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## LEST WE FORGET

Anzac Day holds a special place in our hearts as residents pause to honour and remember those who have served in Australia's Defence Forces.

In the 109 years since the Anzac landing at Gallipoli, the Anzac legacy is as strong as ever.

It is the time to acknowledge the 1500 Australian Defence personnel who are currently deployed on operations and honour the memory of the more than 103,000 Australians who gave their life in service of our country.

The Anzac Service was preceded by the veterans marching along High Street, Kangaroo Flat and they were joined by the Marist Band as well as service groups, local schoolchildren and members of the Kangaroo Flat Football and Netball Club.

The 9am service was hosted by the Kangaroo Flat RSL Sub-Branch at the Soldier Memorial Garden with the introduction and acknowledgement of country delivered by Martyn Stradbrook, President of Kangaroo Flat RSL Subbranch and then the Mounting of the Catafalque Party provided by Naval Cadets from Training Ship Bendigo.

Kangaroo Flat RSL Chaplain the Reverend Paul Bauer then led the Prayer of Remembrance and RSL Secretary Kellie Dodds gave an Anzac Day Address that demonstrated the commitment of residents of Kangaroo Flat during the war years.

Guest Speaker at the Kangaroo Flat Service was Alistair Hosking the grandson of World War 2 Veteran Bill Hosking who was in the gathering of locals and he also celebrated his 100th birthday on Anzac Day.

Then followed the laying of the Wreaths by the RSL, State Politicians and Local Government representatives.

Also laying wreaths were representatives of local community groups, local school representatives and service groups.

Then came the Last Post and Rouse led by bugler Rachael Hamilton representing the Marist Brass Band.

A Minutes Silence than gave attendees a time to reflect on the service of the Men and Women who served our country.

It was a fitting finale to a superb service conducted at the Soldier Memorial Garden in Kangaroo Flat.

*Lest We Forget.*





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## BWC WRITERS EXPLORE JUNE – WRITE MY OWN STORY WITH ANNIE YOUNG



Annie Young began her working life as a qualified primary teacher with a Primary Teachers Certificate (TPTC) and later upgraded to Bachelor of Education in Library Studies.

Apart from working as a teacher librarian in

local schools for many years Annie has been prolific in writing stories about her own and others' lives.

Her weekly column 'Young at Heart' featured in the *Bendigo Advertiser* was syndicated throughout their networks. This led to publication of an anthology featuring her articles and named, in part, for her column 'Young at Heart. A Slice of Social History'. Her opinion pieces have been published in newspapers and magazines throughout Australia but it's the personal stories that she finds most engaging.

Annie has conducted a series of workshops for people to interested in exploring ways of telling their own stories. During this workshop she will provide guidelines useful to writing autobiographical work.

Bring pens and paper and be inspired to write your own story.

**Wednesday June 26 from 7–9pm**

\$10 Supper included and door prize

Bendigo Library, Activity Room 1,  
259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

## MINING GROUNDWATER UPDATE

By Natalie Trotter

Work to address rising groundwater issues stemming from past mining activities around Bendigo continues.

The Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action's (DEECA) Central Bendigo Mine Rehabilitation Project (Groundwater) – the first part of a wider reinvention of the Kangaroo Flat mine site – is taking shape, with completion anticipated within the next couple of years.

At the present moment, the project team is working through the design, and planning approval stage of the project.

A department spokesperson says, "We expect to lodge a Development Licence application with the Environment Protection Authority soon and this will ensure the project meets all required EPA permissions to deliver an effective and appropriate long-term solution for managing rising groundwater from the mines. The EPA will thoroughly review the application and, once they are satisfied it meets all environmental conditions, they will publish it on Engage Victoria so that the community can view it and

provide feedback before any major work starts."

This process can take several months; DEECA has committed to keeping FLAT MATTERS and our community up-to-date as it progresses.

There has also been a call to the industry for expressions of interest in designing, building, operating and maintaining the facility, with a strong response from suitably qualified industry members.

Potential suppliers have been shortlisted based on their proposed team, their previous experience and how they proposed to deliver the project. This shortlist will be asked to tender for the project build once the EPA has approved the development.

It is expected that tendering will commence soon and take several months, with a decision expected by the end of the year.

The project team continues to meet with individuals or community groups interested in the project. If you'd like more information or wish to arrange a session email the team at [bendigo.groundwater@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:bendigo.groundwater@delwp.vic.gov.au)



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## LIBRARY HAS EVERYTHING YOU NEED

Cicero, a Roman statesman, lawyer, scholar, and writer was quoted as saying "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." How appropriate! Because now Kangaroo Flat Library has an amazing Atrium Garden!

We wanted to create a sensory community garden of variety, texture, colour and perfume to be enjoyed by all! So, during the first three months of 2024, we put the call out to the community to bring along a small, colourful and sturdy plant or cutting to pot up in our new Vertical Garden.

With over 150 pots to fill, many people have come in with a precious plant to share. Thank you to all those who contributed! We now have scented herbs, variegated leaves, colourful flowers and unusual shapes starting to show in our garden!

We are also thrilled with our water feature in our Atrium Garden at Kangaroo Flat Library!

It is designed to be sensory in more ways than one – aurally with the sound of running water, tactilely with being able to put your hands in the water and visually with the use of Daikota Nelson's indigenous artwork. Originally commissioned when the library moved to this location in 2020, the artwork is front and centre on the main library counter. We are pleased to highlight a detail of this artwork as the background of the water feature, creating continuity and connection through the spaces.

We also have large statement pots and plants in the garden and a gorgeous array of hanging pots – contributing to the vibrancy of the Atrium. And of course, there is a variety of seating options for young and old!

So come in and check out our gorgeous garden with our water feature! Plan to spend time in your community space! See you in the Library soon!

These installations in the Kangaroo Flat Library Atrium have been supported by Central Victoria Libraries Endowment funding.





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## PETITION BONANZA

Close date June 30



Hundreds of locals have backed the call for an overhaul of the J B Osborne Theatre in Kangaroo Flat.

Situated in the grounds of Crusoe College, the building has stood since 1978 and now a Community Petition is helping to create momentum, in urging governments both local and federal, to inject money into the facility.

The J B Osborne Theatre has enormous potential to drive educational, cultural and recreational use, and the Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise has urged all residents to back the vision of turning an outdated theatre into a creative multi purpose venue that will benefit all of our community.

The Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise is urging parents of children at local schools in Kangaroo Flat to step up and add their voice to the Petition.

Local sporting clubs are also urged to show their support towards the project.

Crusoe College Oval adjoins the J B Osborne Theatre and changerooms to benefit local productions and sporting user groups all add up to a win – win situation for all of the community.

