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February 2009

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Back to Booktown 2009

With the New Year started the organising committee is in full swing preparing for *Back to Booktown 2009* to be held on the weekend of 2 & 3 May. *Back to Booktown* is a not-for-profit community event where as many funds as possible are churned back into the community via community groups or the purchase of infrastructure (such as trestle tables) for community use. We have booked 56 sites with only 4 remaining. Booksellers are coming from NSW, Tasmania and Victoria. A full list is on the web site. www.booktown.clunes.org
If you would like to make a location available for book traders as a site please contact Tess Brady (5345 3147).

The event creates opportunities for community groups and local businesses and it also creates enormous positive publicity for Clunes, which over time, benefits us all. Thanks to the generosity of spirit of the people of Clunes, *Back to Booktown* has not only become a major Victorian rural event but is heralded far and wide as a model community event. Its success is due primarily to the involvement of community groups and the many individual volunteers.

Volunteers Needed

Come and be a volunteer- it's fun and you get to wear one of those great aprons!

We need that army of volunteers Clunes is so good at finding - there is a 2 hour job for everyone, the young, the old, the tall, the short, the athletic and the arm-chair philosopher. We need organisers and do-ers. We need helpers before, during *and* after the event. Call Maree Stephenson (5345 3359) at the Clunes Library and let her know the things you'd like to help with.

Opportunities for groups

All Clunes groups, clubs and societies are invited to make the most of fund raising opportunities provided by *Back to Booktown* weekend. There are 2 ways of doing this.

1. Your group could offer to carry out one of the jobs for a fee. Jobs include night time security; setting up; taking down; driving the mini bus; refreshing the toilets; secretarial work and answering phones or helping with selling books at the writers sessions. Call Graeme Johnstone (5345 3267) to register your interest.

2. Your group could offer to run a food stall. A workshop on how to make the most of the opportunity will be run by a local chef. Call Tim Hayes (5345 3426) to register your interest.

Business opportunities

Mobile Food & Drink Vendors and Catering businesses/ individuals wishing to establish a food stall need to call Tim Hayes (5345 3426) to book a location. All food stall operators (whether community, individual or businesses) will need to provide evidence of a Temporary Food Stall Permit and a current public liability policy. Shire inspectors will be operating over the weekend so if you want a stall it's important to call and book.

Please note that there will be no street vendors or market type stalls

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"Banquet @ Bailey"

"Feast on Fraser" has moved

We have now organised a sumptuous dinner to be held at the Clunes Town Hall.

The Dinner will be "alfresco style"

(weather permitting),

otherwise the Event will be moved indoors.

Canapés will be served on the forecourt of the Town Hall at 6.30 p.m.

followed by a 3 course dinner with matching local wines.

Date: Saturday 28th February 2009

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Clunes Town Hall

Price: \$80.00 per head - all inclusive

There will be a fundraising raffle on the night

Bookings and payment can be made with Ken Gibson at the Clunes Newsagency.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements

This Event for Clunes, has over the years donated \$19,000

towards local community organisations.

Funds raised this year will be donated to the Clunes Angling Club

to help with capital works in the restoration of their club rooms -

"The Old School of Mines" - a worthy project.

Chemist & Post Office

have moved to

59 Fraser St

(across the road)

All phone numbers and services remain unchanged

Back to Booktown 2009 Cont.

Bendigo Bank

Welcome aboard to the **Creswick & District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank**. The bank is providing a sponsorship package that includes the hosting of the *Volunteers Thank You Party* at the conclusion of the event.

Sponsorship – Show your support

Sponsorship is essential for the success of an event of this size. All businesses in Clunes have been asked to consider subscribing to a Sponsorship Package at a cost of \$150. It is a tangible way of demonstrating support for the event. Individuals are most welcome to become a Sponsor of *Back to Booktown*. Call Tim Hayes (5345 3426) if you wish to become a Sponsor.

Road closures

On Friday 1st May Fraser St will be closed between Service and Templeton St. so that we can install marquees. The school bus will stop at an alternative location on this day. During the day of Saturday and Sunday (from 8am-5pm) Bailey St between Service and Templeton St will be closed and Templeton St between Fraser and Bailey St.

Parking will be limited to 30 minutes outside of the IGA in Service Street to allow for local shoppers.

If there is an anticipated problem caused by the road closures please call Graeme Johnstone (5345 3267). **CFA stall**

The giant Nothing-Over-\$5 CFA stall will take place in the Bottle Museum complex. Call Ian Baker (0429 942 637) who is co-ordinating it for the CFA to offer books and helping hands.

Other activities

There will be displays of paper making and paper marbelling and an exhibition of book plates and a demonstration of children's book illustration.

