Skipton Community News

A Project of Skipton Progress Association Inc.
Volume 49 Issue 32 ~ 14th October 2026

FREE
WEEKLY

WESTERN BRIGADES URGING RESIDENTS TO GET FIRE READY

CFA is calling on Victorians to Get Fire Ready ahead of what is predicted to be a high-risk fire season, with residents across the west invited to attend local preparedness events.



As part of CFA's Get Fire Ready initiative, more than 70 brigades across CFA's West Region will take part in events throughout October and November, giving landowners practical advice to help protect their homes, families and properties.

Among those taking part are brigades from communities that know all too well the impact of bushfire.

Natimuk, Skipton, Dimboola, Kadnook, Goroke, Moyston, Pomonal, Halls Gap, Lexton and Mount Mercer are among the recently fire-affected brigades participating in the statewide initiative.

CFA West Region Deputy Chief Officer Scott Turner said the strong involvement of recently fire-affected brigades reinforced the importance of preparing before the fire season.

"Communities across western Victoria have seen firsthand in recent times how quicky fire can develop and the impact it can have," Scott said.

"We strongly encourage people from all across our region to attend their nearest Get Fire Ready event.

"Our brigades can assist with best to prepare your property, knowing when to leave and where you'll go if a fire breaks out and setting a watch zone in the VicEmergency app."



For residents of Carranballac, Streatham and Skipton, that experience is particularly recent.

The Streatham—Yalla-Y-Poora fire, which occurred amid catastrophic fire conditions on 9th January 2026, destroyed multiple homes, burned approximately 20,000 hectares and resulted in significant livestock losses.

Westmere Group Officer Pat Millear said the fire reinforced the importance of making decisions early and preparing will before a high risk day.

"Preparation doesn't guarantee a house will survive, but it gives our crews a much better chance to defend it," Pat said.

"A cleared property, accessible driveways and knowing residents have evacuated give our crews valuable assistance and reassurance during a bushfire response.

"Get Fire Ready is a chance for people to sit down with us, look at a map of their own area and ask questions like, 'What does my risk actually look like, and what can I do about it before summer?'"

Skipton will hold a Get Fire Ready event on 8th November at the Skipton Spring Festival.

To find out when your nearest brigade is taking part, visit cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready.

—Media release: CFA Victoria, cfa.vic.gov.au—

THE SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

SKIPTONAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU

COMMUNITY NOTICE

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026 SERVICE

At the **11th Hour,** of the **11th Day,** of the **11th Month** the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will mount a service at the Skipton War Memorial on Anderson St to commemorate **Remembrance Day 2026**.

The service at 11am will be followed by a light luncheon for all who attend in the Skipton Mechanics Hall, a chance to share memories, remember friends and colleagues, establish new contacts, and support Friends.

LEST WE FORGET

All welcome, floral tributes and poppies welcome at the service.

Further information from Friends President Graham Layley on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293.

—Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch —

CP@clinic©

Grampians Community Health
For you, your family & our community

Our Community Paramedic will be visiting

Streatham

Streatham Hall



Dates: October 23

from 1pm - 3pm

Come and have a chat about your health.
This is a **FREE** service!
For more information scan the QR or visit gch.org.au

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

McMaster University
Family Medicine

Rustic Kitchen

AT THE SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

26 ROKEWOOD-SKIPTON ROAD, SKIPTON, 3361

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—

Winter Special

$10.00

Matinee Movie Skipton Mechanic's Hall

October 25th



Date: Sunday October 25th
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 Skipton

Pyrenees Community House

STOCKYARD HILL Wind Farm

OUTREACH LIBRARY COMING TO STREATHAM WEEKLY

The Ararat Rural City Library Outreach Van attends Streatham Hall every Monday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

ARARAT RURAL CITY LIBRARY

All are welcome.

Guests can browse a selection of reading and listening materials, have any requested items delivered, and learn about upcoming events.

For further information, please contact the Ararat Rural City Library on 03 5352 1722.

—Ararat Rural City Council—

STREATHAM & SURROUNDS FIRE RECOVERY HUB

The Fire Recovery Hub is open every Friday from 1pm to 3pm at Streatham Hall.

Afternoon tea is provided. The Fire Recovery Officer from Ararat Rural City Council is in attendance every week for residents to discuss available support, catch up with local residents, and share upcoming events & plans.

FREE TECH HELP AT THE HUB from 16th OCT

ARARAT RURAL CITY LIBRARY
DIGITAL LITERACY SUPPORT

This is a free service for residents of Streatham and surrounds who may have questions about technology - whether it is how to use their phone, laptop or tablet; accessing online services; staying safe online; avoiding scams; resetting passwords; or any other concerns about our increasingly digital world.

—Ararat Rural City Council—

SPRING CARNIVAL BINGO AT SKIPTON

With blooming blossoms, sheep bleating and birds squawking - it must mean Spring is in the air, and that must mean the Spring Racing Carnival!



L-R: Chief Steward Georgie, Former jockey Fenella Trollope, an ex-Governor General, socialite Lady Prunella Lite-Socket, The Duchess of Opshoppe, and Commodore Lucky Phil - Wolf Whistler by appointment

Eager punters, horsey people, bookies, celebrities and racing identities all descended upon the Mechanics Hall in beautiful downtown Skipton last Wednesday. All eager to beat the odds in a full programme of Bingo.

The popularity of this monthly event is spreading widely, and Georgie's spruiking has garnered quite a reputation, as has the verbal match between her and Stewie.

Stewie incidentally had thought he had won a race, but the judge called for a photo and he unfortunately had missed out.

Dale managed to gather up some sausages that had fallen off the back of a truck and so the chaff bags were put on before the start and at an interval between events.

The fashion stakes were on a par with the latest in Paris fashion and a number of people had taken the trouble to dress for such a class event.

One table managed to win nearly all the racing events. There was a call for the stewards, however everything proved to be bona fide and the placings were confirmed with correct weight.

Next month will no doubt also be a resounding success - so why not be part of this fun-packed excursion into frivolity?

—Photo by Lois Lane, Report by Kent Clarke—

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT LIGHTS UP LISMORE

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

All eyes were turned to the sky as a constellation of colours erupted over Lismore on Saturday.



Over 300 people braved the cold for the Light Up the Night fireworks spectacular in Lismore on Saturday.

The community celebration featured a free barbecue by the Lismore Football Netball Club, live music by local duo The Coles, line dancing and children's activities.



The event at Lismore Recreation Reserve was organised by the Lismore Progress Association and supported by Corangamite Shire Council with State Government fire recovery funding.

Mayor Kate Makin said the fun night out brought people together to share a sense of community.

"It was great to see the community out and about and enjoying a family-friendly event together. It was a fantastic vibe.



"The fireworks were amazing. Thanks to Mitch Prewett, who did the pyrotechnics, and all the organisers.

"Thanks also to the CFA and SES who were there to help people with tips and advice about fire and emergency preparedness, as well as Australian Red Cross and VCC Emergencies Ministry who provided wellbeing support."