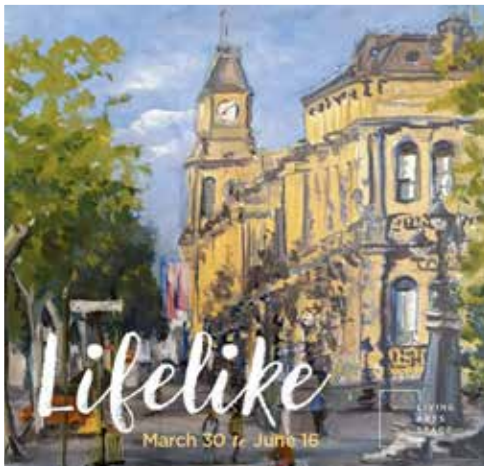
Already there have been many messages of encouragement from individuals and community groups and now the Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise wants to see all this turn into a tidal wave of support.

The Petition is open till June 30 and all local residents are urged to go online at [www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/funding-for-the-refurbishment-of-jb-osborne-theatre/](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/funding-for-the-refurbishment-of-jb-osborne-theatre/)

Share it with your Friends, Sporting Groups, Community Clubs, Scholl Groups and let's make **KANGAROO FLAT A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!**



## NEW LIVING ARTS SPACE EXHIBITION EMBRACES OPEN AIR INSPIRATIONS



Lifelike is a stunning new Living Arts Space exhibition from four local artists who create observational drawings and painting in the open air, also known as en plein air.

En plein air or plein air painting is a French term that refers to the act of painting outdoors with the artist's subject in full view. It became popular amongst Impressionists during the 19th century, notably artists such as Claude Monet.

Visitor Services Manager Felicity Martin said plein air artists captured the spirit and essence of a landscape or subject by incorporating natural light, colour, and movement into their works.

"Local artists Terry Jarvis, Shaun Clarke, Meg Holmes, and Michael Watson have created the essence of life in Bendigo," Ms Martin said.

"They have all patiently observed daily life, local culture, landmarks, and landscapes to create stunning results for the Lifelike exhibition at the Living Arts Space.

"In plein air paintings and drawing, artists work directly from life around them. The artists rely much more on the direct observation of colours and let shapes flow more freely into each other and experiment with various techniques.

"The Lifelike exhibition presents beautiful depictions of life in this vibrant bustling city from different artistic perspectives."

The free exhibition presents a range of work including artworks that are still in progress, together with completed paintings and drawings so people can gain insights on the technical and creative processes used to achieve en plein air results.

The artists are also hosting Plein Air demonstrations in Rosalind Park over the coming months where residents and visitors are invited to join one of the free sessions. Booking is not required for the sessions, and all are welcome. No creative experience is necessary to take part in the hour sessions.

"This is an opportunity to see the artists at work and for residents and visitors to embrace the joy of creativity in the open air," Ms Martin said.

Participants can meet the artists at the Bendigo Visitor Centre at 9.45am on the selected session days or find the artists who will be setting up paint easels outside between the Bendigo Visitor Centre and the piazza end of Rosalind Park (near

the Bonjour Bendigo sign). Please ask at the Bendigo Visitor Centre if you are not sure of the location.

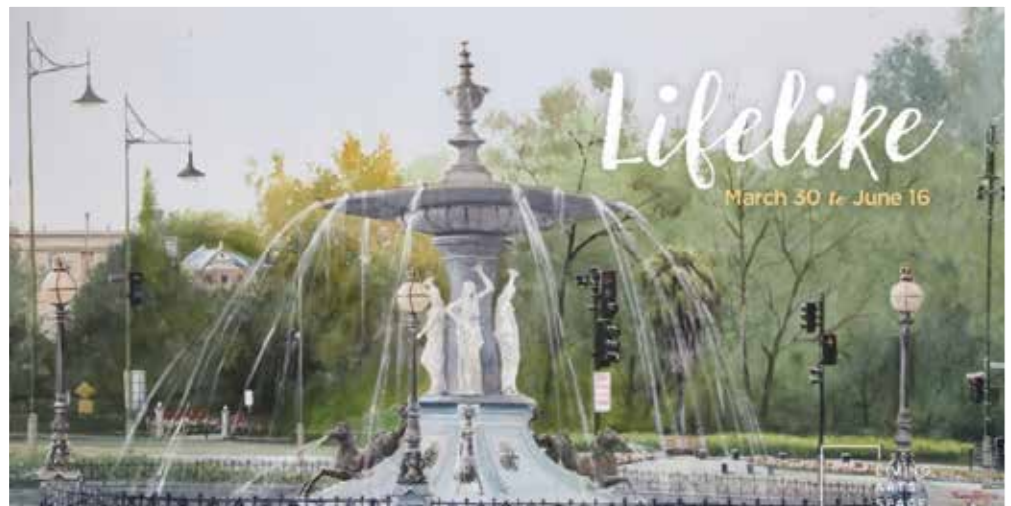
**The sessions are as follows\*:**

- Session is from 10am to 11am on Saturday May 18
- Session is from 10am to 11am on Saturday June 1
- Session is from 10am to 11am on Saturday June 15

What you need: some materials are provided for you to join in with the artists on the day, but you can also bring along your own.

Lifelike is part of the Bonjour Bendigo campaign that celebrates Bendigo Art Gallery's exclusive exhibition Paris: Impressions of Life 1880-1925 and brings a Parisian touch to Bendigo. is open every day until June 16, 2024.

\*Sessions may be subject to change due to poor weather conditions.





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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Steam trains are always welcomed to Bendigo. The Easter trip to the goldfields organised by Steamrail Victoria was well patronised for

the first steam hauled tour of 2024 with a rush for tickets for those wanting a spot in First Class and then a late rush for seats in Excursion Class.

The trip to Bendigo coincided with the annual Easter Procession through the streets of our city and thousands of spectators lined the route.

The R711 was joined by S301 and T364 and the lengthy train was packed!

Enthusiasts took up vantage points in Kangaroo Flat to see the train close up and they were not disappointed.

As the sun was settling for the return trip to Melbourne the sight and sound of steam age was to the fore.



## BENDIGO HEALTH NEWS

The Roulston/Gargiulo/Fuller family have caring in their blood.

Three generations have either taken up a position or plan on doing so at Bendigo Health. It all began when Kate Fuller saw her father go through his own health battle, and she knew nursing was the career path for her.

"He got really sick while I was studying and he told me it was something I should keep going with because I was good at it. He died while I was studying and I guess that was a good insight for me to understand what (nursing) might be. It was obviously a very sad time, but going through that experience as his daughter made me realise it was something I wanted to do as a career."

Kate went from being a registered nurse in the emergency department (ED) to post-graduate studies in critical care, a clinical nurse consultant in charge of education in ED, the ED nurse unit manager (NUM) and director of nursing two and a half years ago.

Kate has two daughters, Maddi and Audrey Gargiulo, who both have plans to follow in their mum's footsteps – in their own ways.

Maddi studied allied health in her later years of high school, which was a good set up for her role as a Health Service Assistant and her current work in Bendigo Health ED.

Now a second year nursing student at La Trobe University, she always knew that was her career path too.

"I've always liked the idea of the job. There's so many different options within the job, so that pulled me towards it too."

And while there were often stories shared across the dinner table from Kate, neither Maddi nor Audrey were put off the profession.

While she only just finished high school last year, Audrey plans to loosely follow her mother into nursing, but not in the same stream.

