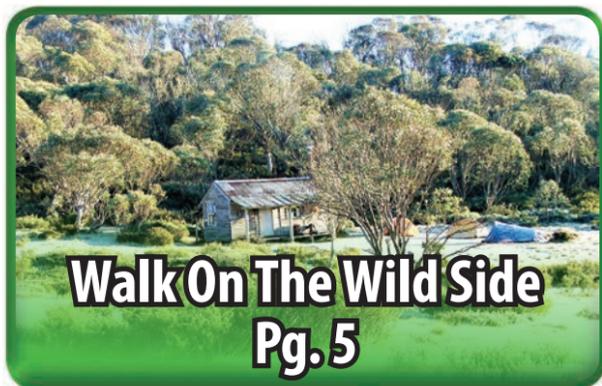


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## Bethanga Primary School



**Rachel Saunders**

OUR Learning looked a bit different in week 1-6 of term 2 as we engaged in Flexible and Remote Learning from home... strange times that will become amazing memories! We worked hard to achieve our main focus of 'Staying

Connected'. Students participated in video conference meetings regularly for our weekly school assembly, class check-ins, reading groups, 1:1 learning support and more.

We are so happy to be back at school but were so proud of how well our families coped with remote and flexible learning.

We had students create worm farms, outdoor letter hunts, tree tours, camp fires and more!

We were 'bubbling' with excitement to welcome everyone back to onsite learning

at school in week 7! We took time to enjoy each other's company, talk, share stories and had so much fun blowing bubbles!

For National Simultaneous Story time, we all enjoyed the story 'Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas' and created our own dancing chickens and diva masks! Lots of sparkles and glitter!

We acknowledged Reconciliation Week and the importance of all Australians coming together to repair past wrongs and create a stronger future. After learning about what the word 'Reconciliation' means, we read stories about the Stolen Generation and Equality. We enjoyed the sunshine reading a selection of Aboriginal stories and learnt to sing 'Ngaya Nana' a song about the importance of a family sung in Dharug Aboriginal language using clapping sticks.





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**Term 3 Herald Editions:  
Back to normal  
fortnightly schedule**



**H**ELLO again everyone! We hope you are all safe and well and looking forward to restrictions easing around the district.

As we return to slightly more normal life The Tallangatta Herald will be returning to fortnightly editions. This will be after the term 2 holiday break, with the first edition being released on the 23rd of July and deadline being the 15th of July, the Wednesday before.

We are continuing to hold our photography competition and hope that you will get involved. Check page 5 for more details.

As always, please send in what you have been doing or what has been happening around our area. You can send your stories and photos in by email or to our newly reinstated Facebook page (just search the Tallangatta Herald).

See you after the holidays!

**Coffee Break Puzzles Answers**

FROM EDITION 1034

*Brain Teasers / Riddles*

What starts with T, ends with T and has T in it?

Answer: Teapot

1. X is a 7 letter word, 2. X is impossible for GOD, 3. New born babies like X better than milk, 4. The poor have X and 5. The rich look for X from the poor, 6. If you eat X you will die, 7. X is more important than your life. I swear I will give you X if you get the answer.

Answer: Nothing

There is a common English word that is seven letters long. Each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains a common English word - from seven letters right on down to a single letter.

What is the original word, and what are the words that it becomes after removing a letter at a time?

Answer: Original word - Snowing, Decomposes to: Sowing, Swing, Sing, Sin, In and I

1 am a 6 letter word. 2, 5, 6 used by people to move from one place to

**Sudoku**

4	3	7	1	2	8	9	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	8	2	4
5	8	2	6	9	4	3	7	1
7	1	3	2	8	6	4	9	5
6	9	4	3	7	5	2	1	8
2	5	8	9	4	1	6	3	7
1	2	5	4	6	3	7	8	9
3	7	6	8	1	9	5	4	2
8	4	9	7	5	2	1	6	3

another. 4, 3, 2 is also used by people to move from one place to another. 4, 5, 2 is the young one of carnivorous animal.

If U remove my 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th letters - Its everybody. What am I?

Answer: Abacus, words formed are - bus, cab, cub, us

Can you solve this? Name an English word of more than 2 letters that both begins and ends with the letters "he" in that order. There are two possible answers. "hehe" is not acceptable.

Answer: Headache or Heartache

Who am I? I am a fruit. I am tasty and provide lots of energy. You can also find me in a calendar. Who am I?

Answer: Date

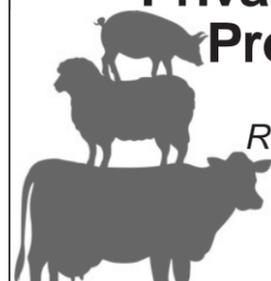
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- July 12 - 9.00am - Eucharist
- July 19 - 9.00am - Eucharist
- July 26 - 9.00am - Eucharist

**St Michael's Catholic**

Normal services have been canceled due to COVID-19.

**Uniting**

Normal services have been canceled due to COVID-19.

**MEGA Quiz**



- 1) The tallest building in the world is located in which city?
- 2) Which year was the original Toy Story film released in the US?
- 3) Name the current UK Chancellor of the Exchequer?
- 4) Which film was the first to be recognised as part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe?
- 5) Name the longest river in the UK.
- 6) What is the capital city of New Zealand?
- 7) Which three nations will co-host the Men's 2026 FIFA World Cup?
- 8) In which year was the popular video game Fortnite first released?
- 9) We're all missing a cool IPA in the pub - what does the acronym stand for?
- 10) How many hearts does an octopus have?
- 11) Which country's flag features a red maple leaf?
- 12) Which former US first lady wrote a memoir-turned-Netflix documentary called Becoming?
- 13) In which year did Twitter launch?
- 14) How many children does Queen Elizabeth have?
- 15) Who wrote Pride and Prejudice?
- 16) Which city hosted the Olympics in the year 2000?
- 17) Which fruit is used to make a porn star martini?
- 18) Which is longer? A mile or a kilometre?
- 19) How far off the ground is a regulation NBA basketball hoop?
- 20) What is Postman Pat's surname?

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Quiz Answers: 1) Dubai (Burj Khalifa) 2) 1995 3) Rishi Sunak 4) Iron Man 5) Canada 6) Wellington 7) Canada, USA, Mexico 8) 2017 9) India Pale Ale 10) Three 11) Canada 12) Michelle Obama 13) 2006 14) Four - Charles, Andrew, Anne and Edward 15) Jane Austen 16) Sydney 17) Passion Fruit 18) A mile 19) 10 feet 20) Clifton

# Completion of the Upper Murray Events Centre

The Upper Murray Events Centre has now been completed, with opening celebrations to follow in the coming months when safe to do so.

The \$2.8 Million project was funded by a number of contributions including \$1M from the Victorian State Government; \$800,000 from the Federal Government; \$700,000 from Council; \$250,000 from Corryong Health; and \$100,000 in-kind committed by the community.

Mayor David Wortmann welcomed the milestone "The Events Centre is an exceptional facility that will prove invaluable to the Upper Murray community for many years to come".

The Centre will host Federals Football Netball Club, Corryong Football Netball Club and a Health and Fitness Centre by Corryong Health. It will also provide a valuable venue for the local

Neighbourhood Centre and community groups, as well as hosting the annual Man from Snowy River Bush Festival.

Mayor David Wortmann said the space should also be utilised as a Relief Centre for future emergencies with the right equipment including generators, a sprinkler system and telecommunications. "Council is advocating for the funding and has included the recommendation in our submission to the Royal Commission" he said.

CEO of Corryong Health Dominic Sandilands said the new Health and Fitness Centre, together with the continuing of community sports will be critical for community recovery.

"Corryong Health and our health workers recognise the impact and trauma sustained by the community following the bushfires. Physical distancing

requirements has added an additional challenge as a result of COVID19".

