

Skipton Community News



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SKIPTON ART TRAIL GROUP PRESENTS PAINT & SIP WORKSHOP

SKIPTON ART TRAIL COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Skipton Art Trail, in partnership with Moreton Hill Wond Farm, hosted another successful workshop on Sunday 2nd August, with local artist Stacey Williams.



Last Sunday, 20 participants enjoyed an afternoon exploring texture painting techniques, creating their own stunning cockatoo artworks while learning a new artistic skill.

Our next workshop with Stacey is on **Sunday 4th October**, when participants will discover the beautiful combination of watercolour and ink - another exciting medium for us to explore.



We sincerely thank the Corangamite Shire Fire Recovery Program for its generous support in making these workshops possible. The enthusiasm and participation from our community continue to make these events a wonderful success.

There is plenty more to look forward to in

the coming months. In **November**, we'll be hosting a **Three Cheese Workshop**, followed by a **Christmas Wreath Workshop in December**, again with the support of Corangamite Shire. If time allows, we're also hoping to include a **mosaic**



workshop before the end of the year.

As we begin planning our 2027 workshop program, we'd love to hear your ideas. If there's a workshop or creative activity you'd like to see offered, please let us know - we welcome suggestions from our community.



ART TRAIL UPDATE

We're delighted to welcome mural artist Jimmy Dvate back to Skipton in **November**, when he will transform the pump station building with another vibrant mural. We are also excited that the sculptures for Jubilee Park are ready for installation, adding another feature to the growing Skipton Art Trail.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Skipton Art Trail. We look forward to sharing more creative experiences with our community in the months ahead.

—Skipton Art Trail Group: Karen Crosbie, Dallas Connell, Heather Rasheed, Karen Bodman & Lisa McIntyre—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

**OBITUARY FOR SHARON'S DOG HARRY
VALE HARRY
2015-2026**

To all of Harry's friends,

I am sad to announce that Harry had a massive heart attack on Wednesday morning, 29th July, and died shortly after at the Country Vets in Smythesdale.

Harry's Mum Sharon and Dad Ivan are devastated at the loss of their darling dog.

Truly the 'Bestest Boy' ever.

—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.

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BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 163398050

Account Name: Skipton Cemetery Trust

Reference: Trees + family name

For more information, contact:

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—Bob Thornton, Secretary Skipton Cemetery Trust—

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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—

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**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.

Lest 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—

UNBREAKABLE FARMER INVITES COMMUNITY TO SHARE A STEAK AND FACE CHALLENGES TOGETHER



'The Unbreakable Farmer', mental health advocate Warren Davies, will share disaster recovery tips and strategies with the Skipton and Larralea communities over a steak dinner.

For the past decade the Kyabram dairy farmer has travelled across Australia, hearing the stories of people in communities recovering from floods, droughts, and bushfires.

At two upcoming events in Corangamite Shire he will share his personal experiences and what he has learnt about recovery and community resilience.

"There is a common belief that six months after a disaster things should be improving. That people should be getting back to normal. Yet for many people, the real work is only just beginning," he said.

"One of the greatest lessons I have learnt from disaster recovery experts such as Anne Leadbeater and Dr Kate Brady is that recovery is not a straight line.

"Communities don't move through recovery together. Individuals certainly don't.

"Some people are rebuilding. Others are still waiting. Some insurance claims have been settled. Others remain unresolved.



"Some people have strong support networks around them. Others are becoming increasingly isolated."

Dr Kate Brady often speaks about recovery fatigue.

"Recovery fatigue is not failure. It is not weakness. It is not a sign that someone isn't coping. It is a normal human response to prolonged stress."

Mr Davies said recovery is built through people, conversations, connection and community.

"It is built through people feeling seen, heard and understood.

"That is why we must continue showing up. We must continue listening.

"We must continue supporting communities long after the headlines disappear."

Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin invited community members to come along.

"Whether you're on a farm or in town, whether you're directly or indirectly affected by the January fires, we're all part of the same community.

"He will talk about the qualities the world sees - persistence, determination and leadership - as well as

maintaining our inner needs like vulnerability, connection and self-care.

"Come along and get some practical tips and strategies to help our community move forward together.