"I work in disability services now and have always had an interest in the human connection side of nursing, but I would love to do cosmetic nursing. I think it's a very up and coming part of the industry, it's way more popular than it was 10 years ago."

The caring apples clearly don't fall far from the tree as Kate's mum Lyn Roulston volunteers at Bendigo Health.

"I have been the carer for my mum for a long time and when she was at a point where she was unable to live at home and went into care, I needed something to do."

For all four members of the family, it comes back to their connections with the organisation and others.



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## CRUSOE UPGRADE URGED



Our popular recreation space Crusoe Reservoir has seen many visitors over the summer months.

Locals and visitors alike see Crusoe Reservoir as a thriving recreational place to visit and it is just five minutes from the Kangaroo Flat Post Office.

But in recent times very little money has been spent on making improvements at the site and this has drawn the attention off one regular visitor.

"Felicity" told FLAT MATTERS that Crusoe Reservoir has some great potential and says it would be great to see some further development in this well used location.

"Some turf that butts into the reserve, a place where families can sit and enjoy a picnic by the water all year round.

Also needed are a couple of picnic tables where families can sit around and enjoy meals together.

Crusoe Reservoir also attracts plenty of anglers both young and old as well as canoeists and people enjoy swimming in the reservoir.

It would not be an expensive exercise for our Council to invest in this facility and put some green turf adjacent to the pontoon area, creating a great space to sit and watch the locals enjoy the water."

## WATER IN DEMAND

Many residents on the outskirts on Kangaroo Flat have been purchasing drinking water at a great rate.

Water delivery trucks were kept busy in recent months as we went through a particularly dry spell and the Coliban Water standpipe in Station Street, Kangaroo Flat recorded some amazing figures.

A Coliban Water spokesperson told FLAT MATTERS the busiest time was during the month of February.

"More than 6.9 million litres of water was taken through the Coliban Water Kangaroo Flat standpipe on 667 occasions from January to March 2024. Interestingly, to take this amount of water at one time, the standpipe would need to run non-stop for five days.

The Kangaroo Flat standpipe was the busiest in the region during this period and this resulted in delivering one million litres more than second most popular standpipe.

February was by far the busiest month, 3.5 times busier than January and March."



## FREE FAMILY FUN IN KANGAROO FLAT



Families from across Greater Bendigo are invited to a free family fun day in Kangaroo Flat day.

**Sunday May 26, 2024**

**12pm - 3pm**

**Kangaroo Flat Primary School**

Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise President Geoff Bowyer said this year's event will provide a great range of kids' activities, food, entertainment, and a whole lot of fun for the family.

"There will be pony rides, a rock climbing wall, art and craft, indigenous cultural activities, reptiles and wildlife displays, gold panning and face-painting.

"There will also be a petting zoo, sports games and activities, a chill out zone and live entertainment and roving mascots.

"We hope to see lots of families come along and enjoy this free event."

The event has been organised by the City of Greater Bendigo, in partnership with the Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise, Kangaroo Flat Primary School, Kiwanis Club of Bendigo and Gurri Wanyarra and supported by Agnico Eagle Fosterville Mines and Maree Edwards MP.

For more information contact Early Years Project Officer Kristy Bennett on 5434 6327 or [k.bennett@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:k.bennett@bendigo.vic.gov.au)

## BEWARE - DON'T DUMP RUBBISH



Residents caught dumping rubbish in bushland are facing severe fines.

In recent months there have been reports a rubbish dumping in the Kangaroo Flat region and each

has been investigated as officers check for local identification.

Residents should be aware that if any identification of the offender is located at the scene then charges will follow.

FLAT MATTERS has been in contact with the City Of Greater Bendigo and the council's Compliance Officer Ray Chalkley says there are big fines that can be made against both individuals, and companies, caught dumping rubbish in our region.

"If we can find any identification or obtain evidence of the offender then we can issue an Infringement Notice or take the matter to the Magistrates Court.

We investigated a recent dumping in Railway Street in Kangaroo Flat and we urge nearby residents to be vigilant.

If they see dumping taking place report it straight away. Even get car descriptions and number plate details. The litter offences are still found within the EPA Act but the section and way of determining the amount of the Infringement Notice has changed to section 115.

The amount of the offence depends on the volume of the litter and in this picture the case would have been more than 50 litres and the fine would have been Section 115(3) 100 Penalty Units MEANING A fine of more than \$1,900"

You have been warned!



## KANGAROO FLAT PROBUS CLUB

The Probuss Club of Kangaroo Flat meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 9.45am at St Mary's Anglican Church Complex.

Activities coming up for the month of May are:

**May 7**

Midweek Music at the Capital Theatre.

Melinda Schneider will be singing the songs of Doris Day.

**May 8**

General meeting and Guest Speaker followed by lunch at Red Energy Arena.

**May 16**

Morning Melodies at the Bendigo Club will be Hoffman's Country and Comedy.

The cost for this is \$25 which includes morning tea, show and lunch.

**May 22**

Coffee, Cake and Chat will be held on Wednesday May 22 at the R.S.L. Club, Havilah Road, Bendigo.

**May 29**

A lunch will be held at the One Tree Hill Hotel on Wednesday May 29 commencing at 12 noon.

There is quite a variety of activities happening during May and we thank the people who continually organise these for us.

Anyone wishing to find out more please contact Bev Blume on 0413 623 618.

New members will be made to feel very welcome.



## NEW ACTIVATIONS, LANDSCAPING DELIVER WINTER FUN AND NEW-LOOK FOR CITY CENTRE

Hargreaves Mall will be made into a winter wonderland for the upcoming school holidays.

Stars on Ice will feature a pop-up mobile ice skating rink to be placed in the middle of the Mall and be open for business from June 28 – July 14.

This exciting installation measures 20 metres x 10 metres. The rink will be open daily, 10am – 9pm, skate sessions run for 45 minutes and start on the hour, last session at 8pm.

Ticket prices include skate hire and will cost \$24 adult (16 years and above), \$19 child/concession (6-15 years), \$15 toddler (2-5 years), \$68 family (2 adults/2 children or 1 adult/3 children), groups of 10 or more is \$18 per person and penguin pal hire (to help new skaters find their feet) is \$10.

At the same time, Rosalind Park will also host what has become a winter tradition of a light show throughout the park.

Electric Wonderland will run from June 28 – July 14, which will feature light installations that celebrate the Lunar Year of the Dragon, gastronomy, interactive pathways, laser lights, thousands and thousands of fairy lights, and a 40m replica of the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

It will be open daily, Sunday to Thursday 6pm to 9pm, and Friday and Saturday 6pm to 10pm.

Pricing for Stars on Ice and Electric Wonderland experiences will be priced individually, although organisers are working on a joint ticketing offer. More details will be shared closer to the time.

To fit the ice skating rink into the Mall, the pop up park in the centre of the Mall will be removed. This was always considered a temporary installation.

When the ice skating activation is complete, new, permanent landscaping will be installed in the centre of the Mall and bring instant greenery, shade, plants and seating.

