Diary

February
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April 28 - Anglican Church Dinner

Lions Market
Next Market
11th March (long weekend)
9.00 - 10.00
Come along and check out
the stalls - or even have one
yourself - clean out that shed
or cupboard

Telehealth - Boort Medical Practice

At Boort Medical Practice we are always looking to improve the services we provide to you, particularly at those times when you may need a Doctor after hours. We are committed to ensuring we have a GP on call 24/7, but because it is not always possible to have the Doctor available on site at all times, together with Boort District Health we sought to find a solution to address this.

We made an application to the Murray Primary Health Network and were successful in gaining funding to implement a telehealth model that enables our GPs and nurses to conduct video consultations on those occasions when the GP is off site. We have been setting up the technology and equipment over the past few weeks and supporting our staff to undergo training; striving to “get it right” before we launched it with patients. The good news is that it is up and running.

The even better news is that patients who have had a video consultation have expressed their satisfaction and reinforced the benefit of having access to this facility.

In short, patients who present at the Urgent Care Centre at the hospital are assessed by the nurse. In the event the Doctor is not on site and the nurse believes the patient needs to be seen, the GP is contacted and a video consultation is undertaken which enables the GP to see the patient, talk to the patient and their family and assess their medical requirements. Equally, patients have commented on the benefit of being able to actually see and discuss their needs with the GP, who can manage and possibly refer patients if necessary.

Delivering high quality care to our patients is of paramount importance to us and the use of telehealth is already proving to be one way of enhancing our after-hours services. The ability to provide a face to face consultation makes this an exciting quality improvement strategy.

This is a new innovative program that is already having a positive impact on services and we would encourage patients to take the opportunity to provide feedback of their experience so we can continue to improve our services.

Our experience here at Boort will become an important story for other small rural communities when the findings of our project are published.

Visiting services
Boort Medical Practice is continually actively looking to engage visiting services that can provide appointments for our patients, we understand that having to travel for appointments is not only costly but also inconvenient.

Cardiac Testing - Central Victorian Cardiology will be available for cardiac testing (Holter monitoring & Transthoracic Echo) each fortnight from the 7th February 2017.

Podiatrist – Paul McKenzie from Global Podiatry visits monthly.
Optometrist – Bill Wilkinson Optical offers appointments every 3 months.
Physiotherapist – Thank you to Ange Doyle for her services over the past 4 years, we wish her all the very best for the future and we hope to engage another Physiotherapist as soon as possible.
Psychologist – Rachel Masiboy is available for consultations each fortnight.

For more information or to book an appointment have a chat to our GPs or reception staff.

The Press is underway for another year and it would be appreciated if people could support it with any items of news or reports on events, together with photos. This will help to keep it going and make more interesting reading for everyone.
Loddon Valley Marketing Plan Workshop

Loddon Shire Council has recently adopted the Loddon Shire Tourism Strategy 2016 - 2019. An action from this strategy is to develop an overall Loddon Shire Council Tourism marketing plan with actions for the six major towns, aligning the smaller village with its compatible town. There will be 6 marketing workshops across the Municipality in February and Loddon Shire has engaged one of Victoria’s leading strategists in Marketing and Communications, Sharon Wells to facilitate the workshops. Sharon Wells of Pan & Bacchanalia has over 30 years’ experience in tourism and the cultural sectors, both here and internationally. Sharon has developed and executed major campaigns with organisations including the National Gallery of Victoria, Bendigo Art Gallery, Edinburgh Festival and major international food and wine brands. For the past 12 months, Sharon has been working with the Loddon Shire and Bendigo Regional Tourism, undertaking major campaigns and securing significant media coverage for the region. Her experience and knowledge of our Shire will provide an invaluable opportunity for local businesses and organisations to leverage the many opportunities that currently exist.

A marketing workshop will be held in Pyramid Hill on Monday 13 February, 7.30pm at the Senior Citizens Centre located in McKay Street. This workshop will look at how Pyramid Hill and surrounds can attract further visitors to the region, so we can maximize our marketing efforts and dollars. Loddon Shire Council extends an invitation to you for this workshop. We hope you will be able to attend. Your participation at this event will contribute to the success of our work for Pyramid Hill and surrounds. Should you require any further information or to register your attendance please contact Sandra Steel at the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5494 1257 or email ssteel@loddon.vic.gov.au by Thursday 9 February.

