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Seasons Greetings to all our readers. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and happy New Year

Christmas is Coming

Christmas is almost with us, as the excitement continues to build, though it will be less exciting when a card arrives on Christmas Eve - from someone we may have forgotten about.

Yet the message of Christmas is that God has not forgotten us.

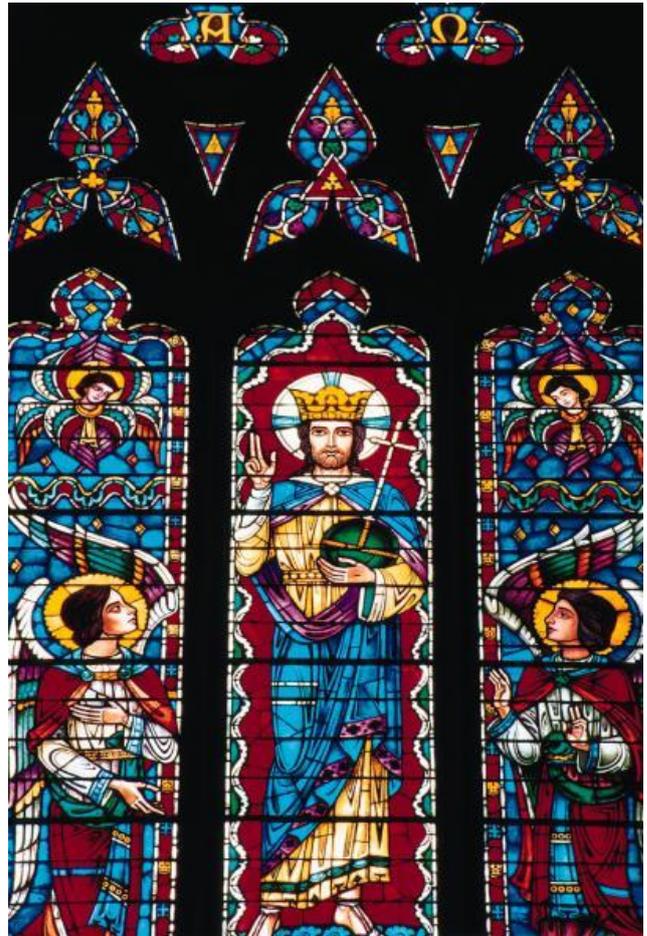
In a moment that will not and need not be repeated, He came as a baby - more vulnerable and defenceless than we would ever wish for our newly born - to help us to see that no one is out of his reach.

The thirty years he spent here made him totally aware of how we see life, yet his was no reconnaissance mission. He came to release inner peace, hope and healing among everyone from the down and outs to the up and outs, for anyone who sensed the need for a fresh start in life.

He knows how loneliness and inner turmoil have no respect for our income, our appearance, our work, or our level of housing. He knows how to lift us from the inside, so we can approach our days with gratitude and the people who fill our days

Noel Mitaxa
On behalf of Buninyong Baptist Church.

with respect and encouragement. As he loads us with a level of inner peace that never wears out, he adds a creative view of bigger solutions to whatever challenges we face, so we see his ways to include others in our success.



You're welcome to drop in for relaxed, informal worship with us any Sunday in the Town Hall at 10 am, and our pastor Tom Buscombe is available for any pastoral care concerns you may have on 5330 2657

CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS EVE (MONDAY 24TH)

4:15pm - Free Activities for Kids

5:15pm - Free BBQ

6:00pm - Child friendly Church Service

CHRISTMAS (TUESDAY 25TH)

9:00am - Church Service

Enquiries to Mark on 5341 3281



BUNINYONG FIRE BRIGADE

Proudly serving Buninyong, Mt.Helen & Victoria since 1872

This month, the Buninyong Fire Brigade welcomed six new members into the Brigade. Ben, Sarah, Adrian, Robert, Sharon and Paulene were all voted into the Brigade at the recent meeting as a result of our ongoing recruitment campaign to introduce more volunteers into the Mt.Helen area.



New members Cassy, Robert and Adrian participating in Sunday station maintenance.



