Skipton Community News

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FREE
WEEKLY

FIRE DANGER PERIOD DECLARED FOR COLAC OTWAY & CORANGAMITE AREAS

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) will commence at **1am** on **Monday, 23rd November 2026** for the following municipalities:

- **COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL**
- **CORANGAMITE SHIRE COUNCIL**

Residents are encouraged to use the remaining time before the FDP begins to prepare their properties and complete any private burn-offs while conditions and regulations allow. This includes cleaning up dry grass, leaves, and other flammable materials.

CFA District 6 Assistant Chief Fire Officer Mark Hildebrandt said the declaration has been made due to regions drier conditions which indicate fire potential across grasslands and agricultural areas.

"While recent rainfall has helped the moisture in forests and grass growth, the finer fuels in our area will become increasingly more available to burn following periods of warm, dry weather that we will see in coming weeks," Mark said.

"Should significant fire weather develop, there is high potential for fires within the Otway forest and scrublands. We want to ensure that both the community and emergency services are prepared ahead of this change.

"As grassland curing continues through late spring and early summer, and the environment dries out further, the likelihood of fire and the intensity and spread of those fires will also increase.

"The major fires in the Otways over the 2025/26 fire season have demonstrated rapid fire growth in dense forest fuels under extreme weather conditions.

"Now is the time to complete those last-minute clean-up jobs around your property and make sure your bushfire plan is up to date."

For more information on preparing your property and understanding local fire restrictions, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au. Those conducting burn-offs should notify authorities online at the Fire Permits Victoria website: www.firepermits.vic.gov.au. If, for any reason, you need to start your burn-off immediately - within 2 hours - you can still register by calling 1800 668 511.

By registering your burn-off online, you allow emergency call takers to allocate more of their time taking calls from people who need emergency assistance immediately. No burning off is permitted during the FDP without a Permit to Burn, which can be applied for through the Fire Permits Victoria website.

Fire Danger Period Information:

- A written permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the FDP. Apply at firepermits.vic.gov.au
- Lighting fires in the open without a permit can bring a penalty of more than $24,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.
- Farmers can find legal guidelines and practical advice at cfa.vic.gov.au/farms
- To find out what you can and can't do during FDP, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can or by calling VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.



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.

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—

GARAGE SALE

10 & 11 OSBORNE STREET

SAT 21st NOV at BOTH addresses

9am - 1pm

SUN 22nd NOV at 11 OSBORNE ST

9am - 1pm

BUILDING COMMUNITY EVENT
with free lunch provided

Linton Good Neighbour Initiative

Sunday 22nd November 2026
12pm-2:30pm
Linton & District Bowls Club

FREE EVENT - EVERYONE WELCOME

—The Linton Good Neighbour Initiative—

SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL 2026

The 2026 Skipton Spring Festival was a huge success drawing a crowd in excess of 2000 attendees.



Enjoying the baby animals at the petting zoo

Situated in leafy Smythe Street, nestled between the trees spilling out over the wide road, and encompassing the excellent space and facilities of the Recreation Reserve and Skipton Football-Netball Clubrooms.

The children inundated the free activities, enjoying everything from art to reptiles, Ian's Games, baby animals, water bugs from Stewart Park, drone demonstrations, Chris Morant the clown, and more!

As always, the Gum Boot Toss was fiercely contested.

3 winners received unique gumboot dogs, specially made by Ian Phillips, as their reward.

The Vintage and Classic Car Display was a hit, as always, with a beautiful array of cars and a special inclusion of a truck with 2 generators making regular demonstrations throughout the day.



Lisa with the children's art

Special guest appearances on the day were The Cat In The Hat and the Skipton Town Crier.

There was a great array of food vendors offering something for everyone, from Spud Sticks to hamburgers, Korean food, donuts to ice cream, artisan chocolates and fresh berries, plus many more.

We were thrilled to host many trade vendors for the day, including Prestige Tractors, Windmill Country, Michael Launder Photography, The Fudge Factory, Thermomix, and our very own Jan Murphy, to name a few. All of them reported having great business!



