

# CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

*Monthly newsletter of the Clunes Tourist and  
Development Association*

## ROBYN COOK RETIRES

Nearly eighteen years ago, Jim Kerin asked Robyn if she would be interested to work in the Clunes Pharmacy with him on a part-time basis. At the time, Robyn was employed elsewhere, but she was keen to give it a go.

The rest is history. That decision has seen Robyn give great service to the people of Clunes and, more recently, Creswick. Over that time the Clunes pharmacy changed premises and bosses. It used to be just Jim and Robyn (and she would work full-time with the locum when Jim was on leave). Now the shop is buzzing with staff under the leadership of Jeff Unmack. At Robyn's farewell Jeff spoke of her gentle nature, compassion and genuine interest in all her customers. Robyn will always remain a treasured and valued employee, and she will be sorely missed.

This really is the end of an era. Robyn's kindness, compassion and support to anyone who walked in the door was second to none. You only had to listen to others speaking of Robyn to be automatically filled with pride. A true giver and carer, now, it's her time. Time to spend with family and perhaps a few pursuits of her own.

The people of Clunes and Creswick wish you all the very best in your well-earned retirement, Robyn.

We hope the years ahead are your very best years, jam-packed with love, joy and adventures.



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# MARKET UPDATE

Combining a fine cool morning, a Labour Day long weekend and a Historic Vehicle Show at the Showgrounds, a very big crowd supported the Market in March.

A good line up of stalls were well supported throughout the morning with new stalls including Misty Blue and Fergie's Bakery joining the market.

The wood raffle was a near sell-out with Ray Cooper from North Ballarat the lucky winner with number 82.

The music was by "Sweet Thursday" (formally "The Crazy Antz"). Thanks again to Paul, Anne and Colvin.

The raffle was drawn by Makers Market Stallholder, Dani the Card Lady. Other winners of donated vouchers from local businesses were:

Sue Collier	Clunes Animal Care
Sonya Tremellen	Widow Twankies
Anne Pearson	Timeless Harmony
Cat McDougall	Rose and Oak
Helen Hellyer	Clunes Newsagency
Lindsay James	Clunes IGA
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Thank you to all visitors to the market who support the wood raffle and for local business support.

The April market sees the market held on Easter Sunday from 9am to 1pm and comes as the first market following the end of daylight saving.

We can confirm the Easter Bunny will be there from 10am with an Easter egg hunt and prizes all for just a gold coin donation. All funds will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



## CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

Submissions of 400 words or fewer are welcome. Please send articles to the email address below. Submit text as Word files only. No PDFs.

