

## Cricket, two bowls flags

# TRIPLE TREAT



*L-R: Bill Jolly (Manager), Graeme Simpson, Ian Voight, Neil Innes, Keith Chapman, Ray Sullivan, Graeme Nicholson, Bill Innes, Michael Storey, Terry McDonald, Peter Aldred, Tim Simpson.*

*A vocal Buninyong Bowls cheer squad celebrates the big win.*



**Buninyong's summer sporting teams have excelled at the business end of their seasons.**

Winning three premierships was an ideal finish to what has been a very successful finals campaign from Buninyong Lawn Bowls and the Buninyong Cricket Clubs.

The cricketers defeated Ballarat-Redan in the Second Grade grand final in the revamped Ballarat Cricket Association competition.

The lawn bowlers made it a hat-trick, by adding the Mid-week Division 2 title and the Division 1 Weekend title to the Buninyong sporting spoils.

# Cricketers dominate grand final



*Back L-R: Neil Blanchard, Shaun O'Loughlin, Luke Reynolds, Brad Palmer, Geordie McLeod, Jackson Barnett, Tom McCarthy, Jason Giri  
Front L-R: Michael Flynn, Joel Kitchen, Chris Lavery, Dale Harris (C), Daniel Kitchen, Craig Paxman*

**Buninyong completely outclassed their Ballarat-Redan opponents to win the Ballarat Cricket Association Second Grade final by ten wickets. They were well on the way to victory when Ballarat-Redan, batting first, were soon in trouble at 5 for 35 and were finally out for 95.**

Buninyong batsmen also found the conditions bowler-friendly and were 5-55 before a solid partnership of 62 by **Brad Palmer** and **Shaun O'Loughlin** ensured a first innings lead and a final score of 167 put Buninyong in the box seat.

Buninyong bowlers made it a no-contest when they had all Ballarat-Redan batsmen out for only 73 in their second innings, leaving Buninyong to make just two runs to secure their first BCA Second Grade premiership.

Top performers for Buninyong were **Brad Palmer** with 73 runs in the first innings, **Tom McCarthy** with eight wickets for the match (5/19 in the first innings) and **Shaun O'Loughlin** 6/9 in Ballarat-Redan's second innings. In further good news for the club, **Joel Kitchen** won both the BCA Second Grade batting aggregate and average awards and **David Tierney** won the C-Grade Champion player award.

## Hot on the greens

**Buninyong Lawn Bowls teams have finished the season in brilliant fashion. After putting top team BMS out of the finals in the semi-final the Midweek Division 2 side maintained their good form to comfortably take out their grand final, defeating Mt Xavier 76-52.**

In a great finals finale for the Buninyong Club, the Division 1 team put the icing on the cake, reversing the semi-final loss to Ballarat East to defeat them 98-91 after being tied at 91 all after 100 ends. Spurred on by the strong support of a vocal Buninyong cheer squad all four Buninyong rinks were dominant on the four extra ends scoring 7 shots to 0.

Both teams have been promoted to the top divisions in their competitions for the 2016-2017 season. The midweek team will compete in Division 1 and the weekend team will compete in Premier Division.

*Ray Sullivan*



BGC celebrates 90 years

# Rifle range, racecourse, to top country golf club



Club President Ron Delaland plans the anniversary activities with Club archivist Marg Bradshaw

**Established at its present site in 1926, just one km west of the village centre, the Buninyong Golf Club currently is celebrating its ninetieth birthday.**

First gazetted as a recreation reserve in 1860, the 45 hectare site now owned outright by the golf club, has variously been a general sporting reserve, a rifle range during the First World War, and also the home of the Buninyong Turf Club up until it closed in 1926.

In 1934, the historic wooden racetrack grandstand from Buninyong was moved to the White Flat Reserve in Ballarat



Buninyong racecourse grandstand now standing at the White Flat Reserve.

where it is still in use during the cricket and football seasons.

## History remembered

Some of this history can also be seen on the golf course today where the sixth hole is designated The Range and the first hole is called The Straight.

Today the fully irrigated course boasts couched fairways and bent grass greens, generally agreed to be the best in Ballarat. Located in a gently undulating bushland setting (with just one or two testing hills), the club suits golfers of all ages, abilities and levels of fitness.

With a new pumping system installed in 2014, partly funded by a grant from the City of Ballarat, the Club's water supply comes from dams on the Union Jack Creek which meanders through the course.

When the creek is not flowing, additional water is pumped by the Club along the creek after being drawn from a shaft of the old Crown Mine site in Desoza Park in Buninyong. This stable water supply now keeps the 5759 m, par 72 course in top condition even through the hottest summer periods.

Boasting an excellent clubhouse facility, a fleet of ten carts for hire, and BBQ facilities on the course, the Buninyong Golf Club is attractive to social golf clubs and groups who find it readily accessible from areas such as Geelong and Melbourne.

