

# CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

*Monthly newsletter of the Clunes Tourist and  
Development Association*

## FEATURED THIS MONTH !

*Goodbye & Thanks 5*

*Golf Club 10*

*Clunes Fire Brigade 13*

*Christmas in Clunes 15*



*Fraser Street on a summer morning. Image Paul Fleckney*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CDTA

*Dorothy Russell, CDTA President*

Welcome to summer 2022-23 and the start of what we hope will be a prosperous and exciting time to live in Clunes. Publishers of this newsletter, the Clunes Tourist & Development Association (CTDA) is a volunteer-led organisation that has been quietly coordinating activities, events, and conversations across town for 50 years. Since 1972, the CTDA has worked tirelessly to ensure Clunes remains a great place to live and a great place for tourists to visit. *Continued page 5*

# MARKET UPDATE

*Chris Culvenor*

The heavy rain has continued to fall with now 250 to 300mm in some local districts since October 1. With heavy rain expected, the November market crowd and stallholder numbers were down a little because some expected the worst; thankfully it didn't rain and the market was held on a cloudy day in perfect weather. Adrian Lutze played for the market; in December we'll see the return of "The Harmonies" from Ballarat.

Thank you to all our visitors, the wood raffle was again very well supported. Adrian drew the wood raffle and the lucky winner was another first time winner: Jan Turner of Clunes with number 97.

Thanks to local businesses for the additional prizes. The winners were:

Rose and Oak	Shelby Jones	30
Timeless Harmony	Lisa Laan	86
Clunes Newsagency	Tim Gordon	127
Widow Twankeys	Jen Audsley	124
Clunes IGA	Perry Dwyer	37
Possessed	Marlene Ebejer	39

Our next market is only two weeks from Christmas on Sunday 11th December, 9am to 1pm.

## CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

Submissions welcome. Please send articles to the email address below. Submit text as Word or Pages files only. Submit photos and ads as .jpg or .png files. **No PDFs.**

All material to reach the CTDA by the **15th day of the month.**

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# WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27-November	28-November Men's Shed, 10am	29-November	30-November Men's Shed, 10am	1-December Clunes Artist Group, 1pm	2 Community Gardening Group, 10am, CNH	3 Pétanque, 2pm, Collins Place
4	5 Men's Shed, 10am	6 Open House Dinner Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude Chess Club, 6pm, Town Hall	7 Men's Shed, 10am <b>Movie Night</b> , 'Ladies in Black' (2018), 7:30pm, Attitude	8 Clunes Artist Group, 1pm	9 Community Gardening Group, 10am, CNH	10 Pétanque, 2pm, Collins Place
11  9am – 1pm	12 Men's Shed, 10am <b>Writers Group</b> , 1pm, Attitude	13 <b>Practical Philosophy</b> , 2:30pm, Attitude Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude Chess Club, 6pm, Town Hall	14 Men's Shed, 10am	15 Clunes Artist Group, 1pm	16 Community Gardening Group, 10am, CNH <b>Book Club</b> , 1pm, BOOM	17 Pétanque, 2pm, Collins Place
18	19 Men's Shed, 10am	20 Open House Dinner Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude Chess Club, 6pm, Town Hall	21 Men's Shed, 10am	22 Clunes Artist Group, 1pm	23	24
25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 

*There is no newsletter in January.  
First issue for 2023 will be February!*



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## CTDA

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These days, the CTDA is involved across a broad array of community activities including this Newsletter, the Market, Christmas in Clunes, and Clunes Online Store. We work with Clunes Neighbourhood House and Creative Clunes to help receive Volunteers Grants and Business Go Local Campaign Grants. We support, sponsor and organise many events in town including Australia Day, Organs of the Goldfields and Clunes Ceramic Awards, to name but a few. Finally, we work hand-in-glove with Creative Clunes to ensure Booktown continues to prosper.

The incoming committee is a diverse group with a lot of skills and love for our town, and includes: Dorothy Russell (President), Emma Beilharz (Vice-President), Matthew Russell (Secretary), Beat Wittwer (Treasurer), Graeme Grigson (Committee), Lindsay Pritchard (Committee), Erica Nicholl (Committee), Diane Hill (Committee), and Deb Knight (Committee). There's always room for more at the table!

The Committee invites enthusiastic locals who are passionate about our town to come on board and help us ensure Clunes remains a great place to live. We are currently looking for a volunteer Editor and Designer who can use Canva to produce our local newsletter each month. If you are interested, please contact [dorothy@clunes.org](mailto:dorothy@clunes.org). And if you're interested in joining our team, please email [info@clunes.org](mailto:info@clunes.org).

