

CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

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WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR POWER OUTAGES?

by **Matt Mitchell**

Yet another Clunes power cut on August 24 – unplanned and lasting over four hours – prompted us to hit up Powercor and ask them what’s going on. We also asked how many outages we’ve experienced over the last 10 years, how long they went for and, most importantly, why.

So what did we find out?

Not enough. And we didn’t receive the incident data we requested, but here’s what they supplied:

“The August 24 outage affected 1300 customers following a network fault on the main backbone powerline feeding the Clunes area. Crews replaced a faulty lightning arrestor, which was identified as the cause of the outage,” a Powercor spokesperson said.

Powercor said the August 24 incident was the only unplanned outage for 2023 [so far]. The company said they

had recently installed new-generation automatic circuit recloser (ACR) technology on the main powerline feeding Clunes and that “this technology responds to faults on the powerline and reduces the number of customers impacted by outages.”

“The technology also helps narrow down the location of the fault, allowing our crews to respond faster. In recent weeks, we’ve made new upgrades to these ACRs which further reduced the outage area for the recent fault from over 6000 customers off supply, down to around 1300,” the spokesperson said.

Powercor said they would “continue monitoring and continuously improve this technology to maintain reliability of supply in the area.”

And we’ll keep monitoring them, too.



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MARKET UPDATE

by **Chris Culvenor**

The fine weather returned for the August Market after a very much one-off rain event for the July market.

A strong line up of stalls were greeted by one of the biggest market attendances seen with strong local support from Clunes and surrounds, as well as visitors from Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, Maryborough and many places in between.

Ambulance Victoria also made a valued appearance having a public presence in the market for the benefit of the community.

Thank you to Ian Whitehead for his music and entertainment.

Thank you also to those who supported the woodraffle, which sold out so early that numbers have already been sold for the September raffle.

Congratulations to yet another first time winner, Elly Millard of Clunes winning the wood with number 127.

Thank you to the following businesses for supporting the raffle with additional vouchers:

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Thank you to another of our stallholders, Darren of Vietnam Food House, for drawing the raffle

We look forward to September with longer days and warmer weather with stallholders returning in August, September will see the continued return of seasonal stallholders.

We welcome back locals, Adrian Lutze and Doug Jeffreys, playing music for the market.

The next market is September 10 9am-1pm.

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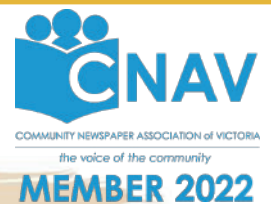
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WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27-Aug Sunday@Attitude, 4:30pm-8pm	28-Aug Men's Shed, 18 Alliance St, 10am Mobility Strength & Balance (MSB) , Attitude, 10am Meditation , Attitude, 4pm Cardio & Strength Training , Attitude, 5:30-6:30pm	29-Aug Open House Meals delivered AM Clunes Trekkers , Collins Place, 9am Lily Mason Yoga , 7pm, Attitude	30-Aug Men's Shed, 18 Alliance St, 10am Mobility, Strength & Balance , Attitude, 10am Mad Chatters , Rose & Oak, 2-4pm Cardio & Strength Training , Footy Club, 5:30-6:30pm	31-Aug Clunes Artist Group , Attitude, 1-4pm	1-Sep Men's Shed, 18 Alliance Street, 10am Mobility Strength & Balance (MSB) , Attitude, 10am Ukulele , Attitude, 3-5pm Cardio & Strength Training , Attitude, 5:30-6:30pm	2-Sep Clunes Artist Group , Attitude, 11am-4pm Pétanque , 2-4pm, Collins Place
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CTDA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by **Dorothy Russell**

This month marks our 2023 AGM to be held on September 27 from 7pm at the Town Hall. All financial members are welcome. The Clunes Tourist and Development Association Inc (CTDA) is committed to making and keeping our town a great place to live, work and visit. We are a committed group of volunteers who contribute our time and expertise to running many of the town's regular events and supporting other initiatives and projects that improve the amenity and liveability of our town.