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL 2026



FREE ENTRY

TO BE HELD THIS YEAR AT

SMYTHE STREET, SKIPTON

SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2026

10.00AM - 3.00PM

- ★ CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT, PETTING ZOO, JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING
- ★ LIVE MUSIC
- ★ COUNTRY MARKET, STALLS, FOOD VENDORS AND MORE
- ★ CLASSIC MOTOR CARS ON SHOW
- ★ SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATION



★ A MYRIAD OF FUN-PACKED THINGS TO DO AND SEE! ★

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—

GOOD CITIZEN NHW AWARD TO JACK SMITH



Jack Smith accepts Neighbourhood Watch Award from NHW Secretary/Treasurer Stan Foote

The end of Term Three at Skipton Primary School saw student Jack Smith receive the Skipton Neighbourhood Watch Award for displaying great citizenship throughout the term.

Teachers said Jack was always aware of anything needing to be done and is a most willing helper.

Well done, Jack!

—Report and photograph by SCN reporter Lois Lane—

BLAZEAID FAREWELL LUNCH

Sunday 25th October, 12pm onwards
Bradvale Recreation Reserve,
549 Crawfords Rd, Bradvale

FREE EVENT - EVERYONE WELCOME

Join us as we thank BlazeAid for their incredible support of our fire-impacted communities over the past eight months.

As their Bradvale camp wraps up, let's come together to celebrate their contribution and wish them well.

Lunch and soft drinks provided.

RSVP essential to assist with catering, please email skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au or phone 5593 7100.

—Corangamite & Pyrenees Shire Councils—

SKIPTON FIRE BRIGADE IS RECRUITING

If you are over 18 years old, then
WE WANT YOU!
We are on the lookout for new fire fighters and non-operational members.



Our team is a well-trained and relaxed group of dedicated individuals who proudly serve and protect our community. We are looking for new members who want to learn new skills and show up when our community needs it the most. Come give us a hand!

Go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers
or
Contact Ben on 0400 272 119

Camperdown Veterinary Centre

1 Leura Street, Camperdown

Monday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Tuesday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Wednesday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Thursday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Friday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday	9.00am -12.00pm

CVC CAMPERDOWN VETERINARY CENTRE

Please note:
NEW OPENING TIMES

59 William Street Lismore
Every Tuesday 9.00am-12.00pm
To book an appointment for your pet, please call (03) 5593 1077

Routine on-farm visits from 12.00pm onwards every Tuesday.

For all emergencies, please ring (03) 5593 1077 and follow the prompts to talk to a vet on call.

www.camperdownvet.com.au team@camperdownvet.com.au

Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

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, Smythesdale & Snake Valley)

Parish Priest: Fr. Con Bagaoisan OSJ
Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan
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.au
Web: stpatscathedral.weebly.com
www.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 Parish, Ballarat

****

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

Wednesday 7th October
Sunday 18th October
Wednesday 21st October
Sunday 1st November
Wednesday 4th November
Sunday 15th November
Wednesday 18th November



Skipton Kerbside Bin Collection

Red waste bins collected weekly, yellow recycling fortnightly, purple glass on first recycling week each month
Green bin collected weekly between October & December

Tuesday 6th October:	**Red, yellow, green & purple bins**
Tuesday 13th October:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 20th October:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 27th October:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 3rd November:	Red, yellow, green & purple bins

SKIPTON FOOD BANK AT JUBILEE CENTRE

10 MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON

OPENING HOURS

MONDAYS	**2PM-5PM**
WEDNESDAYS	**12PM-3PM**
THURSDAYS	**9AM-12PM**

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:
SKIPTON COMMUNITY SHOP
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 THE MECHANICS HALL

Corangamite Moyne Library Service

5 Anderson St, Skipton

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.

COUNTRY GROCERS & LIQUOR
EST. 1999

Groceries

Liquor

Fresh Produce

15 Montgomery St. Skipton

Ph: (03) 5340 2020

Monday—Saturday

8am—7pm

Sunday

9am—7pm

skipton@countrygrocers.com.au

THREE CHEESE WORKSHOP

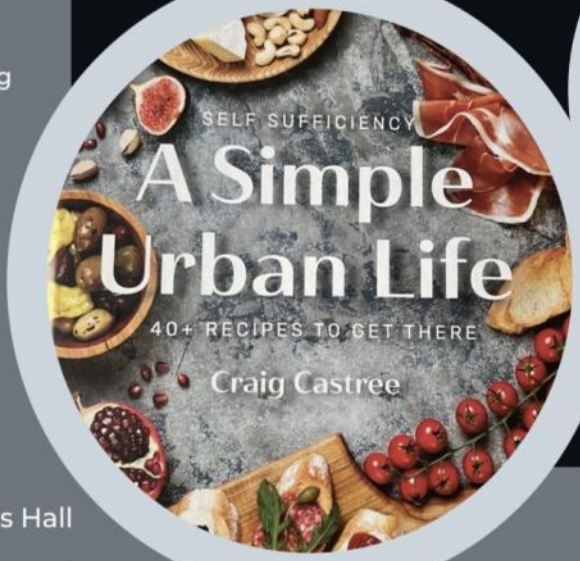
Sunday
1st Nov 2026
$10

Learn how to make bocconcini, mozzarella and halloumi

CRAIG CASTREE

will guide us through the process step-by -step sharing all the tips and tricks ,and tools you need to make perfect cheese at home.

To book scan QR CODE







Karen
0427728808

Skipton Mechanics Hall

Time 1 - 3.30 pm

Afternoon Tea Supplied

https://www.trybooking.com/DQCKB

Supported by the Corangamite Shire and Skipton Progress Association

Tristan Ritchie ELECTRICAL

REC 28442

DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL, RURAL



Underground wiring systems, services location, data & security and much more

Your trusted local sparkie

PH: 0409 546 675

www.tristanritchieelectrical.com.au

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School phone: 5340 2002 Email: skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au www.skiptonps.vic.edu.au

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS

Michelle's Award

Isla - For showing wonderful persistence and growth in word reading tasks. Isla, you should be enormously proud of your efforts and progress. Well done!

Miss Mac's Award

Angus - For demonstrating enthusiasm, courage and effort through your participation in our English discussions. Well done, Angus!

