Skipton Community News

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FREE
WEEKLY

A NIGHT OF COMMUNITY & HEALING THIS SATURDAY AT SKIPTON HALL



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 —

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Our Community Paramedic will be visiting

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Streatham Hall



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from 1pm - 3pm

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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—

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 Library's Digital Literacy Support Officer will be at the Streatham Fire Recovery Hub on the following Fridays:

- 16th October
- 30th October
- 13th November
- 20th November
- 4th December
- 11th December

Please bring the device you would like assistance with along.

For more details, please contact Moya on 03 5355 0232.

—Ararat Rural City Council—

VICTORIAN JUNIOR LANDCARE AWARD GOES TO SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 students of Skipton Primary School who were awarded the Junior Landcare Award at the 2026 Victorian Landcare Awards on Thursday 15th October 2026. The Victorian Landcare Awards named this year's standout achievers, recognising the outstanding contributions by locals from across the entire region to support the environment, agriculture and communities.



Accompanied by the Principal Chaneel Pelchen and Science and Sustainability Teacher Georgie Green, the Grade 5/6 students took the train to Melbourne CBD to attend the award ceremony at The Edge at Federation Square.

The students won their award for their hard work organising and running the Clear the Carp fishing tournament and environmental action day, held earlier this year on 29th March in Stewart Park, Skipton, along Mt Emu Creek.



Supported by Fishcare Victoria's Catch A Carp project and OzFish, the day featured fishing clinics, habitat activities, and carp processing and cooking demonstrations to show the versatility of an underused resource in our waterways.

"In 2026, Victoria marks an extraordinary milestone, 40 years of Landcare," said Landcare Victoria Ceo Claire Hazel.

"This makes this year's awards especially meaningful, as we celebrate the remarkable community-led movement Landcare has become. These awards recognise the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to care for and restore our landscapes, waterways and biodiversity. They also show what can be achieved when people come together with a shared commitment to protecting and improving our natural environment," she said.

The students at Skipton Primary School have shown a passion for Mt Emu Creek and Stewart Park and are always working hard to improve the ecosystem and waterway. They continue to be inspiring stewards of the natural treasures of Skipton. Congratulations to them all!

—Report by Kathy Leewai, photographs by Georgie Green—

GETTING TOGETHER AT SKIPTON'S OCTOBER MARKET

A quiet Market on Saturday 11th October was brightened up considerably by an encounter that made our social contributions all worthwhile.

Tasmanian visitors to Skipton, Garry and Julie Dunham are touring Victoria for three months with their caravan behind them, and being very sensibly on the lookout for "free" camping sites, had discovered the Skipton Recreation Ground.



Garry & Julie Dunham with locals Bev, Ray & Lilla

It being a Friday night, they were also welcome to the cheerful Friday night supper in the SFNC Club Rooms. Stewie Haley made sure they were welcomed and they happily joined in the chatter, and got to know a bit about us.

They were also told about the Saturday Market, and as their stay was for the weekend, they dropped in on Saturday morning for more coffee and cake in the Supper Room and met more Skiptonians, such a pleasure for all who were there to exchange views and news and find out what it's like out on the road these days (expensive diesel and lotsa potholes!).

The only thing we couldn't offer was a sighting of platypus in the Creek from the kitchen windows, best viewing point of all!

And their Skipton experience was continued on Saturday night with dinner at the Golf Club and Garry's first game of pool for seven years, we believe, when he met up again with Stewie.

Of course a visit to the Op Shop on Sunday, and our new friends were on their way, with our best wishes for a safe journey home.

Such a pleasure to meet people who are happy to stop and chat, and a reminder to everyone that the venues Garry and Julie found are there for all of us, humble perhaps when compared to the bright city lights, but a chance to venture out of our shells and enjoy good company.

Creator Ian Phillips & Jan Murphy send Renegade the Dog to his new home



Also, at the Market, we held the draw for our ongoing raffle for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, Renegade the Gumboot Dog has been standing tall for a while inviting ticket sales and donations, and had gathered a heap of secondary prizes donated to the appeal, people are so generous.

