

# LISMORE NEWS

19th February 2026

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**and to Lismore Primary School for joining the stapling roster**



Helping to keep the newsletter free to readers

## Welcome to Lismore

Alan and Ping Creen

.....  
Mitchell, Madison & 3 y.o. Indigo

.....  
Wishing all new residents a wonderful life in Lismore

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Corangamite Shire Council can be a first step to finding services which are useful for fire impacted community members. For example: Council's **Rates Collection and Hardship Policy** recognises the need for respect and compassion in cases of financial hardship. The Policy is based on the principles of fairness, integrity, confidentiality and compliance with statutory requirements. Property owners are encouraged to call Council 55937100 to discuss their situation

**Where to find warnings & updates** on weather conditions and fire danger:  
ABC local radio, designated stations & Sky news  
Vic Emergency website emergency.vic.gov.au  
Social Media @CFA\_Updates  
Facebook.com/cfavic  
Vic Emergency App  
1800 226 226 Vic Emergency Hotline freecall  
anytime day or night before and after incidents  
131 450 Interpreter



**Want to go paperless?**

Lismore News is online!  
Scan the QR code to read it on your device in glorious colour!

Western Plains Machinery Preservation Group Inc.

presents

## The 5th Annual Vintage Machinery Display and Vintage Tractor Pull Weekend

**Saturday 28th February '26: 9<sub>AM</sub> to 4<sub>PM</sub>**  
**Sunday 01st March '26: 9<sub>AM</sub> to 2<sub>PM</sub>**

Featuring:

Tractor Pull - Sheep Shearing Display - Local History Group Display - Vehicle Display - Working Stationery Engines - Working Farm Machinery - Rope Making Workshop - Members Collections Displays  
Kids Activities - Plus LOTS MORE!!!

This year we will be featuring: **MASSEY-HARRIS and MASSEY FERGUSON TRACTORS & FARM MACHINERY**



Exhibitors and Contestants

FREE ENTRY!

**Lismore Showgrounds**

**Seymour Street, Lismore VIC 3324**

Speedie 0429 949 739 or Jim 0417 008 818 for more info  
@WPMPGINC

## Vintage Sock- Maker in Action

*We are delighted with this special addition to the Vintage Machinery Display weekend  
Come along and be impressed*

Lismore Progress Association acknowledges and pays respects to the Wadawurrung people, the traditional custodians of the unceded lands where we live and work. We extend this respect to all First Nations Elders and people past, present and future.

**Always was, always will be.**

**Next Newsletter Edition No 3, due out 5th March 2026, community items submitted by Thurs 26th Feb, by email or in Newsletter box at Blue Yabby Cafe**

**Typist: Shari McConachy. Staplers: Bowls: Sheila, Joan, Kerrie, Marie. 4th Feb**

**FEBRUARY.**

- Wed 18 Corangamite Business Awards launch, nominations open 16/3 submissions close 30/3
- Thurs 26 Lismore News information due in for next newsletter
- Frid 27 Twilight Family Fiesta 6pm Camperdown Botanic Garden Free NB Register 0483 312 047
- Sat 28 Vintage Machinery Display and Tractor Pull 9am-4pm Lismore Showgrounds

**MARCH**

- Sun 1 Vintage Machinery Display and Tractor Pull 9am-2pm Lismore Showgrounds
- Tues 3 Shire Movie a Month, Australian film, *Just a Farmer* 10.30am -12.30pm, free screening Killara Centre Camperdown, Shire Seniors Program.
- Thurs 5 International Women’s Day catch-up, Fairway 8-10am. Coffee/cake/breakfast/speaker. Contact Val Lang and/or Bev Steele.  
Lismore News No 3 for 2026 hard copy posted out
- Sat 7 Sun 8 Cobden Restoration Group sewing machines history display
- Wed 11 March edition Derri News and Natter printed
- Frid 20 Movie *Nonnas*, 8pm Darlington Hall \$5 (includes supper), raffles and drinks for sale
- Sun 22 Derrinallum Town & Country Market 9am– 1pm. Under the Elms. Info: Rae 0427764299
- Sun 22 Lismore pool 2025/26 season ends, pool closes.
- Frid 27 Sat 28 & Sun 29 Lake Bolac Eel Festival humanitix at eelfestival.org.au
- Frid 27 Sat 28: McFarlane Special Dress Display Camperdown Opening night Frid. Display Sat.

