

CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

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*Monthly newsletter of the Clunes Tourist and
Development Association*

VALE TIM HAYES

Timothy Kevin Hayes (1950 - 2023)

Tim Hayes was a community leader and internationalist who rejuvenated the township of Clunes and saw its population double.

Tim had strong family connections to the Victorian Labor Party, especially at the time of the Democratic Labor Party split of 1955 and wrote about this in his chapter 'Faith of our Fathers' in *The Great Labor Schism: A Retrospective* (2005) edited by Costar, Love and Strangio. This interest in politics shaped his public life.

In 1998, after working in local government, Tim and his partner, Michael Waugh, purchased an impressive historic building which was once the old Telegraph Hotel. It had been a Cobb & Co coach terminus and was one of the places the founding fathers discussed federation and the constitution. At the time the impressive building was known as Keebles Country House and was run as elegant accommodation and a restaurant. The pair continued to run this business for eight years.



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MARKET UPDATE

by Chris Culvenor

After a very dry five weeks the fine weather continued for the November Market with a very cool fine morning.

With continued support of regular and new stallholders there was plenty of variety for the big crowd in attendance.

A new stallholder for the first time were Daniel and Kristin Lemura representing Noble Bootleggers from Bendigo: a new family-run distilling company selling a wide range of alcoholic drink products directly to the public.

The woodraffle was again very well supported with the wood going to yet another first-time winner, Louise Moonhaven of Clunes with number 73.

There were a number of valued vouchers supplied and the follow winners were drawn:

Clunes IGA	Carmel Betts
Timeless Harmony	Lorraine Hogan
Clunes Newsagency	Richard Habicht
Obsessed	Darrell Drieberg
Widow Twankies	David Whiting

Thank you to one of our stallholders, Mitch Barker (Cornish Fudge) for drawing the raffle. A thank you, again, to Vinnie Poole for the supply of wood to the market .

On his return to Australia from Bolivia, Jorge Cuba was kindly given the role of playing for the market by his friend, Des Kennedy. What a unique musical talent Jorge is. Thank you for your support.

The December Christmas market will see our first Summer market and the last market for 2023. The music will be provided by Leti from Spain. Leti is on a touring holiday of Australia and wished to play in support of Clunes and the market. We thank Leti for her support of the November market and her request to play in December.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our next market is on December 10 from 9am to 1pm.

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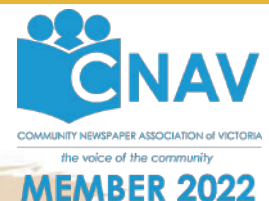
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WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26-Nov Sunday@Attitude, 4:30pm-8pm	27-Nov Christmas Shopping Bus Trip, Bus departs 6 Templeton St, 9am Men's Shed, 18 Alliance St, 10am Mobility Strength & Balance (MSB), Attitude, 10am Meditation, Attitude, 4pm Cardio & Strength Training, Attitude, 5:30-6:30pm Mahjong, Meeting Room, Attitude, 5:30- 7:30pm	28-Nov Open House Meals delivered AM Clunes Trekkers, Collins Place, 8:30am Lily Mason Yoga, 7pm, Attitude	29-Nov Men's Shed, 18 Alliance St, 10am Indigenous Heritage Sites, Attitude, 10am- 4pm Mobility Strength & Balance (MSB), Attitude, 10am Mad Chatters, Rose & Oak, 2-4pm Cardio & Strength Training, Footy Club, 5:30-6:30pm	30-Nov Clunes Artist Group, Attitude, 1-4pm Barefoot Bowls, 4 Ligar St, 6-9pm	1-Dec 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 Dancin' Clunes, Town Hall, 7:30- 11pm	2-Dec Clunes Artist Group, Attitude, 11am-4pm Pétanque, 2- 4pm, Collins Place
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24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1-Jan New Year's Day					

Tim recognised the value of tourism in renewing country towns and called a committee together to form a sister city relationship with Coloma in the US. Like Clunes, it had been the place of gold's first discovery. The sister city relationship was officially acknowledged by the El Dorado County Board in February 2000. Tim and his committee held annual celebrations in the extensive grounds of Keebles which raised funds for local clubs and groups. These had an American theme, were joined by US officials, and often celebrated Broadway musicals.

