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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Jo Beard addresses one of the Community Information Sessions during the St Pat's Day Fires.
Photo: The Standard

WELCOME TO THE WINTER EDITION OF CORANGAMITE NEWS

It's hard to believe that three months have passed since the St Patrick's Day fires impacted our communities.

Fanned by the strongest and scariest winds I've ever witnessed, the ferocity of all fires was extraordinary and we are incredibly fortunate there were no fatalities or injuries.

More than 20 houses and countless sheds were destroyed, thousands of livestock killed. Many dairy farms are still severely impacted, with farmers struggling to feed their herds. Families have lost their homes, their possessions and their livelihoods.

In desperate, challenging and often traumatising times, I have found myself reflecting on the incredible resilience and bravery shown by so many.

Relief Centres were opened in Cobden, Camperdown, Terang and Port Campbell to provide haven for residents. Some of these were initiated by the community and I want to convey my sincere gratitude to the volunteers who provided beds, blankets, food and comfort to people in need. Some of the firefighters I spoke to on the Sunday morning had left their own at-risk homes to protect others - an example of local heroes putting others first.

Three months on and we have moved into the long-term recovery phase. The sprint is over and the marathon has started. I've learnt the recovery has many layers, and patience is

important and understanding is important to support those affected.

The fire was declared a Natural Disaster and is being supported by the State and Federal Governments. This means there are a number of temporary State-funded positions at Corangamite Shire that are devoted to coordinating the recovery effort.

Emergency Management Victoria [EMV] has hosted community briefings to gather local insight into what we did well and how we can respond better in future emergency situations. There is a lot to learn from the experience and we are collecting as much feedback as we can.

The response from the wider community has been incredible. The volunteers profiled in this edition of Corangamite News are truly inspiring.

Thank you will never seem enough to acknowledge the amazing efforts that residents displayed during one of the toughest times in Corangamite Shire's history.

Emergency situations, while horrible and scary, can often bring out the best in people. I have honestly never been prouder to be the Mayor of Corangamite Shire.

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WELLBEING SUPPORT

If you have been affected by the fires and require confidential emotional or psychological support, available 'on farm', please contact the Farmer Community Support Workers on 5563 4000 or 5232 5180.

General Practitioners also provide emotional and psychological support, and can arrange additional assistance. If you have urgent concerns about your own, or the mental health of others, please contact Mental Health Services on 1800 808 284 [24 hours].

Other 24 hour helplines include:

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Kid's Helpline: 1800 55 1800

MensLine: 1300 78 9978

Nurse on Call: 1800 02 2222



Netty Hose, Heather Matthews, Barb Cowley and Mandy Reid sort donations.

WHEN A COMMUNITY RALLIES COBDEN OP SHOP

At 3 o'clock on the Sunday morning after the St Patrick's Day Fires broke out, the Cobden op-shop was open to provide clothes for people who had come to town for safety with no time to pack.

Donations flowed thick and fast and when the op shop was full to overflowing, the Uniting Church Hall was put into service and soon there was little room to navigate between tables piled four feet high.

"People started bringing donations to our op shop and it was overflowing so we opened the church. Eight weeks later we're doing the same," Barb Cowley said.

"People started dropping money in the mail box. We spent some of it to buy perishables for our food deliveries."

Over the next four weeks, volunteers took food hampers, toiletry packs and other essential goods to fire-affected households.

The thing people really appreciated was the hampers with fresh food, said Netty Hose—one of the volunteers, who drove more than 100 km a day.

"We decided to get out to the farmers to help because they were unable for various reasons to come into town," she said.

She said buying the goods locally, and the voucher system, helped keep local businesses going despite the disruption.

"A small town really feels it. Anything we bought was from shops in our small town," she said.

Netty said some people didn't need the hampers but just needed to talk, and the volunteers arranged counsellors to visit residents who needed extra support.

Barb said the generous donations didn't directly meet people's needs but four and a half thousand dollars raised by selling goods would go towards buying the essentials.

"Today BlazeAid are out of water. They need two 600 ml bottles of water a day for each volunteer," she said.

"I put a post on Facebook this morning and that's starting to come in."

"Today a load of wood is coming from Beaufort.

"Even though the fires are a month past, the generosity is still there and people are still wanting to help."

Cobden Uniting Church Op Shop is located at 50 Curdie Street and opens Monday-Friday from 10 am-4 pm and Saturday 10 am- noon.

COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE

Corangamite Shire has established a Community Recovery Committee to support the communities affected by the recent fires.

The community recovery committee comprises:

- Members of the community
- Personnel from Local Council, DHHS, Agriculture Victoria, VFF, Red Cross or other relevant local stakeholders.

The community recovery committee's work can include:

- representing the community in the recovery process
- facilitating dialogue between the municipal recovery manager and the community so as to regularly advise on issues of concern
- working with the municipal recovery manager and task groups to tackle specific issues
- assisting in the coordination of recovery initiatives undertaken in the community including special events.

Council has appointed Jarrod Woff as Manager Fire Recovery to work with people affected by the fires and to ensure they have the support required to help them through the recovery process.

For up to 12 months he will play an important part in working with the broader community and liaising with State and Federal Governments.

Council's Municipal Emergency Management Officer Sharna Whitehand has been appointed to the role of Fire Recovery Officer.

She will visit all the properties impacted by the fire to make sure they have what they need, connect people with services they may need, and help them secure grants.

Those impacted by the fire can contact her on 5593 7100.

