

# SCOOP & SCUTTLEBUTT

Wedderburn Community News

November, 2020



## *We Were Pretty in Pink in October*

Following on from the success of last year's Pink Up Your Town, the Wedderburn Community House registered to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation this year. With Covid restrictions it was a quieter affair, but the message was loud and clear.

The Community House was offering prizes for the Best Decorated Letterbox and Best Decorated front yard. Our front cover was definitely getting the message across, with a pink letterbox surrounded by pink bras acting as plant pots.

There was so much creativity and fun in promoting this fundraiser. For more pictures and the full story turn to page 5.

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November Editorial  
Marg van Veen

Can you believe it's almost Christmas. What a strange year. It seems to have dragged on, yet here is Christmas knocking on the door. Hopefully we are able to celebrate with family by that stage.

On the other hand we need to try and NOT follow in Europe's footsteps where many countries now have higher infection rates then during the first outbreak and are having to go into restrictions all over again.

A little caution over the summer should have us travelling well ready for whatever 2021 brings.

Having said that, we are hoping to hold our annual Xmas On High still in December. As it is an outdoor event without huge crowds, people should be able to enjoy the night while maintaining social distancing. This enables local carfers and artisans to sell their produce, we can organise our Christmas presents without travelling to regional centres and we can all finish 2020 on a high note.....particularly when we are ALL singing the Christmas carols.

A huge hug and thankyou goes out to Suzie Lockhart for her wonderful 'Front Door Project' which has been launched on youtube recently. Not only is it an incredibly happy and uplifting video full of smiling faces, it is an important record of 2020, an archive of our community. I suspect this will be a treasured item for a long time to come. If you haven't already seen it, check out youtube and search for 'Wedderburn Front Door Project'. It's a long one as there are a lot of locals, so make yourself a cuppa and sit down to enjoy.

*If you would like the details and meeting dates of your community group on the monthly events calendar or if you would like to have an article published, then please contact Wedderburn Community House by the 20th of each month on: 5494 3489 ,*

*Or you can email your details to:  
[wedderburnnewsletter@gmail.com.au](mailto:wedderburnnewsletter@gmail.com.au)*

*Community and Volunteer group details are advertised free.*

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## BIRDS EYE VIEW CALENDAR

Anyone who has seen the new Wedderburn Flora and Fauna Facebook page will be aware there has been a rediscovery of the beautiful nature we are lucky to live in. The diversity in our natural surrounds is not new, as visitors to the annual Kooyoora Wildflower Show can attest, we have many talented wildlife photographers in our community. However, this recent building of interest was sparked by the upcoming Birds Eye View mural project that was planned for November.

Sadly Covid is causing havoc again and the artists won't be able to make the November deadline. So our planned start date for the mural project will have to be put back to mid February 2021. Don't fear folks, as we have plenty of work to do before the artists arrive.

One of those activities is the production of a local calendar, just in time for Christmas. The money made from the calendar will go towards funding the mural project.

We need all those brilliantly talented local photographers to please send in their favourite couple of flora or fauna photos to Marg at [admin@wedderburnch.org.au](mailto:admin@wedderburnch.org.au), or come into the Community House on a Tuesday or Thursday with your photos on a usb. There will be a slight bird theme to the calendar, but we welcome photos of all local flora and fauna to show the wonderful diversity in our bush.

The Open Air Gallery representatives will then choose 12 photos for the calendar. **We will be accepting photos until midday on the 10th November.** This is a great opportunity to showcase your talent, or simply share a special photo. I look forward to seeing your photos.



## SCONES ONLINE

Wedderburn Community House's volunteers recently hosted our first ever online cooking class, with Scones with Bron. Our kitchen whiz Bronwyn Camm shared a simple recipe that guarantees beautiful scones in around 20 minutes. They are so easy using ingredients most people have in their fridge. Ashlee Smith was in charge of filming and keeping Bron in the frame. Challenging!