## Celebrations

In addition to various golfing events running from 26 April to Sunday 1 May, other highlights of the week of 90th Anniversary celebrations include:

- Wednesday 27 April (10–2.30) Open Clubhouse, displays, booklet and wine sales
- Thursday 28 April (6pm) regular Social Club Dinner – all welcome
- Saturday 30 April (7pm) Anniversary Celebration Dinner. \$25 – all welcome



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## Two great concerts coming

# Top Welsh male choir to perform

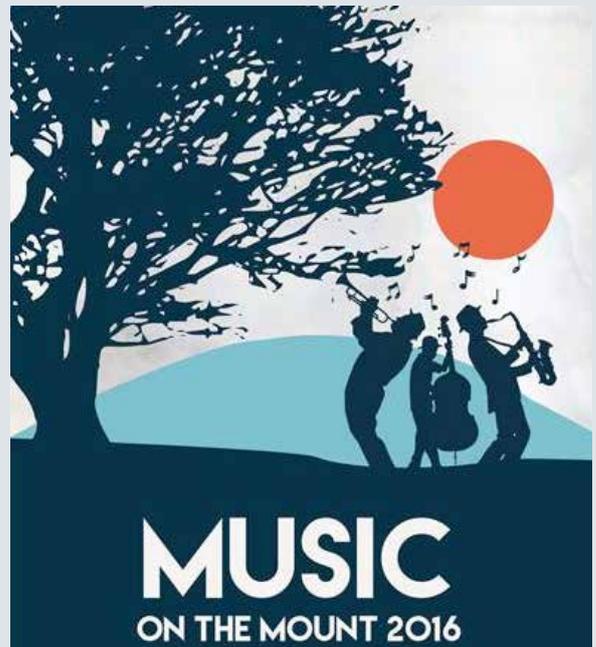
Fresh from a tour of England and Wales, the Victorian Welsh Male Choir will present a concert of sacred and secular Welsh music, selections from musicals such as *Les Miserables*, and other modern songs in St Peter and Paul's Church, Fischen Street Buninyong, on Sunday 26 June at 2.00pm.

During the recent UK tour the choir included a performance at Worcester Cathedral.

At full strength the choir numbers sixty singers. It has performed with such stars as **Bryn Terfel**, **Aled Jones**, **David Hobson** and **Marina Prior**.

Recent concerts in Victoria have included a performance before a sell-out audience of 1100 people at Bendigo's new Ulumburra Theatre, and a St David's Day concert before 800 at the Melbourne Recital Centre.

As the Buninyong church only has seating for 300, advance bookings are strongly recommended as a sell-out is expected. Tickets are \$30 and can be obtained from **John** or **Geraldine White** on 5341 2675 or 0402 808 299.



**Music education at the Buninyong Primary School seems set to get a boost from proceeds from the inaugural Music on the Mount concert scheduled for Saturday 7 May.**

The evening will have two venues – starting off with the concert in the school gymnasium at 6.00pm, and then moving to the Buninyong Town Hall for jazz music and other activities. Fundraising for the music program will include the sale of student 'musical art work', and the sale of items from an instrument 'tree'. The evening will finish at the Town Hall.

In addition to performances from students, the New Palm Court Orchestra will be the featured performers. Formed in 2011, the NPCO brings together some of Melbourne's best jazz, classical and improvising musicians, led by pianist and composer **Gemma Turvey**.

"I grew up in country Victoria not far from Buninyong, and was always busking or playing at soirees and family gatherings. My childhood was full of music, and I can't wait to share the same with the students of Buninyong Primary School," Ms Turvey said.

The school's head of music, **Steven Skillbeck** will also perform, and launch his composition *Song of Buninyong*.

Tickets at \$35 (available from the school office 5341 3560 or from Foodworks or the Buninyong Newsagency) will include food and the concert. Drinks may be also purchased during the evening.

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# MARKET COME-BACK IS A MUST

**Buninyong gets its distinctive character and sense of community from many things – its local history, old buildings, shady trees, sport, culture, friendly people. But just as the village is enjoying a renaissance in business, services, eating spots, and developing its town centre as ‘people place’, comes the demise of the village market.**

After many years of being operated by the Rotary Club of Ballarat East, the market began to dwindle in size and interest. Two years ago the members of the Good Life Festival (GLF) Committee took over its management and gave the market a new burst of energy, ideas and enthusiasm.

But as often happens with voluntary committees the work was left to too few, and they found it difficult to continue to put together the monthly market. Their final GLF market was held in February.

It must be said that two local factors didn't help matters much.

The first was a lack of support by locals of the market and its stallholders. Sure the same old faces could be seen down there (usually those that support most things in the village). Another factor was the unavailability of the Town Hall. While the Masonic Hall was pressed into service, its being away up the hill,

made it hard to regard it as part of the market and small numbers wandered up there.

As is the case with many local issues, the Buninyong and District Community Association (BDCA) took on the task of getting community members and groups together to discuss possibilities for the future of the market. Invitations to attend a meeting were sent out to some 40 local groups and organisations. Fourteen people attended.

All sorts of options, including a revival of the market along its former lines, changing the day, using Desoza Park and the like were discussed. Groups were invited to take on the organising role (the financial returns being quite good).

In the event that no other local group can be found to organise it, other possibilities were looked at including

- bringing in a ‘commercial’ or professional market organiser
- reducing the number of markets to three or four a year
- making it more of a trash and treasure market open to all goods

As we go to press the future of the village market remains unclear. One thing is clear is that Buninyong will be a poorer place should the market be buried forever.



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# Popular film festival back again

**The 2016 Buninyong Film Festival is set to be held in the Buninyong Town Hall on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 May. It is the 24th annual festival organised by the local non-profit group.**

The program features six excellent films from around the world.

