Skipton Community News

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FREE
WEEKLY



SKIPTON MARKET

Saturday 14th November

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

Rain, Hail or Shine, browse our variety of stalls in comfort,
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A welcome in our Supper Room for all, share a snack and a coffee and a chat with friends and neighbours

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



THE SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

SKIPTONAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU

COMMUNITY NOTICE
NOTICE OF SFNC AGM

18th November 2026, 7pm at the clubrooms. Nominations to the Secretary by 11th November via skiptonfncsecretary@gmail.com.

All members welcome.

—Skipton Football Netball Club —

COMMUNITY NOTICE
SKIPTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Skipton Community Christmas Party will be held on Thursday 17th December 2026 at the Skipton Recreation Reserve.

The extras this year will be a shooting gallery and battery operated animals, as well as the usual activities. Looking forward to seeing you at this FREE EVENT!

—Stan Foote—

Rustic Kitchen

AT THE SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

26 ROKEWOOD-SKIPTON ROAD, SKIPTON, 3361

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 to see the menu www.facebook.com/thebaratskiptongolfandbowlsclub

—Skipton Golf & Bowls Club—

OUTREACH LIBRARY COMING TO STREATHAM WEEKLY

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

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

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—

COMMUNITY NOTICE
COMMUNITY WORKING BEE
AT SKIPTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The next Skipton Community Garden working bee is coming up on Saturday 14th November, from 11am-1:30pm, at 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton.

Come along and help out as we continue to build a space for the whole community to benefit from. Tools and equipment are provided, but please bring a set of gloves, a good hat, and remember to wear sturdy shoes.

Summer crop seedlings are going in and many hands make light work. The garden is to benefit everyone, and you are welcome to share in the returns come harvest time.

Everyone is welcome, all ages and abilities. Come out to meet your neighbours and get involved!

Light refreshments are provided, but please remember to bring a water bottle and stay hydrated!

For information, please contact Fionn at 0435 773 376.

—Skipton Community Garden—

INVITATION

ROBERT JOHN THORNTON

16.6.1946—6.10.2026

Friends of Bob are invited to afternoon tea to remember my soul mate and husband Bob.

Sunday 22nd November

2pm to 4pm

Please bring a plate to share, tea & coffee provided.

See you there,

Myra

0414 766 979

—Myra Thornton—

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:

Myra Thornton (Acting Secretary) on 0414 766 979

OR email skipton.cemetery.au@gmail.com

—Myra Thornton, Acting Secretary Skipton Cemetery Trust—



Sound Bath with Shelley from H.O.P.E.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

COME BUILD WITH US!

The Community Garden and the upcoming Community Shed at the Lions Club Shed are inviting members of the community to express their interest.

To those looking for a space to work on DIY projects, learn some skills, and to talk to others who have the same interests, the Community Shed welcomes your interest.

If you would like more information, and to find out when the first public meeting will be held, please send a text message to Ivan Sanders on 0438 079 367.

The Community Garden has started up and is already running monthly Working Bees. The garden is being built to benefit everyone in the community, and everyone is welcome to spend time there and help in any way you can.

Please contact Fionn Kelly-Vaccaro on 0435 773 376 for information on the Community Garden, the monthly Working Bees, to express your interest in helping out, or to find out other times the garden can be accessed.

The next Community Garden Working Bee is this Saturday, 14th November, from 11am to 1:30pm. All ages and abilities are welcome!

—Community Garden and Community Shed—

FIRE BOOK AND FILM ORDERS READY FOR PICKUP

The following orders of the *Flaming Hell* book, and *After The Flames* film, are ready to be picked up from Gorst Depot in Skipton.

Amanda Brady	Sharon Cuthbertson	Kelly Cass	Peter Glover	Jake & Tamsin Gerdes
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Patricia Wynd	Graham Walter	Flora Sharp	Liz Phillips	Bill Fay & Pam Kilgour
Jamie & Danielle Hinton	Scott & Margot Barr	Chris Heywood	Una Allender	Robert Fraser

Copies of *Flaming Hell* and *After The Flames* are still available for purchase now at the Beaufort Newsagency, the Skipton Roadhouse, Bluestone Café, and the Skipton Country Grocers.

Books are $30, films are $10.

The reprinted Skipton Flood Book is available for purchase from the Skipton Historical Society at $100 per copy.



Painting by Sandy Joy Wilson, donated to the Skipton Community. The painting will be cared for by the Skipton Historical Society.

Any queries, please contact Pat Gabb on 0473 421 802.

