

Buninyong chosen for **MULTI MILLION POWER PROJECT**

The Buninyong district is set to benefit greatly from a major infrastructure project announced recently by energy provider Powercor.

Powercor's Regional Business Manager, **Richard Scholten**, said that the company had committed to an investment of almost \$8 million in the Buninyong project which will reduce or avoid future major power outages.

"The project will involve the installation of a large-scale, back-up energy storage system into a high voltage powerline near Buninyong," he said.

Mr Scholten said that the two megawatt lithium battery storage system will provide greater capacity and flexibility at times of peak demand reducing the stress on the network. He said that these crisis periods occurred between five and eight days each year.

The 2mw battery in Buninyong will be the largest in Australia, and is double the size of the other in place at Thomastown, a northern suburb of Melbourne.

With renewable power generation becoming a reality, the future will see a move to an increased role for energy storage.

"We are moving to factor in a greater capacity to continue to provide a much more reliable electricity supply to our Buninyong customers even in the most extreme weather conditions," Mr Scholten said.

Power outages

"Our records show that customers in Buninyong experience an average of three outages a year, each lasting in excess of 100 minutes. With this new battery on line, we expect that the length of these outages will be reduced by more than 66 per cent," he said.

It will be capable of providing back-up power to some 3,000 customers for an hour during a power outage.

The battery, housed in a structure about the size of a shipping container, will be discretely located on a private property on the Durham Lead Road south of Buninyong, and connected to one of the existing main power lines that services 6,400 customers in the area.



Powercor's Richard Scholten on Durham Lead Road near where the battery power back-up unit will be connected to existing transmission lines.

"Unless its location is pointed out, the battery site will be hardly visible to passers-by. It certainly is nothing like a tall transmission tower," Mr Scholten said. He said that the company had been "especially conscious" of environmental issues relating to the battery's use and disposal in the future.

The project, which will bring forward the increase to the capacity and reliability of the local network by some three years, is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

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Appointment of

New Landcare Coordinator

The Leigh Catchment Group have recently employed a new Landcare Coordinator Nick McKinley to manage their team.



New Coordinator Nick McKinley pictured with Yarrowee River Project Officer Kate Constance.

Taking over the role from **Jenny Ryle**, Nick is looking forward to working with Landcare groups within the catchment and meeting local landholders to discuss their projects and land management issues.

Nick has extensive experience in the natural resource management industry and community engagement. The Leigh Catchment Group believe he will make a valuable contribution to their team.

The Leigh Catchment Group also acknowledged Jenny's contribution to the network over the past seven years. Jenny's passion and commitment to the environment and their local Landcare groups, saw her achieve many great projects over the years.

"We would like to thank Jenny for her years of service and we wish her well for the future" said Andrea Mason from the Leigh Catchment Group.

Jenny is now setting up her conservation business as well as helping husband, Paul run the 'Green Woodsmith' at their property, providing courses in the old trade of green woodwork. Contact her on 0409 400 520 for further details.

If you wish to contact Leigh Catchment Group staff, please direct your enquiries to Nick McKinley, Landcare Coordinator on 5341 2364, mobile 0455 147 398 or email leighcg@ncable.net.au or contact Kate Constance, Yarrowee River Project Officer on 0409 585 998 or by email at katecgc@inet.net.au .



Former Coordinator Jenny Ryle.

New Master for Masons

Ron Fleming of Buninyong is the new Master of the Freemasons' Sturt Buninyong United Lodge No 23 after a ceremony on 20 June.

A Vietnam Veteran, Ron was installed as Master along with the Lodge team, by the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Installation Team. A gathering of 55 local and district freemasons were present.

He had also been Master of the local lodge in 1995.

The Lodge has been active in supporting charities in recent months contributing \$1,000 to the 3BA Christmas in July Appeal. The funds were raised from the annual fruit sales project. Another \$1,000 was added by the Freemasons Grand Lodge. Together, this enabled the purchase of twelve pallets of food for distribution to four major charities – UnitingCare, the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul, and Anglicare



VW Bro Ron Fleming (centre) with the Sturt Buninyong United Lodge team for 2015-16 (Lloyd Harvey photo)

Social Committee Chairman Charlie Pruis with 3BA Appeal Director Peter Caligari perched on some pallets of food purchased by the Freemasons



Part-time appointment

Jodi takes up News role

A relative newcomer to the district, Jodi Beale has been appointed to the position of part-time Coordinator/Editor of the *Buninyong & District Community News*.

Since its re-launch in February 2015, the new-look newsletter had been compiled, edited and designed on an honorary basis by BDCA members **Gayle Adams** and **Barry Fitzgerald**.

After some introductory involvement with the August edition, Jodi Beale has now taken over the coordination role commencing with the present September issue of the newsletter.

The appointment was made after interviews were conducted by a panel of Executive members of the BDCA. Convenor of that Committee, Gayle Adams, for many years HR manager of Saab Systems in Adelaide, said that Jodi had a good mix of skills for the role including working in publications, graphic design and advertising for government, printing and other companies.

Gayle said that the interview panel was particularly impressed with the design skills that Jodi had in platforms such as InDesign and Photoshop.

Experience

Jodi's education includes Bachelor degree level studies in Marketing and Graphic Design at the University of South Australia and at Edith Cowan University, Perth.

She has designed newsletters for organisations including Bank SA, the WA Disability Services Commission and for Federal MP, Andrew Southcott.

"I am really quite excited about having the role of putting the *Buninyong & District Community News* together each month," Jodi said.



Jodi working on the September edition.

While she will be assisted by the Editorial Advisory Committee, Jodi said that as a relative newcomer to the district she would have to rely heavily on local groups and community members to provide her with copy or leads for stories.

With partner Mark and their two small children, Jodi is planning the build of their new home in Durham Lead. She will spend some time each week in the News office made available to the BDCA at the new community centre at 407 Warrenheip Street.

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streettalk

Cold on callers

A YENDON RESIDENT was recently approached by two men driving a grey ute who claimed to be tree loppers. Quoted \$65,000 for a job that was expected to be about \$2000. While the cold callers were telling their tale, the son of the resident checked them out on line to find out that they were scammers who after obtaining money up front didn't turn up for the job. Apparently were using the business cards that belong to another legitimate company. Watch out.

Mystery note

AN ANONYMOUS 'newcomer' to Buninyong – a self-styled 'regular café patron' recently stirred up café/food retailers along the north side of Warrenheip Street by slipping a note under their doors which suggested that their street front presentations could be cleaned up a lot to improve the area's streetscape.