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Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House News

Chicks with attitude - the next chat group will be Monday 20th Feb, 10:30am and kick up your heels with awesome women!

Story Time with Joyce 0-3 year olds
Fridays 10:30-10:50am.
Nurture the joy of reading with your children. Mother's chat group afterwards, 11am-12pm, bring a shack to share. Beginning 17th February.

Moulamein Historic Tour - we are taking expressions of interest for a day tour to Moulamein to run in April. Check out the Old Court House, Historic Wool Shed, morning tea supplied by their Men's Shed. Only $15 per person!

Wellness Programme - we are taking expressions of interest.
Do you have a long term chronic illness? Diabetes, back pain, arthritis, depression, to name a few?
For a weekly gold coin donation, participate in an 8 week programme of 30 minutes diet and lifestyle education and 60 minutes of physiotherapy per week!

Opening Hours -
The Neighbourhood House has new Monday opening hours - 10am-2pm
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Arrives Melb 11.29 am & 5.43 pm

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Arrives Melb 11.29 am & 8.41 pm
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Tuesday 28th February
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**Bowling Club Barefoot Bowls**

The Barefoot Bowls comp got off to a resounding start on January 25th with 12 teams taking to the greens in raucous fashion. Once people finally got themselves into gear, the play was enthusiastically competitive and the blaring music kept the action light-hearted and in the right tempo.

The formidable team spearheaded by Max Farrar and including Pete & Terri Reynolds took out the honours on the night. They were ecstatic to receive their pen and glass trophies to add to previous trophies already in pride of place in the poolroom.

Two matters of interest deserve mention: Firstly, the team with Colleen Hampson, Principal of the local St Pats school, forgot to use their power-play. With such an esteemed and recognised leader at their helm, this beggars belief. In order to avoid a recurrence of such an oversight they were presented with a “memory stick” which should assist their short term memory retention for future matches. Secondly, the team representing the local Coffee Bank establishment lodged a complaint that they had achieved a mammoth 14 shots to add to their tally on their power-play and still lost the game. This indeed was considered a travesty so in compensation they were presented with Coffee Bank vouchers, albeit bogus ones, to help ease the frustration they felt and pacify them. The sugar hit should appease their bitter taste.

Last week saw the match abandoned due to the showers of rain which came to a halt immediately play was called off. Thanks to Club Members who assisted with the running of the night. Play will continue for a few more weeks and we are looking forward to witnessing further feats of greatness.

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Tyndale Church, Victoria Street
Worship Services at 9 am

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**Catholic Services**

Victoria Street
St Patrick’s Pyramid Hill

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

As school gets back into gear for a new year, we welcome back the publishing of the Pyramid Press. What a challenge it is to communicate the local news without this very valuable form of correspondence! Thank you, June, for the many hours you put in to the production of the Press; without it we are really lost.

**Thanks, Jean.** As I return to the task of preparing the Bowls Reports, I extend a huge and hearty “Thank You” to Jean who did a magnificent job in my absence. It was very refreshing to have a new take on the events and I heard many complimentary remarks from a variety of folk. Try as I might, I could not convince Jean to continue on with this role despite bribe her with all manner of chook jokes to expand her repertoire. Thank you so much, Jean, for a job so competently done.

**News On The Green**

While the Press has been in recess we have had some pretty significant happenings. Firstly, we were all feeling very stoked about the Australia Day Award presented to **Lionel** when he was crowned “king” – or more specifically, was recognised for his contribution to the community with the **Terrick Community Service Award.**

Lionel does a power of work for both the Bowling Club and the Football Club and was truly deserving of the recognition this award brings. Congratulations from your Bowling Club friends, Lionel.

In addition to this, our **Club Singles Championship** competitions were held, and at the end of the process **Graeme Fawcett** and **Glens Broads** were the champions. They went on to represent our Club at District level and, although not going on to bigger things, equipped themselves well. Fred Schmidt and Nola Newstead were the Runners Up and can also be feeling proud of their efforts to work their way through the competitive field to gain a jersey in the final play off.

