

# CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

*Monthly newsletter of the Clunes Tourist and  
Development Association*

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*Ballroom Dancing 11*

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*Clunes Show. Image supplied*

## C'MON CLUNES, IT'S SHOWTIME!

*Gayle Wrigley*

Hey Clunes! Make sure that you have Saturday November 19th marked in your diaries for the 160th running of your iconic Clunes Show. Why not be a part of the action and prepare your entries? The schedule on our website, [www.clunesshow.com.au](http://www.clunesshow.com.au), contains a huge range of categories, from “bute utes”, homecrafts, baked goods, flowers, photography, livestock, poultry, horse events and heaps more. And in some breaking news - this year kids under 16 enter for free! *Continued on page 5*

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## MARKET UPDATE

*Chris Culvenor*

The October market was held on a perfectly fine and cool day. The district experienced two major flooding events on either side of the market: the first on Friday 7th, and the second on Thursday 13th. The combined rainfall was above 150 mm in some local areas.

A good crowd attended to support what was a strong line up of stallholders. Thank you, Ian Whitehead of Maryborough, for stepping in at the last minute, filling in for "The Harmonies". Illness has been creating a little havoc with our musicians over the last four months. We welcome back one of our locals, Adrian Lutze, to the microphone in November.

The wood raffle was again very well supported with another first time winner: Clunes local, Richard Haicht, with No. 32. We thank the local businesses for additional raffle vouchers, and Ian Whitehead, for drawing the raffle.

The additional winners are listed below:

Rose and Oak: Andy Knights, 60

Timelessharmony: Shirley McIver, 30

Clunes Newsagency: Pauline Kalny, 61

Widow Twankeys: Spike Jones, 11

Clunes IGA: Phillip Grant, 18

Opssessed: Sue Robertson, 77

Next Market: 13th November 9am -1pm.

## CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

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# WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30-October	31-October	1-November	2	3	4	5
	Men's Shed, 10am	<b>Melbourne Cup Day</b>	Men's Shed, 10am <b>Film Night:</b> 'David Byrne's Utopian America (2020)', 7.30pm, Attitude	Clunes Artist Group, 1pm Chicken Run (Golf), Golf Club, 5pm.	Community Gardening Group, 10am, CNH	Pétanque, 2pm, Collins Place
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Monthly Medal Play-Off (Golf), Golf Club, 5pm.	Men's Shed, 10am <b>Writers Group</b> , 1pm, Attitude	<b>Practical Philosophy</b> , 2:30pm, Attitude Open House Dinner Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude Chess Club, 6pm, Town Hall	Men's Shed, 10am	Clunes Artist Group, 1pm Chicken Run (Golf), Golf Club, 5pm.	Community Gardening Group, 10am, CNH	Pétanque, 2pm, Collins Place
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
 <b>CLUNES MARKET</b> 9am – 1pm	Men's Shed, 10am	Open House Dinner Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude Chess Club, 6pm, Town Hall	Men's Shed, 10am <b>Conversations:</b> 'The Daylesford Project', 7.30pm, Attitude	Clunes Artist Group, 1pm Chicken Run (Golf), Golf Club, 5pm.	Community Gardening Group, 10am, CNH <b>Book Club</b> , 1pm, BOOM	Pétanque, 2pm, Collins Place
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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# C'MON CLUNES, IT'S SHOWTIME!

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## What's on in 2022? From Strongmen to Virtual Reality

This year the Show welcomes the inaugural **Clunes Show Strongman Exhibition**. Local organisers Thor and Zen have an action packed array of hands-on activities and displays designed to showcase the sport of Strongman.

Come along, test your luck and maybe have a go at the Tractor Pull competition. Or check out the **interactive Grain Arcade** where the young and young at heart can get a feel for what it's like to harvest a crop using the virtual reality header simulator.

