

Skipton Community News



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SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS TO END MAIL DELIVERY

A NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Please be advised that, due to the high cost of distribution, the Skipton Community Newsletter will no longer be delivered to your mailbox from **26th August 2026**.

Printed copies will be available to pick up from various outlets in town, including at:

- Skipton Country Grocers
- Skipton Community Op Shop
- Skipton Roadhouse
- Skipton Primary School
- Skipton Senior Citizens Club
- Skipton Food Bank
- Skipton Library
- Linton Takeaway
- Skipton Football Netball Club

More locations will be added over the next two weeks to ensure you are able to pick up a copy of the news wherever you come across it.

We hope that if you know a friend or neighbour who is unable to pick up a physical copy, that you will be able to get one for them.

Our deepest thanks to our dedicated readers, we appreciate all your support and hope that you continue to enjoy getting the news wherever you are able.

Our digital mailing list is still available for people to sign up. You will receive a full colour digital copy directly to your email each week on the day of publishing.

To sign up for the digital copies, please send an email to skiptonscn@gmail.com to request a copy.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Editor Kathy Leewai at skiptonscn@gmail.com, or Skipton Progress Association Treasurer Angela at treasurerskiptonpa@gmail.com.

—Kathy Leewai, SCN Editor—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

COMMUNITY EVENT CANCELLED

Please be aware that the Landcare event planned for this Saturday, 15th August, in Stewart Park and Skipton Hall has now been cancelled.

—Stewart Park Committee of Management—

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—

**Kingfisher
Watercolour + Sip!**

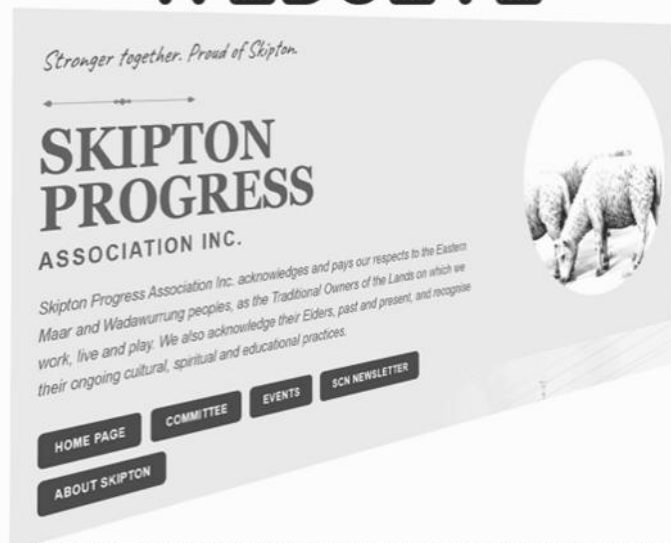
WATERCOLOUR + PEN INK
12.30-3.30PM, SUN 4TH OCT
Skipton Mechanics Hall
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COMMUNITY NOTICE COMMUNITY WORKING BEE AT SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

On Sunday 30th August, the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club Committee intends on holding a Community Working Bee to tidy up the inside/outside of clubrooms and to attend to the Golf Course rejuvenation.

We are asking the Skipton Community to come along with suggestions and manpower.

The Working Bee will be held from 9:30am to 12:30pm, followed by a BBQ to thank you for your efforts.

For further information, please contact Gail Ward on 0403 530 293.

—Skipton Golf & Bowls Club—

SKIPTON MOVIE MATINEE



featuring

SWEET COUNTRY

Starring Sam Neill,
Hamilton Morris,
& Bryan Brown



**SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST
1:30PM
SKIPTON MECHANICS
HALL**



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—

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE SKIPTON COMMUNITY OP SHOP

Recently, the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club suffered the unexpected loss of one of our large freezers and all of its contents due to a faulty power plug.

With our caterer, Deb, preparing to return from a well-earned rest and resume providing meals for our Community, being without a freezer would have made things extremely difficult.

