



LOCKY NEWS

Lockington's Priceless Paper - Published Fortnightly

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LATROBE UNIVERSITY SAYS THANK YOU

LaTrobe University's Rural Health School has extended a heartfelt thank you to the people of Lockington for their support of a recent Community Placement Day.

A group of first-year nursing students from LaTrobe spent 3 December in the Plumber's Shed, providing health screenings to 64 Lockington locals.

Proudly, that number exceeded the figure achieved at a similar pop up event in Kyabram. Once again Locky punched well above its weight!

The participants principally comprised senior members of the community, however, a broad demographic took advantage of the free check across the course of the day.

Community Placement Program Project Co-ordinator Carrie-Anne Winder said the students really enjoyed the conversations they had with people and loved the opportunity to talk to locals about their health.

"In the afternoon they all went on a tour of the Lockington Bush Nursing facility which was eye opening!

"The students were very impressed by what the centre delivers with so few resources and it would be lovely to think that one or more may return at sometime in the future for a work placement," she said.



**From all at Locky News
Thank you for your
support in 2024**



SEASON'S GREETINGS

I'd like to extend my warmest wishes to all Lockington residents for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It has been wonderful this year to see a range of activities and events taking place in and around Lockington, with the Vintage Rally in April and the Lockington Heritage Transport Display in November among the events attracting visitors to the region.

Thanks must go to the tireless workers behind the scenes who make these events available for our community to enjoy.

We have also been pleased to work with local residents and businesses in the development of the Lockington & District Place Based Plan, incorporating Bamawm, Bamawm Extension, Kotta, Pine Grove, Milloo, Diggora and Tennyson.

The Plan aims to establish a vision, identifying the parts of the town and district which are important and valued by the community, and setting out local priorities and aspirations.

Talking of plans, our Christmas in Campaspe trail map offers a great overview of all the festive displays and activities in our Shire across the festive season.

Get into the holiday spirit by picking one up from any Council Service Centre or download it from our website so you can explore what's on offer around the area.

I hope you find time to relax and enjoy the holidays.

Remember to support our local traders and hospitality venues – your business now and throughout the year helps to support our economy and bring prosperity to our region.

Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season!

- Cr Daniel Mackrell, Campaspe Shire Mayor



Celebrate the wonderful

However you celebrate, whoever you're with, may your Christmas be merry, always.

From Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester.

During the festive season our branches will be closed on Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 December 2024 and Wednesday 1st January 2025.

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LOCKINGTON - LINES IN TIME

Hello again everyone,

We have reached November 1909, as we look back at the early newspapers to learn how the farming communities of this district were faring.

Regular rainfall throughout the year caused harvest prospects to appear bright, and returns seemed likely to be above average. However, high temperatures reported by the Elmore Standard on 13 November, played havoc with the crops and the late ones withered. Even the more forward crops had their yields diminished by the sudden advent of hot summer weather. The maximum shade temperature of that week was 97° degrees fahrenheit [36° celsius].

The Elmore Standard, that same day, carried the sad report of the death of Mr James McKay of Warragamba. He died at Rochester on 21 October, after having undergone an operation for appendicitis. The late Mr McKay, who was 40 years of age, left a widow and five children, the eldest just eight years old, and the youngest aged 10 weeks, to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. Great sympathy was felt in their bereavement.

The deceased was born in Drummartin, and his father, the late Mr Nathaniel McKay, was one of the earliest pioneers in that district. Mr James McKay's death, marked the first break in a family of twelve. One of his brothers was Mr Hugh V McKay, of Sunshine Harvester fame, while another was a machinery expert in the Argentine Republic, and several other brothers held prominent public positions in various parts of the State. He was the sixth son of Mrs M McKay, and was a highly esteemed resident of the Warragamba district. His untimely and sudden death caused deep regret.

On the wider scene, Irrigation, and the Closer Settlement Scheme which accompanied it, were major topics. Our district was right in the midst of it, and changes loomed. As reported in the Melbourne Age on 11 December 1909, on 10 December, Mr Elwood Mead, chairman of the Water Commission, accompanied by Mr Dethridge, Deputy Engineer-in-Chief, and

Mr. Sampson, valuer, of the Lands department, visited Bamawm, where 5000 acres of farm land had been acquired as the nucleus of an irrigation colony, eventually expected to encompass 40,000 acres. Suitable additional land would be chosen and purchased, if owners were willing to sell at a fair price.