Mushy gutters

IN A LETTER (News, August 2015), there was a call for more regular street-sweeping/cleaning in Buninyong. It was easy to see why, when for most of July and August, the gutters along Warrenheip Street north were choked with a deep mess of soggy leaves and mud. Can't imagine Sturt Street being left in such a condition for weeks on end!

New face and new food

BUNINYONG FOODWORKS has just appointed a new Manager with strong links to Buninyong. Owner **Alison Rickard** said that **Cameron Brown**, 37, commenced in the Manager's role at the store on 20 July. Sushi lovers can also rejoice as the store is now selling fresh sushi, available six days a week.

Business activity

THE AUGUST EDITION of *Community News* carried the story of the two new business which had opened in Buninyong. Reports are that the shoe repair/key business has been really busy, while the Imported Glassware business is still establishing a local profile. The latter may be helped by news that Bower Bird Cottage, previously at that site, closed its business on 2 August.

Who cares about the name...

Garibaldi's a proud and happy community

There may now be only 50 or so people living in the Garibaldi area but as a community, they sure know how to both work together and to have fun.

Garibaldi is a quiet little rural community on the Mount Mercer Road about 15 km from Buninyong. It was settled in the 1850s following an influx of miners who followed the movement of the deep lead mines from Buninyong, through Durham Lead to Garibaldi and Mt Mercer.

However, attempts to find gold in large quantities there proved to be unsuccessful, so the district gradually turned to agriculture.

Most locals seem to have no idea why the district is called Garibaldi. Having dismissed the suggestion that there was a bald miner called Gary out there in the early days, the most logical theory is that the district was named after **Guiseppe Garibaldi** (1807-1882), the famous Italian general, politician and patriot who had had a great influence on one of the Eureka Rebellion heroes, **Raffaello Carbone**. It seems likely that a few other Italian miners from the Ballarat fields may have drifted out there to try their luck in the early days.

Old school

Today, apart from small roadside signage indicating that one has arrived at Garibaldi, there's not much to break the vista of green, friendly-looking, rolling farmlands, apart from the old Garibaldi school (c 1852).

The most obvious example of locals working together can be seen in this beautifully restored old schoolhouse which now serves as the Community Hall. A reminder of the district's gold mining past is evident from the large mullock heap, sitting close by the school.

When the school closed in 1942, the Education Department sold it to the local



L to R: Jan Tamis, Rhonda Hodgetts, Anne-Marie Seare and Stephen Hodgetts chat around the open fire in the old Garibaldi schoolhouse.

community for the sum of one pound. Current President of the Hall Committee **Stephen Hodgetts** said that after the building was used as a hall up until to 1970s, it then fell into a serious state of disrepair.

In 1982, a local farmer **Edmund O'Loughlin** rallied the community, contributed some of his own funds, organised fund raising events such as endurance horse rides and concerts, and eventually obtained some grants from the Shire of Buninyong. The rest of the 1980s and early 1990s saw the community undertaking restoration tasks – re-blocking, repainting, and installing toilets and a kitchen.

Shire help

In 1994 the district came under the control, of the Golden Plains Shire which, according to President Stephen Hodgetts, "has been absolutely tremendous," with grants coming for the playground, the netball courts, and more work on the hall's flooring and kitchen.

Recently, the Committee has also become trustee for an adjoining area of six acres of Crown Land as part of the Hall Reserve and is working on reconstituting some desolate mining sites into an arboretum.

Now the schoolhouse is the centre for meetings, parties, events from the local and wider community, a playground and recreation reserve, and, especially the monthly Friday night social 'happy hour' visited recently by the Community News. About 25 locals from Garibaldi and Durham Lead were present

Committee member **Anne-Marie Seare** said that these Friday nights at the school were "such great fun. We started the monthly happy hour evenings some fifteen years ago and now most of the locals now say they wouldn't miss it for quids".

July's 'happy hour' followed a meeting of the Hall Committee which agreed on plans for several coming events in the district. It's a proud and happy little community which frankly doesn't give a damn as to why it's called Garibaldi!!

Council gets planning decision right

A clear-cut decision by the Council of the City of Ballarat at its meeting of 22 July 2015, is of great importance now and in the future for the township of Buninyong.

Councillors overwhelmingly agreed with a recommendation of their senior planning officers, that an application for a permit to erect eight dwellings on a block running between 316 Barkly Street and 313 Russell Street should be refused. Twenty two objections had been received by Council.

Surprisingly, newly-appointed South Ward **Cr Jim Rinaldi** was the only dissenter to this decision.

The land in question is of 2051m² and, although being in a General Residential Zone (where lot sizes must be a minimum of 300m²), the development application was described as *“being at odds with the character of the neighbourhood and the wider Buninyong Township”* (Council Agenda p.30).

The Council's planners noted that *“... the number of dwellings proposed is of a density which is not consistent with the surrounding context. The proposed density of one dwelling to 256m² is considered to be an over-development of the site.”*(p.30)

During Council discussion of the matter, **Cr Peter Innes**, agreed with the Planners' recommendation that the Application should be refused, describing it as *“a complete over-development of*

the site” and one which “did not respect the neighbourhood character.”

The General Residential Zone in Buninyong follows a narrow strip predominantly along Warrenheip Street, which has close access to services land transport, and was intended to provide opportunity for a diversity in housing types.

“ a complete over-development of the site ”

Residents might recall that, after strong lobbying by the Community Association and the Liberal candidate **Ben Taylor** in late 2014, then-Planning Minister **Matthew Guy**, visited Buninyong just prior to the State election, and following swift action by Council, regulated that most of the Buninyong township area would be covered by the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, requiring lot sizes to be of a minimum of 800m².

The detailed summary by Council officers on this present matter, which ran to some thirteen pages in the Council Agenda papers, provides some clear principles and guidelines for future development proposals in the inner areas of Buninyong. And... the Councillors got it right this time!!

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Christina Hindhaugh

Buninyong loses a gracious lady

The policeman looked somewhat surprised when he stopped the mature female driver for a routine breath-test. For Christina Hindhaugh was dressed as a pirate! Christina, known to her friends as Petee, had been playing pirates with her grandchildren and decided that the game should continue when she went out to lunch with her good friends.

This was the sense of fun and the zest for life that were the themes of the eulogy for Petee, given by her great friend Anne Bouts, whom she had met at the University of the Third Age.

For Christina was scholar, farmer, entrepreneur, horticulturist, gardener, writer, speaker, mother, grandmother and wife to Chris as well as being the gracious life and soul of the party.

