

# LISMORE NEWS

## 2026

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### Thank you

to all who support the Lismore News with advertising, articles, production, distribution & donations. This month thanks to  
Marj Brumby &  
Sue Olsen  
for your generous donations, helping to keep the newsletter free to readers

### Leslie Manor Grassfire Tuesday 27th Jan 2026

Officially called the Lismore—Ettrick Estate Road Fire, it started at 1.15pm with air temperatures in the 40's and wind from the north west. Over 70 fire trucks responded from local and more distant brigades.

Crews held most of the northern edge on the south west wind change with just 2 dramatic escapes.

A total of 2322ha were burned with a perimeter of 57km to patrol. Crews spent many days mopping up smouldering wood lots, shelter belts, hay and silage heaps. Thanks to those in the field and supporters in the fire brigade HQ and others for their many hours of work.

This is a good time to encourage continued fire preparedness with attention to your own/ family fire plans, allowing for potential loss of power (no petrol, automatic garage doors etc) Refer to pages 22 & 23 in this newsletter, provided by the shire, for information on how you can get and give support, and access services.



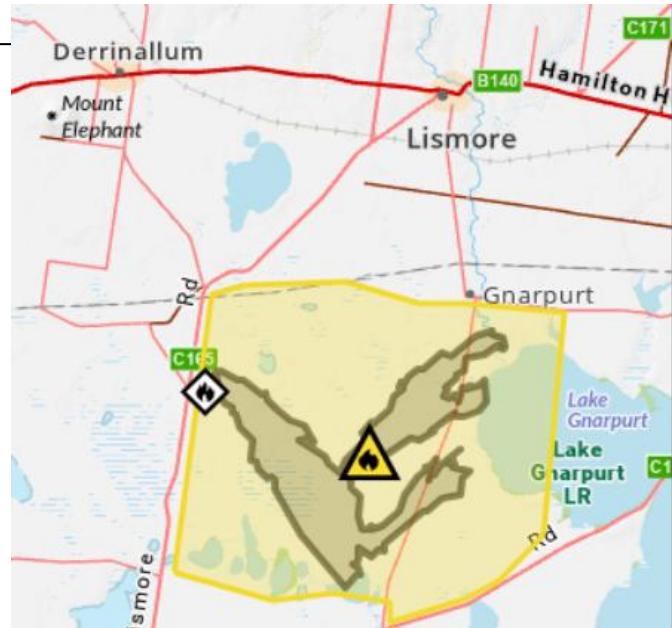
### Lismore-Leslie Manor Fire

Many Thanks to the CFA units and members as well as the community volunteers who provided private units and personnel, and dropped everything to attend the fire on 27th January. Without their rapid response plus support from as far as Bendigo, Geelong, Camperdown and other areas the situation may even have been more tragic. Our sympathy to the families who have been so severely impacted. Our thoughts are with you.

Sandy Gibson and family

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Thank you from the Laidlaw family at Gnarpurt, for the wonderful and miraculous work of the CFA, friends and neighbours over the course of the fire. All is appreciated.

Lismore Primary School students stood at the fence waving and calling out thank yous as CFA from near and far drove past heading out to keep mopping up fire ground



This Map is from the Vic Emergency App, and shows the final burnt area of the Lismore-Ettrick Estate Road Fire. The App is an excellent way to get information and alerts, allowing for continual updates and redrawing of areas as more accurate information becomes available.

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.

# DIARY DATES 2026

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Next Newsletter Edition No 2, due out 19th February 2026, community items submitted by  
Thurs 12th Feb, by email or in Newsletter box at Blue Yabby Cafe  
Typist: Val Lang /Judy Buchholz. Staplers: Men's Shed 18th Feb

## FEBRUARY

Thurs 5 Derri F.N.C Netball Preseason kicks off 6.30pm @ Derri courts. New players welcome  
Frid 6 Lismore Craft Shop AGM 1.30pm at the Craft Shop  
Sat 7 Corangamite Music Festival Theatre Royal Camperdown 10am– 5pm Free. Shire notice.  
Mon 9 Vic Grid community consultation 5pm –6.30pm Fairway Café  
Wed 11 Derri News and Natter February Edition  
Mon 16 Corangamite Destination Action Plan Reference Group– EOI close. Samantha Fox, Shire.  
Thurs 12 Lismore News information to be submitted  
Frid 13 Movie, *The Third Man*. Grimwade Centre Lismore 6.30pm for 7pm start  
Sat 14 Valentine's Day  
Thurs 19 Next edition Lismore News distributed/printed copies available.