A third amazing fete was the mighty scalp taking by Marg., Nola, Andy & Graham who, in their Pennant match against Barham Services, scored the maximum 8 shots in one end of play. This is an achievement rarely attained and earns them the rights to claim an “8 Badge”. Congratulations, team.

**60 & Over**

The elder statesmen have continued to travel the countryside in search of the elusive dead chook but still to no avail; so to relieve their embarrassment here comes the trusty chicken joke… Q: Why does a chicken coop have two doors? A: Because if it had four doors it would be a chicken sedan. Keep at it lads, there are still a few more matches to go and the one scheduled for 16th Feb is on our own turf so that should give you a home ground advantage. Apparently the dead chook is in danger of becoming extinct as the last couple of rounds saw the emergence of alternative prizes in the form of towels and a packet of biscuits. Really???? Where is the challenge in that!! It’s a bit of a crumby situation and smacks of throwing in the towel, if you’ll pardon the pun! The dead chook jokes would even have to be replaced with biscuit jokes: A man goes to a psychiatrist and claims he fears he is turning into a chicken sedan. Keep at it lads, there are still a few more matches to go and the one scheduled for 16th Feb is on our own turf so that should give you a home ground advantage. Apparently the dead chook is in danger of becoming extinct as the last couple of rounds saw the emergence of alternative prizes in the form of towels and a packet of biscuits.

What sort of biscuits?” asked the psychiatrist. ‘Square ones,’ replied the man. ‘Do they have little holes in them?’ the psychiatrist enquired. ‘That’s right, Doc,’ responded the man with relief, ‘That’s it exactly!’ ‘You’re crackers!’ announced the psychiatrist. Honestly, bring on the dead chook!

**Saturday Pennant**

Would you believe we have just completed Round 15 and have only three more Saturdays to go to finish off the season!!!! Recently we hosted the lovely Wakool people. Division 1 had a fantastic battle and were unlucky not to get on the winners dais. In the end it all came down to a handful of shots.

Lionel’s team (Lionel, Kate, Jean and Andy) showed how to do it with a win by 2 shots. Fred, Laurie, Marie N & Bill fell short by 3 shots and Beau, Marie S., Ian and Graham were also just 3 shots short of the full measure. Division 3 had a mighty win and were successful on all rinks. They had a pearler of a day with each team recording a bountiful, winning score. Brian, Allan, Beth & Lorraine F romped home with a 33-20 win. Neil, Lorraine D, Tony & Alan won 31-18. Best winners and receivers of the incentive award were Nola, Robyn, Ray & Ernie with 32 -13. A great victory across the board. A further highlight of the day was the BBQ & social chit chat following the day’s play before the Wakool folk headed off into the sunset.

Last week we travelled to do tussle with our Gunbower neighbours. This time Division 1 scraped over the line, while on the other hand, Division 3 were brought back to earth with no wins to record. Lionel, Ian, Jean & Andy took the accolades for the day with a convincing win. Fred, Laurie, Marie N & Bill scraped home by 3 shots. Beau, Marie S. (lefty), Nola & Graham lost but only by a small margin which still left us with a victory. With details of scores not to hand at the time of print, the winning and losing margins will be left a mystery. The hospitality of the Gunbower folk who plied us with a sumptuous BBQ was much appreciated. Next Saturday we do contest against Barham Sports with both teams playing at home.

**Mid-week Pennant**

Mid-week Pennant is not just drawing to a close – it has closed; for us at least. This week saw the first round of the finals with, sadly, no P.H. team gaining a berth. Congratulations to Kerang and Cohuna who respectively defeated Barham Sports and Barham Services in the Division 1 section of the first and second semi-finals. In Division 2 Leitchville beat Cohuna and Barham Services beat Kerang. Next week the Preliminary final is again being held at Cohuna Golf.