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# WHAT'S ON IN APRIL!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26-March	27-March	28-March	29-March	30	31	1-April <b>Clunes Artist Group</b> , Attitude, 11am - 4pm <b>Pétanque</b> , 2 - 4pm, Collins Place
2	3 <b>Men's Shed</b> , 10am <b>Clunes Garden Club</b> , Warehouse, 10am - 12:30pm <b>Bootcamp</b> , Footy Club, 5pm <b>Meditation</b> , Attitude, 5pm	4 <b>Open House Dinners</b> delivered <b>Morning Walks</b> , Collins Place, 9am <b>Community Gardening</b> , 10:30am - 12:30pm, CNH <b>Chess Club</b> , 6pm, Town Hall <b>Lily Mason Yoga</b> , 7pm, Attitude	5 <b>Men's Shed</b> , 10am <b>Mobility Strength &amp; Balance</b> , Attitude, 10am <b>Crochet &amp; Tattling</b> , Attitude, 10 - 11:30am <b>Mad Chatters</b> , Rose & Oak, 2 - 4pm <b>Pairs 4888 Qualifying</b> , Clunes Golf Club <b>Bootcamp</b> , Footy Club, 5:30pm <b>Films with Attitude</b> , Sunday Too far Away, Attitude, 7:30pm,	6 <b>Clunes Artist Group</b> , Attitude, 1 - 4pm	7 <b>Community Gardening Group</b> , 10:30am - 12:30pm, CNH <b>Ukulele</b> , Attitude, 3 - 5pm	8 <b>Pétanque</b> , 2 - 4pm, Collins Place
9  <b>CLUNES MARKET</b> 9am - 1pm	10 <b>Men's Shed</b> , 10am <b>Clunes Writers Group</b> , Attitude, 1 - 3pm <b>Bootcamp</b> , Footy Club, 5pm <b>Meditation</b> , Attitude, 5pm <b>Mahjong Games Night</b> , Attitude, 7pm	11 <b>Open House Dinners</b> delivered <b>Morning Walks</b> , Collins Place, 9am <b>Community Gardening</b> , 10:30am - 12:30pm, CNH <b>Chess Club</b> , 6pm, Town Hall <b>Lily Mason Yoga</b> , 7pm, Attitude	12 <b>Men's Shed</b> , 10am <b>Mobility Strength &amp; Balance</b> , Attitude, 10am <b>Crochet Group</b> , Attitude, 10 - 11:30am <b>Watercolour</b> , Attitude, 1:30 - 3:30pm <b>Permaculture for Beginners</b> , Attitude 1:30pm to 3:30pm <b>Mad Chatters</b> , Rose & Oak, 2 - 4pm <b>Bootcamp</b> , Footy Club, 5:30pm	13 <b>Attitude Program Working Bee</b> , Attitude, 11am <b>Clunes Artist Group</b> , Attitude, 1 - 4pm	14 <b>Picnic at the Chinese Garden</b> , Attitude, 9:45am <b>Community Gardening Group</b> , 10:30am - 12:30pm, CNH <b>For the Love of Books</b> , Book discussion group, 1pm, BOOM <b>Ukulele</b> , Attitude, 3 - 5pm	15 <b>Pétanque</b> , 2 - 4pm, Collins Place
16 <b>The Textile Palette Exhibition</b> , Esmond Gallery, 2:30pm	17 <b>Men's Shed</b> , 10am <b>Bootcamp</b> , Footy Club, 5pm <b>Meditation</b> , Attitude, 5pm <b>Clunes Book Club</b> , Attitude, 7:30 - 9pm	18 <b>Open House Dinners</b> delivered <b>Morning Walks</b> , Collins Place, 9am <b>Community Gardening</b> , 10:30am - 12:30pm, CNH <b>Clunes Cemetery Tour</b> , Attitude, 2pm <b>Chess Club</b> , 6pm, Town Hall <b>Lily Mason Yoga</b> , 7pm, Attitude	19 <b>Men's Shed</b> , 10am <b>Mobility Strength &amp; Balance</b> , Attitude, 10am <b>Permaculture for Beginners</b> , Attitude 1:30pm to 3:30pm <b>Mad Chatters</b> , Rose & Oak 2 - 4pm <b>Bootcamp</b> , Footy Club, 5:30pm <b>Conversations</b> , Aboriginal Heroes on Country, Attitude, 7:30pm	20 <b>Clunes Artist Group</b> , Attitude, 1 - 4pm	21 <b>Community Gardening Group</b> , 10:30am - 12:30pm, CNH <b>For the Love of Books</b> , 1 - 2pm, BOOM <b>Ukulele</b> , Attitude, 3 - 5pm	22 <b>Pétanque</b> , 2 - 4pm, Collins Place
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30	1-May	2	3	4	5	6

# ART DISCOVERY

## MIRACULOUS DISCOVERY FROM 80 YEARS AGO

Some months ago, Mr James, a teacher at the Clunes Primary School found an old folder of artwork sitting on a shelf in one of the rooms near the library. Upon opening the envelope he was extremely surprised to find it contained several A3 Cardboard sheets of vividly coloured artwork that looked very old. Further investigation showed they were dated 1943! How they have survived all these years is unknown.

The discovered work was produced by ‘Jack Spark’ a student at the school during the 1940s when it was known as the Clunes Elementary School. Jack would have been about 13 years of age and was the grandson of John Spark, a local butcher who started his shop in Clunes in the 1890s. There would still be locals well acquainted with Jack’s brother, Fred Spark.

Mr James and colleague, Liz Garth, decided the artwork should be returned to Jack Spark’s descendants and set about finding out more. Peter Spark, a parent of a current student and Secretary/Volunteer of the Clunes Museum was able to contact Rod Spark, Jack’s son and organised for the items to be returned to the family.