Members debriefing back at the station after a Tuesday night training session.

The Brigade is pleased to announce the acquisition of a Defibrillator (Phillips AED) and a new Oxy Viva Mk3, an oxygen therapy module which can be used to assist persons suffering from respiratory distress. Our thanks go out to the community for your generous donations that assisted in purchasing these items. We are now even better equipped than ever before to continue protecting our local community.



MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN:

This month our Brigade welcomed the confirmation of the new fire station in Mt.Helen to be built by 2014. Our Brigade will be continuing to actively recruit volunteers to ensure we have enough members to provide service delivery in anticipation of the new station opening. If you live in Mt.Helen, or work in the technology park area you should consider volunteering to ensure that our families, friends and livelihood is protected. **To volunteer, come to an information session at the Buninyong Fire Station on Tuesday the 8th of January at 1900Hrs, or call 1800 232 636.** It is important to us to involve the local community as much as possible with the planning and implementation of this project and to pass on those messages to the relevant authorities. Please feel free to contact myself or our Brigade to voice any of your concerns or suggestions.



With the declaration of the fire danger period approaching, keep an eye out for the fire danger ratings on display on Learmonth St near the school crossing. You can also view the forecasted danger ratings online on the CFA website; www.cfa.vic.gov.au What is your trigger rating to activate your fire plan?

Upcoming Brigade Events & Involvement:

- From December 1st – Brigade Calendar Distribution
- December 8th – Buninyong Xmas Carols in Desoza: 1700Hrs onwards
- December 9th – Buninyong Car Show at the Crown Hotel: BBQ from 1100Hrs to 1300Hrs.
- December 15th – Fundraising BBQ at Foodworks Buninyong 1030Hrs to 1300Hrs.
- January 12th & 13th – Cycling Australia Road National Championships: BBQ in the CBD, and staging area at the King Of The Mountain sector (Near the corner of Gittings Lane and Mt.Buninyong Road)



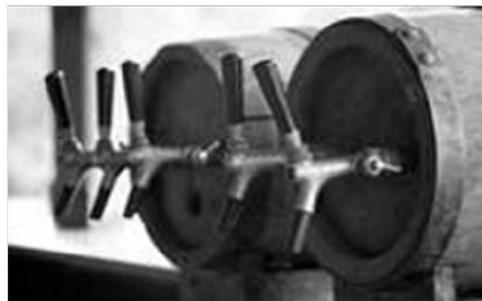
The Buninyong and Napoleons brigades assisting a landowner with a fuel reduction burnoff on Mt.Buninyong, one of many which have been successfully supervised so far this month.

EXTRAORDINARY FIRE AT BUNINYONG -

On Wednesday night a fire of a very extraordinary description took place at the store of Mr Adam Birrell. It appears that Mr Birrell retired to rest at his usual hour, about eleven o'clock, his bedroom being at the side of the shop, which is near the back store, where the spirit casks are kept. Shortly afterwards upon his opening his eyes, he saw a glaring light proceeding from the back store, and upon closer examination, found three of the taps on casks containing rum, brandy and whiskey, running and fact feeding the burning element. He and his storekeeper at once commenced operations to put out the fire, by throwing water on, not knowing at the time that it was spirits on fire, and afterwards put it out by throwing on blankets. The storeman in turning off one of the taps, burnt his hand severely - the tap, as also a measure placed under one of the casks which leaked, being nearly red hot. The position between the store and shop was also burnt. About ten gallons of rum was lost, besides a quantity of brandy and whiskey, one of the casks being nearly burnt through.



Wednesday 18th November 1857



Fortunately the gunpowder, of which there were three kegs, was in the store beyond. The outer door was found open, with the bar, which was a loose one, behind the door in its usual place in the daytime. How the fire originated remains a mystery. Mr Birrell has offered a £100 reward. We are informed that neither the store nor stocks were insured. It would appear that the fire originated and the taps were turned on by some evil disposed person, and we only hope that the miscreant, whoever he is, will be found out and punished as he deserves. - *Buninyong Telegraph*. 24 November 1857

Super-cell Storm Hits Area

At 2030Hrs on 30th of November, a super-cell storm swept through the townships of Sebastopol, Mt.Clear, Mt.Helen, Buninyong and surrounding areas causing widespread damage from hail and powerful winds, knocking out powerlines and plunging the town into darkness. At approximately 2100hrs the Brigade received its first call for assistance and was kept busy for next several hours assisting the SES clearing roads and assessing storm damaged properties, a task which lasted well into Saturday morning and afternoon.