"The Health and Fitness Centre is critical to our recovery as it supports and promotes social inclusion and physical health" he said.

The Health and Fitness Centre will feature a tailored fit out and equipment refresh. Some of the existing equipment is already being transferred from the old Health and Fitness Centre to the new facility.

Further updates will follow from Corryong Health regarding the expected opening of the Health and Fitness Centre as they follow the latest COVID-19 restrictions, as outlined by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

Designed by Loft Architecture and using local trades where possible, the Centre

features football and netball change rooms, a large event space, bar and kiosk facilities, a commercial kitchen, office spaces and meeting rooms. The building also features a full wall of windows that looks out onto the netball court and oval.

The timber used around the bar area was salvaged from the old grandstand which previously stood at the Recreation Reserve, an important part of the site's heritage.

The building uses natural materials and stone walls referencing the Man from Snowy River heritage of the region and the design gives a subtle nod to the stone huts dotted throughout the high country.

While an official opening of the Events Centre was initially planned for early June, the date will be rescheduled to Spring when we can safely bring the community together for a celebration.

## Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub Continues To Support

THE Upper Murray Recovery Hub is changing the way it is operating to be more accessible to the community. The Hub has continued to operate virtually throughout COVID-19 restrictions and more recently with some limited by-appointment face-to-face contacts. As restrictions gradually ease we will once again welcome people in person to the Hub. We are currently making changes to our physical space to allow this to happen.

From Wednesday the Hub will be open for drop-in visits with limited numbers to maintain physical distancing. Drop by for general assistance from a Local Area Recovery Officer.

If you need one-on-one assistance in relation to a specific issue, please continue to make an appointment so we can schedule the available space.

The Corryong-based Hub located in the former Corryong Primary School, was established by Council in partnership with Bushfire Recovery Victoria. The centre has been operating since February

10, transitioning from the emergency relief assistance in January.

As restrictions continue to ease and in accordance with advice from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, the Recovery Hub will again welcome supporting agencies which continue to provide social support, financial counselling, insurance advice and wellbeing programs.

Mayor David Wortmann reflected on the efforts so far "As Recovery Hubs in other bushfire-affected regions begin to open, we recognise the contributions by Council's Bushfire Recovery Team and the support of Bushfire Recovery Victoria which allowed us to transition straight from an Emergency Relief Centre, to a Recovery Centre".

"This meant our communities were not without a direct access point to Recovery support and services, which was critical when so many residents were without access to telephone and power for so long" he said.

To arrange a meeting call the Recovery Team on 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au.

## Tree Planting on Towong Street East

COUNCIL will proceed with tree plantings on Towong Street East next month, following earlier plantings last year.

'October Glory' Lipstick Maple trees have been carefully selected to suit the climate and avoid impacting residential views and power lines.

Some mixed gum and exotic varieties which pose a safety risk and have been the subject of residents' complaints will be

removed to accommodate the new trees.

Mayor David Wortmann said the trees were a welcomed addition to Tallangatta's streets, adding to the overall aesthetic. "Residents can look forward to their striking autumn colours this time next year" he said.

The proposed tree plantings were recently shared with surrounding residents via a letter from Council.

The plantings are in line with Council's Tree Replacement Strategy and Tree Management Plan which can be found at [www.towong.vic.gov.au](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au).



Images: The hazardous mixed gum that will be removed on Towong Street East. The 'October Glory' Lipstick Maple in Autumn.



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# Firewood Collection Areas Open Across The Upper Murray



THANKS to the combined efforts of State Government and Towong Shire Council, nine designated firewood collection areas are now open to local residents before the Autumn season closes on 30 June.

Towong Shire Mayor Cr David Wortmann said with such a huge portion of the Shire impacted by the summer's bushfires, residents may face challenges sourcing firewood to last throughout winter.

"Trees suitable for firewood have been salvaged and made available for local residents to come and cut some firewood," Cr Wortmann said.

"This means the salvaged dry wood can be used this winter, and people can also stockpile green wood to prepare for next winter".

Regional Roads Victoria have salvaged the firewood from hazardous tree works and made available to the firewood collection sites that are managed by Forest Fire Management Victoria.

Residents are asked to check the latest details before arriving on site. For the most up to date information including interactive maps showing designated firewood collection areas and enforced load limits visit [www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au](http://www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au)/firewood, or call 136 186.

FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREA	CLOSEST TOWN	ACCESS	STATUS
Lockhart's Gap Track	Tallangatta	4WD	Open
Firebrace Road	Koetong	4WD	Open
Cravensville Roadside	Koetong	4WD	Open
Bullhead Roadside	Eskdale	4WD	Open
Bullhead Road	Eskdale	4WD	Open
Little Snowy Creek	Eskdale	4WD	Open
Mystery Lane	Corryong	4WD	Open
Red Stringy Firewood Depot	Corryong	2WD	Open
Dunstan's Road	Corryong	4WD	Open

The autumn firewood collection season officially closes on June 30, 2020. The spring collection season opens on

September 1, 2020. Residents must only collect firewood from designated areas and stay within collection limits.

If residents continue to face any challenges sourcing sufficient firewood for the winter, they are encouraged to call the local Bushfire Recovery Team on 1800 518 222 or Bushfire Recovery Victoria on 1800 560 760.

# Hub Happenings

Mary Grant

IT was very pleasing to see people out and about over the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend. Being a bit freer to move around has been embraced by people who have been in isolation for over 2 months. Visitors to The Hub have expressed that sentiment – we just needed to get out and go for a drive. Others are coming as a support to local businesses.

Hub Cottage Crafts will continue to operate on reduced hours opening from 10.00 am to 12 noon Mon to Sat but will stay open longer if there are customers around.

We are very aware of the physical distancing rules and have marked areas in the shop to ensure we are following guidelines. Counter tops are regularly sanitised and hand sanitizer is available both in the shop and outside at the

entrance.

Preserves are selling like hotcakes - check out the fresh jams, chutneys, relishes, sauces which have arrived on the shelves.

Lots of plants available for those of you who have spent time in the garden over the past month.

Cosy warm scarves, wraps, beanies and gloves.

Beautiful and colourful crocheted and knitted rugs in various sizes.

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Lots of gifts - soft cuddly toys, knitted dolls, baby's gifts.

Keep safe, follow the guidelines as set out by the Health Department and we look forward to when we can be back to full operation which we hope will be in the very near future.

# Council Recommendations to Bushfire Royal Commission

THE Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements was established on 20 February 2020 in response to the extreme bushfire season of 2019-20 which resulted in loss of life, property and wildlife and environmental destruction. The Commission commenced this week with public hearings.

Mayor David Wortmann said he was optimistic that the Royal Commission would actively consider all thirteen recommendations put forward in Council's submission, together with those from community members and supporting agencies.

"The recommendations made by Council recognise that bushfires and other extreme weather events are increasing in frequency across our region, exacerbated by climate change. This ultimately means the window for proactive fire management is much tighter than it has previously been and the fire-fighting season is more prolonged" he said.

"This means it is more important than ever that we have proactive fuel management, resources, plans and support to effectively manage any future events" Mayor Wortmann said.