2022 is the 25th anniversary of the **Clunes Show Bute Ute Competition**, so look out for the flags and wait for the roar of the engines at judging time. There will also be wood chopping displays by the **Midlands Axmen**, a full complement of agricultural competitions, blade shearing, the dog high jump, local entertainment including the **Ballarat Pipe Band**, food and wine and more. Visit the **Homecrafts pavilion** for cookery, floral displays, art, photography and more. Watch and laugh at the gum boot throw, the tug o war and the keg throw, and enjoy a quiet drink at the bar.

If you are inclined to bring along your own animals, bring your own ferret for the **Ferret Racing Competition**, or other pets for the **Pet Show**. Or enjoy **Jamie & Kim's Mobile Zoo, Pegasus Pony Rides**, and an array of sheep, cattle, horses, goats, pigeons and poultry on the arena and in the exhibition sheds. A good day for the kids is assured with roving magic, rides, puppets and face painting; and don't forget the **Show Kids** competition in the Rotunda.

This year's 160th Anniversary Show promises a fun, value day for the whole family. We'd love to see you there!

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## CLUNES GOLF CLUB

*Brendon Butler*

Well ... we thought we were coming out of the really wet weather, but mid-October brought some surprises. This had a more severe impact on most other golf clubs of the Ballarat District than at Clunes, with course closures and event cancellations aplenty. At Clunes, we have managed to maintain our regular schedule, only cancelling the opening Chicken Run on the 13th and the Ballarat District Senior Ladies event we were to host on the 14th. While we have had enough rain for the present, the course recovers well and continues to look and play well. Our regular Wednesday and Sunday competitions continue – now with extra lush grass!

### Recent Events

**Monthly Medal:** Kevin Steart picked up the last Monthly Medal for 2022 and will join Ian Rowland, Dean Marshall, Lawrie Lees, Brendon Butler, Phill Burnie, Christine O'Donnell, and Allan Worthington in the play-off for the Monthly Medalist of the Year trophy on 6 November.

**Open 2-Person Ambrose:** The always-in-the-running Dean Marshall and Ian Rowland pairing took the 2-Person Ambrose trophy from up-and-comers, Christine O'Donnell and Allan Worthington.

**District Tournaments:** As noted, rain in September and October had a severe impact on tournaments across the Ballarat District. Nevertheless, Clunes GC members competed in events at Talbot, Avoca and Lexton. As usual, these are enjoyable and challenging days, but there are no reports of trophies returning to Clunes, so only 'successful' in that more esoteric sense.

### Coming Events

**Presentation Evening:** We will present this year's trophy and prize winners with their trophies on **Thursday 24 November**, after a casual 9 holes of golf, doubling as a Chicken Run. Tee-off 5pm; supper and presentations from 6:30pm (at the club).

**Annual General Meeting:** We will hold our AGM on **Friday 25 November** at the club. Key items at this AGM include:

- our 'Rules of Association' are out of date and a redraft - to ensure we remain in compliance with the 2012 legislation - will be presented to members for consideration and acceptance
- Ray Skinner, Club President 2019-2022, is standing down, so we will elect a new president.

Chicken Run continues every Thursday through Daylight Savings, a casual pairs event over 9 holes of the funnest golf ever. Supper provided and bar open after the game (around 6:30pm), and a chook from Clunes IGA to the winners. We play a regular comp every Wednesday and Sunday, tee off 10am. All welcome. You can follow events at the Club on Facebook.



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## Another Boost for Volunteering in Clunes

Clunes (on Dja Dja Wurrung Country) has a long history of building capacity and social cohesion through volunteering. Prior to the pandemic, Clunes boasted a volunteering rate of 30.2% (well above the state average of 19%). There were reasons for this.

Volunteering provided three vital pathways that were hard to replicate via other means: social connection for people moving to Clunes, employability and employment pathways (building confidence, practical and soft skills and adding to a person’s resume), and an active retirement (with nearly two-thirds of the population being 50 years or over).

Since the pandemic, volunteering levels have dropped significantly, with 1 in 3 people no longer volunteering. In many communities, this drop in volunteering has led to reduced service offerings, community groups having to work hard with fewer resources, increased mental health risks for people, and reduced social cohesion. The experience in Clunes has been no different.