At this time Tim joined the staff as administrator of the newly created Year Nine residential campus of Wesley College in Clunes. Tim was the interface between Wesley and the Clunes community. His background in hospitality and local government stood him in good stead, as did his wickedly irreverent sense of humour and his impeccable understanding of how to make things work. Under his leadership Wesley and Clunes formed a strong relationship which endures to this day.

In 2001 he was instrumental in setting up a Clunes committee to steer the celebrations of 150 years since gold discovery. These were so successful the events won the Judges Award for Best Tourism Association Event in the Regional at the 2002 Goldfields Tourism Awards.

His love of theatre saw him form the local amateur society where its annual productions included the musical, *The Boyfriend* and the Australian classic, *Dimboola*. He and his partner established Widow Twankey's Confectionery Emporium and ice cream parlour as a fantastical shop on Fraser Street in the theme of *Aladdin*. The bright colours and magical display of confectionery created a tourism icon and assisted the reinvigoration of Clunes's main street. They operated this business until 2021.

In 2006 he was elected councillor and, in 2007, became Mayor of Hepburn Shire. One of his most outstanding achievements was the \$3.23 million redevelopment of the Clunes Museum and Interpretive Centre and significant renovations to the Clunes and District Agricultural Show grounds.

In 2007 he, along with Graeme Johnstone, Linda Newitt and Tess Brady, founded Clunes Booktown, a long-running project which significantly enhanced tourism and prosperity in the town. Its annual festival today attracts around 15,000 visitors and is a highlight of the regional calendar. For 10 years Tim ran the secretariat ensuring the organisation was well-run and flexible enough to be creative and also embrace opportunities. He oversaw the 2010 bid to join the International Organisation of Booktowns, the first membership offered to a town in the southern hemisphere.

He served on several community and local boards including as Chair of the Central Highlands Regional Libraries Corporation (2010 - 2012) and as a member of the Community Bank, Creswick and District taking an active role on the board from 2014 until 2021 where he served as a member of the Business Development Committee and the chairperson of the Audit & Finance Committee.

Whip-smart, funny, and a person of great substance, Tim's contributions to his community will be counted for many years to come.

Tim died on October 28 2023 after an illness. He is survived by his loving partner, Michael Waugh.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

by **Sonia Jardine, Principal**

As the 2023 school year draws to a close, it is very important to sincerely thank everyone across the school, and wider Clunes community, for supporting our school. Your support makes our great school GREAT!

Once again, we have enjoyed a very successful year. We've celebrated some excellent academic results, and put in place extra supports to assist with mental health, social and emotional wellbeing. In 2024 we will begin to implement The Resilience Project which will focus on 'resilience', a burgeoning community issue across the state. We continue to be a health promoting school and have valued Wesley @ Clunes' weekly fruit and veggie donation, via the Clunes Green Grocer. Our senior students' Attitudes to School Survey data was very positive, as was the Staff Opinion Survey. The Parent/Carer Opinion Survey data has not yet been released.

We've been incredibly fortunate to have received community donations and grants. Two grants in particular have been immediately successful: 'Sniff', our therapy dog visiting weekly, and the construction of the GaGa Pit. Clunes and greater district businesses have also gone 'all out' to support our Energy Breakthrough program.

Thank you, School Council President, Jo Henderson-Drife, and all school council members, families, students and staff.

Merry Christmas, everyone! Wishing you a happy and safe festive season.

CLUNES SHOW

CLUNES CELEBRATES ITS 160TH SHOW IN STYLE

by Gayle Wrigley

The sun shone and the crowds rolled up as Clunes finally celebrated its 160th Spring Show on Saturday November 18, 2023.