**On-going:-**

- Pilates Club (Western District)** Lismore Footy Club Social Rooms Tues 6.30pm \$10 cash, BYO mat. All levels, all welcome! Instagram: @wd\_pilatesclub Inquiries Katie 0429 631 152
- Social Support Group:** Every Mon & Wed 10.30am-2.30pm, Lismore Community Health Centre
- Monthly Men’s Bus Trips:** Ph: Lismore Community Health on 55 583 000.
- Line Dancing @ Derri:** Tues nights 7pm. \$10 for 2 hours and supper.
- Power Pals Strength training:** Every Thur 2-3pm, Lismore Community Health Centre.
- Cars & Coffee Lismore Fairway Café:** Last Sunday morning of the month. Have a cuppa and a chat.
- DLCA History Rooms Derrinallum:** First Sunday of the month, 1-4pm.
- Derri Library Book Group:** First Thursday of the month, 2.30-4pm.
- Mahjong:** Derri Library, every Mon 1.30pm.
- Mount Elephant and Visitor Centre:** Sundays 1-4pm, or by appointment unless unsafe weather.
- Seniors’ free morning “Movie a Month”** First Tues. Shire. RSVP Belinda or Lesa on 55 937100.
- Creative Hub:** 31 High St, Derri, 10am-2pm every Wed to Sat.
- Gentle Exercises @ 1pm, Pilates @ 2pm** Mondays at Derri Hall

Lismore Supermarket  
Seeking part time staff contact  
Tel 03 4510 3614  
email foodworkslismore@gmail.com  
New range of well priced good value fresh fruit  
& vegetables. Follow on face book.



Shakespeare in the Great Outdoors  
**The Tempest**  
by ozact at Camperdown Botanic Gardens  
**28th and 29th March**  
Tickets online

What's new at [www.lismore.vic.au](http://www.lismore.vic.au)?  
**"Social media" links** Lots happens on Facebook & Instagram, and nobody wants to miss it! We have a list of local Facebook groups at <https://lismore.vic.au/facebook-groups.html>  
If you want us to list other Facebook or Instagram groups send a note on <https://lismore.vic.au/contact-us-search.html>  
Or make a comment on the latest posting at <https://www.facebook.com/lismorevic>

***In Loving Memory of 'Joe' David Hirth***

***With sincere thanks.***

To our dear family, friends, neighbours, and community,

There are no words that can truly express the depth of our gratitude for the  
'Sympathy, Love and Support' you have shown us during this incredibly difficult time,  
following the sudden loss of Joe.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

With love,

Jenny, Rhys and family



**International Women's Day Lismore  
Fairway Café Lismore  
Thursday 5th March**

**8am –10am for coffee or breakfast  
Coffee & Cake \$10**

**Breakfast from \$12 incl coffee  
Speaker 9 –9.30am**

**Call in to catch up and/or stay for speaker**

RSVP is helpful: Bev Steele M 0419 896 755  
Val Lang M 0407 054 823, Fairway M 0479 163 496

We are delighted to announce our speaker:  
Georgina Conheady, of Noorat Millinery

Georgina has always had a fascination with hats. She established herself as one of Melbourne's premier milliners, working for many years under Austrian born hatmaker Waltraud Reiner. Georgina became a renowned authority and teacher in the art of French flower making, with a library of vintage hat blocks and flower tools collected from all corners of the world. She crafts the finest hats and French silk flowers. Georgina is still inspired by the colours and textures of nature from her childhood in Western Victoria.

About 8 years ago she returned to her home town of Noorat, and now operates her millinery work from there.