27 May: 7.00pm – *Force of Destiny*  
Drama, Australia, 2015,  
109 mins, MA15+

10.00pm – *Summer of Sungaile*.  
Drama/Romance, Lithuania,  
2015, 88 mins, Unrated

28 May: 9.00am – *Ex Machina*  
SciFi, UK, 2015, 108 mins, R

11.15am – *The Nightingale*  
Drama/road movie, Singapore,  
2014, 108 mins, G

4.00pm – *Phoenix*  
Drama, Germany, 98 mins, PG

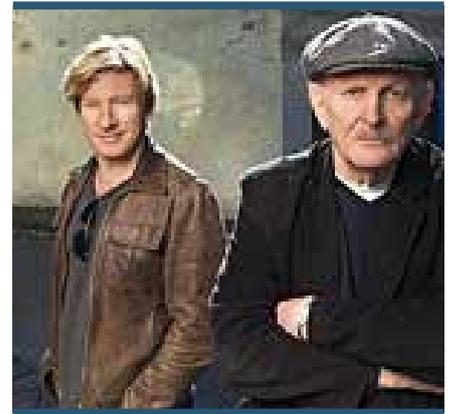
8.00pm – *Amy*  
Doc/Biog, UK/USA, 128 mins, R

The Festival will open with an introduction to the film *Force of Destiny* (pictured above-right) followed by a Q&A with special guests **Trefor** and **Belinda Prest** whose sculptures and studio feature in the film.

It's always a fun event with great films, tasty food, lots of door prizes and a very friendly atmosphere. There will be a Festival Dinner at the Pig & Goose Restaurant on Saturday night

at a cost of \$45, and a \$20 lunch on Saturday catered for by the Steiner School. Season ticket prices range from \$60-\$75 and single session tickets are available at \$15. This year bookings are online through the website.

Full details and reviews of all films, along with booking details and prices, are on the Festival's website: [www.buninyong.vic.au/filmfestival](http://www.buninyong.vic.au/filmfestival). Another sell-out is expected so book early.



## New home for gardens group

**After its official opening on 22 April, the restored 'old police station' in the grounds of the Buninyong primary School, has become the shared new home for the Friends of the Buninyong Botanic Gardens (FBBG). Regular working bees by the group have improved the surrounds with mulching and planting.**

The group also recently hosted a visit by U3A members on 21 April, and is looking forward to a visit from the children of the Mt Clear kindergarten in May.

The FBBG sixth annual fundraising Winter Luncheon is set for Saturday 18 June at 11.00am.

The guest speaker is **Dr Barbara Chancellor**, lecturer at RMIT University's Bundoora campus. Her areas of interest include children's outdoor play in schools and public open spaces, play-space design and the place of adult supervision in children's play activities.

A 'drive-yourself' visit to two outstanding gardens near Geelong – The Heights and Barwon Grange – is planned for 19 May. This will include a stop at the Geelong Botanic Gardens.

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# Red Heeler loves her three wheeler



*Chris Nicholls with Kelly the red heeler in the jogging pram*

**Dogs of all colours, shapes and sizes are walked through Desoza Park on a regular basis. But, perhaps the cutest and most unusual 'family' is Chris Nicholls and Kelly the red heeler.**

Kelly, not yet seven years old, is an important part of the extended family for Chris, brother **Frank** and their mum **Bev**.

So when they realized she had become unusually quiet a few months ago, occasionally limping, no longer keen on her walks or going up steps, an x-ray at the vet revealed damage round her shoulder blade area and hips, bad disc wear and nodules on her spine plus severe arthritis – not uncommon in heavy dogs.

She was taken to a 'doggie chiropractor' who used the Bowen technique – which she loved, especially her pressure points being pressed! Bev also gave her tumeric capsules morning and night to manage the inflammation. (Bev takes them for her knee!)

After a slight rally, Kelly's condition went downhill and Chris and Frank started carrying her when they went for walks together but, as she's a big dog, they had to keep putting her down.

Then they borrowed a friend's garden trolley, but that was too open and too high and she came out of it a couple of times and hurt herself. The solution (kindly donated by Whitey's Pet Shop) was an old jogger pram with big, bouncy wheels. Being larger than a normal pusher and easy to get in and out of, it has been ideal. And Kelly likes it... while I chat with the family Kelly spends the time lying back in her pram.

With the care being given by her family and the professionals she is now a much happier dog.

However, the 'jogging pram' soon needs to be replaced so that Kelly can still be out and about enjoying life. If any reader has a jogging pram to donate to the family please contact the *Buninyong & District Community News*.

*Cassandra Carland*

## streettalk

**GOOD ON YOU** Klaudia !! It took quite a while, but the tidy up garden project on the front of your cottage in the Warrenheip Street (north) shopping strip has made a great difference to the streetscape.

**A SMALL STEP** in the battle by the Community Association to get Council to undertake the upgrade project for this same strip came with the recent advice from Council's General Manager, City Services, Terry Demeo, that he "welcomed" the local response to the preliminary plans recently drawn up by one of his staff, and "was happy to make modifications to the plan as suggested." Getting a funding allocation this year will still be "challenging" however!