You can find a membership form online at www.clunesvic.org.au or in this newsletter, Memberships are \$25 a year for individuals and \$50 for businesses (two individuals).

The CTDA would like to recognise the contribution that Graeme Johnstone has made to the CTDA. As the Proprietor of the Caravan Park, I remember how Graeme always supported us and encouraged us especially at the beginning. He always had time for all in Clunes. He was a pioneer in all that Clunes is, whether it being the CTDA, Booktown, Free Lending Library or the Ceramic Awards. He was always there for all of us.

He will be dearly missed and our love to June and family.



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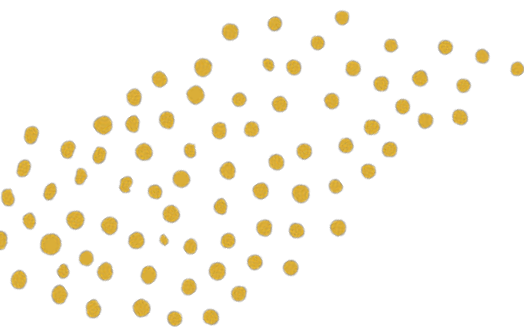
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NEW PATHOLOGY HOURS IN CLUNES

Central Highlands Rural Health, at 69 Service Street Clunes, now has pathology services available five days a week from 8:30am-12:30pm Monday to Friday. Good news for those who previously have had to hike out to Creswick when Clunes was only open twice a week.

For more information call the centre on 5345 9750.



NO LONGER A DRAIN

by Lana de Kort

During heavy rain and flooding the grounds of the Former Clunes Free Lending Library turn into a stormwater drain that has damaged the retaining wall and impacted foundations. Wet weather, especially during winter, makes the grounds slippery and difficult to traverse. But not anymore.

With the support of the Victorian State Government Committees of Management Flood Recoveries Grant, Clunes Neighbourhood House has secured the funding to rectify these drainage issues and transform the grounds into a functional community space. Concept drawings combining critical earthworks with smart design have been finalised (see www.clunesnh.org) to ensure that when Clunes Neighbourhood House reopens the building, activities can happen inside and out.

Disability Access Consultation

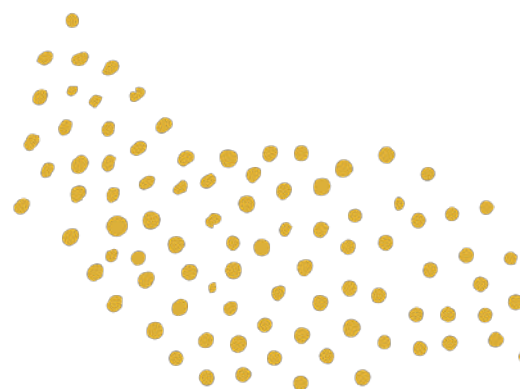
Excitingly, the Hugh D.T. Williamson Foundation has offered to take these works one step further by providing funds to include disability access to the building.

Disability access is complex at best, but even more so when it comes to heritage buildings. True inclusivity means welcoming all people through your front door, but how do you do that when you have a heritage frontage and a steep incline? We've turned to Europe for inspiration. An ancient continent, Europe offers many examples of disability access that don't require structural changes to buildings and which 'fade' into the background, so the focus remains of the historical facade.

To do this we need to go through multiple approval processes before we can construct a ramp and we'd love your help to:

1. Gain your feedback on our proposed design (have we got it right?)
2. Highlight the need (so if you'd have difficulty accessing the building as it currently is - let us know!)
3. Advocate for a footpath and disability park (the more names we have supporting this the better!)

Please jump online and comment at www.clunesnh.org or pop into BOOM to give us your feedback direct.



