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Saturday 28th November 2026



FROM THE EDITOR: SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Skipton Community News will be closed during the Christmas and New Year school holidays, from Thursday 17th December 2026 until Thursday 21st January 2027.

Please get in any news you would like to share over the break before 4pm on Friday 11th December 2026.

Email your news, articles, event flyers or posters to skiptonscn@gmail.com.

—SCN Editor, Kathy Leewai—



THE SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

SKIPTONAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU

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—

COMMUNITY NOTICE

COMBINED CHURCHES CHORAL SERVICE

The Combined Churches Christmas Choral Service will be held at Christ Church Skipton on 13th December 2026 at 6pm.

The service will be followed by supper. All are very welcome to join, please bring along a plate to share. Thank you!



For more information, please contact Marelyn Ellis on 0417 038 776.

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.

- 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

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.

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. All ages and abilities are welcome to help and socialise.

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.

—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
Russell Pitcher	Luke Jackson	Faith & Mark Howie	Kay Richardson	John Rowland
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—

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WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT LINTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR INITIATIVE?

The Linton Good Neighbour Initiative was founded in August 2026 from a simple idea shared among local residents: that everyday kindness and neighbourly connection make a community stronger.

It grew through informal conversations, shared values, and a realisation that there was a niche for a network where the people of Linton could look out for one another.

The Initiative is grounded in small acts of practical support, local relationships, and the belief that community strength and spirit is built through ordinary people choosing to care.

Aside from our many acts of kindness and neighbourliness, which are carried our quietly but extremely effectively, we also organise events in accordance with our values.

One such event was the recent **Building Community** event, held on Sunday 22nd November 2026. Held at the Linton and District Bowls Club, 31-33 Adair Street, Linton, from 12pm to 2:30pm, the **Building Community** event showcased the various groups, clubs and societies that exist in Linton in a mini expo so people could get a feel and possibly join up. Some groups also showcased their creations for sale to the public.

A free lunch was provided, courtesy of monies provided by Look Over The Farm Gate, the community grants program established by the Victorian Government and administered by the National Centre for Farmer Health. Lunch was followed by a barefoot bowls competition, organised and run by the Linton and District Bowls Club.

The Linton Good Neighbour Initiative is also engaged in projects to benefit the larger community and those who visit the region. An example of a current project is that founding member Pamela Mykytowych has successfully secured a grant to fund the construction of a Police-box type structure to house the Linton Street Library.

The existing library is currently a repurposed beverage fridge which is beginning to shows its age and is not easily accessible to everyone. The new accommodation for the pre-loved books will be constructed by the talented gentlemen of the Linton and District Men's Shed, ably led by the wonderful Bruce Hyde. Once completed, it will replace the existing library in the Memorial Garden next to the Police Station in Sussex Street, Linton, thanks to permission granted by Victoria Police.

This collaborative community project, involving a partnership between the Linton and District Men's Shed, Victoria Police, and Andrew and Pamela Mykytowych, is all due to the kind generosity of Squadron Energy, to whom we are deeply indebted.

The Linton Good Neighbour Initiative is always happy to collaborate and work in partnership to benefit our community with other groups who we believe share our values.

CONTACT DETAILS

Email: LintonGoodNeighbourInitiative@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/lintongoodneighbourinitiative

—Pamela Mykytowych, Linton Good Neighbour Initiative Member—

SKIPTON FIRE BRIGADE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER | **SKIPTON CFA STATION** | **6.00 PM – 8.00 PM**

Get the information you need to:

- Be fire ready and prepare your property and household
- Know what to do in a natural disaster, such as a **fire or flood**
- Understand emergency warnings and the role of **Neighborhood Safer Places (NSPs)**

A great opportunity to meet your local brigade members, with a CFA representative and a Corangamite Shire representative in attendance.

Light refreshments will be provided.

CFA



Write a Will

A New Year's resolution you should keep

Writing or updating your Will should be at the top of your 'to do' list in 2026. Contact our experienced team to get it started. We can also assist with:

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Usual Service times
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St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart on 0437 495 553 for enquiries
Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation Skipton/Lismore
10am at Skipton each week



St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beaufort

Service Times

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

St Aloysius' Redan
St James' Sebastopol
St Peter's Linton

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale & Snake Valley)

Parish Priest: Fr. Con Bagaoisan OSJ
Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan
Telephone: 0435 494 472

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

Parish Coordinators & Safeguarding Officers
Redan: Bernadette Lynch
Telephone: 0455 212 123
Email: redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 4pm