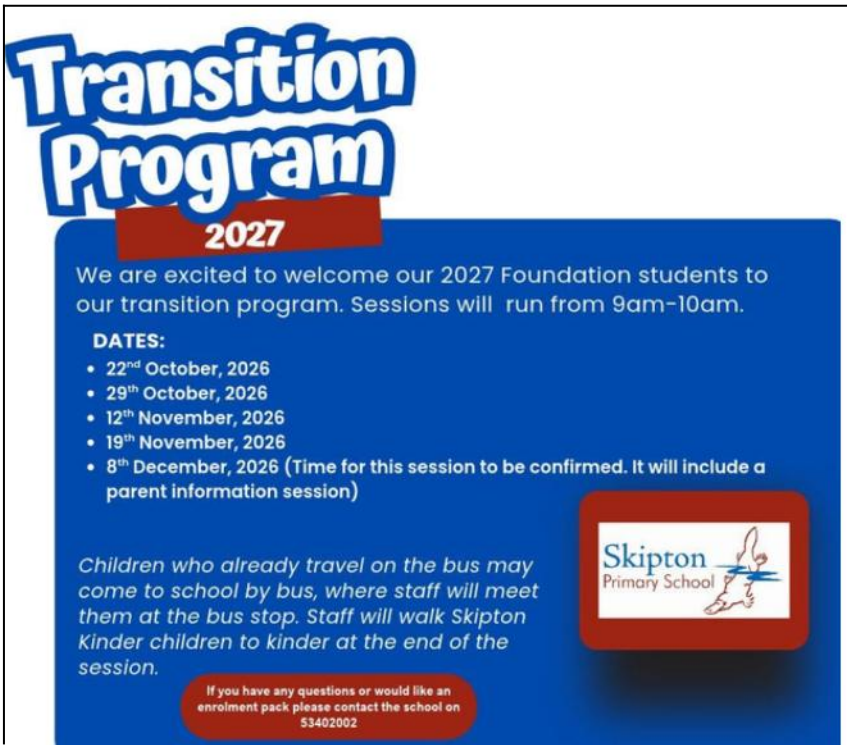
Mrs Donald's Award

Ryder - For showing a fantastic improvement in his positive approach to writing tasks. It has been wonderful to see him challenging himself in Spelling by choosing to tackle the challenge words this week!

Mrs Bourke's Award

Eve - For willingly sharing your writing, experimenting with new language features, and always celebrating the achievements of others. You are a valued member of our class who inspires those around you to learn and grow!

Congratulations to all!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4, Week 2

Monday 12th October
- BMX Show - whole school incursion
- School council

Tuesday 13th October
- Hotdog orders for Summer Sports due!

Friday 16th October
- Summer Sports at Lismore PS

Term 4, Week 3

Wednesday 21st October
- NO PM OSHC

Thursday 22nd October
- 2027 Prep Transition 9-10

Friday 23rd October
- Assembly

Term 4, Week 4

Thursday 29th October
- Emergency Services Day
- 2027 Prep Transition 9-10

Friday 30th October
- Colour Run

Term 4, Week 5

Monday 2nd November
- STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 3rd November
- Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Friday 6th November
- Grade 5/6 Cricket

Term 4, Week 6

Thursday 12th November
- 2027 Prep Transition 9-10

NOTICE

MANGO DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Just two weeks left to place your orders for our delicious and juicy mangoes!

Payment can be made to the Primary School bank account:

BSB: 033-222 Acc: 019701

Please use your name and the word 'MANGO' as reference.

Order forms available in this issue on page 11 & 12. You may pull out the page and return to the school to place your order.





ROHAN NICOL
BUILDING

Building quality. Built to last.

From new builds to renovations, extensions, insurance work and sheds, Rohan Nicol Building can help bring your plans to life.

NEW HOMES | RENOVATIONS & EXTENSIONS | INSURANCE WORK | SHEDS & OUTBUILDINGS

QUALITY WORKMANSHIP • RELIABLE SERVICE
LOCAL EXPERIENCE

0409 970 997
rohannicol@hotmail.com

ROHAN NICOL BUILDING
Your local building team
CDB-U 63737

MASTER BUILDERS VICTORIA
REGISTERED MASTER BUILDER

R & N Elite Painting Services
The jobs you put off we do



Rex 0400 802 903
E: rnelitepaintingservices@gmail.com
Residential & Commercial
Servicing Skipton, Linton, Ballarat and Districts
FULLY INSURED
Quality Products Used
ABN 15 619 186 696





LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
R&N Elite Painting Services
https://www.facebook.com/

CUTTING GALLERY BEAUFORT





60 Neill St, Beaufort
Ladies & Gents Hairdressing

HOURS: Closed Mondays
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (9am till late)
Friday (8:30am-5.30pm)
Closed Saturday

Gift vouchers available / Waxing and Lash & Brow Tints
Stockist of Redken / Zenz alternative Hair Colour

Phone 5349 2688 for appointments

ELMAT ELECTRICAL

0477 663 323

Matthew Elliott
matt@elmatelectrical.com.au
www.elmatelectrical.com.au
REC 30744

• Industrial • Domestic • Commercial • Farm • Rural
• Air Con • Data and Communication

"A local business supporting the Skipton community and surrounding district"

Ones&Twos
PLUMBING | GASFITTING

Your local trusted Master Plumber
You call we arrive

- Gas fitting
- Burst Pipes
- Leakages
- Split System
- Rainwater Tanks
- Hot Water units
- and more

master plumbers
Expert. Committed. Professional.



CALL US TODAY

0490 527 663
1800 663 896
www.facebook.com/onestwosplumbing

Skipton Primary School

The MANGO FUNDRAISER



Order your Bowen Special Mangoes today!

Pre-order your 7 kg tray of Bowen Special Mangoes (aka Kensington Pride) delivered fresh from the farm!

(approx. 12–23 mangoes per tray depending on fruit size)

Your order makes a difference - thank you for supporting our fundraiser!



Orders close: 3:30pm, Oct 24th 2026

Delivery week: Mid November 2026

Price per tray: $33

*Delivery dates may be changed due to logistical difficulties or seasonal changes beyond our control, your co-ordinator will be notified of any changes.

Questions? Contact Rosie – 0438 795 258

Customer Order Form

CUSTOMER ORDER FORM

Deane Farms Pty Ltd • ABN 88 660 184 181 • 419 Bartlett Rd, Horseshoe Lagoon QLD 4809

Name:..... Address:.....

Email:..... Phone:.....

Coordinator/Office use

Coordinators Name	Price	Expected Delivery week beginning	Return form with payment by
Rosie Weatherly	$33/tray	Mid November	24th October 2026

NAME	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
1.		$	$
2.		$	$
3.		$	$
4.		$	$
5.		$	$
6.		$	$
7.		$	$
8.		$	$
9.		$	$
10.		$	$
11		$	$
12.		$	$
13.		$	$
14.		$	$
15.		$	$
		TOTAL	$

* Delivery dates may be changed due to logistical difficulties or seasonal changes beyond our control. Your coordinator will be notified of any changes. Thank you for your understanding.

