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Anzac Day 2024

Our second Dawn Service was a lovely success with a tiny drizzle of rain easing during the Service which was attended by Councillor Nick Cole representing the Corangamite Shire Council and over 70 people, plus Troubles, the local horse. Candles along the back wall and a small fire pit in the front of the Cenotaph added to the atmosphere needed for such a special day remembering our war heroes of the past and present.

Breakfast of bacon & eggs in bread with coffee & tea was offered to all who attended.

At the 11am Service, Cpl Gary Byers led the Catafalque Party from the 8/7 Infantry Battalion and the Skipton School Children led the March down the main street to the Cenotaph in Anderson Street. The fire pit was lit for the Service and with many beautiful floral wreaths, readings from each of the grade five and six Skipton Primary School Students and the Ode read by the Beaufort Secondary High School Students – another Memorial to remember on Anzac Day.

A Pyrenees Advocate article written in 1995 about – Sgt John Fletcher, on Active Service – was read with deep emotion by Trudy Boyer, John's Granddaughter whilst Malcolm Fletcher, John's son, looked on.

The Corangamite Council was instrumental in providing us with a 2nd Flag Pole for the New Zealand Flag which we proudly raised in Skipton for the first time along with our Australian Flag as the Reveille is played.

Rain came down as we finished our 11 am Service and we proceeded to the Mechanics Hall for a display shown by the Skipton Historical Society of our War Memories and a warm delicious lunch.

A very special thanks to Country Grocers, Ballarat Officeworks who, along with many volunteers, provided enormous support in logistics and catering.

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Public Notices

Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact: Marilyn Ellis 5340 3515 for enquires

Usual Service times:

9.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
of each month.



Bible Thought

The Lord God is the shield of all
who take refuge in him
What God is there but the Lord?
What rock but our God?

Psalm 18 V 30,31



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation

Skipton / Lismore

- * Week One 10 am Skipton
- * Week Two 10 am Skipton
- * Week Three 10 am Skipton
- * Week Four 10 am Skipton
- * Week Five 11am Lismore.



St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beaufort

- * Week One Sunday LLA 10:00am
- * Week Two Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- * Week Three Sunday LLA 10:00am
- * Week Four Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- * Week Five Sunday LLA 10:00am .



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Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter - Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

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Sgt John Fletcher On active service



When the Australian forces landed on Tarakan in Borneo on May 1, 1945, Sergeant John Campbell Fletcher was in charge of an Tank Attack Platoon.

On June 5, Sergeant Fletcher moved his platoon forward to occupy enemy forward defence positions on Charity-Vessie Ridge, moving himself behind the two forward scouts. When the scouts came under observation from the first enemy bunker, he ordered the forward section around the right flank covering them with his Owen sub-machine gun, then rushed the position, finding it clear of the enemy.

Noticing a further occupied bunker, he ordered his men to the right and left of the bunker. Then, under the cover of their fire, he rushed the enemy bunker and threw his grenades. He moved to the bunker's entrance firing his machine gun until it ran out of ammunition. When a Japanese soldier grabbed his gun, John overpowered him.

Calling for covering fire, Sergeant Fletcher ran back for more grenades, and although in great pain from a wound he sustained as he charged the bunker, he then threw

another grenade into the bunker, killing the three Japanese who were occupying the position, enabling the platoon to advance.

For this action he was awarded the Military Medal for Bravery.

John Fletcher, who was the second son of John and Christina Fletcher, was born at Naracoorte on October 21, 1917.

He began his working life droving in southern New South Wales and when war was declared, he enlisted in the 2nd 24th 26th Anti Tank Regiment. He saw action in the Middle East, Tobruk, Palestine, Syria, Alamein and nearer home in New Guinea and Borneo.

John was also wounded at Tobruk when Rommel's attempt to storm the city was defeated. The siege of Tobruk has become a legend.