## MARCH

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.  
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.

### 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.

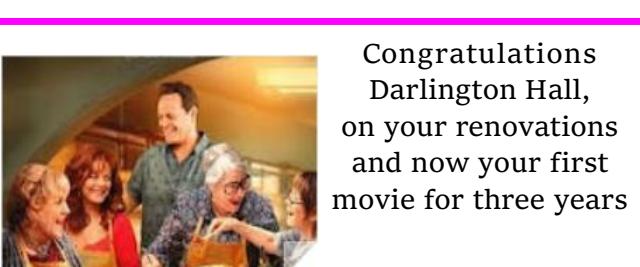
**Seniors' free morning "Movie a Month"** First Tues. Shire. RSVP Belinda or Lesa on 55 937100.

**Creative Hub:** 31 High St, Derri, 10am-2pm every Wed to Sat.

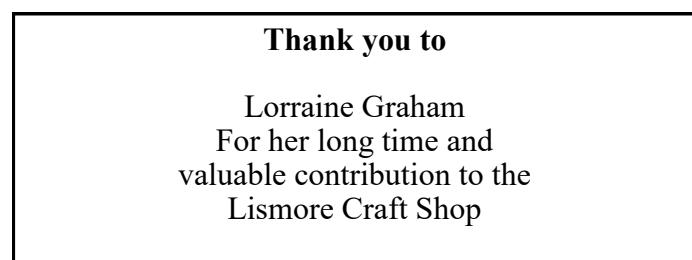
**Gentle Exercises @ 1pm, Pilates @ 2pm Mondays at Derri Hall**

*Please refer to ads within the newsletter for further event details.*

*To avoid clashes, please check dates and email your diary dates/times to [lismorenews@gmail.com](mailto:lismorenews@gmail.com) (or leave in box at Blue Yabby Café) to have them included in the newsletter.*



Congratulations  
Darlington Hall,  
on your renovations  
and now your first  
movie for three years



### Thank you to

Lorraine Graham  
For her long time and  
valuable contribution to the  
Lismore Craft Shop

### Want to go paperless?

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



### 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>

# Condolences

## Richard Smith (Smithy)

Passed away 24th January 2026.

Our Sincere Sympathy to Wendy, Aimee and family.  
A funeral will be held Monday 9th February  
at Kings Funeral Parlour  
130 Bellarine Highway Newcombe 3219



## Charlie Mc Culloch,

A resident of Lismore, who recently passed away.  
Condolences to his wife Lola, their daughter Karen  
Campbell, and their extended family.



## Cheryl Anderson

1945– 2026

Condolences to Cheryl's husband  
Dr Malcolm Anderson and extended family  
on their loss. The Anderson's will be remembered by  
many when Malcolm was Lismore's resident GP.



## Kathleen 'Bea' Forster

22/5/1925—7/12/2025

Bea passed away peacefully aged 100 years.

She and husband Les were long time residents of Lismore. Bea was an active community member who loved her sport. She was a founding member of the Lismore Croquet Club and received many awards for her contribution to this sport.

Mother of Anne (dec), Graeme, Carol, and Steve , grandmother of many. .  
With sincere sympathy to her extended family.



## National Centre for Farmer Health.

As a Local Government Area that has been impacted by the recent Victorian Bushfires, there is funding available to support eligible community organisations and groups run events under Round 2 of the [Look Over the Farm Gate Community Grants Program](#)

Fire affected communities are now encouraged to apply for up to \$5000 funding to run events or activities which promote social connection and support mental wellbeing during recovery.

## Sally Cunningham

National Centre for Farmer Health |  
P: (03) 5551 8345

## Craft Shop ( Help!)

The Lismore Craft Shop will be holding its AGM at 1.30pm Friday 6th Feb. 2026 at the Craft Shop.

All Members should attend.  
Without members the shop would not be open. 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. Eggs and honey are out-sourced as we do not have the means to stock. Members need to work 3 hours a month.  
Membership fee is \$10 yearly. To enable the shop to continue we need your help, or unfortunately the shop will close its doors and that would be it.  
Like other shops we will not re-open.  
Hopefully we will see you there.!!