Christina's books included *For Better for Worse* and *for Lunch* which told of the humorous side of life combining creativity, community and family on a fictional farm. She knew farming well from her childhood on 'Meringa', Willaura and then 'Nareeb Nareeb' before marrying and moving to Chris's farm near Balmoral where they raised their three children.

Upon retirement, the couple moved to Buninyong and became involved in many community activities including the Friends of the Buninyong Botanic Gardens

– leading busy and fulfilled lives. But hers was cut short after bravely battling cancer for many years.

In his sermon at the memorial service for Christina, The Right Reverend Garry Weatherill, Bishop of Ballarat, quoted the poem 'The Summer's Day' by Mary Oliver. 'Tell me, what is it you plan to do/ with your one wild and precious life?' The answer, in Christina's case, was simply to get on with life itself and to do what she could for her family and community and this was recognised by the award of an Order of Australia Medal in 2014.

And the many friends of Petee Hindhaugh could only agree with Mary Oliver's final thought – 'Doesn't everything die at last and too soon?'

Russell Luckock



Christina Hindhaugh after her poetry reading at the Ballarat Art Gallery.

Coming Events

- 30 August: **Buninyong Village Market**
Theme: Winter Warmers
9.00 am to 1.00 pm
- 30 August: **Future Development of Royal Park**
Drop in for a chat with Council officers at the Village Market
9.00 am – 1.00 pm
(see page 12 for details)
- 7 September: **Future Development of Royal Park**
Open House Session, Royal Park
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
- 26 September: **Launch of Face Art parties**
Buninyong Bakery
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
(see page 19 for details)
- 30 September: **Desoza Park Planning responses due**
- 25 October: **Buninyong Good Life Festival**
(see page 15 for details)
- 5 November: **FBBG Garden Tour**
(see page 8 for details)



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Don Ogilvie, 91

One of the village's living treasures

There's an old bloke, often with a tweed cap on his head, who can usually be found sitting on the wooden bench down at the Old Library, happy to share his knowledge of Buninyong with anyone who stops by.

Ninety-one year old **Don Ogilvie** would have to be high on any list of Buninyong's "living treasures."

His ties to Buninyong could not be more direct, being born in September 1924 in the curator's cottage in the Buninyong Botanic Gardens where his father **John** had been appointed curator earlier that year. Don's story is closely linked to the story of his father, **John Ogilvie**, another icon of the village. John Ogilvie's links to Buninyong were strong, having been born here in 1870.

His path to the curator's role at the Botanic Gardens was a topsy-turvy one. After growing up on his father's small farm on the Midland Highway hill, he found his way to the gardening staff at Flemington Racecourse where tending the roses was amongst his duties.

Golden WA

Then in 1893, gold was discovered in Kalgoorlie and John took off for there, returning to Buninyong in 1901 as a "wealthy gentleman." He invested in mining ventures in Buninyong and Durham Lead, and had an interest in the local chaff mill. He was a local Councillor for nine years, (Mayor between 1910-11), was a Justice of the Peace, and Deputy Coroner (being a great friend of **Dr Longden**).



Don on his trike in the Buninyong Botanic Gardens c 1928



Don Ogilvie chats about the old days in Buninyong with Jean Walker, whose husband Mervyn came from Buninyong.

He was prominent in all civic, social and sporting activities, and married local girl **Mary Watkins** in 1905.

But his fortunes turned, and, by 1916 his employment seemed to be that of the Council's Dog Registrar and Thistle Inspector. Finally, in 1924, he accepted the position as Curator of the Buninyong Botanic Gardens.

Now back to the old bloke at the Old Library – Don Ogilvie. **Francis Donald Ogilvie** was the youngest of the seven children of John and Mary, being born in September 1924 at the humble cottage in the Gardens.

Don's early years also coincided with Australia's spiral into the Great Depression. It is thought that the cash-strapped Council stopped paying wages to its curator for a period, but allowed the family to continue to live in the cottage. The Gardens fell into disrepair.

His boyhood years were spent in the pursuits of most boys of that time – rabbiting, ferreting, fishing in the Gong, bird-nesting, and finding lost golf balls at the local course. Later he became active in tennis, cricket and football, playing some senior games with Buninyong

After his father's death in 1939, he and his mother moved to a house in Forest Street. He lived there with his mother until her death in 1951.

When he left school he was apprenticed to Albert Crosbie, the bootmaker with a shop "on the bridge" in Ballarat. He then worked at Wain's Shoe Store. Later, he was employed at the School of Mines, Ballarat (SMB), and moved to Mt Helen when Ballarat CAE was established there in 1976. He remained in the role of Assistant Purchasing Officer there until his retirement in 1986

He married **Joan Burns**, a school teacher, in 1957. The couple has two sons.

Memories

His memories of Buninyong are acute – the trees, the box hedges and the cottage plants in the Gardens, the swimming baths filled with spring water but topped up with Gong water (often with small eels and fish), the possums that ran rampant in and around the cottage, his father cutting the grass in the gardens with a scythe, the local personalities that he and his family knew over the years.

In 1986, the Buninyong Council honoured the Ogilvie family by planting a commemorative bunya bunya tree in the Botanic Gardens. Ogilvie Lane which runs along the ridge of Mt Innes is also named after the family.

So, if you wander into the Old Library sometime soon, say 'G'day' to the old bloke on the bench. You'll enjoy your chat and probably learn a lot.

Dandenongs' visit

Tour to three top gardens

Friends of Buninyong Botanic Gardens invite you to join a tour of three gardens in the Dandenong Ranges on Thursday, 5 November.

The tour will take in the inspiring Karwarra Australian Plant Garden at Kalorama and the wonderful views from the National Rhododendron Gardens and Burnham Beeches or George Tindale Memorial Gardens.

A bus will leave the Buninyong Town Hall at 9 am and will do one additional pick up in Victoria Street on the side median opposite St Alipius (facing east) at 9.15 am. It will be a Gold Bus. The tour leaves Burnham Beeches at 3.30 pm on the return for a 6 pm arrival.

The cost of \$57 per person for members, or \$62 non-members, includes morning teas at Karwarra and a boxed lunch. Please book early – before 24 October – so organisers can confirm the bus!

Please contact the tour organiser, **Peter Hiscock** on 5341 3220 or 0408 337 696 for further information. A booking form is available from **Karen Hulston** at wk.hulston@bigpond.com.

Buninyong Primary School introduces

New local school enrolment policy

The Buninyong School Council has recently endorsed a new Enrolment Policy giving enrolment priority to children of families living in specific 'neighbourhood areas' around the school.