Winner was Margaret Cook, who was delighted it seems, nothing like a good dog to keep you company! Winners of the gifts donated were equally happy, thank you Skipton for your support, we look forward to the major RCH Appeal at Easter when Skipton will again mount a Good Friday Market.

—Report by Jan & Lilla, Skipton Market Committee, photographs by 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—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

PLANTS, PLANTS, PLANTS!!!

Our local Potterupperers and Bulbarians have been busy so that everyone in our Fire Impacted Community, towns and farms, may collect FREE plants from outside the Skipton Hall on Saturday and Sunday 24th/25th October.

They will be available from 9:00am Saturday until late afternoon Sunday.

This idea was presented by Kate Dunne which has proven to be a wonderful idea to regenerate many gardens - especially in spring.

Most of the plants made available in June were taken home so hopefully people will help themselves during the weekend of the 24th/25th October.

PLEASE Help yourselves, enjoy the plants, take them home and watch them grow!!

—Pat Gabb—

SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Come in for a fun evening, good food, and great atmosphere!

Skipton Golf & Bowls Club
26 Rokewood-Skipton Rd, Skipton

- Darts & Pizzas - Wednesday nights from 6:30pm
- Meat raffle draw every Saturday night at 6:45pm

Tickets sold from Wednesday night till Saturday night.

- Golf tournament/Barefoot Bowls Day coming up on Sunday 22nd November. Details to come.
- The next Club Working Bee - Sunday 6th December, 9:30am-12:30pm.

We are looking at putting in a sand scrape as a trial. We would like help and constructive opinions.

Rustic Kitchen also open for dinner. Check the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club Facebook page for what's on specials and menu.

www.facebook.com/thebaratskiptongolfandbowlsclub

—Skipton Golf & Bowls Club—

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

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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

Movie Night Skipton Mechanic's Hall
October 30th



Date: Friday October 30th

Time: Doors open 6:30pm Screening 7:00pm

Admission: Adults $10, Couples $15 With Supper

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

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
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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

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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.

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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 21st October
Sunday 1st November
Wednesday 4th November
Sunday 15th November
Wednesday 18th November
Sunday 29th November
Wednesday 2nd December



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 20th October:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 27th October:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 3rd November:	Red, yellow, green & purple bins
Tuesday 10th November:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 17th November:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 24th November:	Red, yellow & green 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.

SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL 2026



FREE ENTRY

TO BE HELD THIS YEAR AT

SMYTHE STREET, SKIPTON

SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2026

10.00AM - 3.00PM

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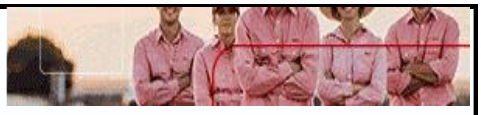


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LISMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CLOSED

About the Lismore Presbyterian Church

This little bluestone church was built in 1864, with the quarrying and building done by Mr Botterill of Skipton between April and October of that year, at a cost of about 464 Pounds, 10 shillings, all raised by the early congregation. That early congregation went on in 1875 to extend the church plus raise the funds to build a bluestone manse, and to build a substantial Sunday school in 1924. This church congregation helped to build or support Presbyterian churches in Derrinallum and Foxhow, with the PWMU playing a major role all along.



By 2019, after over 160 years, the congregation had declined to the level that the Presbytery started issuing notices to the congregation that there was a problem. These notices continued every few years, despite COVID affecting services over 2020-21. The notice to close the church for further services came in 2024, though a few funerals and irregular services were held into mid-2026. At no point did the Presbytery appear to try and assist the local congregation, as they are required to do in the Presbyterian Code. In late 2025, we in the community heard that it was likely that the Presbytery would ask to sell our church at the General Assembly in October 2026.

