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# CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

*Monthly newsletter of the Clunes Tourist and  
Development Association*

## MIDWEST TOURISM

**by Emma Beilharz**  
**Vice-President, CTDA**

Wow is probably the word to describe the last few days. I was fortunate enough to attend the 2023 Visit Victoria tourism conference 'Destination Victoria' in Melbourne. Two days of jam-packed information from industry, catching up with tourism friends, discussing ideas, brainstorming, and networking with other businesses from all over the state. Needless to say I am excited about what is happening in the tourism space over the next couple of months, and of course into the future as we start to prepare for the Commonwealth Games in Ballarat and Creswick in March 2023.

As some of you may be aware our Regional Tourism Board (RTB) will be changing as of July 1 2023 from Daylesford Macedon Ranges Tourism to a newly-formed tourism board, Tourism Midwest Victoria. This newly-formed Tourism Board is an amalgamation of several RTBs (see map of the areas that will now be a part of our new RTB) and an exciting step to work closer and more collaboratively with our neighbours who, in the past, sat in different RTBs.

For more information on Midwest Tourism, or to sign up visit <https://www.visitballarat.com.au/visitor-economy-industry-hub/tourism-midwest-victoria/>

We are currently in the process of working on a 'Cosy Clunes' winter campaign with local businesses which will include some cosy ideas to keep you warm this winter, including a delivered-to-your-door service. Stay tuned as we roll this out.

To assist businesses, and community groups in town we are currently in the process of obtaining funding for stock footage of Clunes that will be able to be used digitally by businesses, community groups and town events to assist in the promotion of Clunes. Filming will be commencing shortly, more details will be made available once dates have been confirmed. There will also be the opportunity for local businesses to obtain stock images for their businesses at a discounted rate with a mini photo shoot.

There are also many discussions underway advocating Clunes, and the businesses within it. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of these discussions with you in the future.

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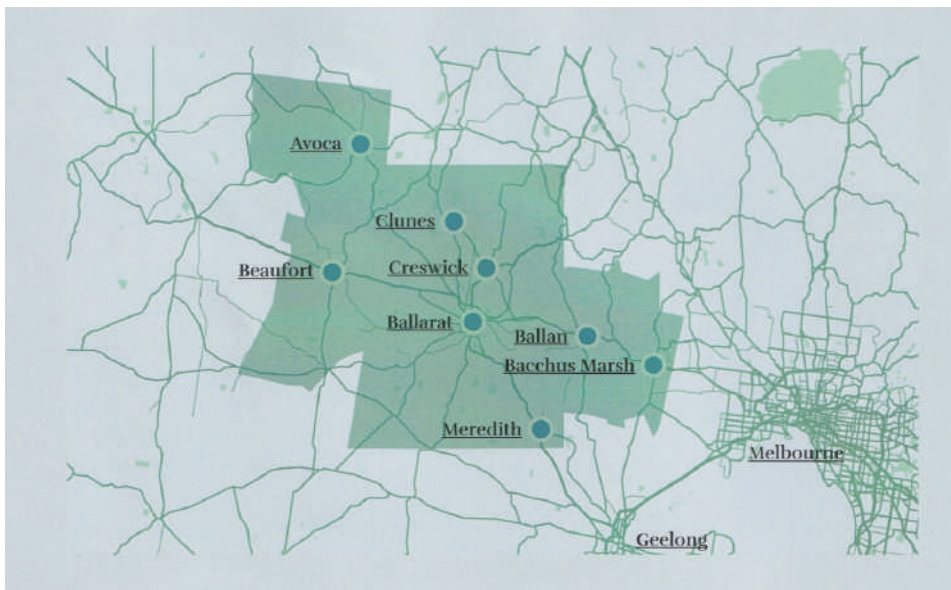
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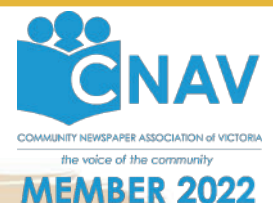


## CALLING ALL CLUNES PHOTOGRAPHERS

Are you one of the many talented Clunes photographers capturing our beautiful town and surroundings? Well, Clunes Community News wants to hear from you.


From our July edition onwards we're going to feature the work of a local photographer on our cover page. Each edition will feature a new image, hopefully from a different local photographer each month.

If you have a pearler of a shot of our town or local countryside you'd like to volunteer for publication, send it through to [newsletter@clunesvic.org.au](mailto:newsletter@clunesvic.org.au).