It was a small but enthusiastic group that participated in the class and I hear there was more laughing than cooking. Participants shared their favourite scone recipes and by the end of the session everyone had warm scones coming out of their ovens to enjoy with their morning cup of tea.

Due to the fun that was had we will be looking at future cooking classes online. We'd love you to join us.

### QI Quiz Questions;

1. Wedderburn March 1950. After three years on and off Dave Butterick and three of his sons-in-law unearth three large nuggets in a shaft dug in his back yard in Wilson St. opposite the Presbyterian Church. It started a mini gold rush. Do you know what they named the first two nuggets?
2. Richmond are playing for a third AFL Premiership in four years on Saturday. When did their opponents Geelong last win a flag?
3. A string of towns in the Wimmera/Mallee have striking and varied what adorning structures common in farming areas.
4. In Wedderburn's main street is the beautifully maintained Soldier's Memorial Park. What was originally on the site?
5. Echidnas and platypuses are two of only five egg laying mammals. They are known as m..... and their babies are sometimes called .....s.
6. What is the cold, nutrient rich current that wells up off the tip of South America and flows up the west coast of that continent towards the Equator?
7. Australia's National Rugby team is known as the Wallabies. Name two of their traditional rivals and their nicknames.
8. Do you know the name of Wedderburn's own Theatre Company?
9. If you were "on shanks pony" what would you be doing?
10. Bovine is a term relating to cattle. What is a term relating to A: horses. B: sheep. C: pigs and D: goats

**Answers page 19**

# Wedderburn Virtual Bookclub

Starting  
Tuesday 27th,  
October, 2020.  
2pm—3pm

Online via zoom  
Books will be available online.  
No Charge. You just need to become a member of the Goldfield's Library to access the online books.  
Book club facilitator: Hilary MacKay  
Contact Marg at the Wedderburn Community House to register on 54943489, or email [admin@wedderburnch.org.au](mailto:admin@wedderburnch.org.au)

Then every  
second Tuesday  
2pm—3pm

Limit of 10 people.

WE HOPE TO HOLD WEDDERBURNS  
**CHRISTMAS ON HIGH**  
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER  
5PM—8PM.



**Depending on Covid restrictions....**  
Late night Xmas shopping till 8pm.  
Market stalls & Food stalls in Jacka Park 5-8pm.  
Presentation best shop window & decorated house 6.30pm.  
Community Carols 7pm.  
And a special visitor in a red suit at 7.30pm.... That's Me!!

Christmas Tree  
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2021



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## PRETTY IN PINK

The McGrath Foundation has been promoting the importance of breast screening again this October with their Pink Up Your Town campaign. The Wedderburn Community House registered for the project and is aiming to raise \$1,000 to support the nursing staff who support the patients going through Breast Cancer treatment. You can donate online via this link <https://fundraise.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/fundraisers/margvanveen>, or drop a donation in one of the pink boxes in most shops in Wedderburn and the Community House.

McGrath Breast Care Nurses are at the heart of the Foundation. From the time of diagnosis, and throughout treatment, they inform, organise, empower and support people with breast cancer and their families. No cancer treatment is without its challenges, but this is where a McGrath Breast Care Nurse can help. They listen, guide and support people with breast cancer and their families every day through meaningful conversations, advice and quality care.

A McGrath Breast Care Nurse builds an important relationship with each person they support. They become a trusted, consistent and knowledgeable point of contact. As professional and qualified nurses they care for people with both early and metastatic breast cancer, across both public and private health services. They are available for free and without a referral. It's as simple as checking our website and [finding your nearest nurse](#).

Another important aim of the Pretty In Pink project is to promote the need to have regular breast screenings. So as you drive past Sue-Anne and Brett Hackett's house with the pink bras on the fence, or you peer into the magical window at Anthony Butt's very colourful storefront on the High street, I hope it reminds you to book a screening and check that all the women around you are also getting regular checks. Keep in mind that men can also have breast cancer. Not as common as for women but men need to also be aware of any changes.