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**Bowling News contd.**

To cap off our season, Division 1 hosted Cohuna Golf last Wednesday, and after a tight scrimmage all day, managed to narrowly lose on all rinks. Kate, Marie N, Ian & Helen lost by the mere margin of 2 shots (22-24). Glenys, Jan, Jean & Allan went down by 3 shots (22-25). Marg, Nola, Andy & Graham lost 18-25. The match was played in good spirit and a friendly atmosphere prevailed, which is sometimes all the consolation we can draw from our day and indeed our season. Although, we did finish fifth on the ladder and did well to be within cooee of the four considering we once again suffered a disrupted season due to unforeseen circumstances. Thankfully the pavilions, skilfully concocted by Bill, were the sweetener at the end of the day. Thanks to Bill who produced not one but three pavs and he didn’t even play on the day. Compliments were flowing all round. MKR eat your heart out!! The pavilions were very complementary to the other delicious dishes supplied by our members; wonderful, fine cuisine served up to all in attendance; definitely a score of 10. Division 2 brought their season to an end by registering two great wins in the final week. On Wednesday they played Barham Sports and came away proud winners. Jenny, Glen & Alan J. won by 11 shots. Lorraine D., Neil & Rose played a draw. Robyn, Dawn & Beth just missed out on a win by 1 shot. Riding on this high they fronted up again on Friday to play Barham Services and this time recorded an emphatic victory. Dawn, Glen & substitute player, Suzanne, won 32-17. Lorraine D., Rose & Wayne won 20-17. Beth, Lorraine F. and Alan lost 13-18.

Not only was it a great way to round off the season with a couple of wins, they also got to celebrate with two afternoon tea spreads. Well done and may the exhilaration of winning carry through to next season when we hope you will all be refreshed and rearing to do battle once more.

Thanks so much to the “linesmen and ball boys” who have worked so ardously throughout the season to have the greens prepared for our matches. The work of all folk who do the jobs behind the scenes is truly appreciated.

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Seniors News
Welcome back to the Community Informer!
Ten of us headed off for a ride on the tram, the Joss House, lunch, Chinese Wax Museum, with the intention of then going to the Pottery, but as ‘nanna naps’ were needed, we postponed the visit to the Pottery. What a fabulous day - the history and culture in those places alone, is amazing. Lunch at the Tyson Reef was delicious, albeit HUGE!. More info on the pottery tour to come.
We had a lovely BBQ and salad luncheon in January - thank you to Trevor.
Next luncheon this Friday, 10th Feb at 11.45 am - $10 for two course meal. Cards and Bingo have been well attended.
Movie Day - we watched a “Dad & Dave” movie - very funny - cuppa afterwards.
Cohuna cards - 4 still going and enjoying.
Happy Birthday to Rhonda on 1st, Kate Woods 16th and Margaret Williamson on 21st - hope you have a lovely day.
Stay safe, Stay well

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Morning Music

Morning Music has been created for all those wanting to enjoy a variety of fantastic shows with a FREE morning tea prior to the performance. It’s a lovely way to spend a morning - at the Capital Bendigo, at 11 am. June Ballis has been coordinating trips to Bendigo to enjoy these Mornings for a few years now and invites anyone who would like to go, to let her know, for travelling arrangements eg community bus. This has nothing to do with the Senior Cits Club - just something June enjoys and encourages others to come along too.

The next Morning Music is on Tuesday, 28th February and is “Lanza Sings Again”. The glorious hits of Mario Lanza. Starring Roy Best, Alison Jones and Chris McKenna. So come along and enjoy the classic hits - “Be My Love, “Granada”, O Sole Mio” etc.

Thank You

The Pyramid Hill Football/Netball Club Inc, would like to say a huge thank you to the local farmers, businesses and individuals who have supported our successful cropping and hay program this year.

The PHFNC would not be able to exist without the generosity of these people, who donated labour, equipment, machinery, vehicles, chemical and seed etc. The huge contribution by these people, allows our club to survive and provide our Pyramid Hill community with a sport that so many of our local families engage in and enjoy.

From Peter Walsh MP
Member for Murray Plains
Have Your Say on Education & Training Reform Regulations Review

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh has encouraged educators and parents of school children to take an active role in the current review of regulations in the Education and Training Reform Act 2007.

Mr Walsh said he was very concerned that the city centric Andrews Labor Government had released the paper for comment a few days before Christmas when media coverage was limited.

