

# Council lists local projects for **ELECTION CASH**

**Funding for three significant Buninyong infrastructure projects is being sought by the City of Ballarat in the period leading up to the 2018 State election scheduled for November.**

The biggest of these are works at the Royal Park Reserve. The City of Ballarat is seeking \$4.75 million to “transform the reserve into a community hub and sports precinct.”

There are five components proposed for the project

- a new sustainably-designed Community Hub to provide improved spaces for current and new users. A main meeting room including new kitchen facilities, female-friendly change rooms, and new public toilets are estimated to cost \$2 million
- upgraded soccer infrastructure with two pitches - one turf and one synthetic - together with new lighting and irrigation (\$2 million)
- a community garden, landscaping and plant network (\$250,000)
- power upgrade, access and car parking (\$250,000)
- infrastructure to support the start-up of Little Athletics in Buninyong (\$250,000)

## **Warrenheip Street**

Three peak community groups have now joined with Council to lobby for funding of \$500,000 for the first stage of the Warrenheip Street streetscape upgrade project.



*The Redbacks' U 9 soccer team is keen for the Royal Park soccer project to be funded to enable them to get out of the muddy conditions at Forest Street and have access to toilets and change rooms.*

The Buninyong and District Community Association, which has been working on this project for almost three years, has now been joined by the Buninyong Business Network and the Buninyong Community Bank in pushing for an upgrade to the footpaths, paved *al fresco* areas, extension of the street vines and other planting, and a clear up of the clutter of items in front of the post office on the east side of the street.

The project aims to

- improve community amenity
- assist in pedestrian safety
- stimulate business and employment
- attract additional tourists and visitors

The limited parking along this strip

continues to be a major concern given that the V-Line bus stop takes up some 40 per cent of the available space.

## **Desoza Park**

The other set of projects, for which \$135,000 is sought, relate to Desoza Park.

The projects are backed by the Community Bank and the Lions Club.

The projects are

- a new natural play space for toddlers aged 0-4 years (\$50,000)
- a new 'bird's nest' swing and access improvements (\$45,000)
- reorientation and upgrade of the community stage (\$40,000)

## Consultants appointed

# Roads study action

In late 2017, the State Government provided a grant of \$150,000 for ‘a potential transport link to the east of Ballarat’ and also to ‘get trucks and heavy vehicles out of the centre of Buninyong’ (*The News, November 2017*). VicRoads has now completed several of the preliminary elements of the project.

These have included the ‘capturing of origin/destination data’ at several points along the Midland Highway including points near the Mt Buninyong Road and near the corner of Inglis Street in Buninyong. These data involve information for three categories of vehicles – light/passenger, heavy and extra heavy.

### Pop-up

A second phase of the study was the late-April ‘community consultation’ sessions held in ‘pop-up’ locations in downtown Buninyong, at the Buninyong Primary School, at Federation University and at Midvale.

At these sessions VicRoads staff explained that at this stage the study focus is to get a better understanding of what exactly is the problem, and why has there been agitation for so long to have a bypass around Buninyong. Two principal factors have now been identified in the direct discussions and in the 100 or so interviews that were conducted.

These concern pedestrian safety and access to the commercial area and schools and kindergarten, and the constant flow of heavy vehicles in and around the township.



VicRoads staff leading the project team (left) Lee Taylor and Matt Hustwaite discuss progress back at the office

There also has been action on a third preliminary stage of the project – the engagement by VicRoads of consultants who will analyse the data and compile the feasibility study report. The company, *WSP Australia* of Melbourne, has been appointed.

The study will address how road safety can be improved within Buninyong to provide for a more prosperous and healthy town and community, preserve the historic and tranquil identity of Buninyong, and minimise the costs borne by industry.

Further direct discussions will be held by the consultants with the Buninyong and District Community Association Traffic Subcommittee. Any comments or questions can be sent to [ballaratprojects@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:ballaratprojects@roads.vic.gov.au).

### More talk

However, VicRoads Planning Development Engineer **Lee Taylor** warned that any changes recommended will require serious funding. “We are certainly talking years before any major changes will occur, but for smaller, more localised initiatives this time could be much shorter,” he said.

*Cassandra Carland*

## Quick dash for pool!

Kids and spectators at the soccer field in Forest Street need to be fit when nature calls.

The 400m dash from the field to the swimming pool would be a challenge for some (see noticeboard pictured below).

Easy to see why the move to Royal Park is important!





# Andrew joins in election battle

The Ballarat branch of the Liberal Party has announced Andrew Kilmartin, a former radio journalist and more recently a staffer for Member for Ripon, Louise Staley MP, as its candidate for the State seat of Buninyong.

Now living in Ballarat East, Andrew Kilmartin, 31, has spent all his life in the Ballarat area, having attended Haddon Primary School and Ballarat Clarendon College.

After leaving school he studied Journalism at Deakin University and then spent two years at a radio station at Muswellbrook in NSW's Hunter Valley.

He returned to Ballarat in 2010 to help his younger brother care for their seriously ill mother.

Andrew then joined local radio station 3BA where he spent four years as a news reader before moving on to work for

various Liberal candidates in the area in the 2014 State election.