An action-packed program kept people busy for the whole day. Special features for this year included wood chopping displays by the Midlands Axemen, the beautiful Sandy Creek Clydesdales, a virtual reality Header Simulator, R2D2 the robot, shearing demonstrations, a tractor pull competition and medieval combat exhibitions complete with full armour and swords.

In true country show style there were animals everywhere: miniature goats, sheep and cattle, pony rides, over 120 birds in the poultry competition, sheep, lambs and cattle; not to mention the beauty of the horses as they competed in the arena. Wicked Wildlife were also there, along with ferret races, a dog high jump competition and lots of people who brought their own animals for the Pet Show.

Patrons enjoyed local food and wine, and live music played throughout the day, highlighted by the Ballarat Pipe Band at lunch time.

The 25th anniversary of the Bute Ute competition did not disappoint with a large array of entries across 10 classes.

Always a hit with the kids, the carnival this year featured dodgem cars, an Alien invasion ride and a host of other fun stuff. Carrisbrook Lions Club's Aston the Train was a favourite for the little ones, and so was the Giant Sandpit which the under 10s scoured all day, -firstly in search of money prizes, and later just for the fun of it. Professor Wallace's puppets and Parkers Mini Circus played throughout the day.

The homecrafts pavilion was buzzing with over 1,300 entries presented to the judges-photographs, art and craft, baked goods, flowers and even a scarecrow competition!

As the day drew to a close, competition was as fierce as always in the ladies' woodsplit, gumboot and keg throw, tug of war and sheaf tossing competitions.

What a great day! Thanks to the sponsors, performers, exhibitors, community groups and volunteers who made the day happen. And of course to the thousands of people, old, young and everything in between, who came to make all the hard work worthwhile.



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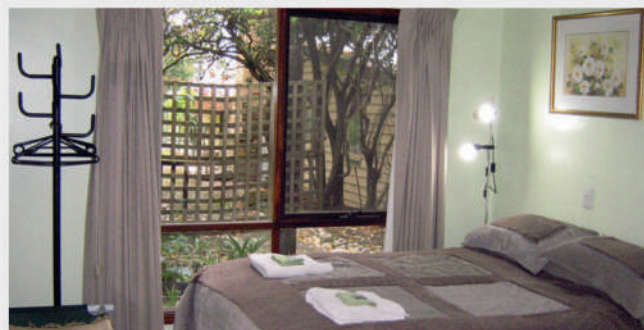
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FOOTY CLUB

By Kath Milne

It's hard to believe that season 2023 has come to an end and we are now preparing for season 2024.

As I reflect upon the year, I think of all that has been achieved by individuals and as teams, and all under the banner of CFNC and support for and from our community. We saw financial support from many people and businesses across Clunes and surrounding areas. We had representation in the finals and B Grade netball through to the big dance, with community members supporting us throughout the season and parents rallying.

Players, young and old alike, enjoyed the game, the people, the place, and the challenge. The Junior Presentation night with 187 people in attendance, and Senior Presentation night with 110 people in attendance, made us feel that we had ticked the boxes that measure success. As a committee, we know we need to continue to do so and that next year our numbers at these events will be as good, if not better, than this year.

We often talk about the club being the place where we want families to be, and a place where we experience success on and off the field/court. We continue to strive to achieve this while always making the place a safe environment for all, and a place to make connections. We hope you experienced that this year.

We thank our sponsors and all that they provide for the club. Sponsorship comes in many forms, and they are all vital to the health and wellbeing of our club. We thank our major sponsors in BW Advisers, Shayne Reese Swimming and Petstock who have committed to the club for three years.