Rod was excited by the discovery and very impressed with his father’s work from 80 years ago. He decided to keep two of the pieces to display at his own house and graciously donated the remainder to the school. The school’s 175th anniversary is fast approaching, and very few documents have survived in the school archives from throughout its history.

On behalf of Rod, Peter handed over the remaining artwork to the school along with a generous donation of eight schoolbooks,

recently found in the old Spark butcher shop on Fraser Street, and also dated from the 1940s.

This detailed schoolwork showcases a beautiful display of the curriculum for the period when stability and safety were chiefs concerns during World War Two, even in Clunes.

These pieces of artwork and schoolbooks will hopefully be displayed at the school for all to see and will be a wonderful addition showcasing its long history in Clunes.

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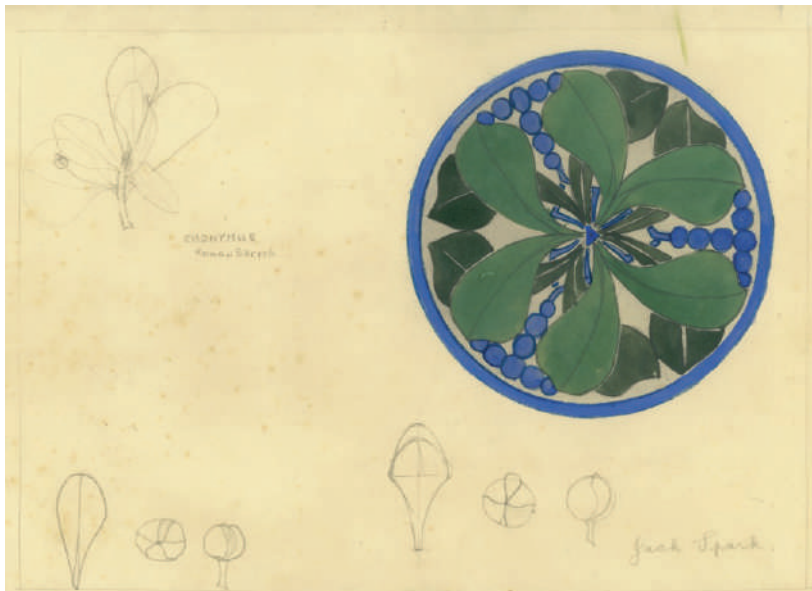
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# CLUNES PRIMARY

by **Sonia Jardine, Principal**

This year our annual Welcome to the School year BBQ and parent education evening was fully student-led and deemed a very successful evening. Students from Year Prep to Year Six showcased all there was to know about their classroom and their learning goals.

Our Welcome BBQ began with a free sausage, drink and icy-pole. It was a wonderful social get-together with some parents, students and staff meeting for the very first time. Our BBQ was followed by an Open Classrooms focus. Each child thoroughly enjoyed being able to clearly explain the key features of their classroom and their learning to family members. They were able to share and celebrate favourite samples of their learning this term, in their workbooks and on display, and articulate their current individual learning goals.

Seventeen of our nineteen Prep students, and their families, were able to attend. As staff, we were thrilled to have such commitment demonstrated by all of our Year Prep- Year Six families.

Thank you!



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# CLUNES CEMETERY UPDATE

**By Barry Laws**

Did you know that our cemetery is the final resting place for almost 6000 people?

Established in 1861, 10 years after the first gold discovery in Clunes, it was given the first Parliamentary Act to establish and manage cemeteries in Victoria. Clunes was one of the early cemeteries to be designated when this passed into law in 1854.

Today, only about twelve people each year are interred with some burials in the original monumental sections (Church of England, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic) or the comparatively recently-established non-denominational Garden Section. Four Memorial Walls accommodate those who prefer cremation.

Like all cemeteries and crematoria in Victoria, Clunes is operated under the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 and administered by the Victorian Department of Health. Under the Act, cemeteries are divided into two main groups, Class A and Class B. Class A are large cemeteries (or a group of cemeteries) e.g. Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Greater Melbourne. All other cemeteries are designated Class B, which includes Clunes.