As it was asserted that irrigation was meant for intense culture, the proposal was for holdings of from 20 to 200 acres. Mr Mead intended to establish small allotments of one and two acres along the channels, as homes for the families of farm workers, and he expected to have one family to an average of 50 acres. On the Bamawm settlement, there would be 800 families, representing about 4000 people. As local demand for irrigation blocks was practically exhausted, Mr Mead considered it would be necessary to bring settlers from abroad, who could show Australians how the land could be profitably used under irrigation conditions.

For the present, however, the local scene was little changed. On 4 December 1909, the Weekly Times relayed favourable reports of the wheat crops, received from Diggora, Warragamba, Bamawm, Pannoomiloo and Tennyson. However, by mid-December, the weather became excessively hot, temperature registering about 100° fahrenheit [37.7° celsius] and as high as 107° fahrenheit [41.5° celsius]. Though reports of excellent yields continued to emerge, the hot winds reduced the returns from those crops not yet cut.

A massive bush fire started at Wharparilla on 20 December 1909, ostensibly caused by a threshing machine, but undoubtedly exacerbated by the heatwave conditions. It destroyed about 5000 acres of grassland, more than 1000 bags of wheat, haystacks, sheds and out buildings, and two farm homesteads were completely burnt out.

But, there was good news, too. Warragamba residents were happy with their recently-arrived, attractively renovated classroom, and they were pleased with the new-built teacher's residence – an "imposing structure... a modification of a Queen Anne pattern, consisting of five large rooms, together with a pantry and bathroom... a detached shed and wash-house erected at the rear, thus completing a very nice home." As reported in the Elmore Standard on 8 January 1910, a function was held at the school on the evening of 22nd December 1909, to celebrate.

Completion of the harvest was delayed slightly, due to weather conditions and labour shortages, but the feelings expressed by the Diggora West correspondent when writing to the Bendigo Independent on 21 January 1910, were typical of the local farmers. Though oats in particular had been wind-damaged, the harvest had been one of the best. A "good" price meant farmers would "be well paid for their last twelve months' labour."

A Mr Paynter, a visitor to Wharparilla, wrote to the West Gippsland Gazette on 8 February, that the harvest in the northern district was "really wonderful." He had "never before seen such a bountiful supply of wheat" ... "It seemed to be everywhere and every railway station was overloaded. There was also splendid grass" and "feed seemed to be abundant."

On 12 January 1910, notices in the Argus and the Age, stated that, of 70,000 acres of land in the Bamawm district, 30,000 to 40,000 acres would be proclaimed an irrigation area. This land, commanded by the main channel, would be subject to the compulsory irrigation charge of about 5/ per acre per annum. The Closer Settlement Board would take steps to purchase the land and arrange prices. No compulsory purchases would be made, and any current owners who preferred to sub-divide, or to pay the irrigation charge of 5/ per acre per annum, would be able to do so. By 15 January, applications for irrigation blocks had already been received.

***Bye until next time, when we will be beginning a New Year too! - Marg O'Brien.**

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Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

Sunday Duty Roster

22 December - Joe & Julie

29 December - Gordon M & Jack O

5 January - Sandra & Ian W

12 January - Jack & Susan

19 January - Don O'B & Andrew Mc

26 January - Des & Tom

LOCKINGTON FOODSHARE LAUNCHED



What an amazing assortment of goodies, fresh and non-perishable, which Lockington and District Bush Nursing Centre put together on 10 December.

It was the first of more Food Share days to come at Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex.

People came with shopping bags to supply their needs and gave a donation to the Bush Nursing Centre.

Some stayed to chat, have a cuppa and a bite to eat.

A lovely gesture at the end of the day was a delivery to some residents of Waterwheel Court. - **Beryl Marshall**



LANDCARE GARLIC FARM TOUR

On Thursday 5 December Lockington Landcare members visited Lincoln Munroe's "Pine Grove Produce" garlic farm.

Lincoln established the farm several years ago and has successfully developed several varieties of garlic for commercial sale.

He outlined the wide range of varieties available and discussed the differences in storage times associated with each variety.

The group toured to see the home made planting guide, the 'hills' they are grown on, and visited the shed where they are hung or put on trays to dry.

A picnic tea was enjoyed by all. Lockington Landcare's next meeting is scheduled for 6 February 2025.


Lockington District Business Centre
will be open for fuel sales during regular operating hours
every day across the festive season
EXCEPT Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day




FESTIVE SEASON OP SHOP HOURS

St Mary's Op Shop is now closed for the Christmas break.

The Op Shop will open from 10am until 2pm on:-

- Friday 17 January;
- Friday 24 January; and
- Friday 31 January only

Normal shop hours resume from Monday, 3 February.