**All Welcome**

**LISMORE POOL NOW OPEN  
until Sun 22nd March**

**Nigel and his fabulous team are on deck for  
another wonderful season.**

***Opening Hours***

**11.30am - 7pm: Weekends, public holidays &  
school holidays & 2 - 7pm: School term**

**Water Aerobics**

**10.30 - 11.30am Mon & Wed**



Lismore Community thoughts  
are with our neighbouring  
**Skipton District**  
and all those who were impacted  
by the recent devastating grass fires  
wishing everyone well in the recovery period



**Fire Restrictions for Corangamite Shire are  
in effect**

**Know what you can and cannot do:  
visit the CFA website**

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/  
fire-danger-period/fire-restriction-dates](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period/fire-restriction-dates)



### The Lismore Craft Shop is seeking additional members

Without members the shop cannot be opened. Due to health and age some members have had to retire. We desperately need new members to provide the community with hand/home made produce..

Members need to work 3 hours a month.  
Membership fee is \$10 yearly.  
Hopefully you can help.

Thank you  
Craft Shop contact Tracey: 0418315295

**TWILIGHT  
FAMILY  
FIESTA**  
IN THE CAMPERDOWN  
BOTANIC GARDENS

**FRIDAY  
27 FEB  
6 PM**

**FREE EVENT**  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
BALLOON TWISTING  
LIVE MUSIC

Bring along a picnic rug and join in!  
For families with babies and children up to 6, plus older siblings.  
For catering purposes, please RSVP to 0482 202 047.

Dads Matter  
Corangamite

CORANGAMITE  
SHIRE

### Fire Recovery

#### EXTRA SUPPORT FUNDING

The Victorian and Australian Governments have announced additional funding for supports to help families, businesses and primary producers recover from the January fires. This includes:

- Clean-up support for homes and structures that are uninsured or underinsured. Call 1800 560 760
- Emergency Recovery Support Program to help people access government programs and services. Contact the Emergency Recovery Hotline 1800 560 760
- Free and confidential business advice and financial counselling for small business owners. Contact business.vic.gov.au
- Rebates up to \$1,500 for rural households to clean & decontaminate rainwater tanks, roofs and gutters

#### VICTORIAN PRIMARY PRODUCER BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS

Grants of up to \$75,000 to assist with the costs of clean-up and reinstatement of primary production enterprises that have suffered direct damage as a result of bushfires. go to [ruralfinance.com.au/grants](http://ruralfinance.com.au/grants)

#### LEGAL AND INSURANCE SUPPORT

These agencies provide free legal assistance, including help with insurance claims

- Allied Justice 1800 466 488 or [alliedjustice.org.au](http://alliedjustice.org.au)
- Disaster Legal Aid 1800 113 432 or [disasterlegalhelp.org.au](http://disasterlegalhelp.org.au)
- Australian Financial Complaints Authority [afca.org.au](http://afca.org.au)
- Corangamite. [go.vic.gov.au/3YDCaOg](http://go.vic.gov.au/3YDCaOg)

### Derrinallum Twilight Tennis

The season has started up again with teams playing Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Teams are looking for a fill-in over the season. If you would like to put your name down to help when teams are short, contact Sim Gellie 0417 114 624 or follow on facebook 'Derrinallum Twilight Social Tennis'

The Nonnas  
Darlington Film society  
In the revamped Darlington Hall  
Friday 20th March 8pm \$5 includes supper  
All Welcome



### Corangamite Shire free movies

Enjoy good company, morning tea and some free Aussie movies with Council's Positive Ageing, Access & Inclusion program

**Tuesday 7 April, 10.30 am-12.30 pm**

**The Dressmaker  
Skipton Mechanics Hall**

A gifted dressmaker, Tilly Dunnage, leaves the glamour of Parisian fashion to return to her isolated childhood home in the Australian outback and faces up to past experiences.

**Tuesday 5 May 10.30 am-12.30 pm**  
**Oddball**

**Alderwood Manor, Cobden**

An eccentric chicken farmer, with the help of his granddaughter, trains his mischievous dog Oddball to protect a penguin sanctuary from fox attacks in an attempt to reunite his family and save their seaside town.

**Tuesday 2 June, 10.30 am-12.30 pm**  
**"Blueback**

**Port Campbell Art Space**

Returning to her coastal hometown to care for her mother, marine biologist Abby confronts a complicated past and a deep connection to the ocean. As she tends to Dora, memories of their shared passion for the sea and a fight against environmental damage emerge.

