

# DISTRICT NEWS

Connecting people from Lake Bolac Wickliffe, Willaura, Maroona and Streatham

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*Welcome to the first edition of the 'new' District News!*

## WHAT'S ON

- FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February : **Willaura Harvest Celebrations**, Willaura Rec Reserve, 5pm onwards.
- SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February : Farm to Pub, Willaura – Ride.Run.Walk
- SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March : **Willaura Health Care Outdoor Market**, 10am-2pm  
Tom Curtain 'Why We Live Out Here' Tour – Chatsworth House
- WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March : Festival of Small Halls, Willaura. [www.festivalofsmallhalls.com](http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com)
- FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March : Lake Bolac Eel Festival art auction.
- SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March : **Lake Bolac Eel Festival**, Lake Bolac foreshore. [www.eelfestival.org.au](http://www.eelfestival.org.au)
- SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March : **Good Friday Appeal 'Bake Sale & Firewood Auction'**, Lake Bolac Memorial Hall

## THINGS TO DO

- Explore the Lake Bolac Foreshore – Picnic Point, East Beach and scenic South Beach.
- See an exhibition at the Willaura Modern Railway Gallery.
- Visit the Maroona History Centre – open the last Sunday of each month, 10am-3pm.
- Find a treasure at the Lake Bolac Community Op Shop – open every Sunday, 10am-1pm.
- Enjoy the Lake Bolac Eel Festival – March 2024
- Explore the 1km walk around Willaura's intriguing lignum swamp.
- Decide if Willaura Bakery has Australia's best vanilla slice.
- Visit Narrapumelap Homestead, Wickliffe – open Easter weekend and Melbourne Cup weekend. Phone: 5350 3220

## PLACES TO EAT

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| Lake Bolac Brewery      | Open Tuesday-Sunday   | Phone: 5350 2303 |
| Lake Bolac Diner & Café | Open 7 days a week    | Phone: 5350 2294 |
| Willaura Bakery         | Open Monday-Saturday  | Phone: 5354 1291 |
| Maroona Hotel           | Open Tuesday-Saturday | Phone: 5354 7580 |

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## About the District News

The District News was started many years ago by the local Lions Club. It is now compiled, edited and printed by volunteers at the Lake Bolac Information & Business Centre. This newsletter is produced at the start of each month and distributed around the community by volunteers. An email version is also available – please contact us if you wish to be included in the email distribution list.

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter either as a volunteer, or to supply a story please contact us. Advertising costs per issue are as follows: Full page \$55, ½ page \$30, ¼ page \$15.

**Closing dates** for 2024 are the last Saturday of every month.

We always welcome your feedback – this newsletter is a work in progress!

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Please contact us if these details need updating or any are missing.

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## Garage / Clearance Sale

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, from 9am – 3pm

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SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

10AM AT STREATHAM

10AM AT WILLAURA

10AM AT LAKE BOLAC (VENUE TBA)

### **LAKE BOLAC GARDEN CLUB**

Our annual meeting and planning session will  
be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March,  
probably at the Lake Bolac Information Centre.

Marjorie McKenzie, Secretary. 0455 151 203



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## ***Willaura market attracts over 60 stallholders***

Willaura is set to welcome the annual Willaura Health Care Outdoor Market with more than 60 boutique stalls. Hosted by the Willaura Health Care Auxiliary, the market will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am-2pm, with gold coin entry, and will again be held at the Willaura Recreation Reserve adjacent to the hospital. Market stalls will include homewares, cards, jewellery, giftware, clothing for babies, children and adults, plants, candles and gourmet foods, plus much more.

Willaura Health Care Auxiliary president Heather Fleming said the market was shaping up to be a great day for the whole family. "Not only will we have stalls packed with homemade and home grown goods, but we will also have musical entertainment by popular local band SOFT. And don't forget the Auxiliary produce stall full of home baked goodies, jams, relishes and produce," Mrs Fleming said. "There will be a jumping castle for the kids and other activities to suit the whole family. Added to all this there will be a wide variety of delicious food options, including the Willaura Lions Club barbecue, coffee and ice cream."

