmail.com or download directly from the Skipton Progress Association Website: www.skiptonaustralia.org.au

—Kathy Leewai, SCN Editor—

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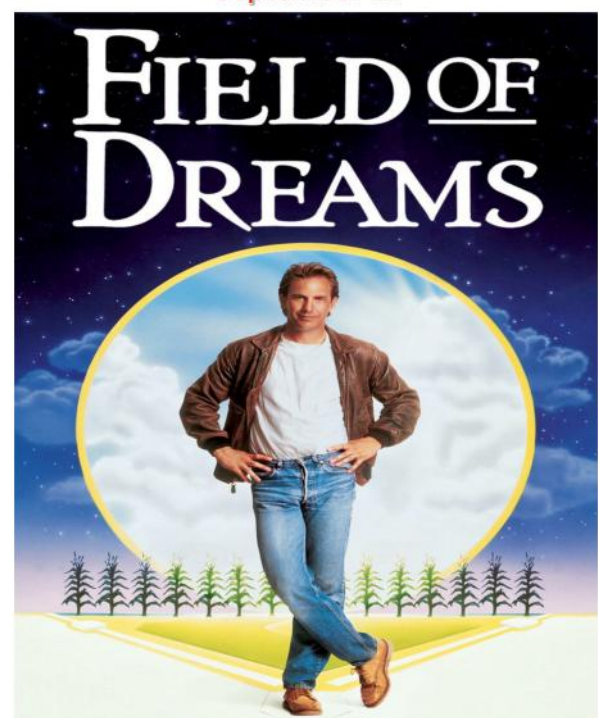


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Winter Special

\$5.00

**Matinee Movie Skipton Mechanic's Hall
September 27th**



Date: Sunday September 27th

Time: Doors open 1:30pm Screening 2:00pm

Admission: Adults \$5 With Afternoon Tea

Children under 12 free but must be accompanied by an adult
Skipton Mechanic's Hall, 5 Anderson Street Skipton



STEWART PARK TREE PLANTING

Over two weekends, the Stewart Park Committee of Management has been hard at work planting some new indigenous trees in the park.

The tube stock was generously donated to the Committee from Landcare for their 40th Anniversary event, where an afternoon of tree planting had been scheduled before a celebration of 40 years of Landcare that was to be held at the Mechanics Hall.



Unfortunately, due to internal workings at Landcare outside of our control, the event was cancelled without warning, to the disappointment of everyone.

Thankfully, the trees allocated to Stewart Park

were still available for us to plant, giving us the chance to add to the rich natural heritage of the district with trees grown from seeds collected and saved from historical places around the district such as Stoneleigh, Blythvale, Mooramong, and Banongill.



—Stewart Park Committee of Management—

SUCCESSFUL STREET LIBRARY FUNDING FOR LINTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR INITIATIVE



The Linton Good Neighbour Initiative is delighted to announce that Pamela Mykytowych has been successful in securing sponsorship from Squadron Energy to fund the construction

of a police-box-type structure to house the Linton Street Library. This design was first suggested by Chris Prestwich some time ago.

The existing street library is currently housed in a repurposed beverage fridge, but this is beginning to show its age and is not very accessible to people with disabilities.

The new accommodation for the pre-loved books will be constructed by the talented gentlemen of the Linton and District Men's Shed, ably led by the wonderful Bruce Hyde who has already done a sterling job in getting Pamela a detailed quote for the materials.

Once completed, it will replace the existing street library in the Memorial Garden next to the Police Station in Sussex Street, Linton, thanks to permission granted by Victoria Police.

The new design will also mean that Andrew and Pamela Mykytowych plus others will be able to donate even more pre-loved books in the street library, thus giving users far more choice of free reading material!



It is also hoped that this police-box-type structure will become a feature in the Linton townscape similar to the ones featured in this website - <https://littlefreelibraryby.org/2019/03/38-must-see-tardis-little-free-libraries> - and which some people travel the world to view.