Sebastopol: Pauline O'Brien
Telephone: 0428 699 624
Email: sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am - 3pm

For Linton Parish enquiries, contact Fr. Con Bagaoisan

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

Parish Mass Times
St Aloysius, Redan & St James, Sebastopol: Thursday 9:30am, Friday 9:30am, Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am
St Brigid's, Snake Valley, St Peter's, Linton & St John's, Skipton: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

3 Lyons St, South Ballarat
Telephone: 5331 2933
Email: ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Web: stpatscathedral.weebly.com
www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/
Office hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm

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

St. Patrick's Parish, Ballarat

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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

Sunday 29th November
Wednesday 2nd December
Sunday 13th December
Wednesday 16th December
Sunday 27th December
Wednesday 30th December
Sunday 10th January 2027



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 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
Tuesday 22nd December:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 29th December:	Red & green bins

SKIPTON FOOD BANK AT JUBILEE CENTRE

10 MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON

NEW OPENING HOURS

MONDAYS	**1PM-4PM**
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

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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.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS SUMMER

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) has announced the commencement dates for the 2026-2027 Fire Danger Period in our region:

- Corangamite Shire: Monday 23rd November 2026, from 1am
- Pyrenees Shire (North & South): Monday 30th November 2026, from 1am.

WHAT CAN I BURN BEFORE RESTRICTIONS BEGIN?

Before the Fire Danger Period begins, residents may burn off natural vegetation such as dry grass, leaves and branches, provided they comply with local council regulations and weather conditions.

Pyrenees Shire: A council permit is generally required of open-air burning, even outside the Fire Danger Period. Exemptions apply to certain rural properties in Farming, Rural Living and Rural Conservation Zones, where the fire is at least 100 metres from neighbouring land and the material being burnt is a small heap (less than $3m^2$), excluding crop stubble.

Corangamite Shire: Burning off is permitted outside the Fire Danger Period, subject to council regulations. Within townships, fires must not exceed 1metre x 1metre and must be completely extinguished before sunset.

WHEN BURNING OFF, ALWAYS:

- Register your burn at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au or call 1800 668 511.
- Maintain a minimum 3-metre firebreak clear of flammable material.
- Have sufficient water and firefighting equipment available.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Avoid burning during windy or dangerous conditions.
- Completely extinguish the fire with water before leaving.
- Do not burn household rubbish, plastics, tyres or treated timber.

WHAT CHANGES DURING THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD?

Once restrictions commence, burning off grass, leaves, branches, weeds or other vegetation is prohibited without a written Permit to Burn. Permits can be applied for through Fire Permits Victoria, although approval is not guaranteed.

Corangamite Shire also prohibits open-air burning within townships during the Fire Danger Period.

CAMPFIRES, BONFIRES AND BACKYARD FIRE PITS

Small recreational fires, including campfires and properly constructed fire pits, may still be permitted during the Fire Danger Period, provided local council laws and all CFA requirements are met.

These requirements include:

- Wind speeds must be below 10km/h.
- A minimum 3-metre clearance around and above the fire.
- Fires must be no larger than 1metre by 1 metre.
- Campfires must be in a properly constructed fireplace, suitable portable fire pit, or a trench at least 30cm deep.
- At least 10 litres of water or a suitable water supply must be available.
- An awake, responsible adult must supervise the fire at all times.
- Fires must be completely extinguished with water, with ashes cool to touch before leaving.

Bonfires and large recreational fires are not automatically permitted under campfire exemptions. Fires used to dispose of garden waste are considered burn-offs, not recreational fires, and are subject to separate permit requirements.

TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS

On a declared Total Fire Ban Day, all outdoor solid-fuel fires are prohibited, including campfires, bonfires, wood-burning fire pits and burn-offs, even if a burn-off permit has previously been issued.

Any existing fires must be completely extinguished before a Total Fire Ban begins.

A REMINDER FROM YOUR LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE

Even a small fire can quickly escape control. Always check the weather, current fire restrictions and your local council's regulations before lighting any outdoor fire.

For further information, visit www.cfa.vic.,gov.au/can or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

If a fire escapes your control, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Help keep our community, properties and local brigade members safe this fire season.

—CFA Skipton Brigade—



SEEKING JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICES?