A unique bond with a rare blue groper sparks reflection on Abby's relationship with her mother and the urgent need to protect the fragile

**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH LISMORE NEWS

*Collect your newsletter at the Post Office, Foodworks or the Blue Yabby Café.*

### CONTRIBUTE TO LISMORE NEWS

To help keep our newsletter relevant, exciting and current, send your community events, news items and highlights to [lismorenews@gmail.com](mailto:lismorenews@gmail.com) or drop items into the Blue Yabby Café box.

*Articles due by THURSDAY prior to publication.*

**Lismore News small community announcements are free.**

### VOLUNTEER WITH US

New typists and staplers are always welcome to join the Lismore News roster (usually 3 times a year). Training available.

*Put your hand up to help our town newsletter remain free!*

Please contact Shari on 0409 070 089

**Cheques made payable to  
Lismore Progress Association**

**Direct Deposit to Bendigo Bank Account  
A/C 209 390 525 BSB 633 000**

**Treasurer Adrian Nye 0419 342 683**

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Lismore Progress Association ~*

### Lismore News Advertising Rates

**Community Information continues to be free:  
ie supported by advertising and donations**

Advertising costs for 2025/26 have increased because of substantial increased costs of operating the newsletter.

It was decided to try increasing cost in preference to reducing publication to once monthly. This is an attempt to keep notices and news to community more up to date

Advertisers will also have the option of advertising Quarterly with Business and Community Directory with increased circulation ie letter box delivery to townfolk. Advertising is also visible on the Lismore Website.

#### **Fortnightly ( except school holidays)**

Yearly: 1/2 Page \$400; 1/4 Page \$260; 1/8 Page \$120

#### **Quarterly Directory**

Yearly: 1/2 Page \$260; 1/4 Page \$130; 1/8 Page \$75

#### **Casual**

1/2 Page \$35 1/4 Page \$20; 1/8 Page \$10

**Please support our advertisers  
as they support the newsletter  
and you with business services to the town**

### LISMORE NEWS ONLINE

Lismore News is available in digital format in glorious colour! Find it online at:

[lismore.vic.au/newsletters-media.html](http://lismore.vic.au/newsletters-media.html)

(Facebook will notify when the newsletter is available.)

Lismore News is also on 'Trove' State Library at:

[nla.gov.au/nla.obj-3052561254  
searchTerm=Lismore%20Newsletter%20Victoria](http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-3052561254/searchTerm=Lismore%20Newsletter%20Victoria)

*You can also register to receive Lismore News online via Mailchimp. Email your request and contact to: [lismorenews@gmail.com](mailto:lismorenews@gmail.com)*



**Lismore News is run by volunteers. Help keep it free by donating today!**  
Direct deposit to our Bendigo Bank account or in-person via the Blue Yabby donation box.

Hamilton Highway near Haunted Gully Lismore



#### **What's new at [www.lismore.vic.au](http://www.lismore.vic.au) ??**

Check out our Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/246962054/lismore-victoria/> There are some amazing photos. Check them out, add comments, or add some of your own! There are some great photographers out there! Maybe you are one of them!

#### **What's new at [www.lismore.vic.au](http://www.lismore.vic.au) ??**

We are updating the list of local public Facebook pages of interest. <https://lismore.vic.au/facebook-groups.html>  
Let us know if you know of any others. There are some really interesting ones out there.

#### **What's new at [www.lismore.vic.au](http://www.lismore.vic.au) ??**

There are links to useful fire pages at <https://lismore.vic.au/fire-incident-links.html> Worth checking out for the fire season.

**Thank you Berrybank Wind Farm (GPG Naturgy Group) for sponsoring roadside delivery of Lismore News**

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Places of worship

#### Lismore Presbyterian Church

##### Morning Worship:

Services held on the 5th Sunday/month  
Elder S. McKerrow, Skipton. Ph: 5349 5553.

#### Catholic Church ~ All welcome!

Weekly Sunday Mass times:  
St John's Church Lismore @ 9am  
St Patrick's Church Camperdown @ 11am

#### Combined Anglican & United Church at Derrinallum UCA building

1st Sunday @ 9am Uniting  
2nd Sunday @ 11.30 Anglican  
3rd Sunday @ 9am Uniting  
4th Sunday @ 11.30am Anglican

#### Derrinallum Transfer Station (rubbish tip)

Open hours: FRI & SUN 1pm - 5pm  
Contact Emma on: 55 937 100.