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# WHAT'S ON IN JUNE!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28-May Sunday@Attitude, 4:30pm – 8pm	29-May Men's Shed, 10am Clunes Garden Club, Warehouse, 10am – 12:30pm Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Cardio & Strength Training, Footy Club, 5:00 – 6pm Meditation, Attitude, 5pm Mahjong Games Night, Attitude, 7pm	30-May Open House Meals delivered AM Clunes Trekkers, Collins Place, 9am Community Gardening, 10:30am – 12:30pm, CNH Chess Club, 6pm, Town Hall Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude	31-May Men's Shed, 10am Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Crochet Attitude, 10 – 11:30am Mad Chatters, Rose & Oak, 2 – 4pm Cardio & Strength Training, Footy Club, 5:30 – 6:30pm	1 Clunes Artist Group, Attitude, 1-4pm	2 Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Community Gardening Group, 10:30am – 12:30pm, CNH Ukulele, Attitude, 3 – 5pm Cardio & Strength Training, Attitude, 5:30 – 6:30pm	3 Clunes Artist Group, Attitude, 11am – 4pm Pétanque, 2 – 4pm, Collins Place
4 Sunday@Attitude, 4:30pm – 8pm	5 Men's Shed, 10am Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Clunes Writers Group, Attitude, 1 – 3pm Cardio & Strength Training, Footy Club, 5:00 – 6pm Meditation, Attitude, 5pm	6 Open House Dinners delivered Clunes Trekkers, Collins Place, 9am Community Gardening, 10:30am – 12:30pm, CNH Chess Club, 6pm, Town Hall Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude	7 Men's Shed, 10am Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Crochet Group, Attitude, 10 – 11:30am Mad Chatters, Rose & Oak, 2 – 4pm Cardio & Strength Training, Footy Club, 5:30 – 6:30pm	8 Clunes Artist Group, Attitude, 1-4pm	9 Picnic at the Chinese Garden, Attitude, 9:45am Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Community Gardening Group, 10:30am – 12:30pm, CNH Ukulele, Attitude, 3 – 5pm Cardio & Strength Training, Attitude, 5:30 – 6:30pm	10 Pétanque, 2 – 4pm, Collins Place
11  CLUNES MARKET 9am – 1pm Sunday@Attitude, 4:30pm – 8pm	12 Men's Shed, 10am Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Cardio & Strength Training, Footy Club, 5:00 – 6pm Meditation, Attitude, 5pm Clunes Book Club, Attitude, 7:30 – 9pm Mahjong Games Night, Attitude, 7pm	13 Open House Dinners delivered Clunes Trekkers, Collins Place, 9am Community Gardening, 10:30am – 12:30pm, CNH Clunes Cemetery Tour, Attitude, 2pm Chess Club, 6pm, Town Hall Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude	14 Men's Shed, 10am Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Mad Chatters, Rose & Oak 2 – 4pm Cardio & Strength Training, Footy Club, 5:30 – 6:30pm Conversations, Aboriginal Heroes on Country, Attitude, 7:30pm	15 Clunes Artist Group, Attitude, 1-4pm	16 Community Mobility Strength & Balance, Attitude, 10:00am Gardening Group, 10:30am – 12:30pm, CNH For the Love of Books, 1 – 2pm, BOOM Ukulele, Attitude, 3 – 5pm Cardio & Strength Training, Attitude, 5:30 – 6:30pm	17 Pétanque, 2 – 4pm, Collins Place
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# CTDA FOCUS ON BUSINESS

## O'Hara's, 24 Fraser Street, Clunes

This is the first article in a series on local businesses. We'll be making our way down Fraser Street and around the corner onto Service Street in the coming months, providing you with insights on the businesses in town.

by **Victoria Reeve**

O'Hara's sells a wide range of baked goods in store and offers catering services and special-occasion cakes to order.

Still fondly known as "the bakery" O'Hara's has seen a few changes over the years, but one thing has remained the same for over a decade: business owners, Matt and Wendy O'Kelly, who came to Clunes 16 years ago. Both Wendy and Matt have a strong background in food retail, Matt as a manager and Wendy as an assistant manager for Safeway. Their experience is evident in the success of the business, which employs two part-time and four casual staff.

Wendy and Matt bought the bakery four years after moving to Clunes because Matt wanted a change with work. They had been thinking about buying a takeaway café business for some time, and had been looking all over without success when, by chance, they saw an ad for the Clunes Bakery. Self-taught as a baker and pastry cook – her father worked in the first hot bread kitchen in Victoria at Ashwood – Wendy has worked in bakeries all her life and has always wanted to run a pie shop. Her love of pies comes through in the quality and variety on offer. As most Clunes residents

know, the bread making side of the business has since closed after trying, unsuccessfully, for a year to find a baker, they made the decision to focus on their other fare. The café tables were removed during the pandemic and the business is now what they had envisioned: a takeaway food shop-cum-patisserie offering hot and cold baked goods, pies, pasties, sausage rolls, and a huge range of pastries, muffins, slices, and other delectables.

