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# Back to Booktown UPDATE

May 2-3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

**Planning continues.** Thank you to the many local traders who have provided sponsorship and to those who have already volunteered to help. There is still room for more helpers-young/old, tall/short – there are jobs for all. Please contact Maree Stephenson at the Clunes Library 5345 3359 to register your name or interests.

**Group opportunities** for paid tasks and catering are still available. Please contact Graeme Johnstone 5345 3267 if you wish to become involved.

**CFA Stall:** Units are responding well and we hope to have nearly double the number than in 2008. To arrange local donations to the stall contact Ian Baker 0429 942 637

**Road closures:** These commence at 9.00am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May to allow for the setting up of Fraser Street. Detailed maps will be displayed in shops and the community notice board. Any residents who are directly effected will be visited to ensure they have access.

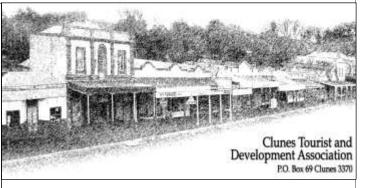
**Writers workshop:** The visiting writers will be running a workshop for aspiring writers on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. A number of FREE places will be offered to applicants with a 3370 postcode. Otherwise the cost will be \$165 and includes morning/afternoon tea, light lunch and tuition. For more details contact Sue Jones - 53458399 or 53667100.

Thank you again to all our sponsors, traders, groups and volunteers who are contributing so much to try to make the 2009 community event as successful as 2008.

# **Back to Booktown** Helpers needed

Sat 21st. March 9.30 am, to help with huge mail out.

Please contact
Graeme Johnstone
53453267



# **President's Report**

The flag lowering ceremony and barbeque held in Collins Place on Australia Day was again a great success. It was terrific to see so many people in attendance enjoying the occasion, the weather, the food and the music provided by Dan and E.J. Thanks go to Jane Lesock and her team for organising the event and to Cr Tim Hayes and Catherine King for their speeches about Australia Day.

I am sure that everyone is pleased with the recent announcement by the State Government that a passenger train service is to return to the Ballarat-Maryborough line. Public transport is frequently raised as the most important issue for Clunes and we need to work hard to ensure that any passenger train service travelling through Clunes does stop here. It was disappointing that the recent call for comments regarding the proposed bus trials did not result in any community responses. If services are to improve, the community must show that it is interested. I urge everyone to write to our local State member asking for a stop in Clunes. A train service to Clunes would have a huge impact on the town, not just for the many commuters but also for cultural, recreational, tourism and sporting trips. The CTDA will be starting a petition to the Government, but individual action is also required.

The Hepburn Shire Council meeting was held in the Clunes Town Hall last Tuesday evening. These 'roving' meetings are a great opportunity to see local democracy in action and provide residents with the opportunity to ask questions of local relevance.

I can't close this report without mentioning the recent, tragic fires. We have been lucky so far in this area but I'm sure many of you know people who have lost their homes, property or their lives. We should all acknowledge the extraordinary work done by the CFA volunteers both in the fire areas, and those who have travelled often long distances to assist. On behalf of the CTDA, I would like to thank all those volunteers and all those people who have donated money or goods to help those directly affected recover from this disaster.

Chris Fenner, President

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#### HELP NEEDED

#### The Parterre Garden

needs to be hand watered to survive.



Bev Woolfe has volunteered but it would be good if she had other helpers.

If you can help please give **June Johnstone** a call on 5345 3267.

# **AUSTRALIA DAY 2009**

Australia Day commenced with the traditional walk up Mount Beckworth to watch the sunrise. A lot of new faces enjoyed the celebrations by doing the walk or joining in later for the breakfast of pancakes and syrup, tea, coffee or Milo. Both Cr. Tim Hayes and Mayor Cr Bill McClenaghan attended the breakfast with the Mayor giving a short speech before the raising of the Australian Flag and singing of Advance Australia Fair. Thanks to Helen Hardy and Billie Drife and all their helpers who make this possible.