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CLUNES FNC

by **Kath Milne**

On August 12, CNFC was lucky to host the round of the week for the Central Highlands Football League. It was sponsored by WorkSafe Victoria and what a day/week we had. Tuesday night saw a group of players involved in the Sport and Life Training Program (SALT) presented to us by Scott. What an important time spent listening, sharing and reflecting on life and its challenges. Mental health was a key component and tough questions were asked and discussed. So important, so helpful.

Thursday night and Saturday, we also had an impressive team from WorkSafe. We welcomed Colin Radford (CEO), Tom Boyd (ex-Doggies) premiership player, Emily Mannix and Kate Eddy (Vixen Players), Peter Lazar MC, Jason Muldoon and Ben Kavenagh (AFL Victoria), and of course Georgia and Kayla who coordinated the event. It was a big few days with guest speakers, giveaways, a donation to the club to cover Thursday meals and Saturday coffees.



The Volunteer for the Year for Clunes was announced and this year the award went to the Wrigley Family. Honestly, the work they do to keep our club viable is amazing and we encourage others to join us in our quest to have the most volunteers in any club.

The club hosted a responsible service of alcohol (RSA) course that was well needed and attended. Thank you to all involved.

Doug Garth was presented with his life member badge and, again, not a dry eye in the house. Chris Mc told Doug's story with grace and respect for the man he is. If you are looking for a good read, look for the book *The Power of a Football*. Thank you, Doug, for all you have contributed to our club and the community.

Jamie Baird gave a ripper talk about the National Field and Game competition that is coming to Clunes over the first weekend in November. Clay targets are the order of the day and we wish them well in the success of the event.

Finals are upon us, and we should have a few teams in contention. In netball we should have B grade, C grade and D grade. In football, the Reserves team and we are hoping the under 15s as well. It's down to the wire there. Best of luck everyone and let's hope we can go deep into the contest.

At this stage we are unsure when the Presentation Day/Night will be to celebrate the season and award winners. We wait to see how we go in the finals but please keep your eye out for the announcement. All welcome and hope to see as many as possible.

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CTDA FOCUS ON BUSINESS

YA YA'S RED DOOR

23 Fraser Street, Clunes

by Victoria Reeve

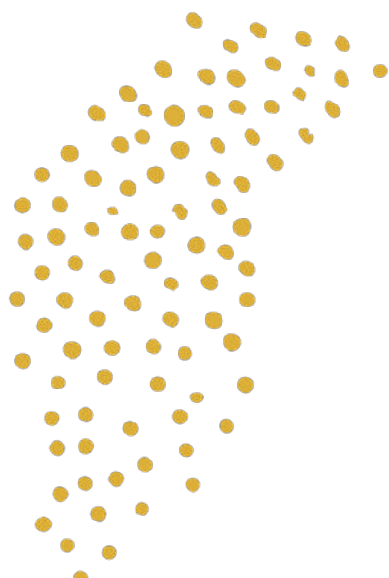
Ya Ya's Red Door sells an eclectic mix of new and old goods. The shop is also home to Rod Tregear's Art and The Sock Maker.

Located at the western end of Fraser Street, Ya Ya's may feel like it's off the beaten track, but it is certainly worth crossing Templeton Street to visit Kay, Rod, and Janine, the three business owners operating from this lovingly-restored premises. A look on Google maps will show you just how far this building has come in recent years. Once an eyesore, it is now a little gem shining brightly at the far end of Fraser Street and providing opportunities for two small business owners, besides Ya Ya's, which is owned and run by Kay.

Kay loves supporting creatives, and this is apparent in the welcoming presence of The Sock Maker and Rod Tregear, artist in residence. A friendly and delightful place (as one customer cheerfully volunteered on hearing my conversation with Kay), Ya Ya's is perfect if you love rummaging through vintage, new, and recycled goods. Seated by the window looking out onto the garden, Rod Tregear paints postcards and displays his nautical scenes and delicate bird studies. Janine, The Sock Maker, sits opposite, making her hand-cranked socks. Australian grown and made (from

Janine's own flock), her socks bearing the Australian Fibre Collective trademark are 100% Clunes. They are also exquisitely soft and dyed beautiful natural colours. If you like the brighter side of things, Janine, like Kay, loves to recycle and now offers socks and beanies made from upcycled and vintage yarns. Saving vintage jumpers from landfill by wearing these colourful socks isn't just about doing your part for the environment; the socks have their own personality. As Janine says, the machine dictates which colours come to the fore; you never know what you are going to get.