DOCUMENT SIGNING CENTRES - BALLARAT REGION

- **Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre**
  11 Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol
  Phone: 5329 3273
  Monday 10am-1pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm
  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.
4. Recommended a Black Pen as best as Blue Pens do not photocopy very well.
5. Photocopying is available at all locations for a small fee.
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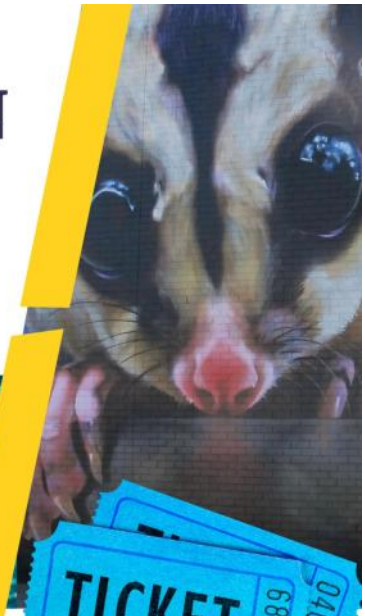
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Christmas Food Drive

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Skipton Food Bank
Skipton Community Shop
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Every fire season is different. Is your household prepared?

You're invited to attend a Get Fire Ready event near you and learn how to prepare for the fire season ahead.

CFA GET FIRE READY VICTORIA State Government

Find an event near you visit **cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready**



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—

RE-IMAGINING SKIPTON
COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT FOR STRUCTURE PLAN

Skipton district residents are invited too help shape the future of their community.

Corangamite Shire Council is reviewing the Skipton Structure Plan to make sure it meets current State Government requirements and up-to-date information on flood and bushfire risks. Mt Elephant Ward Councillor Nick Cole said community input would play a vital role in shaping the future of the town.

"Local knowledge is incredibly valuable. We want to hear from residents, businesses, community groups and landowners about what matters most to them and what they want Skipton to look like in the years ahead.

"Tell us your ideas about housing, jobs, tourism opportunities, and other issues that should be considered in the revised Structure Plan."

A structure plan is a long-term roadmap for a town. It guides how a community grows and changes over time, including where housing, businesses, community facilities and infrastructure may be located, and how opportunities and challenges can be managed.

Cr Cole encouraged community members to leave their comments at conversations.corangamite.vic.gov.au/ssp2026.

"The updated project, known as Re-Imagining Skipton, will build on the work already completed in the 2024 Structure Plan," he said.



"Since that was adopted, further discussions with planning authorities have identified the need for additional work before it can be included in the planning scheme."

The review will consider a range of important issues, including:

- Flood and bushfire risk
- Future housing opportunities
- Business, tourism and employment growth
- Community facilities and infrastructure needs
- The long-term social and economic future of Skipton

Submissions close Friday 27th November. Residents will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan before a final version is presented to Council for adoption next year.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

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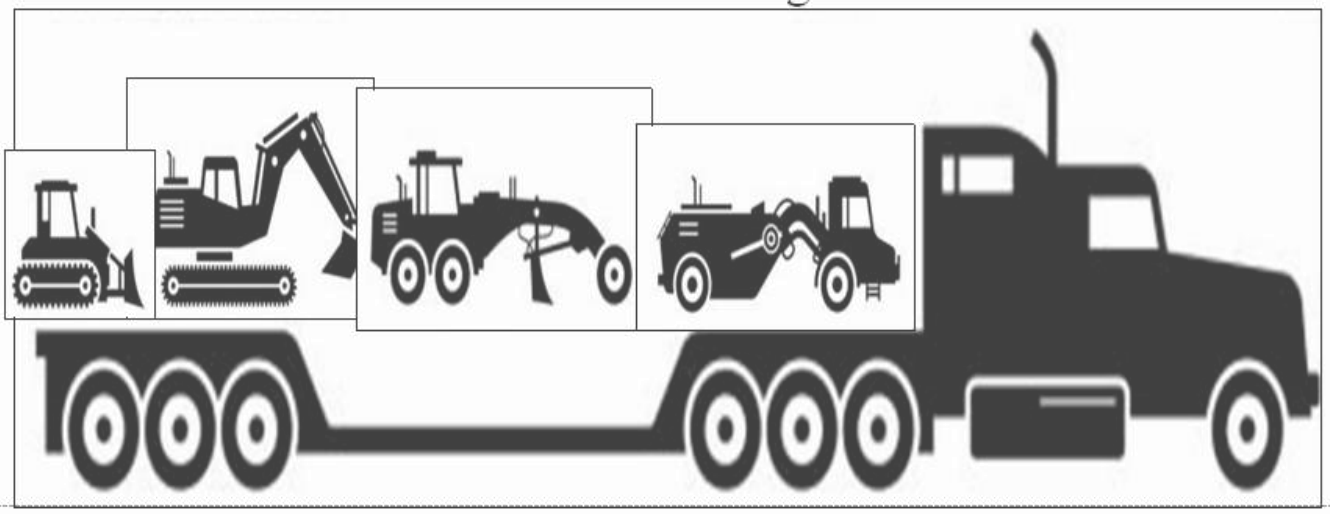
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BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1936 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO
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These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (President/Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)

BRITISH PLATINUM.