It will feature a large synthetic grassed area and three unique shade canopy structures that also light up at night, helping to soften and cool the area.

Playful pops of colour in the form of new tables, seating and umbrellas will brighten up the Mall, together with beautiful new garden beds framed in a sustainable wood-blend product that also acts as further seating.

A stage, including disability access and umbrellas, will be incorporated into the landscaping and can host entertainers and support events in the Mall.

All components of the landscaping will be built offsite and installation is expected to take about a week and be delivered in August 2024.

### KEY DATES:

- **Early June** – removal of pop-up park
- **June 25 – 28** – bump in for ice skating rink
- **June 28 – July 14** – ice skating rink open
- **June 28 – July 14** – Electric Wonderland in Rosalind Park
- **July 14 – 15** – bump out ice skating rink
- **August** – install new landscaping



## CITY APPOINTS BEAM TO OPERATE E-SCOOTER TRIAL IN URBAN BENDIGO

The City of Greater Bendigo is delighted to announce Beam Mobility has been appointed as the operator for a 12-month e-scooter hire trial in urban Bendigo, which will begin in late May 2024.

Beam is the largest shared e-scooter provider in Australia, with operations across every state and territory.

The company has more experience in regional cities than any other operator in Australia, with the service popular in other regional cities such as Albury, Launceston, Cairns, Townsville, and Broome.

Mayor Cr Andrea Metcalf said she was delighted Beam was on board for the trial, after a Public Request for Quotation process was held earlier this year.

“Beam is well-versed in operating e-scooter hire schemes and will bring their knowledge and expertise to Bendigo’s 12-month trial,” Cr Metcalf said.

“The e-scooters will provide an accessible and sustainable transport option for short trips that will allow residents and visitors to explore urban Bendigo in a new way, improve connectivity between significant precincts and destinations and stimulate new business and tourism opportunities.”

Beam General Manager (ANZ) Tom Cooper said the company was thrilled to be appointed as the City of Greater Bendigo’s shared micromobility partner.

“Data from our other Australian operations shows a shift from cars to a preference for e-scooters for shorter trips under 5 km, and we look forward to seeing the same trend in Bendigo,” Mr Cooper said.

“As we prepare to commence our operations in Bendigo, we are committed to forming partnerships with local community members and organisations and engaging in discussions around the safe operation of e-scooters to ensure the safety of riders, pedestrians, and other road users.

“We know e-scooters are new to the community, and we are committed to working closely with the local community to ensure riders know their responsibilities when on an e-scooter.

“We are confident that our experience across other Australian markets will ensure operations are a success.”

Beam has developed a draft roll out plan with a tentative trial e-scooter operating area, supported by a proactive and responsive customer service approach and education for riders. The operator will undertake further consultation with the City, Councillors, businesses, and landlords over the coming weeks to confirm suitable locations for e-scooter parking and placements.

The maximum travel speed for the hire e-scooters will be 20km/h for roads and on Bendigo’s established shared bike paths (they are not permitted on footpaths under Victorian e-scooter rules), and Beam will identify ‘no-go’ zones or some ‘slow speed zones’ (10km/h) where there is a concentration of activities and a high volume of pedestrians.

The City has set up a key external stakeholder group including representatives from Victorian Police, Bendigo Health, La Trobe University,

Bendigo TAFE, Bendigo Sustainability Group, Bike Bendigo, Be Bendigo and local businesses. There will be regular meetings with this group once the trial starts in late May to monitor how it is going and address any issues or concerns. Beam is expected to launch its service in late May.

E-scooter riders in Victoria must be aged 16 years and over:

- Not ride at more than 20km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit of up to 60km/h
- Always wear a helmet
- Follow traffic rules
- Be always visible

The Victorian Government has extended the e-scooter hire program across Victoria for another six months with an early indication that permanent regulations for e-scooters will be introduced in the latter half of 2024. The state e-scooter program enables all councils to directly engage with operators to set up a trial.





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## KANGAROO FLAT FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By James Hetherton

With the fire danger period now finished and winter fast approaching many will be thinking about heating and keeping warm.

It is the perfect time to get heaters serviced, fireplaces checked, and ensure heated blankets and clothing dryers are all in safe working order.

It is also a great time to check all smoke alarms, have new batteries, and ensure they are correctly fitted in every room.

For a home fire checklist, please visit <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home/home-fire-safety-checklist>.

May 20-26, 2024, is National Volunteers Week.

Our brigade will be very busy on our social media page introducing and giving a little insight into our valuable volunteers, members of the Kangaroo Flat Fire Brigade.

For anyone who might be interested, our brigade's 150th History book can now be purchased from "Bookish" on Hargreaves St, Bendigo.



Remember, we operate 24/7, 365 days a year – and have done so, proudly, since 1873.

## MAIDEN GULLY FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By Andrew Howlett

Photo: Brigade at Easter Torchlight Parade.



In his recent annual report, Captain Peter Dole, commented that our Brigade has seen a significant increase in calls over the reporting year that ended on March 31st.

Calls within our own area have increased by 55% and the number of calls supporting other brigades doubled.

The overall call numbers went from 77 to 141.

Responding to storm events increased again this year and Captain Dole also reported on the many activities that the brigade is involved in away from emergency response.

Other recent happenings have been the Easter Fair Torchlight Parade where we were well represented by our fire fighters all dressed in the recently issued workwear uniform and

accompanied by several of our junior brigade members.

A big change this year was the use of LED torches instead of the kerosene lanterns that historically go back more than a century.

Our Good Friday Appeal collection saw the brigade raising a near record of \$7,110.30. We feel privileged to be part of this vital fundraiser for the Royal Children's Hospital each year.

Our other major activity involved the State Fire Brigade Championships in Mooroopna. It was the first time since 2005 that we have competed, and we surprised ourselves! Our Seniors came in runners up in the C Division Aggregate and our Juniors who competed in the 11-13 age group achieved a good level of success finishing up there with the leaders.

## HEADSPACE DELIVERS VITAL CARE FOR BENDIGO'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Photo: Hon Emma McBride, Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters MP.

Headspace has been supporting the young people of Bendigo for 12 years, providing vital access to mental health services.

Located centrally at 78-80 Pall Mall the centre has a particular focus on helping young people with anxiety, problems at school, home or with peers, depression, sexual health, physical and general mental health.

Established in 2012, headspace Bendigo

reaches an area of more than 13,000 square kilometres and has already worked with 760 young people over the last 12 months.

But the demand for support services has grown significantly over the last few years.

That's why the government has invested \$5.18 million in Demand Management and Enhancement Funding across the 6 headspace services in the Murray Primary Health Network.

This has allowed headspace Bendigo to increase staffing levels, expand their footprint and support more than 300 additional young people in Central Victoria.

Bendigo MP Lisa Chesters invited Assistant Minister McBride to meet with local young people to see first-hand the impact of the boost in funding, including reduced waiting times and

improved access to services.

Headspace Bendigo is part of a network of 160 services nationally, 40 in Victoria and many in regional areas where young people have found it difficult to access support close to home.

In response to growing need and increased demand the Albanese Government is increasing the number of headspace services to 173 by 2025-26.