The Communities of Streatham, Carranballac and Skipton are INVITED to share lunch in the BLACKS CREEK GARDEN on Wednesday 28th October from 11.00am to 3.00pm.
This is a chance to thank all who helped with the Creation of the Fire Book and Film, Thank the Potterupperers and Bulbarians, Thank the creators of the wooden toys and plants from the Hamilton Community House and generally have a relaxing lunch, chat and cuppa. So really, the invitation covers everyone!
BRING A PLATE OF LUNCH TO SHARE, sun hat or raincoat to use and dress in HAPPY, JOYFULL COLOURS.
Tea, coffee and water will be provided as will be tables and chairs (although pop an extra CHAIR in just in case).
This is a very relaxed, casual gathering so feel free to come and go when you wish.
Hostess--Pat Gabb --2273 Carngham Streatham Road, Stoneleigh. 0473421802—Entry at the mailbox surrounded by garden and old bikes

LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY PHOTO BOOK AND FILM
SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER from 5PM

The Communities of Streatham, Carranballac and Skipton and friends from near and far are invited to attend this special gathering.

The books and films may be collected from the Skipton Hall from 5pm.

The film will be shown at 7:30pm.

Entry is FREE, food provided FREE and music to enjoy. A beautiful painting created by Sandy Joy Wilson will be won by someone who attends the evening - a free ticket each at the door.

If you have not ordered a book or film, you may purchase on the evening:

$30 for the Fire Book
$100 for the Flood Book reprint
$10 for the Fire Film DVD

Please bring correct cash.

PLEASE BE AWARE THE FILM IS GRAPHIC and may be challenging. We will have Volunteer Counsellors attending to offer support during the evening.

For any queries please contact Pat Gabb on 0473 421 802.

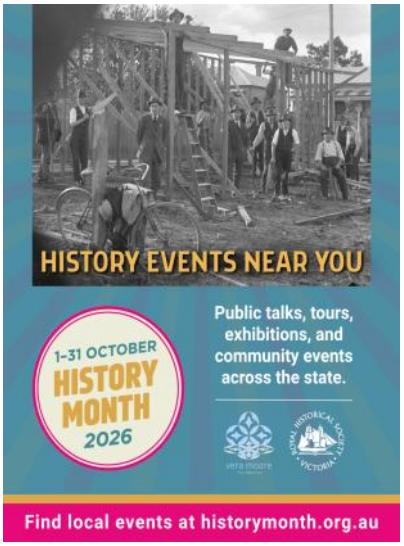
—Pat Gabb—

HISTORY COMES HOME:
HISTORY MONTH 2026 INVITES VICTORIANS TO DISCOVER THEIR LOCAL PAST

This October, communities across Victoria will mark History Month 2026, a state-wide celebration inviting locals to explore the histories of their own towns, suburbs and neighbourhoods.

Around 100 local historical societies, museums, libraries and community groups from across the state are taking part. Programs vary widely and include talks, walking tours, exhibitions, open days and community gatherings.

Many participants are drawing on this year's theme, "The Places That Made Us", exploring the buildings, streets and landmarks that shape local identity. Others are showcasing different aspects of their community's history, with every organisation free to shape its event around whatever local history matters most to them.



"This year's theme, 'The Places That Made Us', reminds us that history isn't only something we read about, it's something we experience every day. The streets, buildings and landmarks of our own neighbourhoods carry stories that shape who we are, and History Month is a chance for Victorians to rediscover and celebrate them. Local historical societies are the ones who do the vital work of safeguarding these stories. They collect what would otherwise be lost, and share it in ways that keep communities connected to their past. We're grateful to the Vera Moore Foundation for their support, which makes it possible for communities across the state to share these diverse local histories," said Dr Steven Cooke, Executive Director of the Society.

History Month is coordinated by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV), the umbrella body supporting historical societies across the state, but each event is run independently by the local organisation hosting it.

Find events near you: historymonth.org.au/events-calendar

About History Month

History Month is an annual celebration of local and community history held across Victoria every October, coordinated by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

History Month 2026 is supported by the Vera Moore Foundation.

—Media release: Royal Historical Society Victoria—



Free Late Lunch'n'Launch

Sunday 18th October 2026

2.30 - 5.00pm

To be held at The Linton and District Bowls Club, 31 - 33 Adair Street, Linton, Victoria, 3360

The Linton Good Neighbour Initiative would like to extend a warm invitation to our farmers in the area, who we recognise are doing it tough, and all those who have been so badly impacted by the devastating bushfires earlier this year to a free lunch to take place after the Linton (and Cape Clear) Town-wide garage sale.

We hope that our farmer neighbours will enjoy browsing and hopefully buying some bargains in the Town-wide garage sale which starts at 8:00am and then join us afterwards for a free lunch. This will coincide with the hard launch of the Linton Good Neighbour Initiative. The Bowls Club is wheelchair accessible with plenty of on and off street parking. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided free of charge too, however our friends from the Bowls Club will be staffing the bar where you may purchase alcoholic drinks as well if you wish, with proceeds going to the Bowls Club.

If you have any queries, please email lintongoodneighbourinitiative@gmail.com

We look forward to hosting our local farmers and would like to thank the Skipton Progress Association Inc. for their support in making this event possible.

VICTORIA State Government

This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH



Weaving for Wellness - Coil Weaving Workshop
Saturday 17th October from 10am - 12pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall Small Meeting Room

proudly sponsored by SKIPTON FOOD BANK

Tickets $20 - bookings essential!
https://events.humanitix.com/weavingforwellbeing
Alternatively scan QR code
or contact Tash on 0435894546 to book.

SCAN ME

In this 2 hour workshop you will learn all of the skills needed to create your very own woven basket or bowl using raffia and the coil weaving technique. All materials are supplied for this workshop



LINTON TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

FREE MAPS @ THE TAKEAWAY ONLY ON THE DAY & ONLY **AFTER 8am**.

SALE ON 8am TO 2pm.

TOGETHER WITH OUR SISTER CITY CAPE CLEAR

For enquiries: Jenny 0427 447 416



Moreton Hill Wind Farm

The proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm is located on Wadawurrung Country, about 35 kilometres southwest of Ballarat. The wind farm will have up to 62 turbines, producing enough electricity to power around 260,000 homes and prevent almost 350,000 tonnes of emissions annually.

The wind farm is proposed to connect to the electricity network via a new underground 220kV powerline to the Berrybank terminal station about nine kilometres south of the wind farm.

For the latest updates on Moreton Hill Wind Farm and to sign up for our community updates, please scan the QR code or visit: www.moretonhillwindfarm.com.au

SQUADRON ENERGY

BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1936 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO
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)

A CAT AND DOG CLUB.

One of the strangest "clubs" in the world will be closed down before very long. The only ones who are blissfully unaware of the fact are the members themselves. This is not so strange, perhaps, for six of the members are dogs and the remaining two cats!

For several years these eight animals have lunched together at a cat's meat shop in Southampton. But very soon Canal Walk, in which the shop is situated, is to be pulled down, and when this does happen the club members will be distressed—for habit is a hard thing to break.

Eleven a.m. is their feeding time, but it is not just "elevenses" with them—it's really a hearty meal. Each member has his particular fancy. Like Jack Spratt and his wife, some like fat and some like lean, but they all insist on having a lot.

The eight do not come for charity. They are all animals with good homes, and once a week their owners call and settle their club account. The cats are the first rankers and have their meals on the counter, while three of the dogs, who are small, sit outside and beg humbly until their turn comes.