Andrew said that he has had a lifelong interest in politics. "I can remember when in Grade 4 at Haddon Primary School, just before the 1996 Federal election, I had to play the role of John Howard in a class debate against a girl who was playing the role of Paul Keating," he said.

When he was at Muswellbrook, he found himself reporting on the long-running corruption scandals then embroiling the local Council.

## Radio

He sees his time in local radio as providing a good understanding of local issues.

He is past President and now Secretary of the Ballarat branch of the Liberal Party and counts Amy Johnson, the party's candidate for Wendouree, as a close friend.



While he plans to campaign on broad State issues such as the crime rate and energy costs, he also listed the need for an increased police presence in Buninyong as an important local issue.

## Local project

During his visit to Buninyong to speak to *The News*, Andrew also met with representatives of the Buninyong Business Network, the Buninyong and District Community Association and the Community Bank. He was briefed on the Warrenheip Street Business Precinct project for which State government funding is being sought.

He said that in 2014 the previous Liberal Government had provided some \$450,000 for the works on the Town Hall precinct and he would "work hard" to see if a similar grant might be found for the other main business and pedestrian strip in Buninyong.

His local links include having an aunt and uncle living in Buninyong, and his having played football with local teams such as Sebastopol, Rokewood and Clunes.

Late in 2017, the ALP announced that Michaela Settle would be its candidate in what is tipped to be a tight contest for the seat of Buninyong.

The Greens are expected to announce very shortly that their candidate will be a local resident presently active in community affairs.



Liberal candidate for Buninyong, Andrew Kilmartin (Front right) met with local business owners Katrine Taylor, Trevor Whitworth and Simon Coghlan, and the Community Bank's Steve Falconer



Robyn Barnett gives Claire McKenna some advice on an emerging painting

## Robyn loves to teach art

**Art teacher Robyn Barnett moved to Buninyong fourteen years ago after her children had grown up and left home. She has been teaching K-Year 12 Art at Ballarat Grammar for twenty years. She has also lectured on Art Curriculum at Federation University, provided professional development for teachers in the region, and judged at some art shows. Robyn loves her work.**

Having found the 'perfect place' with a big tree in the garden and large windows which let in the sun, she then started art classes in her studio at home, with only five students per lesson and working in acrylic paints.

### Individual

With new students Robyn asks what mediums and techniques they like to use if they have already done some painting, or where they want 'to go' with their art which is always very individual.

All artists have different strengths and Robyn always encourages her students to collect ideas that they like. There are many discussions during the class about what should be left out or added. Colour, too, is always subjective. Some like bright, some like muted.

Robyn says that a picture evolves from actually seeing the 'bits' that make up the whole. For example, if painting a wine glass then there is a bit of light here, and a bit of dark there, and that shape at the bottom should be like this - together it makes up the complete object.

### The bits

When painting still-life such as a flower, looking at it through a magnifying glass takes the 3D effect out and it becomes lots of individual shapes.

Artists tend to see lines, patterns and colour rather than the whole picture. Mastering this skill of really seeing what the object is in its bits, makes painting the whole object much easier.

Some students take their work home after each lesson, while others like to leave it with Robyn so that when they come back for the next lesson they might see it differently. And some don't want their families to see their painting until it is finished.

Each lesson runs for two hours and costs \$30. There are cups of tea, something to eat and lots of chat. At the moment her classes are full but there is a waiting list. Ph: 0419 591 013

Cassandra Carland

## A great Festival

The 26<sup>th</sup> *Buninyong Film Festival* is now over. And from the vibrant new logo on the banners suspended from the Town Hall, to walking the red carpet, and most importantly being able to view two days of award-winning films, it was a great success.

The BFF vision is to screen films that will contribute to building an enlightened and engaged society. Under the direction of the new co-Presidents **Luke Grimes** and **Jamie Brown** and the support Committee, this aim was achieved through a program of fascinating films of different genres and from all corners of the globe.

### Standouts

Some standouts were *A Fantastic Woman*, (which won Best Foreign Language Film at the 2018 Academy Awards), *Faces and Places*, and *The Pink House*, which was followed by a revealing Q and A with its Director **Sascha Ettinger-Epstein**. Plus, this year, another family-friendly film, *My Life as a Zucchini* was also well attended by both young and old alike.

The closing film *Chevala*, which told the story of the Mexican singer **Chevala Vargas** whose dream life actually became reality, also made for great viewing. Interestingly, all the films this year explored themes of resilience and overcoming adversity.

If you didn't make it to this year's festival, don't despair, as there will surely be another one in 2019.





# 'Circus tent' signage MUST COME DOWN



**OK...OK...enough's enough!! While waiting to see what the impact would be on parking and traffic movement near the Town Hall, *The News* has been generally supportive of the opening of a new child care centre in the middle of Buninyong. It seemed to be serving a need for the community.**

But when the centre began to put up signage that make the historic centre of the township look like a cross between Luna Park and the Royal Show, some serious questions need to be asked and action taken by Council.

Step one was the erection of a fabric banner on the fence indicating that enrolments were open and being taken. Fair enough!! It was located reasonably low to the ground, not too intrusive and seemed to be temporary - signalling the opening of the centre. There was also that large blue sign over the west entrance.