It was great to see the community coming out after the storm to help each other out. It's a good feeling to know that in our district we are surrounded by people who are willing to help out others in times of need.

Thankyou to the SES, police and regiments of other services and volunteers for assisting our townships in getting back to normality after this damaging storm event.





Candlelit Sweets Ends RSL Dinner

The Buninyong RSL annual dinner had a dramatic change in atmosphere when the savage storm swept through mid evening on Friday 30th November.

As hail and driving rain lashed the west facing windows of the Buninyong Golf Club, the power began to fail and eventually the venue was plunged into complete darkness.

Golf Club staff quickly provided candles, got the till working and proceeded to serve sweets by candlelight.

Earlier in the evening, RSL President Cr Peter Innes welcomed 100 members and guests, presented Appreciation Certificates to Lee and Peter Marriot for their work as auditors and oversaw the "Map of Australia" special effort. The RSL thanks all donors for their generous contributions to the special effort prizes.

Remembrance Day attracted another good attendance of students and parents. Twelve wreaths were placed on the Cenotaph. Poppy sales were strong.

Russell Hocking and Brian Parker conducted the ceremony where the speaker was a members of the 8/7th RVR.

Scholarships were presented to Primary Schools at Buninyong, Mt Clear, Magpie Napoleons and the Steiner School. A military book was presented to the Mt Clear and Damascus Colleges.

Photo: No 1 :- Dinning by candle light at RSL annual dinner.



Photo No2:- New members welcomed to RSL membership and presented with their lapel badge at the November meeting were: Ronnie White, Joe Cahil and Luke Millar,

Photo No3:- RSL stalwart Vic Bradley surveys the white crosses that represent Buninyong RSL members who have died.



Dancing our way to a healthier future!

FORP has great pleasure in welcoming **Dancemakers** to Royal Park in 2013. Dance is a great health option for our young people and fits well with our sustainable living ideals. Look out for further information on when classes will begin on their website

<http://www.dancemakers.com.au/>.

Mowing Bee December 15

On Saturday morning, December 15, FORP will be holding a Mowing Bee in preparation for Christmas and New Year period. To get the job done faster we would like to invite you join us with your mower or whipper. Mowing will begin from 9.00. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall. Enquiries to Sue 5341 2266.

Facilities for Hire

If you are interested in hiring our facilities go to our website www.friendsofroyalpark.org.au or phone Sue on 5341 2266.

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Freemasons Capture Footy Fever

On songs with passion.

Although club rivalry was evident, all adopted the true Masonic manner so that brotherly love prevailed.

Photo: Bruce Bartrop, Fred Shade (Lodge of Research), Michael Cheshire, and Vic Bradley.



Sturt Lodge Banner Returns Home.

The banner has been missing since the Buninyong and Sturt Lodges consolidated in 1998. All efforts to trace its whereabouts had failed.

WBro Gavin Myer a member of Prince of Wales Lodge at Smythesdale, discovered the banner in a case of regalia that he had been given.



Photo: |Happy to have the banner back in their keeping are former Sturt members John Newton, Charlie Pruis, Gavin Myer and Max Stevenson.



Bushrangers and Damper

The thrill of the daring exploits of many of Victoria's bushranger was retold by Laurie Moore at the November meeting.

The risk to gold movements by bushrangers was high with a number of successful holdups.

Laurie explained that with archival records, maps, reports and written stories it is possible to find many of these locations.

A recent discovery has been the police camp at Enfield. Damper and coffee concluded a very interesting evening.