This is why the ‘Rebuilding Clunes’ Capacity Through Volunteering’ project (good grief – such a long name; let’s just call it Volunteering Local from now on!!!) is so exciting. And we can get even more excited because, with the support of the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal, we have been able to extend this project even further! Watch out for the Volunteering Local broadsheet hitting shops in the next few weeks:



**THE PROJECT: REBUILDING CLUNES' CAPACITY THROUGH VOLUNTEERING**

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**Fortunately we now have a welcome boost to help us combat these risks.**

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In August 2022 Clunes was successful in gaining just one of 19 grants awarded to support local partnership and innovation projects to re-engage volunteers, broaden the volunteer base, and strengthen volunteering in local communities. Called **Volunteering Local**, this 6-month project is funded by the State Government of Victoria, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. The project takes a uniquely place-based approach to volunteering, focusing on reducing barriers to volunteering in Clunes, working collaboratively to make it easier for people to volunteer and find new ways of volunteering here, as well as showcasing the different contributions volunteers make to our town. In October 2022 this project was further boosted by support from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, Strengthening Rural Communities Program.

In Clunes there are more than 40 community and social groups active at different times. Often these groups are completely volunteer-led and involving. This project will start with five of these community organisations: Clunes Tourist & Development Association, Clunes Football and Netball Club, Clunes Museum, Creative Clunes and Clunes Neighbourhood House. This diverse group have volunteer opportunities that appeal to a different target-markets (so are representative of a broad cross-section of our population) and are some of the more formally structured organisations where people volunteer in town. Working together with this pilot group, our goal is to develop practical (and easy to use) volunteering tools to help recruit and retain volunteers in town, as well as learning and promotional opportunities that will also be inclusive of the more informal groups.



**PILOT GROUP + INCLUSIVE**

A community collaboration funded by the Victorian State Government - Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and FRRN - undertaken in Clunes, Victoria, Dja Dja Wurrung Country.

The broadsheet will tell you all about what the project will involve, or you can visit [www.clunesnh.org](http://www.clunesnh.org) for more information.





## Our Beating Heart

Have you noticed the AED signs that have recently appeared around town? These signs are the result of a collaboration between the Victorian Ambulance Service, Clunes Neighbourhood House and Hepburn Shire Council - and they literally put us (or our hearts) on the map!

Several years ago, following the theft of the AED at the IGA, the Clunes IGA team raised funds to replace the defibrillator and contribute to some of the ongoing maintenance costs.

Clunes is now one of a few heart-smart towns in Victoria with accessible AEDs at various sites throughout our town (many of which have been secured by active or concerned community groups or businesses). The addition of the recent AED street signs means Clunes is the first town in Victoria to have directional signs highlighting where AEDs are located. Well done Clunes!

## Stop Press - Go Local

Small businesses in regional areas currently face a double dilemma. Local markets have shifted and market share has shrunk for hospitality, food, retail and agricultural businesses. The pandemic has seen people change their buying habits and impacted on businesses' ability to provide products and services reliably. Meanwhile, rising costs of living means people are travelling farther afield to major chains that don't have these issues, and can offer cheaper prices. Local populations have also changed. The pandemic saw a huge shift from the city to the country, but many of the new people moving into town may not have had the opportunity to connect with local businesses and may be purchasing elsewhere.

Several months ago, Clunes businesses and local groups, including Creative Clunes and Clunes Neighbourhood House, met at a CTDA meeting hosted at BOOM Clunes to see how we could tackle these issues. A Clunes First – Go Local proposal was developed (see [www.boomclunes.org](http://www.boomclunes.org)) to see if we could offset the impact of these trends. We sought funding through Business Victoria's Business Chambers and Trader Group Round Three grants and, just as this newsletter goes to press, we can announce that Clunes has been successful! The project will involve local shopping incentives, funding for businesses to hold 'in-store' events, business promotion assistance, upgrading the business directory at [www.clunes.org](http://www.clunes.org) and marketing featuring local images and content. Watch this space!!