Then came step two. The erection of three squiggly 'childlike' symbols that are obviously part of *United Children's* advertising package. They are brightly-coloured, are some 1.5 m high and extend way above the tall fence line.

But step three pushed this in-your-face signage way over the top. This came with the recent fixing of a two metre wide sky blue and yellow sign on the peak of the entrance veranda and some three metres above ground level.

So here we now are in a heritage overlay area with six bits of signage that one resident suggested "would be more appropriate on a circus tent than alongside the historic Buninyong Town Hall."

One can only imagine the furore and action if such signs were erected on the Unicorn building adjacent to the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute in Sturt Street.

A call to the Planning Department at the City of Ballarat indicated that no permits had been sought or granted. The City's guidelines for advertising signs make a number of very clear points

- *the guidelines are to be applied to "those parts of Ballarat that are within heritage overlay areas."* The building at 309 Learmonth Street certainly is.
- on verandas there is a maximum letter height of 150mm and "kept within the veranda fascia"
- signs should not "*dominate or overwhelm the building they are on, or the locality.*"
- banners will generally not be acceptable
- in "*heritage areas and area of special character*", subdued colours are more suitable

While an inspection is awaited, and a report and hopefully action from Council, these garish signs continue to be the major feature of downtown Buninyong.

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# Grant saves old bulding

A project to renovate the Warden's Office, an 1858 sandstone building situated between the Buninyong Botanic Gardens and the Primary School, has received a grant of \$8750.

The grant came from the Federal Government's *Engaging Communities Fund* through the office of local MP **Catherine King**; it will be used to make this older building and its attached 1892 brick building suitable for community use. The Buninyong Historical Society and the Friends of the Gardens are responsible for this initiative.

But first there is much work to be done including new roof trusses, treatment of the fretting sandstone as well as painting.

The sandstone was quarried from Webb's Hill Road on the outskirts of the town

and, perhaps surprisingly, this is the only building in the district that used this beautiful, but soft stone although there is also a sandstone wall in Learmonth Street nearby.

The brick extension was added to the sandstone when it was used as a butter factory for many years.

Back in the 1880s the Buninyong Brass Band used the Warden's building for practice.

Soon this feature may be useful to the Primary School which already uses the nearby and newly renovated Old Police Station for music practice.

However, the Warden's office is further away and may be useful for the louder trumpets and drums.

*Russell Luckock*



## Ernie Neale's Monthly RAINFALL REPORT

### Anything May happen

With a name like May, Buninyong's weather for the fifth month often matches its namesake well. Anything can happen, from lingering summer heat to the first blasts of winter.

This year's May opened with some unusually warm days, but after that it decisively turned to winter. Snow fell locally on 10 May, followed by heavy rain. A total of 48.1 mm fell in a few days, marking a distinct autumn break. More rain followed at weekly intervals, bringing the monthly total to 90.4 mm.

This was more than we'd had for February, March and April combined and made it one of the wettest Mays in a decade. The year's progressive total to the end of May was 194.5 mm, well below last year's 295mm and the recent average of 230.4 mm for the same period. It was a wet May but there's still more room for catch up now that winter has arrived.

MAY 2018			
Date	Rain	Date	Rain
4-5	10.1	10-12	48.1
18-21	14.5	23-24	7.5
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Chatting before the meeting to establish Buninyong Little Athletics were (L to R) Shane Bicknell, Jude Channan and Belinda Wardle.

# Little athletics up and running

**Buninyong Little Athletics was formally established and office holders appointed at a meeting held at Royal Park hall on 28 May. Some 25 community members from Buninyong and district attended.**

The CEO of Little Athletics Victoria, **Anthony McIntosh** was in attendance along with the President of the Little Athletics Western Country Region, **Shane Bicknell**, and the President of Ballarat Little Athletics, **Belinda Wardle**.

Shane Bicknell was appointed President of *Buninyong Little Athletics* and will use his experience with Little Athletics to get the Buninyong group up and running. Shane, his wife Julie and daughter **Abby** have been heavily involved with Ballarat Little Athletics which now boasts approximately 250 young participants.

## Action

The Buninyong Little Athletics Committee will meet regularly leading up to the commencement of the Little Athletics season in summer, with a focus on getting equipment, sponsorships and continuing to build community interest.

Shane Bicknell said, "There will be a strong effort from the committee to get

whatever equipment we can via donations from other clubs and from the community but if the first season is simply having the kids running between two white lines on a grass oval, then that's what we'll do!"

He expects there will be around 50 children participating in the first season with numbers increasing to between 100 to 150 in the 2019-2020 season.

## Fun

Little Athletics is a program for children aged from five to sixteen years with an emphasis on fun, participation, performance, technique and getting involved with your family in physical and healthy activity.

Most of the attendees at the meeting stated that they were interested in the program for fitness, fun and the social side of being involved in a community group.

Community support of any kind is welcome in the form of volunteers, committee members, sponsorships and of course, little athletes! For more information see the *Buninyong Little Aths Group* on Facebook.

An official page and website will be available shortly.

## streettalk

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has been hit with three recent break-ins. Little stolen ... much damage done to the entrance doors each time. The last occasion was early on the morning of Anzac Day when the thieves only got away with the CFA donation tin. Police arrived to find owner Trevor on site armed with a golf club! New roller doors might slow things down a bit.