This collaborative community project, involving a partnership between the Linton and District Men's Shed, Victoria Police, and Andrew and Pamela Mykytowych is all due to the kind generosity of Squadron Energy, to whom we are deeply indebted.

—Linton Good Neighbour Initiative, photograph via Wikimedia: By Mattinbgn - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=12997311>—

I'm here to help.

Feel free to contact me for assistance with state government matters, including housing, roads, transport, and education.

Martha Haylett

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SKIPTON COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE

Come and join us for our next working bee,
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No experience or skills needed, just a helping
hand and a positive attitude.

Gardening tools provided, BYO gloves.

Come along to contribute to the vision of your Skipton Community
Garden!

When: Sunday, September 13th

Time: 11am – 1:30pm

Where: 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton

All ages
Welcome



SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School phone: 5340 2002

Email: skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.auwww.skiptonps.vic.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 3, Week 8

Wednesday 2nd September

- Melbourne Cup Trophy Tour @ Skipton PS

Thursday 3rd September

- School Captains Leaders Congress in Warrnambool PM
- Winter Sports @ Rokewood

Term 3, Week 9

Monday 7th September

- Earth Ed Incursion
- School Council

Wednesday 9th September

- Eureka Sports - select Students

Term 3, Week 10

Monday 14th September

- Grade 5-6 Bio Lab

Thursday 17th September

- Footy Colours Day - Pie Lunch

Friday 18th September

- Last Day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish
- Casual Clothes Day

Term 4, Week 1

Monday 5th October

- First day of Term 4

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS

Michelle's Award

Dusty - For showing growing confidence in your writing and bravely experimenting with new and interesting vocabulary to make your ideas more exciting and engaging!

Miss Mac's Award

Winnie - For working extremely hard to improve your handwriting and making excellent growth. Well done, Winnie!

Mrs Donald's Award

Layla - For consistently striving to do her best in her learning, especially in her writing. Layla sets to work and completes her written work to a high standard showing good structure and interesting words. Well done, Layla.

Mrs Bourke's Award

Campbell - For your increased confidence and engagement when writing, and your good humour and ability to make those around you smile. We think you are awesome!

Congratulations to all!

BOOK CLUB

Twice a term, we send home Scholastic Book Club catalogues for all students.

Orders must be placed through the Scholastic Loop App with books delivered back to school for distribution.

By ordering books from Scholastic, the school earns points which allows us to purchase more wonderful books for our library space.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

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



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

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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 23rd August

Wednesday 26th August

Sunday 6th September

Wednesday 9th September

Sunday 20th September

Wednesday 23rd September

Sunday 4th October

**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 18th August: Red & green bins

Tuesday 25th August: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 1st September: Red & green bins

Tuesday 8th September: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 15th September: Red & green bins

Tuesday 22nd September: Red & yellow bins

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**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.

Victorian Seniors Festival 2026



CONNECT CREATE CELEBRATE

1 – 31 October



Connect, create and celebrate at the Victorian Seniors Festival!

The Victorian Seniors Festival returns this October with a range of free and low-cost events for older Victorians across the State and in Golden Plains Shire.

Celebrate positive ageing and take part in events and activities close to home and right across Victoria. The Victorian Seniors Festival encourages everyone to get involved, share joy and have fun.

This year's Victorian Seniors Festival theme – Connect, Create, Celebrate – invites older Victorians to come together, discover new interests and celebrate.

Connect with your interests, skills and hobbies. Join in events and meet new people in-person and online.

Create your own path and remain curious as you age. Celebrate positive ageing. The festival delivers events and activities that celebrate the diversity of all older Victorians by supporting accessibility and inclusion.

Join in events to build practical skills, make friendships and new social connections.

To learn more about Victorian Seniors Festival events in Golden Plains Shire, contact 5220 7111 or email enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au.



We want to hear from Older Adults

SouthWest Healthcare



Register your interest to participate

Join us for lunch and a friendly conversation about improving healthcare for older adults.