In the evening, things were set up in Collins Place for the community BBQ and entertainment. The evening was attended by Cr. Tim Hayes who gave the Australia Day Address and Public Affirmation. Other official guests attending were Catherine King MHR and Cr. Janine Booth. Clunes Primary School 2009 Captains, Hannah Cameron and Liam Newton both recited poems and were supported by Vice Captains, Nikkole Stanton and Callum Newton. A big thank you.

To finish off the formal part of the evening, Enid Steart and Ian MacFarlane, our own Citizens of the Year, lowered both the Australian and Hepburn Shires flags.

A large group of locals then sat around and enjoyed the BBQ and BYO picnic baskets with cool drinks and music entertainment again provided by popular demand Dan & E.J. who just keep playing.

Thanks to the Hepburn Shire Council who generously sponsor the Australia Day Events. Also thanks to all the volunteers who set up, cooked, served, and cleared up to make it a great success, and Clunes RSL for the loan of their BBQ. Special thanks to Chris Fenner, who again did a great job emceeing the evening and to Mark Harmes, Paul Lesock, Seb & Sandra Sanders, Shelley Hinton, Alison Pithers, who set up, cooked and served all night. Also to Judy, Bev and Michael who all helped out. Again hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Jane Lesock Clunes Australia Day Committee



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Clunes Day Centre extends an invitation to the Clunes Community to join us for morning tea and view the extensive range of clothes offered by Blumes Fashions.

WHEN: Friday 20th March 2009 @ 10.30am WHERE: Clunes Day Centre - Clunes Health Service 69 Service St, Clunes

**ENTRY: Gold coin** Raffle - Door prizes

**Enquires: PH 5345 3102** 



Walkers secured in bus for transport

# **CLUNES DAY CENTRE** THANK YOU

Through fundraising made possible by the Clunes Craft & Quilting group we have been able to purchase two walkers that have been adapted to fit safely in the back of the bus & also have a fixture installed to secure another walker safely when transporting clients.

These modifications mean that walkers are now secure in the bus which will result in less handling & improved safety when transporting clients to & from the day centre & on outings.

# **Lindsay & Joy Torney**

would like to thank all our friends for their congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of our 60th Wedding Anniversary on 29th January, 2009



## DOGS !!! PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We need more responsibility, initiative and care by having our dogs on a lead and under control especially in Fraser Street. Dogs not on a lead can be a hazard to pedestrians on our footpaths especially the elderly.

Only recently an older citizen was walking her dog which whilst on a lead was attacked leaving our citizen extremely distraught but fortunately uninjured herself.

Let's all spare a thought for each other be they fellow pedestrians or the retailers, and have our dogs safely on a lead.

# CLUNES HEALTH SERVICE 24 HOUR COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE

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#### Clunes Probus Club will meet on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, Town Hall at 9.45am. Visitors welcome.

After our General Meeting, we'll break for morning tea and enjoy a cuppa and friendly chat. Our third Annual General Meeting will follow the break. Because of time constraints there will not be a Guest Speaker this month, then lunch is at the Blue Bell Hotel, Howitt Street, Wendouree. We had an enjoyable day trip to Warrnambool last month and have a trip to Pakenham planned for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

For full particulars contact -Heather on 5345 3445 or Kate on 5345 3070.



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# **Back to Booktown Volunteer & Groups Meeting**

Sat 4th April 12.30 pm

at the Clunes Library Fraser St Clunes

Contact: Graeme 53453267

#### MOBILE GYM at Clunes

Monday nights at the Community Health Centre Suitable for all ages and fitness levels



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For more details or to secure your place

# ART IN THE PARK

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb our local art group (CLAG) in conjunction with the friends of Queen's Park, held an exhibition under the trees in the grounds of Queen's Park, featuring the work of local artists. Paintings, ceramics, sculptures, photography and digitally formed artwork were on display in lovely surrounds for people to view.

A very pleasant day was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Kate for her organization. Any artist interested in finding out more about CLAG should contact Kate Edwards 53453889.

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- Make a video call
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Telstra Country Wide is visiting Clunes & would like to offer you the opportunity to learn how to use your mobile.

