

Skipton Community News



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FREE
WEEKLY

PHOTO FINISH AT SKIPTON



Damien Oliver with the students of Skipton Primary School

Report and photographs from intrepid SCN reporter Lois Lane

Last Tuesday, 1st September, three times Melbourne Cup winning jockey Damien Oliver visited both the Skipton Hostel and the Skipton Primary School and brought much interest and laughter to everyone.

Hostel residents spoke about great memories of Melbourne Cups they had attended and were very happy to recount the story of the 1941 cup winner, a horse called Skipton who not

only won the Cup but, the Saturday before, had also won the Victoria Derby, achieving a Derby-Cup double that no horse has matched ever since.

Much fun was had at the Primary School where pupils had obviously done their homework regarding Damien's career, winning prizes for their knowledge. One question was how many Cup rides he had had and even he wasn't quite sure but guessed at about 33.

He was also asked if he was ever nervous about riding again after a fall, with his answer being, "the best thing to do is get back on the horse."

Pictured right: Lindy Robertson with Damien Oliver

Fashions of the Field Parade was a big success with not a school uniform in sight.

When he was asked if he had a favourite horse, he replied Northerly.

The School Captains thanked Damien and his crew and said that the event had brought them a lot of enjoyment learning about his life as a top jockey.



*Pictured left:
Damien Oliver at
the Skipton Hostel
with some of the
grandkids of
residents*

STREATHAM, CARRANBALLAC & SKIPTON FIRE *Documentary & Book Launch*



LAST CALL FOR ORDERS FOR:

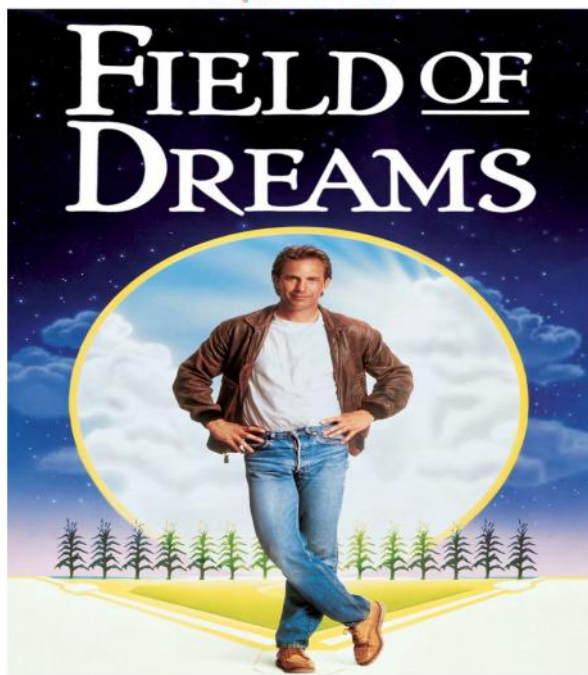
2026 FIRE BOOK - \$30

2026 FIRE DOCUMENTARY DVD - \$10

2011 FLOOD BOOK - \$100

**BOOKINGS
CLOSE
FRIDAY 18TH
SEPT!!!**

ORDERS TO BE COLLECTED IN PERSON
FROM SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL, SAT 24TH OCTOBER

Winter Special**\$10.00****Matinee Movie Skipton Mechanic's Hall
September 27th**Date: Sunday September 27th

Time: Doors open 1:30pm Screening 2:00pm

Admission: Adults \$10 With Afternoon Tea

Children under 12 free but must be accompanied by an adult
Skipton Mechanic's Hall, 5 Anderson Street SkiptonSTOCKYARD HILL
Wind Farm**FROM THE EDITOR: SKIPTON COMMUNITY
NEWS TO GO ON BREAK**The Skipton Community News will be taking
a two week break from **Thursday 17th
September until Thursday 1st October
2026.**To include your meeting dates and events in our next
printed issue, please email details before 4pm, Friday
11th September to skiptonscn@gmail.com.Thank you for your continued support of the Skipton
Community News. We are here to support your clubs
and organisations in any way we can. We can advertise
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you have an event you would like to promote.We have affordable advertising rates for local businesses
as well, so get in touch to place an ad.Please send an email to skiptonscn@gmail.com at any
time for more information or to start a conversation.