Together we'll explore:

- What matters to older adults
- What is working well
- Opportunities to improve healthcare
- Priorities for the future



Everyone is welcome. You don't need any special knowledge or experience to participate.

Community Conversation

- Thursday 10th September 2026
- Location – David Newman Community Centre, Camperdown
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Friendly small-group conversation

Spots are limited! RSVP essential. If you are interested, please call, scan the QR code or email: Andrea.Moloney@swh.net.au



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EDIBLE GARDENS PROGRAM RETURNS WITH NEW POP-UP MASTERCLASS SERIES



Golden Plains Shire Council's popular Edible Gardens program has returned with an exciting new Pop-Up Series, featuring six interactive masterclasses delivered across the Shire from September to November 2026.

Led by renowned horticulturist Craig Castree and permaculture and backyard farming expert Tim Glenton, the workshops will equip participants with the knowledge and practical skills to take their gardening to the next level. Focusing on sustainable growing practices, productive home gardens and increased self-sufficiency, the series will inspire residents to grow more food at home and make the most of their outdoor spaces.

Workshops will be held on:

- **Thursday 10th September** from 10am to 11:30am at Haddon Community Learning Centre - Grafting in Our Region with Tim Glenton
- **Friday 30th October** from 11:30am to 1pm at Haddon Community Learning Centre - Smart Watering & Irrigation with Tim Glenton
- **Wednesday 14th October** from 6pm to 8pm, online - Regenerative Gardening Masterclass with Craig Castree
- **Saturday 14th November** from 10am to 12pm, online - Regenerative Gardening Masterclass with Craig Castree

Workshops already held:

- **Friday 28th August** from 11:30am to 1pm at Haddon Community Learning Centre - Pruning Fruit Trees with Tim Glenton
- **Tuesday 1st September** from 10am to 1pm at Rokewood Memorial Hall - Growing and Grafting Fruit Tree Workshop with Craig Castree

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey encouraged residents keen to expand their gardening knowledge to take part in one or more of the masterclasses.

"Our much-loved Edible Gardens program continues to grow in popularity, helping residents build the skills, knowledge and confidence to create thriving, productive gardens at home since its introduction in 2021," Cr Sharkey said.

"The new Pop-Up Series offers a fantastic opportunity to learn from respected gardening experts Craig Castree and Tim Glenton, who will share practical tips, innovative techniques and valuable insights to help participants get the most from their gardens," he said.

"Whether you're an experienced gardener or just starting out, these workshops will provide inspiration and hands-on knowledge to support more sustainable and self-sufficient gardening practices."

To register, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/edible-gardens. Places are limited and registrations are essential.

For further information, contact Council's Senior Community Development Officer at GPSHealthandWellbeing@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—



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WED 16

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6.30PM - 8.00PM

CATERING PROVIDED FROM 6.30PM
KEYNOTE COMMENCES AT 7PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



To book your place please scan the QR code or call 5349 1659.



WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER



VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL 2026



COMMUNITY EXPO

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER, 10 AM - 2 PM
THEATRE ROYAL, CAMPERDOWN



CREATIVE HUB BOOKAAR

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER, 11 AM - 3 PM
OLD BOOKAAR SCHOOL



STAYING SAFE ON THE MOVE

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER, 10 AM - 12.30 PM
ROSE ROOM, TERANG CIVIC HALL



TRIVIA FUN & TWISTS

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER, 10 AM - 12.30 PM
COBDEN SENIOR CITIZENS HALL
HOST: U3A CORANGAMITE



FREE SENIORS CONCERT

JOHNNY CASH & JUNE CARTER TRIBUTE
WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 11 AM - 12 PM
COBDEN CIVIC CENTRE MAIN HALL



COME AND WALK

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER, 9.30 AM
TERANG SENIOR CITIZENS ROOMS
HOST: TERANG WALKING GROUP

Victorian
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2026



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This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate


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LOCALS HELP SHAPE PLANS FOR PROPOSED MORETON HILL WIND FARM

24th August 2026

SQUADRON ENERGY

Squadron Energy has thanked the local community for sharing their feedback on the proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm at pop-up stalls in Linton and Skipton, and at a community workshop in Skipton over the past two months.

