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Seasons Greetings from your Councillor

It is a pleasure to have been re-elected to council for a further term. I thank you all for your support, and I will continue to work with and for you on local and regional issues.

Some of the bigger projects I have been involved with this year include advocating for the Mitiamo Pipeline Project, representing local irrigators interests in the Murray Darling Basin Plan review, working with the Janiember Park Committee to complete the redevelopment of the Bears Lagoon/Serpentine Football Netball club facilities, and supporting the transition of mobile library services to Library Agencies across Loddon Shire. As chair of the Goldfields Library Corporation, I have become aware that Loddon Shire has low library membership, and of that membership, low regular usage, compared to other rural areas. The new agencies will provide longer hours of access to library services as well as visiting Library Programs. We are fortunate in Pyramid Hill that we have enjoyed the benefits of a Library Agency for many years, with the collection of books, talking books and DVDs regularly rotated, and I encourage everyone to become an active member of the library. Membership is free, and any library resource can be ordered from the catalogue.

Local projects for this year include the redevelopment of Kelly Park, which will re-open to the public on Friday morning (16th December) at 11am. While some minor works are still to be completed, such as seating, garden beds and replacement of shade sails, the new playground equipment is ready to be enjoyed by kids young and old over the holiday period.

I look forward to celebrating the Swimming Pools 50th Birthday this Saturday, and I would like to thank the Committee who work hard to keep our pool and surrounds in such fantastic condition.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas, a bountiful harvest, and a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Cr Cheryl McKinnon

Lions Market
Next Market not until March

This is the final Pyramid Press for 2016 and we thank everyone who has contributed in any way over the past year. Whether it be by advertising, writing sports reports, sending in photos or coming events, it is all appreciated.

It is becoming more of a struggle to fill the pages each week, so all contributions are valued.

Thank you to the Year 6 students who collate the Press each week and special thanks to our deliverers - John Carroll and lan, when John is away.

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Spinning Wheel  Lucky Envelopes  BBQ

7.00 Start  Santa arriving 8.00 pm
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Glen, Glenys & Cameron Broad

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Neighbourhood House Calendar

The 2017 Calendar, themed “New Beginnings”, is now in production and available for purchase at the Neighbourhood House. This year the calendar features full colour accents on not only the photographs, but each of the month pages as well. There are public and school holidays noted. We also have two editions! The Deluxe Edition is $15 and the Standard Edition is $12. We invite you to come and see them for yourself, with photographs by local community members. The Neighbourhood House thanks you for your support in purchasing this special home grown project that raises funds for our programmes throughout the year.

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Arrives Melb 11.33 am & 5.04 pm

Tuesday and Thursday
Coach dep Pyramid 10.55 am
Train dep Bendigo 12.30 pm
Arrive Melbourne 2.22 pm

Friday Only
Coach dep Pyramid 5.05 pm
Arrives Bendigo 6.20 pm
Train Arrives Melb 8.43 pm

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Arrives Bendigo 9.20 am & 3.41 pm
Arrives Melb 11.29 am & 5.43 pm

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Arrives Melb 11.29 am & 8.41 pm
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Monday 2nd January
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First mail delivery post Christmas day is Thursday, 29th December.

Anyone wanting to cancel papers over the Christmas period are advised to contact the Newsagency as soon as practical.

Best wishes to all for the festive season and may you enjoy this time of year with family and friends.

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New Kelly Park Playground Ready for Action

The Kelly Street Playground upgrade has been completed, with the installation of new playground equipment, new footpath through the park and new turf at events area.

New garden beds and plantings will follow, plus the installation of seating, solar bollards and floodlighting in the park.

Planning and design for the project was undertaken by the Pyramid Hill Visionary Committee in conjunction with Council and Klien Landscape Designers.

The Playground will be officially open to the public on Friday 16th December at 11am. Feel free to wander down and have a look.

Next Pyramid Press will be 9th February, 2017

Church Services

St. Thomas’ Anglican Church
Sunday December 18th
9.00am Join with UCA
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Christmas Eve - December 24th
7.30pm Eucharist

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Tyndale Church, Victoria Street

Worship Services at 9 am

Catholic Services
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St Patrick’s Pyramid Hill

Saturday 6.30pm
(Eposition and confession 6pm)
Pyramid Bowling Club

Greetings from the green.
Sometimes at bowls you pick up very handy tips and advice. Not so long ago Glenys told me about a top tip her sister had learnt from her bowling club in Bendigo. The advice was to drink a lot of water the day before bowls and to take sips before you bowl. Staying hydrated makes you focus and reduces the chance of fatigue. Although bowls is not an overly physical sport it does involve a lot of walking and standing and generally in the heat. So keep up the H2O as our brains do depend on hydration to function optimally. The word was that it really works and improves your bowling. Thanks Glenys for that handy tip.