## GOODBYE & THANKS FROM KIM, PAUL & JASON

*Paul Fleckney, Kim McClelland & Jason Judd*

After two years at the helm of Clunes Community News, we are passing the baton to the next team of committed volunteers who are passionate about sharing what's going on in our town with our community.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to support the community in our roles as editor (Paul), layout and design (Kim), and advertising (Jason), and we are grateful for the many connections we have made. We would like to extend a massive thank you to our regular contributors, sponsors and advertisers, without whom this newsletter would not survive. We are also grateful to have been able to welcome new voices to share their stories and perspectives.

We wish the incoming team every success and look forward to seeing the new look newsletter in 2023. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and all the best!



*Kim & Paul. Image supplied*

# CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Sonia Jardine*

From early November the pace quickens and the run to the end of the school year increases intensity. It has been another challenging but very rewarding school year. We are so thankful to all be on-site and engaged in our regular programs again, and to have navigated Covid and other illnesses particularly well.



*Image supplied*

Our Student and Staff Opinion data has reached positive new heights as we aim to meet the learning and wellbeing needs of all. Our Parent Opinion Survey data has not yet been released to us; however, we have high expectations for success and our aim to continually improve in all areas remains steadily on track.



*Image supplied*

It's time to reflect on what has been achieved this year, to thank all students, families, our staff, School Council members, our volunteers, and partnerships with the wider Clunes community, and to celebrate! There are so many highlights, but with our students always at the centre of what we do, it's time to remember and celebrate the big and the little successes for each and every child across the year. It may have been reaching challenging learning goals, developing in our Keys to Success (Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, Confidence and Resilience), speaking publicly, staying away from home on school camp, learning a new skill ...

Best wishes to our graduating Year 6 2022 class (14 students) and welcome to our 17 new Prep 2023 students.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Best wishes for a safe, calm, and happy transition into 2023. From the staff at Clunes Primary School.







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# Celebrate the wonderful

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Thanks for your support!

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## CLUNES GARDENING CLUB

*Sue McVeigh*

Well here we are at the end of another busy and very wet year! The landscape around Clunes is looking decidedly lush and green, with the ground too boggy to mow, lest the ride-on sinks into the mud, driver and all!! I'm sure that some lovely warm weather will be upon us soon and we can get busy in our gardens again.

Our latest outing was to a couple of local properties to learn the secret to propagating and growing Kniphofia, better known as Red Hot Pokers, and then to look at how to develop a sustainable garden. It was a very pleasant and valuable morning and the group of about 13 enjoyed it very much.

A few jobs for the garden in December:

- Assuming the rain has decreased and the garden has dried considerably, it's important to keep up a water supply to your gardens. In particular, ensure that newly planted plants and young vegetables and plants in containers are given frequent, thorough watering.
- Dead head all spent flowers as quickly as possible to ensure the plants' energy will not be wasted and is channeled into new growth and flowers later in the summer.
- Control aphids and other pests on roses including the destructive light brown apple moths.

- Prune mature deciduous shrubs that have finished flowering and follow with a feed of an organic fertiliser and mulch.
- Pull out weeds, being sure to remove them with roots to prevent regrowth.

\*\*\*Now is a great time to plant your tomatoes, runner beans and celery!!

(Ref: Royal Horticultural Society – Gardening through the year in Australia.)

The club will meet again on Monday the 5th of December at the Attitude hall to celebrate the end of the year and the festive season. If you would like to join us, please ring Sue McVeigh on 0400 557 434 for further information.

Thank you, and happy gardening!





## CLUNES SHOW CANCELLED

*Jenny Redpath (President) and the Committee of the Clunes and District Ag. Society.*

With profound sadness, the committee for the Clunes and District Agricultural Society Inc. decided to cancel this year's event.

The event was to be our 160th Anniversary and the 25th Anniversary of our Bute Utes competition, both of which we could not hold in 2020 and 2021 due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We had been eagerly looking forward to the event, scheduled for Saturday November 19th 2022, and had an awesome program lined up for our patrons.

With the unseasonable wet weather this year, our grounds had been totally waterlogged for weeks. In early November, it dried up enough for a couple of major working bees, the grounds were looking good, and we were all set to go. But then on Monday 14th November we awoke to another deluge and the grounds became too wet to host a show that would be either safe or enjoyable - not for the exhibitors, not for the participants and not for those lining up at the gate.