Photo: Charlie Pruis, Laurie Moore, Brian Power and Graham Williamson

COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION BUNINYONG BRANCH

Our November Meeting was the last meeting for the year and was a social meeting with our Choir singing some lovely songs for us all. Followed by Carole's talk of her adventures on her wonderful overseas trip for Christmas last year, thank you. By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed our Christmas Break-up with a luncheon at the Buninyong Golf Club

2013

Jan. 26th Saturday, Australia Day Celebrations, at Neil Street, 11 a.m. for 11.15

a.m. start, cost \$10.00 There will be Entertainment and Scholarship Presentations. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Les Vercoe. President of Hospice Care.

Feb. 18th Monday. Meeting at 1.30 p.m.

Feb. 19th Tuesday, C.W.A. Group Conference, at Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria Street, Ballarat East. 9.30 a.m. for 10 a.m. start, cost \$8 per person. Hostess Branch, Dinner Branch.

Competitions: a Potholder, Lemon Cordial and cup Cakes.

To all our members and readers, we wish you a Happy Christmas and good New Year.

Shirley Rowlands
'Phone 53413091

BUNINYONG-Mt HELEN LIONS CLUB Inc.

P.O.Box 254, Buninyong, 3357.



As we approach Christmas our main focus is on the "Carols in the Park". This, as many readers will know, is a well established event, organised by a committee of Lions members and members of the various churches in Buninyong. Organisation started very early this year and with financial assistance from the Ballarat Council and the Bendigo Bank, we are all but ready for the event. Please come along on the 8th of December around 7.30pm and join us in

celebrating this annual event. There will be a sausage sizzle in the Lions rotunda starting at 5pm and various forms of entertainment leading up to the Carols. Father Christmas will be there with presents for the children.

Our Christmas Tree will be set up beside the Information Centre in Warrenheip Street on Saturday the 1st December, and the Crib, celebrating Christmas will be erected in the corner of De Soza Park.

Our Dinner meeting on the 19th of November was very special. We were honoured with a visit from our District Governor, Lion Fred Jacobs and his wife Helen. Our DG was presented with a



cheque for \$1400 for his chosen charity "Beyond Blue" This money was raised at a fashion parade organised by Lion Wendy McCann. Lion Fred thanked Wendy most sincerely for the work she did in arranging this event and for the donation. He then went on to explain why he had chosen "Beyond Blue" as his charity for his term of office. A most important

part of our evening was the induction of two new members. The District Governor was introduced to Ian and Barbara Voigt and he then inducted them into our Club. We welcome Ian and Barbara and trust they enjoy their involvement with our Lions Club. ***District Governor Fred Jacobs inducting Ian and Barbara Voigt into our Club with their sponsor President Lion John Podolinsky.***

On Wednesday and Thursday the 21st and 22nd of November we were at the Growmaster Nursery at Warrenheip to cook for their annual customer's night. Although both nights were very busy, we really enjoyed the event.. Our thanks go out to the management of the Nursery for allowing us to be part of their celebrations and thank them sincerely for their donation.

During November our Club assisted a pupil from the Buninyong Primary School to travel to Adelaide for the National School Athletic Championships with a donation of \$500. We also sent \$500 to Lions Australia to go to assist the victims of Hurricane Sandy in the USA, and as mentioned above, \$1400 was donated to Beyond Blue via our District Governor.

On Sunday the 25th we went on a bus trip to celebrate our Christmas breakup. The trip started at the Gold Bus depot and from there we drove to Beaufort for morning tea. We went on to Moonambel where we had a sumptuous lunch at the Hotel. Our thanks to the management and staff of the Hotel for looking after us so well. After lunch we went on to a winery for a tasting and from there we casually drove home. Everybody really enjoyed the day and our thanks go to Lions Graeme Jones and Simon Jess for organising the event and to Lion Simon for driving the bus. Simon did a great job particularly as he could not partake of any strong refreshments because of his driving obligations.



Lions Club members, wives and friends enjoy lunch at the Moonambel Hotel.

President - John Podolinsky - Ph 0417 125 450 - e-mail podolinsky@giant.net.au

Secretary - Bill Jolly - Ph 5341 2068 - e-mail bandijolly@spin.net.au

Treasurer - Keith Chapman - Ph 5341 2047 - e-mail keandra@bigpond.com.