The Neighbourhood House, 69 Service Street, Clunes Wednesday 11th March 2009, 10am - 12pm

BRING YOUR PHONE, Refreshments will be provided.

Please register your interest: ph: 5345 3486 / 03 5336 5536 Email: sharine.j.shaw@team.telstra.com

# Do you want to train your dog to do fun tricks or to be more obedient?

To express interest in attending a dog training course, contact Clunes

Neighbourhood House on 53453 2486

or email: thegateway@clunes.org

# Sunday 5th April, 2009, 10am - 5pm Historic Andersons Mill will come alive with the

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# What's on at Neighbourhood House

**Coming up** 

# March 11th Mobile Phone Workshop

Learn how to get the most out of your mobile phone
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and so much more!

# March 15th Mind, Body & Soul Workshop

Opening with a film on Friday night.

Learn how to empower yourself and others to heal, prevent illness and transform your life.

And don't forget Karate on Wednesdays
Yoga on Tuesdays
Tai-Chi on Thursdays
Flexi Computers Course on Mondays
Gym on Mondays

#### **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 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

#### Submissions BEFORE 22nd of each month Advertisement Rates as of April 2008

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### Clunes Neighbourhood House Inc

The Clunes Neighbourhood House is moving! We have just arranged to move to the Free Library building later in the year.



Being closer to town will make us more available to all of the Clunes community.

Our AGM was held on Monday, 23rd of February. Office bearers were elected.

Les Eastcott Chairperson
Jan Turner Vice-Chairperson

Judy Burn Secretary

Karen McMullan Committee Member
Ian Baker Committee Member
Roma Wiseman Committee Member
John Sayers Committee Member

Thank you to all those who have supported us in the past. We hope to move on to bigger an better things in our new residence.

Do you have a course you would like to do? Ring and let us know! If enough people are interested, we will find a tutor and organise it.

Graeme Cooper Acting Coordinator

## **CLUNES FAMILY HAIRDRESSER**

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## **SWAP SHOP**

#### **CLUNES ARTS & CRAFTS COTTAGE**

Opening April 4th. More participants needed.

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#### **SWAP SHOP**

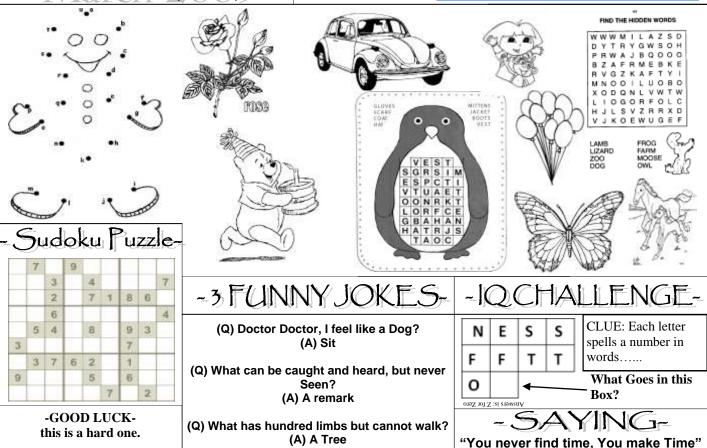
Open Mon & Thurs afternoons at 99 Bailey St Clunes. Clothes, sheets, towels, knick knacks, CDs, DVDs etc. All sorts of interesting things available for swapping. You don't need money!

# Reece Carter's Kids Corner Since November 2006

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March 2009

Games on the Web: http://www.freewebs.com/kids-corner/



#### Clunes Garden Club

#### BBQ Lunch & AGM will be held on Monday 2nd March, 12 noon, Senior Citizens Clubrooms

Members please bring a salad/sweet and a friend. New members and visitors will be made very welcome. All Garden Club meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 1.30pm. Membership is \$5 for the year.

The Clunes Garden Club is all about people enjoying gardening. Whether you have an established garden, a new garden, large or small garden, even no garden, you will be sure to enjoy the friendly company at our club. Members of all ages are encouraged to come along. During the year we will have guest speakers, visit some gardens and nurseries, have some social days as well as joining in the Words in Winter activities.