We are devastated and we know what a huge blow this is to so many people, including our own band of dedicated volunteers who have put so much into getting this event ready to go. To those who have entered our competitions and seek reimbursement of entry fees, please refer to our Facebook page for instructions.

To our valued sponsors, we will be in touch with each of you separately to seek your instructions.

To those who were a part of our terrific program of events, we are so sorry and wish it could be otherwise.

And to our community and patrons, we thank you for your ongoing support and will do our very best to bring the Show back, bigger and better, in 2023.



### CLUNES BOWLING CLUB

#### GOODS and SERVICES AUCTION

##### Indoor Event

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

- 2.30pm Meet and Greet
- 3.00pm Goods and Services Auction



## CLUNES GOLF CLUB

*Brendon Butler*

The continuing wet weather has had a severe impact on most golf clubs in the Ballarat District, but at Clunes GC we have managed to maintain our regular competition and event schedule. The Thursday evening Chicken Run is off to a stuttering start, though. The course seems to have absorbed everything the weather can throw at it and is returning to a more familiar level of firmness, but with extra grass (and mosquitoes).



*Course flooding, 13 October 2022. Image supplied*

### Recent Events

**Medalist of the Year:** Ian Rowland, Kevin Steart, Dean Marshall, Lawrie Lees, Brendon Butler, Phill Burnie, Christine O'Donnell, and Allan Worthington won Monthly Medals through the year and were eligible to compete for the Medalist of the Year trophy on 6 November. Dean Marshall won it from Kevin Steart, and it was our last formal trophy for the year.

### Inaugural Marg Fox Memorial Event:

We attracted a field from far and wide to compete for the inaugural Margaret Fox Memorial Trophy on 19 October. The day was spectacularly good for golf and great fun generally: the course was fantastic, the company wonderful, the food extraordinary. It's a great foundation for future years and we raised \$400 for Ballarat Hospice Care Inc. Among the highlights of the day:

- Phil Johnston raising a toast to Marg on the 8th with a glass of Moët & Chandon
- Catering supervised by Rebekah, Marg's daughter, with contributions from members
- Kathy Parkin & Janet Devenyns turning out for first full rounds with the club
- Marg's (non-golfing) friends who turned up on the day just to help out.

The winners of the events on the day were:

Margaret Fox Trophy: Chris O'Donnell (Clunes GC) from Elaine Jones (Queen's Park GC)

Women's Pairs: Judy Guest/Julie Hutchinson (Midlands GC) from Elizabeth Fenton/Jody Frost (Avoca GC)

Mixed Pairs: Christine O'Donnell/Rob Dean (Clunes GC) from Jo Love/Lawrie Lees (Clunes GC).

**Chicken Run:** with live music every Thursday through daylight savings, we hold a casual pairs event over 9 holes of the funnest golf ever despite having a bit of weather disruption (you don't want to be standing outside waving a lightning rod/golf club around in a thunderstorm). Supper provided, and a roast or frozen chook from Clunes IGA for the winners.



## CLUNES GOLF CLUB

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*Chris O' Donnell, Marg Fox Trophy winner. Image supplied*

Don Robinson organised a great night of live music on 3 November: the Maryborough C&W Club, our own axe-man Doug Jeffreys and surprise packet Hugh Wayland on keyboard had us all wishing we'd lifted the carpet from the dance floor.

We will have a refreshed committee by the time this newsletter reaches you, following our AGM on 25 November. We play a regular comp every Wednesday and Sunday, tee off is 10:00am. For something less formal, CGC Ferals play a more casual interpretation of the rules over 9 holes on Monday mornings, as well as the Chicken Run on Thursday evenings. All welcome. You can follow events at the Club on Facebook.

## BOOKTOWN 2023

*Creative Clunes*

Clunes Booktown Festival will return in 2023 on the last weekend of March (Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March). A new look Clunes Booktown will take advantage of the autumn weather with this major regional event running from dawn to dark over two days, encouraging visitors to immerse themselves in Clunes from cover to cover.