The workshop has 15 community members in attendance, who had their say on the project's community investment program specifically.

Feedback gathered at the workshop covered a range of local priorities, including infrastructure, community facilities, sporting groups, training opportunities and emergency services support.

Squadron Energy General Manager Development, Alastair Smith said sharing benefits of the energy transition with locals was integral to Squadron's approach as a renewable energy company.

"We appreciate everyone who took the time to come and say hi, ask questions and share their views with us at the pop-up stalls we held in Linton and Skipton," Mr Smith said.

"Every conversation we have, helps us understand what

matters most to local communities as we plan for how Squadron Energy can help make these great communities even better."



The planning permit applications for the proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm are now on public exhibition. Community members can make a submission on the Department of Transport and Planning website until 1 September:

- [Corangamite Shire Council Planning Permit Application](#)
- [Golden Plains Shire Council Planning Permit Application](#)

The Moreton Hill Wind Farm is proposed to have up to 62 turbines, with an expected capacity of around 420 megawatts—enough to power around 260,000 homes each year.

—Media release: Squadron Energy—



Moreton Hill Wind Farm

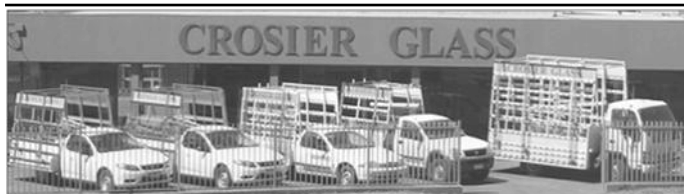
The proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm is located on Wadawurrung Country, about 35 kilometres southwest of Ballarat. The wind farm will have up to 62 turbines, producing enough electricity to power around 260,000 homes and prevent almost 350,000 tonnes of emissions annually.

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

WHY HOLLYWOOD STARS ADOPT CHILDREN.

Film stars who cannot afford the costs of motherhood are adopting children from a baby clearing-house near Chicago. The institution selects perfect babies from those brought there by mothers unable to support them.

Miriam Hopkins is one star who adopted a son. Rather than abandon her salary for months, she went to the clearing-house and was "introduced" to Michael, a handsome blonde boy who looks just like her.

Other actresses have found that after a year's absence from the screen, necessitated by motherhood, their public has forgotten them. Helen Twelvetrees considers that she lost £40,000 through the birth of her son Jack. This expense includes £26,000—a year's salary—and the income she sacrificed by losing the leading part in "A Bill of Divorcement," which went to Katharine Hepburn.

At the same time film stars have to consider the producers who dislike substitutes in pictures on which hundreds of thousands of pounds have been spent.

Avoiding these losses, Al Jolson and Miss Ruby Keeler adopted a black-eyed youngster, and Miss Barbara Stanwyck adopted a red-haired baby called Dion, nine months old.

Constance Bennett also adopted her son Peter from the clearing-house.

Residents of Lake Goldsmith had arranged to hold a euchre and dance in the State school this evening, to assist a fund to raise a memorial to the late Or Donald Stewart. It has been found necessary to postpone the fixture till next Friday evening, when the promoters hope to see a big gathering.

The annual Daffodil Show in aid of the Church of England is to be held on Saturday, September 12, and the closing time for entries is 8 o'clock next Friday evening. Mr Ronald Cumming, M.L.A., has agreed to officiate at the opening ceremony. Some extra competitions have been arranged, and ladies are advised to read the list advertised to-day.

