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BUNINYONG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

HOPES RISE FOR BUNINYONG TRAFFIC SLOW DOWN

Buninyong residents are hoping that a State-wide report on speed limits and speed zones will result in a reduction to the maximum speed of vehicles travelling through the village.

VicRoads has told the Buninyong & District Community Association (BDCA) that following the release of the report, it will have its road safety staff consider the Association's submission for flashing lights and/or a 40 kph zone at the school crossing during the pre and post school periods, and a reduction of the speed limit in the village to 50 kph

This follows numerous submissions by the Association after a spate of accidents and near misses in Buninyong over recent years, and the publication of a *Buninyong Traffic Impact Study (2013)* funded by VicRoads and the City of Ballarat.

This study found that a 40 per cent increase in traffic along the Midland Highway could be expected in the next two decades. At present, Learmonth Street, west of the roundabout, carries a traffic volume of 6900 vehicles per day with 12 per cent of these being heavy freight vehicles

Parties Meet

A recent meeting was held between the Association, two South Ward Councillors, Crs Peter Innes and Joshua Morris, and Chris Fenner of VicRoads. After hearing that the provision of pedestrian safety measures in Buninyong was likely to be low on VicRoads' priorities, the Councillors indicated that they would investigate how Council might work with VicRoads to get some action in the short term.

In 2012 a petition calling for a traffic safety measures was signed by 593 residents.

Convenor of BDCA's Road and Traffic Safety Committee, Lyn Lea, said that the Association also was still lobbying to have road authorities take action to plan for a Buninyong by-pass road, particularly as it was expected that there would be a significant increase in traffic through the village following the completion of the Western Link Road which would "spill much more traffic onto the Midland Highway at Magpie."

"All of the authorities agree that it makes sense to start planning for this now, but no-one seems prepared to take action and come up with some possibilities" she said. "We know that nothing is likely to happen for 20 years or so, but road authorities and the Government need to show some foresight now, rather than wait for the village character to be destroyed by traffic in ten or in 20 years' time", Ms Lea said.



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SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER



**Sausage Sizzle &
Kid's Activities 5.30pm**
Carols start 7.30pm
Led by Sing Australia Choir
Local artists
& Father Christmas



Friends of Buninyong Gardens Trip to Cranbourne Gardens 15th October 2013

The Friends of Buninyong Gardens recently organised a bus trip to the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne.

The trip was inspired by a talk by John Arnott, Cranbourne's Horticulture Manager, at the Friends' Luncheon in July, "Where Horticulture Meets Ecology"



**Photo: John Arnott
addressing the group**

On the way to Cranbourne the bus stopped for ¾ hour to look at Guilfoyle's Volcano, a whimsical contemporary element in the southeast corner of the Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens, designed by Andrew Laidlaw. This is a interpretation of a 19th century feature of the gardens. The small hill with its crater lake doubles as a water filter for the Gardens. An

eccentric mix of red and green succulents and cacti suggest spilling lava, smaller eruptions and volcanic rocks.

At Cranbourne there was plenty of time to explore the large, very contemporary Australian Garden which combines, horticultural, scientific, educational, architectural roles. The design is by Cullity Taylor Lethlean with a particularly spectacular "red desert" display, and water features using the natural groundwater.

John Arnott showed us some less obvious elements of the Australian Garden, including the Research Garden where currently the 85 species of Brachyscomes are being "tortured" with warmed beds and varying watering, to discover the effects of global warming.

There are also Exhibition Gardens - temporary plantings by various designers to demonstrate planting for varying domestic conditions, and groupings for more efficient use of water.

The Garden is surrounded by high ecological value wetlands and predominantly myrtaceae bushland, so all plants are carefully checked for weed value before introducing. However, they have experienced outbreaks of Myrtle Rust, and spreading of some species into the natural bushland. This results in removal of plants or

spraying. John Arnott said, however, that spraying is avoided except where really necessary, especially in the areas adjoining the wetlands.