Over the past 18 years the Willaura Healthcare Outdoor Market has raised more than \$100,000 for Willaura Health Care, incorporating Parkland House Hostel, which has included new furnishings and fittings, equipment, and activities and outings for residents.

## **Recipe of the month:**

### **Easy Chocolate Cake**

Ingredients - 90g butter, melted  
1 cup of self-raising flour  
1 cup of sugar  
2 tablespoons of cocoa  
½ cup of milk  
2 eggs  
½ teaspoon of vanilla

Method - Place all the ingredients – except the butter – into a bowl and mix together.  
Pour butter over the top and beat well for 3 minutes.  
Pour into a greased and floured ring tin and bake for 30-40 mins at 180°C.  
Top with chocolate icing if desired.



Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? Please contact us.



## ***Lake Bolac Friends of the RSL***

The Lake Bolac RSL Sub-Branch needs more members.

You do not need to be an ex-service person or a relative of an ex-service person to join. Anyone can join as a social member. A 3 year membership costs just \$25 but a Membership Application Form must be submitted. The forms are available at the Information Centre and should be returned there upon completion. Payment can be made by direct deposit to:

Lake Bolac RSL Sub-Branch – BSB 633 000, Acct No 112 652 078.

Please ensure you add your name as a reference on the deposit.

Once your application is approved in Melbourne you will be sent a membership number and card in the mail. The membership card will entitle you to discounts at any RSL Club in Victoria. If the required quota of financial members is not reached then the Sub-Branch will be closed and all money held will be forwarded to RSL Headquarters in Melbourne. Please help to keep the Sub-Branch open by signing up.

Thank you, Lake Bolac Friends of the RSL.



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## Bake sale & Firewood auction

Fundraiser competition

**Venue:** Lake Bolac Memorial Hall

**Date:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Judging at 11am

Light lunch and tea/coffee available

Gold coin entry

Raffles

Lucky door prize



Event categories: Children's, Decorated cakes, Special cakes, Cupcakes & Slices, Biscuits & Pies, Special dietary.

*Entry forms are located at:*

Lake Bolac Info Centre, Willaura and Lake Bolac Community Banks,  
Willaura Supermarket, Lake Bolac Café & Diner.

Drop off your baked goods between 9am-10am at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall.

Contact Faith 0475 891 767

E: [faithmansbridge031@gmail.com](mailto:faithmansbridge031@gmail.com)



All proceeds go to the Good Friday Appeal



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## Lake Bolac & District Historical Society

### The Sad Story of William 'Billy' Duncan

William John Duncan, known to all as Billy, was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1942.

His parents were Lewis and Rita (nee Alsop) Duncan of Lake Bolac. Sadly, Rita passed away 12 days after giving birth to Billy. She was just 30 years of age and is buried at her home town of Mortlake. This left Billy to be raised by his father and grandmother Elizabeth (Lizzy) Duncan. This must have been a particularly difficult time as Lizzy was 70 years of age in 1942. Added to this Lew enlisted in the army in November '42, and wasn't discharged until 1946.

Billy was educated at the Lake Bolac State School and upon leaving school worked on district farms. While working as a rouseabout at a local shearing shed in 1961 Billy picked up a fleece and a splinter lodged under one of his finger nails. Although tetanus shots were available at the time Billy had not had one and tetanus (lockjaw) infection set in. Billy passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1961 at the age of 19 years.

The small Lake Bolac community was devastated by his passing. His death had a profound effect on his friends and was particularly felt by the congregation of the Lake Bolac Presbyterian Church. The Duncan family had a long association with the church. Billy's great-grandfather Lewis Duncan Snr arrived in Lake Bolac in 1856 as a cook for then storekeeper Cecil Louisson. He married and had 6 children including Lizzy. The family home was a small wooden cottage located at the southern end of the township across the road from the current P-12 College grounds. It was demolished in more recent times.

The cottage was used for Presbyterian services prior to the opening of the church in 1878. Lizzy was given a special gift by the church in 1958 to mark her 70 years of voluntary church cleaning. When she could no longer do the cleaning her son Lew took over the role.