### SOME ACTION AT LAST

on the former supermarket/Sew *Special* store with workmen spotted inside. Word is about that an Asian foodstore and Asian takeaway could be going in there. Would be a welcome addition to the local hospitality scene if that turns out to be the case, and the take-away became a restaurant.

### THERE'S LOTS

of movement on Warrenheip Street with, it seems, some empty shops soon to appear. The former *Celebrate* has been empty for a while; now we hear that that the *Maxx Multi Services* shoe repair business in the old Eagle Hotel is looking for a new home, and that the two health studios are about to become vacant. Sale of another business along there also now appears to be in doubt.

### TWO FIRE TRUCKS

came streaming in sirens blaring, eight fires all toggled up in hazmat suits, other emergency vehicles - all resulted in plenty of action recently at the smoke-filled Golf Club. While the current club President puts in a huge amount of time on hands-on work about the place each week, it's a sure bet that Ronnie won't be trying to drill a big hole in a stainless steel cabinet under a smoke alarm inside the clubhouse in the near future!

### AFTER MUCH HARD

work by volunteers led by Sam Blanchard, Buninyong Boomerang Bags now has over 1000 bags of all shapes and sizes in their 'bag library'. There is an official launch of the project at Foodworks on 1 July, 10 am to 1pm. Come along, borrow a bag, and get ready for plastic-free shopping.

# Bill Sutcliffe's AMAZING LIFE STORY

**Buninyong has many residents with interesting backgrounds or stories to tell. Without doubt, Bill Sutcliffe's story would come close to topping the list.**

Pastor, church minister, Director of City Missions in Melbourne and Ballarat, State Director and Program Director at Prison Fellowship, Victoria, chaplain and counsellor at the Ballarat Specialist School, ultra-marathon runner, weightlifter, and boxer are some of the roles on his CV.

After living on a 20 acre property on the slopes of Mt Buninyong for 37 years, Pastor Bill Sutcliffe, 75, recently moved into the Buninyong township. There, *The News* chatted with him in his large shed in his new backyard. The shed walls are covered with photos, certificates, testimonials, trophies, newspaper clippings and

memorabilia from all stages of his family, work and sporting achievements.

Bill sees the highlight of his career being his involvement in welfare for over fifty years and the opportunities that this has given him to help many people to turn their lives around. He is undeniably qualified to counsel those who have lost their way as he was also in that space in his younger days.

### Angry young man

He suffered a childhood of physical, mental and sexual abuse. He lost an eye at a very early age at the hands of his violent and alcoholic father, and grew up as an angry young man on the verge of taking the wrong path in his life.

Bill is really grateful to the people who, in his youth, convinced him there was another way to go with his life's journey.

It was when he was working in Queensland that he met his wife Bev, who became a significant influence on his life. He 'saw the light' and became a Christian. Bill and Bev were married in 1967 and had seven children.

### To Ballarat

After theological studies, at the age of 24, he was appointed as Manager of the *Melbourne City Mission*. Four years later in 1971 he then became the youngest Superintendent appointed to the *Ballarat Town and City Mission* in its hundred year history.

It was in that role that the name of Pastor Bill Sutcliffe became well known in this community. His welfare work in the region with homeless and alcoholics, youth development and family support, took up the bulk of his week.

However, he still found time to become involved with his local Eureka Street Primary School as a Religious Education teacher, and be Chairman of the school council. He was a popular figure with the student population and many Eureka Street pupils attended the Town and City Mission Youth Club's weekly meetings.

### Runner

During his early days in Ballarat, Bill was also well known for his running. His forte was ultra-marathon running. He usually rose early every morning and ran 30 kilometres before heading to work.



Bill Sutcliffe and wife Bev inside the shed filled with memorabilia.

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In 1977 Bill ran from Melbourne to Ballarat to open the 25<sup>th</sup> Begonia Festival. Again, in 2002 he ran from Ballarat to Melbourne to deliver an invitation from Ballarat's Mayor **David Vandy** to Melbourne's Mayor, **John So** to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ballarat's *Begonia Festival*.

He knows and has run many thousands of kilometres with some of the greats in the sport of ultramarathon running. There are photos of Bill with world famous ultramarathon runner, Greek champion **Yiannis Kouros** and sitting around the campfire chatting to Aussie legend, **Cliffy Young**.



Bill with famous runner Yiannis Kouros

Bill is seriously thinking he might be able to repeat the Ballarat to Melbourne run for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Begonia Festival*. "I will only be 85 then," he said.

### Prison

After the Town and City Mission closed, Bill took up the position of Chaplain and

Programme Director at Barwon Prison and eventually became involved in initiating state-wide programmes targeted at rehabilitation of prisoners due for release.

He is particularly proud of the rehabilitation and debating programmes and training courses he introduced that helped many prisoners prepare for their re-entry into the community.

He has just 'retired' after twelve years as Chaplain at the Ballarat Specialist School. "Just tell your stories," was what then-Principal John Burt said when Bill asked what it was he wanted him to do.

He did tell his stories, but he did far more than that. He provided support, counselling and mentoring to members of the school community. He was an integral part of the school's therapy team working alongside other professionals and staff.