With everything made in store, and only quality ingredients like butter (rather than substitutes) used, O'Hara's offers locals and visitors a huge range of delicious buttery baked goods, pies, and seasonal fare. So, whether it's lunch on the fly, a delicious meal to heat up at home, a party to cater, or a cake to celebrate a birthday or other special event, O'Hara's is a great place to get good quality, locally-made food.



# CLUNES QUICK SHEAR

by Jenny Redpath

Back on the February 25, Clunes & District Young Farmers ran their seventh annual quick shear. We raised a whopping \$7043.95 for Beyond Blue. A special thanks goes to Geordie Hancock who donated his 40cm beard to be cut off for the cause.

A total of 54 shearers battled it out in the various categories to win the prize money on offer (10 more shearers than last year's competition). Our furthest travelled shearers were from England and New Zealand, with fantastic support from local shearers as usual.

Congratulations to all our winners:

### Novice

- 1st – Lucas- 49.5 secs
- 2nd – Dustin Stapleton – 55.62 secs and
- 3rd – Mark White – 59.47 secs.

### Intermediate

- 1st – Kingston Kuru – 32.84 secs
- 2nd – Connor Mottram – 36.84 secs
- 3rd – Michael Sorensen – 37.19 secs

### Open

- 1st – Tiare Tipu – 24.32 secs
- 2nd Rua Rickus – 26.15 secs
- 3rd – Caleb Morgan – 27.87 secs

This year we ran our usual Aussies vs Kiwis relay. With the Kiwis just beating the Aussies by milliseconds. We also added a Dash for Cash which was taken out by Caleb Morgan. And for the first time, The Undie 500 took place.



Jaykeb Lench took out the inaugural Undie 500



Jenny Redpath and Nikki Hurn with their life memberships

Jaykeb Lench was our proud winner, taking home \$500 cash.

Jenny Redpath and Nikki Hurn were awarded life memberships for their amazing commitment to the club over the years.

A massive thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors and patrons that help make this event such a success. A special thank you to Clunes & District Agricultural Society and Homecrafts Committee for your support to make this event possible.

If anyone is keen to join or wishes to volunteer at the event, please contact us on Facebook or Clunes & District Young Farmers meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Clunes Showgrounds.

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# CLUNES PRIMARY

By Sonia Jardine, Principal

## Dogs are no longer permitted on the grounds at Clunes Primary School

It is with a heavy heart that our school council has had to make the sad decision to no longer allow dogs in our school yard. Why? As we prepare for each school day, we must now also check our sand pits and tan bark play areas to ‘poop scoop’ an increasing amount of uncollected dog waste.

Students playing football, soccer and Athletics Sports events on the ovals stop their play to seek teacher assistance, again because of uncollected dog waste. We can no longer have our chickens free roam after school hours as we fear for their safety. We sadly lost ‘Hattie’ last year after she was mauled, and our school cat ‘Fluffy’ is regularly terrorised. Finally, our students, all visiting families, and staff, should be able to walk around, ride their bikes, and/or play in the school yard after school hours without the fear of large, barking and sometimes aggressive dogs bounding up to them off-lead and seemingly unsupervised. We love dogs, and our Therapy Dog ‘Indy’ was absolutely treasured, but enough is enough. Please now use the nearby Dog Park.



# MARKET UPDATE

By Chris Culvenor

A very wet April with almost 100mm of rain has led into a very dry month of May with the Mother’s Day May market held in picture-perfect weather. A warm sunny day made for a good line of stalls all well supported by a big crowd.

The very popular stall, Salami Shack, attended the market for the first time. Thank you to Leon Conway (The Drongo and the Crow) for the music. Thank you also to our market stall holders for the generous donation of a Mother’s Day hamper raffled in conjunction with the woodraffle.

With tremendous support again from the visiting public, the woodraffle was sold out. Congratulations to Gayle Wrigley of Clunes with number 118 winning the hamper and Heather Collins of Newstead, winning the wood with number 5.

Thank you to Mathew from The Drongo and the Crow and Graeme from G's Bees Honey for drawing the raffle.

Other winners of additional vouchers generously donated from local businesses were:

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Timeless Harmony    | Lisa Laan      |
| IGA Clunes          | Ron Komisar    |
| Opsessed            | Pearl Tancredi |
| Rose and Oak        | Yvette Dare    |
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June sees the market held on the King’s Birthday long weekend. Music will be by Ian Whitehead of Maryborough

Our next market is June 11, 9am-1pm.