To enquire about these events call Tess Brady (5345 3147)

Guest Writers

Our writers are confirmed. They will be arriving Thursday evening and giving free talks during Saturday and Sunday. Their books will be on sale and they will be available to sign them. The writers are Frank Moorhouse, Eva Sallis, Julienne van Loon and Matthew Condon.

See Maree Stephenson in the Library for more information about these writers and their books.

Update on the Weekend

Our website www.booktown.clunes.org is up and running, thanks to volunteer efforts from Marc Muehlhaeuser and Tad Kozdra. We keep the site up-to-date so it's the best place for an up-date on how things are progressing. We will continue to provide updates via the Clunes Community News

**Art in the Park
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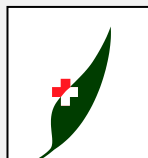
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Clunes "Words in Winter" Festival 2009

(coming to a venue near you in early August)

Planning starts now for this popular event, the purpose of which is to celebrate the written word in all its forms. Everyone in our community, from the youngest to the oldest, is invited to participate ensuring a distinct local favour. We hope that local groups, clubs and schools will be involved, and we will be seeking expressions of interest from these areas. Involvement can be, for example, through Poetry, Reading, Writing, Singing or composing songs, video performances, talking or writing of experiences within your group, or individual "tales to tell".

We look forward to some enjoyable entertainment with Words, this Winter, in Clunes.

The Volunteer committee, Alison Pithers, Rhonda Fawcett, Pam Adams, will be happy to discuss and issues with you.

Alison Pithers – Words in Winter Coordinator.

Email: barryalison@bigpond.com

Phone: 5345 4096

Carers Morning Tea

Are you a carer for a friend, relative or loved one?

Would you like to meet other people in the area in a similar situation?

A Morning Tea for carers is being organised on the **4th March**, at the **Clunes Neighbourhood House** (rear of the Health Service).

RSVP to Sue or Nola on 1800 059 059 by 25th February so we have the numbers for catering. Respite care can be arranged when you talk to Sue or Nola.

CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Contributions: Group/Committee/Organisation/Sports Clubs. Please send us details of meetings and/or events.

Articles, news items, letters, happenings all welcome email: thegateway@clunes.org Please **submit articles in word or straight text format** where possible. Photos - in B&W when you can. Hardcopy articles or Cd's can be dropped into the Clunes Neighbourhood House 69 Service Street (behind hospital) Phone: 5345 3486

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In November last year I represented the Hepburn Shire at the inaugural Australian Council of Local Governments forum in Canberra. At that forum Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced a \$300 million package to local councils as part of his government's attempt to stimulate the economy during the global financial crisis. The Hepburn Shire received \$425,000 and of this amount \$255,000 (or 55% of the total grant) has been allocated by Council to improve the toilet facilities and other improvements at Collins Place.

This project will include sustainable measures such as the installation of underground rainwater tanks, diversion of storm water into tanks, waterless urinals and landscape improvements to the park. Council is currently considering relocating the toilets immediately south of the existing facility so that any future redevelopment of the Clunes Museum will not be impeded.

PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

On 11 December I attended the announcement by the Victorian Premier to re-open the passenger rail service between Maryborough and Ballarat. At this stage the Government has not made any decision regarding extending this service to include train stops at Clunes and Creswick (in Hepburn Shire) and Talbot (in Central Goldfields Shire).

In conjunction with the Mayor of Central Goldfields Shire (Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor) we have asked our respective CEOs to convene a working group to develop a strategy aimed at lobbying the State Government to include stops at the three towns once the passenger service commences. Part of this strategy is likely to include surveys in the three towns on the potential patronage and given that none of the towns have secondary schools, the use of a passenger rail service by students alone would be significant.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2009

Council has adopted its meeting dates for 2009 and has re-introduced the rotation of meetings around the Shire. Council will meet at the Clunes Town Hall on three occasions throughout the year, the first of these being on Tuesday 17 February at 7.00 pm. The other meetings scheduled for Clunes will be held in June and October. All Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

**RENAMING OF THE BALLARAT –
MARYBOROUGH ROAD**

Council has received a proposal to rename the Ballarat – Maryborough Road as the 'Goldfields Highway'. This road extends from Miners Rest via Clunes and Talbot to Maryborough. At this stage the Hepburn Council has offered no objection to the proposal however all affected property owners in the City of Ballarat, Hepburn Shire and Central Goldfields Shire will be consulted about the name change.

SERVICE REQUESTS

To register any issue relating to maintenance of roads, drains, streets and roadside trees etc you can contact the Council as follows:

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Councillor, Cameron Ward**



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Welcome back everybody; hope you all had a good XMAS and New Year.