The three big dogs stand with their front paws on the counter awaiting their turn. None of them would think of grabbing or being discourteous to the cats, who eat peacefully without fear of canine interference.

Their club motto appears to be "After dinner rest awhile," for when they have finished eating the eight usually sit down outside the shop and have a rest for about half an hour before they go home.

It is a strange fact that not one of the animals ever goes to the shop on Sundays, when, of course, the club is closed.

MEDICAL TRUTHS.

NASAL OBSTRUCTION.

Obstruction of the nasal passages is probably more frequent in smoke-laden atmospheres than in the country for the reason that soot particles irritate the mucous membrane and produce chronic thickening and inflammation.

The general effects of nose and throat obstructions are so well-known that we need make brief reference to them. Among the commonest are weaker memories, digestive troubles, and a feeling of weariness on waking in the morning. In the young there may be defects of the chest and underdevelopment both general and mental.

The condition induces mouth breathing and reflex symptoms such as asthma and neuralgia.

The loss of the nasal cavities means a deprivation to the patient of the heating and moistening of the indrawn air, and this leads sooner or later to attacks of bronchitis. Prolonged nasal obstruction causes back pressure and often suppuration of the middle ear associated with deafness.

The patient who suffers from chronic obstruction has usually a dry mouth in the morning and a chronic post-nasal discharge which is sometimes difficult to dislodge.

Treatment depends on the degree of obstruction present. Oil sprays are helpful in slight cases, but surgical treatment is called for in probably 95 per cent. of all cases seen in a city.

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.

Lake Bolac Bush Nursing Centre

155 Montgomery St, Lake Bolac VIC 3351
Phone: 03 5355 8700 | 0409 959 459

OCTOBER 2026

National Safety and Quality Primary and Community Healthcare Standards

SERVICES

GP Visit/Telehealth Clinic
10.00AM-1.00PM 2nd Thursday of the month
Telehealth: 9:00AM—5:00PM Tues—Fri

Nurse Practitioner
9:00 AM—4:00 PM Tues—Thurs

Nurse Led Clinic
9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon—Fri

Pathology
9:00 AM—12:30 PM Mon—Fri

District Nursing
Mon & Fri

Social Support Group
Tues & Thurs 11:30 AM Cost $10

Exercise Classes
Thurs 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM Cost $5

Physiotherapy
Thursday weekly Cost $10
Ph: 53529327 to make an appointment

Mortlake Pharmacy
Medication deliveries Wed & Fri 2:00 PM

Podiatry
3rd Thurs of the month 10am-4pm Cost $10
Ph: 53529327 to make an appointment

Maternal & Child Health Nurse
2nd & 4th Tues of the month 9:30 AM—3:30 PM

Remedial Massage Therapist
Appts 0411 090 698 1 hr $95, 1/2 hr $60

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Nurse Led Clinic Exercises Centre Lunch	2 Nurse Led Clinic
5 Nurse Led Clinic District Nursing	6 Nurse Led Clinic/ District Nursing SSG-ARARAT	7 Nurse Led Clinic Massage Therapist	8 Nurse Led Clinic Exercises Doctors Visit Centre Lunch Physio	9 Nurse Led Clinic District Nursing
12 Nurse Led Clinic	13 Nurse Led Clinic/ District Nursing Maternal & Child Health Nurse SSG-Carer Week	14 Nurse Led Clinic	15 Nurse Led Clinic Exercises Centre Lunch Physio & Podiatry	16 Nurse Led Clinic
19 Nurse Led Clinic District Nursing	20 Nurse Led Clinic/ District Nursing	21 Nurse Led Clinic Massage Therapist	22 Nurse Led Clinic Exercises Kinder Visit Physio	23 Nurse Led Clinic District Nursing
26 Nurse Led Clinic	27 Nurse Led Clinic/ District Nursing Maternal & Child Health Nurse	28 Nurse Led Clinic	29 Nurse Led Clinic Exercises SSG—Picnic Lunch & Tour Woorndoo Physio	30 Nurse Led Clinic

Beaufort & Skipton Health Service

To be a vibrant provider of care

SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Our Social Support Groups provide an opportunity for community members to remain connected to one another while participating in a variety of activities.

Skipton Out and About Bus
Skipton Day Centre Room
Third Tuesday of the month
10am-3pm

Beaufort Out and About Bus
Beaufort Library Carpark
Third Tuesday of the month
10am-3pm

Skipton Walking Group
Skipton Day Centre Room
Every Thursday
12pm-12:45pm

Beaufort Walking Group
Beaufort Library Carpark
Every Wednesday
9am-10am

Strength Training Beaufort
Wednesdays 11am-12pm
Beeripmo Development Centre
Skipton
Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am
Skipton Day Centre Room

Gait & Balance Group Beaufort
Wednesdays 10:15am-11am
Beeripmo Development Centre
Skipton
Thursdays 9:15am-10am
Skipton Day Centre Room

CONNECT WITH US bshs.org.au

Come and see our friendly team for all your Agronomy and Animal health requirements.

Gorst Rural

We specialise in Custom Seed & Fertiliser blends, Ag Chem & Animal Health. We are your local supplier of Fencing, Hardware, Grain Storage & Handling Equipment, Industrial Gas, Clothing, Footwear and General Merchandise.

NRI

Phone: 03 5340 2262

4450 Glenelg Hwy, Skipton

LEADING PROVIDERS OF AGRICULTURAL SOLUTIONS

www.gorstrural.com.au



CROSIER GLASS

Visit our showroom to see our full range of:

- Glass Replacement
- General Glazing
- Laminated Glass
- Heater Glass Replacement
- Coloured Glass Splashbacks
- Glass Cut To Size
- Coloured Glass & Leadlight Supplies
- Commercial Glazing
- Mirrors
- Insurance Work
- Tractor Cabins
- Shower Screens
- Frameless Shower Screens
- Shop Fronts

QUALIFIED TRADESMEN

5336 1244

MOBILE SERVICE
0408 503 866

FAX
5336 1882

AGGA

107a Hertford Street Sebastopol BALLARAT & DISTRICT

STOCKYARD HILL Wind Farm

Phone: 1800 753 730
Website:
www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au

WESTERN PLAINS POWER WASHING
0431609779

- Pressure washing. (Concrete, bricks, sandstone, moss removal)
- Lawn mowing, whipper snipping.
- Gutter cleaning.
- Solar panel cleaning.
- General yard maintenance.

Making good things happen

COMMUNITY $1.9million INVESTMENT

When you bank with us, profits pour into the community. $19million so far.

A bank giving back sounds unusual. For us, it's business as usual.

Find out more. Call us on 5349 2322 or search Bendigo Bank Beaufort.

Bendigo Bank

Community Bank Beaufort

M GROUP
Helping committed clients achieve and maintain financial security



Our professionals live in and service the Ballarat area. We have specialists in **Accounting, Bookkeeping, Financial Planning, Legal, Lending and Marketing** to assist individuals and businesses to thrive.