To try and stave off this move by the Presbytery to sell our church, we started the process of forming a Friends of Lismore Presbyterian church group in early 2026, and this is now an incorporated body with about 40 members. In September, the Friends group sent a petition to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria (the annual gathering of all ministers and some Elders from Presbyterian churches across the state to deal with Church business) and this was accepted. So, at about 4pm on Wednesday 7th October, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Friends entered the very grand Assembly Rooms at 156 Collins St, and explained what the Friends group wanted and why. Basically, this was to keep the church open, as it our oldest building, and really well-supported, and we feel it should be used for the next 160 years as a place for positive uplifting things, including to keep being used as a church by people of good faith.

was slowly growing and full of people of good will who adhere to Christian ethics, we said that the church had been closed prematurely when there was still enough of a congregation to keep it open, and that this number had recently expanded.

We explained that there was a good potential for rebuilding a congregation, and other really good point. We were then asked questions by perhaps 9-10 Ministers about various issues, with most revolving about the issue of if the church was reopened, whether the Friends group could guarantee to maintain Presbyterian-type services.

Then we were sent off to wait while it was all discussed. We were summoned back to be told that the verdict was 'No'. Basically, the response of the Assembly was that, according to their Code, a Presbyterian church must only be used for worship of the Almighty once a week, with the service held as per regulations of the PCV. And that there was no possibility of considering any of this airy-fairy stuff about use of our church for cultural events, education and coming together of people of faith'.

In effect, the Assembly would prefer, rather than our proposal, that the Presbytery of Western Victoria sold our sacred and historic church to the highest bidder, to become used for whatever purpose - a clubhouse for a bikie gang, to be a meth lab, or used for rituals by a satanic cult, whatever - they clearly don't care. They just want to sell it, and get the money from the sale, plus the attached church account, potentially $350,000 total, and use this money for propping up some other Presbyterian church with a declining congregation, or helping pay for some costly church maintenance issue in Ararat, Horsham, or elsewhere in the area this Presbytery manages.

So, we are now looking at just where the issue of morality is in all this, and if a legal argument might be made that this forced sale of our church and its removal from use by the community results in moral damage or injury to the community, or to members of the congregation within the community.

For more information, please contact Andrew Lang at the Friends of Lismore Presbyterian Church.

—Article & photograph by Andrew Lang, Chair of Friends of Lismore Presbyterian Church Inc.—



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 that the film has treated the subject with gentleness and sensitivity but may be challenging for some viewers. 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—

21 OCTOBER 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

CELEBRATING A REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION



The Board of Directors acknowledge the retirement of Meryn Pease after eight remarkable years as CEO of Beaufort and Skipton Health Service.

Meryn has given so much to our organisation, our people and our communities, and her leadership and presence will be deeply missed.

Meryn's leadership has transformed and strengthened our health service. She established a clear strategic direction, expanded health, aged care and community services, strengthened our medical workforce and oversaw significant improvements to facilities and infrastructure. Her sound financial leadership also helped move the organisation from a $1.3 million operating deficit to a strong surplus, creating a more sustainable foundation for the future.

Meryn placed staff culture, engagement and development at the heart of the organisation. Her commitment to excellence contributed to national recognition for organisation excellence and staff training, while helping to create a workplace where people feel valued and supported.

We thank her for her exceptional leadership, dedication and service. She leaves a lasting legacy that will continue to benefit our staff, consumers, residents and communities for many years.

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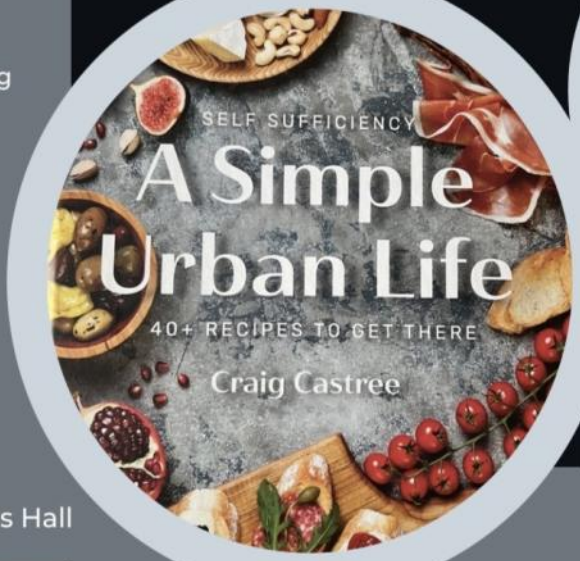
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will guide us through the process step-by -step sharing all the tips and tricks ,and tools you need to make perfect cheese at home.