It's a quality that shines throughout Ya Ya's: vintage, new, hand-crafted delightful surprises – that's what you'll find behind the red door.



CLUNES PRIMARY WORDS IN WINTER 2023

by **Sonia Jardine, Principal**

As a local school we're thrilled to have been invited to participate in the the Words in Winter Festival schools' program again. The 2023 theme is "Out of the Shadows".

Five pieces have been selected within each of the age group categories to represent our school. These will be exhibited at Radius Art Gallery in Hepburn Springs during the festival. Prizes will be awarded in each age range for: Creative Writing, Poetry, and Other Artforms eg. a song. We are incredibly proud of all students for their creative responses. Thank you to Year Six students, Killian McDougall and Mia Velden, for sharing their pieces. You can read their work below.

Out of the shadows by Mia Velden

"Bang" I go running back to my room to see a face like mark on my curtain, and then i hear a scream. I go running outside and see a doll and a little girl. I had no clue who she was or what she was doing on my property, but this is what scared me the most she was lying on the ground with blood everywhere.

It...it looked like she was dead. I went to go get my mum, but when we got back the girl was gone and it was just the doll lying there. I decided to go hang out with my friends Lavender and Blossom. I told them everything. At first they didn't believe me, until they saw it with their own eyes. It kinda looked like a shadow. At school the next day there were multiple dead rats and people with blood all around them all over the ground. In the distance watching the shadow stood there waiting for the right time to attack his next victim. The next thing I know school is off, so i text my mum "im going out again today school is off" she replies "ok".

We go down to one of the local abandoned mines. I see something shining so I dig it up, this is when he pulled my top back to the point where i almost fall to the ground. I think to my self "I don't feel safe in this world anymore" I need to find a way to stop him "but how? he is just a shadow" said Lavender as she gets lifted into the air and then she falls to the ground rolling her ankle so she cant run. We yelled for help but no one could hear us, we started to cry, and then my mum showed up."kids are you ok?" yeah" we all say in relief.

She said she needed to tell us something, so she does and she says some sort of shadow thing is living in our house, and we all think we're gonna die the shadow is hunting us W...well what now ...

He watches every move we make

He watches us sleep there's no escape

There's more than one

They are always awake

They were a myth.

Out of the Shadows by Killian McDougall

The moon lit up a reflective red sign that hung from a tall, wire fence, and on the sign 'DO NOT ENTER' is written in bold white letters, however that didn't stop the two of us thrill seeking teenagers from jumping the fence and entering the ominous dark forest.

The fence was dimly lit, there was just enough moonlight to see where we placed our feet. I was the first to climb up the fence, at the top, I swung my body over the fence, and plunged into the soft, moist grass like a ragdoll.

"Hurry up!" I hissed through gritted teeth, "I'm trying!"

Xiao Ling whispered back. Xiao Ling was the kind of friend any teenager would want to have as their best mate, he was honest, kind and always up for adventure.

After what felt like a century, Xiao Ling pulled his tiny frame over the cold metal fence, dropping onto the ground. "That hurt," Xiao Ling groaned. "You'll get over it" I said as dark, heavy clouds rolled across the moon and the forest plummeted into an unsettling darkness, silence engulfed us.

"Are you sure it's safe?" Xiao Ling, nervously, asked. "Yeah, what could possibly be in the forest?" I replied.

Out of the shadows, a dark figure darted across the tree line, catching our attention. "Did you see that?" I asked Xiao, trying not to show him I was scared. "Yeah, what was it!?" he replied, clearly freaked out.