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# VALUE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES

by **Lana de Kort, Manager**

Building community is a long game. It's a complicated blend of environment, assets, socio-economic factors, and humanity that works together in a way that is inherently tricky and nuanced. It's hard to have an impact unless you are a part of it because among all these variables, it's the shared values, connections and experiences that ultimately knit a community together. This combines to give purpose, create belonging and ultimately support resilience, but if you are going to be a part of something bigger, it's important to know what part you bring to the table.

“The part cannot be well unless the whole is well,” Plato

Like lots of incorporated associations, Clunes Neighbourhood House has just held our Annual General Meeting. The process of reporting to our membership makes us reflective. For many years we've made a point of pausing to think about why we do what we do, the future we seek, the values that drive us and the results we intend to achieve. Our vision of 'a community actively caring for all people and place' has given us a strong sense of purpose. People's roles at Neighbourhood House (volunteer and paid) have meaning in the bigger picture of the community (via the groups we support/ally with) and we work to understand how our work connects to others and adds value to the whole.

Sometimes this all sounds a little grandiose or theoretical. But keeping our purpose in mind helps us maintain a line of sight during rough times, building a sense of connectedness over time that we believe can make the most of what we've all got together. In fact, we believe it can help you pack a punch that wouldn't be possible alone.

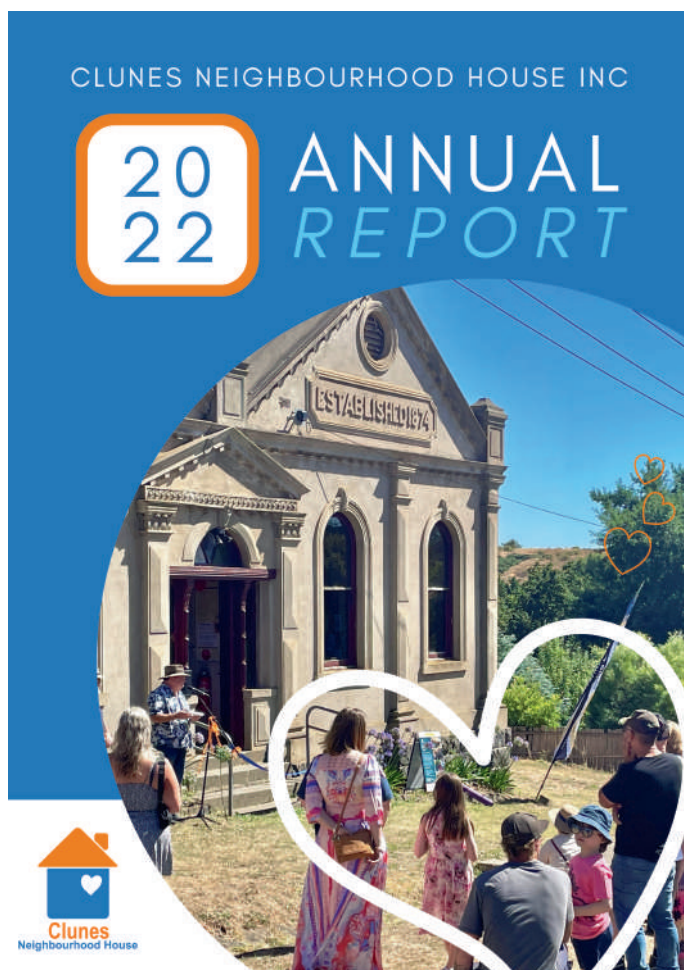
You don't often get to measure the impact you are having but, every year, Victorian Neighbourhood Houses are assessed by a Deloitte Access Economics monetary value of Neighbourhood Houses study. The results coincided with our reporting period and, this year, they really demonstrated what is possible when you play a long game and come together as a community.

Volunteers contributed \$408,589 worth of value to our community life

\$224,961 worth of emergency relief was provided directly or through partnerships

Annually, Clunes Neighbourhood House receives recurrent funding from the Victorian State Government of \$85,000 to open its door for 30 hours a week. We raise additional funds through our social enterprise BOOM Clunes and secure grants for projects. In 2022, for every \$1 that Clunes Neighbourhood House was funded we generated \$8.78. For every hour the Neighbourhood House, Men's Shed, Attitude and BOOM Clunes were in use, we (and you) provided \$373.18 worth of value.

[www.clunesnh.org/about](http://www.clunesnh.org/about)





# RIGHT REGAL SUNDAY

By Tess Brady

Come and join Sunday@Attitude when we host our inaugural King's Birthday long weekend bash on Sunday, June 11.

It's a fun themed event featuring a selection of right royal music and, to get the party started, there's a complimentary drink on arrival.

We've put together a regally themed playlist, hitting off with songs from the Kings, Queens, Princes and Ladies of rock, soul, jazz and pop.

We'll have some party food to share, too. Leaving the Coronation Quiche to the Brits, we'll be sharing some nibbles to suit a more republican palate. Crowns and tiaras optional.