"Dinner is on Council, supported by State Government funding.

"We want everyone to feel welcome so of course there are options for all dietary requirements.

"For catering purposes, please email skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au or call Lia Sarto or Prue Liddy on 5593 7100.

When & Where

- Tuesday 18th August, Lismore CFA Shed (TBC)
- Wednesday 19th August, Skipton Recreation Reserve, 6:30pm-9pm.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council, Pyrenees Shire Council—

COUNCIL BACKS TEMPORARY CARRANBALLAC RECREATION RESERVE FACILITIES



Pyrenees Shire Council will provide \$20,000 to support temporary facilities at the fire-damaged Carranballac Recreation Reserve.

The funding will go towards the installation of a hard stand and power supply, helping to maintain community and sporting activities at the reserve while a community-led rebuild of permanent facilities is underway.



Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari said the investment in essential infrastructure would ensure the reserve remains accessible and functional for residents and sporting groups during the recovery period.

"Providing temporary facilities at the Carranballac Recreation Reserve is an important step in supporting the community's recovery following the devastating Streatham-Yalla Y Poora fire," Cr Ferrari said.

"The reserve plays a vital role in community life, and these temporary works will help ensure residents and the Carranballac Cricket Club can continue to use and enjoy the facility while plans for permanent rebuilding progress.

"Council is committed to working alongside the Carranballac community as it recovers and rebuilds. This funding will help provide certainty and continuity for community activities in the meantime.

Last month, Council endorsed a community-led model for the reserve's rebuild using a lump sum insurance payout.

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—

SKIPTON MARKET

Saturday 8th August
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PARIS, MILAN, NEW YORK, SKIPTON: FASHION THROUGH THE AGES



A glamorous weekend of high fashion is on the way to Skipton Mechanics Institute Community Hall.

The McFarlane Dress Collection will be featured at the Fashion Through the Ages Exhibition on the weekend of 19th and 20th September.

The event will showcase spectacular vintage gowns from the 20th century including designs by Australian couturiers Carla Zampatti, Suzanne Cole, Dana Mathers and Matthew Eager.



McFarlane Dress Collection curator Jennifer Blomeley with a 1950s by Suzanne Cole and a 1980s by Mr K.

The free exhibition is open from 10am-4pm on both days with a catwalk parade and afternoon tea from 1pm on the Sunday.

McFarlane Dress Collection curator Jennifer Blomeley has accumulated the collection over the past 25 years.

Her hobby snowballed after Ms Blomeley found a pre-loved green velvet dress and jacket from a vintage shop in Queenscliff.

"After a freshen-up and a couple of stitches, carefully rolling it into a suitcase, it was ready to wear to a special anniversary dinner in Sydney.

"The dress was by Australian designer Josef Ribkoff. Later research revealed it was a bargain purchase."

As the collection grew, friends and acquaintances sourced or donated dresses from vintage boutiques or op shops - even a backyard shed and a dress-up box.

"Several dresses are on-line purchases, mostly in reasonable condition," Ms Blomeley said.

"Often the seller will tell me the story of where the dress was worn etc. In some cases they cost a little - some cost a little more. The hunt and the negotiations are fun, but the reward is the finished dress."

Particularly notable inclusions are Lady Gwenda Manifold's 1950s pink tea dress, a 1960s striped dress worn to the Titanic Restaurant in Williamstown, and a gold ball gown by Melbourne's most prestigious evening gown provider, De Lara Couture.

In the collection is a red ball gown by Australian designer Matthew Eager, who has dressed newsreader Natalie Barr, Marcia Hines and Amanda Keller.

"Also in the collection is the orange version of a light blue Carla Zampatti dress worn by Miranda Kerr. Dame Quentin Bryce and Delta Goodrem often wore Carla

Zampatti designs.

Ms Blomeley's favourite item is either a navy J'adore dress, or a wedding dress she recently bought online. Both were designed in Australia and needed extensive repairs.

The J'adore, bought online around 2017, was described as "The train of this dress was accidentally walked on by a fellow contestant and torn in several spots."

"This was time-consuming but a satisfying repair of a half shoe imprint tear and multiple heel tears - replacement of three sequined panels in the train, mending of smaller tears."

Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin invited fashionistas from across the region to come along.

"The McFarlane collection really is an amazing journey through 20th century fashions.

"It shows off the skill the designers and artisans who turn material into dresses that really are works of art.

"For the mechanically minded, there will also be a display of vintage sewing machines owned by Leanne Delahunty."

The Fashion Through the Ages exhibition is presented by Corangamite Shire Council with funding from the Victorian Government.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

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Community Conversation

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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
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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.



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Wednesday 29th July

Sunday 9th August

Wednesday 12th August

Sunday 23rd August

Wednesday 26th August

Sunday 6th September

**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 28th July: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 4 August: Red & green bins

Tuesday 11th August: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 18th August: Red & green bins

Tuesday 25th August: Red & yellow bins

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CORANGAMITE SHIRE

WINTER WARNING AFTER FIREPLACE SPARKS DEVASTATING HOUSE FIRE



Victoria's fire service are calling on residents to prioritise fireplace, chimney and flue safety this winter, following a devastating house fire in Somerville.

The fire started after the occupant placed a log on an open fireplace before briefly leaving the property.

The log is believed to have rolled from the fireplace and ignited nearby material, with the fire quickly taking hold.

When the firefighters arrived, the two-storey house was well alight. Crews worked through the night to contain the blaze and protect neighbouring properties.



The home did not have working smoke alarms and contained a significant fuel load, which contributed to the intensity of the fire and made firefighting efforts more difficult.

Somerville Fire Brigade Captain Joshua Caron said the incident showed how quickly an open fireplace could lead to a devastating fire.

"Thankfully, the occupant wasn't home when the fire took hold, but the property was extensively damaged and this could easily have resulted in a loss of life," Joshua said.

"Crews had to clear material just to reach the front door, and the amount of combustible material inside intensified the fire and made an already difficult firefight even harder."

CFA and FRV responded to a combined 220 residential fires involving heating systems, chimneys and flues during the 2024-25 financial year.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan AFSM said fireplaces and wood heaters should never be left unattended, even when leaving home for only a short time.

"Logs can shift or roll, embers can escape and nearby combustible items can ignite within minutes," Jason said.

"Always use a properly fitted fire screen, keep furniture, firewood and other combustible materials well clear of the fireplace, and make sure your home has working smoke alarms."

FRV Acting Deputy Commissioner Community Safety and Operational Training Mark Carter AFSM said regular maintenance of a fireplace and chimney was essential to reduce the risk of house fires.

"Chimneys and flues should be inspected every year before use in the colder months and cleaned to ensure a build-up of soot and debris does not ignite and cause a dangerous chimney fire," A/DC Carter said.

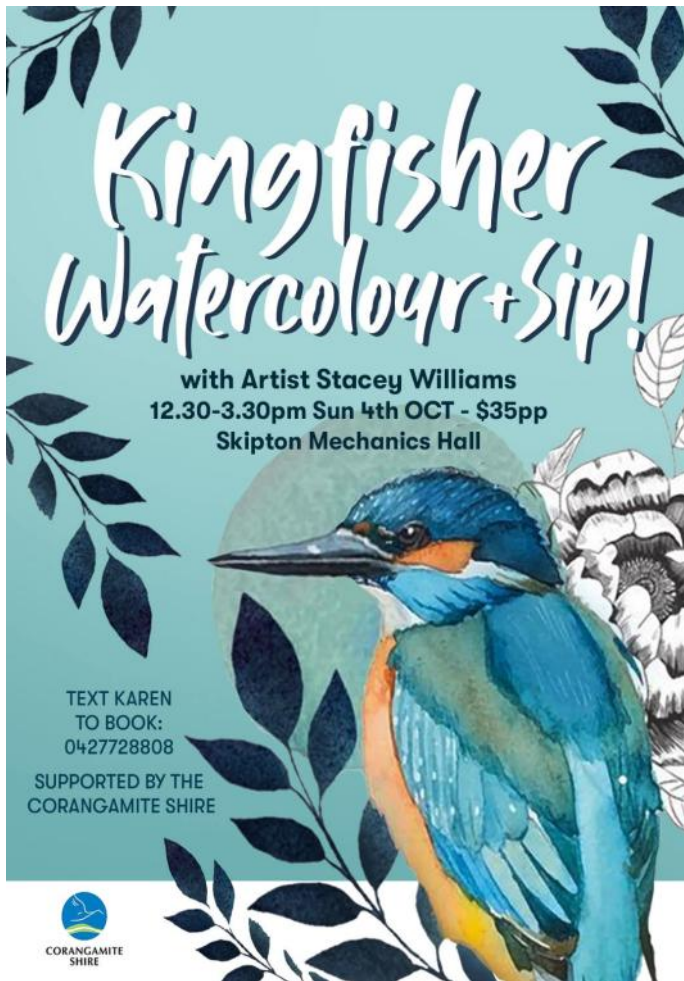
"Residents should safely dispose of ashes in a metal container and keep them well clear of combustible materials, remembering that ashes can remain hot enough to start a fire for several days."