—SCN Editor, Kathy Leewai—

**THE SKIPTON
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
WEBSITE****for everything Skipton
downloadable SCN****SKIPTONAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU****COMMUNITY NOTICE****SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION****MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**The next general meeting of the Skipton Progress
Association will be held on Wednesday 9th September at
7pm in the small meeting room at the Skipton
Mechanics Hall.New members are welcome from Skipton and District for
discussions around projects and events throughout the
year. For further information, please contact Secretary
Donald Binks on 0422 738 332 or email
secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au.

—Donald Binks, Secretary Skipton Progress Association—

COMMUNITY NOTICE**SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL****FOOTY COLOURS DAY****FOOTY
COLOURS
DAY**Thursday
17th of
September!
Come to
school in
your
favourite
team
colours!**SKIPTON CEMETERY TRUST**The Skipton Cemetery Trust is seeking help from the
community with the replacement of trees that were cut
down.All donations of \$100 or more to replace these trees will
have the donors name placed on a board near the front
gate.

Please make direct debit donations to:

Bendigo Community Bank

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 163398050

Account Name: Skipton Cemetery Trust

Reference: Trees + family name

For more information, contact:

Bob Thornton (Secretary) on 0413351144

OR email skipton.cemetery.au@gmail.com

—Bob Thornton, Secretary Skipton Cemetery Trust—

SKIPTON COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE

Come and join us for our next working bee,
establishing our new Community Garden for Skipton.

No experience or skills needed, just a helping
hand and a positive attitude.

Gardening tools provided, BYO gloves.

Come along to contribute to the vision of your Skipton Community
Garden!

When: Sunday, September 13th

Time: 11am – 1:30pm

Where: 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton

All ages
Welcome



NOTICE TO OUR POTTERUPPERERS & BULBARIANS

Thank you to all the Community members who have potted up plants for our Fire Impacted Community!

We have shared pots in June at the Photo Exhibition, at the garden evening in Streatham and our FINALE is the Launch of the Community Photo Book and Film on Saturday 24th October. It has been a truly wonderful response with town and farm folk enjoying getting dirt in their fingernails.

Could all Potterupperers and Bulbarians please deliver their pots of plants to the Hall on Saturday 24th October and place on Tables ready for the plants at the front of the Hall. It would be great to have these plants available for ALL our Fire Impacted Community for the two days of the weekend. We will be setting up the Hall from 9:00am.

If you have any problems, please contact Pat Gabb on 0473 421 802.

—Pat Gabb—

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO PRE-ORDER!
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SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL**

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CONTACT LISA WILLS: 0409301906

OR PAT GABB 0473421802 FOR MORE INFO

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1620212

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The link closes on 18th September. Pre-order your copy now and register to attend the launch evening on Saturday 24th October.

If you need help with the site or need more information, please contact Lisa or Pat, details above.

—Pat Gabb & Lisa Wills—

SHINE A LIGHT ON WANNON'S LOCAL CHAMPIONS

3 September 2026

Dan Tehan MP, Member for Wannon, is calling on the community to recognise the people who go above and beyond in sport and volunteering by nominating them for the 2026 Wannon Sport and Volunteer Awards.

Mr Tehan said the awards provide an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Wannon's sporting community and acknowledge the many people who generously volunteer their time to support others.

"Across Wannon, there are countless people who make an enormous contribution to our communities, whether they are competing at the highest levels of their sport, helping a junior team, responding in an emergency or simply giving their time to make their local community a better place," Mr Tehan said.

"These awards are about making sure those achievements and contributions are recognised.

"I encourage everyone to think about the people they know who deserve recognition and take a few minutes to nominate them."

Celebrating the people who inspire us through sport

The Wannon Sport Awards recognise sporting achievement, dedication and commitment across all ages and levels of competition.