If the platinum supply of the world suddenly had to disappear, the electrical industry would receive a terrible set-back and practically every other industry would be badly affected. Fortunately there are unlimited stores of platinnm, and the British Empire produces most of the world's supply. Once Russia controlled 90 per cent. of the output, but now she occupies a secondary position, for since the war there have been important platinum discoveries in Canada, which is the biggest producer, and South Africa. In 1934 Canada alone produced 200,000 ozs., almost equal to the world's pre-war supply. Incidentally, in her main deposits there is as much palladium as platinum, so that she is also the world's chief palladium producer.

Once platinum was used almost exclusively for jewellery, but in 1933, for the first time, the amount used for industrial purposes exceeded that used in the jewellery trade.

BLIND MEN SMELL THEIR WAY.

A recent investigation among blind workers reveal the astonishing fact that they are largely guided by their sense of smell.

In walking through the streets they know what kind of building they are passing by its smell. Not only can they identify tobacconists, public houses, grocers, and fruit shop, but their sense of smell is so keen that they can even locate a second-hand dealer's, which has its own peculiar odor.

Wealth from the Deep

An epic of salving was the ultimate rifling of the bullion-room of the Egypt after months of patient searching, in the course of which the Italian salvage ship, Artiglio, was blown up with loss of all hands.

This P. & O. liner sank with £1,054,000 aboard in gold and silver ingots and coin after a collision off Cape Finisterre in May, 1922, taking forty-four passengers and sixteen of the crew to the bottom.

The Italians used the modern "shell" diving-suit, like a small tank with metal arms and legs, to locate the treasure, demolishing obstructions with explosives. The day came when the huge grab brought up one or two golden sovereigns among the debris, and then two yellow ingots of gold. A thrilling moment for the patient workers in the waste of sea above. Found at last, after disaster and disappointment!

Ot the end of th second day's work the grabs had raised £60,000. In the end, Commendatore Quaglia, in charge of the operations. sailed for Plymouth with £180,000 in his hold. Since the Egypt went down sovereigns had increased in value by 33 per cent., bar-gold by £1 an ounce.

Subsequently a further £55,000 was recovered, and the work has been proceeding this year. The underwriters who paid the insurance on the original loss receive 37½ per cent.; the remainder is divided between the original contractors and the salvage firm, Sorima, whose expenses to date amounted to about £160,000.

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.

SKIPTON'S ROUND AUSTRALIA RALLY HEROES

David Calvert and Arthur Smith 1956

It was a chilly August afternoon in 1956, but nothing could dampen Skipton's spirits. The place was abuzz with excitement, as its citizens came out to welcome two local heroes.



David Calvert & Arthur Smith in the Bristol 401 at a checkpoint, 1956

David Calvert and Arthur Smith had just returned from completing the arduous Mobilgas Round Australia Trial.

The gruelling endurance and reliability trial, which covered 8,500 miles (13,680km), traversed some of the roughest terrain on the continent.

The trial had taken a heavy toll; of the 83 cars which started out, only 27 crossed the finish line. The trial was won by Eddy and Lance Perkins driving a VW Beetle.

David and Arthur came a creditable 18th in David's Bristol 401. They may not have won the trial, but they certainly won our admiration and were greeted with cheers as they arrived in a very dusty Bristol which, although looking a little the worse for wear, was running as smoothly as the day it left the showroom.

I was lucky enough to be one of a dozen or more school children, milling around to get a view of the car and its intrepid drivers.

Arthur Smith wins 1958 Round Australia Trial Outright

Arthur then completed the 1957 trial with Jim Keddie and Robert Riley in a 1954 Ford Customline. Buoyed by good showings in both the 1956 and '57 trials, Arthur tasted ultimate success as Eddie Perkins' co-driver in the 1958 Mobilgas Round Australia Trial.



Arthur Smith (L) & Eddie Perkins - outright winners of the 1958 Mobilgas Round Australia Trial

They put in a stunning performance, winning outright in a VW Beetle 1200. They streeted the rest of the field, incurring only 11 penalty points over the torturous terrain of 10,100 miles (16,250km). The closest the next car could get was another VW Beetle with 55 demerit points.