CRACK!, a branch snapped behind us. We swung around in the direction of the noise, catching our first sight of the creature that was stalking us. It was freakishly tall and humanoid in appearance. We both froze in fear, the creature's presence was terrifying. I wanted to run but I couldn't. Its creepy, glowing red eyes watched us intently.

Xiao Ling screamed and began to run back towards the fence, I still couldn't move, my feet felt like they were cemented into the ground. My ears rang as the creature let out a deafening shriek and lunged toward Xiao Ling.

With inhuman speed and what seemed like only a few milliseconds the creature had snatched Xiao Ling and dragged him into the shadows of the forest.

"NOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!" I cried..

ATTITUDE Q&A

How can I join in?

Just turn up and take part. There are no members or membership fees.

Am I too young to come to Attitude?

No, Attitude welcomes everyone. Our programs are designed with older residents in mind but are open to all.

How do I know what is on offer?

Pick up your What's On in Clunes guide from shops in Clunes – our next quarterly guide for October-November-December will hit the streets in late September. And join the Attitude Facebook page Attitude.Ageing Well in Clunes for updates.

How can I create an activity?

Easy. Give Carmel Betts a call on 0421 635 369. There is also a quarterly program planning session. We are always looking for new ideas.

Will you run an activity for me?

We don't do things FOR you; we do things WITH you. It's all self-serve and working together. What we can do is give you access to a well set out and centrally located all-abilities venue, assist in the initial set up and help promote your activity. Check the current What's On in Clunes guide to see the array of group activities already on offer.

Is Attitude licenced?

Yes, it has a Renewable Limited Licence. This means we can trade over limited hours, serving a limited range of beers and wines, along with some soft drinks. As with all licenced premises, anyone under 18 needs to be supervised.

Can I hire the space?

Not at the moment. The space is available free for all our activities.

How does Attitude operate?

Attitude is a program of the Clunes Neighbourhood House and runs something like the Men's Shed. We have a working party that currently includes Carmel Betts, Linda Newitt, Sue Gubby, Malcolm Hull and Tess Brady. The group meets fortnightly on a Tuesday at 2pm, but you don't need to be on the working party to come up with an idea to run an activity.

How can I find out more or offer assistance?

Easy, email us at attitude.clunes@outlook.com or pop into Sundays@Attitude from 4.30pm each Sunday where there will usually be one of the working party to chat to. Attitude is located at 25 Fraser Street.



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FISHING TALES

By Peggy Moore

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Fishing is an affordable option that can be taken up by anyone from any background or location. We can teach you how to fish with the assistance of our many experienced members on hand to pass on their knowledge. Experienced anglers and beginners are welcome to join.

The Clunes Angling club membership includes people from our community and further afield. We encourage all members to attend meetings and our competitions, both local and interclub. We have a number of monthly competitions at places like Tullaroop, Cairn Curran, New Bridge and Laanecoorie. We also organise a variety of trips away throughout Victoria eg. trout fishing at Lake Fynn and Murray cod fishing in Victoria’s north.

Come and join us. Come on your own or bring the family and kids.

Contact Ken by phone 0428 118 446, clunesanglers@gmail.com or Facebook

Next competition September 24 at Newlyn and then October 14 & 15 in Newbridge for a camping weekend

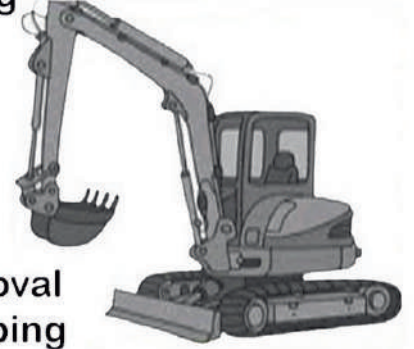
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CLUNES GOLF CLUB

by **Brendon Butler**

Participating in golf at the Clunes course is about as perfect as it's going to get (as at mid-August). We've had good rain spread out over winter with some later warmer weather that has promoted healthy grass on the fairways. The scrapes are flat and fast and visitors to the course are invariably pleasantly surprised with the quality of the course and standard of play it allows. Scores and handicaps are starting to improve as players take advantage of the conditions. This essentially seasonal 'J-curve' is as eagerly awaited and warmly welcomed by Clunes golfers as migrating birds are by ardent ornithologists.