Nominations are open across four categories:

- Primary School - Individual or Team achievement
- Secondary School - Individual or Team achievement
- Open - Individual or Team achievement
- Member of Parliament Award

Nominations for the Wannon Sport Awards can be submitted at: dantehan.com.au/2026-wannon-sport-and-volunteer-awards/

Honouring the people who make Wannon stronger

Volunteers are the people who step up, lend a hand and make things happen in communities across Wannon.

The Wannon Volunteer Awards shine a light on the individuals and groups whose generosity, commitment and hard work make a lasting difference to the lives of others and help build stronger, more connected communities.

Nominations are open across five categories:

- Youth Volunteer (under 24 years)
- Emergency Management
- Group
- Inspiring Individual
- Member of Parliament Award

Nominations for the Wannon Volunteer Awards can be submitted at: dantehan.com.au/2026-wannon-sport-and-volunteer-awards/

"The people who make the biggest contribution to their communities are often the ones who don't seek recognition," said Mr Tehan.

"These awards are a chance to change that - to say thank you, celebrate their achievements and let them know their efforts have not gone unnoticed."

Nominations close at 11:59pm on Sunday 4th October.

The 2026 Wannon Sport and Volunteer Awards Ceremony will be held on **Thursday 19th November in Hamilton.**

For further details, please call 1300 131 692 or 03 5561 6405.

—Media release: Office of Dan Tehan MP—



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Contact Marilyn Ellis on 5340 3515 for enquiries

Usual Service times

9:00am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart on 0437 495 553 for enquiries

Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation**Skipton/Lismore**

10am at Skipton each week

**St John The Baptist Catholic Church,****Beaufort****Service Times**

- Week One Sunday LLA 10:00am
- Week Two Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Week Three Sunday LLA 10:00am
- Week Four Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Week Five Sunday LLA 10:00am

St Aloysius' Redan
St James' Sebastopol
St Peter's Linton
(Encompassing Skipton,
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 Presbytery: 508 Leith St,
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 Telephone: 0435 494 472

 Assistant Priest: Fr. Eladio
 Lizada OSJ
 Telephone: 0450 017 007
Parish Coordinators & Safeguarding Officers

Redan: Bernadette Lynch

Telephone: 0455 212 123

Email:

redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 4pm

Sebastopol: Pauline O'Brien

Telephone: 0428 699 624

Email:

sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am - 3pm

For Linton Parish enquiries, contact Fr. Con Bagaoisan

The parish acknowledges that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Parish Mass Times
St Aloysius, Redan & St James, Sebastopol: Thursday 9:30am, Friday 9:30am, Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Brigid's, Snake Valley, St Peter's, Linton & St John's, Skipton: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

3 Lyons St, South Ballarat

Telephone: 5331 2933

Email: ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.auWeb: stpatrcathedral.weebly.comwww.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm

The phone will be transferred to the on-call priest so that Hospitals, Aged Care facilities, Funeral Directors or others seeking the services of a priest may be responded to.



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation.

We are a child safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE**Skipton Community News Banking Details**

Bendigo Community Bank Beaufort

Account name: Skipton Progress Association Inc.

BSB: 633 000 Account number: 146 795 687

**SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION**

Beaufort Road, Skipton

Skipton Transfer Station opens fortnightly on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1-5pm

Sunday 6th September

Wednesday 9th September

Sunday 20th September

Wednesday 23rd September

Sunday 4th October

Wednesday 7th October

Sunday 18th October

**Skipton Kerbside Bin Collection**

Red waste bins collected weekly, yellow recycling fortnightly, purple glass on first recycling week each month

Green bin collected fortnightly between January & September, weekly between October & December

Tuesday 1st September: Red & green bins

Tuesday 8th September: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 15th September: Red & green bins

Tuesday 22nd September: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 29th September: Red & green bins

Tuesday 6th October: Red, yellow, green & purple bins

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An emergency community pantry providing free food, toiletries and hygiene products, cleaning supplies and other necessities to those in need, no questions asked.

Please consider a financial donation to:

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BSB 633 000

Account number: 230967804

SKIPTON OP-SHOP**OPENING HOURS**

The after-hours phone number for Stan has changed to
5340 2478

Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 3pm

Sunday 10am - 2pm

SKIPTON LIBRARY AT
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Open Tuesday 10am-12pm

Friday 3pm-5pm

Fiction, non-fiction, Large Print, DVDs, eBooks, children's books & DVDs, biographies, and more.