Lucky gumboot toss winner with The Cat In The Hat

A big thank you to Will and Nick Cole for delivering a crowd favourite throughout the day of shearing demonstrations.

The Historical Living History Group were fantastic with their reenactment of medieval times, sword and jousting demonstrations. Not to mention the incredibly detailed costumes, they were something special.



The Skipton Mechanics Hall was buzzing with a magnificent display of local art, photography, antique sewing machines, sock making activities, and student art from 5 local schools and Skipton Kindergarten. A special thanks to Karen Bodman and her team of helpers for the wonderful display in the hall.

The festival had many helpers during preparation in the Hall, and setup and pulling down the marquees in the street, and everything else needed during the day.



Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin and Councillor Nick Cole enjoyed the festival and Jimmy's great work

The CFA and Ambulance Victoria were in attendance and had much interest. Thank you to your crews for giving up your time.

The Victorian Police Stock Squad had a busy time answering questions from concerned farmers and children.

A unique Skipton experience included a guided tour through a local garden and a narrated historical town bus tour.



Local musician Liam Barber (pictured left with Lisa and the Town Crier) provided us with fabulous entertainment! And a big congratulations goes out to our winners of the Raffle and the Poo Lotto!

Most importantly, thank you to our sponsors. Without them it would not be the success it was. Many thanks to Corangamite Shire Council, Bendigo Bank, Squadron Energy, Mortimer Petroleum, Bunnings Warehouse, Bursons Auto Parts, Keith Nihill Artist, and Meredith Transit.

—Report by Dale McIntyre, Photos by Dale Mcintyre and Lois Lane—

SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL 2026

HERE'S TROUBLE!



Wonder horse Troubles, and his assistant Gayle, popped by the Op Shop on their way to star in the Poo Lotto event and to wish Sunday slaves Carol and Val good luck with their choice of numbers.

All very nice until one worker (let's call her Carol) offered Troubles a bribe. Big mistake! Troubles, a horse of impeccable breeding, being asked to accept a bribe and a dog's bowl of water was just so insulting.

Troubles, however, did lower his standards and accept a most lucrative offer from former Skipton resident Dave Hunneybell, who we believe offered Troubles a hot date with a Melbourne Cup winner.

—Report and photograph by SCN reporter Lois Lane—



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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

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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.
BSB: 633 000 Account number: 146 795 687

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

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

SKIPTON FOOD BANK AT JUBILEE CENTRE

10 MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON

NEW OPENING HOURS

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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.

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—



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



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—

BOOK AND FILM ORDERS AT GORST

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
Jake Grundell	Simone McAuliffe	James Kinnersley	Justine Ellis	Troy & Emma Smith
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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.

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

My sincere thanks to these businesses for supporting us.

—Pat Gabb—

SEEKING JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICES?

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- **Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre**
  11 Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol
  Phone: 5329 3273
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  Tuesday 10am-1pm
  Wednesday 9:30am-11:30am
  Thursday 10am-1pm
  Friday 10am-1pm



- **Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre**
  12 Holly Grove, Wendouree
  Phone: 5303 0507
  Monday 11am-1pm
  Wednesday 11am-1pm

- **InterClub Drop-In Centre**
  320 Pleasant St South, Ballarat Central
  Phone: 5331 7778
  Wednesday 3pm-5:30pm
  Thursday 4pm-6pm
  Friday 3pm-5:30pm

- **Ballarat North Neighbourhood House**
  7 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat Central
  Phone: 0491 753 307
  Tuesday 1:15pm-2:30pm
  Thursday 1:15pm-2:30pm

- **Delacombe Community Centre**
  18 Nandiriog Dr, Delacombe
  By Appointment Only

All locations are closed on School Holidays, unless otherwise specified.

For a <u>Private Appointment</u> please call:
Wayne Jones JP 14143
Mob: 0422 833 262

RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS

1. Do not sign or date documents until you see the Justice of the Peace.
2. Do not use eraser pens or white-out on any documents.
3. Any mistakes made on documents, strike a single line through it.
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REMEMBRANCE DAY IN SKIPTON, 2026

At the end of a year in which the world has been filled with the sounds of war and conflict and the suffering of those caught up in the horror of attacks on civilians, displacement and hunger, Australians gathered again to remember those lost in a long ago war, that we call the First World War, which ended with an Armistice signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.