So whether it's a website, your tax, your farm finances, your conveyancing or business contracts, your home loan or your retirement planning - let our experts help!

300B Gillies Street North, Wendouree, VIC 3355
Ph: 5330 7200

Our services, videos, podcasts, news and more:
www.mgroup.partners



Josh Todd has the Ray White_Know How

With almost twenty years of selling properties in Skipton and district, Josh has the knowledge, skill and expertise to maximise the value of your property. It's how we've sold more properties in Australia than any other real estate group.

Josh Todd
0428 621 004
josh.todd@raywhite.com
raywhiteballarat.com.au



FISHABILITY

AT LAKE BULLEN MERRI

FREE ALL-ABILITIES FISHING EXPERIENCE!

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER, 10 am-12 pm

LAKE BULLEN MERRI

Enjoy the outdoors, meet new people and discover the joy of fishing

Join us for a free, friendly and fully supported fishing session. Designed for people of all abilities, this inclusive event offers the wellbeing, social connection and enjoyment that fishing can bring.

Fishcare Victoria will provide:

- A guided fishing experience in a safe and supportive environment
- All equipment supplied, including rods, tackle and bait
- Tips on catching and caring for fish responsibly
- Information on Victorian fishing rules and regulations
- Guidance on sustainable fishing practices
- Coverage under a group fishing licence

A FREE session as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival, for people aged 55 years or over, or living with disability. **Light lunch provided, BYO hat and drink.**

Hosted by Corangamite Shire Council and Fishcare Australia.

Limited to 10 participants, registrations essential:
Please call Corangamite's Positive Ageing, Access & Inclusion Team on 5593 7100.

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Victorian Seniors Festival 2026

VICTORIA State Government

FishAbility fishing is for everyone by Fishcare Victoria

fishcare victoria

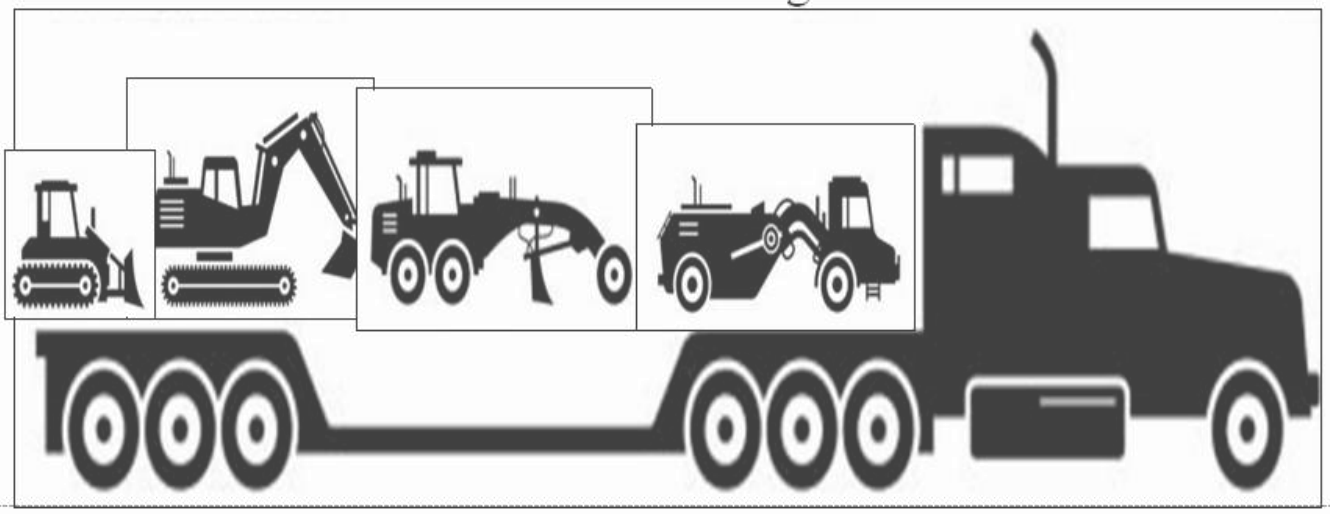
GRIST CONTRACTING

SKIPTON, VIC

Call Frank: 0428 518 282

Decades of experience · General earthworks

Excavator · Grader · Scraper · Bulldozer · Skid steer · Low loader · Dump truck, Tree removal · Culverts · Erosion control · Drains · Dams Rock clearing · Farm roads



SUVO

STRATEGIC MINERALS

Suvo Minerals Australia Pty Ltd

3610 Glenelg Hwy, Pittong,

Victoria 3360

ASX: SUV

SUVO.COM.AU

Phone: 5344 6688

JOHN PEETERS

BOBCAT HIRE

& CONCRETING



SITE CLEARING

TRENCHING

POST HOLE DIGGING

LEVELLING

FOOTPATHS

SHED FLOORS

SILO BASES

NEW HOLLAND BOBCAT | TIP TRUCK

4 IN 1 BUCKET | BACKHOE ATTACHMENT

AUGERS - 300MM, 450MM, 600MM

TRENCHER - 150MM | LASER LEVEL

JOHN PEETERS

0407 041 504

AH: 5340 2017

15 SCOTT ST, SKIPTON

Carers Victoria

mingle.

Revive & Thrive

MINGLE AT BERRY WORLD, TIMBOON

A day for carers of connection, laughter and support!

Get ready for a fun and uplifting event designed especially for carers!

About this event

This engaging experience brings together light entertainment, interactive games, and a variety of enjoyable activities to help you relax, connect, and have a great time.

There'll be exciting door prizes and giveaways throughout the event, adding an extra spark of fun.

You'll also have the opportunity to meet friendly representatives from local service providers, who will be on hand to share helpful information about the supports and resources available to you.

It's the perfect mix of enjoyment, connection, and discovery.

Who can attend

To create an opportunity for all interested carers in Grampians and surrounding areas.

Date & Time

Tuesday 10 November 2026
Starts at 11:30AM -2:30PM

Location

Berry World
29 Power Street
Timboon VIC 3268

*Please advise of any dietary or accessibility requirements when registering.

Registrations Close: 3/11/26
Places are limited.

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/calendar



Scan here to register

https://carersvictoriaEV1455.eventbrite.com.au

Carers Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the Elders past and present.



Sound Bath with Shelley from H.O.P.E.
Saturday 21st November from 10 - 11:30am
at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club

proudly sponsored by SKIPTON FOOD BANK

Tickets $10 - bookings essential!
https://events.humanitix.com/rest-and-reset-sound-healing

SCAN ME

Alternatively scan QR code
or contact Tash on 0435894546 to book.

Bring yoga mat, a cushion, blanket, water, journal & pen





STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Corangamite Moyne Library Service is hosting online safety information sessions as part of Get Online Week, 19 to 23 October.