The thirteen recommendations submitted by Council include;

1. Improved resources to support future Municipal Emergency Relief and Recovery
2. Implement a training program for

Municipal Emergency Roles

3. Coordinated and specialised support and counselling for municipalities and local Councils

4. A more mature Emergency Response Model, including experienced and skilled 'flying squad' of emergency staff

5. Funding for infrastructure and services to convert the Upper Murray Events Centre into a scalable Relief Centre

6. Improve predictability for cross-border communities through reliable and compatible telecommunications, radio networks, information and services

7. Investment in 'mobile black spot' telecommunications infrastructure and expand wireless broadband network

8. Trial and introduce alternative models of fuel management

9. Increase the clearance area around boundary fencing to at least 8 metres

10. Increase investment in fire-fighting aircraft

11. Involve the ADF in Municipal Emergency Management Planning

12. Change the natural disaster assistance to allow financial assistance where secondary events post bushfire have resulted in damage to assets

13. Active support from Federal Government to support Council in developing, applying and evaluating a model of community led recovery

Read Council's full submission at [www.towong.vic.gov.au/bushfirerecovery](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au/bushfirerecovery), along with the submission to the Victorian Inspector-General of Emergency Management Fire Season Inquiry – Phase 1.

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# Walk On The Wild Side with Ian Trevaskis



Above: Frosty May morning'

MY first encounter with a High Plains hut was over forty years ago when I undertook a three day hike. It was my first extended hike and one that was memorable; not for the awesome scenery but more for the inappropriate gear I was wearing and carrying. Being young and foolish it didn't matter too much, except that we were plagued by heavy rain which meant I seemed to be standing under a cold shower for the entire trip. (There's nothing worse than that cold trickle of water down one's back!)

The hut we sought refuge in on the first night was at Tawonga Hut and ever since the huts of the High Plains have held a special place in my heart. While I have no regrets about the removal of cattle from the mountains, I'm glad we have been left with the legacy of these huts. Scattered far and wide across the High Plains, they remain a testament to the tough pioneers who roamed these magnificent, if at times hostile environments, eking out a living and building some quite remarkable structures that still serve an important function today as places of refuge.

Archaeologists believe many current hut sites were once favoured by Indigenous people as meeting places, camping spots and ceremonial grounds. Credibility for this idea comes from the fact that most huts are found in sheltered clearings close to reliable water sources. Some High Plains huts, such as the iconic Wallace Hut and nearby Cope Hut, are easily accessible by road and require only a short stroll through the bush, while others are in remote and hidden locations that require a bit of grunt to get to.

As well as the cattlemen's huts there are also a number of former SEC surveyor's huts, including Young's Hut, a rustic weatherboard hut with corrugated iron

roof and chimney and a small verandah gracing its front. Thankfully, the hut was spared from the recent devastating bushfires. The Border Bushwalking Club has been maintaining this hut for decades, with support from the High Country Huts Association and Bushwalking Victoria and have undertaken extensive repairs to the roof and chimney as well as recently re-cladding the building with new weatherboards. We've even added a few home comforts like candlestick holders and curtains! This cosy little hut comprises a single room with some bench space, a couple of wooden bench seats and a very effective cast iron stove set in the original fireplace. (Thanks to Parks Victoria for helicoptering it in - it would have been a bugger to lug in from Pretty Valley Pondage.)

The hut is well worth a visit and can be reached by hiking in on the Australian Alps Walking Track from the Cope Hut car park, or off-track from Pretty Valley Pondage. Now that Winter has arrived you'll need to slip into some skis or snowshoes to get there, but when Spring rocks around and the snow clears you can plan a day trip or, if restrictions have been lifted by then, do what the members of the Border Bushwalking Club often do, and plan an overnigher there. In the Spring, when the weather is more agreeable, BBC members will be heading out to 'our' hut to give it a much needed coat of linseed oil and a general spruce up. Visitors will be more than welcome to join us!

To find out more about how you can take an adventure in the great outdoors visit the Border Bushwalking Club's website at [www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au](http://www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au)

# Horticultural Society

Judy Cochrane, Secretary

THE cold weather is letting us know that we are now in winter! At least we have had some rain augmented by heavy dews so the ground is wetter and can be weeded and dug more easily. Winter is the time to plant bare rooted fruit trees and berries and also roses. Rhubarb crowns are now available. They need to be planted in a soil rich in compost and fed regularly. Asparagus can be planted now and broad beans sown. Divide your clumps of chives. Don't forget that parsley makes a good edging plant as well as being used in the kitchen. Plant your kale seedlings now as kale loves the colder weather.

It is not too late to plant spring bulbs. Flower seedlings can be planted around your bulbs so that they will hide the

dying bulb leaves later in spring. To add some colour to a shady patch plant small bedding cyclamen. If you leave the flowers on they may well form seed heads and you will have more plants the following year.

Check your deciduous trees and see if they need pruning. Dead and crossing branches should be removed in order to let more light into the centre of the tree. Most fruit trees can be winter pruned. Continue to rake up any fallen leaves and add them to the compost bin.

Here is a tip if you have a passion fruit vine. Bury a lamb's liver under its root run. Make an incision at right angles to the root run and slip the liver into this and back fill. The iron and organic fix will do wonders for the plant. Just make sure that the dog isn't watching while you do this!

# Anglican Activity

Graeme Aldrich

## Regular Services

With the easing of restrictions with regard to the gathering of groups we have been able to return to regular Sunday services in the church with a few rules on social distancing to be observed. At this stage all services will begin at 9.00am. Please come and join us.

## Clergy contact

Our Church remains closed at times other than the above under instructions from the Diocese. If you have a need to make contact with clergy, Fr Alan is available on 0418 464053, or you can contact churchwarden Graeme Aldrich on 0417 043134.

# Photo Comp Update

THANK you to those that entered some delicious looking photographs in our last category 'food'.

With restrictions easing we think it is time to get out and about to capture our the next section of the Herald's Photography competition.

Our next category is 'Winter'.

This allows for your interpretation and we are welcoming all responses including cold and frosted landscapes, magical water droplets, warm and cosy fires and the perfect hot chocolate.

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Ellyssa Brennan

# Tallangatta Primary School

## Onsite learning for F-2 students



Zahra and Anneliese

TUESDAY 26th May began with delight, joy, squeals and wiggles of puppy dog excitement as our F-2 students transitioned back to onsite learning. They have done a sensational job since that time, getting back into school routines, sharing stories of remote learning and playing, playing, playing! It was also brilliant to see the students taking on our new cleaning routine like ducks to water. Thank you to all our staff and families who prepared each individual for their

return – we know you did a brilliant job because their happiness and contentment was readily apparent! Enjoy some of the photos of their learning and happiness.



Above: Joel and Macgyver



Above: F-2 glasses

## Upgraded Basketball Court



AFTER 12 months in the planning and unforeseen delays caused by the challenges of life, our upgraded basketball court is finally finished. And doesn't it look amazing! The old pockmarked asphalt composite surface is gone, replaced by a bright blue and red synthetic surface that is nicely sloped to remove all water. We also have new basketball backboards and clearly defined netball and basketball lines. Our students were fascinated by the process and we have had lots of 'ride bys' to check out progress as things were constructed. We also installed a new retaining wall against the fence and along our playground to assist with drainage and now have a spectacular viewing area to watch the games in action.

The students were itching to try it out and when they did – well there were basketball balls bouncing left right and centre and the netball rings were getting a real work out! Since the completion, there hasn't been a school day where the court has been at rest. The thoughts of excitement and laughter and enjoyment has been a delight to see. May you enjoy a slice of upgrade deliciousness with us.

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## SCHOOLS

## Eskdale Primary School



school.

While everyone is learning and living up to their dreams you won't be able to do so without the proper education. This is why getting back to school you will be back with your friends while learning at a higher level and also getting you out of those pesky jobs. School is a privilege that should not be taken for granted. You are the next generation of thinkers and leaders. You need all the help you can get to become what you want. You are the future, so get back to learning.

**"Learning isn't better at home and we should not remote learn"**

**Oscar Kilgour**

Do you think that children should be locked up from their friends? Today's children can never succeed if they're locked up like chickens. Do you like the thought of your child sitting on a street asking for money because they're homeless? No! To make sure your children don't grow up to be homeless let them back into schools!