#### Stamps & Spectacles for charity

Donate unwanted spectacles to Lismore & District Lions Club. Drop used stamps off at Derri Community Shop/DISC for Sammy Stamps.

#### Justice of the Peace

Derrinallum / Lismore district.  
Nola Landrigan 0417 014 635  
Please leave a voicemail or text if unanswered.

#### Lismore Newsagency & Post Office

Steve and Gail Tel 55962105  
Open 7 days

### Derrinallum Community Shop

#### Open Hours

##### Contact

Tuesdays 10am—4.30pm  
Wednesday 10am - 4.30pm  
Thursday 10am - 4.30pm  
Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  
Saturday 10am - 1pm

**Robyn Gellie after hours  
on 5597 6583**

Lismore and District  
Playgroup Wednesdays 10-12 noon  
Grimwade Rooms,  
Health Centre Lismore.

Bring snacks, water, hats, sunscreen.  
More information contact Shire : Ella Hassell on  
0407 571 726 (Thurs. only) or email  
Ella.Hassell@corangamite.vic.gov.au

### Lismore online

What's new at [lismore.vic.au](http://lismore.vic.au)? Visit "Coming Events" at [lismore.vic.au/coming-events.html](http://lismore.vic.au/coming-events.html).

Facebook at [facebook.com/lismorevic/](https://facebook.com/lismorevic/)

What's to see around Lismore?

Check [lismore.vic.au/tourism/](http://lismore.vic.au/tourism/)

Scan the QR code to view a map:



### Wildlife Rescue

Val Carter is registered with Wildlife Victoria to transport injured wildlife to Wildlife Refuges. It is helpful to report wildlife hit by vehicles, Take care, particularly between Lismore & Derri  
Val Carter Mob 0493 231 028  
Wildlife Victoria Tel. 03 8400 7300  
Mob 0429 170 036

#### Lake Tooliorook Camping

The Angling Club runs the camping ground and does not have a booking facility. To check availability phone Ray 0438 546427.

#### Lismore Caravan Park

You can book a place at the Lismore Lions Club Caravan Park near the swimming pool.

Ring Gwenda 0417 071523 or  
Sherrill 0416 124778

### LISMORE RECREATION RESERVE

Committee meetings held 3rd Monday every second month.

The Recreation Reserve has a variety of venues available for hire:

- ◆ Large hall with gas heating
- ◆ Hall kitchen
- ◆ Squash courts
- ◆ Smaller heated areas for meetings
- ◆ Social/club rooms with full kitchen
- ◆ Two kitchens fully equipped for catering

**President:** Matt Halloran 0437 245 244

**Secretary:** Shari McConachy 0409 070 089

**Venue bookings:** Barb Niblett 0429 336 151

#### DERRINALLUM LIBRARY

44 Main Street



Thursday 11 am – 12.30 pm & 1 pm – 5 pm

Friday 11 am – 12.30 pm & 1 pm – 5 pm

Saturday 10 am – 12 noon

Phone: 55976658

[cmlibraries.com.au](http://cmlibraries.com.au)

## HEALTH & FITNESS

### Mental Health is Important

Lismore Community Health can give advice and referrals. Ph: 5558 3000, Mon-Fri, 9am - 4pm.

**For free 24/7 counselling & crisis support:  
Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 or  
Lifeline on 13 11 14.**

Visit [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au) or [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au) to chat to someone online.

### GoodSAM App



Free global smartphone app that alerts responders to someone nearby in cardiac arrest. GoodSAM is linked to Triple Zero (000) As soon as an ambulance is dispatched, a GoodSAM alert will notify you. To become a

GoodSam responder visit:

<https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/goodsam/>

### Defibrillator (AED) locations around Lismore (accessible all hours)

Gorst Rural	135 High Street
Australia Post (Lismore Post Office)	35 - 39 High St
Victoria Police	61 High St
Recreation Reserve (Community Centre East Side)	Seymour St

**Nurse on Call** telephone service provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The service, staffed by registered nurses, is accessible from any landline or mobile phone in Victoria for the cost of a local call (calls from "mobiles may be charged at a higher rate).