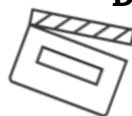
As soon as the Skipton Community Op Shop heard of our predicament, they stepped in without hesitation and generously provided the Club with a 700-litre freezer for our kitchen.

We are incredibly grateful to the Skipton Community Op Shop for their outstanding financial support and, just as importantly, for being there when we needed help the most. Their generosity and willingness to assist at a time of genuine need is a wonderful example of the caring community spirit that makes Skipton such a special place.

On behalf of everyone at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and ongoing support. It is very much appreciated.

—Lauren Williams, President Skipton Golf & Bowls Club—

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**



Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will
mount a brief ceremony on

Tuesday 18th August 2026 to commemorate

Vietnam Veterans Day and the

Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, 1966



To honour and acknowledge the service and sacrifices of those who served in the Vietnam Conflict, which ended for Australia in 1973, though the memories and scars remain.

All are welcome to attend the short ceremony at the

Skipton War Memorial, Anderson Street,

At 11.00 am.

And to join together for refreshments
In the Skipton Mechanics Hall following the ceremony
Individual floral tributes may be laid.

LEST WE FORGET

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Free business workshop.

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- Where to find trends and sounds (and how to use them)
- Editing basics
- What to do (and avoid!) if you want people to stop and watch
- How to get the most from content you already have

Registrations essential at events.humanitix.com/reels-business-corangamite or scan the QR code.



CORANGAMITE SHIRE

COMMUNITY EXPO

LIVE WELL. STAY CONNECTED. PLAN AHEAD.



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.

Brought to you by Corangamite Shire's Positive Ageing, Access and Inclusion Team, as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival 2026.



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What's on

Skipton Steak Night with Warren Davies – The Unbreakable Farmer

Wednesday, 19 August, 6.30–9 pm
Skipton Recreation Reserve

Free. Dinner included. Drinks: Available at bar prices. RSVP: skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au or 5593 7100.

Rest & Reset Sound Healing – Skipton

Sunday, 23 August, 2–3:30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

\$10 plus booking fee. Register at events.humanitix.com/rest-and-reset-sound-healing

Brought to you by the Skipton Food Bank.

McFarlane Dress Collection 'Fashion through the Ages' Exhibition

Saturday 19 & Sunday 19 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. Supported by Corangamite Shire

Three Cheese Workshop

Sunday 1 November, 1–3.30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Learn how to make bocconcini, mozzarella and halloumi. \$10 per person. Bookings: Karen 0427 728 808. Supported by Corangamite Shire and the Skipton Progress Association.

Volunteers needed

Cook/kitchen hand

BlazeAid is looking for volunteers to help prepare food at the Bradvale camp. No experience needed.

Learn more at blazeaid.com.au/skipton or call Jen on 0427 584 818.

Join our team!

Assistant Team Leader – Construction & Patches

- Permanent full time
- \$74,994 – \$78,393 p.a., inc. industry allowance
- Based in Camperdown

Applications close 5 pm, Wednesday 19 August.

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



Wellbeing and Inclusion

Movie of the month

Tuesday 4 August, 10.30 am–12.30 pm

The Dressmaker, Timboon & District Public Hall (2015 Kate Winslet)

Bookings essential on 5593 7100.

Navigation Support Program

Terang Library: Wednesdays
 12 August, 9 September & 11 November, 1–3 pm.



Bird flu alert

H5 bird flu is present in wild birds in south-west Victoria. If you see sick or dead birds or wildlife:

- avoid contact
- record what you saw and where
- report it at agriculture.vic.gov.au/birdflu or call 1800 675 888.

THE DEPLORABLES

...if they're playing cricket, who is making the sandwiches?

**SUNDAY
16 AUGUST
7 PM**

**CAMPERDOWN
THEATRE ROYAL**

COMEDY
MUSIC
CRICKET



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SKIN OF OUR TEETH
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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 26th July

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

Tuesday 1st September: Red & green bins

SKIPTON FOOD BANK**AT JUBILEE CENTRE**

10 MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON

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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
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Friday 3pm-5pm

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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.