## CLUNES GARDENING CLUB

*Sue McVeigh*

Wow, what an October we had – especially with the rainfall and subsequent flooding. Hope you didn't suffer too much from it!

Our club members struck it lucky on the first Monday in October with a beautiful, warm and sunny day when they paid a visit to a member's 60-acre farm at Evansford. What a treat to see such a wide variety of plants in the garden, to enjoy the amazing red river gums and spreading peppercorn trees, and to get up close with her sheep and alpacas! We then enjoyed lunch together under said trees. A most enjoyable day indeed.

Just a quick reminder that there are many open gardens to enjoy throughout November, so you may want to seek further information via Google or through local contacts. Nearest to home would be Creswick Open Gardens, featuring eight private gardens for viewing, running Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November, from 9am to 4pm. Pick up tickets on the day from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre at 19 – 21 Victoria Street Creswick, where they will give you a map and booklet to guide you.

Around the garden:

- Garden pests and diseases are on the increase now, as the weather warms up - keep an eye out and spray with organic insecticides as identified by the appropriate literature.
- Even though we've had such amazing rainfall, as soon as we've had a few warm, dry and windy days, the ground can dry out quickly. Keep new plants watered well during dry spells and be sure to mulch around them to keep soil moist by slowing evaporation of water from the soil.
- To assist the formation of buds in spring flowering bulbs and ensure optimal flowering next spring, it is advisable to sprinkle some organic fertiliser around the bulb.
- Zinnias thrive in heat, so pop some in to produce lovely cut flowers!
- Enjoy your garden and happy planting!!



## FROM THE POLICE DESK

*Simon Barker*

Just back to Clunes from my annual leave, and feeling completely refreshed after one month off. During my time away, the Creswick and Daylesford police serviced the Clunes community and they reported no criminal activity during September. The State Highway patrol have been assigned to patrol for speeding, fatigue, and alcohol-affected motorists for November / December in the Clunes, Creswick and Daylesford areas. So, plan ahead for the upcoming festive season in relation to having a designated driver.

Just recently, wood was stolen from two semi-rural properties and witnesses observed a White Mitsubishi dual-cab displaying false registration plates. Just a reminder to report suspicious activity or vehicles via 000 or for non-urgent crime reporting, 13 14 44. Or call the Clunes police station on 5345 3211.

Before my leave, a male was charged and bailed for an assault at a local establishment, and a local was detected for drink driving. I have a Road Safety and Bike Education program in November at the Clunes Primary school and have just attended the Clunes Landcare Working Bee. Such a dedicated group of volunteers.

In the meantime, stay safe and look after one another. Simon BARKER LSC 31989 OIC, Clunes police station.

## BALLROOM DANCING

*Elizabeth Howard*

A year ago, as the Senior Citizens was transitioning to the Attitude Club and Clunes U3A was just beginning, some Clunes folk expressed an interest in ballroom dancing.

After a while it was clear that to dance with Elizabeth and Andrew, who were teaching in both Ballarat and Creswick, Clunes folk would be best served joining the happy and active band of ballroom dancers who have been meeting in Creswick since 2014.

Interest in ballroom has grown so much that we've now added classes on Mondays to our usual Tuesdays at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre (CNC). Membership is through Creswick U3A or the CNC.

We teach Modern and New Vogue dances, a fair amount of Latin, Rock/Jive and some line dancing. Levels are Beginner, Transition, Improver and Advanced.

For class times (which will be the same in 2023), check out the CNC Term IV brochure: <https://creswicknc.org/>

Come along and keep fit and young in mind, body and heart. Singing along is allowed as well. Visitors are always welcome to watch and enjoy the music.