There has been some recent activity in the area on the criminal front, with a few residential burglaries and thefts. I have also been notified of some 'older' type offences that were not reported at the time. It is very important that if you are the victim of a crime, no matter how small you think it is, please let me know. When I have questioned the victims as to why they waited so long to let the police know that they have been the victim of a crime, I get the same responses in that 'Oh I didn't want to be a nuisance or waste your time.' I have charged a couple of youths in relation to the burglary and damage committed at the Rec. Centre in December.

I cannot stress enough if you are unfortunate enough to be a victim of crime that you report it to police ASAP. The police need to know what is happening around the district. This is the same in regards to general enquiries, if you have a problem and need some advice or assistance please contact me. As I have told others that have contacted me, that if I can help I will, if I don't know the answer to your enquiry I will attempt to find out and if your problem turns out to be not police related and I cant do anything to help I will also tell you that. My motto is, 'It can't hurt to ask'

Some good news, if you recall in the last newsletter Operation RAID – the state-wide operation targeting Drink Drivers, (there have been plenty of ads on the TV with Assistant Commissioner Ken LAY) was run between 21st November and 13th December, 2008. I personally administered more than 500 Preliminary Breath Tests during this time and I was very pleased to see that no one was over the alcohol limit, you are to be commended.

I attended at a collision scene on Monday the 19th of January, 2009, where a young fella (10 years old) collided with a car on the Talbot Road, near Roses Lane. The young fella was extremely lucky to get away with only minor injuries. The most disturbing thing was that the boy was not wearing a Helmet. I implore parents to make sure that their kids, and themselves, ALWAYS wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. The results could have been tragic. I will fine anyone I catch not wearing their helmet, you have been warned....

I have included the Clunes Police mobile phone number at the bottom of the article, as I realise that the police station is out of the way and more often than not I am out on patrol. If you need to speak to me in regards to a non urgent matter don't hesitate to ring me. **If you need police attendance for an emergency situation ALWAYS ring 000.**

As always I can be contacted on 5345 3211, 0427 683940 or athol.chaffey@police.vic.gov.au

Athol.

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Another year already. We will be running the usual courses, Flexi Computers, Yoga, Tai Chi and Karate. The Health Service is continuing the Mobile Gym on Mondays, but it's cheaper this time.

Telstra is running a Mobile Phone seminar on the 18th of February. We are offering a Food Safety and a First Aid course. These can only be run if we have the numbers, so please, please, please ring 5345 3486 or email thegateway@clunes.org and let us know if you want to do them.

The free Legal Clinic is still running every second Tuesday -- ring 1800 466 488 to book in.

A Traditional Gypsy Tarot Workshop will be run on 21st and 22nd of February, and the Body, Mind and Soul workshop will be run again in March. Further details can be found in the term program - out soon.

Our printer charges have increased this year, and we have been forced to increase our prices. We're sorry, but this was necessary as we cannot offer printer services at a loss.

The Community Garden now has a shade house and a wood fired oven (which makes fantastic pizza). Working bees are held every Thursday from 10 o'clock. A key is available at other times from the service station. A gas barbecue is also available for use. If you would like to hold a function there, please call.

Do you want another type of course? Do you have ideas? Do you want to run a course? Call us. If there is enough interest we will start them.

The Phone book is almost ready to be produced, so if you have updates - please let us know. Graeme

How delighted I was when my husband and I had the opportunity to view the outstanding Xmas decorations at the Community Centre on 16th December. The ladies who weekly give their services to entertain people certainly presented a delightful Xmas picture.

A lot of the decorations were made by those who attend weekly such as the Xmas placemats at each setting and posters on the windows. The tinsel decorations and baubles suspended from the ceiling were a sight to behold.

My comment was it would have been great to have a Courier photographer come out and take a photo of it all to show people how much pleasure they give to all who attend the Day Centre at Clunes. I am sure it is the highlight of their week. ~ Anon.

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All sorts of handcrafts welcome, as long as they are new, hand made and good quality. Shop would be open all weekend plus one or two days during the week.

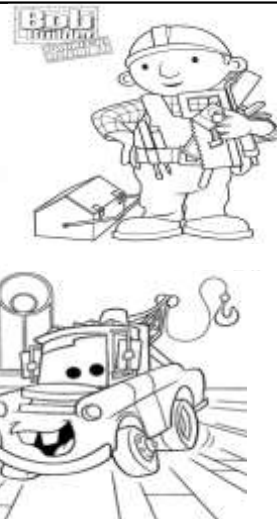
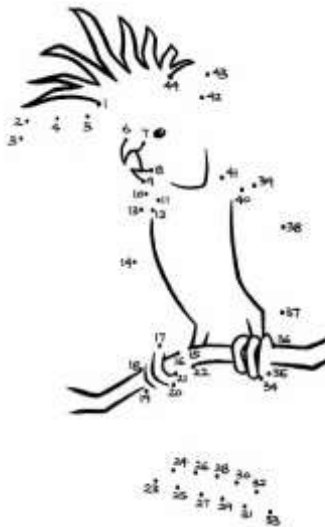
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-GOOD LUCK-
this is a hard one.