The St Mary's Op Shop volunteers wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December

- 20 Kotta Christmas Tree
- 22 Bamawm Extension Christmas Tree
- 24 Community Church Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Lockington Community Christmas Dinner

January

- 7 Lockington Library/Community House reopen
- 13 TYPING DAY - NEXT LOCKY NEWS
- 17 First edition Locky News 2025
- 22 School Holiday activity in Lockington

Campaspe Shire Council 2025 Calendars are now available free of charge from Lockington District Business Centre

PETER WALSH MP
YOUR VOICE IN PARLIAMENT

Peter Walsh MP MEMBER FOR MURRAY PLAINS

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.
We hope **2025** will be full of good health and prosperity.

Peter Walsh MP 496 High Street, Echuca 3564 Tel: 5482 2039 or 1300 467 906 E: peter.walsh@parliament.vic.gov.au

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Activity	Detail	Venue, Date & time	Age	Booking
Mirrors	Have some fun and decorate a hand held mirror. 	Lockington Library & Business Centre Wednesday, 22 Jan 10am - 11.30am	Age 5+	Please book Ph: 5481 2400 or Online Places limited

Join the Big Summer Read online. (instructions above)





2024 Kotta Hall Christmas Tree

Friday 20th of December, 6:30pm start for a BBQ
tea, raffles, & entertainment from

The 'Locky Ukers'

and of course a visit from

Santa!

Entry: \$20 per family, \$5 single

Includes BBQ tea, soft drinks, coffee/tea

BYO: Drinks & plate of supper

Supply a gift to the value of \$15

Surprise Lucky Door Prize

All are Welcome!

Lockington Rd, Kotta

For enquiries contact David Hammond
on 0438868216



LOCKINGTON PONY CLUB 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Lockington Pony Club was a hive of activity on the weekend of 7 and 8 December when members celebrated the group's 50th anniversary.

The milestone makes Lockington one of Victoria's oldest surviving Pony Clubs.

It was a special honour to have Mary and Tom Scurrah attend the event.

Their father generously donated the land on which the Pony Club grounds were developed 52 years ago.

Not surprisingly, they were very proud to see that after all these years, the Club is still going strong.

The weekend provided for every ability with a range of horseback activities.

Saturday was a games day with activities including but not limited to apple in straw, apple bob, bending and flag races, as well as keyhole and old English plate.

Sunday saw participants enjoy a leisurely ride into Lockington for an ice cream and memorable photo along the township channel (see top left).

The Club also ran a huge raffle that was strongly supported by many local businesses and would like to sincerely thank everyone who was involved in a very successful weekend.

Without the contribution of each and every person - large or small - the event simply would not have been as fabulous.





YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS

Tea

2 COURSE MEAL

25	MADE	6.30
DEC	POSSIBLE BY	PM
	FOODSHARE	

Tea Served at 7pm at The
Lockington Recreation Reserve
Bookings essential and can be
made to the Bush Nursing
Centre 54862544 or Amanda
Walker 0429868249



PETER WALSH MP
YOUR VOICE IN PARLIAMENT

Peter Walsh MP MEMBER FOR MURRAY PLAINS

If you need advice or assistance with anything related to state government, please contact my office on the details below and we will do our best to help you.

Peter Walsh MP

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LOCKINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL REUNION



How many faces do you recognise in the photo above? Beryl Marshall (nee Cunnington) is organising a reunion of late primary and early secondary classes at Lockington Consolidated School.

The reunion is for students from 1955 to 1959, incorporating Grades 4,5 and 6 and Forms 1 and 2. Beryl has a number of people she is still striving to track down and would appreciate any information on the following:-

Irene Beecroft (Mathewson); Graeme Clarke; Rosemary Fuller (Edwards), Gwen Marshall (Kemp), Judy O'Leary (Harvey), Warwick Piper and Ngharre Watts (Todd).

Please contact Beryl on 0428 862 353, or email lbmarshall@bigpond.com if you're able to assist.

SEEKING POSTAGE STAMPS

This Christmas you can help charitable organisations and places in crisis by collecting and donating your used stamps, which will be sorted and sold to stamp collectors.

Please save your stamps and deliver or post to Beryl Marshall, 2 Burns Street (leave in box at front door) or leave for Fay Haines at Lockington District Business Centre.

Note: you cannot donate stamps which are heavily franked; torn or skinned; are biro/pencil cancelled or covered in sticky tape.

Suitable stamps should be trimmed to 3mm (1/8") around - alternately cut a large margin or give the whole envelope (cut and not torn is preferable).