**MORE ON** Warrenheip Street North. Some interesting changes coming up in two popular businesses along the strip. Hear there will soon be a new name and new look for one, and new faces at another.

**THE WORKS** recently undertaken on the corner in front of RSL Park has meant that the ugly 'used car' lot that regularly popped up adjacent to the roundabout is gone. Trouble is that over recent weeks the 'For Sale' vehicle spot has moved down to the Lumeah Road corner. Still ugly and spoiling the village entrance. Hope that Council spoilsport parking officer who booked people at the Good Life Festival will soon make a comeback!

**ANOTHER MINOR** project overdue for Council attention is the replacement of quite a few bluestone pitchers that have come adrift from the edging on the service road near the hotel and old post office, along the roadside in the same area, and on the service road down near the golf club.

**VICROADS CAN** be painfully slow in acting (witness their resistance to moving those 60kph signs back out to near the golf club!!). But their work in getting the new bridge over the creek up and open in two hours less than the promised five days was a great effort. Communication about the works was good also. Well done.

# Search starts for new site for fire station

The CFA is searching for a possible new site for the Buninyong Fire Station to provide a purpose built station for the larger modern appliances, equipment, access and training than can be coped with adequately at the present Learmonth Street location.

The Minister for Emergency Services, **Jane Garrett**, has announced that a provision of \$1.5 million has been made for the new station.

Provision for the building of the new fire station was made in the 2015-16 Victorian State Budget, and followed a pre-election commitment by the State ALP. In the run-up to the 2014 election, the Buninyong Fire Brigade members had lobbied both major parties, noting that the present station, built in 1955 had come to the end of its useful life.

## Tight fit

At the time, Buninyong Fire Brigade Captain **Marc Cannan** had pointed out that there was insufficient space in the station, and that many features required in a modern fire station were missing.



The allocation of \$1.5 million for the new Buninyong fire station was part of a provision of \$9.6 million by the State Government for new fire stations at Huntly, Plenty and Edithvale and upgrading works at Wattle Glen.

Captain Cannan said that a six month review of possible sites was being undertaken, including the present

location, but that a larger central site was being sought to possibly enable the construction of the new fire station to accommodate the present and future needs of the brigade, while retaining a central village presence.

Community suggestions for possible sites would be welcome.

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# Buninyong's World Champion Kris, Brad (and Olivia) put on a Royal Show

**Woodchopping and sawing competitions have been part of the Sydney Royal Easter Show for more than a century. They are also classed as World Titles events. This year saw a Buninyong couple compete, with one, Kris Brown, emerging as a World Champion.**

Kris moved from Queensland to Buninyong recently with her partner **Brad Turner**, who is Ballarat-born and bred, and their baby daughter **Olivia**. Both Kris and Brad have competed in the Sydney Wood Chopping Competition for a long time – Kris for the past twenty years, and Brad since he was nine years old.

## Double act

Their favourite event is Jack and Jill Sawing, a male and female double-handed event with a handle on each end of a 5'10" or 6' saw. This year they were quietly confident of improving on their third placing in 2014.

Sydney is seen as the 'Wimbledon' of wood chopping, enticing an international field of competitors. In 2016 there were some 200 male and female entries in 65 different classes. Kris said that "the best-of-the-best go to the Sydney event."

And so they trained intensively on their sawing stand in their Buninyong backyard, with baby Olivia in her 'bouncer' guarded by their dog Sasha. Lots of late-night training sessions were involved and the wood, usually Mountain Ash, was bought especially from a family which supplies the timber for the Melbourne and Brisbane Shows.

Brad Turner had also entered the World Title Single Handed Sawing Competition, but unfortunately, injured his hand during that event. He was unable to compete for the rest of the Show.

## Kiwi help

Kris had to find another partner in a hurry for the sawing competition. She found one in **Jason Wynyard** from New Zealand. Although Jason is also a World Champion, the duo had to quickly learn to adjust to each other's sawing style and pace in the fast and furious competition.

After the frenetic event, despite over twenty years of competing, Kris Brown still wasn't sure of the result. "Have we won it?" she asked. "How did we do?"

"You are the World Champions of Wood Chopping," was the excited reply. The speed of the action to cut through the 375mm log is reflected in the winning times – first place in 10.04 secs, second place 10.07 secs.

A great result for Kris. But Brad will have to wait for another day to join his partner as a world champion.

*Cassandra Carland*



# Globe trotting battery arrives

After a journey which commenced in South Korea, then to Chicago, and finally on to Melbourne, Australia's largest battery is now in place on the Mt Mercer Road site on the outskirts of Buninyong. The total distance it travelled was 25,900 km.

The two megawatt energy storage system was manufactured in South Korea, then taken to Chicago for intensive 'crash' testing', then spent three weeks on a ship before arriving in Australia.

The official opening of the \$8 million battery project was conducted by the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Industry, Energy and Resources at the Buninyong site on 30 March.

Ballarat's Mayor **Des Hudson** and local MP **Geoff Howard** were present to witness what is seen to be a ground-breaking initiative in power supply to the district. It is likely to become a model for similar installations elsewhere in Australia.

**Steven Neave**, Powercor's General Manager of Electricity Networks, said the grid-scale battery "would help reduce stress on the network, improve reliability of supply, and reduce maintenance costs." He said that it is expected to reduce outage time for Buninyong residents to less than 33 minutes per year.