After John's discharge from the Army on April 20, 1946, during which he had served for 635 days within Australia, and 1,110 days outside Australia, he married Thelma Scott and they lived at 'Nigretta', Hamilton. They then moved to Skipton where John worked with the Soldier Settlement Commission prior to

selecting a Soldiers Settlement Block at Mt Emu. Here John and Thelma spent the rest of their married life, and reared their two children, Malcolm and Leonie.

John passed away on June 21, 1983, at the age of 65 years. He had been a member of Ararat Legacy for twenty-five years; served as President

and Secretary of the Skipton RSL; he was an active member of the Fire Brigade, Lions Club and Beaufort and Skipton Football Clubs.

Obviously, John lived his life in his community with the same outstanding dedication and commitment that he had given during his military service.



1 MAY 2024

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

SUPPORTING DEMENTIA CARERS & FAMILIES

Join us for an insightful informal discussion about the services available to support you or someone you know caring for a person with Dementia, with guest speaker Anne Tudor followed with a free morning tea. Anne has contributed for many years, locally, nationally and internationally, to increasing Dementia awareness and understanding about the importance of inclusion and empathy in the community.

Tuesday 28 May 2024 | 11am | Skipton Day Centre, 2 Blake Street Skipton

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Limited transport also available from Beaufort, call 5349 1659 to book a seat.

FLU VACCINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Flu vaccinations are now available at the Skipton Medical Practice. It is recommended that everyone over the age of 6 months old should receive the yearly flu vaccination, to protect yourself and the community from becoming unwell.

Getting your vaccination before winter, allows your immune system to develop protection ahead of peak flu season during August. Vaccination also reduces the spread of the virus in the community, particularly to those who are most vulnerable and have compromised immune systems.

To book an appointment please call 5340 1110.

A reminder that the Skipton Medical Practice is open five days a week, Monday-Friday.





Supporting Dementia Carers and Families

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT & MORNING TEA

Tuesday 28 May 2024 | 11am

Skipton Day Centre | 2 Blake Street, Skipton

Guest Speaker | Anne Tudor OAM

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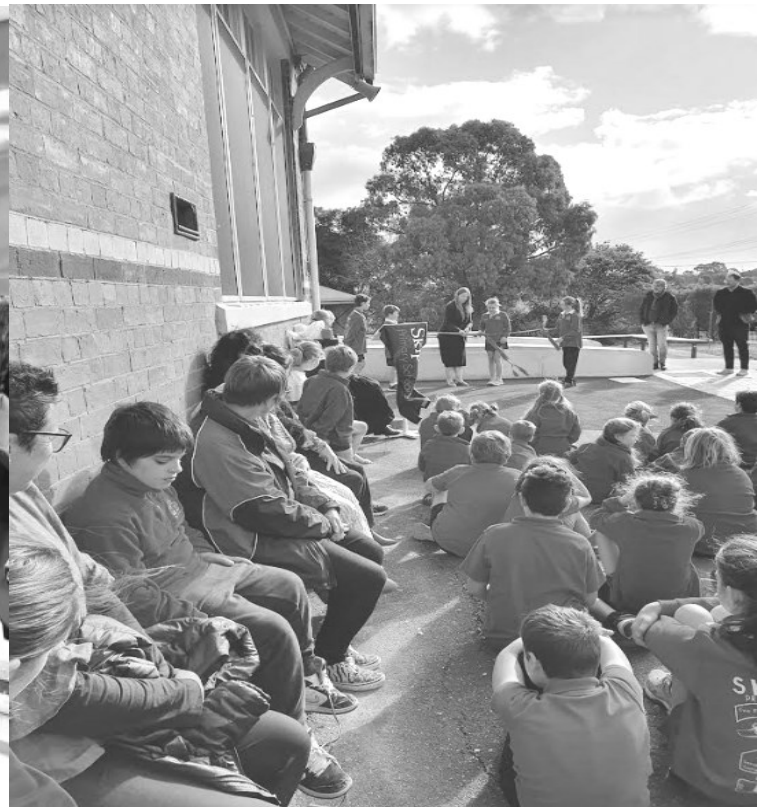
We are early with our Mother's Day Raffle – it is now in the Op shop – Gift Voucher, Wine, Chocolates & more goodies – enjoy a visit – tickets for sale!