The day-to-day administration and operation of a Class B cemetery is managed by a Cemetery Trust. The Trust consists of between three and 11 citizens of the community recommended by the Health Minister and appointed (and may be reappointed) by the Governor of Victoria for a period of five years. As vacancies occur on the Trust, the Department will run advertisements in local media for interested persons to apply for a position. Two recent applicants have now been appointed by the Governor, with the Clunes Cemetery Trust now complete with 11 members consisting of four women and seven men in voluntary unpaid positions.

The Trust is responsible for the provision of cemetery services to the community and to maintain the cemetery. The Trust is accountable to the Minister for Health for its performance and must comply with Government policy and guidelines. Obviously, it is also ultimately accountable to its community.

All interments in the Clunes cemetery are perpetual and, unlike other larger cemeteries running out of land, not all of the land in Clunes cemetery has been developed, so there remains plenty of scope well into the future. The cemetery is not easy area to maintain and the risk of fire always poses a risk. There is no water or power connected to the cemetery; both remain out of contention for financial reasons.

All work carried out at the cemetery is completed by Trust members, except for some contractors for major projects. We are very privileged to have help from several citizens who volunteer their services helping out on working bees. It is important to remember that the Trust is not responsible for the condition of individual graves or memorials, unless they are likely to become a danger to the public or other memorials, in which case they can be returned to a safe condition. The upkeep of memorials remains the responsibility of the family and descendants.

The Trust may apply for grant funding from the Department and other government and corporate institutions. Recently, the Trust successfully secured three grants: one from Bendigo Bank (Creswick) and two from the Department. The Trust has also benefitted by the generosity of the National Hotel and the unfortunate closure of the Clunes Proboscis Club.

After several improvements over recent years, one project which the Trust wants to pursue is the renovation of the old chapel. While in most people's minds, it's a place where we say goodbye to a loved one, it's also remains a place that is very much part of life, immense history, and an important window to our past.

On behalf of the Trust, I would invite members of the community to visit your cemetery.



# SOMETHING FOR YOU

## AND THE PLACE WHERE YOU LIVE

### By Lana de Kort, Manager, Clunes Neighbourhood House

Where people live and work together, you will always find volunteering. Across all cultures, including First Nations, giving time or skills to achieve a shared purpose has added meaning to people's lives and contributed to community life for thousands of years.

Nothing has changed. These two key tenets (self and community) remain central to volunteering today. In the 19th century the emergence of community organisations added a formality to volunteering that has shaped our expectations for volunteering experience.

This experience can include an enquiry or call out for volunteers, a role to fulfil, an induction, regular hours (or, more recently, just a specific project or event to tackle), or a connection with others to support what the organisation's values as a way of giving time or skills.

"COVID interrupted volunteering as we all knew it so, last year, Clunes formed a project called 'Volunteering Local' to rebuild our town's capacity through volunteering," Clunes Neighbourhood House Manager Lana de Kort said.

### Where to Find Volunteering Opportunities?

[www.volunteeringlocal.org](http://www.volunteeringlocal.org) involved the creation of a website where people could go to find local volunteering opportunities. Funded by the Victorian Government, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (and further supported by the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal), the project helped promote the website with signage, promotional material for the pilot groups and a range of promotional events including a pop-up showcasing community volunteering and, last month, the Family Fun Day that marked the launch of Clunes Neighbourhood House moving into the Former Clunes Free Lending Library building.

"At [www.volunteeringlocal.org](http://www.volunteeringlocal.org) you can search by organisation or role and the website will connect you directly to the right person at the relevant group," Lana said.

"The project involves five pilot organisations who represent a cross-section of what is available in town: the Clunes Football and Netball Club, Clunes Tourist & Development Association, Clunes Museum, Creative Clunes and Clunes Neighbourhood House."

"We work with these groups to make sure we developed a referral point [website] that works for diverse groups. Every group in town, whether they are a formal organisation or not, can promote opportunities there."

"Being a part of this project has helped the club attract people to key roles, such as our Canteen," CFNC's Kath Milne said.

"It's also helped us think about how we welcome people into our club, and, in some ways, this been the most important outcome."