To be in the 'neighbourhood area' of the Buninyong Primary School, the school must be the nearest State school (using a straight line measure of distance) from a family's permanent residence. This accords with the definition of a 'neighbourhood area' as applied by the Department of Education and Training.

In most local areas, this condition on enrolment had not been previously enforced, and usually resulted in each school taking any child for whom an application was made.

No room

School Principal **Bernie Conlan** said that "while we like to offer parents a level of choice, we have reached the stage where we can no longer accommodate everyone." He explained that from 2016 there is simply no room for an additional prep class at the Buninyong campus and the school needs to keep enrolments down to a manageable four intake classes.

Likewise, the Scotsburn campus cannot take more than eight or nine prep students.

Given the growth of the Buninyong community, the new neighbourhood guidelines will likely remain in place, and therefore result in more certainty for the school's future planning.

The new policy will give priority to children

- of families living in the designated neighbourhood areas,
- with siblings currently enrolled at the school, and
- of a staff member of the school.

Other 'special' circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the Principal.

Already, the school has filled 88 spaces for 2016 - leaving a few spaces for new families moving into the area and a small waiting list.

A map of the designated 'neighbourhood areas' and the new enrolment policy is available for download under 'Enrolment Procedure' on the school's website <http://buninyongps.vic.edu.au>.

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Assistant Principal retires after Twenty years at Buninyong

Sue Deans, Buninyong Primary School's Assistant Principal, retired on 5 August after twenty years at the school, and after 36 years working for the Department of Education and Training.

Living in the Buninyong area for over 30 years, Sue said that she loved working in the school and living in this community, "It's a fantastic community to live and work in," she said.

Sue has held a variety of roles during her time at the school – teacher, librarian, leading teacher specialising in literacy, and as Acting Principal for a year.

She was also accepted into an international teaching program, teaching at the international school in Hamburg, Germany. Sue and her family moved to Germany for a year on an exchange, swapping not only a job but their house and car as well!

Another highlight of Sue's career, was the development of the Story of Buninyong for grade four students. The initiative aims to build the children's understanding of the place where they live, its past, present and future. It won a community award in the Victorian Education Excellence Awards. The program continues to be taught to Grade Four students each year.

Sue noted that at the school no two days were ever the same. "The children are so exciting to work with, and Buninyong is really fortunate in that the community is so supportive," she said.

She added that she was so grateful at being able to work with the parents and staff over the years to help make the school so successful.

When asked how she felt about leaving the school, Sue replied that she had mixed feelings. "I will miss the community



Sue Deans in front of the Story of Buninyong mural outside the school's entry.

and work, while also looking forward to retirement and doing other things."

She will soon be travelling to Cambodia and Laos with a girlfriend. Long-term retirement plans include a caravan trip around Australia, reading, snow skiing, camping and water skiing up the Murray and golf at Buninyong Golf Club. "I will also spend a lot more time on the golf course once the weather gets better," she promised.



Buninyong

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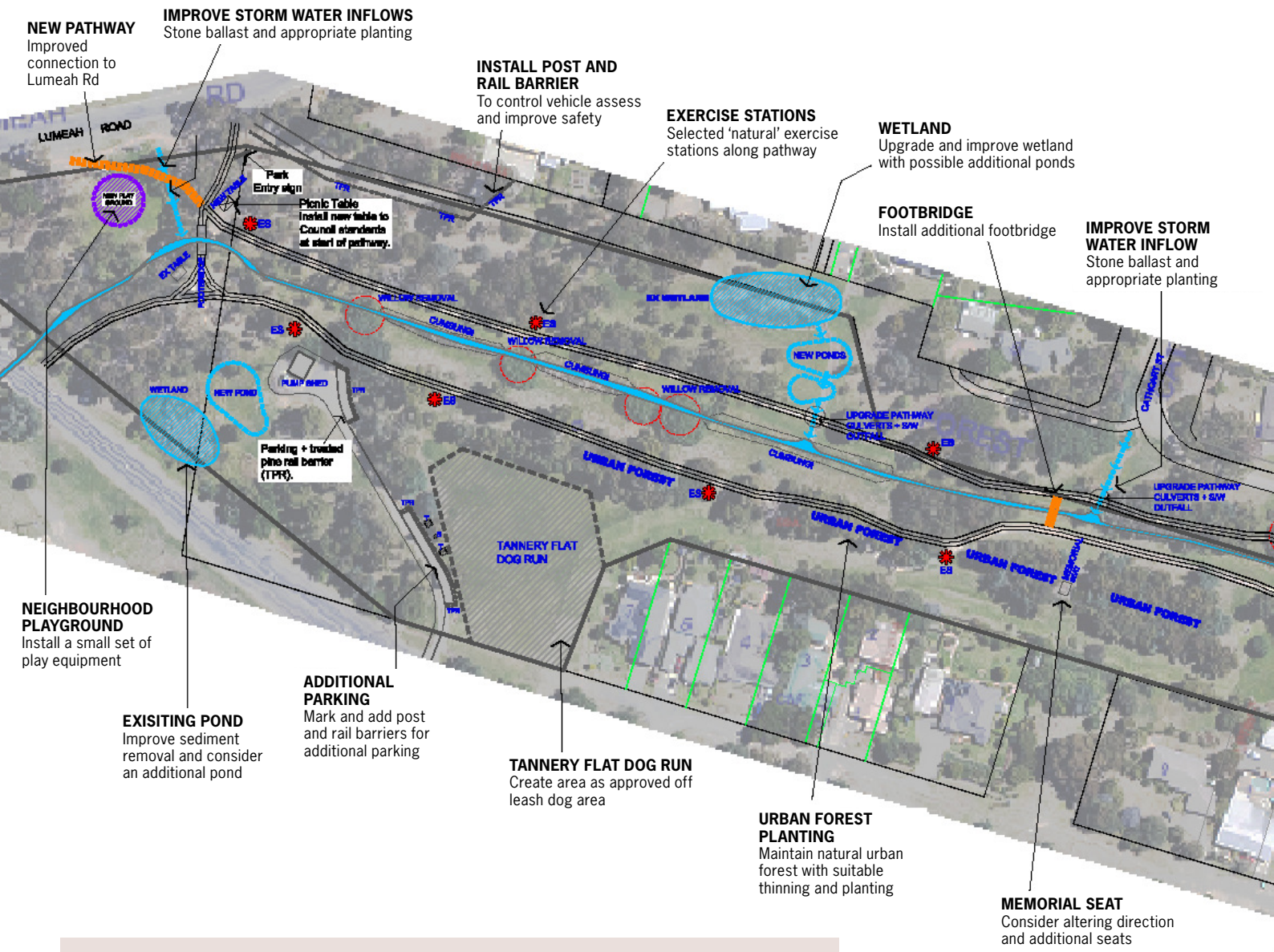
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Over the past 18 months, a local Buninyong based working group has been gathering ideas for Desoza Park and the plan above has been refined and modified following each consultation stage.