Of the 67 cars that started only 34 went the distance. Yet again, there were great celebrations in Skipton town, as one of their own had become a national sensation overnight.

This story is covered in my book, *The Austins of Borriyalloak*, due to David Calvert's friendship with Harold Austin.

—Story and photographs supplied by Des Moyle, November 2026—

25 NOVEMBER 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

FASHION FOR A CAUSE, SUPPORT BSHS

Looking for a great night out that gives back to our local community? Every ticket sold to the upcoming Sussanah's Mobile Fashions Parade will raise funds to support Beaufort & Skipton Health Service (BSHS) Leisure and Lifestyle Activities for residents.

These programs play a vital role in keeping residents active, socially connected, and engaged, making your attendance a meaningful way to contribute to their everyday wellbeing.

Hosted by Sussanah's Mobile Fashions (formerly Sussanah's on Sturt), this Women's Clothing showcase will feature a wonderful range of pieces focused on quality, style, and comfort.

WHEN: Tuesday, 1st December, from 6pm to 8pm

WHERE: Beaufort Community Bank Complex

COST: $10 entry

Nibbles, drinks and raffle tickets will be available on the night.

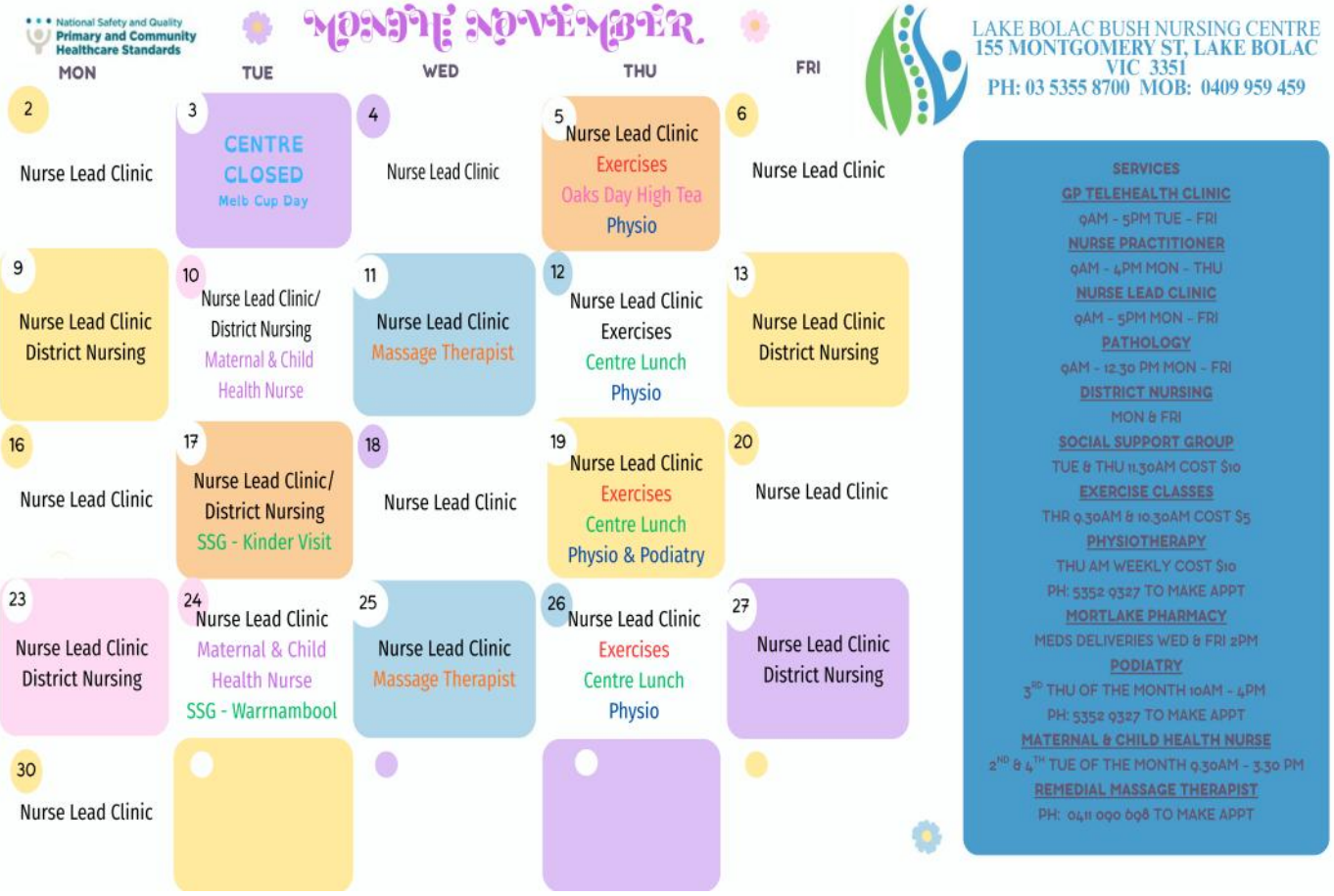
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Come along, enjoy a fantastic evening of fashion, and help support the lives of our local BSHS residents.