Kids need to see their friends. That is the way they learn. If they are stuck with each other all the time they will get so bored. Imagine you locked up with all of your brothers and sisters. Now think about those kids that have no brothers or sisters, would you like that no one to play with, have fun with or anything. Kids need to socialize. If you think that people are going to be happy not being able to see friends then you have gone mad!! Let the children out to see their friends.

Kids are not learning properly at home. Remote learning is just not as effective as kids learning in a school. One day of this equals only a quarter of a full school day. Just think about it, schools normally finish at 3:30 but at the moment we are finishing an hour earlier. A whole week of this is only just as much as 3 days of proper school days. Education is so important to kids we must stop remote learning now and go back to school so that kids get their full education!

The kids have had the same teacher every day. Normally, at school a student has different teachers for different subjects. If you think that would be enjoyable to just have one teacher all the time, then try it. It's not. Imagine you had the same teacher all the time. You know what it's like to have a grumpy boss all the time and it is the worst isn't it? Kids can't be locked up all the time with just one teacher.

Kids should be at school. Education is too important for kids to just be at home. No one with children like the thought of them growing up to be homeless, because they didn't have education. Now is the time to get kids back into education.

It's important that kids see friends to socialize, it's not good for them to have the same teacher every day, and they are learning as slow as a snail at home. For the good of our children let them back into school.

**"Learning is better at home and we should remote learn for this term"**

**Scout Cabelka**

Imagine hospitals full of children. Sick children. This is what will happen if we ease the school ban. One child could infect their whole class before they even showed symptoms. Coronavirus is Dangerous, Deadly and Detrimental to society.

Keeping children at home is a way to get around the spread of coronavirus. When you walk your child/ren to school you might press the button on the crossing. Coronavirus can stay alive for up to 3 days on this surface. This increases the chance of spreading coronavirus when the next person comes to use the crossing. Would you be happy knowing that you put someone (or yourself) at risk?

Autumn and Winter are traditionally the seasons of sickness. When you get an illness, your immune system is under strain, leaving you 60% more likely to catch coronavirus. Imagine how much this could escalate in schools. By keeping children home from school you could save millions of people from getting the virus. Keep our community safe, out of harm's way.

Teaching is the most important profession in the world. Teachers show respect, resilience and responsibility. Without teachers where would we be? Mentally challenged in life. No friends, no brains, no future. We need to keep our teachers safe in their homes, not in classrooms full of germy, grotty, unsanitary children.

Think about all the people you can save by staying at home. Our society will function much better without hospitals full of sick children. By stopping the spread of coronavirus, especially in this increased time of risk, we are saving our most prized educators. This deadly virus must be halted swiftly before we can get back to our old routine. Let's all play our part in a better future without coronavirus.

**"Learning isn't better at home and we should not remote learn"**

**Cooper Dower**

What if you can never go back to school? What would you do? None of us can live like this. If the government is going to make us stay in lockdown till scientists find a vaccine for coronavirus, students, parents and teachers are going to get angry, agitated and achieve nothing. We need to get back to school where students can concentrate and learn properly.

Being in isolation is so sad because we cannot see our friends and play like what kids are meant to do. If we can't socialise at school we are not going to be happy ever again. I know school is a place we go to learn new things, but it is also a place we go to meet new people and play together. Every day at school we learn new things, but we also learn new ways to be happier together.

It is also hard for teachers to set students tasks because it all relies on the internet while we are learning at home. Some kids do not have internet access at their home, so how do they learn? When students are at school the teachers can just do it the good old fashion way where the students sit and listen to what they have to do for the day. Then zoom, up they get and they're off to their desks to do their work for the day!

Another reason it is better for kids to go to school is because it is very hard for students to concentrate at home. At home most kids have heaps of toys and games and these items are a big distraction. At school students don't have as many toys and distractions that can put them off task. Could you imagine being a kid and being expected to concentrate on school work while your favourite toys are within arms reach?

It's fine to have to learn or work from home whilst there is a deadly virus going around, but we need to get back to our normal routine sometime soon. When learning from home students can't concentrate, it's hard for teachers to set them tasks and kids can't see their friends. If the Victorian Premier is going to ease the restrictions we still need to listen to the rules and keep our distance but students need to get back to school or they won't learn anything!

**"Learning isn't better at home and we should not remote learn"**

**Zac Baude**

We must go back to school! Did you know that 80% of people who go to school are more successful than home schoolers. They are more likely to be wealthy, have

good employment and have good friends. Would you rather be THIS PERSON!! or would you rather be a hobo due to home-school? Put kids back in school.

Being in the classroom gives all students fair and equal teaching. Some students who are working from home get NO help from their parents, while other students are getting their work done for them. How is this fair to all students? Being in the classroom, students have the same equal amount of teacher help which gives all students the same learning attention.

Socialising is a very important part of school life. Children learn interacting skills, manners, active listening skills and public speaking skills when you attend school. Children who attend school learn these very important social skills therefore get a good head start in life compared to kids who are home schooled. Would you like to be an important and social member of the community? Then you need to go to school to learn these skills. Being in school also gives you the opportunity to have great friendships. You play with these people each day and grow up together.

People in school are more fit and have better sportsmanship skills than those who stay home to learn. They are given more opportunities to play team sports and learn how to lose against other people. You have the chance to run around, learn new games rather than staying at home being bored and wondering what games you can play by yourself.

Let's go back to school! If we don't go back to school you will be homeless, poor and live on the streets and surely no one wants that. If you do go back to school you will most likely love your life, have good money plus a good house. You will have good social skills, have the ability to play games with other kids and have strong friendships. Why would you want to stay home, be home schooled and end up poor and living on the streets? Three quarters of the people who go to school will be rich, rich rich! If you are home schooled you will end up broke! So let us back in school now!

**"Learning is better at home and we should remote learn all the time"**

**Elsie Baude**

How would you like a relaxing school day? Working in the quiet, working when you want, and some days not even working at all! Home schooled kids are 80% more likely to be happy, laid back and calm adults. You have more time to explore your passions and learn new things. Keep kids at home so they can have a relaxed, creative and friendly attitude to life.

Schooling at home is an easy relaxing day. Before lunch you can work on reading, writing and maths. As there is no travelling to school, you can begin work early, so you can finish early. If you do not have time for schooling that day, you can do it either the next day or that night. Working from home is working in the quiet. There is no one to talk to you while you are working. There is no one to distract you at the table while you are working. There is no one in the room being silly to distract you. Home school is very casual, very relaxed and very peaceful.

When you work from home you can work on your passions and things that excite you. After lunch you can work on science experiments. With art you can work on a project as long as you want, rather than just an hour or two at school. If you do P.E. you can go for bush walks or roller skating or canoeing. All these things you can not do at school. You can learn how to sew,

crochet, learn how an engine works, or learn woodwork, or make dirt tracks to ride your pushbike on. If your parents can't help you learn these new passions, then you can watch youtube tutorials or do a webex with an expert.

You have the time to go on excursions out of the house and learn about a topic. You're free to explore on days rather than go to school. The supermarket could be a lesson about how much things cost. You can attend the museum and learn about art there. You can attend music shows and learn about the instruments. Home schooled kids can attend these excursions with other home schooled kids. That way you still are playing with friends and aren't lonely. Home schooled kids are never lonely, have many other home schooled friends and are free to explore the world.

Home schooling is a must for children so they can be happy and relaxed. Those that stay home and learn from home can focus on things they love rather than have the strictness of a timetable, or kids can explore more of their community on excursions. Give kids more opportunities for them to stay at home and to learn from home. It is essential for their learning!

**"Learning is better at home and we should remote learn all the time"**

**Kiara Cooper**

Learning is better at home during the coronavirus because it only takes one person for it to spread, do you want the coronavirus? It is putting our loved ones at risk. Do you have an elderly, a member that has a bad immune system or just a loved one in general? Well if you do it's putting them at risk.