Sunday@Attitude offers a selection of drinks at bar prices and is open to all over 18s with free entry. You'll find us at 25 Fraser Street, Clunes, from 4.30pm to 8pm.

If you haven't yet discovered the social scene happening at Sunday@Attitude, this could be the perfect way to find out what it's all about!

# BOOKTOWN 2024 DATES ANNOUNCED

The Clunes Booktown Festival returns for 2024 with the event running in March for a second year. The Festival will run on Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24.

You can find out more at Creative Clunes on 5345 3947 or [www.clunesbooktown.com.au](http://www.clunesbooktown.com.au)

# ATTITUDE

By Carmel Betts

Attitude is for you. There are no members, just turn up and enjoy.

Full program at [www.clunesnh.org/attitude](http://www.clunesnh.org/attitude) or at Boom or Attitude.

## Fitness

Walking with Trekkers each Tuesday morning 9am from Collins Place

Petanque on Saturday afternoons at 2pm in Collins Place

Exercise classes on Monday, Wednesday & Friday

## Film

Pickup on South Street is a 1953 Cold War spy film noir written and directed by Samuel Fuller on Wednesday June 7 at 7.30pm.

## Fun

King's Birthday bash, Sunday@Attitude June 11 4.30pm-8pm. Featuring a selection of right royal music from the Kings, Queens, Princes and Ladies of rock, soul, jazz and pop.

Complimentary drink on arrival. Crowns and tiaras optional.

If you haven't yet discovered the social scene happening at Sunday@Attitude, this could be the perfect way to find out what it's all about!

## In the Know

Sunday June 25 from 3-4 pm

Heard the rumours? Could any be true? What's it got to do with the colour Blue? How can I get a slice of the cake? Bigger than Ben Hur, amazing, gigantic... Attitude has enormous news to share and it comes with a piece of cake on us! Save the date. Be in the know.

And there's always much more. Check out our full program.

# CLUNES FIRE BRIGADE

## OUR PEOPLE

by **Beat Wittwer, CFA Clunes Brigade**

As outlined in last month’s article, the Clunes CFA Brigade is a totally voluntary organisation. Our membership sits at around 35-40 people and, among these approximately 15-20 make themselves available to attend call outs along with a core group of 10-12 regular firefighters.

To attend an incident, a firefighter must have completed a basic skills training module.

CFA provides and pays for a wide variety of further training to allow personnel to undertake a variety of tasks for the Brigade including appliance drivers, use of breathing apparatus, specialist training in structural fires (houses/buildings). Personal Protective Equipment is provided free to all firefighters with both wildfire (bush and grass fires) and structural fire outfits provided after training is completed. This kit includes boots, helmets, gloves, goggles etc. and a pair of very fetching braces to keep the “yellows” in place.

What our Brigade does not lack is experience. What we are needing is new members with whom we can share this experience. Many of us are getting a little “long in the tooth” and we need a new generation of firefighters.

Every two years members elect their officers and other position holders. On the operational side we have a Captain and 4 Lieutenants (one of these Lieutenants is usually a training position). All have extensive experience and most have significant additional training. Each officer has an allocated primary responsibility including vehicles/equipment, staff training etc. The Brigade also has an elected Secretary/Treasurer to provide administrative functions. There is also a designated liaison person with the Firefighters Association, others with a focus on community education/promotion, and some who undertake fire equipment maintenance (extinguishers etc.) in the community.

There are a wide range of tasks to involve new volunteers (it isn't all about sitting in a truck racing around the district, although that is our core business). Training is provided in virtually every aspect of our operations.

Last but not least, I must say that morale and the sense of camaraderie in our small Brigade is excellent. It is truly an inclusive environment. Come and join us, start by checking out [www.cfa.vic.gov/volunteers-careers](http://www.cfa.vic.gov/volunteers-careers).

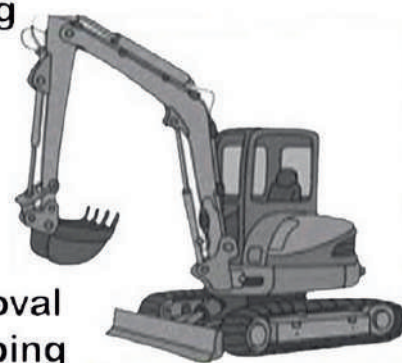
In our next article, I will talk about our equipment and facilities. See you in July.



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# CLUNES FNC

By **Kath Milne**

The Clunes Football Netball Club is again humbled by the generosity of those individuals, families, and businesses, both local and other, that gave to the Goods and Services Auction at the Community Centre on May 6. What a day and what a night with plenty on offer. A ripper day with some great wins and games, a delicious meal followed by people with generous hearts and wallets. We thank you all for making it a good place to be.