Free membership, all welcome.

Publish your meeting or events dates in the
Skipton Community News each week!
Email details to the Editor to skiptonscn@gmail.com

Post us a flyer to PO Box 60, Skipton VIC 3361

Or drop us a note into our drop boxes in either the roadhouse or the Skipton Country Grocers.

The deadline for inclusion is 4pm every Friday, to be printed in the next week's newsletter.

Story contributions are also welcome.



IT'S SPRING!

SKIPTON MARKET

Saturday 12th September

**Skipton Mechanics Hall,
Anderson Street, Skipton
9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**



**Browse our Stalls: Craft, Bric-a-brac, Cakes and Produce,
Books and Music, Jewelry, Crystals, and Plants,
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**Skipton Gardeners - look for free seeds, glorious Marigolds to
brighten up our world this Spring and Summer**

**Enjoy the warm welcome in our Supper Room, snacks and coffee, catch up
with Friends and Neighbours, make a Contribution to our Raffle and
Kids Photo Fun Fundraiser for Our Royal Children's Hospital Appeal**



**A project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc. For more Information
or for Stall Bookings, ring Jan, Market Co-ordinator on 0422 785 017**



Brilliant Marigolds for Skipton Gardeners

Get your free seeds from Skipton Market

On Saturday 12th September

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

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9 SEPTEMBER 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN**AN EVENING OF HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Join us for An Evening of Health & Wellbeing on Wednesday 30th September 2026 at the Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall from 6:45pm.

The evening will feature special guest Abby McGrath from the 4EK Foundation, who will share her story of losing her daughter Emma-Kate to Meningococcal B in 2017 at just 19 years old.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about:

- Nutrition and active movement
- Preventive health checks and screening
- Local health and wellbeing services
- Community resources and support available locally

Health Service staff and local service providers will also be available throughout the evening to answer questions and provide information about the services available locally.

This event is an opportunity for people across the community to learn more about their health, hear an important personal story, discover local services and connect with others in a relaxed and welcome setting.

Bookings are essential. To book your place, please scan the QR code or call 5349 1659.



Beaufort | 28 Havelock Street | 5349 1600
Skipton | 2 Blake Street | 5340 1100



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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**AN EVENING OF HEALTH & WELLBEING**

- > ABBY MCGRATH | 4EK FOUNDATION
- > NUTRITION AND MOVEMENT
- > PREVENTATIVE HEALTH
- > RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME



SKIPTON MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL
5 Anderson St, Skipton, 3361

WED 30
SEPTEMBER 2026

6.45PM - 8.00PM

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Mooramong
Thursday, October 15, 2026

Enjoy a networking lunch in the garden,
walking tours of the historic precinct
and nature reserve.

Speakers from Wadawurrung
Traditional Owners Aboriginal
Corporation, National Heritage Trust
Australia (Victoria), Corangamite CMA
and Glenelg Hopkins CMA.

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Thursday, October 15
9.30am–2.30pm
Mooramong Homestead

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\$30/head
Morning tea and lunch included



This project is supported by Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Corangamite CMA through funding from the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate Smart Agriculture Program

SPRING INTO FUN WITH FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAM



Young people aged 12 to 25 years can enjoy a range of exciting and educational activities in Golden Plains

Shire throughout the upcoming Spring school holidays, with activities running from Tuesday 22nd September to Friday 2nd October 2026.

The free school holiday activities held across the Shire have been designed to support the needs and interests of young people, while also providing opportunities to learn new skills and connect with other young people.