The plan is exciting and will improve a variety of elements that will enhance the total space and encourage positive use by all ages and interests.

The changes identified will vary from little change to improved facilities, but in doing so will only happen once funding and full Council support is secured.

We look forward to being able to make the final changes to the plan and once that has been done, we will then be able to map out a 'plan of attack' and key dates for action. Obviously, we will need to ensure we gain funding and continued

community involvement to see that our agreed actions are realised.

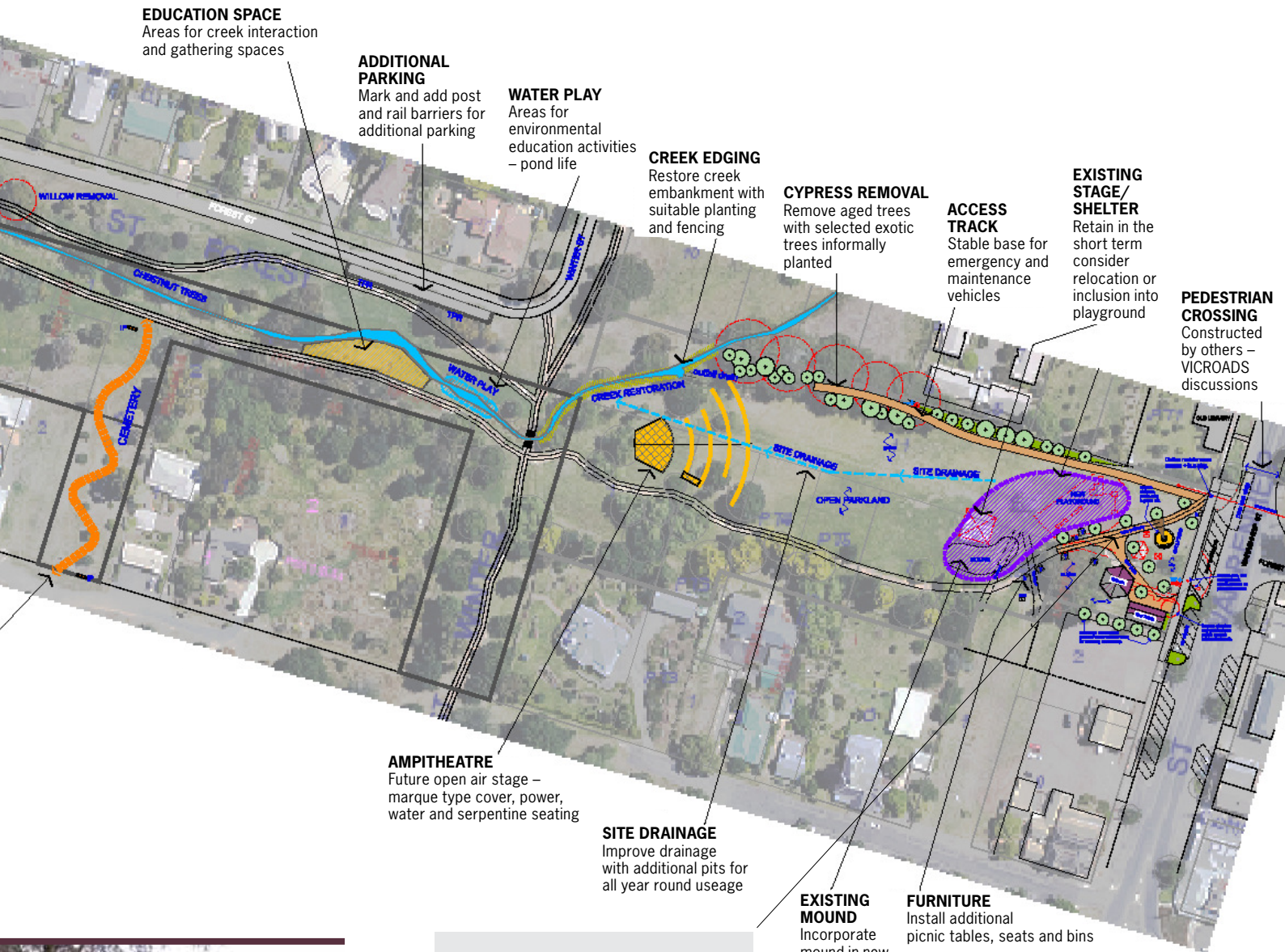
In trying to enable you to view the total space of the Park, we are aware size of type on this plan is an issue, but if you wish to see the plan in a larger size please go to:

- Desoza Park Rotunda
- Buninyong Foodworks
- Village Place Offices—Old Shire Offices
- <http://mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au/making-buninyong>

We ask that you have a look at the plans and any provide feedback to **Graeme Kent** via email at graemekent@ballarat.vic.gov.au by 30 September.



Call for responses for Desoza Park planning



Other plans include:

- **New Playground** – install custom playground that reflects the Gold Mining History of Buninyong.
- **Toilets and Rotunda** – Construct new toilets and open up rotunda to become BBQ shelter.



Have your say on Royal Park's future development



The City of Ballarat is undertaking a Facilities Plan to strategically assess and provide an indication of infrastructure requirements, landscape opportunities and priorities for Royal Park.

The plan will seek to protect the character of the reserve and ensure the enhancement of the sporting, social, environmental and heritage values, whilst considering and accommodating the long-term development aspirations of tenant community groups, clubs and local residents.

Thomas Hay Landscape Architects has been appointed to undertake the plan and will be conducting community

engagement sessions late August and early September with the current stakeholders as well as conducting an open house session at the reserve and representation at the Village market.

The Council is inviting community members to come along and have their say for the future development of Royal Park. Pop in for a chat at the next Village market on Sunday 30 August or drop in to the open house session at Royal Park on Monday 7 September from 4 pm to 6 pm and have your say.

For further enquires please feel free to contact Sport and Recreation Planner **Talia Holloway-Roden** on 5320 5701.