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—Pat Gabb—

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THANK YOU GARDEN PARTY

On Wednesday 28th October approximately 40 locals and visitors from Hamilton shared lunch and the garden at Blacks Creek.

This gathering was to thank all who contributed to the Potterupperers and the Bulbarians - which amounted to over 1000 pots of plants shared with the community this year as a fire recovery project - the brain child of Kate Dunne, pictured below with Pat Gabb.



The Hamilton Community House and Community Shed also attended as they brought several 100 of pots to share and a box of wooden toys for our local children. This gesture to our impacted community has been truly treasured with more toys to be delivered in early December.

The gathering was also open to the whole community to say thank you for the multiple ways you shared your help and support.



May I, through the SCN, sincerely thank ALL those who happily contributed to all the projects created during this year - without such open, happy support these activities would not have been completed. You know who you are, and I hope you know how much your support has been appreciated.

My sincere thanks to everyone!!

—Pat Gabb—

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Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation Skipton/Lismore
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Service Times

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

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Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan
Telephone: 0435 494 472

Assistant Priest: Fr. Eladio Lizada OSJ
Telephone: 0450 017 007

Parish Coordinators & Safeguarding Officers
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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

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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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Bendigo Community Bank Beaufort
Account name: Skipton Progress Association Inc.
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Beaufort Road, Skipton

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

Sunday 15th November
Wednesday 18th November
Sunday 29th November
Wednesday 2nd December
Sunday 13th December
Wednesday 16th December
Sunday 27th 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 10th November:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 17th November:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 24th November:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 1st December:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 8th December:	Red, yellow, green & purple bins
Tuesday 15th December:	Red & green

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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:
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

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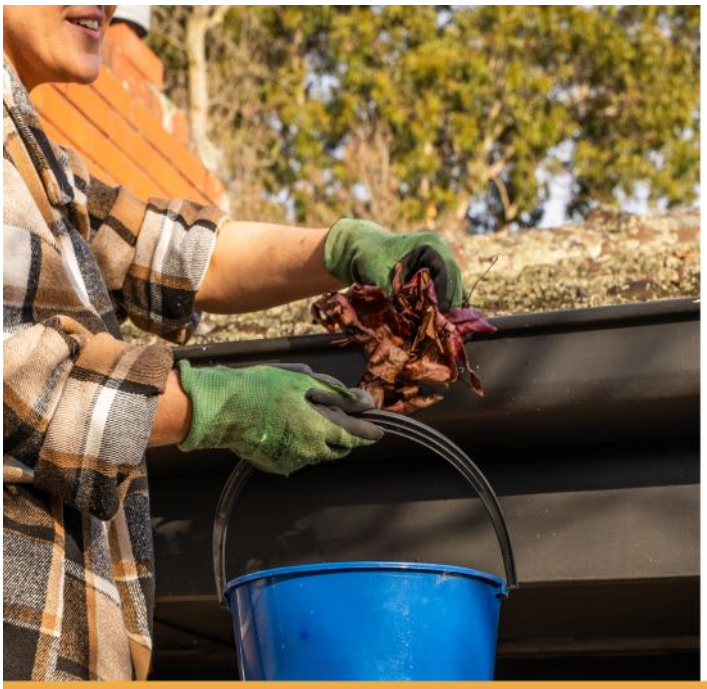
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Email details to the Editor to skiptonscn@gmail.com
Post us a flyer to PO Box 60, Skipton VIC 3361
Or drop us a note into our drop boxes in either the roadhouse or the Skipton Country Grocers.
The deadline for inclusion is 4pm every Friday, to be printed in the next week's newsletter.
Story contributions are also welcome.


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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

BSHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Beaufort & Skipton Health Service (BSHS) is officially inviting all community members, staff, and dedicated supporters to attend its milestone 30th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, 25th November 2026.

Led by Board Chair Dr Margaret Way and the Board of Directors, the event offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our achievements over the past year and look forward to our shared future as a vibrant provider of care.

DATE: Wednesday, 25th November 2026

TIME: 2pm

LOCATION: Day Centre Room, Beaufort & Skipton Health Service (2 Blake Street, Skipton)

We are absolutely delighted to announce that this year's keynote guest speaker will be Jenni Gordon, our dedicated BSHS Community Services Manager.

Jenni will be sharing valuable, first-hand insights into our ongoing community initiatives, local care services, and the evolving healthcare programs designed to support our region's residents. This presentation will highlight how BSHS continues to adapt and deliver essential services right where they are needed most.