The full list of holiday activities available are:

Week One:

- Tuesday 22nd September, 9:30am-1:30pm - World Series Paintball at 165-315 Gifkins Road, Little River
- Thursday 24th September, 1pm-3:30pm - Feel Good Film & Food at *The Well*, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale

Week Two:

- Tuesday 29th September, 12:30pm-4pm - Bowling at *OZ Tenpin Bowling*, 19 Reynolds Road, Geelong
- Wednesday 30th September, 1pm-3:30pm - Feel Good Film & Food at the *Golden Plains Youth Hub*, 132A Milton Street, Bannockburn
- Thursday 1st October, 10am-3pm - YouthFest at the *Woody Yaloak Recreation Reserve*, 55 Heales Street, Smythesdale
- Friday 2nd October, 1pm-3pm - Learn to Skate Session (hosted by the Y) at the *Bannockburn Bike & BMX Track*, 3 Moore Street, Bannockburn

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey said Council was pleased to offer a diverse range of free activities for young people during the spring school holidays.

"Our school holiday program provides young people with opportunities to have fun, learn new skills and connect with others in a safe and welcoming environment," Cr Sharkey said.

"From paintball and bowling to skating, movies and YouthFest, there's something for everyone to enjoy across the Shire. These activities are designed around the interests of young people and help foster friendships, confidence and community connections," he said.

"I encourage young people to explore the program and take advantage of these fantastic free opportunities during the school holidays."

To register or find out more information about the Spring Holiday Activity Program, contact Council's Youth Development Team on 5220 7111 or visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/holiday-activity-program.

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—

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STREATHAM GARDENING EXPO

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
STREATHAM MEMORIAL HALL
10AM - 3PM

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SEE OVER THE PAGE FOR GUEST SPEAKERS

GUEST SPEAKERS

STREATHAM GARDENING EXPO

ROB PELLETIER

Heritage Fruit Trees

Rob Pelletier from Heritage Fruit Trees brings extensive practical knowledge of creating productive, resilient gardens and landscapes.

His presentation will explore landscape layout, thoughtful plant selection, and practical approaches to building property resilience and supporting garden recovery after challenging conditions.

DOMINIQUE SPARKS

Balancing Rock Farm

Dominique and her family run a small, productive farm in Western Victoria. As well as maintaining a fruitful vegetable garden and orchard, they also run a small mob of sheep and cattle.

Dom will talk about starting a vegetable garden from scratch with budget friendly ideas.

AGGIE STEVENSON

Senior Biodiversity Officer Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority (GHCMA)

Aggie Stevenson will share insights into the unique value of roadside native grasslands and their remarkable ability to regenerate following fire.

Her presentation will explore the benefits these grasslands provide for biodiversity, landscape health and the wider environment.

KRISTY FORD

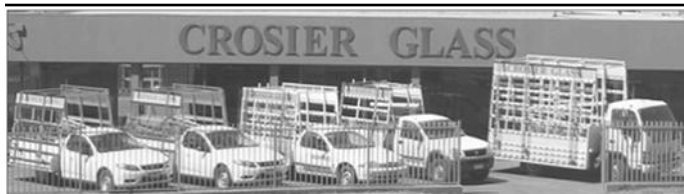
CFA Community Engagement Coordinator

Kristy Ford from the CFA will share practical advice to help property owners prepare for the warmer months.

Her presentation will cover summer property clean-up and fire-smart gardening resources, with useful steps to reduce risk around the home while maintaining a safe, healthy garden.



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LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.**

**These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (President/Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)**

SKIPTON DAFFODIL SHOW

SUBSIDIARY SECTIONS WELL PATRONISED

There was an excellent display of blooms when the annual daffodil show, organised on behalf of the Church of England, was opened at Skipton Mechanics Hall on Saturday afternoon, in spite of fears expressed beforehand that the severe weather of the past few weeks would have a detrimental effect on garden work. It was not only in the daffodils that some fine specimens were seen, but stocks, anemones and other garden beauties were noticeable on the competition benches, while ferns and other foliage added to the attractions. The exhibits were set out in pleasing array and a feature calling for favorable comment was the idea of having the sections denoted by large cards readily discernable from distant parts of the building.

Once again Messrs West and Fell won the five guinea prize donated by Mr F. S. Austin for the collection of 24 varieties of narcissi, carrying with it the right to hold for the ensuing year the Perpetual Challenge Cup donated by Major C. O. Fairbairn. The same competitors also won Mr F. S. Austin's five guinea prize for collection of 36 varieties of narcissi.