Vietnam veteran Bob Baysinger laid a wreath

Nearly fifty Skipton community members gathered at the War Memorial in Skipton to mourn and respect and acknowledge not only the brave men and women who died in that conflict, but those who served and returned, wounded and damaged.



Vietnam veteran Terry Gough raised the flag at the service

Sadly, more than one hundred years later we come together to remember all who served in all the conflicts of the last century and this. Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch Graham Layley, in leading the brief service, reminded us that it is 25 years since we joined allies in Afghanistan to fight again for freedom, but the same sad words of poetry echo over the years to express grief and loss.



LSC Anthony Graham laid a wreath

The young generation were represented by the School Captains and Skipton Primary School manager and the Principal (pictured right). We were joined by Mayor Kate Makin of Corangamite Shire, who would have been thinking with all of us of the January fires and the loss suffered by our farming families, many of which were built by men and women turning from war to a new life on the land in our Western District.



We were joined, too, by our humble friend Trouble the horse, reminding us of the part played by animals all over the world, in time of war and suffering.

Friends of the RSL thank all who came to our Remembrance Day Service, who helped us acknowledge this very special Day and especially those who helped with the arrangements, with providing and serving food for morning tea, and especially with marking the graves of the fallen in Skipton Cemetery.



Mayor Kate Makin laid a wreath

In the words of the Ode,

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Friends of the RSL
Skipton Branch President Graham Layley, 0408 838 261
Secretary Gail Ward, wardgail51@gmail.com
Welcome contact at any time.
—Report by Lilla Orton, photographs by Lois Lane—



SKIPTON ART TRAIL GROUP INSTALLS NEW SCULPTURES



Four new metal sculptures have been installed in the parkland opposite the Beaufort & Skipton Health Service campus on Blake St.

The two kangaroos, a kookaburra, and the blue wren are part of the larger Skipton Art Trail Project, which includes the two murals by Jimmy Dvate - one completed at the Skipton & District War Memorial Swimming Pool and one currently being painted at the pump station on Montgomery St - that aims to bring visitors and residents through town to view multiple works of art.





PAINTING DONATED TO SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Pat Gabb and Sandra Joy Wilson with the fantastic painting.

From the great but emotional Fire night Pat Gabb and Lisa Wills organised on Saturday, 24th October 2026, this magnificent painting by Sandra Joy Wilson was donated to the Skipton Historical Society.

As you can see, Sandy captured the horror and beauty of that terrible day back on January 9th.

Thank you, Sandy and Pat, for your gift to the community and it will be hung in the Court House or the Police Residence in the near future.

The handover of the donation was on Sunday 1st November 2026 at the Historical Society rooms.

—Words and photograph courtesy of Ian Moyle—

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BEAUFORT AND SKIPTON HEALTH SERVICE

30th Annual General Meeting

2:00pm Wednesday 25 November 2026
Beaufort and Skipton Health Service
Day Centre Room, 2 Blake Street, Skipton