Volunteers with 'Sammy Stamp' in Melbourne will trim them.

Whole pre-franked envelopes and empty stamp books will also be accepted.

In the modern era, postage stamps are becoming rare, so please help those less fortunate.

REDHS News

Rebuild update

Regrettably we have not been able to achieve all the commissioning requirements to support our residents safe return prior to Christmas. As such, we have to postpone our aged care residents return back to Rochester until the 6 January 2025.

That said, we are pleased to announce that our **Urgent Care Centre will return to the REDHS hospital site on Thursday, 19 December.** Opening hours will remain as current 8:30am - 5:00pm, Monday to Friday for the time being. Our service return dates to Rochester are:

- * **Aged Care** - 6 January 2025
- * **Community Care (including Allied Health)** - 13 January 2025
- * **Campaspe Medical Centre** - late February 2025 (date to be confirmed)

Our Community Open Day is going ahead as planned for Saturday 14 December. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Mary Manescu, REDHS CEO



Aged Care Wing



Aged Care Room furnishings installation

THE YEAR THAT WAS - LOCKINGTON ACTION CLUB

With 2024 coming to an end, the Lockington Action Club is celebrating another successful year.

The Club would like to take a moment to reflect and thank some of the people and businesses that have contributed towards its amazing fundraising results to support to the Lockington community.

The annual Australia Day Fishing Competition in January was very well supported by the community with over 50 kids attending - a special thank you to Campaspe Shire Council for helping to run the event and Tackle World Echuca for jumping on board with prizes for all children.

The Wool Off Day saw more than 220 sheep shorn and raised over \$5000 for the community.

It wouldn't have been possible without the support of the shearers who donated their time and the sponsors - Alister Carr - Fox and Lillie Rural; Elders - Kober Echuca; Nutrien Echuca; WB Hunter; Reid's; Nichol Trading; Anthony and Bec Lee; Evans Farms; MD Meats and the Lockington Hotel.

The Wool Off proceeds went to Lockington Consolidated School to support its new playground for the children.

The Action Club has also donated \$500 to Lockington and District Bush Nursing Centre to support Food Bank which is now up and running for the community.

The Australia Day Fishing Competition is booked in for 2025 and the Club once again looks forward to seeing everyone for another great day.

To the Lockington Action Club Members - thank you for all your help, support and time in 2024; rest assured your contributions definitely do not go unnoticed.

The Lockington Action Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Here's to a fantastic 2025!



KYM WINS SIXTH LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Kym Ray is Lockington Bowls Club's 2024 Ladies' Champion.

She defeated Leanne McInnes in the final to claim her sixth Club trophy and fifth consecutive Lockington title - an outstanding achievement.

Kym and Leanne are pictured (far left) with umpire Denise Gilmore who also presented the winner with her commemorative badge (left).

Note: Chris Stewart's full report of the Final appears on Pages 22 and 23 of today's Locky News.





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Project Update

The annual program to resurface sealed roads across the shire has been completed with 72 segments renewed, totalling 52km.



Coming Up

Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 18 February 2025 | Echuca Civic Centre
 Meetings can be streamed live: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

Immunisation Sessions

By appointment only. Register at campaspe.vic.gov.au/immunisations
 If you are feeling unwell or have any cold or flu like symptoms, you must cancel or reschedule your appointment.

Monday, 23 December

• 9:30 – 10am | Tongala Service Centre

Thursday, 2 January 2025

• 11:30am – 12 noon | Rochester Service Centre

Tuesday, 7 January 2025

• 5:30 – 6:30pm |
 Kyabram Senior Citizens Centre

Wednesday, 15 January 2025

• 9:00 – 10:30am |
 Kyabram Senior Citizens Centre

Thursday, 16 January 2025

• 11:30am – 12 noon |
 Lockington Bush Nursing Centre

Thursday, 16 January 2025

• 5:50 – 6:20pm | Echuca Library

Need help making an appointment?
 Please call Council on 1300 666 535.

Employment

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- Communications Officer
- Early Childhood Educator – Co-Worker
- Early Childhood Educator – Room Leader
- Group Fitness Instructor
- Learn to Swim Teacher

For all positions currently open and application details, visit Council's website.

Tenders

Request for Tender 24054 Sturt Street Carpark, Echuca.

Campaspe Shire Council is seeking submissions from suitably experienced contractors for the above work. A non-compulsory site meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17 December 2024 at 10am.