### Finding your Tribe – Culture Match

"Attracting and retaining volunteers is a big part of the accepted language around volunteering," Lana explained.

"The number of volunteers you have influences what you can achieve, so being able to attract volunteers, and then keep them, has become the standard measure for volunteering success. But doing this well involves more than just a call out for people to put their hands up. It involves helping people belong."

Finding your tribe and contributing to an activity or outcome that is valued by them makes you feel acknowledged, supported and, frankly, not alone. Belonging, and the social ties that nurtures, helps people manage stress and build resilience at a personal level, but also helps the group they are contributing to. It helps everyone perform at their very best."

"The Volunteering Local project delivered on its outcomes at the end of last month. We now have an opportunity to build on this asset and work together to explore how we can strengthen belonging and make Clunes an even stronger community."

If you would like to be a part of these ongoing discussions, register by emailing [projects@clunesnh.org](mailto:projects@clunesnh.org).





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# CLUNES FNC

By Kath Milne

Season 2023 is just around the corner with Round One on April 22, Clunes vs Creswick. Junior games start at 8:45am and seniors go through until the last siren at 4:45pm. It's also the Community Round, so all are welcome with free entry at the gate, just show your Clunes postcode on some ID and you're in! Come and meet some friends, make some new ones, and hear our guest speaker at half time of the main game. Barrack from inside the stadium with full view of the oval or make your way up to the netball court for the opening of the new shedding. There's food and drink available, so come on down and support our town.

Don't forget to show your support for the Magpies and buy a 2023 general membership for \$80

We have much to be thankful for with the generosity shown by so many in the jumper and dress drive. THANK YOU! We welcome the Wesley students into our community and look forward to them being a part of the Magpie army, too. We also welcome the new head of Wesley at Clunes campus, Tara Clarke, and look forward to getting her along to a game or two.

New merchandise is available this season and you can buy it online at [www.clunesfnc.sportsclique.com.au](http://www.clunesfnc.sportsclique.com.au). Our supplier is PUMA and we look forward to a positive partnership with them and wearing our colours with pride (and style).

Upcoming events to put in your calendar

May 6: Goods and Services Auction (more details to follow, but not to be missed).

June 3: Celebration Day with sponsors, past players, premiership reunion, community. All are welcome with our guest speaker, Owen Weatherly, to share stories and reminisce about his time at the club. Don't miss out on this great day for the CFNC.

And don't miss out on the 500 Club, either! Last year we

had 36 members in this group. Life members get automatic inclusion as a 'thank you' for all their years of work and contributions to the club. Others pay \$500. So what do you get as a 500 Club member?

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Free club handbooks are available to anyone and include information on the committee, sponsors, coaches, training times, fixtures and ground locations. Pick yours up from some of the shops in town or at the club.

A big thank you, as always, to our ever so generous major sponsors: BW Advisers, Shayne Reese Swimming and Petstock. For all your financial needs, swimming and water safety, and animal health and goods, they have you covered!

If you would like to be involved with the club, there's over 80 jobs that need to be done on game days. Come and check us out at [www.volunteering.local.org](http://www.volunteering.local.org) and see all the options that could suit you, or just come down to the club. We'd love to see you take part.

Go Clunes! Go Maggies!



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# CLUNES GOLF CLUB

by **Brendon Butler**

We would like some rain. Enough said.

Welcome to new members: Ann Akroyd, Ash Armstrong; Michael Brown, Janet Devenyns; David Shields and Fiona Shields.

## Monthly Medal

Lawrie Lees, Christine O'Donnell, Phil Johnston and Graeme Rowland are our Monthly Medallists for 2023 so far and will compete with other winners for the Medallist of the Year trophy in November.