CFNC also acknowledges those in our community who are no longer with us. We extend our sympathies to all those families, in particular Michael Waugh and family on the passing of Tim Hayes. Tim and Michael have been supporters of the club over many years and provided many vouchers for the junior players. Tim has given his all to the town and the people in it, and he will be sorely missed. Lana DeKort's mum, Rosie, suddenly passed away and we extend our sympathy to Lana and family. Lana and the Clunes Neighbourhood House have continued to support the club, and we are most appreciative.

We congratulate Molly Bedwell and Lachy Wrigley on the safe arrival of Hudson Alexander, the newest addition to their family and our club. Much joy to them and we look forward to one day seeing him don the club colours!

Thank you to all those who contributed to the 160th Clunes Show. It was a ripper! Plenty to see and do for old and young alike. The Show committee should be congratulated on their hard work to make that one day in November such a success. This year CFNC, along with other clubs of Clunes, had a stand providing good exposure for our clubs. We decided to run a competition anyone could enter: choose a netball or football and get it through the bullseye. Those participants' names went into "the hat". We had two winners, Jacob and Stacey, who went home feeling chuffed with their new Sherrin football and netball respectively.

Our AGM was on November 26 at 11am where office bearers will be voted in. By the time you are reading this, all will be revealed, so check into the club to find out more or wait for the January edition. Many thanks to those who have held these important positions in 2023, and we thank them for their commitment to the job and the club. Andrew Stinchcombe had his first year as President and has done a great job making the place an even better place to be. Taking over the batten from Brendan Sheehan was always going to be a big ask for anyone, but Stinchy has really continued the legacy with aplomb. Thank you!

Senior Football and Netball training has begun. Dates are as follows:

November 15, 22 and 29

December 6 and 13

January 10, 17, 24, 29 and 31

For further information please contact:

Director of Football, Luke Harper on 0403 462 194.

Director Of Netball, Christine Hill on 0420 780 588.

CFNC would also like to take the opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. Hopefully the new year will bring joy, love, and laughter. We hope to see many of you at the club again next year, whether as a player, sponsor, volunteer, or as a community member. Regardless, please know we value your support and contributions. For those who like to be organised, our first home game for the season will be the Community Round, so please plan to come on down and show your support.

A NOTE OF THANKS

by **Lana de Kort**

Research studies* show what makes a good community is feeling invested in it (belonging, feeling welcome), having influence (appreciated, respected), being able to meet your needs (socially, economically) and sharing emotional connection.

So far, 2023 has been a big year and for many it's gone fast. So fast, in fact, it's often easy to miss the milestones or the moments that make you proud. So why not try a little positive psychology trick we recently promoted in our 'Wellbeing Works' blogs at www.boomclunes.org? We wrote a note of thanks to ourselves so we could see just how much had been accomplished in 2023, reflect on the relationships that made that possible, and pause to celebrate the meaning behind it all!

It's been a big year of change for Clunes Neighbourhood House! We had to find a new home, and did, at the former Clunes Free Lending Library. We've had teams of volunteers and trades working on that building since we began works in February. This term we opened our front doors for the first time, welcoming people into our office, meeting room and parlour. Works are still happening in the bathrooms, main hall and grounds.

We grew our Open House meals to nearly 100 meals a week, introducing home visits to keep in touch with our neighbours and launching weekly school lunches in partnership with the primary school. We've done all this while running our usual programs, operating BOOM and delivering a range of exciting partnership projects including Go Local, Wellbeing Works, Living and Ageing Well in Hepburn and, recently, Space to Care: Connecting Carers in Clunes. This has only been possible because of the generosity of our community, volunteers and partners. We've done all of this with good cheer, adaptability (lol) and hard work. It's important to take a moment to celebrate – because there is lots of which to be proud. Thank you, everyone. It's amazing what we've been able to achieve together!

Why don't you write yourself 'A Note of Thanks,' too? You might be stunned when you see what you feel thankful for this year!