Please register your attendance by Monday 23rd November 2026 by contacting Narelle Harrison on 5349 1682 or Narelle.Harrison@bshs.org.au

Beaufort & Skipton Health Service

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Beaufort & Skipton Health Service

To be a vibrant provider of care

BOARD DIRECTOR OPPORTUNITIES AT BEAUFORT & SKIPTON HEALTH SERVICE

The Department of Health is seeking applications for part-time Board Director positions at Beaufort & Skipton Health Service. Appointment terms start on 1 July 2027 and are for up to three years.

These roles offer a unique opportunity to contribute to Victoria's public health system by providing strategic leadership, oversight and accountability to support safe, high-quality and effective healthcare for Victorians. As a board director, you will hold an important position of trust, helping ensure health services operate with integrity and with a strong focus on patient outcomes.

Appointments are based on capabilities and the professional and lived experience applicants can bring to the strategic leadership of Victoria's public health system.

We encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and experiences, including First Nations people, people living with a disability, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, LGBTIQA+ people, and those living in rural and regional Victoria. Living in Victoria, or in a border community near Victorian health services, is preferred.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the capabilities identified in their applications.

Applications close Sunday 22 November 2026.

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN BINGO NIGHT



L-R: Lois Lane, Joan, Ian, Carol, and Hannah

What a fun night at Halloween bingo last week not knowing witch way to look in case something creepy was looking over your shoulder!

Missing in action was the giant pumpkin owing to an arm wrestling injury, however the great bingo caller manfully - or should that be womanfully - shouldered the job and made some players very happy. And Stewie a little bit happy. Most important to keep Stewie happy.



Progress Association President Dale thanked all present and especially thanked the wonderful volunteers who man (or maybe that should also be woman) the door, help in the kitchen and in many other ways, and our great Bingo Ball Boy and Caller who make it all such fun.

Many thanks, also, to the generous shops and business who each month donate great prizes.

The last bingo for the year will be Wednesday 2nd December, by popular demand, and the dress code is - wait for it - Christmas! So time to drag Santa suits etc out of the closet and turn up at 5:30pm for eyes down at 6:30pm.

—Report by intrepid SCN reporter Lois Lane, photo by Jan Murphy—



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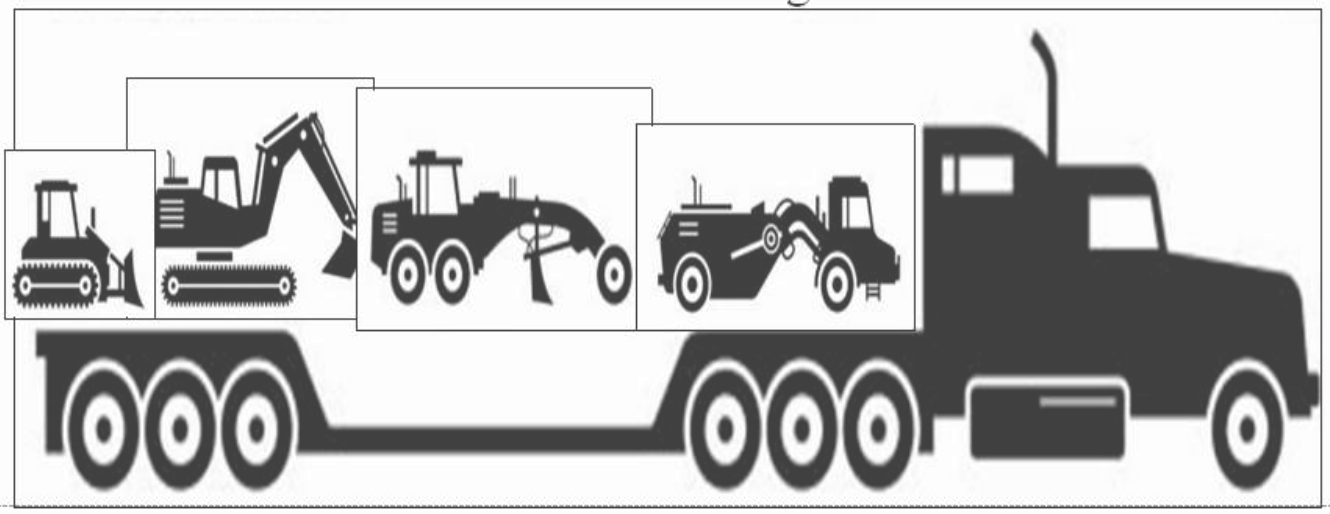
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LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.
These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (President/Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)

ADVERTISEMENT EFFECTIVE AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS.