## Club Championship – Singles

Following qualifying, quarter finals for the 2023 Singles Championship were:

- QF1: Ray Skinner def Chris O'Donnell (1-up)  
 QF2: Kevin Steart def John Horner (3&4)  
 QF3: Graeme Rowland def Dean Marshall (1-up)  
 QF4: Iain Beggs def John Johnston 3&1

Semi finals will be:

- SF1: Iain Beggs vs Ray Skinner  
 SF2: Kevin Steart vs Graeme Rowland

## Club Championship – Pairs

Following qualifying, semi finals for the 2023 Pairs Championship will be played between:

- SF1: Dean Marshall and Ian Rowland vs Kevin Steart and Lawrie Lees  
 SF2: Ray Skinner and Martin Nichols vs Allan Worthington and Christine O'Donnell

We had some drama with three pairs equal after qualifying, so having to play off for the final spot. Lawrie Lees and Kevin Steart took it with a 44 from Gerard Giltinan and Phil Johnston (43) and Andrew Cox and Rob Dean (41).

## Pennant

Pennant is a new format this year – three 9-hole rounds as against 2-18 hole rounds previously. Our team will compete in the first round playing Beaufort GC, Maryborough GC and Chalambar (Ararat) GC at Beaufort GC on April 16, and Snake Valley and Talbot GC at Avoca GC on April 23.

## Chicken Run

We have finished for the season, with taste buds at the ready for the recommencement when daylight saving resumes later in the year. Our casual pairs event over nine holes with an emphasis on fun and a roast or fresh chook from Clunes IGA to the winners is a great way to get into golf.

## Cross-Code Challenge

After the first leg of our cross-code challenge with the Clunes Bowls Club, where we came a valiant second, the bowlers will come to the golf course on March 30 for the return bout.

We play a regular comp every Wednesday and Sunday, with tee off at 10:00am. For something less formal, CGC Ferals host a more casual interpretation of the rules over nine holes on Monday and Friday mornings at 9:00am. All are welcome.

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## Clunes Angling Club (CAC)

By Peggy Moore

Many thanks to Helen Hardy for her past support and contributions to Fishing Tales. Helen has passed the baton over and I hope to continue to provide updates on the activities of the club on a regular basis.

Clunes Angling Club is your local fishing club with monthly competitions for members as well as fishing, camping and socialising. New members are always welcome, and the Club room (the Old School of Mines Building) is available for hire. Contact Ken on 0418 118 446 for more information.

### February BDAA Shield Comp

For the first time in two years, the BDAA shield was held at Lake Fyans with 51 anglers from six clubs registered for the competition weekend on February 12 and 13. Clunes had four teams registered and a great weekend was had by all.

Team 1: Graham, Ray, Gary and Eric

Team 2: Ian, Ken, Jack and Rory

Team 3: John and Jim

Team 4: Kay, Peggy and Balla

The Winners: Lakeside Anglers with a bag length 189cm.

The Jack O'Donnell Rose Bowl Ladies Perpetual Trophy for the longest fish was won by Peg Moore (Clunes Anglers) with a 46cm long Rainbow Trout.

While Juniors registered for this year's BDAA Shield, we'd love to lure some in for 2024 so email us at [clunesanglers@gmail.com](mailto:clunesanglers@gmail.com) to take part.

### CAC Report

Ray and Peggy shared the prize for the longest fish caught at 46cm each. Fish measure on the day by CAC members: Ray 46cm R/Trout, Peggy 46cm R/Trout; Ken 34.5 cm R/fin, Jim 31.5 cm R/Trout; Graham 30 cm R/fin. Congratulation to the winners.

Please imagine my excitement as a mature-aged lady and new member, catching my first fish and also landing a trophy! Thanks to the guidance, support and encouragement

from club members I am now hooked on fishing (no pun intended). You don't need to know how to fish to join, believe me. I caught a few sticks, reeds (and even a tree one day) before I caught my fish. So, come and join us and have a go, you never know what you might catch.

Next Competitions:

April 23, Tullaroop.

May 27 and 28, Broken Creek.

Winter Recess: June, July, August.

Club meeting: First Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

All new members welcome.

May all the worms you ever have be in your garden.

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# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Clunes Tourist & Development Association Publisher of this newsletter, organisers of the Clunes Market & other community events. Proudly promoting your community organisations.

Details on our website, [www.clunesvic.org.au](http://www.clunesvic.org.au)

All Nations Masonic Lodge First Tuesday of the month, except January. New members most welcome.