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SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gait & Balance Group Beaufort
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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT BRINGS FESTIVE CHEER TO LISMORE

The sounds of Christmas will fill the air at the annual Carols by Candlelight celebration at the Lismore Recreation Reserve on Thursday 3rd December.

Presented by Corangamite Shire, Lismore Primary School and the Lismore Progress Association, the free community event will bring residents together for an evening of festive entertainment, food and family fun from 5:30pm to 9pm.

The program will feature carol performances led by Demby McKenzie and His Perfectly Sized Band, a visit from Santa, a free barbecue and door prizes.

Mount Elephant Ward Councillor Nick Cole said Carols by Candlelight was a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to come together and celebrate the festive season.

"Following the success of the Light Up the Night event in October, it's great to see the community coming together again for another special occasion," Cr Cole said.

"Events like Carols by Candlelight help strengthen community connections and create lasting memories for families and friends. Whether you're singing along to your favourite Christmas carols, enjoying a free barbecue or visiting Santa, there's something for everyone to enjoy."

The event is supported by Corangamite Shire Council with Victorian Government fire recovery funding.

EVENT DETAILS

Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 3rd December 2026
5:30pm to 9pm
Lismore Recreation Reserve
The event is free to attend and everyone is welcome.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—



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CR REBECCA WARDLAW ELECTED 2026/27 PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL MAYOR

Cr Rebecca Wardlaw has been elected Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor for 2026/27, with Cr Tanya Kehoe elected deputy mayor.

It is the first time Cr Wardlaw has been voted into the role, after being elected as the Avoca Ward Councillor in 2024.



Pyrenees Shire Council
Front L-R: Cr Rebecca Wardlaw (Mayor) and Cr Tanya Kehoe (Deputy Mayor)
Back L-R: Cr Simon Tol, Cr Damian Ferrari, and Cr Megan Phelan

Cr Wardlaw said she was honoured to have the confidence of her fellow councillors and looked forward to continuing to advocate for the community over the coming year.

"It is a privilege to serve as Mayor of Pyrenees Shire and I thank my fellow councillors for the opportunity to take on this role," Cr Wardlaw said.

"I am committed to working with Council, our community and key stakeholders to continue delivering positive outcomes for residents across the shire."

Cr Kehoe became the Mount Emu Ward Councillor in 2012 and has held the mayoral role four times. It is the first time she has been elected deputy mayor.

Outgoing Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari said his 2025/26 mayoral term had been one of the busiest and most challenging of his time on Council.

Significant events during the year included the January Streatham-Yalla-Y-Poora fire, the retirement of long-serving Chief Executive Officer Jim Nolan and the tragic triple motor vehicle fatality at Stoneleigh in November 2025.

Despite these challenges, Cr Ferrari said council had continued to achieve important outcomes for the community.

"Council has maintained a strong focus on advocating for projects that will benefit our community and support the future growth of the shire," he said.

"Key achievements have included our advocacy efforts ahead of the Victorian state election and progressing the Burke Street Worker Accommodation Project, which will help address local workforce housing needs."

Councillors elected Cr Wardlaw and Cr Kehoe to their roles at council's Annual Mayoral Meeting held at the Lexton Community Hub on Monday 9th November 2026.

—Media release: Pyrenees Shire Council—

CR ROBBINS ELECTED AS GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE MAYOR

Golden Plains Shire Councillors elected Cr Emma Robbins as Mayor of Golden Plains Shire for 2026/27 at a Council meeting held at the Golden Plains Civic Centre on Tuesday 10th November 2026.

At the same meeting, Councillors elected Cr Owen Sharkey as Deputy Mayor for the 2026/27 term.