Imagine replying to an advertisement sixteen years after it appeared! Yes, this has just happened in America.

A well-known advertiser of correspondence courses has recently received a coupon cut from his advertisement in a popular magazine dated April, 1920. The reply came from a village in British Guiana.

How the magazine got there is unknown. Through devious sources it reached a family living in a house that was little more than a shack.

Such a luxury as wallpaper was entirely unknown, and the canny housewife promptly tried to cover the bare wall with the magazine pages.

Her children grew up to learn how to read from the "wallpaper." Then one of the sons heard that he could get a good job as a book-keeper, provided that he would learn something about accounts.

He must have known the advertisement off by heart! Without hesitation he gently removed the coupon—now yellow and brittle—from the wall, and posted it off.

Little wonder that it is now regarded by the advertiser as a memento well worth framing.

BLOOD PRESSURE MORE DEADLY THAN CANCER.

A method of alleviating high blood-pressure and prolonging the lives of sufferers has been discovered by three Liverpool University professors.

It is the aim of Liverpool Heart Hospital to discover a complete cure for high blood-pressure, which is said to be twice as deadly as cancer.

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Thousands of tons of barnacles, encrusted on the hulls of ships, are shaved off in Britain's dry docks every year. The shipping industry foots a huge bill to cover this assiduous toilet. But since barnacles will not or cannot adhere to stainless steel, Spear and Jackson, the well-known Sheffield engineering firm, now promise to rid ship-owners of this long-standing curse. Rust, too, will be baulked.

For, resulting from experiments carried out by Mr. F. F. Gordon, one of the firm's directors, it has proved practicable to manufacture a mild steel plate with a stainless veneer at a 50 per cent. reduction in cost compared with the price of ordinary stainless steel.

Because of this great economy stainless steel ships and bridges will eventually, it is anticipated, encircle and span the globe.

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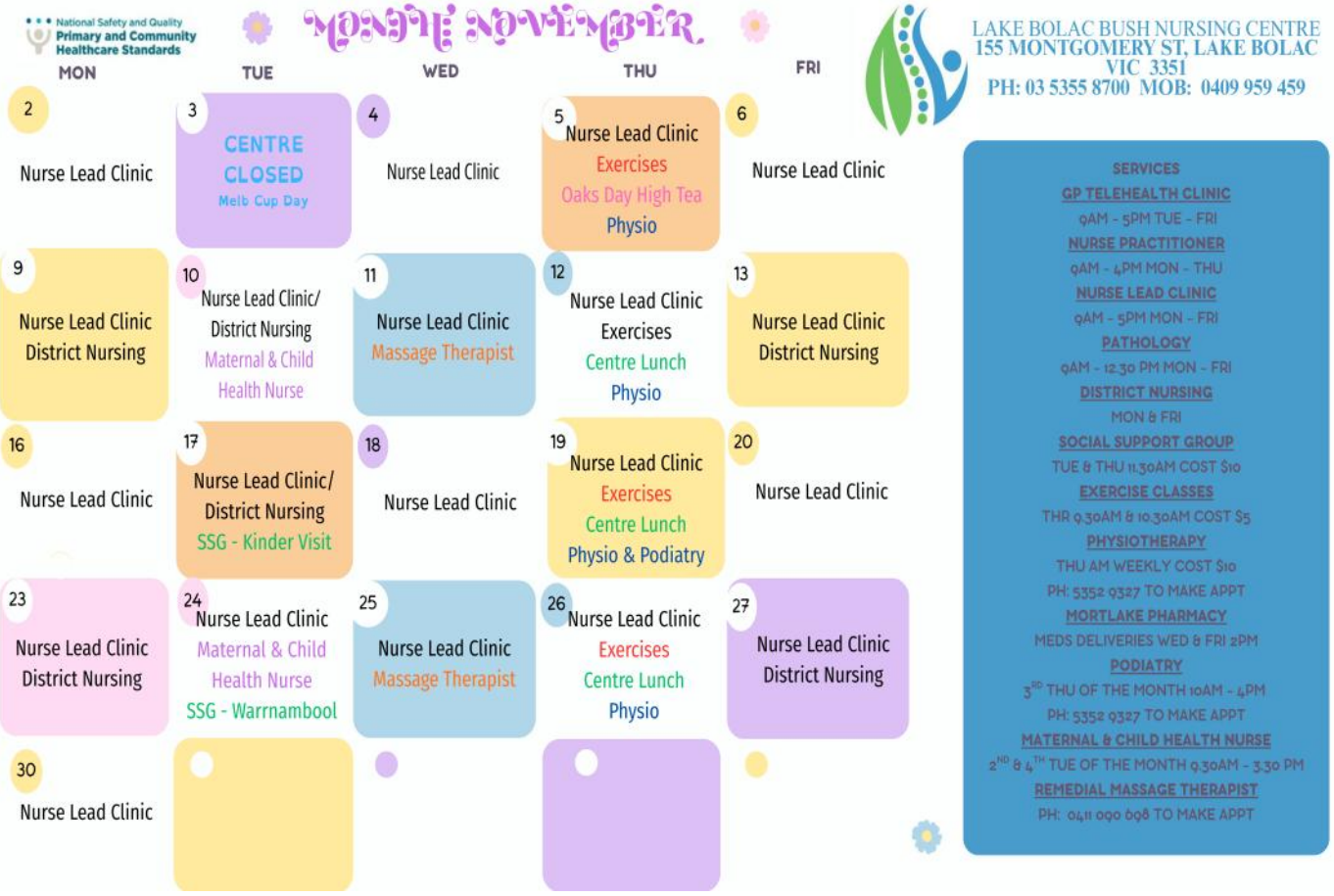
Balsa is the lightest wood in the world. This remarkable tree is a native of Central America and the West Indies. The wood is about half the weight of cork, one-third the weight of white pine, and one-seventh the weight of hickory.