In summing up Pastor Bill's influence at the school, John Burt said that Bill did a wonderful job. "From the school's point of view he was a real plus."

### One-eyed

A significant space on the wall in the shed is devoted to Bill's sporting feats and his football team.

In his early years he was a more than handy welterweight boxer, winning most of his fights by TKO or knock out. He has also tried weight lifting, and went sky diving for his fiftieth birthday.

However, there is no argument about his passion for the Geelong football team. Bill can claim that he is the true version of the one-eyed supporter. When Geelong won the 2007 Grand Final after 44 years of disappointment, Bill had a special "Geelong" prosthetic eye made and wore it proudly.

After talking to Bill and reading about his many exploits it came as no surprise to learn that he is writing a book of his life. Publisher *Allen & Unwin* asked him to write 80,000 words. It took him three months of daily writing from 4.00 am to 6.00 am to achieve this and he is now editing and reviewing his work.

We now await the book launch of *Driven* to expand on these few words about 'the amazing life of Bill'.

Ray Sullivan



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# Locals say there's **More here than gold**

Aiming to showcase the lifestyle and qualities of the Ballarat region, peak lobby and advocacy group, **Committee for Ballarat**, recently has completed a major project – **More Than Gold** - which involved interviews with some 220 people from the region.

Together with many other stories run several times each week by the *Ballarat Courier*, the *More Than Gold* project resulted in a book of 140 pages which tells the stories of why people chose to stay, move to, work or invest in Ballarat and the region.

As the title of the project suggests, the stories of the people interviewed showed

the area to be a strong, diverse and welcoming community which has a lot going for it. The project aims to

- develop a sense of pride in current residents
- encourage potential residents
- attract new business and industry
- highlight the rich culture, employment and diversity of opportunity in the region

The full-colour glossy book includes segments of interviews with and comments by 160 people. There were many interviews with people from the Buninyong area. Here are some extracts from some of their stories.

The book *More Than Gold, Ballarat and Region: Our Story* is available for \$29.95 from Collins Bookstore in Lydiard Street North, Ballarat. Ebook also available at [committeeforballarat.com/more-than-gold.php](http://committeeforballarat.com/more-than-gold.php)



## Angus Holcombe

I live in Buninyong, having moved here about six years ago from Sydney. I came here for work. I commute to Melbourne a bit and domestically and internationally from the airport which is only 75 minutes away.

Buninyong's a very nice, quiet, liveable little part of the world. From day one we've met a lot of good people here.



## Shayne Reece

I grew up in Mount Helen but we're currently in Buninyong. I really like the fact that you can go down the street and run into people that you know. I moved to Melbourne in 2002 to continue my swimming career. I made the Olympic teams for the 2004 Athens and the 2008 Beijing Games. I have now brought my learn-to-swim business back to Delacombe.





## Howard Phillips

I've lived in Buninyong for five years after being in Ballarat for ten years before that.

The country lifestyle and sense of community is unique.

I commute to Melbourne, but I live a more relaxed lifestyle on the weekend.

We came here for the kids to go to the local schools, and just have a more country lifestyle.



## Liz Hayward

I've lived in Buninyong for four years, and was in Ballarat for nearly forty years. Everything's very accessible.

Access to rural areas and the natural environment is unique and a good way to reduce stress.

I'm a keen bike rider and can go for a 50km ride very easily on sealed roads. The Woookarung Regional Park is a great facility.



## Sarah Tuddenham

I've lived in Buninyong all my life. It's just a beautiful town, a beautiful community.

Everyone's friendly, everyone gets along with everyone. Buninyong is perfect for me and hopefully my family.

I was able to go to University, and had quite a big range of jobs to choose from. Homes are so much cheaper here, especially if you want land.



## Max Diamond

I've lived in Buninyong for about ten years, and in Ballarat all of my life.

I think the variety of things that go on make the area unique.

Attractions like the cycling at Christmas is great, as is the hospitality around the place.

It is just such a free lifestyle here. It is just great to be living in the area.

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# Little kids have taste of 'big' school at Scotsburn

Last month the Buninyong four year old Kinder Group had its first taste of primary school life at the Scotsburn Campus. They had a wonderful morning being 'big' kids and experiencing some of the fun things that happen at primary school.

The grade P-2 teacher, Miss Wood, arranged a variety of fun and interactive activities for the youngsters. This even

included handling *Pip*, the campus lizard. Together with the kinder staff, she ensured that all of the visitors had a great time.

Anyone considering options for Prep in 2019 is invited to give Shaun O'Loughlin a call at the Scotsburn Campus to arrange a tour (ph: 5341 3496).

*Little Amy Eustice enjoyed her time working on a computer at the Scotsburn Campus*



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## Promises given about cycling event

At the June meeting of the Buninyong Business Network, it was reported that several commitments concerning the annual cycling championships had been made recently by the event's marketing group, GTR Management.

These included significant prizes for business and other decorations in the town, provision of free infrastructure for local businesses wishing to set up on the Mount during the event, and the use of the large TV screen in Desoza park for a 'family movie' show on one night. It was agreed that Buninyong would be promoted during the telecast of this year's *Tour de France*.