An exhibit that created considerable interest was a scale model of the famous vessel Queen Mary, the holder of the Blue Ribbon of the Atlantic. The model was made by Mr E. May, and took the prize in the competition for Most Useful Article made from material costing not more than 1/. Mr May cut the wood from the trunk of a tree, and claims that the actual monetary cost for material would not exceed five-pence.

OH, TELL US NOW!

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Through the agency of F. W. Grabsch Pty. Ltd. a change has been made in the ownership of the Skipton Hotel, which has been in the hands of Mr Leo. Edwards for the past twelve years. The purchaser is Mr R. Reid, formerly of the Gordon Hotel, Portland, and he is to take possession next Monday, when Mr and Mrs Edwards and family, with their son-in-law, Mr Ambrose Kelly, plan to leave Skipton. They will be missed by many friends, especially among the sporting fraternity.

FAREWELL SOCIAL

On Tuesday evening a farewell social, in the Mechanics Hall, was tendered to Mr and Mrs A. Kelly and Miss Loris Edwards, who are very shortly leaving the town. Many friends gathered, and apologies were received for those unable to attend. Dancing was the most popular feature for the evening, interspersed with games and singing. A dainty supper was served by the lady friends during which presentations were made to the honored guests. Mr M. Osborne, on behalf of the company, presented Mr and Mrs Kelly with a beautiful Mulga Wood inkstand, complete with pen, and Mr C. Notman, acting for the many young friends, presented Miss Edwards with a very useful article in the form of a small vanity compact.

Misses M. and A. Corbett, G. Wise and Mr A. Wilson officiated at the piano.

To discover more about Skipton's past, drop into the Old Police House at 35 Montgomery Street between 2pm and 4pm on the third Sunday of every month. All are most welcome.



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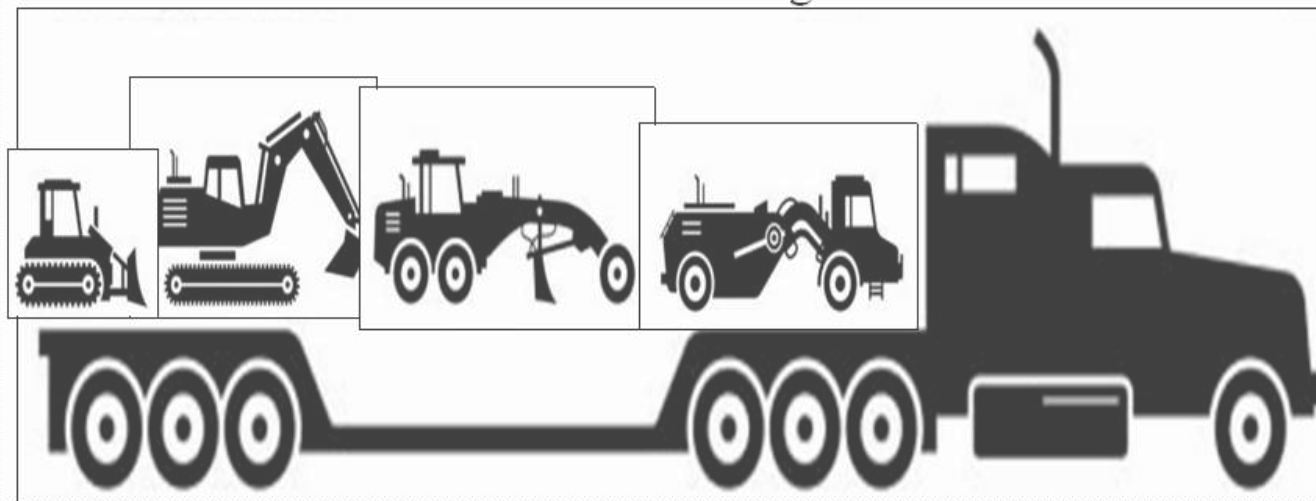
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Join us for a relaxed lunch at Cobden Golf Club, providing an opportunity for carers to connect with others in similar roles, share experiences and enjoy some time together, while learning more about support available to carers in your local area.

Whether you're new to caring or have been supporting someone for many years, everyone is welcome.

We hope to see you there!