**CALL 1300 60 60 24**

### Lismore Bowls Club



Ph: Secretary Lyn Brown 0429 358 483  
President John Trotter on 0412 520 802



New members welcome! For details contact Tom Brett: 0488 489 766  
Saturday Golf competition from 12pm.  
*Green Fees Welcome!*

### Gentle Exercises and Pilates Derrinallum Hall

Gentle Exercises Monday 1-1.45pm - \$5  
Pilates Monday 2-3pm - \$10  
Enquiries Carole Manifold Ph 0427 406 699  
If you would like to give a session a go  
Come along to a session at no charge

### Community Gym - Lismore Community Health Centre



Lismore Community Health Centre has a small gym with exercise bikes, a treadmill, rowing machine, elliptical walker, weights machine and free weights.

As the gym is unsupervised, prior to attendance it is a requirement that a medical clearance form be signed by your GP and an orientation session completed with the SWH physiotherapist. The physiotherapist can design a personalised exercise program to suit you.

The gym can be accessed Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm.  
Ph the Health Centre, 555 83 000 for more info.

### Doctor Doctor:

I've swallowed my Pocket Money  
Here, take this tablet  
and see if there is any change in the morning

**KNOW YOUR FIRE DANGER RATING**

YOUR FIRE RISK TODAY IS

**TAKE ACTION NOW**

<b>CATASTROPHIC</b>	FOR YOUR SURVIVAL LEAVE BUSHFIRE RISK AREAS
<b>EXTREME</b>	TAKE ACTION NOW TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY
<b>HIGH</b>	BE READY TO ACT
<b>MODERATE</b>	PLAN AND PREPARE

What is your fire danger rating today?  
Visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/fdr](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/fdr)

## LOCAL SHOPS

### FOODWORKS *Works for me!*

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**Open Mon - Sat, 7am to 6pm**

**A wide range of economically priced  
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**Butchery deliveries Mon and Thu**

**SPECIALS HAVE ARRIVED  
with Beer at a low price**



**Promotion: Carlton Draught \$62/carton**

Contact : 03 4510 3614

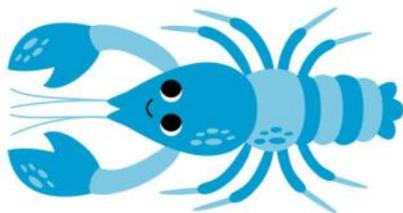
### BLUE YABBY CAFE 30 HIGH ST, LISMORE

**OPENING HOURS: 7 DAYS  
6.30am -7.00pm**

Phone orders welcome on: 55 962 202  
Egg and Bacon Rolls all day, every day!

**Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches,  
Souvlaki. Fresh rolls and sandwiches.**

**Cakes and slices. Coffee and a variety of  
teas. Cold drinks and ice creams.**



### 'FAIRWAY COFFEE & EATERY'

LISMORE GOLF CLUB

PETER & JITTIMA INVITE YOU TO BRING  
YOUR WHOLE FAMILY & ENJOY  
**GREAT COFFEE , Breakfasts  
Meals & PIZZAS**

**Opening Hours:**

**Thursday—Monday, 8.30am—2.30pm**



**PIZZAS**

**Thursday—Sunday 5pm - 8pm**

Functions, Group meetings—contact Peter

**TEL. 0479 163 496**

**FACEBOOK: FAIRWAY COFFEE & EATERY**

*Ring the above no. to check if OPEN*

## Crackajack Creations Gift & Homewares

*Opening Hours*

*Sat & Sun*

*10am - 4pm*

*31 Heriot St Lismore Vic*

*Text 0427 597 212*

*crackajackcreations@bigpond.com*



CORANGAMITE  
SHIRE

### CHILDCARE VACANCIES

Corangamite Shire Childcare currently have  
vacancies at the Western Plains Centre  
(Lismore / Derrinallum)

On Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
Phone 555 937 100 for bookings or enquiries



## LISMORE CRAFT SHOP

19 High St (Service Rd between P.O. & Hotel)



**OPEN Fri & Sat 10am—1pm**

**or when signs are out. (Cash only).**

Variety of locally crafted, baked and preserved items & fresh produce, honey and eggs when available. (Derri Community Shop is the depot for recycled clothing and goods)

Contact for info  
Treasurer :Tracey 0418 315 295  
President: Loris 55 410 015  
Operated by volunteers

## DERRINALLUM & LISMORE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC. HISTORY GROUP

Local history: people, families, towns, property, business, buildings, maps, photos, newspapers, events, clubs, schools, etc.