It was also reported that the City of Ballarat has made provision in this year's budget and has approved the widening of some sections of Mt Buninyong Road to provide for a safer cycling "lane" on the roadside verge.

## First sticker prize goes to new arrivals

The Buninyong Business Network has awarded the inaugural monthly prize in the Share the Love competition.



Having recently moved to Mt Helen from Geelong, **Chris and Kim Aly** (pictured above) were thrilled to win this month's prize - a free pizza from *The Red Door Pizzeria*.

"We feel so welcomed and this feels like a nice hug from an already warm and welcoming community."

The competition was designed not only to allow the community to share their love of Buninyong but to support and create awareness of the *Buninyong Business Network* whose aim is to bring local businesses together by advocating shopping locally and supporting local business where possible.

Prizes in the competition are awarded monthly. Stickers are available from one of

the participating retailers, (the *Buninyong Community Bank*, *BP Service Station*, *Foodworks*, *Maggie & Kates*, and *Red Door Pizzeria*).

Stickers are \$3 each. Stick one on your car, and be in the running to win next month's prize of a \$20 Community Bank *Gold Gift Card*.

## Plans for tree day

This year *National Tree Planting Day* is on Sunday 29 July, and on 27 July for schools. Since the day was started in 1996 some 24 million trees have been planted across Australia.

Local efforts are now under way to obtain funding for 200 trees (and guards) which will be planted on roadside verges and within Mt Buninyong Reserve.

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**The Buninyong Mt Helen Lions Club, the Buninyong Men’s Shed and the Buninyong & District Community Bank, together with community spirited residents, and with the support of City of Ballarat’s Peter Appleton, are now working through a range of small, achievable projects which over time will have a positive impact on Desoza Park’s amenity and utility.**

A funding scheme for the projects (combined value estimated at \$150,000) is under review. Council and Buninyong Community Bank are lead funding contributors, whilst financial support is also being sought from Victorian Government, and value in-kind provided by Lions and Men’s Shed.

One exciting project is a plan to establish a toddler friendly natural creative play space, under the shade of the large trees between the existing toilets and the existing children’s play

equipment. This new space will provide facilities for toddlers (0 to 4 years) and their parents/grandparents. In an informal natural environment, small children will be able to safely explore creative play without barriers to access.

**Design ready**

The working group is now satisfied that a landscape design concept is ready to release to the Community for consultation and input. This sketch shows the many ideas planned for Buninyong’s smallest citizens. Large format versions of the drawings are available for review and comment at the Community Bank.

Two other projects under consideration by the group are the upgrading of the existing play equipment with the addition of an inclusive “bird’s nest” style swing and removal of access barriers, and the upgrading and reorientation of the community stage.

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# A month to remember for Red Door couple

May was certainly a month to remember for *The Red Door's* Trevor Whitworth and Odette Wells. It all began for the couple with a simple marriage ceremony at The Treasury Building in Melbourne, and then they flew out to arrive in Paris the following day.

Onward then to the historic farming village of *Verteuil* in south-west France where they enjoyed the hospitality of dear friends. The charming village on the river *Charente* has a population of only 700 and is dominated by a huge medieval castle.

## Complete

Unspoiled by tourism and pristine in perfect spring weather, the village was a magical setting where the marriage celebrations were continued and completed with local wine and food on the banks of the river. Petanque, bike riding

and more wine were a special mix.

Too quickly they were off to *Carcassonne* to be wowed by its medieval castle and more wine. Then on to Italy.

## Stunning

They found *Santa Margherita* a town to behold, perched on the cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean and, after trekking the coastal walk, discovered *Portofino*.

They said that it was hard to believe a more stunning Italian coastal holiday place! More wine and incredible traditional Italian market places filled with pastas and all that the Italians do so well. It was truly overwhelming.



But then exhausted from many miles of sightseeing, the couple were stunned to receive news of the passing of Trevor's mother at her nursing home in Stawell. As many will understand, it is times like these that you just want to be with family. So an urgent and sad trip home followed.

Trevor and Odette have been so appreciative of everyone's best wishes and are reminded every day how lucky they are to live in their own little village amongst such kind, supportive people. They plan travel again another day, but today, they are just appreciative of their little patch of paradise here in Buninyong.

(Above) Trevor and Odette celebrate their wedding in the gardens of their friend's home in Verteuil which was in a garden setting in the shadow of the famous Chateau de Verteuil (lower left)

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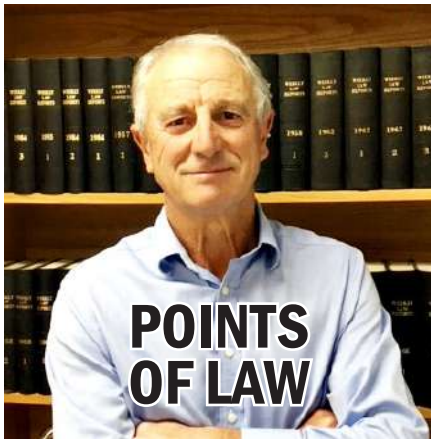
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Recently, the media carried reports of the long-running legal battle being waged over the estate of businessman Irving Rockman who died in 2015. Three marriages and six children were involved. But even the simplest will and estate can cause family disputes.