Learn how to navigate online banking safely, identify and avoid scams and fraudulent transactions, create strong passwords and password safety. Refreshments provided.

Information session presented by the Commonwealth Bank.

TIMBOON LIBRARY	Monday, October 19 at 2:30pm
PORT FAIRY LIBRARY	Monday, October 19 at 3pm
TERANG LIBRARY	Wednesday, October 21 at 3pm
KOROIT LIBRARY	Wednesday, October 21 at 3pm
DERRINALLUM LIBRARY	Thursday, October 22 at 11am
CAMPERDOWN LIBRARY	Thursday, October 22 at 3pm
COBDEN LIBRARY	Friday, October 23 at 3pm
MORTLAKE LIBRARY	Friday, October 23 at 3pm

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL
tinyurl.com/cmls-events

CommonwealthBank

Corangamite Moyne Library Service



GRIST CONCRETE

SERVICING THE WESTERN DISTRICT

CALL JOSH:
0400 431 795

- Driveways & Footpaths
- Shed Slabs
- Silo Bases–All On Farm Projects
- Coloured Concrete
- Exposed Aggregate
- Retaining Walls
- Stairs
- Custom Formwork–Architectural Finishes (Walls, Seating, Benchtops)

Access Urgent Care Centres via front hospital entry

Our Urgent Care Centres respond to all emergencies including life threatening and urgent medical care.

For life threatening emergencies call 000 for assistance

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

bshs.org.au
CONNECT WITH US

BALLARAT TRACTORS

155 Learmonth Street, Ballarat

THE EXPERTS WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR HAY MACHINERY

Call in today for all of your needs

- *Mowers & Balers*
- *Tractors & Machinery*
- *Culivation & Cropping*
- *Headers & Harvesters*

Phone: 03 5334 2444

sam@ballarattractors.com.au

Www.ballarattractors.com.au



POWER FIRST ELECTRICAL

ABN: 78919089668 *REC: 30793*

Domestic Commercial Industrial

Electrical Installation
Rewires
Repairs
Power
Lighting
Tv-Aerials
Undergrounds
Air-Conditioning

Brendan McIntyre

0407 856 236

Email:
power1stelectrical@gmail.com





Dunn-Ezy

- Mobile seed cleaning and grading
- 4 machines available

Contact **Aaron 0428 947 580**
Jeremy 0407 329 557

The Doctors providing service include:

- Dr Pushparani Ravindranayagam
- Dr Phyo Kyaw
- Dr Chamika Gamage
- Dr Sivaluxman Sivananthavel
- Dr Shilpa Yeddula
- Dr Feryal Zubair

Beaufort Family Practice
54 Neill Street, Beaufort VIC 3373
P: (03) 5336 2971 F: (03) 5326 1271
reception@beaufortfamilypractice.com.au

Beaufort Family Practice is a **BULK BILLING PRACTICE** for all eligible patients. Patient services offered include:

- **General Health Assessments** – 45-49 Assessments, 75+ Assessments
- **Management of chronic medical problems –** GP Chronic Conndition Management Plans (GPCCMPs)
- **Immunisations** – Childhood, travel, seasonal flu, COVID Vaccinations, RSV, Pneumovax, Shingles
- **Private Medicals /Pre-employment /Driving medicals**
- **Travel Medicine –** comprehensive travel consultations, advice and vaccinations
- **Skin Checks –** Skin suturing; Skin biopsies; Skin lesion removals, Cryotherapy and mole removal
- **Family Medicine including Men's health & Women's Health & Family Planning –** PAP smears; Health checks; Fertility Assessment; Contraceptive counselling; Implanon® insertion/removal; Pregnancy Care and Post-natal visits
- **Mental Health –** Anxiety; Depression; GP Mental Health Care Plans; Counselling and Psychology referrals
- **Work Cover –** Doctors are taking new work cover patients.
- **On Site Pathology –** no appointments necessary to access Pathology services
- **Sports Medicine –** expert management of musculoskeletal and sporting injuries

To book an appointment :
Scan the QR Code; go to our websites: www.beaufortfamilypractice.com.au or call reception 03 5336 2971
Parking is located in the back of the premises.

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Noticeboard

Meet the Councillors at 'Listening posts'

Corangamite Shire community members who want to raise any matters with Council can run them by Councillors and senior staff when they visit each town in the Shire during October.

Where and when

Derrinallum: Wednesday 21 October, 9-10.30 am, Derrinallum Post Office

Darlington: Wednesday 21 October, 11 am-12.30 pm, Darlington Hall

Dates and locations subject to change. Updates will be posted on Council's Facebook and Instagram.



SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, 12 PM ONWARDS
BRADVALE RECREATION RESERVE

Join us as we thank BlazeAid for their incredible support of our fire-impacted communities over the past eight months.

As their Bradvale camp wraps up, let's come together to celebrate their contribution and wish them well.

Lunch and soft drinks provided.

RSVP ESSENTIAL
For catering purposes, please RSVP to skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au or phone 5593 7100.



Corangamite Gift Card

The Corangamite Gift Card can be used at over 70 businesses across the Shire.

You can buy a digital card or a physical card shoplocal.whyleavetown.com/corangamite, or pop into the Civic Centre or Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre.

nominate a volunteer!

FOR THE AUSTRALIA DAY 2027 COMMUNITY AWARDS

Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen of the Year

Community Event of the Year

Nominations close Monday 26 October at corangamite.vic.gov.au/nominate or via the QR code.

corangamite.vic.gov.au

Get your property fire-ready

Free domestic green waste disposal will be available at Naroghid Landfill and all Shire transfer stations from 12-25 October. (Commercial loads not accepted.)

Weekly kerbside green waste bin collections will start in the second week of October and continue until the end of December.

For more information, download the Corangamite Binfo app from the App Store or Google Play. Links via the QR code.

Join our team

HR Administration Officer

- Based in Camperdown
- Permanent part-time (24 hours p.w.)
- $73,010 to $76,409 per annum pro rata, based on qualifications and experience

Applications close Tuesday 27 October, 5 pm.

WELLBEING AND INCLUSION.

Movie of the month

Tuesday 10 November , 10.30 am-12.30 pm
Breakfast at Tiffany's, Port Campbell Art Space
A young New York socialite becomes interested in a young man who has moved into her apartment building, but her past threatens to get in the way. (1961 Audrey Hepburn)

Bookings essential on 5593 7100.

Navigation Support Program

Derrinallum Library: Thursday 5 November, 1-3 pm.