It is wonderful to see how the campaign has brought people together to decorate their yards. Sue-Anne and Brett had help with their garden from their neighbours the Tansley family. The children made a fantastic pink ribbon sculpture using pink painted rocks. Three rocks had BREAST, CANCER, AWARENESS painted on them with lots of love hearts. These rocks take pride of place in the Breast Cancer Awareness garden bed which is fully planted with pink and white flowering plants. Thankyou to Chelsie, Alexis and Deacon for your enthusiasm.

Thankyou to all those people who donated to the project, and to all those who had fun decorating their letterboxes and front yards.



*Chelsie, Alexis and Deacon Tansley's Pink Rock Ribbon*



Wedderburn Community House and the Goldfields Library is now open

Tuesday & Thursday 10am–3pm,

for essential services such as Centrelink, Vicroads, Foodbank, printing, library services, produce and plant nursery. Call 54943489 for any enquiries.



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## WEDDERBURN WOODLAND WALKABOUT: 4 Oct 2020



On Sunday 4th October, the very informal Wedderburn Flora and Fauna group, conducted what was hopefully the first of many annual Wedderburn Woodland Walkabouts. The event was open to everyone and attracted around 25 people. The event was conducted with appropriate social distancing and caution.

It was a great opportunity to learn about the local flora and fauna from people who work in the conservation field or those with a keen interest and many years experience.



In a Post Covid era, we trust we will be able to attract people to our town to camp out in the bush and experience our wonderful flora and fauna. Of course, if they spend some money in our town and boost our local economy, that will be even better. Regional tourism will present huge opportunities while overseas borders are shut and we need to capitalize on the opportunity.

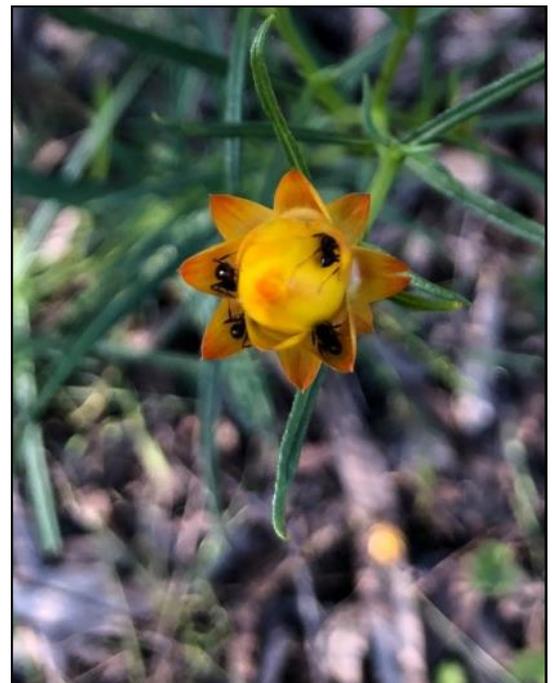
In the meantime, there will be other walks organised to focus on wildflowers while they are in season and also birdwatching. Several members of the group are open to suggestions about what else we can do to promote our area and the wildlife and flora assets we have here.

There is a survey about the walk on the Facebook page. Even if you didn't go, there are some questions there where input from the public at large would be welcome.

So let us know your feedback and ideas on yesterday's walk and ideas. Although there was

an "organised" couple of walks, some people did their own and your views are welcome as well. You can access the Facebook page and even join if you aren't already a member at [www.facebook.com/groups/wedderburnflorafauna](https://www.facebook.com/groups/wedderburnflorafauna)

Finally, a huge thanks to Bob, Meryl, Trudy and James for their organization and involvement. Their knowledge of birds and flowers they shared was great. Many thanks too to James and Trudy who covered the event for insurance purposes by auspicing through the Wedderburn Conservation Management Network.



The next walk will be around the Granites. Check out our Facebook page for details.



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Our Financial Counsellor will now be offering appointments in Wedderburn once a month on a Wednesday.