L-R: Deputy Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey & Mayor Cr Emma Robbins

Golden Plains Shire Council CEO Adam McSwain expressed his thanks to Cr Shakey for his time as Mayor.

"A lot of the work Cr Sharkey has focused on has included public transport, regional growth, and improved outcomes for the whole municipality, and we are now starting to see the benefits of all that work, and I'd like to thank Cr Sharkey for all he has achieved in his term as Mayor."

Cr Robbins outlined her vision for the Council term ahead, emphasising collaboration, long-term planning, community advocacy, and delivering for residents across Golden Plains Shire.

"I'd like to express my gratitude to all of my colleagues for their confidence in me. It is a great privilege to lead a group of people who care so deeply about serving the communities of Golden Plains Shire," Cr Robbins said.

"We have a councillor group with a strong understanding of the challenges facing our municipality, and some important foundations already in place. The Council Plan 2025-29 is our agreed strategic direction. We've made substantial progress already, including delivering major community infrastructure projects and securing funding for road safety improvements," she said.

"This council will have a long-term perspective, balancing the need for maintenance and renewal with the demands of growth. Our growing population will need not only roads and drainage but also early years infrastructure, kindergarten capacity, bus services, and active transport connections. And we must deliver on the needs of communities right across the shire, with a commitment to understand their unique needs and aspirations," she said.

"I can promise that I will approach this role with energy, diligence and a commitment to working with my fellow councillors, our CEO and staff, our communities and our regional partners. This will be a Council that makes thoughtful decisions, that advocates confidently for its communities, that is honest about its challenges and that takes pride in its achievements."

The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 24th November at the Golden Plains Civic Centre.

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—

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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.

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.

Recreation and Open Space Strategy

Council is preparing a 10-year strategy for the places, spaces, activities and services that support our community. This includes sport, pools and indoor facilities, parks, playgrounds, reserves, tracks, trails and opportunities to enjoy nature.

Tell us what matters to you, what works well and what could improve via the QR code or at conversations.corangamite.vic.gov.au. Submissions close 5 pm, Monday 14 December.

For more information: call Jane Hinds, Sport and Recreation Coordinator on 5593 7100.

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International Day of Persons With a Disability

Thursday 3 December, Rose Room, Terang Civic Hall, 10am

Come and enjoy a free morning tea to commemorate the International Day Of Persons With A Disability. The Hampden P-12 VPC Class will launch their 2026 video.

Special guest Kevin Boyce will share how living with his assistance dog Tina enables him to have a fulfilling life. RSVP to Council's Positive Ageing Access & Inclusion team on 5593 7100.

Melbourne Grammar School Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 12 December, 7.30 pm
Theatre Royal, Camperdown

Enjoy a varied program featuring classical masterpieces, contemporary works, music from the Harry Potter films and family favourites.

Entry is free, but registrations are essential at events.humanitix.com/camperdown-orchestra or via the QR code.



Free Event

Friday 4 December, 4.30-9 pm
Clocktower Precinct

- Music
- Ride-On Jungle Animals
- Fire Twirlers
- Silent Glow Disco
- Face Painting
- Rich Royale Roving LED
- Ruby Plumes by Wildhoney Stiltwalkers
- Glow Circus Workshop
- Amplify Youth Stage
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- Jammin Dance Studio
- Community Dance Party
- Local Businesses open late

2026-2027

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Christmas and New Year arrangements

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CLOSURE OF OFFICES

The Camperdown Civic Centre will be closed on **Friday 18 December from 12 pm** and then from **Thursday 24 December 2026 at 12 pm** for the Christmas New Year period, **re-opening on Monday 4 January 2027 at 8.30 am.**

LANDFILL/TRANSFER STATIONS

Corangamite Regional Landfill
Friday 18 December 2026 – Closed from 12 pm
Friday 25 December 2026 – Closed All Day
Friday 1 January 2027 – Closed All Day
Note: The landfill will be open on Saturday 26 December 2026 and Saturday 2 January 2027 9.30 am-12 pm by **prior arrangement only**.

Derrinallum Transfer Station
Friday 18 December 2026 – Closed All Day
Friday 25 December 2026 - Closed All Day

Port Campbell and Simpson Transfer Station
No change to opening days

Simpson Transfer Station
No change to opening days

Skipton Transfer Station
No change to opening days

Timboon Transfer Station
Friday 18 December 2026 – Closed All Day
Friday 25 December 2026 - Closed All Day
Friday 1 January 2027 - Closed All Day

RUBBISH, RECYCLING AND GREEN ORGANICS COLLECTION

Timboon, Simpson & Port Campbell
Collection will be as normal.