For young people who prefer online or phone support, headspace provides free, telephone and web-based services to young people aged 12 to 25 years with, or at risk of, developing mental illness.

Further information on eheadspace is available online at: [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au) or by phoning: 1800 650 890.



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**IN PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS**



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What is a wholesome person?

It is a moral person who is trustworthy and not living a life of dishonour, deceit and crime. Our wholeness is reflected in our positivity, our feel-good feeling, our health, our vibrancy, our inner strength and our energy or vitality.

So, the question is, how can we attain happiness in our lives, if it is such an important ingredient of wholeness?

Psalms 19:7-8 "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

Isaiah 12:3 "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

Why not come and try the banquet of happiness through the knowledge and salvation from God's table? Come in for a chat.

**Southside Community Church**

10 Lockwood Road (opposite ALDI), Kangaroo Flat

Sunday service at 10am.

**WE ARE ALL PRECIOUS**

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God so loved us that he sent His own son Jesus to us to discover the depth of love that God has for his people.

We are all invited to enjoy that love by following Jesus. There's a song "I have decided to follow Jesus... no turning back... no turning back."

Jesus died so we could know the love that guarantees us a place in heaven. That guarantee is signed by the shed blood of Christ. That blood washes away sin, protects us and sets us free from the evil of the world. Christians are set

apart, not above others, but in an everlasting life with Jesus.

How do we do that? Sit with Jesus and give your life to him. Confess your sins and thank Him for dying on the Cross for you. That's all. In giving your life to Jesus then he will send the holy spirit as he did to the faithful after he ascended into heaven.

Why wait to enter such love and protection so that you can more than cope with the ongoing warfare of this world as it fails at so many levels.

That song goes on, "the cross before me, the world behind me, no turning back, no turning back."

Ps Peter Pritchard 0413 682 999.



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## Church Corner - WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

### UNITING CHURCH

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10 Lockwood Road, Kangaroo Flat PO Box  
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## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - BENDIGO NORTHERN GROUP

We would like to invite more ladies to join us in helping to improve conditions for women and children, lobby for change etc. We need all types of people as it is more than cookery and craft - we have great projects and roles for contributions by all.

The Group held a stall at the Sustainability Day recently. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our stall. It was a success for us, and we will be able to use the money to help the community in our local area. Thank you to everyone who made a purchase or stopped for a chat.

Bendigo Branch supported the SPAN Walk helping with the merchandise stall and showing the children how to make and colour their butterflies for the 'butterfly ceremony.'

Craft Days are the third Wednesday of the month from 1.30pm at 150 Neale Street, Flora Hill. Bring along what you are working on or join in the 'craft of the day.'

For more information or enquiries see CWAbendigonortherngroup on Facebook or contact Group President Lyn on 0411 603 320 for updates about meetings and functions.

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## GYM REFURBISHMENT UNDERWAY AT GURRI WANYARRA WELLBEING CENTRE

By Cam Nation

Gurri Wanyarra's new \$500,000 gym refurbishment is just a month away with operators Belgravia Leisure set to invest long-term in the facility as part of their new contract with the City of Greater Bendigo.

The refurbishment includes an update of all 'cardio' machines with the new range from Life

Fitness including 24-inch display screens and over 400 virtual on-demand workouts.

The weight training area will be revamped with the further introduction of new modern machines including the industry leading 'Multi Jungle 9 Station' and the popular 'Glute Drive'.

Weight Lifting Platforms will also be installed to cater for heavy lifters, while new functional training equipment including battle ropes and kettlebells will expand the centre's functional training options.

Health Club Manager, Suilven Byrne, said the comprehensive fitout would also provide members with new options to assist their wellness journey.

"A new Recovery Zone will be created for post-workout recovery featuring state of the art Normatec Compression Technology. The addition of an Evolt 360 Body Scanner will also assist members to get precise insights into

their body composition to tailor workouts to their body's specific needs."

Health Club Coordinator James Pierce said the gym refurbishment was on track for a June launch and that there would be no extra costs for existing members.

"The gym refurbishment is Belgravia Leisure's long-term commitment to both this centre and the City of Greater Bendigo and the full suite of new machines and equipment will be available for existing centre members at the current membership price.

When our install date is finalised we will advise members of our launch date and look forward to welcoming the Bendigo community on site for a celebration of the future of this great facility."

*Photo: Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre Health Club Coordinator James Pierce.*

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## COUNCIL WORKS UPDATE

**FLAT MATTERS** is now working with the **City of Greater Bendigo** to provide an insight intoworks projects being undertaken within the Kangaroo Flat region.

More information [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au)



The following projects/initiatives from the P&A Directorate are CURRENTLY under construction:	Date due to be completed
Lighting the Regions - Street Light LED replacement program	Sep-23
Bendigo Airport - Terminal and Admin Building	Dec-23
Edward Street multi-storey carpark Telco tower installation	Feb-24
Peter Krenz storm damage restoration	Mar-24
Capital Theatre Roof Renewal	Apr-24
Howard Street, Epsom - Road Reconstruction	Apr-24
Sunset Drive, Strathfieldsaye - Drainage	Apr-24
Forest/High St, Bendigo - Raised Crossing	May-24
Mulbury Court - Playspace Renewal	May-24
Hargreaves Street, Bendigo - Footpath	May-24
Russell Street, Quarry Hill - Blackspot Safety Upgrade	May-24
Sailors Gully Road, Eaglehawk - Footpath	Jun-24
Emu Creek Underpass, Strathfieldsaye	Jul-24
Bendigo Airport - Civil Works	Aug-24
Church Street, Kangaroo Flat - Drainage	Aug-24
Municipal Baths	Aug-24
Kennington Reservoir Upgrade	Apr-25



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to enjoy a relaxed get-together while enjoying coffee / meal with likeminded people.

**New members are always Welcome. Cost-Free.**

To confirm your bookings please

Email: [linnymac4@gmail.com](mailto:linnymac4@gmail.com)



## HIGH SPEED DEPOT

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme is off to a flying start and the locals are loving it.

Located at 10 Phillips Drive in Kangaroo Flat Envirobank Recycling invites you to drop off your empty bottles and cans at their high-speed depot and get paid 10 cents for every eligible container.

The state of the art sorting machines count everything in one go and the friendly depot staff are on deck to process your refund and also lend a helping hand.

Locals are saying it is a great initiative and keeps containers from landfill.

Sporting groups are also using the container deposit scheme as a means of fundraising for their clubs.

Staff say the busiest day of the week is a Tuesday!

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## Alcoholics Anonymous

7pm Sunday @ St Marys Anglican Church, 193-195 High Street Kangaroo Flat. Enter from carpark at rear on corner Bank St/Church St. Enquiries 1300 22 22 22.

## Bendigo Ballroom

Lockwood South community hall, 784 Calder Alternate Hwy.

Every Wednesday, 6pm for revision, dance at 7-10pm, enjoy supper for \$5

Fridays, inquire for times for easy beginners and advanced. \$5

First Sunday each month @ Marong Community hall. For more info ph, 0427 598 284 or 0438 550 521.