Owen Weatherly received a warm welcome the day he came to speak at the club. A much-loved past player and coach, Owen shared his fond memories of his time growing up in Clunes and the people who have helped shape him into the man he is today. All those there agreed he is a champion on and off the field. June 3 is our next home game and then June 24 Alan Baird will be our guest speaker at the 500 club. Not to be missed.

The Siermans Family have been a part of both the Clunes and Learmonth Communities and each year the two clubs meet and pay respect to the family on this day. Sharon played netball at both clubs and was brutally murdered in Ballarat in 2013. The two clubs pay tribute to Sharon on this day and raise awareness of family violence, an issue that should not be silenced.

Auskick is the place to be on a Thursday night with 30 children involved under the tutelage of Glen Handley and Luke Harper. Many happy faces and parents getting involved is also terrific. Twenty Under 12s are having fun and learning the skills of footy and teamwork with Brendan McGavin as their coach. Twenty-seven under 15 boys and girls from Wesley at Clunes arrived in full force and really got involved with drills and the locals. Under 18s footy and 17s netball are still keen for a few more to join them so, if you know of anyone looking for a game, please let them know we would love to see them down there.

We've had some great wins across the board which is keeping the dream alive. Our netballers are working hard to make the experience enjoyable and positive and D grade has been included in the CHNL this season with Clunes being a part. Great to see a few of the girls back on the court wearing the club colours! Thanks to all the coaches for their hard work to make it happen each week and let's hope the season

is a good one for all.

In terms of personal achievements, Tatym Featherston has been selected for the under 15 Central Highlands Interleague team. That's no mean feat so well-done, Tatym. Enjoy the experience and do us all proud! Also hot off the press is Lachie Wrigley winning the top prize at Ballarat Rural Achievers Award. Lachie was recognised for his sustainable farming and efforts to teach the next generation where their food comes from. Well done, Lachie and family.

Celebration Day is fast approaching and will be held at the community centre on June 3, 2023. Everyone is welcome. Come and join past players, sponsors, a reunion for the 1993 football grand final team and the 2003 netball team. Everyone will be there! Hear a few stories at half-time of the main game and be a part of an important day where we can say thank you and celebrate our club.

There's new club apparel this year and orders are made online. This year we are using Puma as our supplier. Check it out and make an order.  
<http://clunesfnc.sportsclique.com.au>

Shayne Reese Swimming is one of our corporate sponsors for the club. Recently it was announced that she would be one of the ambassadors for Hand-in-Hand in Ballarat. Together with The Sebastian Foundation they support youth and their mental health costing \$30 per child per year. Donations are greatly appreciated.

And finally, the opening of the netball shedding was a success. Acknowledgements were made, ribbons cut, thanks was given and warmly received, and games were played with clear skies and sunshine. Another thing to be so grateful for. Thank you.

Go Maggies!



# CLUNES GOLF CLUB

by **Brendon Butler**

The course is an absolute verdant picture at the moment. It is playing beautifully and the weather has also been smiling on us, making a day on the course a real pleasure.

## Club Championship – Singles

In the remaining semi final, Iain Beggs defeated Ray Skinner. Iain and Ray's match was played in a fine spirit, with the match going down to the wire and Iain only securing his place in the final on the 18th hole. In match-play terms, that is a 1-up win.

Iain will play Kevin Steart for the 2023 Clunes Golf Club Singles Champion title.

## Club Championship – Pairs

The final in the Pairs event was played between the pairs of Kevin Steart and Lawrie Lees and Allan Worthington and Christine O'Donnell. In another engrossing match – that went past the wire this time – the pairs were tied after 18 holes. Being a championship event, a play-off was held over holes 1-3 with Kevin and Lawrie coming through, again on the last hole.

Congratulations to Kevin Steart and Lawrie Lees, Clunes Golf Club Pairs Champions for 2023.

## 2023 Club Tournament

Clubs in the Ballarat District Golf Association will be holding their annual tournaments over the next few months. Our 2023 tournament will be held over three days in June 2023:

June 20 Ladies Day, a 4BBB competition. Major individual prize is the Margaret Fox Memorial Trophy that we inaugurated last year. For women without an official handicap, we will also hold a 9-hole event.

June 23 Open Day, a 4BBB competition open to pairs of any combination of men and women.

June 25 Men's Day, a stroke competition for men, competing for the Clunes Gold Cup a, new trophy being inaugurated this year.

We have our usual raffle that will be drawn on June 25, with the major prize a 2-night golf escape at CluBarham. Get in touch with the club if you would like tickets.