GUEST SPEAKER
Jenni Gordon, BSHS Community Services Manager

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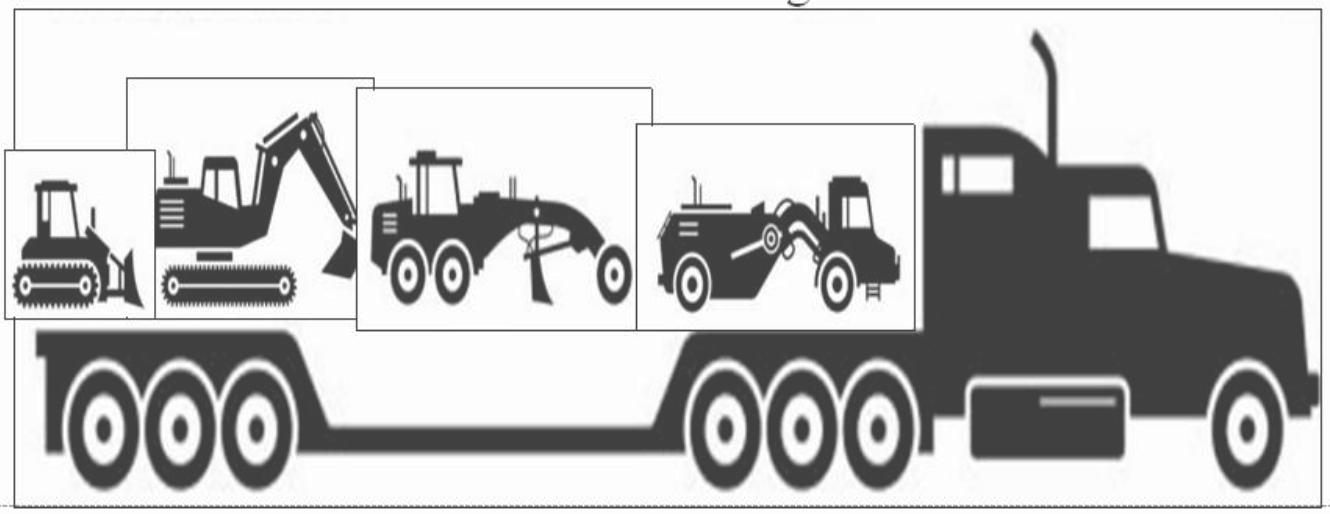
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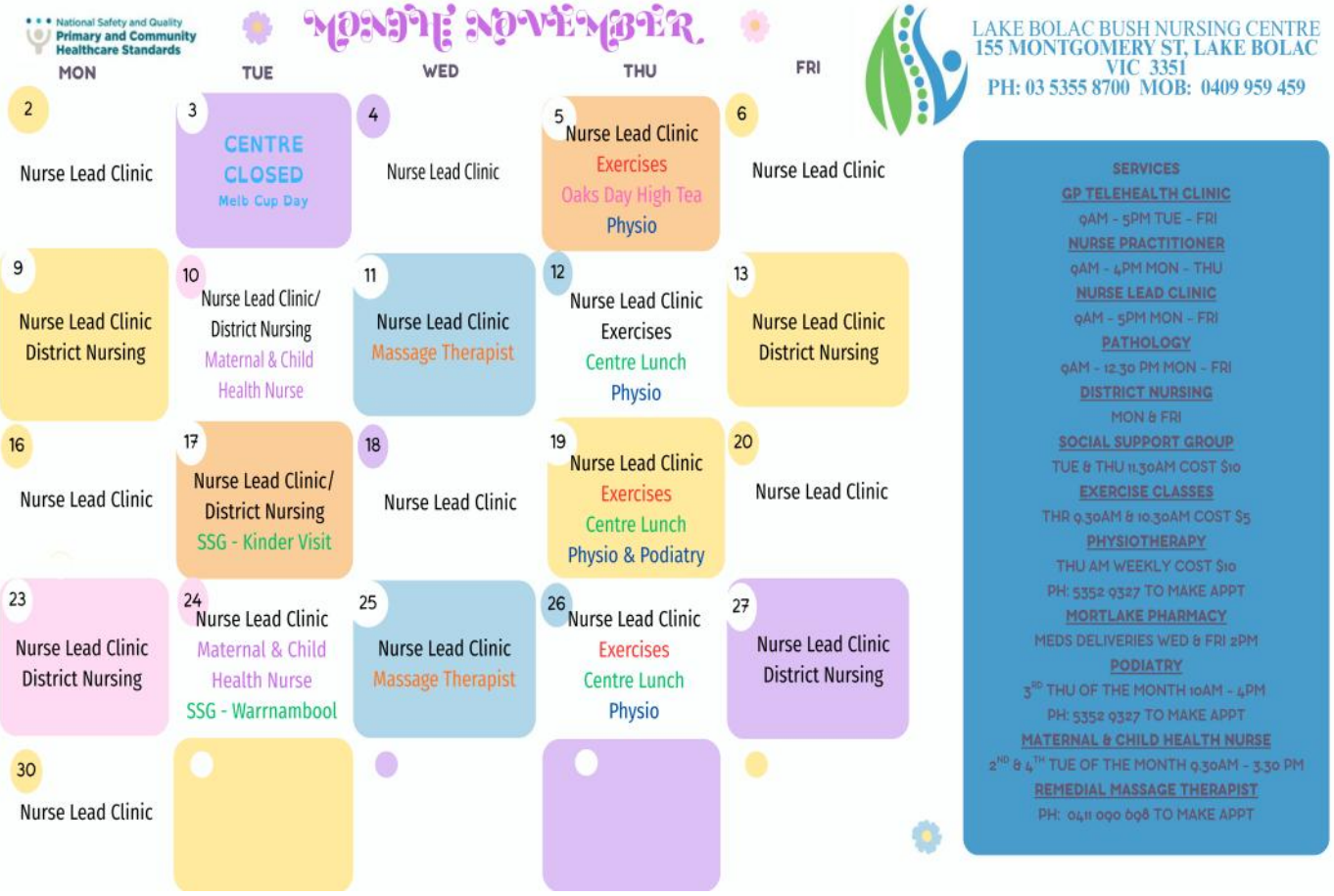