**For more information or to make an appointment contact CCS reception on 5438 1300**

**Workshops for families and carers  
Dual Diagnosis  
(mental illness and alcohol/other drug use)**

Dual diagnosis is complicated and can be difficult for families and carers. Online workshops are being held that may help provide a better understanding. Resources will be provided and discussion will explore the following topics:

The relationship between mental health and alcohol and/or other drug use

The reasons people with mental health misuse drugs

Which comes first mental illness or drug use?

How alcohol and other drugs effect medication

Coping strategies for families

Things that help and don't help

When: 1.30pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November

Where: via Zoom link

Cost: free

**Registrations are essential**

To register please call 5454 7612 or email [mentalhealthcarersupport@bendigohealth.org.au](mailto:mentalhealthcarersupport@bendigohealth.org.au)



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Look at the **photographs** page - we have over 70 unidentified family photos there.

It would be great if you could identify any of them - call Alan on 0429 427005

Wedderburn Historical Records Museum Inc.



## Pete's Plant Pick

### Plant of the Month: *Solanum tuberosum*, Potato

The potato that we eat is actually a swollen root or tuber from the plant *Solanum tuberosum*, a native to the Americas. The plant itself is a perennial in the nightshade family, Solanaceae.

The Solanaceae family includes, capsicums, chillies, eggplants and believe it or not, the ubiquitous, tomato.

If you look closely at the potato plant you will see that it has the same flowers as a tomato and also bears tomato like fruit which are inedible.



Wild potato species, originating in modern-day Peru, can be found throughout the Americas, from the United States to southern Chile. In 2018, over 368 million metric tons of potatoes were produced worldwide. Potatoes are considered an essential crop and are recommended as a food security crop by the United Nations. China produces most of the world's potatoes.

**Uses;** Where do you start?

Primarily grown as a food crop is also used for animal feed, medical products and as a source of fibre. It's almost impossible to find someone who has not used a food or product made from the humble potato.

The difference between old potatoes and new potatoes is the time that they are left in the ground. New potatoes are harvested when the plant is still growing, old potatoes are usually harvested when the above ground plant has died off.

**LOCATION AND SOIL CONDITIONS;** Potatoes can be grown almost anywhere, as long as the soil is deep enough, has good open structure, lots of organic material and a regular supply of water. Potato plants do not tolerate heavy frost, but that does not affect the tuber underground. The soil in winter must not get waterlogged or the tuber will rot.

Potatoes are notorious for depleting the soil of nutrients and as a general rule should not be planted in the same location every year.

**PLANTING REQUIRMENTS;** Plant seed potatoes in soil at least 100mm deep and cover over and water in. It should take 3-4 weeks for the plant to grow out and another 3-4 months before they are ready to harvest. Certified seeds can be obtained in any nursery or online. Most people just use up old potatoes that have sprouted, gone green or are drying out. You can also cut up a potato in pieces or slips, as long as it has one "eye" or sprout to grow from.

If planting in rows, keep tubers 30cm apart to ensure that you have adequate space for the potatoes to grow into. They can be grown in garden beds, holes in the ground, pots, old tyres filled with soil or any location where they have access to regular water and soil with high organic content. All the mediums or locations must be well drained, as potatoes cannot tolerate soils or locations that get waterlogged or have poor drainage.

**FERTILISING AND WATERING;** Once planted, ensure that it is given an adequate amount of water to ensure healthy establishment and growth. Regular fertilization with liquid fertilizer is essential, especially if the soil low in nutrients.

**CARE AND MAINTENANCE;** There are variety of fungal, viral, and bacterial diseases that affect potatoes, but these are rare in Wedderburn and surrounding areas. In 7 years of planting potatoes here, I have not experienced any. Crop rotation is very important as it tends to eliminate many soil borne pests.

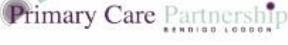
**Species Selection:** There are hundreds of potato varieties at present, with many more strains and varieties developed every year.