The coronavirus will just start all over again if we go back to school too early and we will have to do remote learning ALL OVER AGAIN do you like remote learning or do you like seeing all your friends? You would feel a bit bored but during the coronavirus it's worth it because we need to contain this virus.

Just think of the bright side of things: you can spend more time with your family and you finish school earlier and you won't have to worry about not having a drink bottle.

**"Learning isn't better at home and we should not remote learn"**

**Louise Barnes**

Do you want children with no friends? People with no friends are lonely. No one wants lonely children! At school you get friends. At school we learn more than reading, writing and maths. We learn how to socialise! When socialising you can make new friends. Friends are really important people in our lives. To get friends you need to go to school!

At school you do a lot more exercise than at home. If you're thinking how can this be, well there is an answer for you. In school you walk around in your class room but at home you just sit down the whole time. Over 45% of people suffer from mental health. It is proven that exercising helps you keep positive.

If you're working from home how is your teacher ever going to check your work? (this does not mean to not do you work!)

Imagine in a big storm a power pole fell over and no one was allowed to fix it. Your computer would run out of batteries and no one would be able to work. That would be terrible!

If you want friends you need to go to school. If you're at home some people will slack off and not do enough work. Work is very important but so is socialising! If you have no friends you will be lonely. Go to school because you need friends!

SCHOOLS

# Welcome Back to Mitta Mitta PS.



Michael Mc Brien

It has been a very disrupted and challenging school year by any measure and it has been great to have all our students back at school as we begin our journey back to "normal". Remote learning was not easy, and while everyone did a terrific job adapting to using online platforms and working from home, I think we all agree it is a lot more fun and interesting, being back in the classroom.

Peer learning and leadership is a vital part of the school experience and while we can deliver curriculum via book packs and online portals this cannot replace the crucial social interaction and development that being in the classroom offers. We still have a way to go before we can get back to camps, excursions and Cluster days (regular events where all our small schools get together) but for now

it has just been great to get back into the classroom and catch up with everyone.

We have still had to adapt to a few changes; regular scheduled handwashing sessions, using our own drink bottles (the bubble taps are off) and working in our own seats, with our own equipment rather than from the usual community collection. It has been a lesson

in organisation and personal responsibility for all of us but one that all the students have embraced as part of the return to school.



## COFFEE BREAK PUZZLES

Answers will be provided in the next edition of the paper

### Brain Teasers / Riddles

- ① I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but come alive with wind. What am I?
- ② You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy.
- ③ I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains but no tress. I have water but no fish. What am I?
- ④ You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?
- ⑤ What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?
- ⑥ What instrument can you hear, but can't see and can't touch?

### Sudoku

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### Crossword

Across

- 1. Circle parts
- 5. Sensible
- 9. Drive back
- 14. Animator Disney
- 15. Change for a five
- 16. Avoid
- 17. Long-distance prefixes (2 wds.)
- 19. Sandwich shops
- 20. Used logic
- 21. Desirable qualities
- 22. Mess up
- 23. E-mail item
- 25. TV network
- 26. Cruelst
- 31. Festive occasion
- 34. Shy
- 37. Smell
- 38. Done
- 39. Not pos.
- 40. Insignificant
- 41. Ship
- 42. Arctic shelter
- 44. Penny \_\_\_\_
- 45. Intense fire
- 47. Pea capsule
- 49. Came in
- 52. Unruly crowd
- 55. Defeats
- 59. Needing company
- 61. Laker Shaquille \_\_\_\_
- 62. Modern convenience
- 63. "\_\_\_\_ of Two Cities" (2 wds.)
- 64. Big Dipper component
- 65. Fishing string
- 66. Famous
- 67. Coops
- 68. Exam

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Down

- 1. Knowing
- 2. More unusual
- 3. Transparent
- 4. Amtrak stops (abbr.)
- 5. Earliest
- 6. Peruvian range
- 7. Lacks
- 8. Snaky letter
- 9. What Moses parted (2 wds.)
- 10. Nights before holidays
- 11. Colorless
- 12. Rewrite text
- 13. Minus
- 18. Rooster's feature
- 21. Ripened
- 24. Pedro's friend
- 25. \_\_\_\_ blanche
- 27. Wanderer
- 28. Genesis garden
- 29. Classify
- 30. Forest plant
- 31. Asian desert
- 32. English river
- 33. Tree greenery
- 35. Gold bar
- 36. \_\_\_\_ Gibson of "Braveheart"
- 42. Small hotels
- 43. Can \_\_\_\_ (kitchen devices)
- 46. Teetered
- 48. Keats poems
- 50. Select group
- 51. Nero, e.g.
- 52. "The Matrix", e.g.
- 53. Foretelling signs
- 54. Frenchman's cap
- 55. Borrowed money
- 56. Informed about
- 57. Chair
- 58. Shopper's delight
- 60. Pretzel seasoning
- 62. Chef's measure (Abbr.)

## HEALTH

# Tallangatta Health Service News

The State of Emergency in Victoria was extended at the end of May to 11.59pm on 21 June. Whilst some restrictions are still in place, care for our patients, residents, and clients continues as we adapt our activities and processes to our everyday life.



### Influenza

#### Immunisation

HAVE you had your Influenza Immunisation for 2020? If you haven't, it's not too late. Call the Medical Centre on 02 6071 5200 to make an appointment.



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Department of Health & Human Services target rate 2019-20 **90%**

### COVID-19 Testing

TESTING for COVID-19 is at the Albury Wodonga Health Clinic. If you have any symptoms you may call your General Practitioner, or call the clinic on 02 6058 4444 to arrange an appointment for a test.

Alternatively, you may call the **COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 675 398**

All individuals being tested for COVID-19 should home isolate until test results are available.

It is important to stay informed of the current COVID-19 situation. Make sure that the information you are receiving is from a reliable source. The Department of Health and Human Services website has current updates at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

COVID-19 symptoms to be aware of are:

1. Fever OR chills with no other known cause

OR

2. Cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of sense of smell

OR

3. New onset of headache, myalgia (muscle pain), nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

AND

• who are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19, or

• who have returned from overseas in the past 14 days, or

• are a Health Care or Aged Care Worker.

### Residents

SINCE the COVID-19 restrictions came into place and as part of their activities, the Tallangatta Girl Guides have been writing letters to residents of Bolga Court and Lakeview. Several of the residents also began responding, resulting in them being matched as pen pals. Maisie was keen for her pen pal to see what she does here at Bolga Court so she knitted a beanie to send to her pen pal

Amelia.

The kiosk at Bolga Court has been revamped and stocked for resident purchases. Now open on a weekly basis, it has provided opportunity for residents to "go shopping" without going shopping. The newly named "Merry Poppins" kiosk is ably manned by volunteer John. Thanks to all the residents who contributed to the suggestions of this naming.



Above: Girl Guide Amelia with her new beanie



Above: John and Maisie at the new "Merry Poppins" kiosk

### Community Services

THE Tallangatta Health Services My Community Home Care Team are still providing personal care, in home respite, district nursing care and domestic assistance to community clients. Transport is being provided to clients to attend medical appointments only. Wherever possible, clients are encouraged to make telehealth appointments with their medical practitioner.

We continue to make changes to our service in line with the Victorian Government to prevent the risk of COVID-10 to staff, clients, patients and the broader community.

This involves:

- Screening clients prior to service for any risk of COVID-19 and not transporting clients who are unwell with respiratory symptoms or who have been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

- Screening all our health care workers and temperature checking them prior to commencing work. No staff who are unwell will be rostered to work.

- Observing social distancing requirements and strict hand hygiene procedures when providing services. We disinfect all surfaces and equipment that may be used by clients, and vehicles in which clients are transported in.