## Monthly Medal

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

## Pennant

Our team competed in the 2023 Ballarat District Golf Association pennant competition against Beaufort GC, Maryborough GC and Chalambar (Ararat) GC at Beaufort, and Snake Valley GC and Talbot GC at Avoca in April. Results were mixed but ultimately our team was unsuccessful this year. Next year...

We play a regular comp every Wednesday and Sunday with tee off at 10:00am. CGC Ferals host a more casual 9-hole game on Monday and Friday mornings at 10:00am. All welcome.

Follow events at the Club on Facebook.

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# FISHING TALES

By Peggy Moore

**Clunes Angling Club your local fishing club.**

**Fishing Report:**

**April 23rd Tullaroop**

Mother nature put on a perfect Autumn Day, with several members fishing.

Some small Redfin were caught but it seemed the larger fish were lunching elsewhere.

Graham measured his best fish in at 29.5cm.

Congratulations

Our next competition May 27th & 28th Broken Creek camping weekend

(Results will be published in the next Newsletter)

**Club Recess:**

June, July & August for winter, in the meantime keep on fishing.

As the weather gets warmer for Spring, we get back into it with the following competitions scheduled.

September 24th Newlyn

October 14th & 15 Newbridge camping weekend

November 12th Bunny Sparks Shield

November 25th and 26th Snapper Comp Port Phillip Bay

**Other news.**

The club donated 2 x 1 cubic meters of mixed wood to the Auction at The National Hotels for The Good Friday Appeal. Congratulations to the success bidders.

Clunes Angling Club room (the Old School of Mines Building) is available for hire.

Contact Ken on 0428 118 446 for more information, or email us at [clunesanglers@gmail.com](mailto:clunesanglers@gmail.com)

**Club meeting:** 1st Monday on each month at 7.30pm. All new members welcome.

Note: No meetings during winter recess.

“Sometimes when the water is quiet, you can almost hear the fish laughing at you” Unknown



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# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Clunes Tourist & Development Association, publishers of this newsletter, organisers of the Clunes Market and other community events. Proudly promoting your community organisations. Details on our website: [www.clunesvic.org.au](http://www.clunesvic.org.au). For meeting times and locations, contact: [secretary@clunesvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@clunesvic.org.au). All CTDA members welcome.

All Nations Masonic Lodge: Meet on the first Tuesday of the month, except January. New members most welcome. Contact: Martin Jones, Secretary 0418 103 722 or [martin.jones2@bigpond.com](mailto:martin.jones2@bigpond.com)

Anglican Church, St Paul's. Templeton Street: Regular services first and third Sundays of each month at 10am. All welcome. Weddings and funerals by appointment. Contact: Fr. Chris Keast 0427 911 792

Clunes & District Agricultural Society: Meet 8pm on the third Thursday of the month from February to October. November: Thursday before and Thursday after Clunes Show. Contact: Jenny Redpath, President 0400 613 513; Gayle Wrigley, Secretary 0400 907 506; Julie Spittle, Homecrafts 0429 434 201. Website: [www.clunesshow.com.au](http://www.clunesshow.com.au)

Clunes & District Young Farmers: Meet 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Young Farmers club rooms at the Showgrounds. A friendly, social environment for anyone aged 16-30. Contact: Jenny 0400 613 513

Clunes Angling Club: Meet 7:30pm on the first Monday of the month in the old School of Mines Building. All welcome. Contact: Ken 0428 118 446 or [clunesanglers@gmail.com](mailto:clunesanglers@gmail.com)

Clunes Artists Group: Meet 12pm on the first Saturday of the month, and every Thursday at 1pm as a working group at Attitude, 25 Fraser Street. Contact: Marlene 0409 355 857

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

Clunes Football & Netball Club: Contact: Andrew Stinchcombe, President 0417 354 522 or [clunesmagpies@gmail.com](mailto:clunesmagpies@gmail.com)

Clunes Golf Club Inc. 18-hole course with sandscapes, year-round play and a 70 par. \$10 green fees for 18 holes, \$5 with a member and under 16 free. Visitors welcome on Sunday and Wednesday competition days. Contact: 5345 3499, email: [clunesgolf@gmail.com](mailto:clunesgolf@gmail.com) or search Clunes Golf Club on Facebook

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

Clunes Library: Open Monday to Friday (closed Tuesday) 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. Closed Sunday. The Warehouse, 36 Fraser Street (next to Collins Place). Contact: 5345 3359

Clunes Men's Shed: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-12pm. 18 Alliance Street. A safe and friendly space for men to meet in a workshop setting. Contact: Simon Andrewartha 0438 737 193

Clunes Museum: Open Monday to Friday (closed Tuesday) 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday 10am-2pm. Seeking volunteers to help catalogue the collection in the museum workshop from 10am every Thursday. Committee meets second Thursday of the month at 10am in the Ulumbarra Room, the Warehouse. Contact: 5345 3359 and leave a message