Contact Secretary: Martin Jones, 0418 103 722 or [martin.jones2@bigpond.com](mailto:martin.jones2@bigpond.com)

Anglican Church St Paul's, Templeton St. Worship: Eucharist for all ages 10am on 1st & 3rd Sundays, followed by bring & share lunch. All welcome. Enquiries Father Chris Keast Home: 5332 4723 Mobile: 0427 911 792

Email: [ckeast@ballaratanglican.org.au](mailto:ckeast@ballaratanglican.org.au) for baptisms, weddings & funerals

Clunes & District Agricultural Society Meet 8pm on 3rd Thur of month from Feb - Oct. Nov meet Thur before Show & Thur after. President: Jenny Redpath Ph. 0400 613 153; Secretary: Gayle Wrigley Ph. 0400 907 506; Homecrafts: Julie Spittle 0429 434 201. Website: [www.clunesshow.com.au](http://www.clunesshow.com.au).

Clunes & District Young Farmers Meetings every 2nd Tues, 7.30pm at the Young Farmers club rooms at Show Grounds. A friendly, social environment for anyone aged 16-30. Contact: Jenny 0400 613 153

Clunes Angling Club All welcome. Meet on the first Monday each month 7.30pm, old SMB building

Clunes Artists' Group Meet 1st Saturday of the month starting 10.30am and every Thursday at 1pm as a working group. Venue: Attitude, 25 Fraser St. Enquiries: Marlene 0409 355 857

Clunes Bowling Club Social Bowls every Friday, 6pm arrival for a 6:30pm start. Contact Josh Polson 0417 300 969 or [polsy1031@yahoo.com.au](mailto:polsy1031@yahoo.com.au)

Clunes Book Club Enq.: Karen: 5345 3703. Meets 7:30pm on the 3rd Mon of the month

Clunes Field & Game Enquiries: Eric 5345 3571

Clunes Football & Netball Club President Andrew Stinchcombe 0417354522, [clunessmagpies@gmail.com](mailto:clunessmagpies@gmail.com)

Clunes Golf Club Inc Ph: 5345 3499. Course 18 holes, sandscrapes, par 70, all year round play. Non members \$10 green fees for 18 holes. \$5 with Member. Under 16 free. Visitors welcome on Sunday/Wednesday competition days

Clunes Landcare and Waterways Group New members always welcome. Contact: Chris O'Donnell 0408 034 017 or [cluneslandcare@gmail.com](mailto:cluneslandcare@gmail.com) for information

Clunes Library at The Warehouse-Clunes, 36 Fraser St (next to Collins Place). Open Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Closed Tue & Sun. Ph: 5345 3359

Clunes Men's Shed Open 10am-12pm Mon, Wed & Fri, 18 Alliance St. A safe and friendly space for men to meet in a workshop setting. Enq.: Simon Andrewartha 0438 737 193

Clunes Museum Seeking volunteers to help catalogue the Collection in the Museum Workshop from 10am each Thursday. Committee meets every 2nd Thursday of the month, 10am, Ulumbarra Room, the Warehouse. Enquiries: 5345 3359 and leave message for Museum. Open M,W,Th,F 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun 10am-2pm

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Clunes Neighbourhood House community programs, printing services, free internet, space available for hire. 6 Templeton St (former Free Lending Library building) Ph: 5345 4078, Email [coordinator@clunesnh.org](mailto:coordinator@clunesnh.org). Open 9.30-2 Tues-Thur. Website: [www.clunesnh.org](http://www.clunesnh.org)

Clunes Preschool 109 Fraser St. Enquiries: 5345 3228 or [clunes.district.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:clunes.district.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

Clunes Reconciliation Group Enq. Pat Hockey 0457 463 971 or [pat@breaze.org.au](mailto:pat@breaze.org.au)

Clunes RSL Membership enquiries to the Secretary, Mr Lindsay Pritchard, on 0427 028 556.