Considerable time was spent by members of the Maids and Matrons' Club in making preparation for their annual ball, which was held in the Skipton Mechanics Hall last Friday evening, and by popular vote the function was declared a complete success, the only point that might be noted adversely being that the building was hardly large enough to accommodate all the guest comfortably. A departure was made from the usual style of decoration, and the Japanese ladies who smiled a welcome from the stage shed a spirit of happiness that permeated the gathering. The Denza Dance Band from Ballarat supplied appropriate music and "all went merry as a marriage bell." Some pretty dresses adorning the feminine section of the company rivalled the beauty of the stage models.

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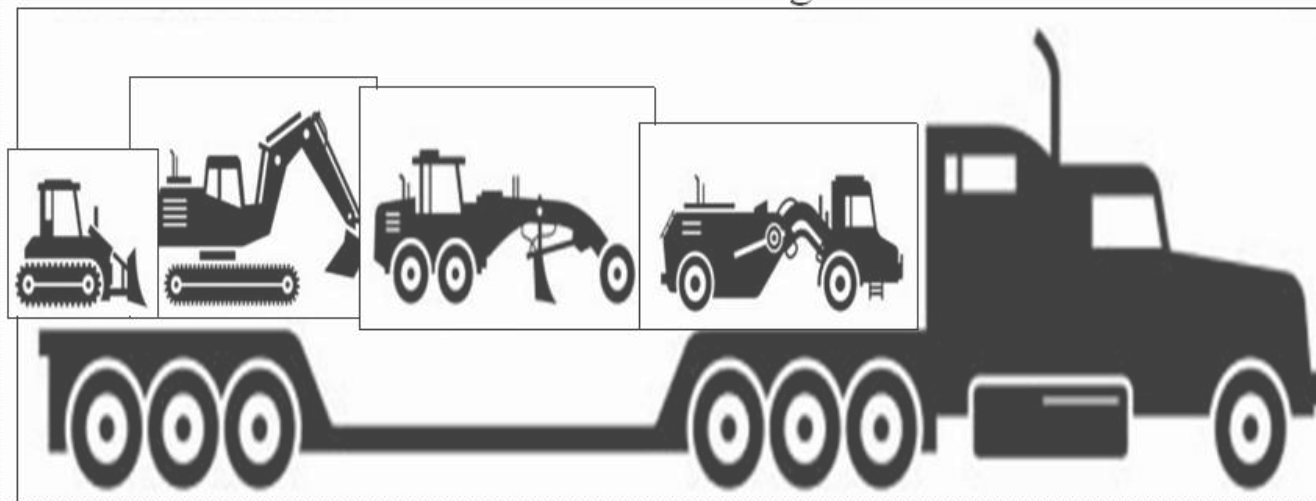
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Join us for a relaxed lunch at Cobden Golf Club, providing an opportunity for carers to connect with others in similar roles, share experiences and enjoy some time together, while learning more about support available to carers in your local area.

Whether you're new to caring or have been supporting someone for many years, everyone is welcome.

We hope to see you there!

This event is **FREE** for carers but you do need to register to attend.

 events@carersvictoria.org.au

 **1800 514 845**

 www.carersvictoria.org.au/events

COBDEN

Wednesday, 16 September 2026
12:00PM to 2:00PM

Cobden Golf Club
28 Neylon Street
Cobden VIC 3266

Registrations Close: 16/9/26

**If you have any accessibility or dietary requirements, please advise us at time of registration.*

Spaces are limited, register now!
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Saturday 12th September

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Noticeboard



Corangamite Gift Card Launch event

**Cobden Visitor Information Centre
Friday 11 September, 8.30 am**

Celebrate this exciting initiative that supports local businesses while making it easier to shop and give gifts in Corangamite. Discover how one gift card can unlock shopping, dining and services at 50 businesses (so far!) across Corangamite Shire.

Places are free, but please RSVP for catering purposes at <https://events.humanitix.com/corangamite-gift-card-launch-event>.



Find out more about the program here:
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COMMUNITY EXPO

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**Tuesday 6 October, 10 am-2 pm
Theatre Royal, Camperdown**

More than 20 local organisations and service providers will come together at the expo to help you discover local services, support groups, health information and community activities.