“I don’t think many people outside the government would even be aware of this review,” he said.

Mr Walsh said the consultation was the first step in introducing some significant change and it is critically important that educators and parents are informed and involved at this stage of the process.

He said the draft regulations cover a wide range of areas including regulations around home schooling, school bus programs, and how school councils and parent’s clubs are run.

“I encourage parents and educators to read the consultation paper carefully and make a submission in areas of interest.

“It is important that all families educating their children in country settings have a say in how education is regulated in this state, and inform the final design and implementation of the new regulations with their experiences and common sense,” Mr Walsh said.

The public consultation period will close on the 28th February 2017 and the link to the government website on the proposed changes can be found at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/legislation/Pages/act2006regsreview.aspx
Darwin Football

Former Pyramid Hill rover, Anthony “Herbie” Hoban, was recently named in Northern Territory Football League Club Waratah’s team of the century at a gala ball held at Darwin’s Sky Casino. The Tah’s dual premiership captain was named on the wing and also made vice-captain in a star studded team, which included champions, Maurice Rioli and Gilbert McAdam. Another former Pyramid Hill player, Lincoln Withers, also made the team.

A humble Hoban, spoke of leaving Victoria nearly 30 years ago with a few mates to try his luck in the NT. What an experience it has been and he reflected on his time running around in the Pyramid Hill Under 14s on chilly Saturday mornings. Waratahs are sitting fourth on the ladder under ex Footscray/Brisbane Bears player, Michael “Magic” MacLean and are celebrating their 100th year.

Congratulations also to Waratah’s senior player, 19 year old Brodie Carroll, who has been nominated as a NT News Rising Star.

(John & Jeanette’s grandson)

Lions Club News

2017 is the 100th year of Lions Clubs and Pyramid Hill Lions are preparing for their celebration later this year. The rotunda in the original Lions Park, has been painted and it is planned to have a table added to it in memory of Ern Ferris, for all his hard work and dedication to Lions and the Pyramid Hill Community.

Australia Day Celebrations

The Australia Day celebrations at Pyramid Hill was well attended by approximately 120 people.

The evening began with a Citizenship Ceremony, followed by the raising of the flag. A delicious BBQ tea was provided by the Lions, with salads donated by local families. Congratulations to all the students who received certificates for their participation and achievement in the Loddon Shire Australia Day competitions.

Congratulations also to Lionel Mann on his Community Service Award.

The guest speaker for the evening was Huss Mustafa OAM (Victoria). Huss Mustafa, has a Turkish Cypriot heritage with very humble beginnings, who migrated to Australia with his family at the age of 10 and is currently a Senior Executive at Commonwealth Bank of Australia, with over 41 years of service.

Having experienced great difficulties as a migrant from a non-English background, he has, over the last 20 years, been very active and passionate in supporting community-based initiatives in Australia. He has established a high profile amongst a cross-section of the ethnic population of Victoria and has a passion for supporting and celebrating Multiculturalism in Australia that recognises the contribution and benefits of cultural diversity. Lions wish to thank everyone for their support and especially, our Lions members for all their hard work. Well done.

Don’t forget the Lions Market coming up on 11th March. Lions are still collecting batteries, glasses and second hand furniture.

The Van is also available for hire. Just call Tania - 0448 557 528 Colleen - 0478 635 952 or Bill - 0427 888 102

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YARRAWALLA COMMUNITY CENTRE
Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING
To be held at the Yarrawalla Community Centre on Wednesday, 1st March commencing at 7.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) people as the Committee of Management for the Yarrawalla Community Centre for a term of three years. The current committee’s term has expired. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries contact the Secretary, Tom Smith on 5455 1233.
Solar heated swimming on the horizon

Loddon Shire residents will be tempted to dive into the swimming season at the first opportunity next summer, with Council’s pools to benefit from solar heating.

The $300,000 project will help make swimming a more appealing and accessible option for all residents to stay fit and healthy over the summer months.

Sport and Recreation Victoria has committed $200,000 towards the project, with Council contributing the remaining $100,000 through its seasonal pools program.

While there are no immediate plans to extend the swimming season following the solar heating installation, it may be something Council considers further down the track.

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