Clunes golfers out and about While golf is very much competitive and an individual endeavour, it is also very social and a lot of fun – with just a pinch of angst – testing yourself against an unfamiliar course in the company of people you only meet on these occasions. Clubs in the Ballarat District Golf Association (BDGA) hold their annual tournaments over winter and spring each year and Clunes GC members have played at the tournaments of Avoca, Dunolly and Talbot with some success and a lot of friendships and contacts made. In our turn, we welcomed players from Ballarat, Buninyong, Creswick, Hepburn, Kew, Lexton, Maryborough, Rokewood and Talbot over the three days of our tournament.

2023 Eclectic

Our 2023 Eclectic event started in July. Competitors nominate three rounds – off the longest tees, the blues, because there's a trophy at stake – and their best score on each hole over the three rounds is aggregated. It is fascinating to see how the scores aggregate to something greater than their constituent parts, and how positions on the leader board change over the course of the event. While the most successful approach is to have three great rounds, as you'd expect, it is possible to do well in the event with three ordinary rounds that each have a few good holes. The early leader was Dean Marshall, who chose the former approach, and the rest of us were playing catch-up (choosing the latter approach). When the dust settled at the end of the event, only Allan Worthington, with a mixture of the two approaches, had been able to catch Dean. This has not happened previously, and Allan and Dean will play a fourth eclectic round to decide the 2023 Eclectic Champion.

Vale, Graeme Johnstone

Almost everybody who reads this will have known or know of Graeme Johnstone, a stalwart of the Clunes community. Nobody is quite sure how Graeme found the time to play golf, such were his various commitments, but he was a valued member of the Clunes Golf Club and founding member of the CGC Ferals. Graeme's golf never reached the heights of his enthusiasm for the game, although he has an in-competition Hole-in-One to his credit, something very few of us achieve. Graeme's passing has saddened us all.

We play a regular comp every Wednesday and Sunday. Tee off is 10am. CGC Ferals host a more casual nine-hole game on Monday and Friday mornings at 10am, while CGC Berals invite any women to join them on Tuesdays at 10am for as many casual holes of golf as you feel like on the day. All welcome.

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VALE GRAEME JOHNSTONE AND RON KOMISARS

by **Martha Haylett and Ben Komisars**

Clunes lost two of our best in August with the passing of Graeme Johnstone and Ron Komisars.

Graeme was a local legend and an example of how one person can have a ripple effect on the lives of thousands. Graeme moved to Clunes in 1997 with his wife, June. Graeme was always quick to get stuck in and help our community. He served for more than 12 years on the Clunes Tourism and Development Association and represented the community on the Hepburn regional tourism board. He was instrumental in bringing the annual Words in Winter literary and arts festival to the Hepburn Shire and was one of the founding fathers of Creative Clunes and the famous annual Booktown festival established in 2007.

Graeme led the push for Clunes to be recognised as an international book town. He helped establish the biennial Clunes Ceramic Award, and he preserved the former Free Lending Library and helped it evolve into the brand new home of the Neighbourhood House.

Graeme’s achievements are endless. He was a statesman, with the warmest smile and the biggest heart, who always would be seen on Fraser Street lending a hand to everyone. He gave his all to Clunes and made it a better place for so many as a result.

Ron’s first connection with Clunes was coming for weekend visits to his close friends, Annie and Dennis, and spending many relaxed evenings with wine and enjoyable conversations. This ignited the love affair with the place he was soon to call home. That spark led to moving into 65 Fraser St, which then became Clementine’s restaurant; famous for bringing the first espresso coffee machine to Clunes and Middle Eastern flavours. Pauline and Ron became affectionately known as the Fawltly Towers of Clunes, with many memorable nights that people still remember 20 years on.