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LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.
These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (President/Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)

England's Rabbits

British rabbits are causing a lot of trouble, and now learned men are falling out over the question of when they first came to England.

Mr. Reid Moir quotes various references to the finding of fossil rabbit bones in prehistoric caves to prove his opinion that they have been in the country for at least 20,000 years; but Captain Guy Dollman quotes his senior at the Natural History Museum, Mr. M. A. C. Hinton, whose special study is ordents, living and fossil, and who says that the mineral condition of these rabbit bones is so different from that of the fossil bones found with them in the caves that they could not have been deposited at the same time.

It is his belief that the common little rabbits came over with the Normans, and that their bones were only found with these others because they burrowed down to prehistoric strata and died there among the bones of mammoth and dinosaur belonging to those strata.

Not a rabbit warren is mentioned in Domesday, but the bones of rabbits eaten by the lord of Rayleigh Castle in Essex have been found, and as this castle was only occupied between the eleventh and thirteenth centuries it is clear that rabbits were burrowing in Norman England.

When the Abbot of St. Austin's Abbey at Canterbury provided rabbits for a feast in 1309 they cost him about sixpence, a fair sum of money then, which proves that they were not too plentiful. By the beginning of the fifteenth century their price had come down to twopence.

PRAYING FOR MASTER.

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IT'S A GREAT LIFE!

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Life's given me a scurvy deal.
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The pleasures have been very real.

If I could have it all again—
Have dealt to me the selfsame lot,
With all its joy and all its pain—
You bet I'd take it, like a shot!

The things I'm happy to recall
Outnumber those that I regret.
There's little—take it all in all—
I'd like entirely to forget.

I wonder how it is with you?
No doubt your verdict is the same:
That on a comprehensive view
Life is a most amusing game.

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



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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.

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

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

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Beaufort Historical Society
9 Livingstone St, Beaufort
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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 & Sunday 22nd November, 9am-1pm GARAGE SALE at 10 & 11 Osborne St, Skipton

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.

Saturday 21st November 1pm-3pm WEAVING FOR WELLNESS - COIL WEAVING WORKSHOP at the Skipton Mechanics Hall Small Meeting Room. Proudly supported by the Skipton Food Bank. Tickets $20, bookings essential, visit www.facebook.com/skiptonfoodbank/events or contact Helen on 0437 014 633 to book.

Sunday 22nd November, GOLF TOURNAMENT & BAREFOOT BOWLS at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club, 26 Rokewood-Skipton Rd, Skipton.11:30am BBQ lunch, games start at 12:30pm. Details on page 20.

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

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Saturday 28th November, 2026 VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS Sausage sizzle from 8am to fundraise for the Skipton Kindergarten.

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, 9am SKIPTON CEMETERY WORKING BEE to spruce up the cemetery before Christmas. Everyone is welcome, bring your gloves and your gardening tools. Leave time for a coffee and a chat afterwards.

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

Thursday 17th December, SKIPTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Skipton Recreation Reserve. New games and activities this year include a shooting gallery and battery-operated animals. FREE EVENT!