**OPEN 1st Sunday/month**

**1pm - 4pm \*except Dec, Jan & July\***

**46 Main Street, Derrinallum, Victoria, 3325**

P.O. Box 25, Derrinallum, Victoria, 3325

**derrinallum.lismore.history@gmail.com**



Contact: Avon Buchholz:  
0490 078 420  
President Sandy Gibson:  
0427 962 987



## Lismore & Derrinallum Community Pharmacy

### Derrinallum Pharmacy

18 Main St, Derrinallum 3325

Monday To Friday

9.00am - 1.00 pm

Ph: 03 5309 0445

Fax: 03 5309 0458

### Lismore Community Pharmacy

32 High St, Lismore 3324

Monday to Friday

1.30pm—5.30pm

Ph: 03 5596 2397

Fax:- 03 5596 2195

Providing Pharmacy Services  
to rural Victorians

[lismorecommunitypharmacy@gmail.com](mailto:lismorecommunitypharmacy@gmail.com)

EST. 2024

# Full On Food

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“a great cup of coffee”.**

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For orders or catering

**Ph 0436 444 437**

**Open 7 days.**

Mon—Frid 6.30am - 4pm.

Sat/Sun 8 am- 4pm.

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### Get free support with Virtual Emergency Care

- 🕒 Free 24/7 urgent healthcare
- 📺 Video call from your mobile or computer anywhere, anytime
- 👨‍⚕️ Connect to highly skilled emergency doctors and nurses from Victoria's Virtual Emergency Department
- 📄 No GP referral, Medicare card or appointment needed
- 📝 Register now so you're ready to use us in the future



Scan the QR code to  
register now or visit:  
[vved.au/self\\_registrations](http://vved.au/self_registrations)



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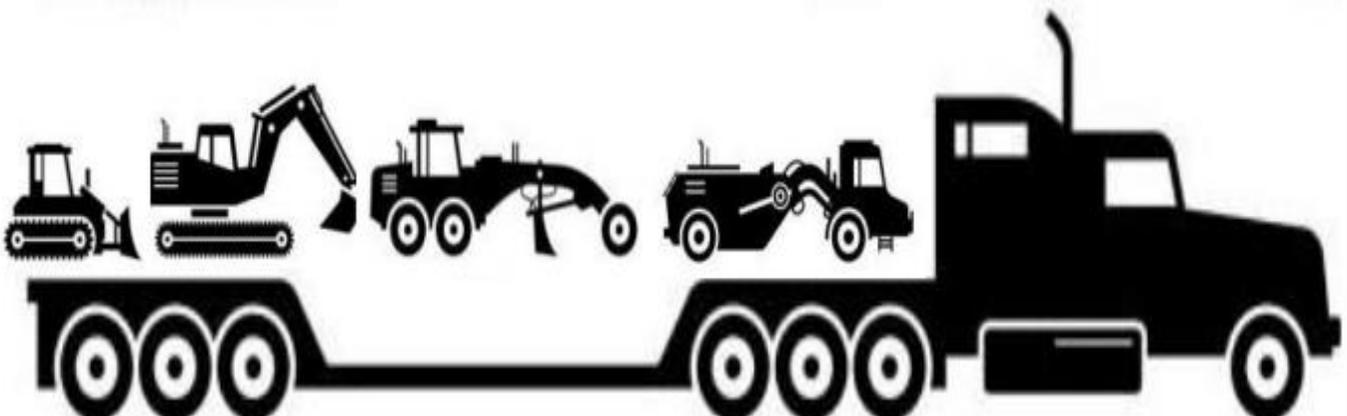
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**Killara Centre, Camperdown**

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- Anyone interested in responsible alcohol service

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Sessions for Corangamite residents.  
Booking essential, as participant limits apply.

Please call the Positive Ageing, Access & Inclusion team on 5593 7100 to book.