Authors and conversationalists featured in the program include Tony Birch, Aileen Morton Robinson, Jefa Greenaway, Jacinta Parsons, Ponch Hawkes, Sophie Cunningham, Miles Allinson, Emily Bitto, Emma Viskic, Vikki Petraitis, Jock Serong, Chris Flynn, Nova Wheatman, Nina Kenwood, Alice Boyle, Jan Henderson, Janice Simpson, Candice Fox, Michael Cathcart and Nathan Curnow with many more to be announced. In addition to the author talks there will be a program of art form story crafting conversations with visual artists Simon Perry, Philip Faulks and Deborah Klein, film and TV makers Sue Maslin and Fiona Cochrane, theatre makers Bill Garner, Sue Gore and Hannie Rayson, and song-writing with David Bridie and Maylene Slater Burns.

New to the Booktown program will be an evening of live music in the old Central Garage with music from Kee'ahn, The Idiomatics, The Footscray Gypsy Orchestra and a David Bridie album launch to cap it off. Follow us on Facebook as we announce more of our exciting 2023 program.



## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

*Lana de Kort, Clunes Neighbourhood House*

We've all made them: impulsively, as we raise a glass during seasonal celebrations, or as we reflect on what we want from our lives going forward. New Year resolutions are a time-honored tradition that have taken a bit of a battering since COVID, but maybe it's time for a resurgence. Why? Because New Year resolutions are a chance to resolve to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behaviour, or achieve a personal goal. And getting involved in your community can be a big part of accomplishing your goals.

Community volunteering has taken a hammering. But at a recent Volunteering Local workshop with leading Australian volunteer expert, Mark Creyton (returning to Clunes after working with Neighbourhood House on community leadership more than five years ago), local community groups and volunteers discovered there is a silver lining.

"Volunteering has always been about reciprocity," Mark said. "About what goals the person giving their time or talents has, and how they need to work; and about how that aligns with the opportunities available with a community group, or across the community as a whole." He explained that reciprocity is vitally important, not just to keep people on the same page when they volunteer, but also to help them feel good about their involvement. It creates a sense of belonging and pride that's hard to find any other way.

"Now, more than ever," Mark said, "That's what people need – their tribe and a chance to progress toward whatever it is that they aspire to in a way that works for them – whether it's more social connections, an opportunity to make a difference, or a change they want to put in place."

Makes sense. So, when you think about your New Year's resolutions this season, why not think about volunteering? Let us make it easy for you. We've worked together to put all those opportunities in Clunes in one place – visit [www.volunteeringlocal.org](http://www.volunteeringlocal.org). And if you are struggling to think about what you want out of your volunteering experience (and what your New Year resolutions might be), we've popped a quick quiz in there to help you so that when you raise a glass on New Year's Eve, you know exactly what it is that you want to do in 2023.

Volunteering Local is a blue-sky project helping Clunes re-imagine volunteering. It is funded by the State Government of Victoria and the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal. The prototype involves five pilot organisations: the Clunes Tourist & Development Association, Creative Clunes, Clunes Museum, Clunes Football and Netball Club and Clunes Neighbourhood House. The tools developed as part of this project including the website are available to all community groups in town.

To find out more, email: [projects@clunesnh.org](mailto:projects@clunesnh.org) or call 5345 4078.





Mark Creyton. Image supplied

## CLUNES FIRE BRIGADE

*Lindsay Pritchard*

Over the past few months, we have received more than our average rainfall, and more is predicted. We are starting to experience warmer weather. It is time to start planning for the fire season if you haven't already. Brigade members will be outside the Chemist on Saturday the 10th and 17th of December from 9 till noon to answer any fire related questions.

You should receive a calendar by the middle of December, if you haven't received one by the middle of December and you would like one, we will have copies with us on the two Saturdays in December.

The Officers and Brigade Members wish yourselves and the community the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

## A GOOD REASON TO SHOP IN TOWN

*Lana de Kort*

'Tis the season to shop locally. We've all heard the slogan 'Go Local'. Helping local businesses thrive in our town means we can access services, support local employment, create an experience that brings visitors to our town and, because local businesses tend to buy their own supplies locally, keep other businesses and suppliers strong. But now you have got another incentive.

Every time you shop locally between now and the end of January 2023 you go into the draw to win weekly prizes valued at \$100 (think petrol, butcher, newsagent, meal vouchers!) and an end of month cash draw of \$200. Look out for Counter Packs in participating stores. Not all businesses in Clunes necessarily have a shop counter but not to worry - if you have a receipt from a Clunes business with their name, address and ABN then pop it into any counter pack you see! You have to be in it to win it. Winners and prizes announced each week at [www.boomclunes.org/golocal](http://www.boomclunes.org/golocal) and on the community noticeboard in Collins Place.