## Will contests can turn nasty

There are a number of reasons for contesting a will. These include claims such as

- the person making the will lacked mental capacity (such as having dementia)
- the will was made under pressure from someone
- the will was not signed properly or was tampered with (forgery)
- adequate or no provision was made for a person to whom the will maker had a moral or legal obligation (eligible person)

Eligible persons are spouse/domestic partner, children or someone to whom the will maker had a moral/legal obligation to provide for. This includes step-children who were raised by the will-maker and anyone who was financially dependent at the time of death.

### Grounds

It is not sufficient to say a will is unfair or unjust to succeed in a claim. Factors such as the following are taken in to account: (i) the nature of the relationship between the claimant and the will-maker, (ii) the financial needs of the claimant, and (iii) the net worth of the Estate.

The time for making a claim is six months from the date when Probate is granted.

In instances where there is no will, the law provides a formula for the distribution of an Estate which in most cases is limited to spouse/partner and children. It is also possible to challenge the formula for distribution within six months from the date when letters of administration of the Estate are granted.

This is a very complex area. Advice from an experienced lawyer in this field is strongly recommended if considering a claim.

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## Blues Brothers back here for kids' charity

For many years, the former Valhalla cinema in Melbourne was known for late night, costume-themed movie showings. For many years *The Blues Brothers* was featured as Jake and Elwood caused havoc while raising money for St Helen of the Blessed Shroud Orphanage.

Now, in keeping with the movie, a group of regular fans has teamed up to raise money for *Variety* - the Children's Charity. Along with the movie, they have costumes, props and dances, and just a little audience mayhem!!

Buninyong resident **Rosalie Mauseth** has been a Blues 'sister' for more than half of her life. She is now joined in the screening of the *Blues Brothers* film and interactive

performance by her family, **Owen, Ron and Candace**.

After a successful event in Cranbourne earlier in the year, they now are bringing the show to the Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium at Federation University on 7 July. The show will commence at 6.00pm and tickets are available through [www.trybooking/385522](http://www.trybooking/385522).

The organisers of this charity fund-raising event hope that people from Buninyong and Ballarat come along and enjoy the show.

The *Bluesmobile* will be going on its second Variety Bash later this year and lots of disadvantaged young children will be helped by funds raised!

## Hot piano man comes to town

A well-known figure in the Sydney entertainment field has recently moved to the Lethbridge area and has scheduled one of his first shows in the district at the Buninyong Golf Club on Wednesday 8 August.

Classically trained as a pianist from the age of six years, **John Watson** has been musical director for many of Sydney's top entertainers and has featured in club and theatre shows there for many years.

John's show at the Buninyong Golf Club is specially designed for Seniors, with Devonshire morning tea at 10.30 am, followed by his show including many old favourites, singalong, door prizes and more. The show will run between 11.00am and noon. Tickets are \$16, or \$13 for Seniors.

Some interesting footage of this brilliant showman, with his distinctive pony-tail, in lively action on the piano can be found on his website [johnwatson.co.au](http://johnwatson.co.au). For tickets and more information, phone 0410 465 502.



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# 'Our' Sophia takes gold

The June edition of *The News* featured a story (Swedish Snow to Aussie Sun) on Swedish ultra-marathon runner Sophia Sundberg who had spent the summer months training in Buninyong in preparation for the world's biggest ultra-marathon race - the *Comrades Marathon* - held recently in South Africa.

When in Buninyong, Sophia said that her aim was to get a top ten place in the race. To qualify to compete in the race athletes must have completed a regular 42km marathon in less than five hours.

Finishers in the top ten are all awarded a gold medal. Sophia was delighted to come home in sixth place in a time of 6 hours 45 minutes.

The gruelling course covered 90km of hilly conditions between Pietermaritzburg and the coastal city of Durban.

The top ten female gold medal winners included athletes from South Africa, Russia, Great Britain, USA and Sophia from Sweden.

*Sophia is shown (above right) training near Desoza Park, and (below) crossing the line at the MM Stadium in Durban after completing the world's most famous ultra-marathon race.*



There were 173 Australian runners in the massive field of 20,500 athletes. None of the Australian runners was placed.

The race was first run in 1921 and commemorated South African soldiers killed in World War I.



## Ray Sullivan's SPORTS NEWS

### Brady bunch

Buninyong Cricket Club is preparing for its entry into the Ballarat Cricket Association 'A' Grade competition. The Club announced the appointment of experienced Wendouree batsman and five-time premierships player, **Liam Brady** as club coach. They have also signed top players **Liam Rigby** and **Matt Ringin** from Napoleons-Sebastopol and **Harli Givvens** from Ballarat East.

Brady comes to Buninyong from a unit with one of the best coaching set-ups in the region. The knowledge and experience he will bring to Buninyong will be invaluable in their 'A' Grade debut. "EJ Cleary" medalists, Rigby and Ringin and BCA Country week representative Givvens will give the club some serious clout.

While on cricket, the **AGM of the Elaine Cricket Club** will be on 12 July at 7.30pm in the club rooms.