Why not shout yourself to a night off from cooking!!

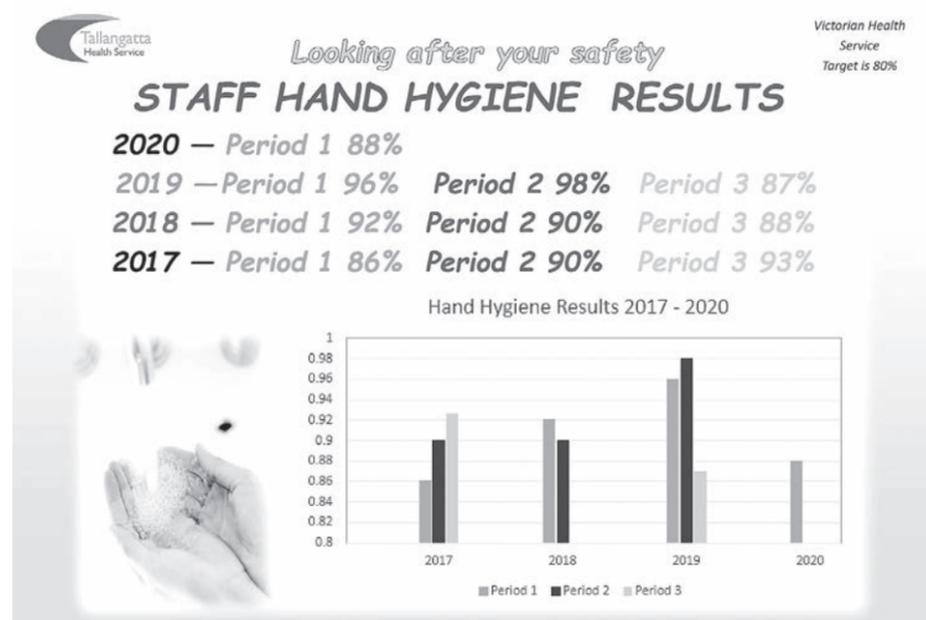
Tallangatta Health Service has teamed up with the Mitta Pub to provide 3 course chef quality meals delivered to your door for \$20. Delivery is free. You must be registered with My Aged Care.

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### Hand Hygiene

THE simplest and most effective way to prevent passing infections on to other people in hospital is to wash your hands. This applies to everyone in the hospital setting; visitors are encouraged to wash their hands on entering and leaving the facility. To enable this Tallangatta Health Service has strategically placed and increased hand sanitisers at entry points throughout the organisation. Tallangatta

Health Service monitors the hand hygiene of staff. An Infection Prevention and Control Coordinator (IPCC) conducts hand hygiene audits to ensure compliance is above the benchmark of 80%. To date we consistently exceed this. The result is benchmarked against other organisations and the results are reported to staff, consumers and the Board.



Above: Hand Hygiene Poster



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**2020 Combined  
Primary School's Open Day  
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*We look forward to welcoming all our new students for  
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Due to COVID-19 restrictions in place for both schools, we have  
made the joint decision to delay our Open Day until further notice.  
**HOWEVER, ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN  
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## Local Honoured With State Volunteers Award



The Kiewa-Tangambalanga community was pleasantly surprised when they received the news that one of their own, Allan Croucher, had been honoured with The Weekly Times Heart Volunteers Award.

The Weekly Times partnered with the Powercor Country Festival for this inaugural award, which celebrates rural volunteers in the categories of Sport, Community, Environment and Coles Emergency Responders. The campaign was launched in March, with nominations coming from all over the state of Victoria and resulting in four winners being declared. Allan received his award for his contribution to Sport and in particular, his dedication to volunteering with the Kiewa Sandy Creek Football Club.

Allan played football in his early days with Kiewa but has played a larger role off-field, initially on the committee, with several years as President of the Club. But Allan is best known as a "Behind the Scenes" worker - at working bees, Allan has often been the first to

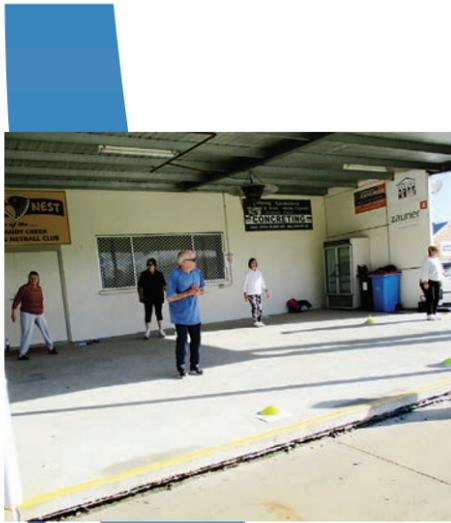
turn up and the last to go home. If there is a need for carpentry at the club for some small job, just call on Allan. He has provided the music for many functions over the years, using his extensive collection of records, tapes CD's etc. Whenever a microphone is needed, Allan is the go-to man. His collection of football memorabilia over the years is something to be admired so whenever there is need for history, Allan is the one to seek out.

His willingness to assist the Football Club, no matter what the task, makes Allan special and contributes to the many reasons why the Club has been so successful over the years.

Allan is also a dedicated volunteer with the Kiewa-Tangam Lions club and previously with the local CFA. He has recently joined the committee of The Kiewa Memorial Park.

The local community and surrounds congratulates Allan on his award and conveys the hope that he may continue his volunteering.

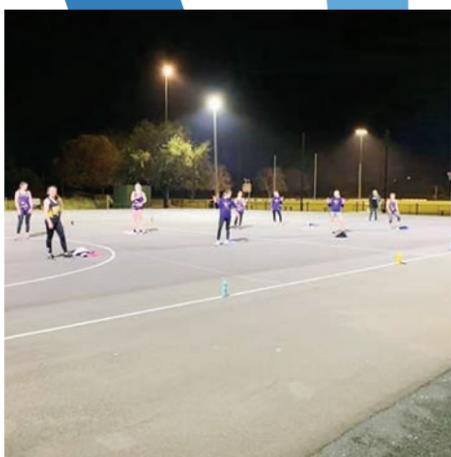
Allan will be presented with his award at a function in Melbourne.



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## VALE - PETER KEMP "KEMPY"



The local and wider communities are saddened at the recent passing of a popular and long-time resident of Tangambalanga. Peter, or "Kempy" as he was commonly referred to, spent his early years at Upper Sandy Creek, where he attended Upper Sandy Creek Primary school. After the sudden death of his father Bert, Peter, together with his older brother Gary and mother Betty, moved into Wodonga and he finished his schooling there. Peter never lost touch with the local area, meeting and marrying the love of his life, Marree and settling in Tangambalanga. His working life was spent in the supermarket and bread delivery industries. Peter enjoyed tennis, playing for his Upper Sandy Creek tennis club for many years.

To say Peter was actively involved in his local community is understating the enormous amount of time and energy he devoted to the Kiewa -Sandy Creek Football-Netball Club. He was a past player, committee man of many years, club president and a committee member of the Tallangatta and District Football League, resulting in him being recognised with life

membership of both those organisations. An incredibly special achievement.

In the wider community too, Peter was always willing to assist, or be part of, an organising group supporting any worthwhile or much-needed cause.

Peter will be remembered for the way he would quietly go about methodically carrying out any duty bestowed upon him, within whatever his role or assigned task was as a committee man and volunteer. The love for his immediate family and respect he earned from them, ensured that whatever Peter was up to in any volunteering role, his wife Marree and daughters Sarah and Alicia were always by his side, rolling up their sleeves to pitch in and make it a truly family affair.

Tangambalanga and its surrounding districts have been enriched by the generosity of Peter's involvement in serving our community in so many ways.

Peter Kemp will be greatly missed by his vast network of friends and family.