Bird flu alert

If you see sick or dead birds or wildlife:

- avoid contact
- record what you saw, where
- report it at agriculture.vic.gov.au/birdflu or 1800 675 888.



corangamite.vic.gov.au

DBC PLUMBING SERVICE

0488723198

- Hot Water
- Blocked Drains
- Gas
- Roofing
- Excavation
- Burst Pipes
- Evaporative Cooling
- Ducted Heaters
- Wall Split Systems
- Drainage
- Guttering

Look for DBC Plumbing Service on Facebook

BINGHAM AGRICULTURE

1325 LISMORE-SKIPTON ROAD, MINGAY

www.binghamagriculture.com.au

0438 598 802 | 0407 145 928

OFFERING SERVICES IN:

- HARVESTING
- SOWING
- BED FORMING
- SPEED TILLING
- DEEP RIPPING
- OFF-SET DISCING



PLEASE CALL **0407 462 152** IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR FARM:

- SHARE FARMED
- LEASED
- MANAGED

If you're interested in a **career with Bingham Agriculture** now or in the future, please **contact us to discuss further opportunities.**



Hewitt and Whitty Pty Ltd

"Servicing farmers since 1938"

Proudly supporting clients in the Ballarat, Lismore, Skipton, Beaufort areas, with in-field service and on-farm delivery.

Stockists of;

- AgChem & bulk fertilizer
- Hardi Spraying spare parts & service
- Rural merchandise & Equine supplies
- Fencing, water tanks, troughs & fittings
- Pet food & supplies
- Castrol oils & grease

Ballarat (03) 5336 1344 2 Wiltshire Lane
Lismore (03) 5596 2067 39 Heriot St

Email us at info@hewittandwhitty.com.au
www.hewittandwhitty.com.au

Elders



112 –114 Montgomery Street Skipton

Phone: 5321 8000

- **General Manager/Agronomist: Adam Slater**
  0447 691 248 Email: adam.slater@elders.com.au
- **Rural Products Sales Manager: Brenton Flagg**
  0447 089 257 Email: brenton.flagg@elders.com.au
- **Merchandise Manager: Lisa McLean**
  0418 369 910 Email: lisa.mclean@elders.com.au
- **Rural Products Sales Rep: Caine McMahon**
  0401 426 922 Email: caine.mcmahon@elders.com.au
- **Accounts & Admin: Jacqui Sharkey**
  (03) 5321 8000 Email: jacqui.sharkey@elders.com.au

* * * * * * *

AGRONOMY **CROP PROTECTION**

SEED & FERTILISER **FARM SUPPLIES**

LIVESTOCK **FINANCE**

INSURANCE

Elders

Smythesdale PHARMACY

Now Delivering to Skipton and surrounds

PH: 5342 8695

Call us to arrange free same-day delivery

Order before 11am for same-day service

Medication Packing (webster packs)
Prescription delivery
Vaccinations
Sleep apnoea testing
inBody body analysis scans
Ear piercing
NDIS and aged care support



Locally owned & operated
19 Heales St, Smythesdale
info@smythesdalepharmacy.com.au
www.smythesdalepharmacy.com.au

The Skipton Community News is a project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we create and publish, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin Nations, and we pay our respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

The Skipton Community News is a proud member of the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria. Find current and previous issues online at the National Library of Australia/TROVE: ***https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2816369293***

DISCLAIMER: All information in SCN is from sources believed to be accurate and current at the time of publication. The Editor reserves the right to withhold publication of anything deemed inappropriate, including any anonymous contributions. Views expressed in SCN are not necessarily the views of Skipton Progress Association Inc. —Kathy Leewai, Editor, SCN—

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.
- Just come along, you will be happy you did.

Euchre Card Group
Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.

Skipton Library in Mechanics Hall
Opening times:
Tuesday 10:00am to 12:00pm
Friday 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Fiction, non-fiction, LARGE PRINT, DVDs, eBooks, Children's books & DVDs, and biographies.
Free membership, all welcome. Come and check us out.

Skipton Food Bank
An emergency community pantry supplying food, toiletries, and other necessities for those in need, no questions asked. For cash donations, please deposit to: Skipton Community Shop
BSB: 633 000
Account number: 230967804

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.

Beaufort Art Trax Gallery
Is Open:
Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm
Phone: Heather 0427 492 082

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.

Thursday 15th October, 9:30am-2:30pm INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN EVENT at Mooramong Homestead and Historic Precinct. Enjoy a networking lunch in the garden, walking tours of the historic precinct and nature reserve, and talks from Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, National Trust of Victoria, Corangamite CMA, and Glenelg Hopkins CMA. Tickets $30, visit www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mooramong-historic-precinct-past-present-and-future-tickets-1997514466541

Saturday 17th October 10am-12pm WEAVING FOR WELLNESS - COIL WEAVING WORKSHOP at the Skipton Mechanics Hall Small Meeting Room. Tickets $20, bookings essential, visit events.humanitix.com/weavingforwellbeing or contact Tash on 0435 894 546 to book.

Sunday 18th October, 8am-2pm LINTON TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE with sister city Cape Clear Free maps available at Linton Takeaway after 8am on the day. Enquiries: Jenny 0427 447 416

Sunday 18th October, 11am STEWART PARK WORKING BEE at Stewart Park, Montgomery St. All are welcome to help maintain our beautiful Park, there's work for all abilities, from weeding to whipper snipping. Please wear appropriate clothing, closed-toe shoes, & bring along your gloves!

Sunday 18th October, 2:30-5pm LAUNCH OF LINTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR INITIATIVE following the Garage Sale. Details page 14.

Tuesday 20th October, 10am-12pm, FISHABILITY at Lake Bullen Merri. FREE ALL-ABILITIES FISHING EXPERIENCE, as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival, for people aged 55 years or over, or living with a disability. Light lunch provided, BYO hat & drink. Hosted by Corangamite Shire Council and Fishcare Australia. More information on page 19.

Saturday 24th October, 3:30pm ORDERS CLOSE FOR MANGO FUNDRAISER at Skipton Primary School. Order forms page 11 & 12.

Saturday 24th October, 5pm, STREATHAM, CARRANBALLAC & SKIPTON FIRE DOCUMENTARY & BOOK LAUNCH at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. A night of community and healing. FREE ENTRY, bookings essential. Register attendance at www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1620212. Contact Lisa 0409 301 906 or Pat 0473 421 802 for more information. Pre-ordered books & DVDs to be collected at the launch event.

Sunday 25th October, 1:30pm MATINEE MOVIE at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, featuring *Monster House* (2006) Animated/Horror/Comedy. 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 28th October, 11am-3pm BLACKS CREEK GARDEN PARTY Hosted by Pat Gabb at 2273 Carngham-Streatham Rd, Stoneleigh - Entry at the mailbox with the old bikes. Details on page 13, contact Pat for more information on 0473 421 802.

Sunday 1st November, 1pm-3:30pm, THREE CHEESE WORKSHOP at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Learn how to make bocconcini, mozzarella and halloumi with Craig Castree. Afternoon tea supplied. $10pp, call Karen to book on 0427 729 808 or visit www.trybooking.com/DQCKB. Brought to you by the Skipton Art Trail Group & proudly supported by the Corangamite Shire and Skipton Progress Association. Details on page 8.

Wednesday 11th November, 11am REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026 SERVICE mounted by the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch at the Skipton War Memorial. **Lest We Forget**. Contact President Graham on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293 for further information or support.