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Peter Innes**



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Others have raised the matter of VicRoads' strange decision to move the 80kph speed zone much further into the village centre along Learmonth St (west). Can't someone in Council get them to see sense and move the zone back out past the golf club? Anne, Lumeah Road

Anne, I agree. It makes complete sense. I have already had discussions with VicRoads to get the zone shifted back. They are considering it, and I will continue to push hard on this matter.

I have noticed the work being done by Council in constructing an exit from the service road in front of RSL Park. Why? And at what cost? John, Yuille St.

These works are part of the traffic movement changes associated with Town Hall precinct project with funding coming from both the State government and from Council. This will be a great project for Buninyong, and I congratulate the Community Association for initiating and lobbying for the Town Hall precinct project.

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Possible local link to new Grampians track

The State Government's support for the construction of a 133 km walking track from Halls Gap to Dunkeld, costing \$29 million, will create a major asset for the State. It is expected to attract long distance walkers from interstate and overseas.

This development could be linked with the existing Great Dividing Trail creating a world class trail through Central and Western districts

The Great Dividing Trail [www.gdt.org.au] is a highly successful 240 km walking and cycling trail linking Mt Buninyong with Ballarat, Creswick, Daylesford, Castlemaine, Bendigo and Bacchus Marsh with extensions planned to Mt Macedon and possibly to the Werribee Gorge. This trail attracts many locals and visiting long distance walkers and cyclists.

Surveys

On-the-ground surveys have identified a possible route linking Ballarat and Buninyong with Halls Gap. The route would encompass Durham Lead, Enfield, Linton, Skipton Mooramong, Stockyard Hill, Beaufort, and the Pyrenees to Ararat then to Halls Gap.

The proposed route passes through quiet, little known rural areas featuring areas of natural beauty, and agricultural activities, mining, forestry and our Koorie heritage including the proposed Canadian Forest Park, Enfield State Park, the Jubilee mines complex, Nimmons Bridge, Mooramong National Trust property and the Pyrenees State Park.

Public land use

The trail would incorporate the existing Rainbow Bird trail and parts of the Skipton Railtrail and the already-completed Ararat town great dividing trail circuit. Like the Great Dividing Trail, the proposed trails would

transverse only public land and make extensive use of nature corridors, road reserves and minor roads and the actual track construction would be minimal resulting in a low cost project.

The only infrastructure required would be some directional markers and location signs, and the only maintenance required would be some annual grass cutting. Computer based publications would provide detailed notes and a handbook on trail features. Horseriders would be welcome on some parts of the trail.

The trail would be of economic benefit to local retailers, accommodation providers and tourist operators.

For this proposal to come to fruition local people and community groups need to be involved in the project with some support from local and State government instrumentalities.

For further information and expressions of support, contact **Neil McCracken** on 53412308 or email Jenneil@vic.chariot.net.au

Patrick Hope

Letter to the editor

Credit where it's due

The front page of the August edition of the *Community News* was headed 'Howard Opens Men's Shed'. One might be misled into thinking that Mr Howard was, in some way, responsible for the Men's Shed.

Might I remind you that the Men's Shed was a Liberal Party initiative. There was no mention of the hard work of Liberal Candidate Ben Taylor and Ballarat Councillor Peter Innes – a real slap in the face. Please give credit where it is due.

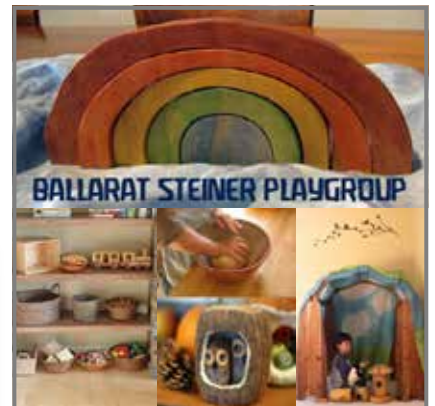
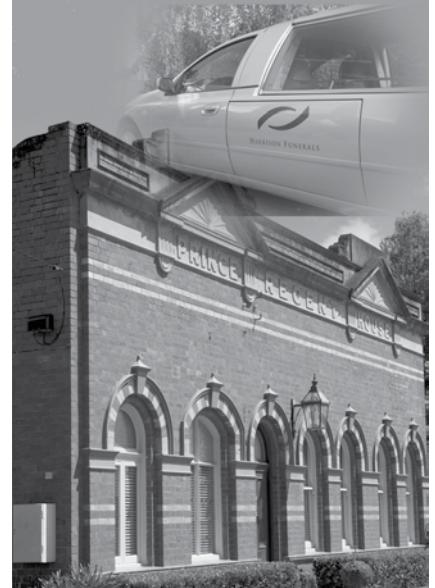
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Buninyong Cemetery

Plenty of action at local Cemetery

While the Buninyong General Cemetery Trust's main statutory duties are to administer and maintain the historic and beautiful local cemetery, the Trust recently has been lively and active on several other fronts.

Three major capital works projects have been completed during 2015. One involved the construction of two new memorial rose garden beds where ashes of deceased persons will be placed. Another was the removal of a huge 150 year old cypress tree on the northern boundary. Large limbs had been falling from this tree, and the situation had become dangerous.

The front boundary fencing along the Midland Highway side of the cemetery has also been recently replaced. The concrete fence posts which match the old ones, were especially crafted by members of the Men's Shed. The total cost of these projects was some \$30,000.

Other minor works have included additional tree planting, in particular, the planting of a new 'Lone Pine Anzac' tree, which replaces the original tree which could not be saved because it had been planted many years ago in a low-lying wet area.

Discussions are also being conducted by the Trust with the new owners of land adjoining the cemetery previously owned by Eureka Brick Company, now based in Sydney. The cemetery is seeking to

purchase a small allotment on the western side to allow for future expansion of the Lawn Section.

Significant numbers of allotments in the Lawn Section are being sold, and used at a ratio of about 5:1 compared to the older memorial section

Other projects

Several other management projects also have been completed by the Cemetery Trust in recent months.

These include:

- publication of an eight page colour brochure on the history, lay out, and general rules relating to the cemetery including frequently asked questions.
- preparation of a *Rules, Policies and Procedures Manual* which consolidates and clarifies rules relating to cemetery use
- establishment of a comprehensive website (www.buninyongcemetery.com.au) concerning the Cemetery, and designed for reference by the public, researchers, community members and those interested in purchase of a right of interment at the cemetery. This site also includes a copy of the Information booklet



Cemetery Trust Chairman John Bedggood and Trust Secretary Frances Winnell look over the new extensions to the memorial Ash Gardens area.