Clunes Trekkers Regular weekly town walks for any fitness level. Varied bush walks for medium to experienced walkers. Contact: Lois Nichols on 0467 331 136

Clunes Writers' Group Meets on the second Monday of the month (including public holidays), at Attitude on the corner of Fraser and Templeton Streets from 1pm -3pm. For further information contact Patsy Skinner on 0407 377 610

Creative Clunes Inc. Organisers of the annual Clunes Booktown festival and monthly Booktown on Sunday author talks. Volunteers always welcome. Enquiries: 5345 3947 or at the Railway Station, Service St

Lee Medlyn Home of Bottles Management Committee Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Bottle Museum, 70 Bailey Street, Clunes at 10.30am. Visitors welcome

Mad Chatters Club Meets every Wednesday at 2pm to 3.30pm for a casual get together at Rose & Oak café. New members are most welcome. Contact Carmel on 0421 635 369

Monday Night Netball Clunes Every Monday evening during school terms. 2 seasons per year. Enquiries: Lana 0427 781 080 or Liz 0429 453 808

Spare Parts Club Meets 1st Tues of month 2pm to 3:30pm, Clunes Community Health Centre. Enquiries: Georgina 5345 9150 or Barbara 0410 946 095

Tourello Red Cross Meetings as required. Please contact Janet Harrison for information on 5345 3060

Uniting Church St Andrew's. 12-14 Service St (Wesley Campus). Worship services at 11am on 2nd and 4th (Holy Communion) Sundays and last Sunday of school term at 4pm including meal and activities for all ages. Everyone welcome. Enquiries: Rev Rosemary Carter 0431 286 285 or [rosemary.carter@internode.on.net](mailto:rosemary.carter@internode.on.net)

Yoga Classes At Clunes Attitude every Tuesday 7pm, and Chair Yoga Friday 11.30am. All levels welcome. Enquiries: Lily 0459 138 797 or [lilymason75@gmail.com](mailto:lilymason75@gmail.com) or [www.lilymasonryoga.com](http://www.lilymasonryoga.com)

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# Council news

## YOUR FUTURE

Council will develop a range of plans and strategies in 2023 and 2024 that will guide the future of townships across the Shire. These include township Structure Plans, Urban Design Frameworks, Neighbourhood Character Assessments, Integrated Transport Strategy, Agriculture Land Study and Rural Settlement Strategy. This is part of the Strategic Planning work that Council is doing to protect and enhance the natural and built environment to improve livability in our Shire. Throughout this process we will be seeking input from the community to inform these documents.

There will be many opportunities to have your say throughout these projects. We will keep you informed via adverts in community newsletters, our Facebook page, website, drop in sessions and our Participate Hepburn engagement platform. Stay tuned for ways to be involved.

## VNI WEST REPORT

We encourage the community to make a submission on the latest report into the Victoria New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West) project. We are pleased to see the terminal station proposed for Mount Prospect in our Shire is no longer the preferred option, but note that it remains an option.

We have concerns that:

- The proposed route of the Western Renewables Link transmission line through Hepburn Shire remains largely unchanged.
- The report recommends an increase in the overhead transmission lines from 220kV (kilovolt) to 500kV along the section of the Western Renewables Link from Mount Prospect through our Shire, which require significantly larger towers.
- The undergrounding of power lines has not been considered.

Council will make a strong submission to AEMO and Transgrid. We encourage you to read the report and make a submission. Submissions must be received by 5 April 2023. Read more and find out how to have your say at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/VNI-West>.

## COUNCIL PLAN FOCUS AREAS



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## IWD INDUCTEES



Council has inducted five local women to the International Women's Day (IWD) Heather Mutimer Honour Roll, paying tribute to their contribution to the Shire and progressing women's causes.

Congratulations to inductees Anneke Deutsch, Joyce Orr, Mariwyn (Tess) Brady, Joee Agnetti-Fraser and Marie Magdalen Lewis (posthumous).

## CLUNES FOGO SERVICE UPDATE



The Clunes FOGO trial has been extended until the end of June 2023. This has already been a great success and since the beginning of the trial, we have diverted over 200 tonnes of organic material from landfill. The trial has provided Hepburn Shire Council the opportunity to explore organics processing options that can service more townships across the shire. Keep an eye on our website for further updates.

## JOIN OUR TEAM

Are you looking for a career move or a job closer to home? We are recruiting new staff across a number of roles. Along with great teammates, we offer attractive and flexible working arrangements. Stay up-to-date with the latest job opportunities and apply at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/jobs](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/jobs).

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