Rest peacefully Kempy.



**Diary Dates**

Do you have an event happening?  
Please let us know!

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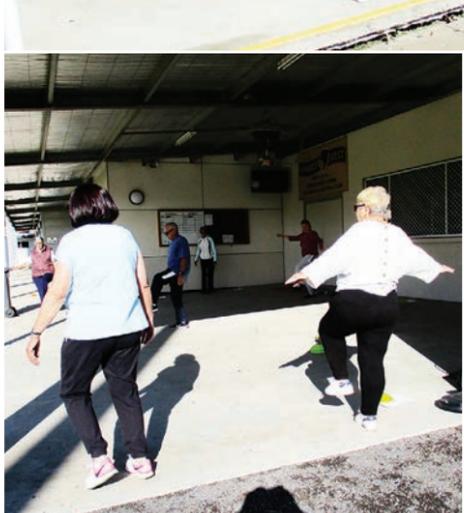
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## Community News

### Tangam Exercise Group



With the permission of Indigo Shire and Coulston Park committee, the Tangam exercise group moved outdoors during COVID 19 restrictions. Physical distancing is observed, along with hand-sanitising. With their volunteer trainer, Ian, the regular participants have enjoyed being able to recommence exercising, albeit with reduced numbers.



### ?? Did You Know ??

We live in an enclosed universe which means that the water available on our planet is limited. As 60% of an adult's body is composed of water, each birth means less water is available for use in the environment. Added to this, each person then requires more water to sustain life.

The clearance of land of vegetation can cause rain to fall over oceans in lieu of land masses. Less vegetative cover also aids in the drying out of soil which in turn retards the decomposition any leaves etc. Soil moisture is essential for good soil health.

Perhaps we need to rethink what we produce and make sure that we obtain the highest return for each litre used to produce food or goods.

We are receiving less and less water in our environment. It is doubtful that desalination is a solution. We would need to know the saturation level the ocean can absorb. Extra salination will have an impact on algae, fish and other sea creatures. Food for thought.

### Donation of Wood to Worthy Corryong Recipients



Worthy recipients receive a donation of wood.



Lions members with the Corryong wood merchant

The ongoing effects of the devastating bushfires last Summer are still being felt and community groups far and wide are still wanting to help. One such group, the Caboolture East Lions Club from Queensland, made a generous donation and asked the Kiewa-Tangam Lions Club to administer it. It was decided to use the donation to purchase loads of firewood for residents of Corryong and district who had

been affected by the fires.

Kiewa-Tangam Lions members arranged for a Corryong wood merchant to provide the wood to worthy recipients and accompanied him to deliver it. The people who received the load of wood were very appreciative and thank the Caboolture East Lions for their kind donation and also to the Kiewa/ Tangambalanga Lions Club for organizing the delivery.



### Vale

It is with deep regret that we farewell  
Robert (Rob) DARE  
Passed away on the 18th May 2020

\*  
Hugh (Hughie) LEWIS  
Passed away on the 22nd May 2020

\*  
Peter KEMP (Kempy)  
Passed away on the 1st June 2020

The Kiewa River Gazette extends its condolences to the family, extended family and friends.



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CHECK OUR WEBSITE ON DATES FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS  
All meetings whether held in person in the Council Chambers or conducted electronically will be live streamed at:  
<https://indigoshire.vic.gov.au/live>

### DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE DUE TO COVID-19?

We're working with local community groups and organisations to connect you to a range of support services.

If you need assistance you can call 1300 365 003 and speak to our dedicated Pandemic Coordination Team which can support you to receive regular updates.

Visit the website for more information on how Council is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

The Commonwealth and Victorian Governments \$10,000 bushfire recovery grants are now available for Indigo businesses which have suffered a downturn as a result of the summer fires.

Eligible small businesses are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. You can find out more as well as any additional support that may be available to you by visiting [www.brvc.vic.gov.au](http://www.brvc.vic.gov.au).

### ON EXHIBITION

We've got a number of documents on public exhibition, including the 2020-21 Indigo Shire Draft Budget.

Documents are available on our website and submissions are invited from all interested community members.

Details on closing dates and how to make a submission are included on each item.

# At the Cinema

# Police Chat

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**Genre:** Comedy/Drama  
**If you liked:** Captain Fantastic and JoJo Rabbit  
**Where you can watch:** SBS OnDemand

'Hunt for The Wilderpeople' tells the story of a young troublemaker, Ricky Baker (Dennison) and his newest foster family. Unfortunate circumstances force Ricky and his resistant and unwelcoming foster father, Hector (Neil), to escape to the New Zealand bush. They hide and run from authorities who wish to take Ricky away from Hector to Juvenile Prison. This turn of events sets new adventures and hardships for the unlikely pair.

This film is directed by the unique Taika Waititi. It is consistently funny but also emotionally brutal at times. A connection to the characters is so easily made but also tested, as Waititi cleverly pulls at the empathy of the audience. Similarities can be made to Taika's most recent film, JoJo Rabbit, as there is a child protagonist and it contains some absurd but very well-written themes.

Hunt for The Wilderpeople is recommended for all ages and all families; there is something in it for everyone. The film is available to view on SBS OnDemand or on the SBS movie channel a few times a month due to its popularity. This is a must-see film for all its quirkiness and its unique spin on the comedic/drama genre.

**By Maggie Heffernan**

**Title:** Hunt for The Wilderpeople  
**Director:** Taika Waititi  
**Starring:** Sam Neil, Julian Dennison  
**Recommended for:** All  
**Rating:** PG  
**Stars:** ★★★★★

Winter is again upon us. Since COVID19 restrictions were put in place, many of you have driven less and some people have not driven at all. We all owe ourselves and other road users the courtesy of our vehicles being safe on the road. Most people know how to check oil and water and while these are both important, there are some other things you need to do to keep yourself safe on the road. And you don't need to be a mechanic to do some basic checks that can also save you money in the long run.

First – check your tyres. All tyres have tread wear indicators – this is a small raised piece of rubber between the lines of tread. If these indicators are at the same height as the tread, it's time for some new tyres. Make sure the tread runs across the whole width of the tyre and its not worn or bald on the inside/outside. If this is the case, you need to get your tyres balanced. Make sure they have the right amount of air in them for your vehicle and needs. Your service book should tell you this magic number as a PSI (pounds per square inch). You may also find a label/sticker / placard on this inside frame of one of the front doors.

Make sure all your lights are working. You can do this by yourself by looking at the reflection of your car in a window. If you're comfortable with a screwdriver you can replace most bulbs yourself for minimal expense. If not, a mechanic can do this for you for a fee or as part of a routine service.

Make sure your windscreen is clear and free from cracks and stone chips. While you're at it, give the windscreen a clean on the inside as well as the outside. Check your wipers and blades. Make sure they sluice the water off cleanly so you can see out the windscreen. If your blades are leaving water lines, it's time to replace them. This is another easy to do at home job.

Time to pop the bonnet. If you're not sure how to do this, you will need to follow the instructions in your vehicle manual. Under the bonnet you will find a water reservoir for the windscreen. Make sure you fill this up with clean water. There are lots of additives you can get, but so long as it has clean water in it, you'll be fine.

By now you should know if your battery is flat! Depending on who you ask, car batteries last for between 2 and 5 years. Make sure your battery is clean on the outside and there are no leaks, cracks or bulges. Lots of mechanics will test your battery to determine if you need to replace it or not.

While you're there, look at the engine in

general and check if there are any puddles of oil visible. This can indicate a problem that you may need to see an expert to get checked out.