FIREPLACE SAFETY CHECK LIST:

- ☐ Clean chimneys and flues every year
- ☐ Always place a metal screen in front of an open fire
- ☐ Keep clothing at least one metre away from fireplaces
- ☐ Never let a fire burn after you've gone to bed or left the house
- ☐ Ensure ashes are cold before discarding
- ☐ Never leave children unattended around fireplaces
- ☐ Make sure you have working smoke alarms and test them monthly
- ☐ Smoke alarms with a replaceable battery must have the battery replaced each year
- ☐ Smoke alarms fitted with a sealed 10-year long life battery do not need their battery replaced annually. However, every smoke alarm should be replaced at the end of its 10-year lifespan.

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





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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.

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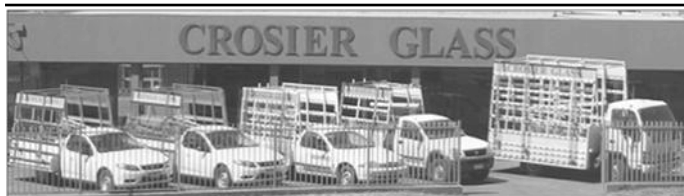
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HAVE YOUR SAY ON WESTERN REGION SUSTAINABLE WATER STRATEGY



Corangamite residents are being encouraged to help shape the future of water management across the Western District.

The State Government has invited community consultation on the Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy.

The Strategy will focus on ways to improve water security, infrastructure, planning and management arrangements.

At the August Council Meeting on Tuesday 27th August, Cooriemungle Ward Councillor Jamie Vogels strongly encouraged everyone across the community to take part in consultation.

“The decisions made through this process will shape how water is managed across Western Victoria for decades to come, making it one of the most important consultations for our region in recent years.

“For our farming communities, water is not just an environmental issue. It’s the foundation of our food production, regional economy and our way of life.

“After years of drought and prolonged dry conditions, local farmers and rural businesses understand better than anyone the consequences of water scarcity.

“Their practical experience must help shape the decisions that will affect future generations.

“It is essential that this strategy recognises the importance of protecting productive agriculture and ensuring regional communities have access to secure, reliable and affordable water supplies.

“The voices of those who live and work on the land need to be heard alongside those of government agencies and other stakeholders.

“This is an opportunity to ensure the strategy reflects the realities of living and working in Western Victoria and delivers outcomes of support both healthy, environmental and thriving rural communities.”

Mayor Kate Makin said community input would play a critical role in shaping the final strategy.

“Whether you’re a farmer, business operator, Traditional Owner, in an environmental group, or just have a garden in town, we all use water.

“It’s a precious resource but we can’t always rely on having all we need, where we need it. Droughts and floods over the years have shown us that.

“Your experiences and ideas could be really valuable for helping guide how water is used across our region to support our agricultural, environmental and economic future.

“I encourage everyone to go to the Engage Victoria website, read the scoping paper and leave feedback.

“Information sessions have been scheduled around the region but none yet in Corangamite. Keep an eye on Council’s Facebook page and we will let you know if and when any are confirmed.”

The consultation is open until 23rd August at engage.vic.gov.au/western-region-sustainable-water-strategy.

Community members will also be able to comment on the draft strategy when it has been prepared.

It is anticipated that the final strategy will be completed in late 2027.