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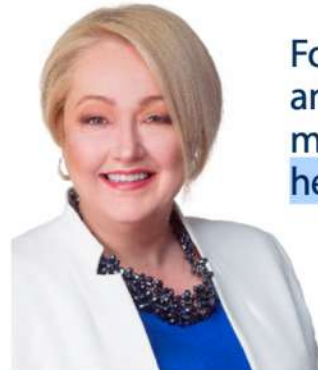
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# CLUNES FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



*Kath Milne*

The rains came down! Water was everywhere and we hope that everyone is ok. How much damage, I'm unable to say but I know that the netball shed was flooded as was the footy ground from all sides. Thankfully the community centre didn't flood, and we thank those who sandbagged the many premises around the town, community centre included.

While it has been a couple of months since the season officially ended, we still have plenty to keep us busy. Time is now spent to appoint, re-appoint, recruit, and evaluate. Season 2023 is first and foremost in our minds and we are very keen to be well and truly ready. Luke Davidson is Head Coach and we're very happy that he's taken on the job for two more seasons. Our senior netball coaches will continue next season and we wish Christine Hill, Molly Bedwell, Alysha Panozzo, and Tegan Collins all the very best in their roles. Let's get around them and savour the possibilities.

But it all takes people power. We are very happy that Clunes Neighborhood House's volunteer programme has chosen us as one of their groups. We are most grateful to Lana for her work in acquiring the grant to make this pilot program a reality and we hope that it will open new opportunities for us all and revitalise volunteering in Clunes.

During the year we were lucky enough to hear from Ben Crowe - Australia's most in-demand professional mentor and leadership coach. He challenged us to think about who we are at the CFNC – if we think we're only about football and netball then we've missed our purpose and sold ourselves short. Yes, we play those sports, but we want to create an environment where people can strive, thrive, and make connections. We invite you to help us achieve that purpose. Join us at our annual general meeting on Sunday 27th November. Ideas and support most welcome.

CFNC looks forward to being a part of the Christmas Parade on Friday 9 December. It's a great opportunity for the townsfolk to come together to celebrate all that is good about Clunes. On behalf of CFNC, I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Many thanks to those who put this newsletter together and to those who put in so much thought, time, and effort to keep our town up and about. Many thanks to the businesses in town who keep us fed and watered and our basic needs covered. It's a fabulous effort day in day out. Go Maggies, Go Clunes!!

Thank you to those who have been involved in the club and we hope you join up again next year. Auskick was a huge success because of great parent participation and support. The 30 plus children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the oval was always action packed. Let's keep that happening next year too!! Thanks to Jaq, Glenn and Luke for coordinating it all and the Wesley students who helped out.

# CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Sonia Jardine*

## Arts Centre of Melbourne Excursion

Recently our entire school travelled by three coaches to Melbourne. It was a phenomenal experience for all! We visited the Arts Centre of Melbourne and were thoroughly engaged by a Flying Fruit Flies performance: 'Girls with Altitude'. 800 students in the Playhouse Theatre!



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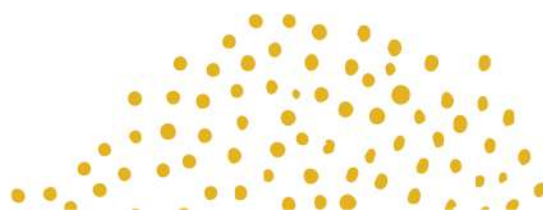
It was a big day out! We left school at 9.30am and returned at 6.30pm. We enjoyed breaks at a terrific park in Melton. We heard regular, loud and expressive exclamations from students about every possible feature of the experience; the city skyline, the bridges, the Melbourne Star, skyscrapers, the NGV pools, the spire, trams, traffic, PEOPLE, escalators, and of course, the actual performance...



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The cost of such an adventure would normally have been approximately \$5000, however we were very fortunate to receive a First Call Fund grant with travel fully subsidised via the Department of Education's Positive Start in 2022 program. Thank you!

And thank you Christy & Luke for your invaluable assistance! ... several of our students had never been to the City...