This event is **FREE** for carers but you do need to register to attend.

 events@carersvictoria.org.au

 **1800 514 845**

 www.carersvictoria.org.au/events

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Wednesday, 16 September 2026
12:00PM to 2:00PM

Cobden Golf Club
28 Neylon Street
Cobden VIC 3266

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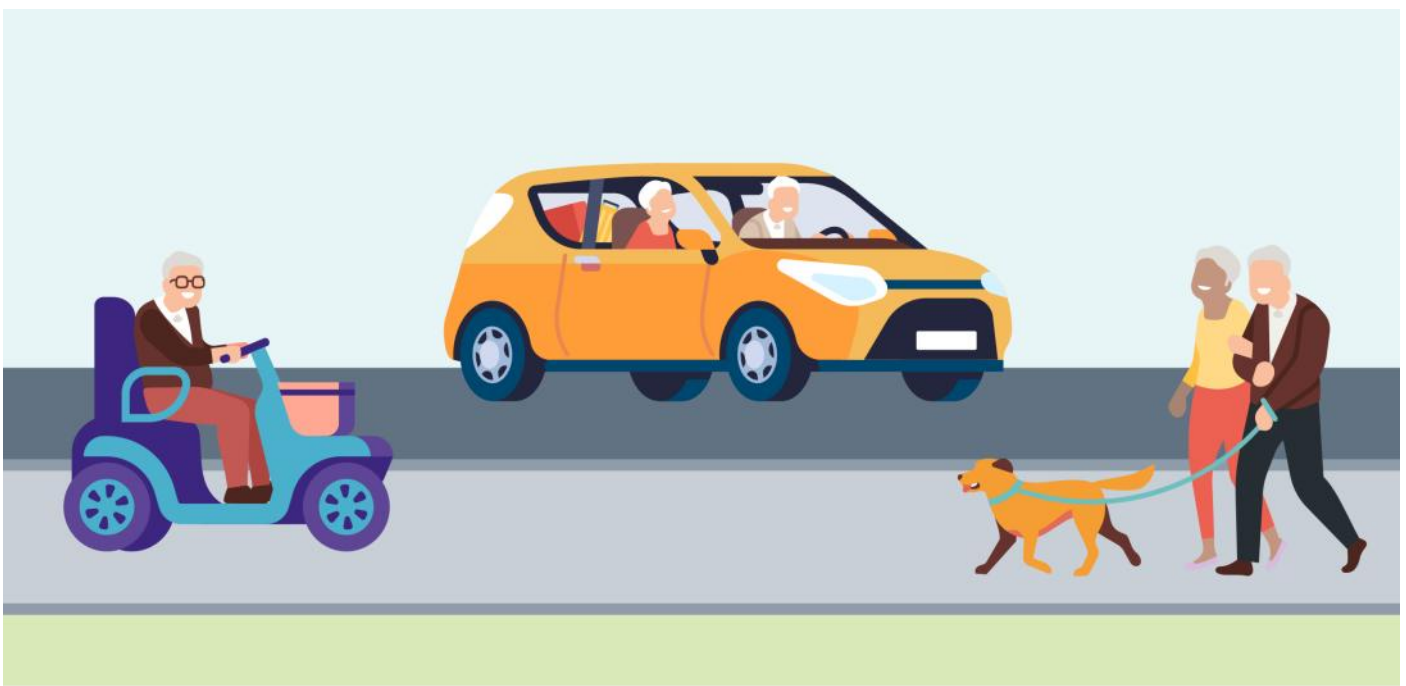
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Navigation Support Program

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Corangamite Community EXPO

Tuesday 6, 10 am–2 pm,
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Creative Hub Bookaar

Wednesday 7 October, 11 am–3 pm
Old Bookaar School

Safer Driver/Mobility Scooter/Walk with Care session

Thursday 8, 10 am–12.30 pm,
Rose Room, Terang

Johnny Cash & June Carter Tribute Show

Wednesday 14, 11 am–12 pm
Cobden Civic Hall

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Tuesday 13, 10 am–12.30 pm
Cobden Senior Citizens Hall

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND MEETINGS

Skipton Senior Citizens Club

Every Monday at Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall

From **2pm till 4pm** on Monday, and on the **fourth Monday** have an earlier start of **12 noon** for Lunch. Committee Meeting follows at 2pm. "Seniors" is a fantastic way to enjoy a weekly outing and to make new friends. Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "lots of Other Stuff"!!