For more information, or to subscribe to progress updates, residents can email:

sws.team@deeca.vic.gov.au.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

STREATHAM, CARRANBALLAC & SKIPTON FIRE Documentary & Book Launch



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cracking good time together!

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Fat-tail dunnart - photo courtesy of N. Oddie

AUGUST 15th 2026

Skipton Mechanics Hall

3pm - 9pm

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Dinner at 6pm. Drinks at Bar Prices.



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CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Noticeboard



List your event in the 2027 Corangamite calendar

Put your Corangamite Shire event in the spotlight by listing in the 2027 Corangamite calendar.

The calendar is mailed to all Corangamite Shire households, and will be available at Visitor Information Centres across the Shire.

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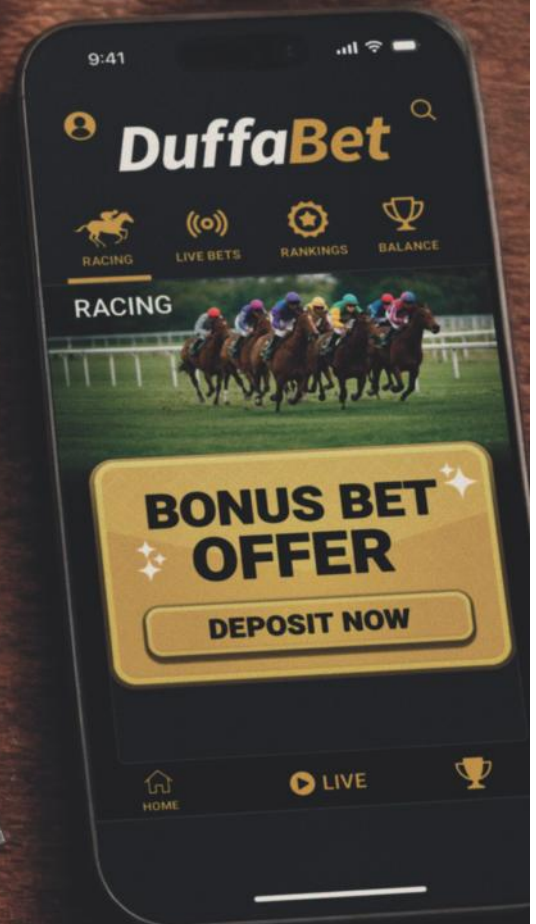
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COMMUNITY GROUPS SHARE \$320K IN GRANTS



Eighty-six Corangamite Shire groups and individuals will share almost \$320,000 after Council allocated funding from six grant programs at its July meeting.

A total of \$196,000 from the annual grants programs was allocated as follows:

- \$46,508 in Community Grants to 26 applicants;
- \$49,202 in Facility Grants to 29 applicants;
- \$45,988 in Environment Support Grants to 17 applicants;
- \$54,000 in Events & Festivals Grants to 14 applicants;

A combined \$4,000 left for the Community, Facility and Environment Support programs was reallocated to the Events and Festivals Grants program.

Council also allocated Facility Design Grants totalling \$21,586 to three community groups. The Facility Design Grants Program is a rolling program and accepts applications year-round, until the allocated budget for the financial year has been exhausted.

Another \$104,225 was allocated to eight organisations from the Berrybank Wind Farm Grants program. The program, funded by Berrybank Development Ltd and is administered by Council to benefit community projects within 75km of the wind farm.

Mayor Kat Makin thanks the community groups that had taken the time to apply.

"Local volunteer groups play an important role in bringing people together, supporting community connections and celebrating what makes our towns unique.

"The wide range of projects funded reflects the strength and diversity of volunteer efforts across Corangamite Shire.

"While the grants are modest in size, they can make a meaningful difference by helping community groups deliver projects and activities that might otherwise not get off the ground.

"Council's commitment to these grants programs shows we recognise the significant contributions volunteers make, with their time and effort generating benefits that extend well beyond the initial investment."

Because there were no applications to the Enabling Grants stream for shovel-ready projects, the \$20,000 set aside in the budget will be offered in a second round.

Cr Makin took the opportunity during the live-streamed meeting to encourage all community groups to attend a grants writing information session coming up soon.

"I really encourage all community members to jump along to those grant writing sessions and understand how grants need to be written.