*Shown waiting for the Minister's arrival are (L-R) Geoff Howard MLA, Richard Scholten (Powercor) and Mayor Des Hudson.*



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New faces at historic home

# Brim Brim changes hands

**After some ten years of restoring the historic Brim Brim homestead (1859), outbuildings and gardens, Steve and Glenys Falconer have sold the property to a Kyneton family who took up residence there last December.**

Initially built in 1859 for County Court Judge Warrington Rogers, the homestead then known as Durham Lodge, was on ten acres of land in Lal Lal Street Buninyong.

The property was sold by Rogers in 1870 to his brother-in-law the Hon William Carter, who resided there until it was gutted by fire in 1878.

In 1892 the property was renamed Brim Brim by its new owner, Dr John Salmon, who was a keen horticulturalist and was responsible for much of the planting of the trees and gardens still evident on the property. Dr Salmon lived there for 29 years.

Over the next 40 or so years the property changed hands six times. Then from 1959 to 1983 it was operated by Ballarat's Queen Elizabeth Hospital as a home for about thirty elderly men and had extensive market gardens.

In addition to the grand brick and bluestone Victorian homestead with its thirteen foot ceilings and beautifully proportioned rooms, the property, now on five acres, also contains a manager's home, two cottages, a function room as well as a barn, dairy and horsebox.

## New owners

New owners **Sue** and **Jeremy Glassel** came to Buninyong from Kyneton where they also lived in a period home.

They said they fell in love with the Brim Brim property when they were looking for a period home with some land.



*The Glassel family, Sophie, Sue and Jeremy, on the front porch at Brim Brim*

The Buninyong location also appealed because it was "an interesting small community, but close to a large regional city."

Jeremy is a mechanical engineer who, after long experience in the almond processing industry, found a new business interest following a visit to the US in 2013 This involved the manufacture and sale of trailer-mounted concrete mixers. With the brand name of Cart Away, these mixers have a capacity of up to 1.5 cubic metres and are suited to projects needing self-mixed concrete.

While now the Australian distributor for the US product, he intends to commence to manufacture these locally. Sue, a natural therapist, skilled in reiki, massage and ear candling, plans to commence to practise in these areas from her home.

Daughter Sophie, a student at Ballarat College, said she "loved her new home which was so much fun."

The Glassels will continue to operate Brim Brim as a bed and breakfast business.

## Birth Notice

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# Original poem by Richard Lea

# Morning walk in Buninyong

Morning coolness, summer air  
Slanting rays choose gum and willow  
Take the offered eucalyptus leaf  
Savour its sweet cleansing smell  
But remember distilled explosive  
vapours  
When fire envelopes the summer  
leaves.

Magnanimous magpie steps aside  
Offers a cheerful clarinet call  
And joins its friends in joint rendition  
For any audience that might be there  
Whistling wings of ducks withdraw  
Modest in their easy élan  
They fear the hazard of the human.

Laughing lab and cheerful collie  
Whippet focussed, svelte and  
straight  
Terrier pairs pass with pitter-patter  
All pleased to share their joy.  
Runners, strollers, walking stick  
Wheelchair flashes by at speed  
Salutations from all you see  
Desoza at its very best.

Houses, gardens give glad glances  
Accept their gifts but walk away  
Generous though owned in private.  
Behind closed doors at start of day  
The peace of walks of which I've  
spoken  
I wish for everyone.

Gentle footfall in parks and paths  
Easy walks on Warrenheip, Winter  
But hard heart hills Lumeah and Lal  
Lal  
Try Henderson if you're fit and strong  
Mt Innes path is short and tough  
Hills abound in Buninyong.

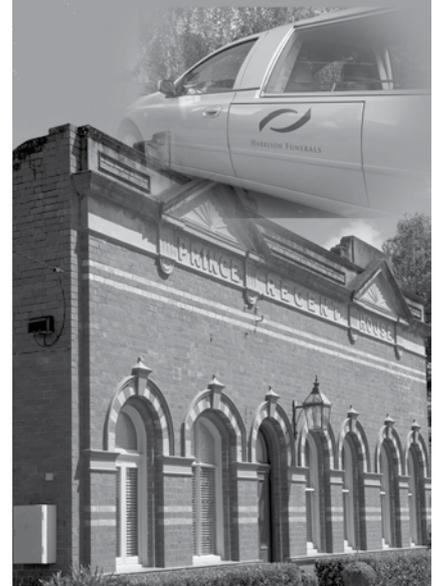
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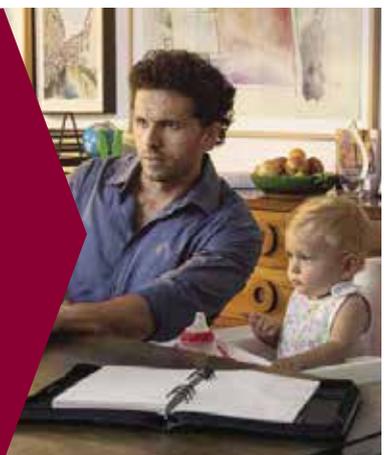
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# Coup for Buninyong Cycling to your size



Trent Johnston and Russell Shaw with the newly-installed Guru machine. Russell has some 20 years' experience as a cycle builder and fitter

**With the installation of the most advanced cycle fitting system in the world at Buninyong's Dynamite Cycles (formerly Trials Bikes), local cyclists are now able to precisely tailor the specifications of their present or future cycles.**

The new business to be known as WestVic Bike Fit will be located in a dedicated studio at the rear of Dynamite Cycles at 304 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong.