John also explained that there was an uneasy tension between wildlife, encouraged by the plants, and preservation of the vegetation. Currently they have movement-triggered cameras near piles of carrots to discover who is eating their plants!

The Australian Gardens were founded in 1970, with a major redesign in 2003. It cost \$21m and has recently won an international award. Since removal of the entrance fee, attendances have increased 180% to around 200,000 visitors a year and income from the shop and restaurant has increased.

We were fortunate to have perfect weather for our trip, the best of guides and plenty of free time to wander. More activities are planned for the future.

STURT BUNINYONG MASONIC LODGE Sunday Lunch for Freemasons

Sturt Buninyong Lodge members, partners and friends regularly enjoy lunch at a Ballarat restaurant on the 5th Sunday.



Photo: Lodge members enjoy the company during the Sunday lunch



Scotsburn Campus News Buninyong Primary School

Enrolments welcome: Contact Principal Buninyong PS Phone 53413560

STORY OF BUNINYONG

Students from grade 4 were involved in a performance from the Grade 4 history program Story of Buninyong on Friday 25th October. The students did a wonderful job. Scotsburn students were kookaburras for the performance. It is a culmination of a history unit of work on local history. Congratulations to everyone who were involved in the program.



Grade prep to one maths

The students from grade prep to one have been learning a lot about fractions, especially half.



CHESS



Thankyou to Liz for helping organise the chess group at Scotsburn. The students really appreciate this!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thankyou everyone for supporting our fundraiser at Scotsburn last week. Proceeds go toward our Christmas Concert this year.



Enquiries or enrolments, please contact 53413560

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW

Buninyong Men's Shed

Our shed continues to be busy, especially with the hosting of 40 shedders and some partners for morning tea. It was part of a shed crawl, organised as an end-of-conference excursion. The conference was the 5th Australian Men's Shed Conference, at Ballarat Lodge from the 27th to 30th October. Around 400 delegates and exhibitors were treated to interesting speakers, forums, exhibits and a great networking opportunity. Men from all over Australia & New Zealand plus some blokes from Ireland and Holland.

It started out with a reception at Sovereign Hill, a chance to meet and greet, and for visitors to see our great tourist attraction. On the Monday, the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency The Hon. Alex Chernov opened the conference followed by Jeff Kennett, who as patron of Beyond Blue, is most interested in men's health. Jeff has removed the word "old" from his vocabulary and replaced it with "experienced". He also believes his greatest gift is "to wake up each day", there's something in that for all of us! Speakers on day two were Peter Fitzsimons and Noela McLeod. Peter is an author and journalist, former Rugby player and better half of Lisa Wilkinson of the Today show on Channel 9. Noela is national president of CWA, both very interesting speakers. So the speakers all addressed the

issue of "men" and their shed's and men's roles in the latter parts of their lives. Recurring themes were; a place for men to gather, men doing things together, men planning their lives to a greater age, being in a uniquely masculine environment with no complications, avoiding isolation and promoting positive prevention of mental health issues.

Our shed made another playground boat for the Canadian Lead PS and like the ones at Buninyong and Scotsburn it's a huge hit. More planter boxes will be on sale at the November Farmers' market, other than that the fellas are making things for Xmas and doing little home projects. We are anxiously awaiting the outcome of our grant application, the Minister is thought to be making a decision in November. In these cases, its not worth getting too far ahead, if it doesn't work out, so be it.(but we will be pretty disappointed).



Happy shedding.

ASPIRING FILM MAKERS WORKSHOP AT M.A.D.E.

The Ballarat Courier page 22 "Who's In It Today" 11th October 2013 had a full page of local Ballarat residents interested in making films for the theatre or television. Among the interested participants was **Stephanie Patterson** who registered her interest for the Short Sharp Pitching Competition for aspiring film makers to pitch their ideas to industry experts in a bid to see them become a reality.