### Play offs

June monthly medal day at Buninyong Golf Club also featured play-offs for the April and May medals. **Chris Tatt** and **Mick Innes** tied for the June medal with nett 68s. **Dan Staples** won the April medal with a nett 78 and the May medal won by **David Todd** with a nett 77.

### On the carpet

The Buninyong men's indoor bowls Division 3 team and the Division 4 side are both in the four and are in the mix for another finals campaign.

### Well placed

The Bombers are aiming to consolidate their place in the top four. They are fourth on the ladder with a string of winnable games to come. Mid-season gun recruit **Derick Micallef** and the return of **Sam Turner** after injury should be welcome additions in the back half of the season.



# Warm events in cold July

Studio 408

## Christmas in July Exhibition Opening

**Saturday 30 June, 6-8pm**  
Gallery donation appreciated

Studio 408 will launch the fourth Exhibition Opening of the Likes. This runs for 8 weeks. Also at the opening, the *Pinarc* Arts Group's *Xmas in July* window display will be unveiled.

While *Stylus DJ* spins vintage Xmas tunes, enjoy free pizza from the *Red Door Pizzeria*, and mulled wine. RSVP to Annie by Tuesday 26 June, ph 0407 347 258.

Buninyong Business Network

## Christmas in July AGM and Social Event

**Tuesday 3 July, 6pm**  
The Red Door Pizzeria

The social event of the year for Buninyong businesses! If you have a business based in Buninyong (or surrounds) come along and enjoy the community of the Buninyong Business Network!

If not already a member, sign up at the AGM and get involved in helping each other improve business in Buninyong!

Buninyong Community Bank

## Reindeer Spotting!

**June 30 – July 15**

Someone left the gate open and all of Santa's reindeer escaped. They have been spotted shopping in Buninyong!

Search through the local shops and see if you can find all ten of them.

There is also a colouring competition for the young and also the young-at-heart. Details and templates are available at the Community Bank.

Maggie & Kate

## Café Crochet

**25 July, 6-9pm, \$30pp**

Enjoy a house-made pie dinner, cake and coffee whilst finishing off your UFO project – or refresh your beginner's crochet skills at the first Café Crochet night! Enjoy our cozy café and chat the night away whilst crocheting or knitting. Bookings are essential. Book and pay at the café by 21 July (ph 0400 243 215)

Buninyong Christmas Tree Farm

## Launch

**July 2018**

Have you wondered what the *Buninyong Christmas Tree Farm* is all about?

Unique, sustainable Christmas Trees – made locally with recycled timber.

Spot them around during July, and look for the official launch on their Facebook page.

Pig & Goose's

## Christmas in July dinner

**Sat 21 July, 7pm. \$65 pp**

Our special July event will be a sumptuous three-course dinner with mulled wine on arrival for only \$65. Clive and Wendy invite you to their warm and inviting restaurant to celebrate Winter. There will be festive tunes and lashings of Xmas fare! Bookings are essential, ph 5341 8029.

*Buninyong Village Market*

## MID WINTER MARKET

*Saturday 28 July, 2pm to 6pm*

*Buninyong Town Hall*



Over 50 stalls of gorgeous handmade jewellery and clothing, yummy baked goods, party-plan stalls, plants for the garden, soy candles, succulents, kids toys, body products, artworks, baby goods and so much more! Also enjoy the yummy food from three food trucks and the Community BBQ!

# MOUNT MUSIC SUCCESS

On 2 June the Buninyong Primary School held its third *Music on the Mount* performance where 35 children from both campuses had the amazing experience of performing with a nine piece orchestra, the *New Palm Court Orchestra*.

This was the culmination of many months of work and included a number of students performing their own compositions. A large crowd came along to support the students and were thoroughly entertained by the performance.



Enjoying her work on the piano is Grade 6 student, Isabella Pearce

The school is most appreciative of the passionate parents, generous local businesses and the *New Palm Court*

*Orchestra* that made *Music on the Mount* possible.

## Marking the long trail to Bendigo



Shown in the photo are (L to R) Gibb, Bill Casey, Neville and Mick

**Four guys digging a hole in the Union Jack Creek near the Winter Street bridge recently called for an investigation because they obviously weren't from the Council.**

Turned out they were members of the *Great Dividing Trail Association*, an incorporated, not-for-profit volunteer

community association established in 1992 to develop and promote walking tracks linking the great gold cities and townships of central Victoria.

The 210 km Great Dividing Trail was originally developed as a walking track, but in 2011 was upgraded into a shared use track to enable walkers and mountain

bike riders to enjoy many spectacular parts of central Victoria. The group at work in Desoza Park called themselves *Casey's Commandos* because they are led by **Bill Casey** and regard themselves as the 'elite' squad of the Association.

They were installing a marker post to indicate one section of where the trail goes from the top of Mt Buninyong all the way to Bendigo.

### Posts

The ultimate objective of the Association is to mark the walking track with the posts at distances about 400 metres apart.

Unfortunately there is a continual problem with posts being vandalised, stolen or removed and so the Association has taken it upon themselves to replace them.

The trail goes mainly through public land managed by Parks Victoria, State Government Forests or local Council land and is controlled by the Land Managers.

All the signs and posts can be found on the Great Dividing Trail website [gdt.org.au](http://gdt.org.au)

Cassandra Carland