**Trent Johnston**, co-owner of the business with his wife **Cass**, said that the new Guru machine was one of only six in Australia. It enables the cyclist to trial and adjust many forms and sizes of saddles and bars, and it is directly linked to the database of the Guru company in California, USA.

It is able to be programmed to provide a fitting for some 180 brands of road cycles or mountain bikes including all leading brands such as Trek, Specialised, Focus, and Giant. "This system can 'build' any bike that exists," said Trent.

A fitting session can take up to two hours and can be booked through Dynamite Cycles.

"Given that many serious riders are now ordering cycles online, this Guru system, which provides a detailed printout, enables the person to be very specific about the specifications of the bike being ordered," he said.

## Experienced

Trent, 41, and Cass Johnston 35, who opened their business in Buninyong over four years ago, have been involved with cycles and motor cycles for all of their working lives.

Cass who is from a local Ballarat family, started work in a sales job in the motor cycle industry in Brisbane after leaving school. Trent, who was born in Loxton, SA, and grew up in Western NSW, was a racing cyclist and motor cyclist, and has been in the industry for more than 25 years.

The couple now has a six months old daughter, **Tilly**.

Having sold the Trials Experience School business, the Johnstons said that the new-look Dynamite Cycles will focus more on mountain bikes and motor cycle accessories and repairs.



## POLICE BEAT

**SIX VEHICLES** were entered or tampered with in the district during March. Fuel was stolen from the tank of an unlocked vehicle in Pages Court on 5 March. Then on 25 March two unlocked vehicles were entered in Scott Street Buninyong with torches stolen, and yet another unlocked vehicle was entered in Merryweather Place and a garage door remote was stolen. About \$1000 worth of electrical items were taken from a vehicle in Cartledge Avenue on 29 March, and two days later a knife set was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in Chatham Avenue.

**TWO AGGRAVATED BURGLARIES** were reported in Sheoak Drive and Park Lane in March. The offenders entered a garage in Sheoak Drive via an unlocked garage door and stole a set of car keys and a garage door remote. The residents were inside the house at the time. In Park Lane, unknown offenders entered the victim's unlocked and open garage, and entered an unlocked vehicle. The residents were home and asleep at the time.

**A VEHICLE INTERCEPT** in Geelong Road on 1 March resulted in a 32 year old male being arrested for possession of drugs. Police located cannabis and amphetamines in the male's bag and a meat cleaver in his vehicle. The male was charged and bailed to appear at the Ballarat Magistrates Court in April.

**ONE VEHICLE** was stolen and the registration plates off another were taken at an address in Gittings Lane Mt Buninyong on 31 March. The stolen Toyota Prado was later found abandoned in Tress Street Ballarat, but was badly damaged. The registration plates from the second vehicle were later located on a burnt out stolen car in Burrumbeet.

**A SEARCH WARRANT** was executed in Russell Street, Buninyong on 17 March. Police located a quantity of cannabis. As a result, a 30 year old Buninyong resident was arrested and transported to the Ballarat Police Station for interview. The male was later charged and bailed to the Ballarat Magistrates Court in May.

# Historic double to Elaine cricketers

It was a great result for Elaine Cricket Club this year, with both the Senior One Day A Grade and the Junior (U 14 Second XI) teams winning premierships.

After an up-and-down season, the Senior team just qualified for the finals in fourth place, but in the Grand Final kept the strong Mt Clear team to 9/145 and then reached this target with four wickets to spare. Stars with the bat were **Ben Miller** (65) and **Cade Arnel** (45). **John Lehane** was the best bowler with 4/25. Playing in the senior team, fourteen year old **Nicholas Pantzidis** showed great control and maturity in his spell taking 2/28.

The U 14 Elaine team won its Grand Final convincingly against Ballarat-Redan making



it back-to-back premierships. Batsmen to do well included **Angus Hogarth, Kyle Ettridge, Angus Millar** and **Brodie Wells**. Best of the bowlers were **Kade Wells** (3/19), **Kyle Ettridge** (2/29) and captain **Nicholas Pantzidis** (2/26).

For a small township with a population of just 300, and playing against Ballarat's top clubs, these results capped off an outstanding season for the Elaine Cricket Club.

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# Always things to do at shed

**The Buninyong Men's Shed continues to be one of the busiest community groups with its recent activities including projects for the local school, fire recovery work, and the building of a model of the old Buninyong railway station.**

Such projects are in addition to its members having a continuing role as the 'flying squad' for removal of graffiti using the community's mobile unit commissioned in 2015.

In the first part of this year, a major task undertaken by the Shed's members involved assisting with the provision of meals for the Blazeaid volunteers and making special carry boxes for their use in the field.

Members found the evenings shared with the Blazeaid volunteers to be "great fun".

"We enjoyed speaking with these amazing people not only about their experiences in the Scotsburn area but also about what they have done in other locations," Men's Shed Secretary **Chris Kruger** said

## Pickets

A new feature of the restored old Police Station building in the grounds of the primary school is the heritage picket fence around the building erected by Shed members. The work was done during the very hot weather of late summer.