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FISHING TALES

By **Peggy Moore**

Fishing results: October 14 & 15 Newbridge weekend

Great weekend camping and fishing with 11 members participating. Many belly laughs and banter. What a great bunch of anglers! Congratulations to Ray who took out the prize for the largest Yellow Belly for the weekend at 44cm closely followed by Ken and Shane with a 42cm Yellow Belly each. Other fish caught: 2 x Cod, 1 x Carp and 11 x Yellow Belly.

November 12: The Bunny Spark Shield

Open competition fishing local waters in Clunes. Nine anglers fished for the longest trout of the day and the winner of the Shield for 2023 was 10-year-old Hunter Jones with his 42cm Rainbow Trout. Congratulations, Hunter.

November 25 and 26: Snapper comp Port Phillip Bay

Result will be in the next newsletter.


Next competition: December 2 and 3 Cod Opening. Cod competition. Location to be confirmed.

Club meeting: First Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

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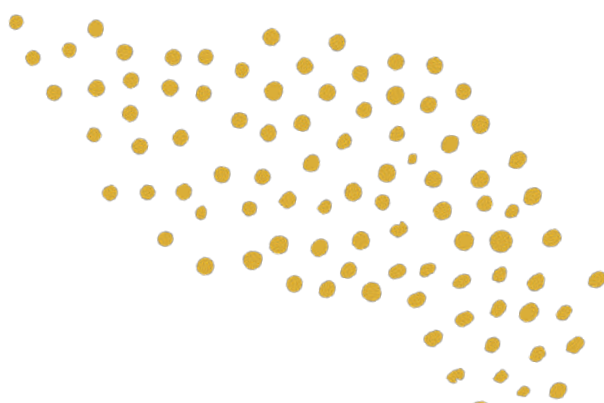
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This service will extend to other Shire townships in early 2024.

Once FOGO is introduced Shire-wide, general rubbish (red-lidded landfill) bins will change to fortnightly collection for all townships.

This will be a shift for many households and we will share information in the coming months to help with the transition.

Find out more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/FOGO

Please continue to keep rubbish and recycling out of your FOGO bin.

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CLUNES GOLF CLUB

by **Brendon Butler**

Golf at the Clunes course is moving into its 'Summer' phase with reduced rain and increasing warmth promoting firmer surfaces, better scores and collapsing handicaps.

Clunes GC Club Champions 2023

Congratulations to our 2023 Club Champions, presented with their trophies for the various events and championships held through the year on Sunday, November 19:

Open Tournament

Women's Champion (Marg Fox Trophy): Rhonda Dryne (Creswick/RACV)

Four Ball Best Ball (4BBB/pairs): Dean Marshall (Clunes) & John Purcell (Talbot)

Men's Champion (Clunes Gold Cup) Scratch: Tim Griffin (Rokewood); Nett: Dean Marshall (Clunes)

Open Ambrose

Dean Marshall (Clunes) & Ian Rowland (Clunes)

Club Championship

Scratch: Dean Marshall; A-Grade: Dean Marshall; B-Grade: Christine O'Donnell

Eclectic

Dean Marshall (Clunes)

Matchplay

Singles: Kevin Steart; Pairs: Lawrie Lees & Kevin Steart

Medallist of the Year

Kevin Steart

Annual General Meeting

Our 2023 AGM was held at the Club on Friday, November 24 2023.

Capital Improvements

We have commenced implementation of our capital improvement plan with repairs and painting of the outside of the clubhouse. Under the direction of Hugh Wayland and Phill Burnie, club members descended on the building and completed the job inside of a couple of days in November. If you're going past, the familiar Scandinavian red building is now a greeny-brownish-yellowish-grey (it looks way better than it sounds).

The Chicken Run

Our Chicken Run tees-off 4:30-5pm every Thursday through to the end of Daylight Saving in April 2024. The Chicken Run is a 9-hole pairs game. Technically, we play a variation of the 'ambrose' format ('scramble' if you're American) with the emphasis on fun. The prize for the winning pair each week is a roast or frozen chook (each) from Clunes IGA. After the game – around 6:30pm – we enjoy a light supper and a bit of socialising. This is a great way to get into golf, or just relax on a Thursday evening. You do not need to be a Clunes GC member. If you don't have your own clubs, we have sets we can lend to you. If you are uncertain of walking nine holes, we have a kart you can hire. If you just want to hang out after the game, we have that covered, too!