For the home garden you cannot go past the tried and true varieties like, Pontiac, Sebago, Russet Burbank, Desiree or Kipfler .

The best variety is what you like to buy from the supermarket or greengrocer. Just set a few potatoes aside and plant them when they sprout.

*Hint: If you have children, there is nothing more exciting for them than to dig up potatoes with their bare hands, it's like finding buried treasure.*





**Join the Loddon Songbirds Community Choir**

Virtual Community Choir – Sing along at home, reconnect with family and friends, while making new friends.

Held each Thursday from 10.30am  
Term 1 runs for 6 weeks starting 5 November

Gain skills and confidence using Zoom videoconferencing while having fun singing familiar songs.

If you've wanted to have a go at singing but always worried about how you might sound, this is perfect. During the songs everyone's microphones are turned off so you just need to follow the leader, James Rigby, a musician and singing leader with decades of experience engaging with community singers leading them into a joyful experience of musical immersion.

"We don't all sound the same when we sing or play but we all feel the same"

Enjoy plenty of time for chatting and catching up between songs as well as before and after the singing.

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Community Connector  
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## Fire prevention inspections to start

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO) will be starting fire prevention inspections throughout the Loddon Shire.

The MFPO will inspect properties to assess whether landowners are maintaining appropriate levels of vegetation and reducing fuel loads – particularly in high-risk areas.

Property owners who have excess vegetation (for example large amounts of branches piled up, long grass or debris) will be issued with a fire prevention notice.

A fire prevention notice is a reminder for the property owner to reduce the fire risk. Residents have 14 days to comply with the notice or get in touch with Council to discuss the issue.

If the fire hazard is not removed, Council can organise for a contractor to enter the property and remove the hazard. This is done at the property owner's cost, plus a Council administrative cost.

A \$1,652 penalty infringement notice can also be issued to the landowner for a failure to comply with a fire prevention notice.

You can find out more about how to prepare your property by visiting [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare)

For more information regarding fire prevention inspections contact Council on 5494 1200.



# Historical Society Snaps

Do you have any information on the following photos? Our historical society would love to know who these people are and where the photos were taken. Who wouldn't want that toy horse today –and is that a girl or a boy?



Love those chooks—and who are those handsome men in uniform? That building looks interesting too. Any suggestions?

Details can be emailed to [secretary@wedderburnhistorical.com.au](mailto:secretary@wedderburnhistorical.com.au) .. Or let us know here at Scoop and we can pass the information on.

Who are the people below? For such a large gathering it must be wedding—or a funeral: or maybe a reunion of some sort?



## A HOME WELL TRAVELLED.

This house was shifted approximately 12 miles. It handily travelled on many roads, through paddocks and creeks of which one is now 10 ft deep. The time of year was November 1947. It never got bogged as the creeks were not full of water so it must have been a dry year.

Only the verandah and chimneys were removed. There was only one window cracked, which was a credit to all concerned. It must have taken a few days for this project as the workers lived in the house.

Apparently there was one man's whose job it was to cut metal fences. The men dug all the post holes that were needed.



The house removalist was Frank Griffen of St Arnaud. The chimneys were rebuilt by Ken Ross of Wedderburn.

This house is still solid and lived in today.

### Holy Trinity Wedderburn, Anglican Parish of Charlton-Donald – November 2020

[Jesus offended people because he did not seem to notice the difference between lepers and healthy people, between tax collectors and fishermen, Jews, and Romans and Samaritans.](#)

Even though our ideal is to live without discriminating against people, it is very hard to relate to people as Jesus did.

A good starting point is to change our point of reference. I remember writing out my address when I was in early high school. I began with my name, then my street, town, state, country, hemisphere, planet, solar system, and finishing off with the galaxy. So if I thought about it then, there were everwidening circles with me as the starting point at the centre. Everything was revolving around me. My story was the only story that mattered, my judgements, my opinions and my preferences.