Such was the respect for the Duncan family that on Billy's passing the fellow members of the P.F.A. (Presbyterian Fellowship Association) presented a bible to the church in Billy's memory. It had the P.F.A. crest on the front cover and an inscription inside. The bible was in use right up to the final service in the church in December 2023. The bible has been donated to the society and we are now the proud custodians of this small, but very meaningful piece of Lake Bolac's history.

Billy is buried in the Lake Bolac Cemetery with his grandmother Lizzy who died in 1964 aged 92. She is remembered as being a lady of small stature.



His father Lew is fondly remembered as a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He is also remembered for ending conversations with the sign off words, 'Thanks kindly'. In the early 1950's Lew moved a house from the O'Rorke property to the block of land where the Duncan cottage stood. This house was later beautifully renovated to become 'Pete's Place' B&B and is today a privately owned residence. Lew died in 1996 at the age of 84 and he is also buried in the Lake Bolac Cemetery.

R.I.P. William 'Billy' Duncan, 1942-1961.

L-r: Colin Dunn, Colin McKenzie, Murray Tuck, Stephen Park, George Murray, Billy Duncan, Otto Nyikos and Neil Tuck.  
(Photo provided by Colin McKenzie).

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## Maroona History Centre

Maroona local Kerrin Gellie has a display of interesting items and photographs collected from the district. He is also an author of two books – ‘Soldiering On’ and ‘Maroona Remembers’.

The History Centre will be open the **last Sunday of each month** from 10am-3pm.

Gold coin donation upon entry.

Contact Kerrin on 5354 7510 or Irene on 0428 948 707. Email: [irene790@hotmail.com](mailto:irene790@hotmail.com)

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## Rainfall observations for 2023:

Recorded at the Lake Bolac Post Office.

January	12.0 mm
February	36.8 mm
March	24.0 mm
April	80.2 mm
May	29.8 mm
June	72.2 mm
July	23.2 mm
August	25.2 mm
September	13.0 mm
October	20.2 mm
November	27.2 mm
December	96.0 mm
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>459.8 mm</b>





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## FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

In February, there are fewer flowers on plants as most have put on their most lavish displays earlier this year, and are now covered with spent blooms. Some other plants such as Corymbias, Crepe Myrtles, Weigelas, Kangaroo paws, Daisies, and Roses are still flowering beautifully. In the garden, there is always lots to do, so here are the main points:

### **Planting and Watering**

With the lower temperatures, you can put any plant in the ground safely without any risk of shocking or stunting them. Just make sure to water them generously and keep the soil moist, but not too wet. This is the best time for a large property and commercial landscape planting. As of mid-February, the rate of evaporation of water from the soil is less, so you can water your plants less frequently, or adjust your irrigation system accordingly.

### **Dead-heading and Pruning**

After the beautiful first summer blooms, many of the flowering perennials are now covered with spent flowers, which are busy producing seeds inside. Some plants have a big flush of flowers at once, such as catmint, while others flower more consistently over the flowering period, such as daisies. The longer you leave spent blooms on the plant, the more resources or nutrients they utilise to produce seeds, and the plant will feel that it has completed its life cycle, i.e. producing seeds to ensure next generation. The best thing to do is remove spent blooms once the flower petals shrivel up. This will encourage more flowers to pop out. Very often the later summer blooms do not look as good as the earlier ones. You can give those plants a beautiful second late Summer-Autumn flush of flowers by doing some light pruning and removing all flowers, followed by an application of bloom-promoting fertilizer or seaweed solution, preferably by foliar application, and also applied around the root zone. Make sure to deadhead your Agapanthas early, to prevent them from going to seed, as they can get quite invasive.

### **Fertilising**

Due to the frequent watering in summer, nutrients leach away from the soil, especially from pot and planters. Nitrogen or Nitrates are the most common nutrients that leach away along with other highly soluble minerals such as calcium. You may tend to notice discoloration or yellowing leave on your plants. The best way to prevent leaching is by top-dressing your soil with organic matter, compost, manure and encouraging microbial and fungal activity in the soil. Use slow-release fertilisers or seaweed solutions instead of traditional instant NPK ones. These take time to break down and give a steady supply of nutrients for a few months.