Members if you require tickets, Bev Grist has them on hand for you. We appreciate the community support with helping all with low vision so are looking forward to a successful Raffle again with tickets selling well. Thank you..

Yvonne Shady—President Ph:53 402113

Marg Fraser—Secretary Ph: 53 403576

**BELOW RIGHT HAND SIDE: OPENING OF SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BY MARTHA HAYLETT MP.
BELOW LEFT HAND: PARENTS, FAMILY, STUDENTS STAFF AND VISITORS AT THE OPENING**





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At its April meeting, Council

- received the 2023-2024 Mt Leura and Mt Sugarloaf Management Committee Annual Report and 2024-2025 proposed budget and appointed Graham Arkinstall and Mary Graham as community representatives on Committee for three years
- received the finance report for the period ending 31 March 2024
- authorised the CEO to sign a letter of intent and enter into negotiations with the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO) and, if satisfied, enter into joint procurement contract CT202098 for the supply of electricity to small and large market metered Council sites until December 2030
- adopted new
 - Sale of Council Land and Buildings Policy dated April 2024
 - Public Art Policy dated April 2024.
 - Social Media Policy – Councillors dated April 2024
 - Media Relations Policy dated April 2024
 - Governance Rules dated April 2024
- endorsed the Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2024-2034 for implementation
- approved release of the Grow Corangamite (Agricultural Strategy) Background Report and the Timber Plantation Impacts Discussion Paper for community engagement
- varied to include final costs and seek contributions from property owners benefitting from Special Charge Schemes for installation of footpath and associated works on
 - the southern side of Tait Street from west of Daskein Street to Clarke Street, Camperdown; and
 - the western side of McKinnon Street from Prince Street to Estcourt Street, Terang;
- resolved to submit a motion for consideration at the National General Assembly of Local Government
- authorised the CEO to make a submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability 2024

- noted that the CEO and Mayor had rescheduled Council's September ordinary meeting to Monday 23 September 2024
- approved the four Business Assistance Scheme applications for:
 - Creative on High: \$532.00 excl GST.
 - Dalvue Motel: \$685 excl GST.
 - Adams Bikes: \$3,234.10 excl GST.
 - Innerbloom Gardening Therapy: \$2000 excl GST.

The next meeting will be on:

Tuesday 28 May at 7 pm
Killara Centre, 210-212 Manifold Street,
Camperdown and live at
[facebook.com/CorangamiteShire](https://www.facebook.com/CorangamiteShire)

Questions and statements for the Open Forum by anyone not attending the meeting in person can be sent to governance@corangamite.vic.gov.au no later than 12 pm on Tuesday 28 May.

2024-2025 Grant applications close soon

Applications close Monday 13 May for the following:

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- Enabling Grants Programs (up to \$5,000)
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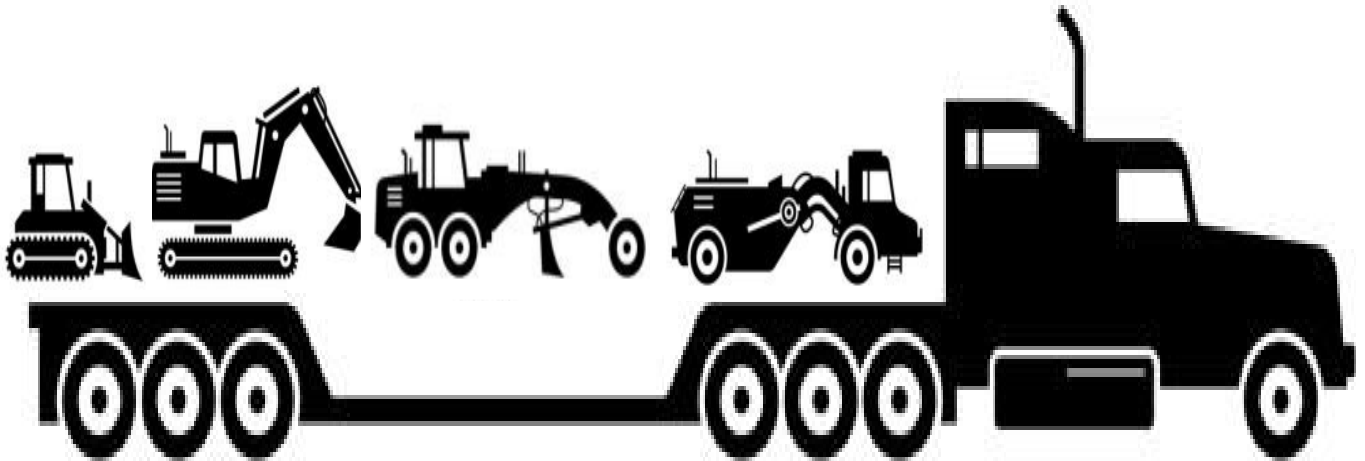
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The objective of the Special meeting is to consider and vote