RFT submissions must be uploaded to the eProcure tender portal no later than 2.00pm on 8 January 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Now Open

For all projects and applications open, visit campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen



Community Flood Recovery and Resilience Grants

The Community Flood Recovery and Resilience Grants aim to support individuals, families, and organisations affected by the October 2022 flood event and plan for a flood-resilient future. The grants provide funding of up to \$10,000 to eligible not-for-profit community organisations, groups, social enterprises, and creative organisations. Each eligible applicant can submit one application per project or event, with a maximum of five applications per organisation. Activities must be completed by April 30, 2025.

Community Vision Survey

With the newly elected Council, we're renewing our Community Vision. We have a few quick questions to ask community members that will help us to understand your views on the current Community Vision. Visit the "Now Open" section on our website for more details.

You could win \$100 by doing our Community Grants Survey

Council's Community Partnerships Team is currently conducting a survey about our various community grants programs and is seeking community feedback. By completing the survey, you could win a \$100 gift card. You can find the survey on our website in the "Now Open" section.

Free workshop: Social media and content marketing

Campaspe Shire Council and Business Victoria, in collaboration with Monarch Institute, are offering this free workshop to give small businesses guidance on how to improve their social media and content marketing skills.

'Social media and content marketing' is a free three-hour workshop which provides actionable tips, tools and strategies to enhance your understanding of customers, competitors, branding, and your unique selling proposition.

This workshop is for small business owners and entrepreneurs who want to master social media and create compelling content.

Date: Wednesday, 19 March 2025
 Time: 10AM-1PM
 Venue: Echuca Library



LOCKINGTON THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

We would like to wish all our valued customers a wonderful Christmas & New Year!



'TIS THE SEASON FOR A FAMILY FEAST



White or Yellow Peaches



Community Co Bone in Half Leg Ham



1&J Raw Prawns Tail Off or On 500g \$24.00 per kg



Steggles Frozen Turkey Breast Roast \$18.00 per kg Whilst Stocks Last



Ferrero Rocher Gift Box T15 or T16 172/200g



Sambo's, Thins Chips or Onion Rings 85-175g Selected Varieties



Bulla Creamy Classics Ice Cream Tub 2l \$0.28 per 100ml



Kirks Soft Drink Cans 10 Pack x 375ml \$1.93 per litre

CATALOGUE ON SALE WED 18 DECEMBER TO TUE 24 DECEMBER 2024



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LOCKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Office staffed 8.30am to 5.00pm Tues/Wed/Thurs
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Lockington Neighbourhood House is closed for Christmas from Thursday, 19 December 2024. The House will re-open for the New Year on Tuesday, 7 January 2025.



The next stage of a planned upgrade to Lockington Community Garden is underway.

Thanks to a generous funding grant from Bendigo Health's Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit, we are maximizing the efficiency of the garden's watering system by extending its reach.

Ian Wicke is once again project managing the work which will significantly reduce the manpower required to keep the garden at its best, particularly over the harsh summer period.

The Community Garden volunteers meet every Wednesday morning and new members are always welcome; a green thumb is not essential but a sense of humor is a must.

Fresh produce is available to the public at no cost, however, donations to assist with the garden's operation and costs are always appreciated; they can be left at the fuel desk at Lockington Business Centre.

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped to make 2024 another successful year for Lockington Neighbourhood House.

Whether you have volunteered your time, participated in a Neighbourhood House program or attended an event, we appreciate your support enormously.



It has been a hugely rewarding and productive 12 months:-

- the growth and development of the Locky Ukers
- Locky Blocks exhibition
- the inception of ladies woodwork
- Community Cuppa Connection
- the International Day of Rural Women ladies lunch; and
- the transition of Locky News

are just some of the many highlights of the year that was.

We look forward to being an important resource and helping the Lockington community in 2025 thanks to the continued backing of Lockington & District Business Centre - Committee of Management and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.



An enthusiastic group of 12 ladies upcycled unwanted library books into Christmas decorations at a free workshop at the Plumber's Shed on 10 December.

A special thank you to Denise Gilby from Campaspe Library for travelling out from Echuca to lead the workshop and share her skills and knowledge.



The Lockington Branch of the Campaspe Library Service is closed from Thursday, 19 December, 2024.

The Library reopens on Tuesday, 7 January, 2025.

Happy Holiday reading!





Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc.

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Xmas / New Year Trading hours

With Christmas nearly upon us - Please remember to plan ahead with medications as GP clinics can often have closures. (Note that the Elmore Medical Practice will be closed from Wed 25th Dec - Thurs 2nd Jan)

The Centre have prepared a list of trading hours over this period.