### **Pests and Disease**

Warmer weather and humid conditions create the perfect mix for a host of pests and diseases for plants. Identify them early, treat them, and keep your plants healthy all through summer. Powdery mildew is one of the most commonly occurring plant problems at this time of the year. It is a fungal disease that affects plant leaves and stems, coating them in what looks like a white or grey powder-like substance. In severe cases, powdery mildew can even spread to the buds, flowers, and fruits of plants. A simple remedy is a good spray of the following mix: 1 tablespoon baking soda with 1 tablespoon vegetable oil and 1 teaspoon dish soap in 1 gallon of water. Another option is a mix of 1 part milk with 10 parts of water.



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## Golf Club News – February 2024

A stapleford event was played by 20 members on December 10<sup>th</sup> in the lead up to the end of winter season trophy presentation evening. Winner of the day was Andy Lamont with a score of 40 points. Runners-up, both on 37, were Scott Cameron and Skeeta Fisher. Members and guests then enjoyed a BBQ meal served from the newly refurbished kitchen.

After a welcoming address from newly elected president Dallas Cameron, club captain Scott Cameron presented the successful golfers with trophies won during the year. Chris Barry was the A grade champion, and also won the Angie Graham eclectic. Andy Lamont is B grade champion with Andrew (Nar) Roberrtson successful in C grade. The H.A. McMaster Memorial trophy for the best nett score over 54 holes of the championships was won by Scott Cameron. Rob Coutts was successful in the W.G. Park matchplay defeating Lawrie Ritchie in the final. Rob also successfully partnered with John Lloyd to win the P&J Steer Pairs Knockout. Retiring captain Peter Steer won the men's monthly medal play-off.

Leanne Ritchie had a most successful year winning the women's A grade championship as well as having the best nett score over 54 holes of the championship. She also won the coveted Ena Malin Memorial trophy as well as the women's eclectic. Retiring women's captain Suzanne Neumann won the trophy for best putting over the championship. The most improved woman golfer was Jane Higgins who had the most reduced handicap over the year. Jane capped off her excellent year by winning the women's monthly medal play-off. Her nett score of 62 back in February won her the highly regarded Denis Cameron Memorial trophy for the best nett score by any member over the year.

Competition golf will be played on Tuesday morning and Sunday afternoon over summer. On Tuesday's please arrive at 8.30am for a 9am hit-off. People are welcome to play 9 or 18 holes and beginners and returning golfers are most welcome. On Sunday please register at 12 for a 12.30 start.

### **Captains' contact number for further information:**

Una Allender – 0419 891 920, Leanne Ritchie 0407 995 250, Scott Cameron 0427 506 582

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## LAKE BOLAC'S VERY OWN FESTIVAL

Lake Bolac's very own festival, the Eel Festival, is fast approaching,

Over Friday 22 March to Saturday 23 March this year, it includes a variety of activities to appeal to people of all ages and stages.

What's more, the festival's very reasonable entry prices have been kept the same as the last festival in 2022. See [eelfestival.org.au](http://eelfestival.org.au) to purchase.

The festival kicks off on the Friday night with an Art Auction in the town Memorial Hall. Talented regional artists are providing some 30 pieces to be auctioned at affordable prices. The cost to attend includes dinner by Castlemaine's Murnong Mammias served by RMIT students.

The Art Auction is a really fun night where you can also meet the artists involved as well as make new friends in the area.

The following day sees the festival proper kick off with a morning Welcome to Country followed by a day of impressive music performances, interesting workshops and information stalls with food stalls to keep you going into the night.

The music program includes the following talent: Brett Clarke, Seal Prince and the Roof Rats, Tim Scanlan, Bruce Watson, Skyglass, Gabby Steel Band, Andy Alberts Band and our very own local maverick songman, Neil Murray.

A key feature of the day is the Festival Forum which explores the festival theme: 'Song, Story, Dance: Ceremony and Celebration'.

The 2-hour forum will feature a presentation on Indigenous dance from musician and cultural warrior Brett Clarke; with respected Elder Aunty Adeline Thomas presenting the women's perspective.

Other talks include Freshwater Eels of Tasmania and the story of the eel life cycle by a ranger from the World Heritage Listed Budj Bim Cultural Landscape. Also presenting will be Wergaia/Wamba Wamba Elder and Chair, Yoorrook Justice Commission, Prof. Eleanor Bourke AM. The commission is the first formal truth-telling process into historical and ongoing injustices experienced by Victorian First Peoples.

Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Group will update us on their local projects.

Workshops include indigenous basket weaving, eel-skin tanning and making botanical headbands.

Please note that billets are needed to accommodate musicians and presenters over the festival weekend. As well, volunteers are needed to help make the festival a success. A minimum of 4 hours before the festival or 2 hours on festival days will be rewarded with a free ticket to attend the festival proper.

Contact Una Allender at [uallender@bigpond.com](mailto:uallender@bigpond.com) or on 0419891920.

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## **GRAMPIANS ‘Ride to Remember’ – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

The annual Ride is hosted by the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation – Ararat Branch and organised by a Sub Committee that includes branch members, Victoria Police together with a group of motorcycle enthusiasts, all local recreational riders who all want to make a contribution to their community.

The Ride Sub Committee led by Ararat Branch members, Dean Pinniger as Chairman and Snr Sgt Shaun Allen as the Victoria Police Forward Command together with Debbie Francis as Chief Marshal are committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable ride for the expected 400 plus riders and pillions from across Victoria and SA who will descend on Ararat for this signature regional event.

The Ride is a green corridor event and under police escort to maximise safety and to minimise disruption to other road users. Experienced marshals together with vehicle and medical support will make up the contingent throughout the 190km ride route.

The Ride will start on the morning at 9am from the Queen/Barkly Streets roundabout adjacent to the Registration Area at Ararat RSL and travel the rural countryside down to the outskirts of Willaura then head onto Moyston and to Pomonal for the morning tea stopover at the Pomonal Hall. The Ride will then head to Lake Fyans and around to Lake Lonsdale before heading into the Grampians National Park through Halls Gap and up to Lake Bellfield before returning back via Halls Gap, Pomonal, Moyston and into Ararat for lunch at the Alexandra Gardens around 12.45pm.

The morning tea at Pomonal is being organised by the Pomonal Progress Association and up and running again Pomonal Tennis Club to raise funds for the tennis court upgrade and is being supported by their local community.

As per every year of the Ride, the Ararat Lions Club will be catering for the multitudes at the Alexandra Gardens. In addition, there will be the popular Show N Shine for motor enthusiasts to show off their bikes, spiders and trikes in the Classic, Tourer/Cruiser, Sports, Custom, Retro and Rat (*Novelty*) sections plus the Blue Ribbon merchandising van will again be present and supports the Ararat Branches fundraising on the day.

To add to the weekend, a Welcoming Dinner will be held at the Ararat RSL which is sponsored by The Ararat Advocate, and this is already booked out with motorcycle enthusiasts taking the opportunity to reacquaint with fellow motorcyclists, many who come every year.

Ride Chairman, Dean Pinniger said: “Planning for our 2024 Grampians Ride is well on track for another successful event and Blue Ribbon – Ararat is grateful to all the sponsors, donors and volunteers who step up to support the Ride. Via the Sub Committee our team of marshals, support and especially our local Victoria Police, particularly the Northern Grampians Highway Patrol who provide escort of the 190km ride are well versed in making sure of a safe and enjoyable Ride. Importantly, the 2024 Ride remembers the sacrifice of officers who have fallen in the line of duty and to show all serving members of Victoria Police that their work and commitment is valued by our community. This year’s proceeds will go towards the Ararat Branches final donation for the \$135,000 General Ultrasound Machine in the Blue Ribbon Foundation Wing at East Grampians Health Service (*Ararat Hospital*).”

Registrations for the 2024 Ride is \$50 for Riders and Pillions via <https://www.trybooking.com/CKXUC>



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## Community morning tea Dove Café Willaura Uniting Church Hall Ayrey St

**10am until 11:30am**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Monthly**

Gold coin donation

***Everyone most welcome***

More info: Lisa Heard 0429 447 502



Photo: Example only

### 2024 Dates:

**February 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**November 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**



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## Sip & Stitch

First Tuesday Monthly  
10:00am till Midday  
Willaura Uniting Church  
Cnr Warranooke & Ayrey St



Bring along your own project, whether it be sewing, knitting, embroidery, crocheting, mending, darning and yarning.