Now down to all the action from the past week.

Division 1

Neil, Marie N, Laurie, Fred won 31 to 18
Bill, Ian, Marie S, Beau won 29 to 20
Jean, Glenys, Andy, Lionel lost 19 to 35

Division 3:

Lorraine F, Leigh, Allan F, Brian won 25 to 15
Rose, Beth, Ernie, Robyn, won 22 to 17
Alan J, Rosie (sub from Kerang Golf), Lorraine D, Nola lost 12 to 30.

Drumroll……. the winner of the drinks this week is Fred’s team. Now as you have taken on the advice in the introduction, there is a bottle of water for each of you in the bar fridge. Well done and what a good win.

Wednesday Pennant

In mild conditions, the ladies and gents played their last game of midweek pennant for the year. Division 1 travelled over to Cohuna to play the ladder leaders and Division 2 hosted Barham Services at home. The lovely thing about the last game of the year is that there is a little celebratory afternoon tea. Pyramid put on a lovely spread of fresh fruit, biccies and dip and white Christmas – yum. Thanks Lorraine D the white Christmas sounded delicious. Cohuna put on an equally delicious spread with sandwiches and fruit amongst their fine spread. A nice touch was that the Cohuna club gave each Pyramid player a Christmas card. What a lovely gesture to show the true Christmas spirit and promote good sportsmanship.

Division 1:

Neil, Ian, Helen, Marie N won 33 to 16
Bill, Marg, Glenys, Marie S lost 10 to 31
Andy, Brian Nola, Jan lost 10 to 45

Division 2

Alan J, Glen, Dawn drew 19 all
Rose, Allan F, Lorraine D lost 14 to 15
Beth, Wayne, Robyn lost 13 to 30

The club incentive award this week goes to the team skippered by Marie Noelker! Well done team. So, now there will be two bottles of water in the Bar fridge with Marie and Neil’s names on it and Helen and Ian will find one each as well! Enjoy!

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Other News

The songs just keep on coming. It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and so it is as you walk into our clubhouse. Thank you so much Ian, Helen, Marie N and Jan for putting up the decorations. They look great and add some festive cheer. Thank you Ian for diving up that ladder yet again and putting up all the decorations. Ian, thank you for all that you do as the unofficial Mr Fixit. Always doing something quietly behind the scenes and your vast ability to turn your hand to anything is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Helen for all that she does. So many times this year Helen has served afternoon tea on a pennant Saturday where 48 bowlers descend all at once on the clubhouse for their cup of tea or coffee. Thank you Helen for then washing and cleaning up after the bowlers rush out the door and you are left to it. We really appreciate it and we all think a Saturday afternoon is much more fun on the green than in the kitchen so a big thanks.

Saturday sees our last pennant game for the year. To end the year on a social note, we will dine at the Victoria Hotel. We will head on down after bowls around 6.30pmish. Let’s all join together and enjoy each other’s company as bowls goes into recess for a few weeks. If members and their partners would like to go, please place your name on the sheet at the clubhouse.

As the year 2016 comes to a close, it is time to reflect on the great season to date. Bowls can be a big commitment but it is so much fun. Thank you to all members for your contribution both on and off the green. Members live at all point of the compass from Pyramid Hill, From Mologa to Mincha West, out to Durham Ox and Yarrawalla, across the hills to Sylvatterre and the Terricks and over to Gunbower and of course us townies. It means that many members have to travel to come into practice and attend games and any bowls ‘do’. Your commitment and contribution is so greatly appreciated.

There are a couple of tournaments coming up at the Hill. New Year’s Day we host the annual Mawson’s Pairs with a 1pm start. Australia Day, Thursday 26th January we have the Millers Ag Supplies any combination Triples with a 1pm start. It will be done and dusted by late afternoon so bowlers will be able to attend the Australia Day tea in town and listen to the quality speaker.
Bowling News contd.

Speaking of New Year’s Day, if trying something new is on your resolutions list why not give bowls a go? The beauty of bowls is that it is a sport for all age groups. We have played against teenage bowlers and every age decade to 90. A lot of clubs in the Northern District have bowlers in the age concentration in their 20’s, 30’s, and 40’s and beyond of course. The other week I played against a young bowler (well he was much younger than me) who had made the transition from cricket this year. If bowls is to be a sustainable sport in the future in our area we need to attract and retain people to the sport. If having a sense of belonging to a club is what you are after, give the Pyramid Hill Bowling Club a try. We are an inclusive and supportive club. There will be barefoot bowls at some point next year which can give you a feel of the game. The Bowling Club would like to wish Pyramid Hill and District a wonderful and safe Christmas season. A very special thank you to June for the work she does each week to bring us the Pyramid Press. We all love getting our news from the Press. We hope all the staff and students at the college have a restful and fun holiday ready for all that 2017 has in store.