- 3 FUNNY JOKES -

- (Q) What is 100 feet tall and goes 'click click'?
(A) A Ballpoint Monster!
- (Q) How do you say your ABCs Backwards?
(A) CBA!
- (Q) Why did the bacon laugh?
(A) Because the egg cracked a yolk

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- Feb 25 Over 55's

BOOK CLUB

The book club meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Clunes Library at 7.30 p.m.

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† Doug Johnson

of Clunes Caravan Park passed away on the 22nd of December of last year at Creswick Hospital.
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The local community's requests for an ATM to be installed at the Bendigo Bank Agency in Fraser Street have been addressed by the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch local board of directors, who have funded the installation of the ATM. The ATM has been up and running since December 8 2008 and was officially opened by Councillor Tim Hayes on Saturday December 13 2008.



Clearer footpaths in Hepburn Shire

Improved access along footpaths in Hepburn Shire will be implemented next month with the Hepburn Shire Council having amended its policy relating to the placement of tables, chairs, goods and signs on footpaths.

Chief Executive Officer Kaylene Conrick said legislation required local government to comply with the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act by providing a clear path for people to move along footpaths.

Last year the Council formed a Footpath Trading and Access For All Reference Group to provide recommendations to update the policy.

The reference group hit the streets last year to assess and measure the paths and inspect footpath furniture and signs and to speak to business owners and footpath users.

Three new footpath zones have been developed - kerbside, trading and walkway.

Walkways must extend out from the building line to provide a path clear of street furniture, signs, or displays which will need to be placed towards the kerbside. The width of the zones is dependent on the width of the path.

Council Compliance officers will work with businesses to inform them how the changes will affect the footpath in front of their shop and footpaths will be marked accordingly.

Ms Conrick said people with pushers, riding motorised mobility scooters and all pedestrians need to easily move along footpaths.

"In the Hepburn Shire 19 per cent of our population have a disability and we need to provide clear access to shops and businesses.

"Council recognises there is a diverse range of businesses that contribute to the Shire such as cafés and restaurants that offer outdoor dining, but this needs to occur in a suitable way," she said.

"For some traders the changes will mean some restriction but will certainly not prevent them from providing dining, signs or displays.

"For instance it may not be possible on certain footpaths to set four people at a table, and businesses that have placed signs and goods up against their shop will have to rearrange their displays to allow for the clear walkway zone," Ms Conrick said.

At a Council meeting in December the Council resolved to adopt the amended policy which will come into force on February 28, and Council Compliance Officers will continue to liaise with traders to ensure they are familiar with the changes effective from 28 February 2009.

Sue Moses
Communications Officer
Hepburn Shire Council
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Clunes Mobile Gym

The Clunes Mobile Gym has been operating out of the Community Health Centre Function Room,
69 Service St,

for the last 12 months. While the numbers of women using the gym have been good, the numbers of men using the gym have been small.

A Federal Government grant to support the gym has been received and it will mean the price to use the gym will now fall from \$6 per session to only **\$2 per session**. This is unbeatable value and I hope that the men of Clunes and district will now take the opportunity to give it a go.

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Netball News 2009

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Ring Kath on 5345 3665 or Jo on 5345 3636

February 2009

		<p>Clunes Neighbourhood House will <u>no longer</u> be open on <u>FRIDAYS</u> during TERM ONE</p>			
2 :Start of Term: Flexi Computers Gym	3 Yoga Legal Clinic	4 Karate	5 Yoga TAI-CHI	6 Neighbourhood House Closed	7
9 Flexi Computers Gym	10 Yoga Netball Meeting	11 Karate	12 Yoga TAI-CHI Book Club	13 Neighbourhood House Closed	14
16 Flexi Computers Gym	17 Yoga Legal Clinic	18 Karate	19 Yoga TAI-CHI	20 Neighbourhood House Closed	21 Traditional Gypsy Tarot Workshop
23 Flexi Computers Gym Clunes Neigh House AGM 8PM	24 Yoga	25 Karate	26 Yoga TAI-CHI	27 Neighbourhood House Closed	28 Banquet @ Bailey
					22 Traditional Gypsy Tarot Workshop Art in the Park Queen's Park
					15 Talbot Market
					8 Clunes Market