In spite of its lightness balsa is elastic and fairly strong. It is used for floats, rafts, as lifeboat fenders, and for insulating purposes. Its extraordinary lightness is due to the thin-walled barrel-shaped cells, filled with air and almost devoid of woody fibre, of which balsa is composed. Before it can be of practical use, balsa has to be treated with a wood preservative, the chief ingredient of which is paraffin.

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Skipton Day Centre Room
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Beaufort Walking Group
Beaufort Library Carpark
Every Wednesday
9am-10am

Strength Training Beaufort
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Beeripmo Development Centre
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Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am
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SKIPTON FOODBANK CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

This year the Skipton Food Bank will once again be putting together hampers for families in need. These will be filled with pantry staples, and hopefully a few seasonal treats to help make this time of year a little brighter.

This is where YOU come in!

We are launching our Christmas Food Drive NOW!

Yes it's early, but with the rising cost of living we want to get a head start. For some it might be easier to add an item to their regular grocery shop now, rather than waiting until December.

You'll find collection bins at the Skipton Community Shop and Country Grocers on the main street of Skipton, as well as at Skipton Primary School. You can also bring items into us at the Skipton Food Bank at the Jubilee Centre, 10 Montgomery Street, during our opening hours (Mon 1-4, Wed 12-3, Thurs 9-12).

We are particularly looking for 'treat' items that could really help create a joyful and nourishing Christmas. These don't need to be expensive, and no alcohol please!

Some suggestions are:

- *Tinned Ham or Chicken*
- *Stuffing Mix*
- *Gravy Mix*
- *Christmas Cake or Pudding*
- *Mince Pies*
- *UHT Custard*
- *Jelly Crystals*
- *Cookies or Shortbread*
- *Boxed Toiletries Packs - men's, women's & children's*
- *Christmas Bon Bons*
- *New Toys or games for a variety of ages*

We are also seeking donations of some everyday items:

- *Breakfast spreads like Jam, Peanut Butter, Nutella or Vegemite*
- *Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate or Milo*
- *Cooking Oil*
- *Sugar*
- *Toilet paper & Cleaning supplies*



Every donation helps, whether big or small. If you'd like to make a financial donation to help support our community pantry, Christmas Food Drive and Christmas Hamper Project, please get in touch with us for bank details by calling Helen on 0437 014 633.

To request a hamper, please call in and chat to our friendly volunteers during our regular opening hours. Hampers are limited to one per household and we will do our best to tailor them to your family's needs.

Thank you all for your continued support! You can follow us on Facebook for updates: www.facebook.com/skiptonfoodbank.

—Skipton Food Bank—

SKIPTON FOOD BANK
OPENING HOURS

Monday	**1pm-4pm**
Wednesday	**12pm-3pm**
Thursday	**9am-12pm**

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Noticeboard

Have your say: Re-imagining Skipton

Council is finetuning the Skipton Structure Plan so that the town's growth can meet current bushfire and flood risks and respond to State Government policy for the Shire. The plan will help achieve a vision of how the town will develop, including how land can be used, what facilities and infrastructure are needed, and how to manage challenges and opportunities.