But everything changes when you turn things upside down and begin with the big picture. For example, I am made of cells, just one of the many billions of people on the earth created in the image of God on Earth, a Christian and an Australian. Finally, comes my name.

A reversal of my perspective, reminding me that instead of looking to me, I should be stretching my heart outwards.

Jesus, it made no difference to you whom you spent time with. Give me the same perspective; so I can take your love out into the world. Amen.

*'Some teachers of the Law..... saw that Jesus was eating with these outcasts and tax collectors, so they asked his disciples, 'Why does he eat with such people?'*

Mark 2:13-22 (verse 16)

**Worship:** Limited outdoor services have recommenced - contact me for further information.

Reverend Judi Bird 0435 593 359

[judithblackbird@outlook.com](mailto:judithblackbird@outlook.com)



## NOTES FROM LODDON SHIRE

26 October 2020

### Australia Day Awards nominations close this week

Nominations for the 2021 Australia Day awards close this Friday 30 October.

Nominations are open for the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Services and Community Group/Event of the Year awards.

Nominations are also open for the Community Service Awards. These awards recognise the outstanding contribution to the local community during the current year or noteworthy service to the local community over a number of years. Entries for the Australia Day 2021 competitions also close this Friday 30 October.

The competitions, which are free to enter, include colouring (Prep to Grade 2), photography (Junior, Senior and Open categories) and literature (Prep to Year 12). For Australia Day awards nomination forms, competition entry forms or more information visit [www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day) or call Council on 5494 1200.

### Loddon Songbirds Community Choir

Council, together with the Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership, is encouraging community members to join the Loddon Songbirds virtual choir. The choir is a chance for people from all parts of the community to come together and enjoy singing in a virtual choir via Zoom. It will be led by James Rigby, a musician and singing leader with decades of experience engaging with community singers.

Term 1 for the choir runs for six weeks, and will be held each Thursday from 10.30am starting from 5 November. To register email Community Connector Bethea Robertson at [bethearobertson@bchs.com.au](mailto:bethearobertson@bchs.com.au) or call 0417 520 249.

### Volunteering@Loddon logo design finalists

Congratulations to the finalists for the Volunteering@Loddon logo design competition – Callum Hercus, Elektra Ward, Ella Hocking and Rhiannon Last.

The entries from the finalists have been shared on Council's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/LoddonShire](http://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire)), with the winning entry to be the design with the most likes and shares from the community. As well as receiving a \$100 prize, the winning designer will be offered a chance to work with a graphic design artist on their logo before it is unveiled on International Volunteer Day Saturday 5 December 2020. The logos are available for liking and sharing until Wednesday 28 October 2020 at 5pm.

### Birds Eye View project

Applications for planning approval for the Birds Eye View Project have been submitted to Council and are currently on public notice until 30 October 2020.

The project, which is being run by Wedderburn Development Association and Wedderburn Community House, involves painting murals of endangered and threatened birds of the Wedderburn district in prominent locations by professional artists.

The painting of murals on three of the buildings – the Wedderburn Hotel, Randall's supermarket and Wedderburn newsagency require planning approval as they are subject to Heritage Overlay.

To view the public notice and planning applications visit <https://bit.ly/35h6br7>

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## Wedderburn Lions Club

### Aged Care Fund Pledge Form

Please note that this is a pledge indication only and not Legally binding

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I (we) pledge a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid when Aged Care Project ready to be built

I (we) are unable to support the project financially but certainly support such a facility for Wedderburn.

#### Acknowledgement Information

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I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Wedderburn Lions Club Aged Care Project Seeks Community Pledges

The Wedderburn Lions Club are now seeking pledges from the community towards the building of an Aged Care Facility for Wedderburn. This has been a long standing project of Lions and we now believe is the time to move forward and demonstrate the support of the community. Lions have currently raised some \$23,000 held in a special purpose account for the project. Lions have committed to place 20% from the proceeds of all fundraising activities towards the project. Lions have pledged to raise a total of at least \$100,000 for the facility.