BALLARAT LAUREL CLUB FUNCTION

The Ballarat Courier page 26 "Who's In It Today"

9th October 2013 featured Laurel Club members at Legacy House, Raglan Street South, Ballarat. Legatee **Ron Fleming** attended the meeting where The Seeker's band member Athol Guy was the guest speaker.

BALLARAT ATHLETE WILL ATTEND INTERNATIONAL EKIDEN IN JAPAN

The Ballarat Courier October 9 2013 page 46 "Sport" featured Ballarat long distance athlete Duer Yoa and athletics coach **Rod Griffin** who have been selected as part of the Australian contingent to attend the Chiba International Ekiden in November.

LANA-ROSE BOUTIQUE IN BUNINYONG

The Ballarat Courier October 19 2013 page 135 in the "Ballarat Extra" supplement *In the*

closet pictured **Tracey Spencer and daughter Lana Spencer** amongst some of the fashions they stock in their retro style shop at 509 Warrenheip Street Buninyong.

BUNINYONG AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Miranda Donald frocked up as an ugly sister for her part in her company's production of Cinderella last month and in October she is pictured in action on the tennis court. Buninyong 5-63 defeated St James 4-55. The Golden Plains Miner page 12 Miner Sport, 24 October 2013.

FRIENDS OF BUNINYONG BOTANIC GARDENS VISIT CRANBOURNE

Correspondent **Russell Luckock** reported on the great day that the Friends of Buninyong Botanic Gardens had when they toured the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne during October. They also enjoyed a short presentation by John Arnott the Manager of Horticulture at Cranbourne RBG who spoke of the workings of this significant garden and some of the trials and tribulations they face. This excellent day was enhanced by a detour to the Melbourne Botanic Gardens to view the restoration of Guilfoyle's volcano. Thank you to **Anne King** who initiated the day and **Richard Patterson** who was the bus driver. Russell included a group photograph for the Golden Plains Miner page 13, 24 October 2013.

BALLARAT FESTIVAL OF MOTORING

The Ballarat Courier October 21 2013 page 11 pictured Councillor Samantha McIntosh, Ballarat Festival of Motoring organiser **John Emery** and Shannons regional development office's David Waight holding a chequered flag outside the Buninyong Town Hall. The background featured two red racing cars. The festival is on November 5 to November 9 in Buninyong and the Ballarat Mining Exchange. Deputy Mayor, Samantha McIntosh stated that the City of Ballarat and Ballarat Regional Tourism fully supported this event.

SEBASTOPOL FIRE BRIGADE MEMBER

PAUL SPERBER

Front page and page 4 of the Ballarat Courier October 29 2013 featured **Paul Sperber** of Mt Helen Bird Park. Mr Sperber has been a member of the Sebastopol Fire Brigade for 70 years and has not missed an AGM. At the age of 86 he says he still feels like a young man and has many hats he wears including motor mechanic, birdkeeper, dancer and badminton player, but his fire fighting hat takes pride of place on the wall of his shed. Paul and his wife Joan have been married for 60 years. Congratulations on a life of community service.

BALLARAT LEISUREFEST

Loads of visitors flocked to the Ballarat LeisureFest at the Wendouree Sports and

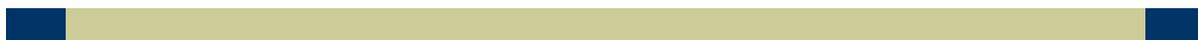
Events Centre on October 20th. Among the crowd was the **Bridges family** from Buninyong, Jodie, Gemma, Abbey and Brett as well as Rosie the Jack Russell. The Ballarat Courier "Who's in it Today" page 17 October 28 2013.

TOURISM BOOM FOR NOVEMBER

Ballarat is set for a busy start to November with four major events on offer – Springfest, Ballarat by the Glass, the Australian Federation exhibition at the Ballarat Art Gallery and the Festival of Motoring. Buninyong's **John Emery**, the convenor of the Festival of Motoring was pictured in an open top sports car together with Imogen Barby, Bree Skrokov and Peter Freund who were representing the other activities. The Ballarat Courier page 4 October 31 2013.