Thank you  
Craft Shop contact Tracey: 0418315295

I couldn't care less about apathy

Nostalgia is not what it used to be

Be alert, your country needs lerts

## 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, and public holidays & school holidays
- ◆ 2 - 7pm: School term
- ◆ 10am - 12pm: Water Aerobics - Mon & Wed / full season



Fire Restrictions for Corangamite Shire came into effect 8th December  
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 Third Man

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

6:30pm for 7:00 start

No cost – BYO refreshment to share if you wish - Tea and Coffee provided

Grimwade room (next to Health Centre)

RSVP 0439 176 556



Novelist Holly Martins (Joseph Cotten) travels to shadowy, mystifying post-war Vienna to renew a friendship with his childhood buddy, Harry Lime (Orson Welles). He soon finds himself investigating the mysterious sudden death of his old friend.

A flawless classic, with terrific black and white cinematography

1949 Black and White - Rating PG - 99 min

Lismore Progress Association with thanks to Corangamite Film Society

## KNOW YOUR FIRE DANGER RATING

YOUR FIRE RISK TODAY IS



**CATASTROPHIC**

FOR YOUR SURVIVAL  
LEAVE BUSHFIRE RISK AREAS

**EXTREME**

TAKE ACTION NOW  
TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY

**HIGH**

BE READY TO ACT

**MODERATE**

PLAN AND PREPARE



What is your fire danger rating today?

Visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/fdr](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/fdr)



## 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 coral reefs they both hold dear.

**Thank you to all who supported**  
the Lismore Community Christmas Party  
Friday 12th December, at Lismore Rec Reserve.

Thanks include: The Lismore Lions Club for their company and BBQ, the visit from Santa which was supported by Santa, the Blue Yabby Café (with traditional lolly bags), Graham Hammond, Darryn McKay, Rob Horner, Rob McLoughnan and the CFA truck, face painting Noah Sycopolous & Sarah Mokrzycki, & Raffle & door prizes (with entries and winners at the event) with support from Bronny Nicol, June Magness, Judy Buchholz and Loris Shannon, Thanks Rec Reserve and all who attended,



Annual Shire Survey is about to start,  
It will assess performance and ways to continue to improve local services

It's voluntary and anonymous. Council only gets the statistical results and no personal details. The survey will involve 300 interviews by phone call and 100 on social media—It will address a number of mandatory performance indicators for Local Government. Results which will be included in Council's annual report, and expected to be shared with the community in June.

## 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 townsfolk.

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](http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-3052561254)

[searchTerm=Lismore%20Newsletter%20Victoria](http://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.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who contribute with donations, volunteer work and with articles.

## Seen and Heard

A strong colony of Growling Grass Frogs in a waterhole to the south east of 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](http://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) ??

The grass is growing and there will be plenty of grass about. It could be a bad fire summer? There are links to useful fire pages at [https://lismore.vic.au/fire-incident-links.html](http://lismore.vic.au/fire-incident-links.html) Worth checking out while you have the time before the season.

# 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 Landigan 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

If you require info on mental health services, 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 the Triple Zero (000)

As soon as an ambulance is dispatched, a GoodSAM alert will notify you. To become a

## 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** is a telephone service that 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**



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

**Lismore Golf Club**  
*Chook Run*



Every Friday  
 night from  
 5.30pm

**Come play 9 holes and win a pizza  
 \$10 Entry**  
*Kindly sponsored by the Fairway Cafe*

## 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.

## Lismore Bowls Club



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

## Derrinallum Twilight Tennis



The season has started up again with teams playing on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Teams are often 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 the Facebook page 'Derrinallum twilight social tennis'

## Pilates Club (Western District)

Lismore Footy Club Social Rooms  
 Tues 6.30pm \$10 cash, BYO mat  
 All levels, all welcome Katie 0429



**Come play 9 holes and win a pizza  
 \$10 Entry**  
*Kindly sponsored by the Fairway Cafe*

## LOCAL SHOPS

### FOODWORKS

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Heriot Street, Lismore | Ph/Fax: 5596 2113

For all your  
Beers-Wines-Spirits etc

Full Deli service & fresh meat packs

Easy Parking and Friendly Service

Open Mon - Sat, 7am to 6pm

Fresh fruit and veg deliveries Tue and Fri

Butchery deliveries Mon and Thu

SPECIALS HAVE ARRIVED  
with Beer at a low price



Promotion: Carlton Draught \$62/carton

Contact Javeer on: Mob 0403 393 406

### BLUE YABBY CAFE

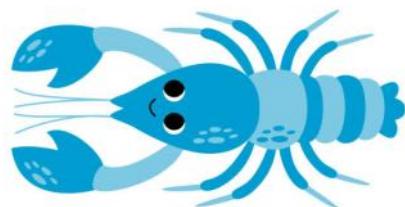
30 HIGH ST, LISMORE

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 & JITTAMA 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](mailto:crackajackcreations@bigpond.com)