If you feel you would like to become involved in the Lions organisation, or you want further information about Lions or our club in particular, please contact any of the above.

Scrap Metal - The Lions Club will pick up your old, unwanted scrap metal. This is sorted and sold, and all funds go back into our Community.

For pick-up please call Bill Jolly on 5341 2068, or Russell Williams on 5341 3452.

Newspapers - We collect and sell old Newspapers, Glossy Magazines, Junk Mail etc., and again, all funds go back into worthy causes.

It would be appreciated if papers could be laid flat and tied into bundles. They can be collected by us, or you can leave them in the green bin outside our shed in Forest Street (next door to the Tennis Club).

For pick-up please contact Bill Jolly on 5341 2068.

Book Shop Our Lions Club operates a Second Hand Book Shop, in the old Bakery, corner of Warrenheip and Learmonth Rds. We are open every Saturday morning from 10am to 1pm, except Farmer's Market day when we open at 9am.

The staff at the Book Shop are also able to source books for you. If you have a favourite title or author that is not in stock at the shop, please talk to our staff who will do their best to find it for you.

If you have any books that you would like to donate to the shop, please drop them in or call Bill Jolly, 5341 2068 for collection.

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Kylie Lavery



Dancemakers operates in Caulfield with over 300 students enjoying a fresh and modern approach to dance. The Director, Kylie Lavery, is now offering classes to her local community...Buninyong! To find out more or to register your child, contact Kylie.

HEAD QUARTERS /Caulfield Studio at Level 1, 219 Balaclava Rd, Caulfield



Learn to DANCE in BUNINYONG!

...for students of 8 years and younger

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Traditional style service and children's program at 9.30am on Sunday
All welcome**

Presbytery have appointed Rev. David Leach as Supply Minister to the Ballarat South congregation for a period of three months. If necessary he can be contacted on 5342 9636. We are pleased to announce that we have a new minister starting mid February 2013. The Rev Lyndall Gibson will be joining us.

Join the **Prayer/Walking Group** at Labyrinth on Thursday morning at 9.00am. All welcome. We walk the labyrinth, pray in the centre, then go out for coffee afterwards. New faces are always welcome. We usually have Holy Communion on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Family Service Sunday Children come and join the fun 9.45am till 10.30am. This service has become very popular. On the third Sunday of the month there is a band and children are involved in the service both in the band and in other ways. There are drama presentations and music worship is directed towards families as a whole.

All groups are about to break for the holidays and resume next February.

Heather Club Adult fellowship is held on the first Monday in the month at 10.00am.

Open House Open House is held on each Wednesday morning during school terms from 10am to 12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

Open Door Wednesdays 10.30am to 12 noon at Sebastopol Mission Centre. Rhonda Storrar is running a craft session each Wednesday. If interested contact Lyn King on 5341 3229.

Book Club The Book Club will hold their break up at the home of Judith and Ross Lukeis on Thursday the 13th December at 12 noon. If you would like to join our group next year please phone Joy Whitten on 5341 8189.

Mainly Music Group The Mainly Music Program has resumed after the school holidays and is held at Sebastopol Mission Centre from 9.15 -10.15am and if you would like to be involved in a way please phone Elisa on 5341 8474.

Buninyong Service DVDs If anybody would like to receive the DVDs of the Buninyong services please contact Clive on 5341 2082. The loan of a DVD player is possible if it is needed.

The times of the Christmas services are as follows.

Christmas Eve: Carol service at Buninyong at 7.30pm.
Meredith carol service 10.00pm

Christmas Day: 9.00am at Sebastopol.