The review will focus on

- flood risk;
- bushfire risk;
- long-term social and economic future of the town; and
- where Skipton fits within broader State Government planning policy, including housing capacity targets.

To have your say, scan the QR code or go to conversations.corangamite.vic.gov.au and click the link to Re-imagining Skipton – revising the Skipton Structure Plan.

Is your property fire-ready?

Here are some tips to get fire-ready:

- Clear your gutters and remove flammable leaves, twigs and debris
- Keep grass shorter than 10cm and tidy vegetation around your property.
- Weekly kerbside green bin collections will continue until the end of December.
- Planning a burn-off? Register before you light up and always check local conditions and restrictions.
- Update your Bushfire Survival Plan
- Download the VicEmergency App and set up a Watch Zone

For more information on how to stay safe, go to corangamite.vic.gov.au/Fire-ready.

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WELLBEING AND INCLUSION.

Navigation Support Program

Skipton Library: Tuesday 17 November, 10 am-12 pm.

Movie of the month

'Breakfast at Tiffany's'

Tuesday 10 November, 10.30 am-12.30 pm, Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall

Free, but bookings essential on 5593 7100.

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Stay informed and keep up-to-date with what's happening around Corangamite Shire by subscribing to our monthly e-news at corangamite.vic.gov.au/e-news.

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What's on

Skipton Market

Saturday 14 November, 9 am
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Rest & Reset Sound Bath

Saturday 21 November
Skipton Golf & Bowls Club

$10 plus $1.53 fee.
Info: Skipton Food Bank
Bookings: events.humanitix.com/rest-and-reset-sound-bath.

Bingo at Skipton

Wednesday 2 December, 5.30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

A fun-packed night with a fancy-dress theme each month.

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Information: 0422 738 332 or secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au.

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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.
- 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.
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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
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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.

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.

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 14th November, 9am-1pm SKIPTON MARKET Almost Summer, and Christmas is round the corner, visit the Skipton Market in the Skipton Mechanics Hall and browse our stalls offering plants, produce, craft, bric-a-brac and jewellery and much more for gift ideas. Catch up with friends and neighbours in our friendly Supper Room for a snack and a chat. For more information and stall bookings, contact Jan, Market Coordinator for the Skipton Progress Association on 0422 785 017.

Saturday 14th November, 11am-1:30pm COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE at 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton. Seeking helping hands from the community to help at the new Community Garden for Skipton. No experience needed, tools provided. Please bring gloves. All ages welcome!

Wednesday 18th November, 7pm, 2026 SKIPTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the SFNC Clubrooms. Nominations to the Secretary by 11th November via skiptonfncsecretary@gmail.com. All members welcome.

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.

Sunday 22nd November, GOLF TOURNAMENT & BAREFOOT BOWLS at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club, 26 Rokewood-Skipton Rd, Skipton. Starting time to be in following newsletter.

Sunday 22nd November, 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 22nd November, 2pm-4pm, CELEBRATION FOR BOB THORNTON Friends are invited to an afternoon tea, please bring a plate to share, tea & coffee provided. Please contact Myra on 0414 766 979

Wedneday 25th November, 2pm, BSHS AGM at Day Centre Room, Beaufort & Skipton Health Service, 2 Blake St, Skipton. Please register you attendance by Monday 23rd November by contacting Narelle Harrison on 5349 1682 or Narelle.Harrison@bshs.org.au

Friday 27th November, 6:30pm-8:30pm, GRAZE THE DAY LAUNCH EVENT at Keayang Maar Vineyard. 18+ event, $30pp, includes grazing platters and pizza. Drinks at bar prices. Info: www.grazetheday.com.au

Saturday 28th November, 2026 VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS

Wednesday 2nd December, 5:30pm, FINAL BINGO NIGHT FOR 2026 in the Supper Room, Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. THEME: CHRISTMAS!! Come as Santa or Mrs Clause, an elf or a pixie! Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6:30pm. Free tea and coffee available, light supper at interval. Great prizes to be won, everyone is welcome!

Friday 4th December, 4pm-8pm, GOLDEN PLAINS TWILIGHT MARKET at the Bannockburn Heart. Family fun & Free activities., 100+ stallholders, live music, tasty eats & drinks, fine crafts, visit the art precinct!

Sunday 6th December, 9:30am-12:30pm SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB WORKING BEE BBQ lunch afterwards.