ICP HAIR ACADEMY HAIR STYLE PARADE

The ICP Hair Academy in Mair Street Ballarat held a parade on 28th October. Among the participants was second year apprentice **Jackie Whykes** who was photographed with Liana Ryan and Kiera Yean for the "Who's in it Today" page. Jacqueline is the granddaughter of Dawn Whykes one of Buninyong's well known residents and a long time supporter of the Buninyong News.





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Walk the labyrinth, pray in the centre, then go out for coffee afterwards. New faces are always welcome. Holy Communion is usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Family Service Sunday. We are now holding family services twice a month on the third and fourth Sundays. Children come and join the fun. 9-30am till 10-30am. This service has become very popular with worship directed towards families as a whole.

Heather Club. Adult fellowship is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.00am. All welcome.

Open House. Open House is held on each Wednesday morning during school terms from 10am to 12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

Open Door. Wednesdays 10-30am to 12 noon at Sebastopol Mission Centre. Sandra Chapman is running a craft session each Wednesday. If interested contact Lyn King on 53413229 or Sandra on 53412047.

Book Club. The Book Club now meets on the third Thursday of the month and will next meet at the home of Gwenda Phillips on 21st October at 2pm. Gwenda will be the host and Ross will be the helper. We will end the year with a meeting and luncheon at the hall on Thursday 19th December at 12.00 noon

Mainly Music Group. The Mainly Music Program has resumed again after the school holidays. Mainly Music is held at Sebastopol Mission Centre from 9.15 – 10.15am and. If you would like to be involved in any way please phone Elisa on 53418474.

Buninyong Service DVDs. If anybody would like to receive the DVDs of the Buninyong services please contact Clive on 53412082. The loan of a DVD player is possible if it is needed.

During the Goodlife Festival we combined with the other churches in the town to participate in an outdoor church service. The weather was very good and lots of people attended the Festival and, I hope, enjoyed the day.

We are holding a men's breakfast on the 9th November. David Senior will be the guest speaker talking about antiques. Men attending the breakfast are asked to bring any articles along for a show and tell, and David will put a value on them.

Best wishes Joy Whitten.

So what's next for Royal Park Buninyong

Grand Designs - Royal Park



Sorry - Kevin wasn't at our meeting held on 30th October, 2013 to look at ideas to take to the Buninyong Township Development Program.

Royal Park is a fabulous space with a great facility - everyone tells us so!

And it's over 5 years since we last gathered around the image of Royal Park and asked the community to help plan

what to do next.

Now that we have the general operations under control, we are looking for new opportunities and community partnerships to bring sustainability to Buninyong - open space uses, facility uses, workshop ideas, community garden and orchard development and programs relevant to all of Buninyong.

We are looking for bright ideas and bright sparks to run with them - our own Grand Design.

Pot luck dinner – held Friday 18th

The BREAZE Pot Luck dinner was hosted by our Chair, Andrea and Ken Mason.

Pot Luck dinners have been enjoyed by the BREAZE foodies since 2007, and are *almost* always held on the third Friday night of the month. They are a BYO affair and celebrate good local food and are a relaxed way to meet other people passionate



about growing their own vegies and doing their bit for the environment in Ballarat.

Buninyong Township Development Project

A Reference group has been set up to assist with this project and FORP is very excited to have a seat at the table.

The City of Ballarat Council Plan 2013-2017 includes reference to the Township Programs in a strategy about developing and implementing community/neighbourhood planning initiatives in partnership with the community.

The actions are:

- Establish a township empowerment program for Miners Rest, Learmonth and Buninyong to facilitate and seed a local neighbourhood investment program
- Review the township empowerment program and investigate the application of the program to other areas of the city.

The Township Program as adopted by the City of Ballarat include:-

- Buninyong \$100,000 allocation
- Funds are one-off fund to seed a number of local projects
- Funds are additional and do not replace existing budgets
- Flexible timeframe – does not have to be spent by end of financial year.