# Christmas in Clunes!

Friday, 9th December  
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Contact us: [committee@clunes.org](mailto:committee@clunes.org). Details on our website, [www.clunes.org/ctda](http://www.clunes.org/ctda)

**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. Enq.: Father Chris Keast Home: 5332 4723 Mobile: 0427 911 792 Email: [ckeast@ballaratanglican.org.au](mailto:ckeast@ballaratanglican.org.au) for baptisms, weddings & funerals

**Art Attack / Circus** Primary school students from 3:30pm - 5pm and Secondary school students 5pm - 7pm Tuesday afternoons at Clunes Football / Netball Club during school terms. Call 5345 4078

**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

**Clunes Football & Netball Club** President Brendan Sheehan 0418 348 090, [clunesmagpies@gmail.com](mailto:clunesmagpies@gmail.com)

**Clunes Free Lending Library** Meetings held 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Enq.: Graeme Johnstone (Chairman of the Committee) 0427 534 532 or via email at [thedukesbb@bigpond.com](mailto:thedukesbb@bigpond.com)

**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

**Clunes Golf Club Inc** Ph: 5345 3499. Contact Ray Skinner 0428 056 509 or Lawrie Lees 5345 3034. 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



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**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.lilymasonryoga.com](http://www.lilymasonryoga.com)



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# Community News

## BIG RAINBOW

Daylesford has been named the home of the Big Rainbow, Australia's first "big" landmark dedicated to the celebration of regional LGBTIQ+ pride and inclusion, which was designed with members of the LGBTIQ+ and First Nations communities. Daylesford was chosen after 16,000 public votes were cast ahead of fellow shortlisted towns Broome (WA), Hay (NSW) and Katherine (NT). We're really excited to have won the Australia-wide vote to have the Big Rainbow.

To read the full media release visit- <https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Big-Rainbow>

## CRESWICK TRAILS

The public tender process for the construction of the Creswick Trails closed on 6 September 2022. From here, officers are evaluating the responses with the recommending of contract award at the November 2022 Council Meeting. This will be a public meeting and community members are welcome to attend. Depending on contractor availability, we anticipate works will begin in early 2023. Construction of the Creswick Trails will take up to two years.

Have you seen the video released showcasing Creswick and the Creswick Trails as the ideal location for the Commonwealth Games 2026 mountain biking competition? We are so proud of how our trailhead and trails network are shaping up, we are advocating for a mountain biking program to be included in the next Commonwealth Games and for the competition to be held at the Creswick Trails. Check it out at [https://youtu.be/\\_17sucsG1U0](https://youtu.be/_17sucsG1U0)

## WEEDS

Did you know? With weeds being a problem in the Shire particularly due to the storms, we are delighted to have created a panel of contractors with various skills and capacities ranging from intricate hand work through to large mechanical weed clearing capabilities. The method selected is dependent on site specific requirements.

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## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Council is offering a free online workshop for new parents that explores the adverse impacts of traditional gender norms on young men and modelling healthier alternatives, as part of our 16 Days of Activism campaign.

Find out more about the program - <https://jss.org.au/what-we-do/the-mens-project/the-man-box/>

Session 1: 24 November @ 7:30PM

Session 2: 1 December @ 7:30PM

Limited spaces available. Please contact [gmartin@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:gmartin@hepburn.vic.gov.au) to express your interest.

## MEET THE MAYOR

Our Listening Posts and Meet the Mayor sessions provide an opportunity for the community to speak with Councillors and staff about local projects, highlight ideas or raise concerns in an informal setting.

Listening Posts are open for everyone to drop-in without the need to register or book a time.

For the Meet the Mayor sessions, community members can book a 30-minute private meeting either online or in person.

The next Meet the Mayor session is on Wednesday 26 October. To make a booking or find out more visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>.

## CALLING VOLUNTEERS

Clunes Museum and Visitor Information Centre are calling for volunteers. They are looking for people who are interested or have a knowledge of the Clunes area.

### Clunes Museum

By volunteering at the museum you will learn new skills in customer service and meet lots of new people.

### Clunes Visitor Information Centre

You would need to be available on Sunday (maybe a Saturday afternoon) to help with visitor services at The Warehouse - Clunes. For more information and to register your interest please contact one of our staff at The Warehouse - Clunes on 5345 3359.

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