For more information, including the list of stallholders, visit corangamite.vic.gov.au/community-expo2026 or call Council on 5593 7100.

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Wellbeing and Inclusion

Movie of the month

Tuesday 10 November, 10.30 am–12.30 pm

Breakfast at Tiffany's, Port Campbell Art Space

A young New York socialite becomes interested in a young man who has moved into her apartment building, but her past threatens to get in the way. (1961 Audrey Hepburn)

Bookings essential on 5593 7100

Navigation Support Program

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



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Wednesday 9 September, 1–4 pm
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What's on

McFarlane Dress Collection 'Fashion through the Ages' Exhibition

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September, 10 am–4 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Free. Afternoon tea and fashion parade from 1 pm Sunday. RSVP: skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au

Kingfisher Watercolour + Sip – Skipton

Sunday 4 October, 12.30–3.30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

\$35 per person. Bookings: Text Karen on 0427 728 808.

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Sunday 1 November, 1–3.30 pm
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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.	Sunday 30th August to Saturday 5th September, LEGACY WEEK 2026 Badges for sale in Skipton outlets. Support those who continue to support the Families of those who Served and are Serving in our Armed Forces. Wednesday 2nd September BINGO NIGHT in the Supper Room, Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. THEME: BODGIES & WIDGIES - ROCK 'N' ROLL Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6:30pm. Free tea and coffee available, light supper at interval. Great prizes to be won, everyone is welcome!
Euchre Card Group Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.	Wednesday 9th September, 3-5pm FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOP at the Killara Centre, Camperdown. Registrations essential at events.humanitix.com/reels-business-corangamite
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.	Wednesday 9th September, 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 secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au
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	Thursday 10th September, 11am-1pm, OLDER ADULTS CONVERSATION at David Newman Community Centre, Camperdown. Everyone is welcome to participate in friendly conversation. Lunch and refreshments provided. RSVP: Andrea Moloney 5563 4082
Skipton Historical Society From 2pm-4pm, the third Sunday of every month, in the Court House Museum and Old Police House, in Stewart Park, Montgomery St, Skipton. All visitors welcome. Further enquiries, please call Secretary on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com.	Saturday 12th September, 9am-1pm SKIPTON SPRING MARKET at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. Stalls offering Produce, Craft, Music and Books, Jewellery, Crystals and Bric-a-Brac, Second-Hand Surprises, and Plants. Join neighbours and friends in our cosy Supper Room for a snack and a chat, Gardeners look out for FREE SEEDS, glorious marigolds for colour and joy in summer. A project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc, for further information and stall bookings, contact Market Coordinator Jan on 0422 785 017.
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.	Sunday 13th September, 11am-1:30pm COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE at 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton. Seeking helping hands from the community to help establish a new Community Garden for Skipton. No experience needed, tools provided. Please bring gloves. All ages welcome!
Beaufort Art Trax Gallery Is Open: Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm Phone: Heather 0427 492 082	Wednesday 16th September, 6:30pm-8pm AN EVENING WITH ABBEY HOLMES at the Beaufort Community Bank Complex, 39 Park Rd, Beaufort. Free community event, all community members welcome. Bookings essential, please call 5349 1659.
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.	Thursday 17th September, FOOTY COLOURS DAY at Skipton Primary School. Pie Lunch! Thursday 17th September SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS ON BREAK. Newsletter returns Wednesday 7th October. Please send in any Sept/Oct notices to be included in our final issue on 16th September Friday 18th September, LAST DAY OF TERM at Skipton Primary School. Casual Clothes Day, 2:30pm finish.
	Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September, 10am-4pm, MCFARLANE DRESS COLLECTION "FASHION THROUGH THE AGES" EXHIBITION at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. FREE EVENT, afternoon tea and fashion parade from 1pm Sunday. Please RSVP by email to skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au