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Clunes Neighbourhood House. Free Lending Library, 6 Templeton Street. Open Monday to Friday 9am-3pm. Community programs, printing services, free internet, space available for hire. Contact: 5345 3228 or [coordinator@clunesnh.org](mailto:coordinator@clunesnh.org). Website: [www.clunesnh.org](http://www.clunesnh.org)

Clunes & District Preschool. 109 Fraser Street. Contact: 5345 3228 or [clunes.district.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:clunes.district.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

Clunes RSL. Contact: Mr Lindsay Pritchard 0427 028 556

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

Clunes Writers Group: Meets 1-3pm on the second Monday of the month (including public holidays) at Attitude, 25 Fraser Street. Contact: Sandra Nichols 0438 415 715

Creative Clunes Inc. Organisers of the annual Clunes Booktown Festival. Contact: 5345 3947 or at the Railway Station, Service Street

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church, St Andrew's. 130 Albert Street, Creswick. Services every Sunday at 9:30am. Contact: 5345 2031 or congregation secretary on 5345 2806

Lee Medlyn House of Bottles: Victors welcome. Management Committee meets on the third Monday of the month at the Bottle Museum, 70 Bailey Street

Mad Chatters Club: Meets 2pm-3:30pm every Wednesday at Rose & Oak Cafe for a casual chat. New members are most welcome. Contact: Carmel 0421 635 369

Monday Night Netball Clunes: Every Monday evening during school terms for two seasons a year. Contact: Emily 0409 423 104

Spare Parts Club: Meets 2-3:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Clunes Community Health Centre, Service Street. Contact Georgina 5345 9150 or Barbara 0410 946 095

Tourello Red Cross: Meetings as required. Contact: Janet Harrison 5345 3060

Yoga: Classes every Tuesday 7-8pm. Attitude, 25 Fraser Street. \$20 casual. All levels are welcome. Contact: Lily 0459 138 797 or [lilymason75@gmail.com](mailto:lilymason75@gmail.com)

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# Council news

## FUTURE OF CLUNES

Council is developing a range of plans and strategies in 2023 and 2024 as part of the project Future Hepburn. It will guide the future of townships across our Shire. These include township Structure Plans, Urban Design Frameworks, Neighbourhood Character Assessments, Integrated Transport Strategy, Agriculture Land Study and Rural Settlement Strategy and more.

Work is underway on the Clunes Structure Plan. We want to hear from you.

In the first instance we are looking for feedback on how you see the future of Clunes. This is particularly in relation to housing, business and economic development, transport (including walking and cycling), environment and heritage, neighbourhood character and urban design, and community and culture.

You can participate in shaping the future of Clunes by:

- Completing the Clunes Structure Plan Survey before Friday 16 June.
- Attending the Clunes Community Conversation event on Thursday 1 June, 4pm to 6pm at Clunes Town Hall.

Find the survey and more details at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn>. Direct questions to our team at [strategicplanning@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategicplanning@hepburn.vic.gov.au) or call Council. There will be many opportunities to participate throughout these projects.

## WASTE SURVEY

We have a survey open to understand how you use your bins - do you recycle carefully? How full are your bins? What do you do with food scraps? The answers to these questions and more will help Council to determine how we can support residents towards a low-waste lifestyle. The survey is available at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/waste-survey> and will be open until Friday 9 June.

## COUNCIL PLAN FOCUS AREAS



A resilient, sustainable & protected environment



A healthy, supported & empowered community



Embracing our past & planning for the future



Diverse economy & opportunities



A dynamic & responsive council

## FITNESS EQUIPMENT



Have you seen the Clunes Creek Walk outdoor fitness equipment? Located on Scenic Drive, the equipment is free to use and the pieces were selected based on community feedback. QR codes are available on each piece of equipment to advise on use. The fitness space has been installed in partnership with the Clunes Landcare and Waterways Group.

*Image: Cr Brian Hood (Mayor), Chris O'Donnell (Secretary, Clunes Landcare and Waterways Group), Cr Tim Drylie, Cr Tessa Halliday and Bradley Thomas (Hepburn Shire CEO)*

## BIODIVERSITY GRANTS OPEN

Council will be supporting community-led projects to improve biodiversity in our Shire through our Biodiversity Grants program. Grants are now open and community groups, including environmental groups, schools and other incorporated or auspiced groups, are encouraged to apply.

More information on the guidelines and application process is available at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants).

Projects for amounts up to \$5,000 will be considered. Applications close 5pm, Monday 5 June 2023.

## 2023-24 BUDGET

We released our 2023-24 draft budget in May. Council will consider the budget for adoption in June. Read the draft budget at Participate Hepburn at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/>.

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