The fees for rights of interment and other charges at the Cemetery have recently been published. Key ones relate to the cost of an allotment (perpetual) in the Lawn Section (\$945), in the monumental section (\$745), and in the memorial rose garden (\$475). Details of other fees and copies of the information brochure can be obtained from the Secretary (0415 929 571).

Current members of the Cemetery Trust, all of whom have been appointed by the Victorian Minister for Health are **John Bedggod** (Chair), **Frances Winnell** (Secretary), **Barry Fitzgerald**, **Gerard McCarty**, **Ashley Madigan**, **Joanne Thompson**, **Wendy Wells**, **Russell Williams** and **Dawn Whykes**.

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Getting ready for the Good Life Festival

With less than three months to go till the 2015 Good Life Festival day on Sunday 25 October, highlights being planned include:

- Local photographic competition for primary school age children with the theme 'Fun in Buninyong'. This will be promoted throughout local primary schools. Building on last year's wonderful number of entries, we look forward to seeing more photographic creativity. Winners will be put on display in Buninyong and cash prizes awarded.
- The return of Buninyong's Got Talent! Entries are invited from young people aged 6 to 18 in Junior and Senior categories. All entrants will be required to audition on Sunday 18 October for selection of stage entries. See website (www.buninyongfestival.com.au)

for entry details. Judges will award 1st and 2nd cash prizes after performance on the festival main stage. A great variety of local talent who can entertain the huge festival audience is likely to be discovered.

- A special Meccano and miniature railway will be on display in the Town Hall
- A full day's stage entertainment in Desoza Park, including the White Ribbon Choir, Geoffrey Williams, Mt Clear Stage Band, Dane Certificate The Magician and amazing Hooptopia.

And of course there will be stalls and a large range of free children's activities.

Please see the Buninyong Good Life Festival website (www.buninyongfestival.com.au) for updates or the Good Life Festival Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BuninyongFestival

New home for engravers

A long-established local business, Ballarat Engraving Services, has relocated to 805 Winter Street from its former location in Flanigans Lane, where it had operated for more than ten years.

Husband and wife team, **Glenn and Lynn Harris** operate the business which specialises in plastic and metal name badges, door signs, plaques, safety signs, VIN plates, decals and similar products (phone 5341 8172).

They have had a long association with local groups such as the Buninyong CFA – which had their members' name badges made there – and recently made door signage for the Leigh Catchment Group and the *Buninyong Community News/BDCA* which have office space at the Community Bank's community cottage at 407 Warrenheip Street.

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The biggest benefit that we can all share in is the creation of cleaner air.

As an example, for every 1000 households who participate in Switch to Save, we'll save 17,000 tonnes of carbon going into the atmosphere. That's equivalent to taking 5,600 cars off the road for one year.

The scheme is available to everyone, not just Community Bank customers who have down lights at their home or office and would like to participate. All you have to do is contact the bank, they will register your details and the best time for the Energy Makeovers team to contact you and arrange for your lights to be replaced by a local, qualified electrician.

For more information on Switch to Save, and how you can participate, please call the Buninyong and District Community Bank on 5341 8066 or drop into the branch at 401B Warrenheip Street to get more information and sign up.

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Buninyong district grandmothers

Speak up for refugee children

Have you ever felt that children should not be held in detention, but not sure what to do about it? That was the challenge taken up by three Buninyong district grandmothers when they started the Grandmothers Against the Detention of Refugee Children (GADRC) Ballarat.

Durham Lead resident, **Cath McDonald** attended a rally of Grandmothers in Melbourne in 2014. She was relieved to hear there were no children now being held in detention on Manus but dismayed to hear children were still being held on Nauru. "These children have grandparents who cannot help them" Cath said. "The very least we can do is to speak for these children and their families who now have no voice".

With assistance from the Melbourne Grandmothers and great encouragement from the Bendigo Group, the GADRC Ballarat was launched in May 2015. Cath along with Buninyong and Scotsburn locals **Deborah Bridges** and **Pauline McKenzie** respectively, became part of the planning group.

Liaising with other refugee support groups, the GADRC Ballarat started Refugee Week 2015 with a splash of colour. Wearing the colour purple is the sign of the various 'Grandmothers' support groups throughout Australia

The Ballarat Grandmothers and Friends sported purple hats, coats, scarves and balloons, and even a purple wig was seen as they strolled down Sturt Street! The group handed out leaflets to interested passers by, explaining their belief that

every child who comes to Australia should not be kept in detention.

The Ballarat Grandmothers and their Friends (GADRC) wish to:

- be seen by the public as a group who oppose the detention of children in refugee camps.
- voice their concern to politicians, friends, neighbours and the public and ask that these children and their families, plus all unaccompanied minors, be released into community detention immediately.
- provide accurate information and educational resources about children in detention to GADRC members and the general public.
- liaise with other GADRC members and supporters of asylum seeker and refugee groups.

The number of GADRC Ballarat members wanting to voice their concern has steadily increased. Some preferring to just add their name to the group as a way of protest while others write letters, collect signatures for petitions, attend peaceful protests, visit the Broadmeadows Detention Centre and gather material aid.

The group meet for coffee on the last Wednesday of each month to share ideas and discuss the activities planned. With no fee, no political or religious affiliation, everyone is welcome!

More information contact Cath McDonald 0437 185 238, email grandmothersballarat@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/GrandmotherBallarat .

Pauline McKenzie



POLICE BEAT

THE THEFT of a pressure washer and leaf blower, valued at \$650, was reported to Buninyong Police on 10 July 2015. Both items were stolen from the rear of a restaurant in Warrenheip Street. Enquiries are continuing.

BUNINYONG residents have recently complained to police about on-going issues with 'hoon' behaviour. Strategies are being put in place so that those responsible will be caught. Improper use of a motor vehicle (burnouts) attracts on-the-spot vehicle impoundment for 30 days, and costs upwards of \$1200. To dob in a 'hoon' call 000, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

A REGISTERED firearm was stolen from a property in Scotsburn on 3 August 2015. Detectives from the Ballarat Burglary Crew are currently investigating. Buninyong Police conduct regular firearms inspections without notice and any persons found to be in breach of the Firearms Act will be held accountable. Those who choose not to comply with their obligations will have their licence cancelled and firearms seized and potentially destroyed.

TWO RESIDENTIAL burglaries were committed on 30 July and on 12 August 2015 in Graham and Palmerston Streets respectively. The offenders gained access to the residences, and stole cash and electrical items. Buninyong police remind residents that any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity can be reported to police 24 hours a day by calling 000.