Best wishes from Joy Whitten



NEWS ABOUT TOWN

SEW SPECIAL MOVES AROUND THE CORNER

After eight years in Warrenheip Street, Gail has moved her business **Sew Special** around the corner to 320 Learmonth Street into a new shop created out of half the old grocery store that housed Foodworks up until July this year. Foodworks has built a new supermarket just on the other side of the UFS pharmacy. Congratulations Gail, the new shop looks terrific – more buttons, more haberdashery, more school uniforms, lots of gifts and b.gentle body care products that are made right here in Buninyong as well as a window gallery space to display art creations from around the district.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION SOUGHT FOR VILLAGE PRECINCT

The *Golden Plains Miner* December 1, page 8 featured several concerned residents from The Buninyong Ward Progress Association handing a petition to VicRoads Regional Director (Western Region) Ewan Nevett that requests a 10kph speed reduction approaching the central roundabout. The photograph was bookended by locals Peter Glover and Sue McLachlan holding the 600 name long petition with Ian Salathiel shaking hands with Mr Nevett in the centre.

BUNINYONG AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The *Golden Plains Miner Sport* page 12 during November had an action photograph of local resident and Grenville player Phil Anstis, the current treasurer and new Life Member for the Association, returning a forehand during a match against Napoleons. Napoleons won 7-68 to 2-34.

More tennis photographs were featured in the *Ballarat Courier* November 12 page 35. This time it was action shots of up and coming younger players Erin Riley, Jai Jamieson, Brandon Thomas and Keely Shepherd who all play for Buninyong.

BALLARAT BOTANICAL GARDENS FACE BUDGET CUTS

The *Ballarat Courier* November 12 page 3. The Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens are concerned over changes to the administration of the gardens with the nursery manager made redundant and problems with accessing the Robert Clark Centre for horticultural community groups.

The Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens was represented by Elizabeth Gilfillan and Mt Helen resident Janice Marty spoke on behalf of the Ballarat Bonsai Society and Australian Plants Society. The Ballarat City Council CEO Anthony Schinck said that changes had been made to better use resources, expand services and increase standards without using extra funds. The Friends are concerned that the original aims of the bequest to build the Robert Clark Centre are being compromised by encouraging all community groups to book and use the facility, and that the nursery was only propagating begonias and all other plants were now outsourced.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The *Ballarat Courier* November 12 page 4 highlighted some November 11 services around Ballarat. Local resident and Vietnam War veteran and president of Ballarat Legacy, Ron Fleming, was pictured with Rev John

Furness at the Ballarat cenotaph in Sturt Street Ballarat.

QUILTS FOR AFRICA

Phyllis Eason has been knitting squares to be sewn into quilts for AIDS orphans in Africa. Phyllis, a local resident, was pictured with Carla Berlyn at the Wendouree Medical Clinic where the patients started knitting squares while waiting for medical appointments. All donations are made through KasCare, a children's charity. Carla and Phyllis were photographed tossing several colourful squares in the air in the *Ballarat Courier* November 17 page 3.

BUNINYONG BOWLS DIVISION ONE

The *Ballarat Courier* November 26 page 34 showed Buninyong's Neil Innes watching a wide ball during the pennant round eight. Buninyong is currently fourth on the ladder.

BALLARAT DISTRICT GOLF

Carmel Knowles was pictured in red and white at Buninyong Golf Club's open American foursomes guest day on Saturday 24 November.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Shepherds, Fletcher, Rocco, Ted and Max Byvoet and angels Meg and Lucy Jones were promoting the carols in De Soza Park on December 8. The Buninyong-Mt Helen Lions Club will host the evening with MC John Emery. The *Ballarat Courier* December 4 page 7 photographed the shepherds and angels in full colour and looking forward to the carols night.



UFS PHARMACY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS IN BUNINYONG

Congratulations to the Buninyong UFS Pharmacy on attaining 25 years of service to the Buninyong community. The special week has been marked by extra special discounts of 25% on purchases to customers.

BUNINYONG POOL IS OPEN FOR THE SUMMER

The Buninyong Pool opened on 1 December and is being operated by YMCA Ballarat. Summer Season passes are available which gives unlimited access to Eureka, Buninyong, Black Hill and Wendouree pools.

Free VICSWIM Kidz Program will run at the Buninyong pool during January for children four years of age and older. Book early with Julie Anderson at the Aquatics Recreation Victoria on 9271 3800 or visit www.vicswim.com.au

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

An advertising feature in the *Ballarat Courier* December 3 page 17 had a very bright picture of the Funky Turtles, who are supported by Pinarc. Anne Chibnall had some drum sticks at the ready for the launch of the band's third CD at Portico's in Sturt Street Ballarat on December 9.