This will be a relaxed setting to mingle, brainstorm your next project, solve a problem with a stalled item, energise yourself to complete something in the 'too hard basket', and enjoy the company of others. No project too simple, or too complicated, whatever you fancy.

This is a **free activity**, made possible by our Dove Café friends.

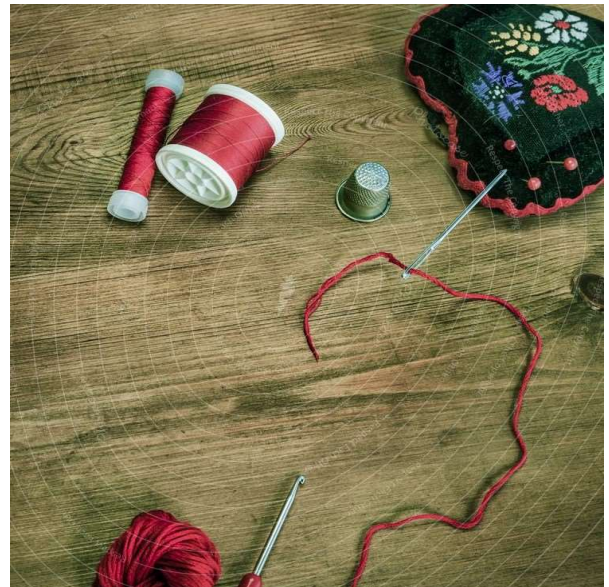
We will be set up in our heated meeting room, kettle will be on, tea and coffee provided.

***Everyone most welcome***

For more information call:

Lisa 0429 447 502

Judy 0409 331 741



**2024 Dates: 6<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June....**

*Willaura Uniting Church, helping our community connect*

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For those over 65 we are now giving  
**Shingrix (Shingles) Vaccinations**  
Please phone 53 558 700  
for an appointment

Also taking expressions of interest  
For covid 19 vaccinations  
Please phone to register your interest

**Social Support Group**  
*Outings*

6 February Ararat  
Lunch & Shopping

27 February Warrnambool  
Lunch & Shopping

15 February Valentine's Day  
Centre Lunch 

## Lake Bolac Bush Nursing Centre

"a healthy & empowered rural community"

### FEBRUARY 2024



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LAKE BOLAC VIC 3351

Ph: 03 5355 8700  
Web: [lbbnc.org.au](http://lbbnc.org.au)  
Email: [lbbnc@lbbnc.org.au](mailto:lbbnc@lbbnc.org.au)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 <a href="#">PATHOLOGY</a> Mon—Fri 9:00 AM—12:30 pm	2 <a href="#">CLINIC</a> Mon—Fri 9:00 AM—5:00 pm		1 Physio Exercises Centre lunch Clinic	2 District Nursing Clinic
5 District Nursing Clinic	6 Clinic <b>PAG</b> Ararat	7 District Nursing Clinic <b>Massage</b>	8 Exercises Centre lunch Clinic	9 District Nursing Clinic
12 District Nursing Clinic	13 Clinic <b>Maternal Health</b> Nurse	14 District Nursing Clinic <b>Massage</b>	15 Physio Clinic Exercises Valentines Day Centre Lunch	16 District Nursing Clinic
19 District Nursing Clinic	20 Clinic	21 District Nursing Clinic <b>Massage</b>	22 Exercises Centre lunch Clinic	23 District Nursing Clinic
26 District Nursing Clinic	27 Clinic <b>Maternal Health</b> Nurse <b>PAG</b> Warrnambool	28 District Nursing Clinic <b>Massage</b>	29 Physio Exercises Centre lunch Clinic	

## AUSSIEROCK WICKLIFFE QUARRY

- 14mm minus / Crusher Dust
- 14mm AG, 20mm AG, 40mm AG
- 50-120 Beaching Rock
- 20mm minus Road Material
- 40mm minus Road Material