BALLARAT POLICE have officially joined Facebook. Search for *Eyewatch Ballarat Police Service Area* and 'Like' their page. It is full of tips and information and requests to the public to help in the solving of crimes. Community members are the eyes and ears of police, and can be valuable when it comes to helping to identify offenders.

Oh what a night!

The annual Buninyong Decadance run by the Good Life Festival was held on Saturday 8 August with a record crowd of 200 people.

"It wasn't your average gig. It felt like a concert!" Phil Lloyd, lead singer of Melbourne band Eastwood Ravine said. "It's moments like these you play for – to have a crowd get into you, when they get you, and love what you do. I will never forget it."

This year the theme of the 90s brought many a Spice Girl and Guns & Roses fan wearing their double acid-washed denim out to enjoy the night of fun, laughter and great music. The crowd was loud, dancing and singing with the band all night.

All profits go towards the running of the Buninyong Good Life Festival to be held this year on Sunday, 25 October.



Avenue of Honour mystery

The Buninyong and District Historical Society is currently assisting the Buninyong RSL and the BDCA on research for the Restoration Project of the Avenue of Honour.

They are also running a complementary project to compile a data-base of all the known Honour Boards and Rolls of Honour from the old Buninyong Shire, and a history of the Buninyong Avenue of Honour.

There is quite a bit of a mystery regarding the plaques for the Avenue of Honour. When the Avenue was created in July 1917, residents of Buninyong were invited to subscribe four shillings to nominate a name to be placed in the Avenue. The only requirement being that the person named had been "accepted for service at the Front." To avoid any suggestion of favouritism, the names were allocated to the trees by ballot. There is no known list of the names allocated.

Plaques were later attached to the trees, or perhaps placed on stakes in front of

each tree, but none of those plaques are known to survive. It appears they were collected for safe-keeping about forty years ago and are reported to have last been seen in a shed behind the old Town Hall in the 1970's. The shed is long gone, as it appears, are the plaques.

Information wanted

If anyone has any information about the plaques or the Avenue itself, we would love to hear from you however insignificant it may seem. If you have any photos of the Avenue or the plaques, any family stories about the Avenue, or memories of being taken to see a relative's name on a tree, if you have a family member you know was honoured in the Avenue, any stories or even rumours about the fate of the plaques, we would be very glad to hear from you.

The Buninyong Historical Society is located in the old Court House, Town Hall building, Learmonth Street. We are open the third Saturday of every month, and

usually on Market Day. You could also leave any information or contact details at the Information Centre, Old Buninyong Library, Warrenheip Street or email us at Buninyong_SGD@outlook.com

Please note, you are not asked to donate your valuable documents, photographs or artefacts. The group's interest is in recording their existence. If you are concerned about their preservation. Please feel free to make contact to discuss the best course of action.

Simon Dennis
Buninyong & District Historical Society

Buninyong RSL Hall Cleaning

Expressions of Interest are invited in relation to cleaning the RSL Hall once a month. Interested persons should contact the **RSL Secretary** on **5341-2369** or via email **rcem.bennett@bigpond.com** to obtain details, including remuneration.

Countdown to kids' face art parties



Local artist and Face Art by Annie business owner, **Annie Ross**, is counting down to the launch of her new venture – local face painting parties.

Annie will be host to children's face painting parties which will be held in the seating area of the Buninyong Bakehouse. "The aim is to provide a fun and safe environment where children can be entertained with face painting, while enjoying freshly cooked bakery food," said Annie. Food will be provided by the bakery and party supplies will come from party stylist and Celebrate store owner, **Lisa Cressey**.

In preparation, Annie has painted a screen, displayed bunting and a colourful canvas in her signature style which are on display in the rear section of the bakery. The count down has now started, so come on down to Annie's launch on 26 September between 2 pm and 4 pm. It will be a fabulous opportunity to see and to sample what the parties are about.

Annie is offering party packages with a minimum booking of ten children including hosting, face painting, good food and party styling on Saturdays between 2 pm and 4 pm. Party packages can be upgraded and tailored to suit individual needs. Bookings are essential.

For more information or to book a face art party, contact Annie on 0407 347 258.

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The next big thing is coming to Buninyong

Graffiti attack unit now ready

After a lengthy delay associated with Council compliance issues, and following a half-day training session for members of the Men's Shed, the graffiti removal unit was officially launched at the Village Market on 26 July by Cr Peter Innes and local MLA Geoff Howard.

The building of the \$30,000 unit was an initiative of the Buninyong & District Community Association (BDCA) following several serious outbreaks of graffiti damage in the village. The City of Ballarat joined with the BDCA in obtaining major funding for the unit from the Department of Justice. Other funding came from the local Engaging Communities Fund.

A project team of **Amanda Collins** (City of Ballarat Safety and Well Being Officer), together with the BDCA's **Ian Salathiel** and **Barry Fitzgerald** coordinated the project. Members of the Men's Shed then agreed to provide the personnel for a rapid response team able to remove graffiti from public and private property at the earliest opportunity.

Training

Prior to the official launch, the Men's Shed team undertook a training program which covered areas such as safe use of



L to R: Shown at the training session conducted by City of Ballarat staff are John Howard, Bill Hulston, Amanda Collins (City of Ballarat), Chris Kruger, Bob Fitzpatrick, Bill Jolly, Clem Foster, Russell Williams, Gerard Ballantyne (BDCA)

graffiti removal chemicals, the operation of the pump and other equipment on the trailer, and various issues relating to the role of volunteers.

At the launch of the unit **Cr Innes** said this project was a "great example of cooperation between community groups such as the Community Association, the Lions Club, and the Men's Shed, together

with the City of Ballarat, the local police and the State Government. All involved have a concern to keep Buninyong free of graffiti, and this unit is state of the art," he said

Cr Des Hudson, Chair of Ballarat's Community Safety Advisory Committee was MC for the "launch" and other brief comments were made by **Geoff Howard MLA** and **Barry Fitzgerald** (BDCA). Also present was **Joy Hall** (Regional Manager, Consumer Affairs Victoria) representing the Department of Justice, and **Sgt Peter Anderson** of Buninyong Police.



L to R: Chris Kruger, Geoff Howard MLA, Bill Jolly, Cr Des Hudson and Cr Peter Innes at the launch of the unit at the July Village Market

To report graffiti or to request removal of it, a call should first be made to Council on

5320 5500

They will then advise the Buninyong Men's Shed team of volunteers to take action.