As the bowls correspondent for the last few weeks I have had a small taste of all the work that Marie N puts into writing the bowls notes. Thank you Marie, our very dedicated and hard working President. To our bowlers, we wish you a safe and a very Merry Christmas. May your Christmas be full of the love and joy of the season. At this special family time of year, we think of those who have lost loved ones particularly those who are experiencing a first Christmas without a beloved family member. Our thoughts are with you. Do take care on the roads as you travel. Well that’s it for this week and this year. If you need a stocking filler, grippo is available for sale at the clubhouse!

Good bowling everyone.

Thank you to Jean Mann for writing the last few weeks of Bowls News.

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Pyramid Hill College

Following a successful Presentation Night on Monday evening, students are now enjoying some end of year activities. A group of Year 9/10 students are currently trekking the O’Keefe Rail Trail which runs from Bendigo to Heathcote, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award challenges.

Year 7/8 students visited the Outdoor Museum at the Bendigo RSL where most students wrote tributes and placed crosses of remembrance. Then onto JUMPZ for a flipping good time, then finnly the Marketplace for lunch and a little shopping.

Fiesta Report

The Fiesta Committee has met for the last time for 2016, to discuss the outcomes of the 2016 Pyramid Hill Fiesta. The overall result was a resounding success.

Financially, we made a very small profit, but with the seed funding we had received from Loddon Shire to establish the event, we are well resourced to begin planning for next year. The aim is to eventually make enough profit that funds can be redistributed to local organisations. A tentative date has been set for October 21, 2017.

Even though the weather was ‘inclement’, a good time was had by all. The Committee and other volunteers worked extremely hard in the lead up to, and during the event, and without their level of commitment the Fiesta would not have been possible. At the risk of omitting someone, I do feel a couple of particular commendations are in order: PHC staff and students who prepared food and worked in the kitchen as well as the students who performed, and in particular the students who choreographed and trained the younger performers; St Pats staff, and the students who performed the acknowledgement of country and flag-bearing ceremony so beautifully; the Lions Club, Football Netball Club and Neighbourhood House, who all helped keep us fed and watered; the stall-holders (we will improve our site management next year!); local businesses and community members who all volunteered their services to make it such a fantastic event.

The committee will meet on February 13 next year to begin planning again. If you would like to be involved, or have any suggestions, please contact Robyn Vella, Nev Miller or myself, or come to the February meeting, you will be very welcome.

Cheryl McKinnon
Beginnings of the Swimming Pool
by Ern Ferris)

Today as we look at the brightly painted Swimming Pool and the surrounding amenities most of us probably take it for granted that it was always that way. That is not exactly right because there was a time, and not really that long ago that all the area we are speaking of was simply, one of Herrick’s paddocks.

Since that time, January 1930 to be exact, there was a meeting of interested persons concerned with the Swimming Club held a meeting at which a letter from the Lands Department stating that formal enquiries were being made towards securing one acre of Herrick’s paddock on which a swimming pool could be excavated. At this time swimming lessons were being conducted at the Stop in the channel South from the present Bowling Club. It is interesting to note that these lessons were being conducted by teachers and parents from the State School, with boys and girls attending on alternative days.

A Spring Board was erected and one evening 91 learners were in attendance. There was great interest in the swimming classes and following that the plans of the Dingee pool were obtained but it was considered that pool was too shallow for what was desirable at Pyramid Hill.

Application was then made to the Water Commission for a supply of water and after good progress the problem of securing finance was discussed at length. The Shire of Gordon was approached with a request for 150 to enable a start and entertainment was proposed to raise funds to repay the advance. Tenders for the excavation of 2,500 cubic yards of soil were invited, and published in newspapers. The length of the new pool was to be 200 feet with the depth varying from 10 feet to 2 feet. Water for the pool would be taken from the channel through a concrete pipe at the deep end so that fresh water continue to flush the pool into the drain leading to the Bullock Creek. It was proposed to heavily sand the bottom of the pool on the deep end and if possible, concrete the shallow end.

The Water Commission agreed to supply the water free of charge. The Tender of Cassidy Brothers was chosen from the 11 tenders received. The Herald-Sun became involved in the Learn to Swim program and this continued for a number of years. In the first year 100 children were taught to swim. The Shire of Gordon only gave .25 because 2 Councillors voted against although the amount was later raised to 35. A Picture Night was held to raise funds with children being admitted free. Councillor Peter Spowart presented the Herald-Sun Certificates.

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As has always been the policy of local residents it was voluntary effort that made it possible for the efforts to create a park-like appearance for the pool that was one of the largest artificial pools in the State.

The Pyramid Hill Memorial Swimming Pool is dedicated to all “those who gave their lives for peace in the twentieth century.”

The wording on the plaque at the swimming pool.
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