- Tues 24th December 2024 - early close 12noon
- Wed 25th December 2024 - closed
- Thurs 26th December 2024 - closed
- Fri 27th December 2024 - early close 12noon
- Wed 1st January 2025 - closed



Roy Ogden Foundation

A BIG thank you to the Roy Ogden Foundation for again supporting the Centre. This year we received \$10,000 towards medical equipment. This is significantly more than any past year and with the cheque came a letter recognising the excellent work done by our centre to support the health needs of Lockington and District residents. Most of this funding went towards the new resuscitation trolley in conjunction with the final distribution from our lovely Ladies Auxiliary. The remainder has been earmarked for some other much needed equipment.

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who have helped the Centre throughout 2024 - we could not do all we do without your help and support.



Staff lunchbreak is **12:30-1:30pm** daily,
please avoid interruptions unless it is an emergency.

FROM OUR CHURCHES THIS CHRISTMAS

Anglican Parish of Rochester & Lockington

St. Mary's Lockington

Enquiries – Jeff Millard Ph 0493 170 250, Samuel Kelly (Minister)
Ph 0427 507 595

22 December - 10am Rochester to Lockington

25 December - 9am Christmas Day Lockington to Rochester

29 December - 11am Lockington

5 January - 10am Lockington to Bamawm

12 January - 11am Lockington



St James Community Church

10am Sundays. Pastor Bill Cochrane Ph 0427 865 474

24 December - 7pm Christmas Eve Service. Supper to follow.



Catholic Church

St Canice's Lockington - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 8am Mass

St Joseph's Rochester - Every Sunday 10am Mass

Sacred Heart Elmore - Every Saturday Vigil 5pm

*First Tuesday of the
month - 10.00am
Combined Churches
prayer meeting at St
James Community Church*

Northern Rivers Uniting Church Cluster

Worship at Bamawm UCA from 10am zoomed to and from the following churches:-

22 Dec – Tongala Respect

24 Dec – Rochester 7.30pm

25 Dec – Bamawm 9am

29 Dec – Bamawm Parish Service to support Gideons

5 Jan – Bamawm

12 Jan – Rochester

Zoom connection is available every week via
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/826-6681-8761> (Password 22)
Via Phone 03 7018 2005
Meeting ID 826 6681 8761 Password 22#

Ray Wakefield Ph 5486 2592 / 0491 340 427



From The Scriptures 1004

2 Timothy 1 v 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind

St Joseph's Parish

Please note: No Christmas at St Canice's at Lockington this year

St Joseph's, Rochester:

24 December - Christmas Vigil 7pm

25 December - Midnight Mass, 12 midnight. (Latin)

OLSH, Elmore:

25 December - Christmas Day 10am

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Some beautiful creative Christmas lights are flickering in Lockington. To see more, travel to Rochester, particularly to 99 Baynes Street where Ken Hocking has an amazing shed full.



ADVERTISEMENTS

Please support those who support our community



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IMMUNISATIONS
by appointment only

For upcoming clinic dates
contact Lockington & District
Bush Nursing Centre Ph 5486 2544

You can also call 1300 666 535
for more information
or visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au



Well Women's Clinic

For Women's Health Appointments
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Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre
Ph 5486 2544



Justice of the Peace

Wendy Sims (Vic) 0427 868 307
Paul Harrison (NSW) 0436 306 388

We volunteer our time to the
community to witness documents

A courtesy phone call to arrange a convenient
appointment for this service is appreciated



St Mary's Op Shop

Opening Hours
Mon & Wed - 10am to 2pm
Thurs & Fri - 10am to 2.30pm
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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB

9 DECEMBER



Back to business this past week with hardly any interruptions at Lockington Bowls Club.

The week has been busy with an array of top bowling on the greens.

The Midweek Pennant favored the Club with success in both divisions.

Division Three won on a forfeit from Denilquin RSL on Tuesday. Division Four defeated Rochester at home with a scoreline 54-35 and sharing the rinks. (John Fisher lost to M McRaid 18-23; Steve Peter d. J Limbrick 36-12).

Both Divisions are holding down second positions on the respective premierships ladders.

On Tuesday evening the Barefoot Bowls attracted another quality field of players. After the two games of eight ends (Pairs), there were three undefeated teams fighting for the spoils.

The winners were the Lorraine Appleby - Steve Pavone (s) combination with 2 wins plus 17 shots ahead of Mark "Bricka" Lyons - Phillip Cunnington (s) 2 wins +12 while Anthony Westwood - Terrill Westwood (s) settled for third on 2 wins +7 shots.

A good night for the club and the bowlers appreciated the meal of Toasties and Sausages.

The Weekend Pennant was a mixture of results with two Divisions up and one down.