Daryl Smallman, President.

## Bendigo Coin & Collectables Club Inc.

Meet every Friday fortnight at 7.30 pm Venue - Quarry Hill Community Hall, Hamlet St. Bendigo.

New Members Welcome Contact Paul Brownlie - 0408 496 808

## Bendigo and District Parkinson's Support Group

1-2pm. Second Thursday of the month. Umpires Rooms, Napier St, Bendigo. A friendly sociable group and an opportunity to exchange information with others. Contact 5436 or 0417 332 033

## Bendigo & District Prostate support group

Meet at 6pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. They meet at the Bendigo Athletics centre, 58 Retreat Road, Flora Hill, all are welcome to attend. For more information contact 0430 037 922.

## Bendigo and District Quilters

Meet every Thursday 10am – 9pm at Long Gully Community Centre Havilah Rd, Long Gully. and Last Saturday of the month – 10am -9pm

New members welcome.

More information contact – bendigoanddistrictquilters@outlook.com Ruth Turner – 0417153057

## Bendigo Evening VIEW Club

“Voice, Interest, Education for Women” Supporting The Smith Family by raising funds to help disadvantaged students with their education needs.

4th Wednesday of month at 6pm for 6.30pm Lakeside Hotel, 286 Napier Street, Bendigo (opposite Lake Weeroona)

Meals \$26. Bookings Deidre McDougall 0419 595 674 Or for all enquiries re club Sue Rawlings 0407 436 311

## Bendigo Garden Club Inc.

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Bendigo Showgrounds. Contact : Laurelle Smith, 5447 0017 New members welcome.

## Bendigo Gem Club Inc.

10 Galvin St. BENDIGO 3550 Email: bendigogemclubinc@gmail.com Website: https://bendigogemclub.tidyhq.com BGC meet Tuesdays & Thursdays Zoom chat Wednesdays 8pm

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GEM EXPO second weekend September Members online shop Silver casting Only 10 min walk from Bendigo Station

## Bendigo Legion Angling Club

7.30pm 1st Monday of the month. Bendigo Tennis Centre.

## Bendigo Philatelic Society

**Monthly meetings** on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm.

At the Kangaroo Flat RSL, Station Street, Kangaroo Flat, opposite the IGA. Contact : Libby (President) 0448 120 066 or Margaret (Treasurer) 0427 341 115. Visitors always welcome !!!

## Bendigo Positive Birthing

www.facebook.com/bendigopositivebirthing for more details phone: 0447 453 644

## Bgo Radio Controlled Aircraft Club

monthly meetings last Monday of month 7.30pm in the Y Community Hall, Lockwood Road, opposite ALDI. Club's web site on www.brcac.asn.au

## Bendigo Bushwalking & Outdoor Club

is a long established club catering for Bushwalking and Hiking adventurers. It Meets monthly in the Forest Street Uniting Church Hall and has pre meeting catch up for a meal at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club at 6pm, for interested participants. Hans Tracksdorf M 0400 049 891

## Central Victoria Morris Minor Car Club

For anyone with an interest in Morris Minor cars. We meet the first Friday of the month, 7.30pm at the Chum Street Uniting Church, (until K'Flat Uniting Church is repaired) (No meeting January). Email: cvmmccsecretary@gmail.com Lynne Crichton - Secretary CVMMCC inc

## Community Enterprise

Last Thursday of each month, 6pm, Sports Club Dower Park

## CWA Kangaroo Flat Branch

3rd Thursday of the month at YMCA building, 10 Lockwood Road, 1.30pm. Enquiries to Jessie on 0407 527 551. Facebook: CWABendigonortherngroup New members welcome.

## Enjoy Church

Phillips Drive, Kangaroo Flat Details: http://enjoy.church/bendigo. Contact: Campus Pastor Martin Oravec on 0403 266 008.

## Friends of Crusoe No. 7 Park

Meet first Wednesday of every 2nd month starting February at the Rotary Gateway Park at 7pm, plus has working bees and activities in the parks. Contact the Secretary at focr7p@gmail.com

## Golden Square Croquet Club

Every Monday and Friday. Contact Don 5449 6332. For Junior players Saturday mornings contact Bill 5447 3439

## Heartbeat Bendigo Branch

A support group for cardiac patients, family & friends. Fundraising for cardiac equipment through public and social events. Meetings held bi-monthly on 3rd Sunday. Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov. 2pm at Chum Street Uniting Church hall. Enquiries to President Frank Ward - 5447 4545 or 0407 855 685.

## Heart Foundation Walking Group – Community Wellbeing Walkers

Every Tuesday 11.15 Meet at Lifestyle Choices, the corner of Neil and Station street Kangaroo Flat -30 minute walk along the Bendigo Creek Track. All welcome contact Jennifer 0419878836 myhealth@mentoronline.com.au

## Kangaroo Flat Baptist Church

“Come and Chat Group” Knitting for missions – a welcome cuppa and good conversations. We support a girl in Nepal. Enjoy good company every Monday 9.30am till midday. All Welcome!

## Kangaroo Flat Community House

21 Woolcock Avenue, Kangaroo Flat Ph. 5447 9687 Open Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm Various programs including: social group, yoga, craft, playgroup, cooking, meditation, art, tax help, applications for NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme) More information on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/kangarooflatcommunityhouse

## Kangaroo Flat Fire Brigade

Meets First Thursday of each Month. Fire Fighter Training Time: 7.30pm Venue: Kangaroo Flat Fire Station Helm Street, Kangaroo Flat Contact: 54470204

## Kangaroo Flat Scout Group

Outdoor activities for boys and girls aged 6 - 18 years old. Please contact Group Leader Tim Pannell 0408 451 362.

## Lions Club

1st Wednesday of each month Business Meeting. 3rd Wednesday of each month Dinner Meeting. Please contact Secretary regarding venues. President Heather Gartside Secretary Richard Hall 5499 6100

## Maiden Gully Fire Brigade

First Tuesday of each month Firefighter Training Time: 7.30pm Venue: Maiden Gully Fire Station 5 Beckhams Road, Maiden Gully Contact through www.maidengullycfa.org.au

## 1st Maiden Gully Scout Group

Maiden Gully Scouts meet every week during the school term at the Maiden Gully Scout Hall, Cnr Beckhams Rd and Calder Hwy, Maiden Gully: Joey Scouts (6-7yrs) Tuesday 5.30 –6.30pm Cub Scouts (8-11yrs) Thursdays 7-8.30pm Scouts (11-15yrs) Thursday 7-9pm To find out more contact Cate on 0405 381 611

## Maiden Gully Progress Association

We hold our meetings at the Maiden Gully Community Small Hall, the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. New members welcome

## Marong And District Senior Citizens

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the Marong Community Hall from 11.30am to 3.30pm for various activities. New members most welcome. Enquiries to Elaine 5446 7403 or Robyn 5443 9676

## National Seniors Bendigo & District

Over 50s. Bi monthly meetings, guest speakers. Monthly dine outs and coffee mornings. Day trips Contact Jeanette 54439726 or kjns4647@gmail.com for details.