This shopping incentive is part of the Go Local promotion led by BOOM Clunes, CTDA and Creative Clunes and with funding from the CTDA. By sourcing prizes locally, this is a perfect example of a circular economy initiative.



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**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 at the Bowling Club

**Clunes Crafternoon** Mondays Meets 4th Monday of the month at the Clunes Neighbourhood House 12-3pm BYO lunch + craft projects, all crafts + kids welcome

**Clunes Field & Game** Enq.: Eric 5345 3571

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**Clunes Garden Club** Meet on the first Mon of the month at 10.15am at Attitude. Outing days meet at 9.15am. For info, please contact Secretary Susan McVeigh 0400 557 434 or President Deirdre Krausgrill 0425 707 972

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**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



## ***Community Groups***

**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 at the Community Gardens, 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. Enq.: 5345 3359 and leave message for Museum. Open M,W,Th,F 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun 10am-2pm

**Clunes Neighbourhood House** Youth, art & community programs, printing services, free internet, gallery available for hire. 70 Bailey St (at Bottle Museum) Ph: 5345 4078, Email co-ordinator@clunesnh.org. Open 9-3 Mon-Fri. Website: [www.clunesnh.org](http://www.clunesnh.org)

**Clunes Preschool** 109 Fraser St. Enq.: 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

**Community Garden** 70 Bailey Street, Clunes. Meets Tuesday and Friday at 10am

**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. Enq.: 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. Enq.: 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. Enq.: 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. Enq: Lily 0459 138 797 or [lilymason75@gmail.com](mailto:lilymason75@gmail.com) or [www.lilymasonyoga.com](http://www.lilymasonyoga.com)



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# Council news

## END OF YEAR CLOSURE

Council offices, depots, hubs and libraries will close at 1.00pm on Friday 23 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January. Transfer Stations are closed on Christmas Day and Code Red days. Staff involved in emergency management will carry out their roles and responsibilities in accordance with emergency management procedures. For Council-related animal emergencies (eg. dog attacks and stock on Council roads) during the festive season phone 0419 587 955. For all other Council-related emergencies during this time phone 0419 583 573.

Kerbside bin collection won't be impacted over the festive period, so please put out your bins as usual.

**Councillors and staff wish everyone a safe and happy break over the festive season.**

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We know that it is getting harder for people to find a permanent affordable home in our Shire that meets their needs. We are looking for your ideas about what Council can do to help address this challenge locally.

We invite you to read an issues and options paper and provide feedback. Your ideas will help to inform our Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan.

Complete a survey before Sunday 4 December or register to attend a forum to be held in February 2023 at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/affordable-housing>. Printed surveys are also available from The Warehouse – Clunes.

## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in or have knowledge of the Clunes area, please consider volunteering at Clunes Museum or the Visitor Information Centre. It's a great way to learn skills and make new friends. To see if this is right for you, contact our team at The Warehouse – Clunes on 5345 3359 or drop in for a chat.

## REPORT AN ISSUE

We know there was widespread damage to local buildings and roads from the recent storm and flood event. Our teams and contractors are working hard to repair the damage. We have enacted the force majeure clause in our Road Management Plan, which means we can't meet the usual response times for repairing roads. Please let us know if you have noticed damage to local roads or Council assets. You can complete an online service request at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/request](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/request). Thank you for your patience while we work through the repairs.

## PREPARE FOR SUMMER

Here are some tips to help you to get ready for the Fire Danger Period:

Keep grass and undergrowth around buildings under 10cm high. Remove leaf litter, sticks, woodpiles and flammable items away from buildings. Download the VicEmergency app on your phone and set up watch zones. Prepare for power outages and plan in advance how you will manage. Create a personal emergency kit.

For more information visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au). If you need help to prepare your property find a list of slashing contractors at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/fire](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/fire). You can also contact our Fire Prevention Officer on (03) 5321 6433 for support and advice.

## COOL OFF AT THE POOL

Our aquatics season kicks off on Saturday 3 December and entry to the Clunes Swimming Pool is free! At Clunes you'll find a 25m pool and toddler pool. Hours of operation are listed on our website at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools). Under our weather policy the pool will be closed on cooler days. Follow Hepburn Council on Facebook for daily updates on operating hours. **Looking for work?** We are recruiting staff to join our Aquatics Team. Not all roles need pool qualifications. Learn more and apply at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/jobs](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/jobs).

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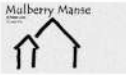
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