### Out and About Explore and talk

Join us for self-paced tour around some of our key landmarks. Finish with a drink and chat at a local cafe.

- Wednesday 11 March, 10 am | Starting at Skipton Jubilee Lake car park

- Wednesday 15 April, 10 am | Starting at Tandarook Park in Cobden
- Wednesday 13 May, 10 am | Starting outside Timboon Distillery
- Wednesday 17 June, 10 am | Starting outside 'The Shed' in Noorat

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Globally, turtles are the most endangered group of species alongside primates. Over 60% of turtle species face extinction, including 40% of Australia's 25 freshwater turtle species.

The major threat to many Australian turtles is nest predation by foxes. They are thought to destroy over 90% of nests every year. Eggs are often laid after rain from late spring through summer, and nests can contain up to 20 eggs. Any hatchling that makes the dangerous journey back to water needs to survive up to 10 years before it can breed. Adults can live at least 50 years, so a repeated loss of new generations has created significantly aged populations.

This undercutting of new generations by foxes, combined with increasing adult mortality, means our turtles are vulnerable to extinction if no action is taken. In the face of more frequent high-mortality events like drought and bushfires, the species' ability 'bounce back' is now severely compromised, and every adult killed on the road has an impact.

While the loss of a species is tragic in itself, long-necked turtles play a critical role in the food chain as highly-effective carrion eaters and 'cleaners'; this presents a serious problem for the health of aquatic ecosystems.

There are a few simple ways citizens can support long-necked turtles, with the first step being awareness that there is an issue.

### On roads it can help

- If you see a turtle on the road, move it far off to the side in the direction it was heading, or to the nearest habitable water source it may have been heading to-

Try to resist relocating turtles to other 'nicer' water sources - Turtles have an awareness of their local landscape and water options. Relocating them far away can make them more vulnerable, or put them where turtle populations are already at carrying capacity.

### Injured turtles:

- If you find an injured or sick turtle, contact Wildlife Victoria or local wildlife rescuers for advice. Turtles are surprisingly resilient, and a cracked shell can be repaired.
- If you find a hatchling, release it in the nearest habitable water source. They are completely self-sufficient and do not need a parent.
- They can drown if transported in water.

### On your property:

- As well as roads, turtles are also victim to overflow pipes, nets, draining or de-silting dams, and getting stuck at exclusion fences.
- Enhancing dams with snags and fringing vegetation will support a bigger turtle population and reduce the need to risk migrating to new sites. More habitat means more food sources, better protection for hatchlings, more filtration of sediments and nutrients, and a nicer dam!
- Adult turtles are often found drowned in dam overflow pipes. Placing guards on pipes or installing larger diameter pipes will prevent adult turtles getting stuck and allow pipes to remain functional.
- Consider controlling foxes for wildlife as well as livestock.

### Citizen Science:

- Sightings of turtles, dead or alive, and any nesting activity, can be recorded on the mapping App TurtleSat. This app allows researchers to understand the movements and mortality of turtle species throughout Australia, and can help target fatality hot-spots. Go to <https://turtlesat.org.au/turtlesat/default.aspx>

Turtles Australia Inc. has further information on freshwater turtle conservation, including advice on nest protection.  
<http://www.turtlesaustralia.org.au/>

It is not easy to sex our Long-necked turtles: but an adult male has a concave under-shell

Thank you Eleanor Lang for researching this article.

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# SKIPTON FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE



**Pyrenees**  
Shire Council

Number 5: Wednesday 11 February 2026

**KEY CONTACTS:** CORANGAMITE 5593 7100 | PYRENEES 1300 797 363

## CARRANBALLAC RECREATION RESERVE

PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL has met with DECCA, user groups and community representatives to discuss safety and site clean-up options for the Carranballac Recreation Reserve, with a Project Working Group now formed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Skipton Market will be held this Saturday from 9am-1pm at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Come along and support your community in getting back on its feet.

A reminder that the Commerce Ballarat Farmer's Big Day Out will also be held on 25 March at the Ballarat Showgrounds, with a wide range of support available for farmers recovering from both drought and fire.

## IT'S OK TO NOT BE OK

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- VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 for Emergency Relief Payments
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