Lake Bolac Bush Nursing Centre presents

Streatham & District Post-Fire Gardening Series

Join in this community gardening series.

Tuesday July 28

Kate Blood & Rob Pelletier
(Heritage Fruit Trees, Raglan)

*Care of plants after fire and choosing
fire resistant plants.*

Tuesday August 25

Digby Alston
(Digby Alston Design, Inverleigh)
Landscape design for country gardens

**Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start.
Finishing around 8:30pm.**

Light supper provided by Paula Symons.

Streatham Memorial Hall
30 Campbell Street, Streatham

Please register your attendance
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A small bus may be available for
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Dan Listens, Dan Cares, Dan Delivers!

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Authorised by Dan Tehan MP, Liberal, 190 Gray St, Hamilton VIC 3300.



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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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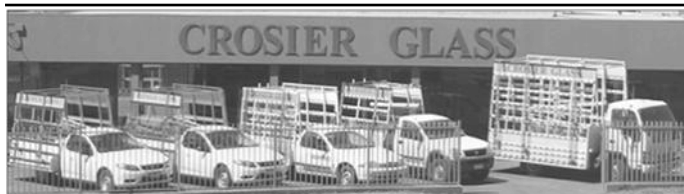
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12 AUGUST 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

SUPPORTING MORE THAN HEALTH

At 90 years of age, Shirley Thomas, a long-term District Nursing Client of Beaufort and Skipton Health Service, has become the centre of an extraordinary story that reflects the power of compassionate, relationship-based care and community connection.

Born in the United Kingdom, Shirley migrated to Australia in 1956, expecting to stay for only two years. Nearly 70 years later, she proudly calls Skipton home, while her connection to Scotland has never faded.

Over many years of District Nursing visits, Shirley shared stories of her childhood and family, including her lifelong wish to be laid to rest beside her mother and grandparents in Scotland. Although she remembered visiting their graves as a young woman, she no longer knew where they were located.

Wanting to help, District Nurse Petrina reached out to a North Berwick community Facebook group. The response was overwhelming, with local residents locating the family gravesite and sharing photographs and videos that reconnected Shirley with an important part of her family history.

Moved by the bond they had built with Shirley, District Nurses Petrina, Trudy and Melissa have promised, when the times comes, to one day return her ashes to Scotland.



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

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CONNECT WITH US

**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.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
AN EVENING

— with —
ABBIE HOLMES

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME



BEAUFORT COMMUNITY BANK COMPLEX
39 Park Rd, Beaufort, 3373

WED 16
SEPTEMBER 2026

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**.



Urgent Care Centres

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



Access Urgent Care Centres via front hospital entry



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



For life threatening emergencies call 000 for assistance

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Skipton | 2 Blake Street | 5340 1100

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STREATHAM, CARRANBALLAC & SKIPTON FIRE

Documentary & Book Launch

24th October, Skipton Mechanics Hall

FREE ENTRY - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Doors open at 5pm

Music from Liam Baker Acoustic

A light supper will be provided

Documentary screening at 7:30pm

Raffle for original painting by Sandy Joy Wilson

All welcome!

PRE ORDER YOUR BOOK & DVD NOW!!!

Visit the link, scan the QR code or call the number below.

Orders close on September 18th, and books & DVDs will be available for collection during our event between 5pm - 7pm.

Join us for a wonderful FREE evening of community as we document this significant event and how it has impacted us all.

Contact Lisa Wills 0409301906 or Pat Gabb 0473421802

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1620212



OLD BEAUFORT PRIMARY SCHOOL MASTER PLAN RELEASED



The future vision for the Old Beaufort Primary School site has taken an important step forward, with the Victorian Government approving the Old Beaufort Primary School Master Plan.



Developed by consultants Public Realm Lab in partnership with Council and the community, the plan outlines a long-term site vision, including options for a future community hub and other development opportunities.

Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Damian Ferrari said the master plan's release marked a significant milestone for the community asset.

"The Old Beaufort Primary School is an important part of our local history and has a lot of potential to serve our community into the future," Cr Ferrari said.

"This master plan reflects extensive community input and provides a clear vision for how the site could evolve while respecting its heritage significance."

"I'd like to thank everyone who contributed their ideas and feedback throughout the planning process. This document gives us a strong foundation for future discussions and opportunities."



Council has also begun planning for the project's second stage, with a draft early works plan prepared to help protect the site's heritage buildings and remove non-heritage buildings, walkways and fixtures.

A heritage expert will now be engaged to develop detailed designs outlining how the site's significant heritage elements can be preserved and managed.

"While future development of a multi-use community hub will depend on decisions around site ownership and funding availability, this work ensures we are well positioned to progress opportunities as they arise," Cr Ferrari said.

The Old Beaufort Primary School Master Plan can be viewed at pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Community/Old-Beaufort-Primary-School.

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—

ANNOUNCING THE

CARRANBALLAC HOEDOWN

A family-friendly event with live music, line dancing and food trucks.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY
03.10.2026

Carranballac Rec Reserve

We welcome sponsorships and donations of goods for the silent auction.

For a prospectus, please contact
Katie on
0429 631 152 or email
carranballachodown@gmail.com

All proceeds from the event will support the rebuild of the Carranballac Hall.

We want to hear from Older Adults

South West
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



Call Andrea Moloney
5563 4082



Scan the QR code

**BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1936 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO
LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.**

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

FOR THE HOSPITAL

HARE SHOOT AT MOORAMONG

A hare shoot over Mooramong Estate on Thursday, 23rd inst., arranged on behalf of the Skipton Soldiers Memorial Hospital, was a great success. Hares were very plentiful and shooters had a splendid day's sport. The hospital funds will benefit to the extent of over £40 as a result of the effort.

The round-up resulted in the destruction of 1,250 hares, 577 pairs being sold for the hospital and 40 pairs being taken away by shooters.

Several foxes were disturbed during the course of the drive and three were bagged.

The committee desire to express their thanks to all those sportsmen who assisted in the shoot, and particularly to the ladies whose untiring energy on behalf of the hospital was very evident on this occasion. A donation from Messrs Geo. Crocker and Sons, of Ballarat, was also greatly appreciated.

GRENVILLE SHIRE COUNCIL

NEW COUNCILLOR ELECTED

An extraordinary election on Saturday to fill a vacancy in the West Riding of the Grenville Shire Council resulted in Mr W. T. Rowe being chosen for the position of councillor. There were three candidates and voting was under the preferential system. Of 158 votes on the roll 133 were recorded.

Voting was as follows:—

	W. Caldow	J. McLennan	W.T. Rowe
Wallinduc ...	11	36	35
Willow Vale ...	19	3	0
Postal ...	0	17	12
Total	30	56	47
Caldow's preferences		5	25
		61	72
Majority for Rowe, 11.			

Happy Children

We all want our children to be happy, but do we really help them to become happy men and women?

To bring a life into the world is a greater responsibility than many of us realise. So many parents seem to think that their responsibilities end if they provide food, clothing and a home. This is by no means so.

If we have the joy of having children, it is undoubtedly our job to do our utmost to help them to grow into happy men and women, and to adjust themselves to their surroundings.

We can best do this by helping them to realise their good qualifications and gifts, and to know their limitations. They must bring out the former and control the latter.

For instance, a nervous and sensitive child needs to be given real encouragement in all things it shows any signs of doing well.

Many of us probably realise that, in some ways, we ourselves were not helped in our childhood to adjust ourselves to the world. If we, as parents, don't determine to do better by our children, we simply continue a vicious circle. So much unhappiness and many evils could be avoided if we would do all in our power to help our children to understand and achieve happiness.

We must help them to self-control and good manners which, after all, is only consideration for others—tolerance and an understanding that everyone is different and entitled to their own opinions.