- Seniors also have trips and outings throughout the year.
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Skipton Library in Mechanics Hall

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Friday 3:00pm to 5:00pm

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NEW OPENING HOURS - see Page 6

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Skipton Historical Society

From 2pm-4pm, the third Sunday of every month, in the Court House Museum and Old Police House, in Stewart Park, Montgomery St, Skipton. All visitors welcome. Further enquiries, please call Secretary on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com.

Skipton Community Market

The community market is held on the **second Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm**. If you are new in town, or haven't been to the market before, come and enjoy a free morning tea and browse the interesting stalls. For stall bookings, call Jan on 0422 785 017.

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Beaufort Historical Society 9 Livingstone St, Beaufort

Open hours every Wednesday 10am-4pm, and last Sunday of the month from 12pm-3pm. Except for the months of June, July & January. All welcome.

Wednesday 9th September, 7pm SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Meeting every second Wednesday in the month, the Progress Association welcomes new members from Skipton and District for discussions around various events and programs throughout the year. For further information, please contact Secretary Donald Binks on 0422 738 332 or email secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au

Thursday 10th September, 11am-1pm, OLDER ADULTS CONVERSATION at David Newman Community Centre, Camperdown. Everyone is welcome to participate in friendly conversation. Lunch and refreshments provided. RSVP: Andrea Moloney 5563 4082

Saturday 12th September, 9am-1pm SKIPTON SPRING MARKET at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. Stalls offering Produce, Craft, Music and Books, Jewellery, Crystals and Bric-a-Brac, Second-Hand Surprises, and Plants. Join neighbours and friends in our cosy Supper Room for a snack and a chat, Gardeners look out for FREE SEEDS, glorious marigolds for colour and joy in summer. A project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc, for further information and stall bookings, contact Market Coordinator Jan on 0422 785 017.

Sunday 13th September, 11am-1:30pm COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE at 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton. Seeking helping hands from the community to help establish a new Community Garden for Skipton. No experience needed, tools provided. Please bring gloves. All ages welcome!

Thursday 17th September, FOOTY COLOURS DAY at Skipton Primary School. Pie Lunch!

Thursday 17th September SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS ON BREAK. Newsletter returns Wednesday 7th October. Please send in any Sept/Oct notices to be included in our final issue on 16th September.

Friday 18th September, LAST DAY OF TERM at Skipton Primary School. Casual Clothes Day, 2:30pm finish.

Friday 18th September, LINK CLOSES FOR BOOK & FILM ORDERING, AND REGISTRATION FOR 24TH OCTOBER LAUNCH EVENT

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September, 10am-4pm, MCFARLANE DRESS COLLECTION "FASHION THROUGH THE AGES" EXHIBITION at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. FREE EVENT, afternoon tea and fashion parade from 1pm Sunday. Please RSVP by email to skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au

Saturday 19th September, 10am-3pm, STREATHAM GARDENING EXPO at Streatham Memorial Hall. FREE ENTRY, featuring guest speaker talks, kids activities and more. Hosted by Ararat Rural City Council.

Sunday 27th September, 1:30pm MATINEE MOVIE featuring *Field of Dreams* (1989) Sports/Fantasy. Starring Kevin Costner. Doors open 1:30pm, screening at 2pm. Admission \$10 for adults (includes afternoon tea), children under 12 FREE. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday 30th September, 6:45pm-8pm AN EVENING OF HEALTH & WELLBEING WITH ABBY McGRATH at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Free community event, all community members welcome. Bookings essential, please call 5349 1659.

Saturday 3rd October, 2pm-10pm CARRANBALLAC HOEDOWN at the Carranballac Recreation Reserve, Glenelg Highway, Carranballac. Family friendly event with live entertainment and beginner line dancing sessions. Tickets on sale, all proceeds will support the rebuilding of the Carranballac Hall.