In a departure from their usual activities the members also fielded a team in the Buninyong Bowling Club's Corporate Cup conducted in late summer on Thursday evenings.

And of course, the continuing in-shed activities have included making objects

as diverse as carry boxes for exhibition chickens, a billy cart made from an old pram, vegetable boxes, and repairs to old house pieces brought in by members of the public.

Community members are invited to drop by to have a look at the model of the old railway station (Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9.00am – 4.00pm). The Shed is actually sitting on the platform of the old Buninyong station.

*Chris Kruger looking satisfied with the completed fence at the school after many sweaty hours of work by Shed members.*



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# HARD FALLS FOR THE DELALANDS

In last month's *Street Talk* there was the report of a local identity who emerged battered and bruised after a fall on a building site. In response to overwhelming community demand to identify him, *BDCN* can exclusively reveal that the injured builder was Ron Delaland who fell while working on his own house restoration project.

Now it has come to light that generations of Delalands involved in building projects have made a habit of falling.

A report, in the quaint style of the times, was found in the *Ballarat Star* of 22 December 1883. It was headed "He Survived: Grandpa Delaland's Father."

"A serious accident happened yesterday afternoon to a carpenter named Phillip Delaland, residing in Sebastopol Street. Delaland, a middle-aged man, who was engaged in effecting some repairs to the roof of the Miners' Support Hotel, Lyons Street South.

A willow tree overgrowing the roof offered some obstruction to the work, and in leaning over to turn the tree, he lost his balance, and fell, striking the ground with his head.

The unfortunate man was picked up in an insensible condition, blood flowing

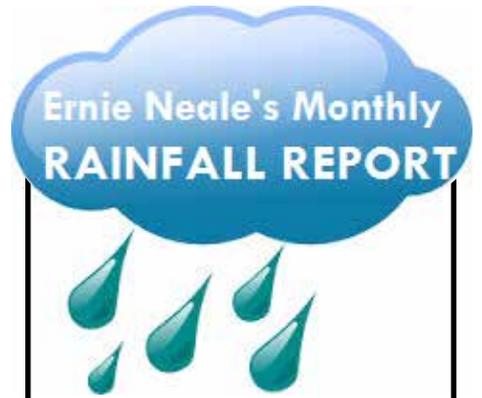


from the side of his head, and he was removed to his own residence in a cab.

In the meantime Dr Wornareckl was sent for and, on arrival, it was found that Delaland was suffering from concussions of the brain, besides several minor injuries.

Last evening the patient was considerably improved, but still in a very critical condition."

Fortunately the fall of the current Delaland carpenter was not quite as serious as that of his great grandfather, but a couple of hours did pass before he recovered sufficiently to extract himself from below the floor joists of his Learmonth Street house.



I'm writing this in early April, while listening to rain fall on the roof – one of the simple joys of life. It's a bit early to call it yet, but April is the month that should bring a turning point in terms of rainfall.

Daylight savings has just ended, which reflects the shortening of the days and the reduction in the loss of water from the soil that results. That means that any rain now will deliver more moisture into the soil than the same amount of rain falling in the midst of a hot, dry January. And after three years of below average rainfall the soil is very, very dry.

Word has it that El Nino conditions should reduce in the coming months, although the Indian Ocean surface temperatures are stubbornly remaining elevated. So just as April 2014 and April 2015 were the second wettest months in two very dry years, a wet April this year (if it happens) won't be enough to signal the return of traditional levels of rainfall.

At the Blueberry Farm, we received 37.2mm of rain in March, less than our average of 42.4mm. Almost all of it fell in one event near the middle of the month, the heaviest rainfall so far this year. But it wasn't the Autumn break. Hopefully that will be all the talk next month.

MARCH 2016	
Date	Rain
10	2.5
15	4.8
19	29.0
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### Break in at Foodworks



A break-in through the main car park doors at Buninyong's Foodworks store occurred sometime on the night of 1 April.

Cash registers were taken from the store and later found jemmied open at nearby locations in Buninyong. No cash was in the registers. Significant damage was done to the auto-opening doors to the supermarket and to the equipment.

### Bridge back in record time



Back in February, VicRoads put out a release about the works planned to strengthen and widen the bridge over the Union Jack Creek near the golf club. It said that the closure would be in the week from 4-8 April. Cynics thought... yeah, maybe! The big crane (picture) arrived on Monday 4 April, and by 3.30pm on Friday 8 April works were all done and the new-look bridge open to homecoming traffic. Impressive! There's now almost room for cyclists and pedestrians to cross the bridge 'safely' as well.

### Klaudia's Cottage new look



BDCN can take some of the credit for the getting works in front of **Klaudia Hochhuth's** cottage in Warrenheip Street (North) under way. A couple of doses of gentle ribbing about her cottage's front garden, and handing her the contact details of a local landscape firm, was enough to get Klaudia to swing into action. In the picture she is shown watching as **Darcy** and **Rob** from MDB Landscaping put finishing touches to the new front garden.

### Red Cross Calling

Local organisers of Red Cross Calling, **Helen Stephens** and **Jenny Colvin**, are delighted with the response to the March appeal. \$1,137.50 was raised – a wonderful effort. Thanks are extended to the community for its support and generosity.