Division Three continued on their winning way to defeat Denilquin 68-57 and two rinks in front. (Steve Pavone d. K Salter 27-16; Leanne McInnes d. C Donohue 21-14; John Fisher l.t. T Todd 20-27).

Division Four lowered their colors to Stanhope, losing 48-59 with one rink up. (Kalvin Stout l.t. B Williams 13-21; Shane Felmingham d. G Nurse 21-19; Cindy Felmingham l.t. A Trist 14-19).

Division Five had a real battle against Stanhope before gaining the upper hand to win 35-28. (Les Brereton won 21-7; John Dowie lost 14-21).

The Sixty & Over competition did not realise any chook winners from the club. The competition will be played at Lockington on Wednesday.

Several members have enjoyed some success at local district tournaments.

The Club Championships are close to the semi-final stage. On Sunday there were two matches played and the spectators were treated to some outstanding performances.

Steve Pavone defeated a gallant Neil Haines 25-12 where the result did not reflect the tightness of the contest.

In the other match played between Lloyd Buchanan and reigning B Grade champion John Dowie, the display of bowling was unique as both bowlers were not prepared to give an inch as they battled for supremacy.

Part way through the contest Buchanan was leading 15-8 only to see Dowie claim a four followed by another on the next end to steal the momentum and take the lead at 16-15. Game on!

Buchanan was not to be denied and picked up shots to take a slender one shot advantage 19-18 then calmly scored a four of his own and a 23-19 break.

Buchanan was holding three shots and game on the closing ends before Dowie drew the absolute and trail 20-23. Dowie then gained shots to level the game at 24-24 all and the result hinged on the final end of play.

Both bowlers had close bowls and Buchanan was holding the game and Dowie came up just short with his final bowl to allow Buchanan to win 25-24 and a place in the semi-final against Steve Pavone.

The other semi-final will be played between Dave Thomas and Phillip Cunnington.

Members are reminded to sell their tickets in the major Christmas Hamper competition and donate goods for the same.

16 DECEMBER

What a feast of good bowling at Lockington this past week!

Several outstanding performances in the semi-finals for the Men's Club Championship while the Ladies' Club Championship was decided on Sunday when Leanne McInnes and Kim Ray producing some memorable bowling.

The Womens' Final saw a display of tight heads and excellent draw bowling.

Kim Ray collected shots on the first two ends before the reigning club champion grabbed the mat and quickly made up shots to level the scores at 4-all.

Leanne McInnes took control and won three of the next four ends to gain a 10-3 advantage which ballooned out to 24-10 due to some magnificent draw bowling.

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LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB

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Ray had displayed some talent in holding four shots on end 13 before McInnes played a delicate upshot to hit the head and convert to gain two shots.

Trailing 7-20 Ray managed to win four ends to reduce the scoreline to 13-24 and was holding two shots before McInnes played a gem of a bowl to collect the one shot required to take out her sixth championship title - five in a row.

Congratulations to both bowlers on a fine display of bowling that drew applause from the spectators in attendance.

On Friday evening the two semi-finals of the Men's Club Championship saw Steve Pavone playing Lloyd Buchanan and Phillip Cunnington meeting Dave Thomas.

Both matches produced some interesting bowling from all bowlers and the closeness of the heads was a treat to watch for the large gathering of supporters.

The match between Cunnington and Thomas displayed some quality bowling as both bowlers went head-to-head and the scoring was close for a major part of proceedings before Cunnington held firm to score a 25-22 victory and win a place in the final.

Pavone v Buchanan was a match of two halves as Buchanan sprinted out of the blocks to hold a 12-2 advantage, as Pavone was a bit shell shocked with the temperament and draw bowling of his opponent. Gradually Pavone picked up the tempo and made inroads to gain the lead at 16-15.

The bowlers traded ends with the scores level at 20-all before Pavone was able to pick up shots on the final ends to win 25-22 and advance to the final.

Buchanan was gallant in defeat and may have missed the support of his personal Tactical Advisor?

The Campaspe Area Pennant, Midweek and Weekend results did not favor the club as only one Division was successful.

The Midweek pennant Division Three and Division Four teams both had their colors lowered against Elmore and Rich River. Division Three failed to combat the strength of the Elmore combinations and lost the clash 33-52. (Denise Gilmore lost to A Williams 11-27; John Fisher l.t. E Locke 22-25). The team is in third position on the ladder behind Elmore (second).

Division Four travelled to Rich River to play the ladder leaders and just failed in the 36-39 contest. (Kim Ray l.t. B Brown 22-23; Steve Peter l.t. B Cox 14-16).