If you would like to know more contact us at forp.buninyong@gmail.com or Graeme Kent at the City of Ballarat, 5320 5500.

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New Group Will Save Civic Hall

Around 200 people spilled out of the Ballarat Library meeting room on Sunday, forming a group to save the Civic Hall from demolition as currently proposed by the City of Ballarat.

Participants agreed on the beginnings of an alternative vision for Ballarat Civic Hall, which was unanimously decided should remain primarily for the use and benefit of the community.

The meeting was chaired by Jon Stanger. Speakers included historians, planners, academics, professionals and writers. Anne Beggs-Sunter talked about the heritage value of the Civic Hall and the long history of Council's various decisions, commissioned plans and reports on the Civic Hall.

Michael Wilson, President of the Ballarat Residents and Ratepayers Associations informed the meeting that BRRA is willing to auspice the new group. Mr Wilson outlined the major concerns of BRRA, including the failure of Council to listen to the community.

Ailsa Brackley du Bois reported on a recent forum *Heritage Conservation as Environmental Conservation* sponsored by University of Melbourne & the Heritage Council of Victoria.

"The most contemporary, cutting edge and common sense approach is to make the most of the existing building stock we already have," said Ms Brackley du Bois. "Environmentally and economically this is the smartest thing to do."

Ms Brackley du Bois said adaptive re-use was the popular approach around the world and the key message was to find "new tricks with old bricks".

Former senior officer at Ballarat City Council Ron Egeberg encouraged people to sign the petition at savecivichall.com and urged more people to become involved.

The group was reminded by Jonathan Halls that Council's actions over the Civic Hall are not compatible with democratic or local government principles.

At the 2 ½ hour meeting many sub-groups were formed to discuss and plan further action in the areas of activation of the Civic Hall, adaptive reuse and alternatives, tourism, governance, communications /media, fundraising, indigenous and youth involvement.

A committee was formed to coordinate ongoing activities, including leaders of the various sub-groups. The committee will meet again this week and all residents are encouraged to get involved by signing the petition at savecivichall.com

For additional information or images please contact: Merle Hathaway 0419 32404
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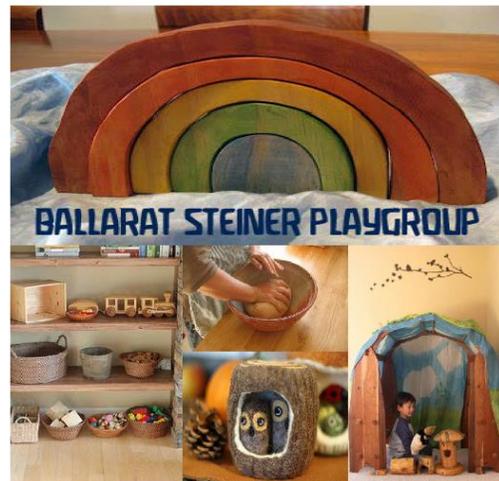
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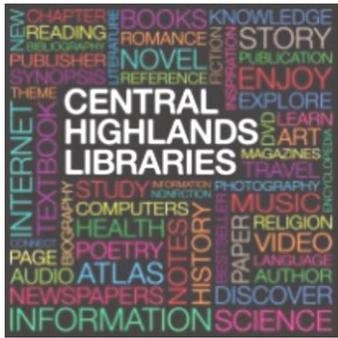
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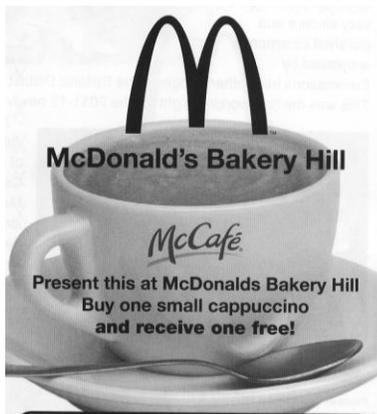
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