### Harvest Thanksgiving service

The Scotsburn Union Church will hold its annual Harvest Thanksgiving service on 1 May at 10.00am. The guest speaker will be from the Salvation Army. Donations of fresh fruit and vegetables and grocery items will be collected for distribution to needy folk in Ballarat. The Scotsburn Union Church is located on the Midland Highway, Scotsburn, opposite the Scotsburn Primary School. Further details from **Heather** phone 5341 7609.

### Very big morning tea

The annual Buninyong version of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 25 May at the Uniting Church Hall between 10.00am and noon. Entry is by a donation, and all proceeds will go to the Cancer Council for cancer research.

## Ray Sullivan's SPORTS NEWS

### Big crowds at tennis finals

The finals of the Buninyong and District Tennis Association were held recently at the Buninyong Tennis Centre. While the weather was cold and damp to start with hundreds of people enjoyed the junior finals in the morning and the seniors in the afternoon.

Presentations and celebrations were also held during the day. Congratulations to all winners and those who made finals.

Two Buninyong teams were also entered in the Ballarat 18 and Under Boys, Division 1 competition. The 'Bashers' were defeated in a semi-final, while the 'Belters' went down in the final after winning the first two doubles and losing two tie breakers in the singles.

### Fast4 Tennis

For anyone who would like to play tennis at Buninyong during the next school term Fast4 will continue on a Wednesday night from 6.30 - 8.00pm. Come by yourself, with a partner or a group of friends any Wednesday night - \$5 per week. More details contact **David Ebbs** 0409 577 753.

### Pennant Golf Underway

Buninyong teams are well represented again this year in District Golf Pennant which commenced in March. The Ladies Division 1 and Division 2 teams started the season with good wins and are keen to keep that form going throughout the series.

In the Men's Pennant Buninyong have teams in Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5. The Men's Division 1 team sits undefeated on top of the ladder with three wins.

### Footballers' hot start

The Buninyong football team hit the ground running with a convincing 37 point away ground win over Learmonth in the first round of the 2016 season. They then followed up with a 30 point win against Daylesford at home in the second round.

# Friendly bikers enjoy their visit

**For the past twenty-one years a group of motor cycle enthusiasts from all parts of the State have come together for an organised ride which always takes in Buninyong.**

Ride coordinator, **Jenni Papst** of Wimmera Motorcycles, said that the “good folk from the Buninyong Lions Club always do a great job of catering for the group when we stop by en route to places such as the Great Ocean Road.”

The group is known as *Friends All Riding Together*, and members come from all walks of life and from places

as wide apart as Horsham, Ballarat, Warrnambool, Bendigo and Melbourne.

They gather together at various points in the ride. There were about 30 riders at Buninyong (six of them women), and the group would swell to some 50 riders by the time they gathered at Apollo Bay.

As well as sharing their enthusiasm for motorcycles, the group provides some funding for charities and service clubs such as the Buninyong Lions which, in addition to being paid a catering cost, received a donation from the group.

*Craig Robertson (Horsham) on his Yamaha FJR1300, and Wayne Hearn (Chatswood) on a BMW R1200GS get the group into formation in Forest Street, Buninyong, before heading off to Winchelsea, Lorne and Apollo Bay – a ride of some 800km.*



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# Josh now Master Mason



**The Sturt Buninyong Lodge has admitted Josh Stoneham as a Master Mason following a series of Freemason education programs.**

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Pictured are **Kas Bitans, Josh Stoneham, Ron Fleming** (Master of the Lodge), and **Brett Edgington** following the presentation of the Master Mason's apron to Josh.

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# Easter egg hunt GARDENS ABUZZING

The annual Good Life Easter Egg Hunt in the Buninyong Botanic Gardens on Saturday 24 March was a huge success with over 200 children turning up.

Although the hunt lasted only twenty minutes or so, Good Life Festival Committee members were “overwhelmed and delighted” with the response, saying that “it was so lovely to see the gardens full of families.” They plan to make the event bigger and better next year.

Prizes were donated by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens (a family membership), and by local businesses, The Old Bluestone Cafe and Celebrate.



Successful hunters (L to R) Matilda, Sadie and Violet look pleased with their treasures.

# Canadian Park becomes a reality



FOCC member Blake Gordon being interviewed by the WIN TV crew after the passage of the Bill. At rear are Linda Zibell, Bob Hartmann and Geoff Howard MLA.

**The Bill that established the Canadian Regional Park was passed by the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament on 24 March 2016.**

The park now exists, its boundaries have been secured, and Parks Victoria has taken over management of the former forest and plantation areas.

Friends of the Canadian Corridor, assisted by their supporters and other

community groups, led a strong lobby prior to the 2014 State election and obtained agreement from the Andrews government to establish the park. It is expected that the Minister will conduct an official opening and declaration of the park, possibly on 14 May.

Community groups are encouraged to now document ideas, interests and concerns for the park to assist in Parks Victoria's preparation of a management

plan. Already the 'Mountain Bikers' have prepared an 'imagine' document which includes their wish list.

Some features that may be developed in the Park will include mountain bike tracks in the Canadian Gorge area, disability tracks, a picnic area in elevated land north of Recreation Road, and a lookout site, just off Boundary Road, with great views over Ballarat.