**Phone Mark - 0436 341 488**

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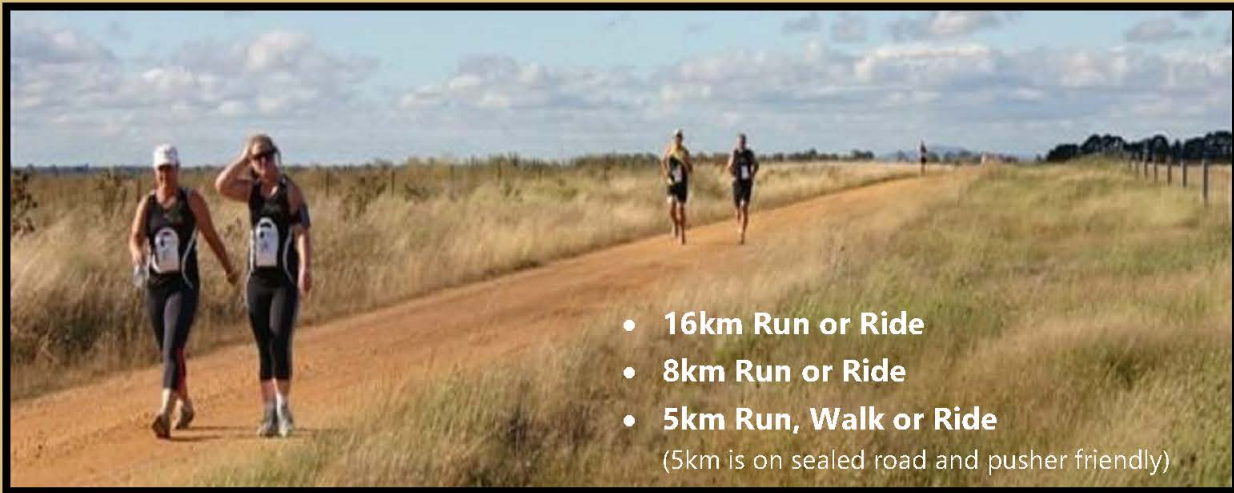
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## WILLAURA

Farm To Pub - Back in 2024

RIDE · RUN · WALK



- 16km Run or Ride
- 8km Run or Ride
- 5km Run, Walk or Ride  
(5km is on sealed road and pusher friendly)

Saturday 17th February 2024

To enter go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/COJUT>



Walk up registrations from 2:30 pm

- A family friendly event concluding at Willaura Recreation Reserve
- 12 Years and Under - Free, 13 - 18 years - \$10, Adults - \$15
- Willaura Rec open at 4pm
- Sausage Sizzle by Willaura Primary School from 5:00pm

Profits and raffle proceeds to  
One Red Tree Resource Centre Inc.





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## Lake Bolac & District Bowling Club News



As we close in on bowls finals, we currently have Division One 1 point outside the four, Division Two Red 6 points out and the midweek team in fourth position.

Friday evenings continue to include a sausage sizzle and visitors are welcome, with equipment supplied.

Claas Harvest Fours are on this coming Sunday, with a full field booked in. Thanks to Geoff and Carol Britten for their sponsorship.

Kevin Breen, President.

  
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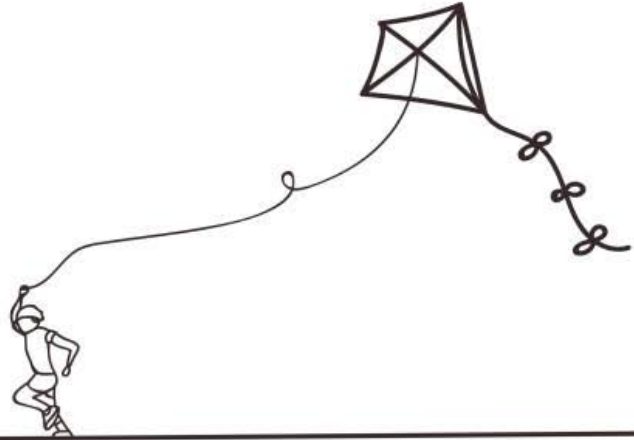
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## National Day calendar

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - National Carrot Cake Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - National Kite Flying Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - National Tim Tam Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - National Dog Biscuit Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - National Tooth Fairy Day



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It's on again  
**PRELOVED CLOTHES** <sup>13+</sup> stalls  
& PLANTS  
MARKET