"It may help you apply for more State and Federal government funding as well."

SKIPTON GRANT RECIPIENTS

Clubs and organisations in Skipton successfully receiving grant funding for projects include:

- Skipton & District War Memorial Swimming Pool
- Skipton & District Historical Society
- Skipton Art Trail Group
- Skipton Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

- Skipton Football Netball Club
- Skipton Progress Association

PROJECTS INCLUDED IN \$320K FUNDING

Organisation	Project	Amount
Community Grants		
Skipton and District War Memorial Swimming Pool	Swimming improvement equipment and new balls	\$1,072
Skipton Art Trail Group auspiced by Skipton Progress Association	Community workshop - Christmas wreaths	\$1,600
Facility Grants		
Skipton & District Historical Society	Purchase of an overhead scanner	\$750
Skipton Recreation Reserve Committee	Veranda repairs to stop birds	\$2,000
Skipton Recreation Reserve Committee	Netball changeroom ceiling repairs	\$2,000
Environment Support Grants		
Skipton Recreation Reserve Committee	Skippy Solar 26 Project	\$3,000
Berrybank Wind Farm Grants		
Skipton Football Netball Club	Replacement of commercial kitchen equipment	\$20,000
Skipton Progress Association	Skipton Fire-Community Recovery Project	\$10,000
Skipton & District War Memorial Swimming Pool	Air-conditioning in the kiosk	\$2,000

For a full list of projects funded under this round of grants, please contact Council on 5593 7111 or visit corangamite.vic.gov.au/Council/News-and-Media/Latest-News

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

Radius for Hospital Members

To the Editor.

Sir,—Regarding the "Notice of Motion" of a member of the Hospital Committee to eliminate the Rule relating to the radius, may I urge that before voting on this matter each subscriber will read the rule—which deals fairly both with any patient needing hospital treatment and the subscribers. Getting rid of the radius is not merely a question of fees and accommodation, but of giving voting power to people who live too far away to be acquainted with local conditions, and who have no interest in the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital beyond their pockets. In this zeal for new subscribers why go outside the radius—covering, as it does, Skipton, Bradvale, Mt Bute, Mannibadar Carranballac, Westmere, Streatham, Vite Vite, Lake Goldsmith, Stockyard Hill and Mingay? So far only 130 persons have joined; about one-tenth of the people eligible. Why not organise a campaign to awaken community spirit in the other nine-tenths? Is there one family unable to afford 6d per week, or 25/- per annum? Our Soldiers' Memorial is not a money-making concern, and if every resident joined up—giving the committee an income of about £1 000 per annum, sufficient to meet maintenance costs—hospital fees could be cut out altogether.

In conclusion, may I remind readers that this was never intended to be a Base Hospital. In these days of specialists and quick transport, such is unnecessary in this area; but the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital was built by the people of Skipton and District for the people of Skipton and District, (particularly mothers). It remains for us to put it on the map by making it the ideal Community Hospital, so

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COUNTRY ROADS BOARD MAINTENANCE

ALLOCATION TO HAMPDEN SHIRE

Over £11,000 has been allocated by the Country Roads Board to the Hampden Shire Council for the maintenance of the declared main roads during the financial year ending June, 1937.

Details of the allocation are:—Camperdown-Ballararat road, granted £4,300 (sought £4 393); Caramut Lismore road, £350 (£350); Cobden-Terang road, £40 (£40); Lismore-Cressy, £2,500 (£2,521); Mackinnon's Bridge-Noorat road, £550 (£551); Prince's Highway, £850 (£862); Terang-Framlingham road, £450 (£498); Terang-Mortlake road, £2,300 (£2,385). Total, £11,340 (£11,600).

Any portion of the current financial year's grant which the Hampden Shire Council have not expended, and reimbursed by the Country Roads Board before June 30, 1937, will lapse. Except in cases of extreme urgency such as repair of flood damage, occurring during the year no additional provision will be made for the maintenance of these roads.

Details of the allocation from the Federal Aids Road Grant, and for developmental roads, had not been received by the secretary (Mr T. F. Little) in time for the meeting last Friday. The council are seeking approximately £19,000 from this source, making an approximate total of £30,000.