-for the Skipton Progress Association Inc. to change its Statement of
Rules by adopting Consumer Affairs Victoria's Model Rules for an
Incorporated Association.

All members of Skipton Progress Association are cordially requested to
attend this meeting in order to meet the current constitution quorum
requirements.

If you wish to discuss the proposed change to the model rules or wish a
draft of the proposed model rules to be emailed to you please contact the
Model rules working group SPA members Jessica Lang, Malcolm
Sanders, Angela Gowans or Lisa Wills.

Contact numbers are available in the community phone book. Kind
regards Jessica Lang Secretary Skipton Progress Association
0409542186 secretaryskiptonpa@gmail.com

The regular monthly Skipton Progress Association meeting will follow the
special general meeting. All welcome.

Skipton Progress Association Update

Please note the new email address is:

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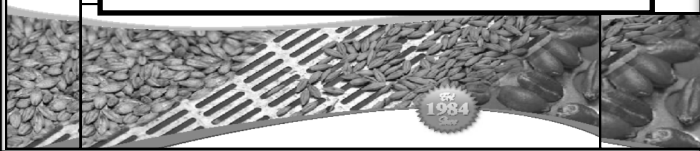
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SKIPTON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MEETS EVERY MONDAY AT SKIPTON MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL

From 2pm till 4pm on Monday, and on the fourth Monday have an earlier start of 12 noon for Lunch. Committee Meeting follows at 2pm. "Seniors" is a fantastic way to enjoy a weekly outing and to make new friends. Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "lots of Other Stuff"!!

- * Seniors also have trips and outings throughout the year.
- * Just come along, you will be happy you did.

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Thursday 2nd May 7pm Skipton Progress Association meeting in the meeting room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. All members requested to attend the Special Meeting starting at 7pm followed by our usual monthly meeting. All welcome.

**Saturday 4th May Skipton Football & Netball Club
Round 4** Playing away at Beaufort

Sunday 5th May Skipton Historical Society will meet in the Old Police House, in the Stewart Park Historical Precinct off Montgomery Street, Skipton, for their regular monthly meeting at 2pm. For contact, please ring secretary on 0407310990 or email: skipton.history.au@gmail.com

Wednesday 8th May Skipton Progress Association BINGO NIGHT at the SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLING CLUB doors open 6pm, eyes down 7pm sharp. Bar open, come and have a fun night all welcome. See ad on page 18 any enquiries please contact skiptonscn@gmail.com

Saturday 11th May Skipton Market in the Mechanics Hall Anderson Street 9am to 1pm. Stalls offer goodies, craft, presents, bric-a-brac, produce, and more.
For stall bookings and information contact Jan on 0422785037

**Saturday 11th May Skipton Football & Netball Club
Round 5** Playing at home against Hepburn

**Saturday 18th May Skipton Football & Netball Club
Round 6** Playing away at Ballan

Sunday 19th May: FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM (Streatham) open from 11:30am until 4:30pm
Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer 0466 286 011

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