The team is in third place on the premiership table.

The Weekend pennant resulted in a win for Division Four against ladder leaders Moama Steamers by a slender margin of one shot 57-56.

(Shane Felmingham d. W Wadge 30-8; Kalvin Stout l.t. B Barbary 10-27; Cindy Felmingham l.t. W Witney 17-21). Division Four has now moved into second position behind Moama Steamers.

Division Three had a torrid battle against Deniliquin RSL and only had a fruit salad in the 53-67 loss. (Leanne McInnes drew J Wilson 20-all; John Fisher l.t. G Hulm 9-24; Steve Pavone d. R Marchetti 24-23). Holding onto fourth place.

Division Five played at Moama against the Steamers combinations and suffered a 33-44 shot loss. (Les Brereton l.t. M Parsons 20-23; John Dowie l.t. P Bell 13-21). The team is in seventh place.

Thirty-four Barefoot Bowlers enjoyed pleasant conditions; there were six two game winners. The winning duo was Poss Andrea and Steve Pavone (s) 2 wins plus 26 shots ahead of John Dowie - Phillip Cunnington (s) 2 wins +20.

Ash Cunnington - Adam "Sparkles" Bailey (s) were next best on 2 wins +14. Terrill Westwood - Anthony Westwood (s) 2 wins +11, Daniel Answer - Brooke Coghill (s) 2 wins +10 and Carmel Thorpe, Mel Freeman, Rod Fiedler (s) rounded off the night on 2 wins +5.

During the week Lockington hosted a round of the Sixty and Over competition attracting a field of 112 bowlers. The eventual winning team was the powerful Tongala rink.

The best performing local Lockington rink was the talented combination of Peter Egan, Ian Staig, Rod Fiedler and John Dowie (s) with two wins and a draw.

A composite rink of Stella Haegan (Moama), Pos Andrea, Cindy Felmingham and Kim Ray (s) managed third place in the Echuca Bowling Club Christmas tournament.

The Campaspe Area Charity round of pennant is currently being held over the Weekend pennant and Midweek pennant.

On Saturday the Lockington and visiting bowlers generously donated over \$240.

Further monies were to be collected on Tuesday in pennant as well as the Barefoot Bowls in the evening.

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Tuesday

10am: Men's Shed @ Business Centre Complex

9.30am – 11.30am: Lockington Play Group @ St James Church Hall (school terms). Ph Tegan 0400 754 116

9.30am – 4.30pm: Dr Patrick Nzegwu @ Bush Nursing Centre. Ph 54 86 2544 for availability & dates.

6.30pm – 8.30pm: Ukulele Group @ The Plumbers Shed

6.30pm for 7pm start: Lockington Bowls Club Social Barefoot Bowls

Wednesday

9am: Strength & Balance Class @ Bush Nursing Centre

9.30am – 12 noon: Community Garden Group

4pm – 5.30pm: Youth Action Group @ The Plumbers Shed

5.30pm - 7.30pm - Ladies Woodwork @ The Men's Shed

Thursday

10am: Social Activity Day @ Bush Nursing Centre

9.30am: Ladies Social Badminton @ Bamawm Sports Centre. Ph 0458 548 622.

Friday

4.30pm: Lockington Bowls Club practice roll up. Meal to follow @ 7pm.

Saturday

7.15pm: Bingo @ St Joseph's Hall, Rochester

Sunday

1pm - 4pm: Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex open

WHAT'S ON *Monthly*

FIRST WEEK

Sunday

Pine Grove Gun Club - Simulated Field & Game

Tuesday

Combined Churches prayer meeting - 10am St James Community Church

Wednesday

Action Club Dinner - 7.30pm at Club Rooms

Thursday

Landcare Meeting - 7pm Locky Business Centre (even months)

SECOND WEEK

Monday

Heritage Complex Meeting - 7.30pm at the Complex (not January)

Wednesday

Lions Club Dinner Meeting - 7pm Living Heritage Complex

Thursday

Milloo CWA - 10am - Milloo Hall (not December or January)

Cuppa Connection at The Plumber's Shed - 10am to 11.30am.

Friday

Social Indoor Bowls - 7.30pm Bamawm Extension Hall.

Saturday

Lockington Pony Club Rally - 10am - Scurrah Reserve (Mands Scurrah ph 0418 694 777)

THIRD WEEK

Monday

Lockington Senior Citizens (3rd Monday of the month) - 10.15am at Club Rooms.

Wednesday

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Heritage Complex Meeting - 7.30pm at Complex (not January)

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