Lismore, Derrinallum & Skipton
Collection will be as normal.

Camperdown - south Princes Highway & Gnotuk
Collection will be as normal.

Camperdown - north Princes Highway & Cobden
Collection will be as normal.

Terang, Noorat and Glenormiston
Collection will be on Saturday 26 December 2026 and Saturday 2 January 2027.

Weekly green organics collections
Please note that the weekly green organics collections finish on Saturday 2 January 2027.

Bin collection
For any missed waste, recycling or FOGO bins or bin collection issues please contact Wheelie Waste on 5561 2286. Note: the Wheelie Waste office will be closed for the public holidays.



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SWIMMING POOLS

The Camperdown, Cobden, Lismore, Skipton, Terang, and Timboon pools will be closed on Christmas Day, Friday 25 December 2026.

SPORTING CENTRES

The Timboon Sporting Complex will be closed from Friday 18 December 2026, 24/7 gym access will continue for gym members. The Camperdown Community Stadium will close from Friday 18 December 2026. For further details on school holiday activities, classes and programming in January 2027 please visit each Stadium's Facebook page.

LIBRARIES

All the libraries in the Shire will close Friday 18 December from 12 pm, and then from Thursday 24 December 2026 at 12 pm, with normal hours resuming on Monday 4 January 2027.

VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES

The Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre will be closed on Friday 25 December 2026.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

All Maternal and Child Health Centres will close from 5 pm Wednesday 23 December 2026 and will reopen from Monday 4 January 2027 from 8.30 am.

Please call the 24/7 Maternal and Child Health Line on 13 22 29 for advice and support. If your baby is unwell, please contact your closest medical service. The 24/7 Parentline Victoria is also available on 13 22 89.

CHILD CARE

All Child Care Services across the Shire will close on their normal operational days starting Tuesday 15 December 2026 to Tuesday 22 December 2026 and will recommence from Tuesday 5 January 2027 to Wednesday 27 January 2027 depending on the service venue start date.

McNicol Child Care will close from Tuesday 22 December 2026 and will re-open on Tuesday 5 January 2027.

KINDERGARTENS

All Kindergarten services will finish for the Christmas/New Year holiday period from Friday 18 December 2026 and recommence from Wednesday 27 January 2027.

LOCAL LAWS

Local Laws/ranger services will be available over the Christmas/New Year period for emergencies only, including livestock on Council roads, dog attacks, and wandering dogs.

For urgent requests over the Christmas and New Year period, please call 5593 7100 and follow the prompts.

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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.
Free membership, all welcome. Come and check us out.

Skipton Food Bank

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

Skipton Historical Society

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

Skipton Community Market

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

Beaufort Art Trax Gallery

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

Beaufort Historical Society
9 Livingstone St, Beaufort

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

Wednesday 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

Saturday 28th November, 10am-3pm, GRAZE THE DAY at the Timboon Amphitheatre. **NOW A FREE EVENT** Info: www.grazetheday.com.au

Saturday 28th November, 2026 VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS Sausage sizzle from 8am to fundraise for the Skipton Kindergarten.
SKIPTON VOTING CENTRE: SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL

Saturday 28th November SKIPTON & DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL OPENS on Blake St, Skipton. Opening times: Lap Swimming Tues & Thurs 9-11am, School Days 2:30pm-7pm, Weekends, Public Holidays & School Holidays 11am-7pm. Tickets and memberships available to purchase at the pool entrance gate.

Tuesday 1st December, 6pm-8pm CFA COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT at the Skipton CFA Station. Come along for information you need to know to prepare your property and household for the summer, what to do in the case of a natural disaster, where to go in the event of an emergency, and how to understand emergency warnings. Meet your local brigade! Light refreshments provided.

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!

Thursday 3rd December, 5:30pm-9pm, CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT at Lismore Recreation Reserve. FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - all are welcome to attend. Free BBQ and door prizes, plus a visit from Santa!

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.

Wednesday 9th December, 7pm SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. This next meeting of the Skipton Progress Association will be **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. This will be the final meeting for the year until the first meeting for next year, combined with the Annual General Meeting - to be held in February. For further information, please contact Secretary Donald Binks on 0422 738 332 or email secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au

Friday 11th December, 9:30am-12:30pm GARDENING WORKING BEE at Mooramong Homestead and Historic Precinct. Helping hands needed for weeding, grass cutting and general maintenance. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy on 0461 364 994.

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!