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Karen
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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)

HIKERS' FOOT PROBLEMS.

The hikers should make preparations well before the holiday starts.

Feet must be attended to by wiping them over carefully with methylated spirits. Socks, if worn, must be dry-soaped to prevent blisters, and, if you are to walk in shoes or sandals, something must be worn between the sole of the shoe and the sole of the foot—something that can be easily changed.

White blotting paper is cheap, will absorb perspiration, and can be changed frequently. Cut a few thicknesses to the right shape, put a drop or two of gum between each layer of three or four pieces and the next, and change frequently. Blotting paper has also the merit of being light.

It is important to prevent the skin under the foot from becoming wrinkled with perspiration.

The rucksack and contents are often too heavy these days, and must make walking a trial to many holiday-makers. A medium-sized or small rucksack will be quite sufficient, and luggage can be reduced to a minimum if a packet of soap flakes is carried.

Fewer changes of garments are necessary, for socks, vests, shirts, handkerchiefs and the towel can be washed out quickly. Good soap flakes dissolve in lukewarm water, ironing can be left out, and, if the sun is not strong enough to dry the washing during a lunch halt, a kindly landlady can be persuaded to hang it by the fire overnight.

Keep the rucksack clean, inside and out, and it will remain soft. Wash it and rinse it in soapy water. Things will pack easier and the pack will feel lighter.

SCHOOLBOY DROWNED

CHILDREN'S SECRECY PACT.

CASTERTON, Wednesday.

This morning the police recovered the body of Cecil George Riley, 6 years, a pupil of the Casterton State school, from a swimming pool, after a search which had extended from 8 o'clock last night.

The boy yesterday evening failed to return home, and his two brothers and sisters disclaimed any knowledge of his whereabouts. Their silence was only broken this morning, when the admission was made that they had all played truant from school and that when Cecil was sitting on the edge of the pool at 2 p.m. he fell in. The eldest brother endeavored to rescue him, but himself was pulled out with difficulty by the other brother and sister.

Overcome by fear, they went home committed to a pact of secrecy, which was not broken until this morning.

The deceased was the child of Mr and Mrs Joshua Riley.

LOAN RECOVERED

COUNTY COURT ACTION.

WARRACKNABEAL, Wednesday.

Before Judge Macindoe in the County Court to-day the administrator of the Estate of Charles John Ross, formerly a farmer at Brim, who died in 1931, claimed from George Rogers, of Brim, hotelkeeper, £250, money lent and due on a promissory note.

Evidence was given that Ross, who was Rogers' father-in-law, was 76, and a cripple. He was brought to Rogers' hotel by relatives. Rogers looked after the old man until his death. He allegedly borrowed £250 from Ross in 1930.

Rogers counter-claimed £495 for board and lodgings, liquor supplied, clothes, funeral and medical expenses.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff for £250, with costs to be taxed, and on the counter-claim judgment was entered for Rogers for £16/10/, with costs.