Try to make your children realise there is good in everything and everyone, and they must find it. Let us teach them that adaptability is one of the most important keys to the doors of happiness.

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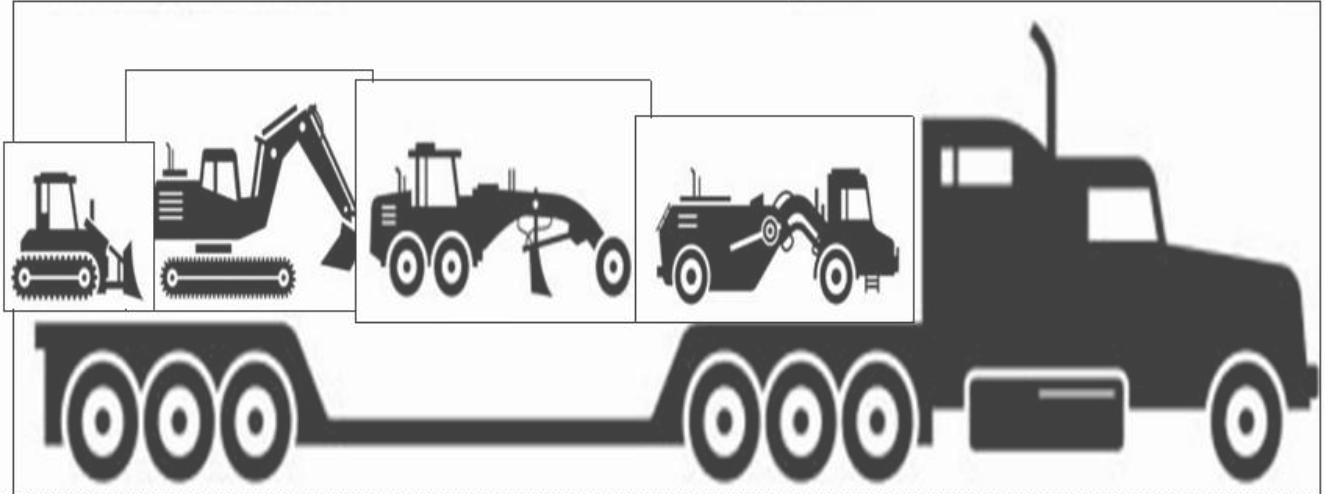
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Beaufort Out and About Bus

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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.

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Tuesday 10:00am to 12:00pm

Friday 3:00pm to 5:00pm

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NEW OPENING HOURS - see Page 6

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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.

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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.

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

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.

Wednesday 19th August, 6:30pm-9pm SKIPTON STEAK NIGHT WITH WARREN DAVIES - THE UNBREAKABLE FARMER at the Skipton Recreation Reserve. Free event, dinner included. Drinks available at bar prices. RSVP: skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au or 5593 7100.

Friday 21st August, 7:30pm DARLINGTON MOVIE NIGHT at the Darlington Hall. Featuring *Nonnas* (2025) Comedy/Drama. \$5 entry, includes supper. Drinks and raffle tickets for sale.

Sunday 23rd August, 1:30pm MATINEE MOVIE featuring *Sweet Country* (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.

Tuesday 25th August, 6:30pm-8:30pm STREATHAM & DISTRICT POST-FIRE GARDENING SERIES at the Streatham Memorial Hall, 30 Campbell St, Streatham. Digby Alston, *Landscape design for country gardens*. Light supper provided. Please register your attendance with Lake Bolac Bush Nursing Centre on 5355 8700.

Wednesday 26th August, SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS NO LONGER DELIVERING TO MAILBOXES. More information on front page.

Sunday 30th August, 9:30am-12:30pm COMMUNITY WORKING BEE at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club. Work includes tidying up the inside/outside of clubrooms and rejuvenating the golf course. Community members are welcome to lend a hand and make suggestions. BBQ lunch provided.

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

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.