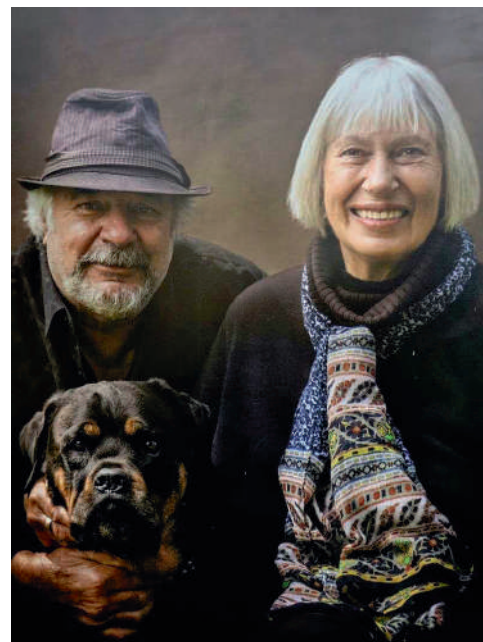
Ron was deeply involved in the community providing catering for big events such as Booktown, and Mulberry Manse, as well as many weddings, and birthdays. It was his way of giving back.

The bowling club was a big part of his life, creating many close friendships.

Sometimes the simple connections can be the best. Ron and Pauline, along with their dog, Boris, loved sitting on Fraser Street drinking coffee and talking to anyone who walked by.

Ron’s connection to Clunes gave him the opportunity to create lifelong friendships in his golden years.

Vale, Graeme and Ron. You will always be with us.



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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

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

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

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

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

Clunes Golf Club Inc. 18-hole course with sandscrapes, 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 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

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 36 Fraser Street. Open Monday to Friday (closed Tuesdays) 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm and some Sundays. Contact info@clunesmuseum.org or website www.clunesmuseum.org.au 03 53453 359. Monthly member meetings held at the Warehouse every second Thursday of each month at 10am. Open for everyone to attend. New members and volunteers welcome. The Clunes Museum Discovery magazine is also available at the local newsagency.

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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. Website: www.clunesnh.org

Clunes & District Preschool. 109 Fraser Street. Contact: 5345 3228 or 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

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Council news

OPEN SPACE MASTERPLAN

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CLUNES ORGANICS BINS

Your lime-green food and garden organics bin (FOGO) will continue to be collected WEEKLY on a Monday. This service will continue until a decision is made about timing of the Shire-wide rollout of the FOGO service.

We have noticed an increase in contamination of the FOGO bin in recent months. The FOGO bin can be used to collect kitchen scraps and garden clippings. You can also put bones, dairy, fish, out-of-date food, garden clippings and small branches in this bin. Please remember not to put any plastic packaging in the bin.

Food thrown into your red landfill (general rubbish) bin ends up in landfill. Food in landfill creates significant greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Kitchen scraps and garden clippings in your FOGO bin are turned into compost, which helps to conserve our valuable resources and minimise greenhouse gases.

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covers everything from walking and accessibility, through to public transport and roads. Your input will help to inform the development of a draft Integrated Transport Strategy. Find out more and have your say via <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn>

Engagement pool - have you signed up for the Future Hepburn Engagement Pool? We are looking for people from across the Shire to get involved. By joining, you'll have the opportunity to share what's important to you on a variety of topics, join online webinars, receive project updates and even participate in a township panel made up of 21 community members. This is a great way to have your say on the future of your town and Shire. Find out more and apply at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn>

CELEBRATE LOCAL WOMEN

Do you know an inspiring woman from Hepburn Shire? Every year we recognise women who make a difference in our community through the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll. Make a nomination or learn more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Womens-Honour-Roll. Nominations close on Monday 25 September. Inductees are announced on International Women's Day in March.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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