### 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



## 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)

### Get free support with Virtual Emergency Care

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- ⌚ Register now so you're ready to use us in the future



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register now or visit:  
[vved.au/self\\_registrations](http://vved.au/self_registrations)

Find out more at [urgencare.vic.gov.au](http://urgencare.vic.gov.au)

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne



## 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\***

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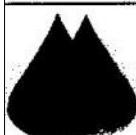
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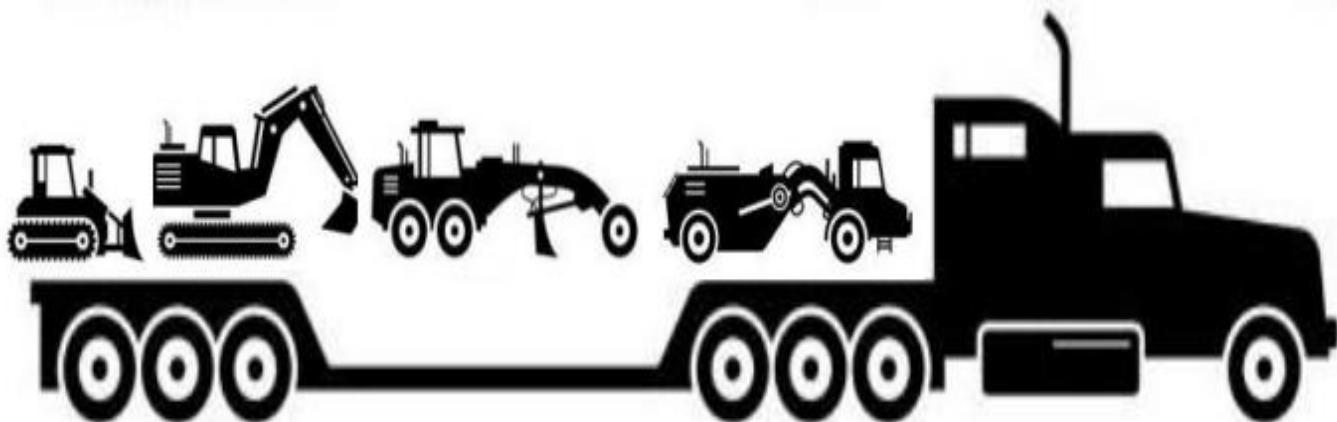
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# Noticeboard



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Payments can be made online at [corangamite.vic.gov.au/payments](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/payments), by BPAY (phone or internet), by POSTbillpay (phone or internet), in person at any Australia Post agency or at Council's Civic Centre, 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown or by post to Corangamite Shire, PO Box 84, Camperdown 3260.

Any ratepayer unable to pay by the due date should contact the Rates office, you can also apply for a Payment Arrangement at [corangamite-pay.enotices.com.au](http://corangamite-pay.enotices.com.au).

## 2026 Corangamite Business Awards

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These sites are often located in outdoor open areas and sporting ovals. There will be no emergency services or support available at these sites, including no water, food or provisions for animals. Being well prepared is your responsibility.

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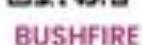


BPLRs

For more information about BPLRs and locations, go to [corangamite.vic.gov.au/BPLR](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/BPLR)



For community advice on bushfire recovery, go to [corangamite.vic.gov.au/LarrakeyFire2026](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/LarrakeyFire2026)



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- Thursday 26 March, 10.30-11.30 am

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

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

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- 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

Sessions are FREE to Corangamite residents.

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Tue 3rd February

'Red Dog'

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# FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

Number 3: Wednesday 28 January 2026



**Pyrenees**  
Shire Council

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

## RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

RFCs Victoria West is available to assist farmers and small business owners impacted by the recent fires.

Experienced counsellors provide free, confidential support with insurance matters, financial recovery, education around available assistance and grants, navigating lenders, and planning next steps. Support is available in person, by phone or online. 1300 735 578, [rfcs.victoriawest.com.au](http://rfcs.victoriawest.com.au), [enquiry@finwellsupport.com.au](mailto:enquiry@finwellsupport.com.au)



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RFCs can provide farmers with assistance on grant applications.