## Needles & Threads

Meet every second Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am We knit, crochet and sew items for charity. New members welcome. Please call Sherran for meeting dates and details. Venue: St Mary's Anglican Church Hall Enter from Church Street, Kangaroo Flat Enquiries to Sherran – Ph 0419 528 960

## Partners of Veterans Assoc

3rd Monday of the month, at 11.30am at the RSL

## Probus Club of Kangaroo Flat (Mixed) Inc.

Every 2nd Wednesday each month 9.45am St. Mary's Church Complex High St, K/Flat. Contact Bev. Blume 5443 1809. - Visitors welcome.

## RAAF Association-Bendigo Branch

1st Thursday each month February - December. 11.00 am. to 12 noon with lunch afterwards. At Kangaroo Flat Sports Club Contact: Glenis Gordon, Secretary/Treasurer C/- Post Office, Raywood. 3570 Phone: 5436 9293 Email: glenblairmichael@gmail.com Membership open to ex Air Force Personnel and their relatives.

## Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat:

Meet each Monday 6pm for 6.30 start at the Rotary Function Centre (opposite Apco). New members welcome www.facebook.com/rotarykangarooflat/

## Kangaroo Flat RSL

Contact: Marty Stradbrook, President – 0429 020 485 Member meetings held 10.30am every 3rd Tuesday of the month Members Social Club meet Tuesdays 9.30am - 12.30pm New members welcome RSL Hall, Station St, Kangaroo Flat

## Saturday Open Mic Afternoons

Come join us for an afternoon of sharing your musical tastes and meet and play with other amateur musicians. Mainly for retired people, but open to all. Equipment available in a small, private venue in Kangaroo Flat. No cost. 3rd Saturday of the Month 1–5pm.

For more info email: ggjamsessions@gmail.com

## Special Olympics Group

Pam (President) 0418 304 927 John (Ten Pin Bowling Coach) 0400 641 405 Michele (Barracudas Swim Coach) 0409 173 656

## Spring Gully Dance

Dancing every Saturday night 7.30 - 11pm, and Monday nights from 7.30 - 9.30pm. Venue - Spring Gully Hall, 135 Spring Gully Road, Spring Gully. Contact Keith 5444 2953

## The Little Chimps Playgroup

Commencing on the 8th October at 396 High Street Golden Square in the Seventh Day Adventist church hall. Every Wednesday during school term from 10:30am - 12:00pm. Contact Kerry Greaves 0432 354 617. Please see enclosed a flyer for further information.

## The Bush Dance & Music Club Inc

Hold a dance at Holy Trinity Church Hall Keck St Flora Hill on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Starting at 8pm with the Emu Creek Bush Band playing. Admission \$8 adults under 16 yrs free. Raffle & lucky door prizes. All very welcome. Please bring a plate of supper to share. More information phone Mary 5442 1153 or Dianne 0418 172 286.

## U3A Bendigo

We offer over 70 learning, social and recreational activities to our members each weekday at locations across Bendigo. For more information visit our website at https://u3abendigo.com/, email activities@u3abendigo.com or phone 0490 858 469.

## Voltaire Calisthenics

Maiden Gully Classes: Recreational and competitive teams. For participants age 3 and over. Contact Voltaire for class times. Phone: 0437 343 656

## Y's Service Club (Women)

2nd Tuesday of the month, contact 0409 179 485 for venue details

## Y Service Club of Kangaroo Flat

Every Wednesday at 6.30pm Y Community Hall. Lockwood Rd opposite ALDI. ph 03 4411 1847



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## ROTARY HOLE IN ONE BONANZA

By Judy Kidman

The Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat held their 41st Annual Easter Hole in One at Gateway Park, March 29, 30, 31.

The Hole in One competition has a great history in our region since commencing back in 1984, with Past Rotarian Bob Deary leading the beginning, supported by the one-year-old Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat and its members.

The initial Hole in Ones (pre-Lake and all facilities at Gateway) involved hitting the balls onto a green, across the creek.

The event was conducted over four days, until recent years.

Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club has raised \$650,000 along the Hole in One journey which has been donated back to our community over the 41 years.

Our major sponsors, Tee sponsors and donations of prizes have helped achieve this wonderful result, but most of the credit goes to the regular and new competitors each year.

Approximately 120,000 golf balls were hit from the tees this year.

Kangaroo Flat Sports Club, sponsored 1st prize of \$2000, and Abbott Supply, 2nd prize \$500.

The Bendigo Golf Club, Belvoir Park Golf Club, Snowy River Caravans and Bunnings donated 1&3 metre prizes.

The Volunteer support, especially from the Bendigo Special Development School and other community members, ensures that the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat can continue to support our community.

### THE WINNERS

**Hole in One:** Damian Tresize

**2nd Prize:** Fletcher Waters

### NEAREST THE PIN

**Friday:** Trent Johnson 110mm

**Saturday:** Fletcher Waters 55mm

**Sunday:** Jason Fullarton 115mm

**2nd Chance Raffle:** Ryan Savy

As well as visitors from Townsville, Surfers Paradise and Mackay trying for the Hole in One, we had some great helpers picking up the balls. The little helper in the red Tshirt had come with one ambition – to help pick up the balls, and he’s promised to come back next year!



## REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Following the cancellation of the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games, the Victorian Government committed to deliver infrastructure upgrades to a number of venues across the state that were due to host competition sporting events, and recently announced the Bendigo Sports

Package, which will provide funding for upgrades to the Bendigo Stadium, Bendigo Showgrounds and the Bendigo Bowls Club and Bendigo Croquet Club.

The City will be managing the bowls and croquet club project, which includes four refurbished bowls greens, two refurbished croquet greens and upgrades to the venue’s iconic clubhouse.

The Bendigo Stadium will be expanded to include a new two-court annex and there

will be upgrades to two existing courts.

A new multipurpose pavilion will be built at the Bendigo Showgrounds. There will also be a redevelopment of the arena and upgrades to all four entrances and perimeter fencing.

Works will kick off in early 2025.

The proposed scope of works for each project includes:

Project	Proposed scope
Bendigo Showgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redevelopment of the Showgrounds’ arena</li> <li>• New multipurpose pavilion</li> <li>• Upgrade to all four entrances and perimeter fencing</li> </ul>
Bendigo Stadium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New two-court annex</li> <li>• Refurbishment of two existing courts</li> <li>• Utility upgrades, solar panels and backup generator</li> <li>• Lighting to outdoor netball courts</li> <li>• Carpark and accessibility improvements</li> </ul>
Bendigo Lawn Bowls / Bendigo Croquet Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of four bowls greens and two croquet courts</li> <li>• Refurbishment of existing clubhouse</li> <li>• Accessibility and circulation improvements</li> </ul>

*All projects are expected to be completed in 2026.*





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## JUNIOR FOOTY KICKS OFF

Kangaroo Flat has nine teams competing in the Bendigo Junior Football League competition this winter.

The Roos have been pleased with the turn out of numbers for the start of the season but they are keen to add to their list so if any junior is looking for a game then contact the club and they will look after you.