A pledge is only a promise of a donation at a point of time in the future if the project is realized. No money is required to be paid at this time. By collecting pledges from the community, the Lions Club hopes it can show government and other stakeholders the support from the Wedderburn community.



We live in interesting times of course. The issue of Covid-19 has impacted severely on our economy both now and into the future. The level of debt incurred by the Government may make funding opportunities more scarce.

On the other hand, the Royal Commission into Aged Care has been damning about the structure of our Aged Care facilities. In particular this criticism has extended to Covid-19 preparedness and the impact the virus has had on our elderly. Aged care is a social, moral and ethical responsibility of our society. We cannot condemn our elderly to a system that is based around the maximization of profit. We need to ensure that our Aged Facilities meet the test of social accountability, not corporate accountability.

The Lions Club is excited that, as a result of our presentation to IDHS about the need for a local facility in Wedderburn, the feasibility of such a facility will be included into their strategic and service plan. This is to be done in conjunction with the Department of Health & Human Services but Covid has delayed the completion. In particular it has affected the community consultation component. Hopefully this will be able to proceed in the near future.

To find out more about the project you can visit the Lions Aged Care Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/wedderburnagedcare](http://www.facebook.com/wedderburnagedcare). You can also see videos of presentations that have been completed to the Lions Club on a visit to the independent 11 bed facility at Bundarra in NSW and to IDHS on our Youtube channel. This is located at <https://tinyurl.com/weddlionsYoutube>

Alternately, you can ring the Chair of the Aged Care Sub Committee, Jude Raftis on 0428 155 389 or the Secretary, Jon Chandler, on 0409 198 205.

If you would like to pledge some money towards the Wedderburn Aged Care Facility, then simply complete the Pledge Form contained in this edition of Scoop and Scuttlebutt and return to either Jude Raftis or Jon Chandler on the numbers above to arrange for collection.



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## NEW VICHEALTH FUNDING TO SUPPORT RIPON IN LOCAL HEALTH RECOVERY

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Applications for VicHealth’s Reimagining Health grants open today, with funding amounts of \$3K, \$10K or \$50K available for local organisations whose ideas can support their communities to create meaningful social connections, get active and access healthy, affordable food.

Ms Staley said “the call is going out to a diverse range of organisations, such as sporting clubs and leagues, community gardens, arts organisations, local groups, and youth services, to act fast and apply for \$2.5million in grants. “We know there are hardworking organisations in Ripon that could use this funding to make a significant impact on the health of people living in our community in the next 12 months and beyond”, Ms Staley said. “I encourage local organisations in Ripon, such as sporting clubs, community gardens, arts organisations, community groups, and youth services to apply for funding so our communities can recover.”

VicHealth CEO Dr Sandro Demaio said in the midst of the global coronavirus pandemic, it’s vital that we work quickly to protect the health and wellbeing of Victorians. “Victorians spoke, and we listened. Many communities were already fighting an uphill battle before the pandemic hit and are now facing greater challenges when it comes to putting healthy food on the table, keeping active and staying connected to others in their community,” Dr Demaio said.

“We want successful organisations to get the support they need to do what they do so well – make a difference in their communities, as soon as possible. We’ve made it easier to apply, with quicker turnarounds to a notification. “Our grants will support new or existing ideas and help amplify projects already in place, to reach more members of the Victorian community and help them improve their health and wellbeing on our path to recovery.”

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## SCHOOLS TO BE BUSHFIRE-READY

Local schools will share in more than \$15.3 million through the 2020-21 Bushfire Preparedness (Vegetation) Program and Planned Maintenance Program.

The Bushfire Preparedness funding will see 346 schools, including Inglewood and Tarnagulla Primary Schools and Wedderburn College, share in more than \$9 million to clear vegetation and undertake other essential maintenance ahead of the upcoming bushfire season.

109 schools will share in \$6.3 million of Planned Maintenance Program funding for essential work to grounds and classrooms such as fixing roofs and windows, painting, resurfacing floors and replacing windows, as well as repairing landscaping like pathways and steps.