Obviously, this is not the be-all and end-all. It's important to take care of your vehicle and get it serviced regularly. Just as you need to re-fuel to keep your car moving, you need to make sure all these parts are working cohesively. If you can't see clearly out the windscreen you may miss something that is important for you to respond to. If your tyres are bald and you need to brake, you will slide instead of stopping. If your lights aren't working and another driver/rider can't see you or that you're braking/turning, collisions can – and do – happen. These are all avoidable.

As life – slowly – starts to return to our new normal, lets all make some good habits. These tasks take only a short time to complete and are free to check. Replacing bulbs and wiper blades is easy to do with lots of You Tube videos showing you how to do it.

If you are driving an unsafe or modified vehicle that does not comply with the standards for registration you can receive a penalty notice of \$413 and/or a notice of unroadworthy – which some people call a 'canary' thanks to the yellow slip that will get stuck to your windscreen. More importantly, if you are involved in a collision and your vehicle was in an unsafe condition contributing to the collision, you may receive significant charges. Or you could kill or seriously injure yourself, a loved one, or another road user.



Tyre Wear Indicators



Most vehicles are computerised these days – but you still need to check some basics.

Stay safe,  
**LSC Lisa Lorenz**  
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# Lions Club News



Times are slowly changing and opportunities are gradually opening up to get us back to safe socialising, so I'm sure it won't be long until Lions are back to regular meetings. In the meantime, isolation has provided an opportunity to highlight some of the regular work that the Club does that is not always noticed by those who are not part of Lions. Even during restrictions, the Lions have managed to get these things done. One such long-term and regular activity is the groundskeeping at the Kiewa Cemetery, which is kept neat and tidy. Another is the well-kept grounds of the Anglican Church, which you might notice if you happen

to walk along Huon-Kiewa Road. This is supported by both Lions and the members of the church.

These tasks don't just happen, they are done because of the dedication and consistency shown by Lions and community members.



Lion Kevin Cooper



Lion Alan Blackman



# CFA News

Some time ago, the Kiewa Fire Brigade applied for a grant for a building project to extend our meeting room. The brigade was notified in early 2019 of our successful

application. The larger meeting room will help our growing brigade to hold larger meetings and conduct classroom-type training.

The cost of the works is close to \$100k.



# Kergunyah CWA News



Our ladies got their needles out and have been very busy putting together our package of knitted woolies which is now on its way to support the Swifts Creek Mountain Project. Thank you, ladies,

your continued enthusiasm to help out in the community in any way you can is inspiring!

We are hoping to resume our monthly meetings with a dinner out in July. It will be great to all be together again and get back to working in the community once more. No doubt there will be much chatter as we all catch up on the events of the last few months.

If being isolated has made you realise how much you enjoy the company of others

and would like to meet some new friends, then please get in touch. Our doors are always open to new members. If you'd like to just meet in a casual setting first, let me know, we'd love for you to join us at our July dinner. Leanne 0408 431299





# KVPS News

## Welcome Back!



What a wonderful welcome back to school it was for the children in grades F-2/3!

We started the day with balloons and happy faces after ten weeks of staying at home with family. Teachers and children were all happy to see each other.

Overall the children were very excited to be back with their friends who they have greatly missed. The children have settled back into our school routines beautifully, although we have had to make some small changes. They are not required to socially distance, but we encourage the children

to stay in their personal spaces. Hand-sanitising and cleaning of school surfaces is happening regularly throughout the day, with all the children aware of the need to stay safe while at school. We have all enjoyed returning to regular classroom work with art, music and physical education back on the agenda.

Most children have loved being at home and it has been fantastic to see their growth in their learning, which was hugely supported by their parents. On return to school, we have undertaken team-building activities to strengthen relationships and enable the children to re-connect.



The remainder of the school (Grade 3-6) returned on Tuesday 9th June. We are sure that many more happy faces will be visible at our wonderful school.



Above: Matilda and Harry read books to their foundation buddies  
Left: Students playing on the new school bus construction at Kiewa Valley Primary School

Ella and Lachlan get ready to do a 'Big Write' about their experiences when doing their remote learning, on their first week back at school. As you can see, they are happy to be back at school and getting back to normal.



## Ghost Whisperer



### The Sandy Creek Change Rooms



up in a drain. Players and club officials who use the room are to blame for this. This is the reason for the blocked shower outlet. The garbage removed from the drain was so disgusting it is hard to imagine

The Sandy Creek Football Ground, home of the Tallangatta League Finals, has long been lauded as the MCG of country football. And so it might be, but when it comes to the Sandy Creek change room facilities this is a different matter and has long been a bone of contention. It is interesting to read the following in the 1979 Tallangatta League Qualifying Final Record under the Yackandandah Football club notes:

"P.S. We all hope to see 'Sandy' Thomas, Doug Williams and other members of the 'Executive' under the showers after the game. Provide your own soap and hot water."

Well of course this needed a right of reply from the Executive and it came via the following week's Record.

"In reference to the remarks directed at the League Executive, I wish to make the following comments on its behalf. The club facilities at Sandy Creek is by no means as everyone would like it to be. With relation to the shower recess of the rooms, I feel that it should be mentioned about the condition of the showers after they have been used.

All disposable rubbish is dumped into the shower recess. You name it, it ends

human beings used the rooms.

Action has been taken by the Executive to arrange extra duty to the Clubs working at the finals to have one person responsible for rooms and showers.

We appreciate the fact that problems do occur from time to time. When they do arise we ask for cooperation as our task is not an easy one. Sandy Thomas -League Secretary"

That was forty years ago and since then, a lot of work and money has been poured into the facilities in general. However, the change rooms, despite some improvement, can still cause some angst from competing clubs. At least with the local Lions Club appointed to do the clean-up of the aforementioned facilities, you can be assured that the players will have clean showers, plenty of soap and hot water.



## Netball Natters



Restrictions have finally eased up enough to allow netball training to go back! On the 1st of June, Kiewa Sandy Creek netballers were given the green light by the government that training could resume...just with a lengthy list of guidelines to follow from Netball Victoria. Some of these are listed below:

- Players can train in groups of up to 20 plus the coach and essential support personnel
- 1.5 metres physical distancing must be maintained
- There are to be no contact drills with minimal use of shared equipment
- An attendance checklist must be kept
- All equipment – from goal post pads to balls – must be cleaned between each training
- And hand sanitizer will continue to be everyone's best friend!

The A Grade team has hit the gym, working hard to regain their fitness with the hope of being able to play this year. The 17's team have also returned to the courts, absolutely loving being able to socialise with their teammates again. The rest of the teams are yet to train – waiting for their coaches to get everything organised for their return.

Curious to know how the first training back went, I spoke to the 17's coach, Allie Cassidy, to find out.

**What did you have to do in preparation for the commencement of the 17's training?**

I had to have a meeting with Dawn Cardwell prior to our start date to go through all the guidelines. I then had

to do an online course to cement my understanding of these restrictions.

**What activities/drills did the girls do?**

This week we just worked on our fitness as there are so many exercises the girls can do by themselves – no interaction needed! And it was a good way to ease back into exercising without being too easy.

**What did you do to make sure all the Covid-19 guidelines were met?**

I had to go down early and divide the court with chalk into 3 x 3 metre squares. The girls then had to keep their drink bottles, towels and themselves within their allocated square. I also had information posters the girls had to read and went through the guidelines they needed to follow. We had designated drop off and pick up points for the girls as well, and on arrival and departure, they all had to hand-sanitize.

**How did the training go overall?**

I know all the girls were super happy to be back! I must say there was probably more catch-up talk than there was fitness being done, but that's what I wanted – for all the team to reconnect. I thought this was a good move for our 17's team to have some sort of an outlet and something familiar in such an unpredictable time. The support of the club also made things so much easier!

Being able to socialise and do some form of netball has had a huge positive impact on the girls. Going back to training hopefully means we are another step closer to being able to play again. For now, stay safe, stay well and GO HAWKS!



Under 17s Training