The club has provided a list of the coaches and training regimes for this winter.

**UNDER 16 BOYS COACH - XAVIER DINGFELDER**

Training Tue/Thurs Dower Park from 4.15pm

**UNDER 14 MIXED COACH - DAMIEN BIRD & ASHLEY STOW**

Tuesdays 4-5pm Crusoe College

Thursdays 4-5pm Dower Park

**UNDER 15 GIRLS COACH - BOB SANDERS & KELLIE DADDS**

Thursdays Kangaroo Flat Primary 4.10 -5.30pm

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**UNDER 10 MIXED COACH - DEAN CASS**

Mondays 4-5pm Dower Park

**UNDER 9 MIXED COACH - MATTHEW HULL**

Mondays 4-5pm Dower Park

We are still looking for numbers in all grades except under 16 boys.

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## GOLDEN SQUARE CROQUET CLUB

After the Club being reduced to only 2 or 3 members in 2022 it is a credit to those members that the Club has survived. On Friday April 12 eight new croquet players were welcomed by the existing players of the Golden Square Bowling & Croquet Club with a social morning of competition. It was great to see 20 players participating.

We had members as young as 15 years of age playing against our more mature players. New and experienced players formed partnerships to play 2 games and enjoyed the competition, camaraderie and as well as a few laughs.

The winner on the day was Bob Stonehouse, one of our U3A graduates.

Graham Smith was a great help as tournament referee.

Everyone gathered in the clubhouse to enjoy morning tea to conclude a fantastic social day.





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## KANGAROO FLAT SWIMMING CLUB NEWS



By Steve Hundt

With Summer drawing to a close, so does the Long Course swimming season for the swimmers of Kangaroo Flat Swimming Club.

An amazing six months of swim meets at home at Gurri Wanyarra and other local pools in Bendigo, regionally and in Melbourne at the Sports and Aquatic Centre where Kangaroo Flat Swimming Club members did exceptionally well, with numerous personal best times achieved and multitudes of medals won in many events over the season.

At the end of March, Kangaroo Flat Swimming Club held it's annual awards night to mark the end of the long course season where the hard

work and dedication of the swimmers were recognised and awarded for their success over the various swim meets.

The award recipients were well deserving in their recognition. The night also saw the announcement of the swimming club's Senior and Junior captains for the 2024-25 season.

A big congratulations to Graidey M, Sophie H, Sophie L and Jade H for their nomination.

The club is looking forward to the commencement of the short course season, and the arrival of Swimming Bendigo, a collaborative effort between the three local swimming clubs (including Kangaroo Flat Swimming Club) to host four short course swimming meets over various weekends during the winter at Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre here in Kangaroo Flat.

There is a building of anticipation for what promises to be a fantastic initiative.



## PETANQUE CLUB NEWS

By Sue Tapp

The Bendigo Pétanque group has been a very active and growing group over the summer and autumn of 2024.

As well as moving from our old home at Olinda Street in Quarry Hill to the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club with double the number of pistes in a newly fenced off area, we have had lots of new members of all ages.

The group meets in the carpark of the Sports Club and plays an in-club competition every week.

We also have coaching sessions available every second Monday with a trained coach.

All these activities will continue all year-weather permitting.

The Kangaroo Flat Sports Club is proposing a storage shed for our club and once we have settled more into the swing of things, we will

be looking for sponsors for signage, scorers and gazebos.

Members from the Petanque Club have recently participated in inter club tournaments at Ballarat, Avoca, Nagambie and Mornington with some excellent results.

A tournament at Maldon is the next big event as well as the opportunity for social play at Maldon.

Pétanque is a French version of Bocce, involving throwing metal balls (boules) at a wooden ball (coche) on a gravel court (piste) and is easy to play but also challenging to master.

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## TORUMBARRY APRIL TRIP REPORT

We had perfect weather conditions for our April club trip to Torumbarry, low 20's, low winds and cloudless skies. The speed boats stayed home which made the time on the water even better.

Six members attended and stayed at the Torumbarry Weir Caravan Park. The facilities were well presented and maintained and park staff were easy to work with.

This location gave us the option of above or below weir fishing with both areas producing fish. Below the weir had good flow and above was minimal if any flow but both areas provided plenty of snags to fish.

Nine legal fish were caught, 4 Cod, 4 yellowbelly and a bream. There were several smaller fish also reported. Largest Cod was 64cm, largest Yb was 51.5 x 2 and Bream was 45. All fish were caught on lures.

We met up both evenings at Tambo's for pre

dinner nibbles and drinks prior to making good use of the camp kitchen for our meals.

Although we had a small group the weekend was enjoyable. Lots of laughs, stories, a few fish and a stop at the Elmore bakery on our way home.

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For current storage level updates:

<https://www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/catchments/storage-levels>

## BENDIGO LEGION ANGLING CLUB TRIP PLANNER 2024

**MAY 18TH -19TH** - Seekers Pairs Mulwala - Trip Captains S.Morris / A. Griffiths

**JUNE 7/8/9/10TH** - Nelson - Trip Captain A.Griffiths

**JULY 27- 28TH** Majors Creek Nagambie - Trip Captain W. Symons

**AUG 16-18TH** Cod Closing Lake Eildon - Goughs Bay

**SEPT** TBA

**OCTOBER** Dartmouth – dates TBC

**NOVEMBER 22ND TO 24TH** - Lake Purrumbete

## ROOS CRICKET ROUNDUP

By Rod Wight

The KANGAROO FLAT CRICKET CLUB have had another successful season with 2 senior teams and 1 junior team making the finals. The under 16's were highly competitive in their Semi Final but just went down.

1st & 4th XI teams both made it to the Grand Final. Unfortunately, both teams lost in hotly contested games. The 4th XI team only lost by 1 run in a see sawing game that went down to the last ball of the game. All other senior grades were highly competitive to just miss out on a final's berth.

A big thank you to the Senior coach Brent Hamblin and his team of assistants for looking after the group for the season. The club is currently in the process of recruiting a new coach for next season so if anyone is interested in coaching or simply playing next season send a message through to the club; [kflatcc@gmail.com](mailto:kflatcc@gmail.com)  
We had a number of individual BDCA award winners this season which was fantastic for the club:

- Adam Burns, 1st XI Batting & Bowling average
- Campbell Smith, 1st XI keeping award
- Adam Burns, Campbell Smith & Dylan Klemm made the BDCA team of the year
- Liam Reilley, 4th XI fielding award
- Lachlan McKay, 4th XI batting average
- Clayton Smith, Hugh Smith, Lachlan McKay & Thang Nguyen all received BDCA Junior league awards as well

With close to 100 juniors participating every week ranging from junior blaster to Under 18 there are exciting times ahead for the club. A huge thank you to Michael Smith for coordinating the juniors as it is a massive task.

We are also lucky for Buildpro to continue as a major junior sponsor through their junior Pro program. Thanks to Buildpro for their continued support.

The club would like to acknowledge our sponsors who are vital to any club, please support them where you can as their support helps clubs

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