ART EXHIBITION OPENING AT FAIRBANKS EYE GALLERY

Sue and Geoff Parker attended the opening of an art exhibition at Fairbanks Eye Gallery on December 1. Local GP Nick Kimpton was also in attendance. The social page was in the *Ballarat Courier* December 5 page 30.

BUNINYONG SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Christmas and the New Year approaching apace! I hope the passing year has left you all with many happy memories and a satisfying review.

We 'seniors' enjoyed a number of trips away with Trace behind the wheel. Thank you Trace and Vic too, may we look forward to further of these great days during the year ahead please?

The indoor games were again popular and June's craft classes gave those of us attending much pleasure. Also resulted in pretty little ornaments to decorate our homes, put to some other useful purpose or used as gifts for personal friends. We do appreciate this June. Thank you!

A very interesting variety of articles was displayed in our monthly competitions: the aggregate prizes being won by Phyllis, June and Jean. June's mint-condition, 18th/19th century compass was considered one of the most fascinating items entered and various items from various sources on various days were intriguing.

Next Tuesday 11/12 will discuss arrangements for future Club Christmas dinners. Think about this members. This will be our last meeting for the year. Please bring along a plate of something nice for afternoon tea.

Christmas dinner will be held on Friday 14/12 at the Buninyong Golf Club and our Club activities will resume on Tuesday 12/2/2013.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and health and happiness throughout the coming year. Good luck!

President: David Littlejohn Ph: 5340 0209

Secretary: June Harbour Ph: 5341 7508.

Treasurer: Ron Males Ph: 5332 4284

Phyllis McCutcheon

VALE SHIRLEY LEATHER

8/10/1933 – 30/11/2012

The Buninyong and District Community News send our sympathy to Shirley's family on the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Shirley and Derick (recently deceased) shared a grand love story that started on an ocean liner to England in 1955.

They lived in England, New Zealand and Australia and settled in to Netherby in Buninyong in the early 70's. They raised three children, Harry, Janet and Richard and have several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Shirley trained as a nurse and worked at the Ballarat Base Hospital and Lakeside Psychiatric Hospital. She was an enthusiastic and adventurous cook in her country style kitchen and was passionate about the Arts in all its forms, family history and travelling in Australia and overseas to catch up with family and friends.

Shirley and Derick complemented one another and lived a wonderfully rewarding life together.

Father Adrian McInerney conducted Requiem Mass at St Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Buninyong on Thursday 6th December to a capacity congregation.





BUNINET

Computer and high speed cable Internet access is available for anyone in the community. Uniting Church Hall, Learmonth St, Buninyong



Phone: 5341 3515 Email: buninet@gmail.com

The 2012 hours of operation are Monday 10am to 12 noon, or other community use by arrangement.

ABC Open has run some courses at BUNINET recently, so keep your eye out for more interesting projects on <http://open.abc.net.au/projects>

See our results for [Snapped: Winter](http://open.abc.net.au/projects/snapped-winter-08mz1ir/contributions/places/buninyong+vic) <http://open.abc.net.au/projects/snapped-winter-08mz1ir/contributions/places/buninyong+vic>

Web Savvy? Volunteer! We'd love to have your help.

We are looking to offer more internet help to the people of Buninyong, so if you have computer skills with images, cameras, facebook, twitter, security, Microsoft or MAC, please email buninet@gmail.com to volunteer your services and skills to the Buninyong community!

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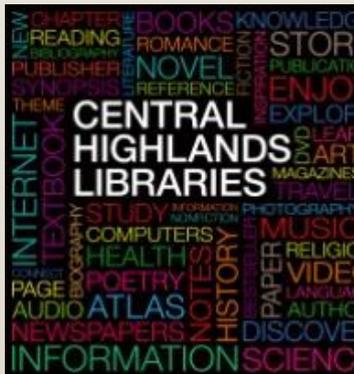
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