It will be recalled that the deputation comprising nearly all the Hampden Shire councillors waited on the Country Roads Board last month to urge the allocation of their requests for financial assistance.

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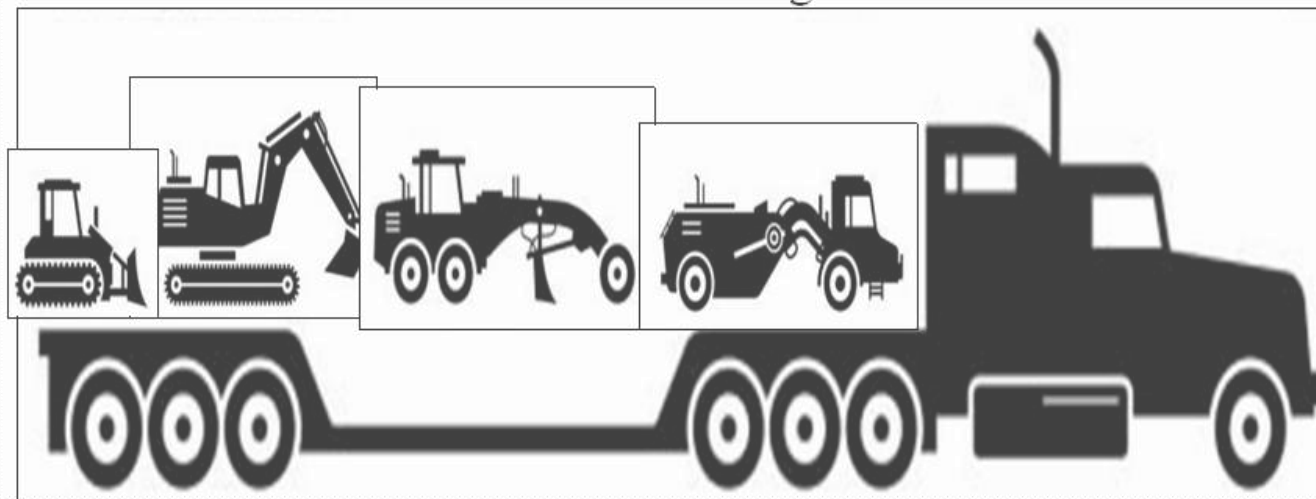
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Skipton Senior Citizens Club Every Monday at Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall From 2pm till 4pm on Monday, and on the fourth Monday have an earlier start of 12 noon for Lunch. Committee Meeting follows at 2pm. "Seniors" is a fantastic way to enjoy a weekly outing and to make new friends. Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "lots of Other Stuff"!! - Seniors also have trips and outings throughout the year. - Just come along, you will be happy you did.	Wednesday 5th August BINGO NIGHT in the Supper Room, Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. THEME: FAVOURITE MOVIE STAR. 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! 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.
Euchre Card Group Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.	Sunday 9th August, 11am STEWART PARK WORKING BEE at Stewart Park, Montgomery St. All are welcome to help maintain our beautiful Park, there's work for all abilities, from weeding to whipper snipping. Please wear appropriate clothing, closed-toe shoes, & bring along your gloves!
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.	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.
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 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.
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 15th August, 3pm-9pm 40 YEARS OF LANDCARE CELEBRATION at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Tree planting in Stewart Park, Dinner at 6pm, drinks at bar prices. Everyone is welcome to join the celebrations. Please RSVP for catering, using QR code on page 12.
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 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
Beaufort Art Trax Gallery Is Open: Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm Phone: Heather 0427 492 082	Tuesday 18th August, VIETNAM VETERANS DAY Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will mount a service to observe Vietnam Veterans Day, this year falling on the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. The brief service will be held at the Skipton War Memorial, Anderson Street, Skipton, commencing at 11am. All welcome, personal tributes can be made on the day, the brief ceremony will be followed by refreshments in the Skipton Mechanics Hall. In case of rain, the ceremony will be conducted in the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Contact welcomed by President of Friends, Graham Layley on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293.
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.	Sunday 23rd August, 1:30pm MATINEE MOVIE featuring <i>Sweet Country</i> (2017) Western/Adventure. Starring Sam Neill and Hamilton Morris. 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.