Over \$2 million of this will go towards maintenance to Shelter-in-Place buildings at 12 schools, which provide temporary accommodation to staff and students in the case of a bushfire.

## BUSH BUMBLINGS.

The months of September, October and November are exciting times in the bush. This year the good rainfall has seen an increase in the number of flowers (and a flow on to the insects and birds) in the Wedderburn bush. Once a week an enthusiastic group of birdwatchers and flora fanatics meet at Jacka Park at 9am to travel to a small sample of what Wedderburn has to offer.



On 10 October we travelled to a spot about half way between Queens Gully road and Reservoir Road for a few hours exploration and bird watching. Bearded Orchids and a single pink Caledonia were in flower along with Calatrix, cranberry bush, golden pennants, and Damperia—in pale to dark blue. Unfortunately the white one was not found. A Mistletoe bird popped in to pose, and we were treated to the full chorus of a Rufus Whistler as it sat overhead. Butterflies, dragonflies,

Bees, and hover flies were in abundance due to the proliferation of flowers.

The 17 October visit to view Mt Korong Revegetation was deferred to the following weekend due to the wet weather, so I took a drive up Old Boort Rd to have a close look at the vegetation along the side of the road— spotted when heading to Wychitella Cemetery. Lots of Sun Orchids, Leek Lily and Pea Flowers—to name a few.. A drive up Mt Egbert revealed wonderful views, and some beautiful clumps of Rock Isotome, numerous Microtis Orchids and the largest Chocolate Lily's I've ever seen, up to twice the usual size.



### *Answers to the Quiz.*

1. "The Golden Retriever" and "The Wedderburn Dog". A third nugget found a fortnight later was named "The Golden Wedge". The three nuggets it is reported weighed 250 oz. gross with a value of 8900 pounds approx. adjusted for inflation it was the equivalent of \$500,000.00 today. At current gold prices in Aus. dollars \$5,500,000.00!
2. 2011.
3. Art works by various artists on grain silos.
4. A flour mill which was burnt to the ground in 1919. Have a look at the information plaque affixed to a big flat rock in the park.
5. Monotremes and Puggles.
6. The Humboldt Current.
7. New Zealand All Blacks, South Africa Springboks, or Great Britain the Lions
8. Warts 'n All.
9. Walking.
10. A: Equine, B: Ovine, C: Porcine, D: Caprine.

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If you would like to become involved in caring for our local environment, join the WCMN.  
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### *Wedderburn Men's Shed*

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Dear Agnes,

Today as I was out walking in my local suburb I noticed on someones nature strip a bundle of photos of a young couple. There were wedding photos and frames plus some personal items.

It made me feel sad. I guess they split up or something. Usually a walk cheers me up but today it saddened me.

Anyway I just thought I'd air my thoughts to you today.

Sympathetic Sue.

Dear Sue,

Well you never know perhaps they were just clearing out their old memories. Maybe all their photos are online now. Sometimes things change for the better after a split and new better beginnings come about.

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Agony Agnes.

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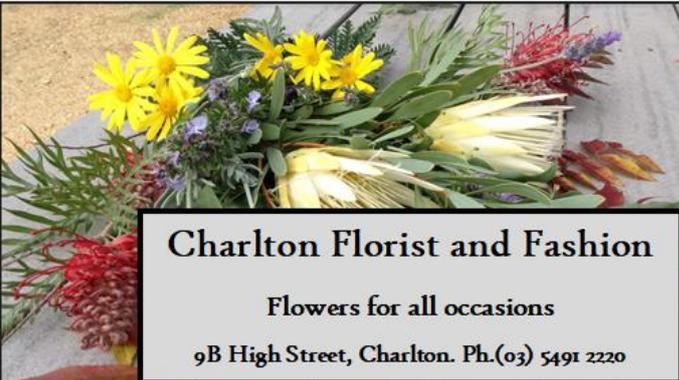
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