We play a regular comp every Wednesday and Sunday, tee off is 10am. CGC Ferals host a more casual 9 hole game on Monday and Friday mornings at 9:00am, while CGC Berals invite any women to join them on Tuesdays at 9am for as many casual holes of golf as you feel like on the day. All welcome.

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☐ Volunteering at the Clunes Market

☐ Volunteering at events

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

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

Anglican Church, St Paul's. Templeton Street: Regular services first and third Sundays of each month at 10am. Mondays 12-2pm and Thursday 10am-12pm for quiet prayer and reflection. 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 sandscapes, year-round play and a 70 par. \$10 green fees for 18 holes, \$5 with a member and under 16 free. Visitors welcome on Sunday and Wednesday competition days. Contact: 5345 3499, email: clunesgolf@gmail.com 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 co-ordinator@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

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

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Council news

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

If you or someone you know was affected by the recent tragic events in our Shire please know that help is available.

Head to Health is available on 1800 595 212 or visit www.headtohealth.gov.au

KERBSIDE CHANGES

Council will introduce a weekly kerbside collection of food organics and garden organics (FOGO) for all townships across the Shire early next year, which will help to divert thousands of tonnes of organic material from landfill. For Clunes residents this means the trial FOGO service will continue weekly (and landfill weekly) until the service is rolled-out to the rest of the Shire in early 2024.

We have recently noticed an increase in the contamination in FOGO bins. Contamination is when material that is not meant to be in the bin is found, like food packaging or rubbish. Any contamination must be removed by hand, which takes time and resources. It also impacts the quality of compost that is produced. Please 'love your compost' and make sure you're only putting the right things in your FOGO bin. A small act makes a big impact. Thank you!

Do you love your FOGO bin and want to share what works for your family? Contact the FOGO team at bins@hepburn.vic.gov.au

GRANTS OPEN

Quick Response Grant are open. They are designed to support community groups who may have experienced an unforeseen disruption, urgent issue or to facilitate smaller projects. They allow for quicker assessment outcomes and to facilitate adequate and timely responses to community issues.

Applicants can apply for a grant up to \$1000 once per year. The Quick Response Grants are open until 10 June 2024, or until the allocation has been exhausted.

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Our aquatics season will kick off on Saturday 2 December. Follow Hepburn Council on Facebook for updates on hours of operation. Remember, under our weather policy the pool will be closed on cooler days. Visit our website for more information at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools

FIRE PREVENTION

Every year Council carries out fire prevention inspections around the Shire. Inspections have started and we're here to work collaboratively with property owners to get their properties ready for the upcoming fire season.

If you need any further assistance with preparing your property or information on fire prevention inspections, please contact Ben (our Emergency Management Officer – Fire) on 5348 2306 or email bburgess@hepburn.vic.gov.au

END OF YEAR CLOSURE

Council offices, depots, hubs and libraries will close at 2pm on Friday 22 December and reopen on Tuesday 2 January. Transfer Stations are closed on Christmas Day. Staff involved in emergency management will carry out their roles and responsibilities. There will be no kerbside bin collections on Christmas day and New Years day. Collections will be pushed back by one day until Monday 8 January 2024. So, if your collection is on a Wednesday, it will be collected on a Thursday etc.

After hours emergency numbers:

- Animal control (eg. dog attacks and stock on Council roads) - 0419 587 955
- Other Council emergencies - 0419 583 573

HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON

On behalf of Councillors and staff, we wish our community and visitors a happy festive season and a safe and prosperous new year.

We look forward to a productive 2024 and delivering many projects and initiatives on behalf of our community across the Shire.

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