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TERANG LIBRARY	Wednesday, October 21 at 3pm
KOROIT LIBRARY	Wednesday, October 21 at 3pm
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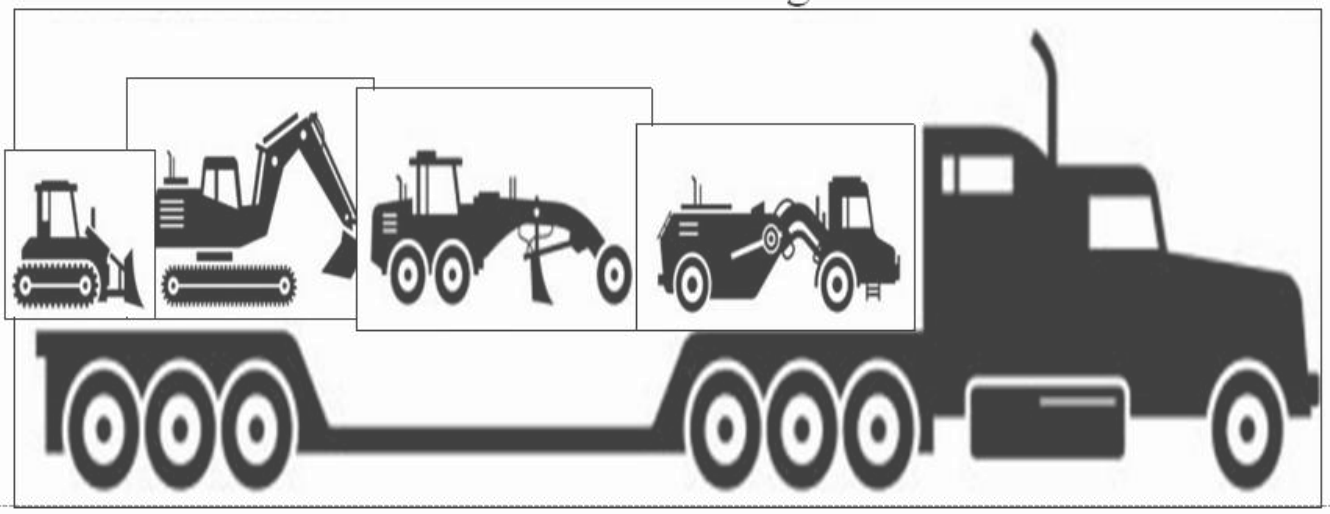
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Skipton Mechanics Hall

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Bookings: trybooking.com/au/event/1620212.

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Sunday 25 October, 12 pm
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Sunday 25 October, 1.30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Admission, including afternoon tea: Adults $5, children under 12 if with an adult.

Comedy: Dave O'Neill & Brad Oakes

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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"!!

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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
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Wednesday 21st October, 11am, FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH will hold a **PLANNING MEETING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026** in the Skipton Mechanics Hall Small Meeting Room at 11am. All members and volunteers urged to attend, to plan for this important day in our calendar.
Please contact President Graham Layley on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293 for further information or contact. Anyone interested in joining the Friends, or volunteering, is very welcome.

Saturday 24th October, 3:30pm ORDERS CLOSE FOR MANGO FUNDRAISER at Skipton Primary School. Order forms page 15 & 16.

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, 12pm onwards, BLAZEAID FAREWELL LUNCH at Bradvale Recreation Reserve, 549 Crawfords Rd, Bradvale. Community gathering to thank BlazeAid for 8 months of support and hard work before their camp wraps up. Lunch and soft drinks provided. RSVP for catering, email skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au or call 5593 7100.

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 11, contact Pat for more information on 0473 421 802.

Friday 30th October, 6:30pm MOVIE NIGHT at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, featuring *Monster House* (2006) Animated/Horror/Comedy. Doors open 6:30pm, screening at 7pm. Admission $10 for adults, Couples $15 (includes supper), children under 12 FREE. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Details page 5.

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 12.

Sunday 8th November, 10am-3pm, SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL at Smythe Street, Skipton. FREE ENTRY!! Live music, children's entertainment, petting zoo, country market stalls, food vendors, classic car show, sheep shearing demonstration and more! More information on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/events/2142355616718645

Tuesday 10th November, 10:30am-12:30pm MOVIE A MONTH at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Featuring *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1961) Comedy/Romance, starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal, Buddy Ebsen, Martin Balsam and Mickey Rooney. Free entry, bookings essential, please call 5593 7100 and ask for Belinda or Lesa.

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.

Saturday 21st November, 10am-11:30am SOUND BATH WITH SHELLEY FROM H.O.P.E. at the Skipton Golf and Bowls Club. Places are limited, bookings are essential, tickets $10 at events.humanitix.com/rest-and-reset-sound-healing. More information, please contact Tash on 0435 894 456.