Lake Bolac Memorial Hall  
Sunday 4 February, 2024  
10am to 1pm

WIDE VARIETY, ALL SIZES,  
GREAT QUALITY, FANTASTIC PRICES

Womens, mens, teens, casual, babies, toddlers,  
formal, business, gowns, maternity, boots/shoes,  
jeans, accessories, jewellery



THE TREASURE HUNTER'S HALL ALSO OPEN  
(OLD SCOUT HALL - OPPOSITE POST OFFICE)

Full of treasures and open every Sunday 10am to 1pm



Interested in being a senior  
**NETBALL COACH?**

Positions available for

**A Grade, B Grade & C Grade**

Message Wickliffe/Lake Bolac Football Netball Club



**Netball pre-season**  
**6.30pm, Thurs 1st of Feb**

**@LAKE BOLAC RECREATION RESERVE**

Join us for dinner afterwards  
at the Lake Bolac Hotel



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# WILLAURA HARVEST *Celebration*

Join us for a Harvest Celebration as our community gathers for an evening filled with live music and family-friendly activities. Don't miss this festive gathering!

**FRIDAY**

**2**

**FEBRUARY**

**AT WILLAURA  
RECREATION RESERVE**

**5PM ONWARDS**



**FREE BBQ FROM 6PM**

\*Please RSVP at the Bakery



**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
BY 'BAZZ MUSIC'**

## WATER BOMBIE COMPETITION

**AT THE WILLAURA POOL**

**5PM START**

**\$100 PRIZE TO BE WON**

\*WEATHER PERMITTING

## PHOTO COMPETITION

**\$100 PRIZE PER CATEGORY**

**Harvest | Landscape & Nature  
Community & People | Wildlife & Animals**

\*\$100 PRIZE FOR THE BEST PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE ENTRY IN ANY CATEGORY

**ENTRIES CLOSE 30TH JANUARY**

Entries to be submitted to Rob Guttler via Whatsapp  
or text: 0401 916 907



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LAKE BOLAC  
**Whole of town**  
**Rabbit reduction**  
FEBRUARY & MARCH 2024

**REPRODUCTION IS TYPICALLY LATE MARCH  
NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION**

**Rabbit control is the responsibility of each landowner.  
By not addressing rabbits on your land one pair of rabbits can breed  
to over 100 rabbits in just 18 months. Be a good neighbour.**

Thank you to those who take the rabbit problem around town seriously.

This year we are again asking for a whole of town approach to rabbit control throughout the months of February and March.

Some areas/residents have never been addressed their rabbit issues and we ask that this year they action (as per tips on flyer) or employ suitably qualified professionals.

Flyers have been sent to all addresses and posted on Social Media with recommendations on what is needed and how to action.

Any questions please contact  
the Lake Bolac Information Centre or Actriculture Victoria.

**If you have concerns about infestations on neighbouring/local properties  
this can be reported to Agriculture Victoria.**

**Forms are available from the Lake Bolac Information Centre**

**T: 5350 2204**





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## WILLAURA HEALTH CARE OUTDOOR MARKET

Sunday March 3 2024, 10am-2pm

Grounds adjacent to Willaura Health Care, Delacombe Way



The Willaura Market is a charity event run by the Willaura Health Care Auxiliary, with funds raised going towards improving the lives of residents and patients at Willaura Health Care, East Grampians Health Service.

This boutique country market offers goods from local and regional artisans and is set in Willaura, surrounded by fertile farmland, which lies 34 kilometres south of Ararat on the south-eastern edge of the Grampians in Victoria's Western District.

#### Local producers and local artisans:

- Homewares
- Cards
- Jewellery
- Giftware
- Clothing for babies, children and adults
- Plants
- Gourmet Foods

#### Variety of food vendors including:

- Gourmet food
- Lions barbecue
- Coffee
- Icecream

+ Childrens entertainment, musical entertainment and raffle.

For more information: [willauramarket.com](http://willauramarket.com)



Visit: [facebook.com/willauraoutdoormarket](https://facebook.com/willauraoutdoormarket)

We thank the following sponsors of the market:



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## WILDLIFE WORD SEARCH

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