If you have a garden problem there is usually someone to help. Come along and join us. If you need further info please call Andy 53453351 or Jeannette 53453512

#### **Badminton**

Clunes Badminton Club Inc.

Competition begins: Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 at the Clunes Sporting Complex at 7.30pm

All levels and ages from Secondary School to Veterans most welcome

All inquiries ph. (03) 5343 4233 before Tuesday March 31st 2009

#### **BOOK CLUB**

The book club meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Clunes Library at 7.30pm

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#### **CLUNES FOOTBALL CLUB**

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All parents and players are required to fill out a registration form for season 2009 prior to player being permitted to play when the season commences on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

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Contact Kevin Steart 5345 3127 or Laurie Lees 5345 3034

#### **March Calendar**

Sunday hit off 12.00 midday Wednesday hit off 10.00am

Sun 1<sup>st</sup>: Stroke, monthly medal Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: Over55's; championship

Sun 8<sup>th</sup>: Stableford – 4BBB- draw partners

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: Over 55's; championship Sun 15<sup>th</sup>: Stroke – singles knockout Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: Over 55's; championship

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>: Stableford

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: Over 55's: Stableford: Summer breakup BBQ

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>: Stroke – pairs knockout

#### CAMERON WARD COUNCILOR REPORT - COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for the second round of Community Grants for the 2008/2009 financial year are now open and close on 20 March. Applications are encouraged within the following categories:

Youth

Arts & Culture

Small Equipment

Community Strengthening

and will normally be considered for an amount up to \$500, although applications under the Community Strengthening category can be for up to \$2000. Funding for sporting organizations is considered under a separate funding program. Application Forms and further information can be downloaded from the Council's web site and intending applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposal with Council's Community Strengthening Team on 5345 8399.

#### **COUNCIL PLAN**

Under the *Local Government Act 1989* Councils are required to prepare a new Council Plan within 6 months of a General Election (which was held in November of last year). Hepburn Shire Councilors have commenced the process for preparing a *Draft Council Plan* and a series of consultative meetings will be held to enable community input. The Council Plan will be the primary document to guide Council over the next 4 years so residents are encouraged to attend meetings, the dates of which will be advertised in the local paper.

#### LIBRARY FUNDING

For the past 3 years I have been the Hepburn Shire Council representative on the Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation (CHRLC) and last month I was elected Chair of the Board. I feel that I have been handed a poison chalice because the CHRLC, like most rural regional library services, is at risk of being financially unviable.

In 1975, the State Government contributed 50% of the operating costs of all regional library services, with local councils contributing the balance. In the first decade of the 21st

century, the State Government now contributes a paltry 17% towards the operating costs and local councils contribute 83%. While local government has been forced to pick up the slack, the reality is that library services across Victoria are now seriously under-funded. As a result, in the CHRLC, the funding for renewing the library collection (books, DVDs, CDs, periodicals and information technology) is 60% below optimum funding levels, staffing levels are below accepted standards and our overall expenditure is \$2m below that of similar library regions. The 7 councils comprising the CHRLC Region contribute 3% of their rate revenue compared to the state average of 6%.

State governments of various persuasions have been lobbied for many years for a return of a more equitable funding arrangement; however these approaches have fallen on deaf ears. It would seem that 'there are no votes in libraries' despite the fact that libraries are by far the most used, valued and iconic service provided to communities. The government's continuing underinvestment in libraries is at odds with its claim to have the best education system, its commitment to community capacity building and social inclusion and the status of its capital as a UNESCO City of Literature.

The CHRLC Board will continue to lobby the government for equity; however Hepburn Shire Council and the other member councils need to seriously review the level of their contributions if our local libraries are to remain open.

#### SERVICE REQUESTS

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

Telephone: 5348 1577 Fax: 5348 2911 Email: <a href="mailto:shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au">shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au</a>

By using these contact numbers you will find that the process of responding to your requests will be much more efficient.

Tim Hayes, Councilor, Cameron Ward

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