Concessional Loans of up to \$250,000 are available to assist farmers who have suffered damage to their assets as a result of the fires.

## LEGAL AND INSURANCE SUPPORT

The following agencies can provide free legal assistance, including help with insurance claims.

- Allied Justice  
1800 466 488 or [www.alliedjustice.org.au](http://www.alliedjustice.org.au)
- Disaster Legal Aid  
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## WASTE DISPOSAL

General waste skips and metal skips can be provided to fire affected properties at no cost to assist with clean up. Contact Corangamite on 5593 7100 to request a skip. Pyrenees will discuss on a case-by-case basis on 1300 797 363.

## SKIPTON RECOVERY HUB

We're here to support residents as fire recovery continues. Services are available for residents of the Corangamite and Pyrenees shires.

DFFH, Services Australia will be onsite to assist with payments.

The Recovery Hub is at the Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall, 5 Anderson Street.

### Open hours

Wednesday 28 January ..... 10 am – 4 pm

Thursday 29 January ..... 12 am – 7 pm

Friday 30 January ..... 10 am – 4 pm

### Recovery hub will close after Friday 30 January.

After this date, Council staff will be available 10am-3pm at the hall on 3, 5, 10 and 12 February to provide community information. Other agencies will not be onsite.

If you are looking to lodge a claim for financial assistance after this date contact:

- VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 for Emergency Relief Payments
- Services Australia for Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payments or Disaster Recovery Allowance [servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au)

For any other support, please contact your local Council.

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## BLAZE AID

Blazeaid has volunteers available to assist with rebuilding and repairing internal and external fences in the Skipton area. This includes clean up of fences. Contact Christine Male on 0418 745 994 to register for assistance.

# FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

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## RATES RELIEF

PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL recognises the need for respect and compassion in cases of financial hardship. Take the time to focus on you and your family's wellbeing and then reach out and let our team know what support you need. Where we know there has been structure impact, we will organise a rates revaluation and issue supplementary valuation notices accordingly.

Contact Council on 1300 797 363.

**CORANGAMITE SHIRE COUNCIL'S** Rates Collection & 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 on 5593 7100 to discuss their situation.

## FODDER

The Emergency Fodder Support Program is now available to help fire-affected farmers with urgent livestock feed. Request fodder through the VFF on 1300 882 833 or [vff@vff.org.au](mailto:vff@vff.org.au)

VFF also offer agistment, more details are on the VFF website.

The program is delivered jointly by Agriculture Victoria and the VFF.



## REHABILITATION OF FIRE BREAKS

If you have been impacted by the Streatham fire you may be eligible for essential water replacement, repair of damaged fences caused during fire suppression, and fire control line reinstatement.

Email [iccaro.ops@icc.vic.gov.au](mailto:iccaro.ops@icc.vic.gov.au) and CFA staff will manage and action requests.

CFA will be actioning control line rehabilitation as soon as conditions on the fireground are safe.

## STREATHAM BBQ AND WORKSHOP

Agriculture Vic and GHCMA are hosting a BBQ and workshop at Streatham Hall on Wednesday 4 February, 6-9pm to discuss re-fencing, farm planning, and land classing. No RSVP required. Contact Clem Sturmels at AgVic on 0429 018 879 or Lyn Heenan from Upper Mount Emu Creek Landcare Group on 0407 801 932.

## DAMAGED TREES ON ROADSIDES

Pyrenees Council is currently assessing fire-affected trees close to roads in the Shire. Trees deemed hazardous will be removed in the coming weeks. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

## IT'S OK TO NOT BE OK

If you need someone to talk to, the following services are there to help.

**RURAL AID:** 1300 175 594

**NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH:** 1300 375 330

**1800RESPECT** 1800 737 732

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** 24/7 1800 808 284

**BEYONDBLUE:** 1300 224 636

**LIFELINE:** 1311 14

**KID'S HELPLINE:** 1800 551 800

**MENSLINE:** 1300 789 978

**BALLARAT COMMUNITY HEALTH:**

Head to Health: 1800 595 212

Step Thru Care: 5338 4500

A full list is available on our recovery webpages



Corangamite  
[go.vic.gov.au/3YDCa0q](http://go.vic.gov.au/3YDCa0q)



Pyrenees  
[go.vic.gov.au/4t0qFW7](http://go.vic.gov.au/4t0qFW7)