A Fire Recovery Communications Officer will also be employed. These positions have been obtained through funding from the State and Federal Government.

FIRE RESPONSE & RECOVERY STORIES



Betty Robbilliard with seven kilometres of hoses that have been cleaned to go back to the brigades.



Mark Roberts at the Cobden Fire Station.

LENDING A HAND ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Cobden CFA member Betty Robbilliard has a wealth of expert knowledge from her 20 years as a volunteer and staff member of the CFA.

"In this fire I managed support admin, operations support within the Cobden Local Command Centre, then supported the Incident Controller to prepare meetings, teleconferences and as a local knowledge resource.

"There's a couple of us designated to still be working on the incident, very much focused on recovery.

A staggering seven kilometres of hose was used during the emergency response and it all needs to be cleaned by experts because of exposure to untreated water, dairy effluent and whatever other contaminants may have been present in the field.

"We need to get equipment back, washed, cleaned and back on the appliance so the appliance can go back to its local area."

Then there is the number crunching to finalise finance for the travel costs, accommodation, food and other expenses during the massive operation.

"The Rhino tanks we purchased for water storage at Elingamite—we have to demobilise them and relocate them.

Other issues include filling ditches and drains built as a moat to stop the spread of the fire, grading tracks and clearing fences.

There's more than just infrastructure on the CFA's radar—people's wellbeing is a priority.

"We're mindful of community members' emotions," Betty said.

"We work with them to make sure they're okay.

"It's really important to keep them informed of the latest progress."

Betty was enthusiastic about the recent Take a Break and Thank a Mate dinner.

"That was a really good start for people because it encouraged them to sit down and talk.

For some, that wasn't the right time but for others it was good to be able to sit down and talk.

"I've seen a lot of emotion with friends and other people. The openness of this today, where you can give someone a cuddle and say: 'It's okay'."

Betty and her husband, Lance, have taken in other people's cattle while the owners get their pasture back to productivity.

"We've taken in two different lots. I think we have a total of 75 cattle parked," she said.

"That was one way to give back because we've been through difficult times before, including Ash Wednesday, and people helped us."

FRONTLINE VOLUNTEERS

A new strategy proved successful during the South West Complex Fires: the Farmers Strike Team.

Cobden CFA Group Officer Mark Roberts said the new procedure grew from the biggest fire season in Region 6 for many years and during the St Patrick's Day emergency "we finally got to pull the trigger on it".

"Generally, a strike team consists of 12-hour shifts," Mark said.

"They get in at 7 am and finish at 7 pm.

"It's hard to fill that when we're all volunteers and have to get our lives in order."

Unlike the usual procedure where a strike team can "hurry up and wait" before being deployed, the Farmers Strike Teams went straight to the front.

"They come here [Cobden station], go straight to the fire, not the staging area, and do five hours' meaningful work," Mark said.

"It not only suited farmers but also met the needs of people who wanted to volunteer but still had to do the school drop-off and pick-up."

As Mark said, "an emergency doesn't know weekends or office hours", but community members and businesses did their bit to ensure life went on despite the turmoil.

"Most days we had 10 -20 people working out of here doing different roles.



BlazeAid Cobden Camp Coordinator Chris Males, from Traralgon, and volunteer Ian Hoy, from Cootamundra.

BLAZE AID TO THE RESCUE

Mark said the partnerships formed and the combined approach were essential to the firefighting operation.

“One big thing we had was support from CFA, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Forest Fire Management Victoria, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, CFA career staff, council and the community,” he said.

“Everyone just pulled in the same direction.

Personnel came from Tasmania, New South Wales and South Australia; from the mining and aviation industries, but while the operation was managed from outside, the local faces and local knowledge were up front and centre.

“No matter who we work for, what colour uniform we wear, it all comes back to the same thing,” Mark said.

“Not one person lost their life. Not one truck was in a serious incident. Not one member was injured.

“All our procedures and training worked.

“Talking to the public, you hear people’s fire plans worked. In the midst of disaster, you find how good people can be.”

BlazeAid’s Cobden record is proof there are plenty of good people ready to help out a stranger in hard times.

“We set an Australian record on 1 May when we sent out 17 teams,” Cobden BlazeAid Camp Co-ordinator Chris Male said.

“We sent out 60 volunteers that day.

“That doesn’t include the locals who ferried those people out to the farms and brought them back at the end of the day.”

This is the fifth time Chris and her husband, John, have been camp-coordinators as the volunteer fencing organisation helps a community recover from natural disaster.

The Traralgon couple have got setting up the operation down to a fine art.

“The fires were on the Saturday and we arrived on the Wednesday and hit the ground running.”

“The process is to get a good base camp location. What we have here is easily the best we’ve ever had. The Go Kart club are great landlords,” Chris said.

“Once you get here you make your local contacts. Heidi van Es from WestVic Dairy introduced me to a number of farmers. Without her help the camp wouldn’t be half what it is.”

“The Lions Club co-ordinates a meal roster for us and the local folk make cakes, biscuits and slices for us.

“Everyone’s really disappointed they haven’t lost weight. They came here to work.”

And work they have, rebuilding more than 160 kilometres of fence and putting in over 1450 volunteer working days in two months.

Of the 80 farms registered for help, 14 have been finished, meaning BlazeAid’s involvement with the local community will continue for months to come.

Burnt wire has to be collected and is dangerous because it can “let go” and cause injury, Chris said.

The volunteers attend a safety muster each morning and a debrief each night.

“We issue gloves. We issue eye protection. We ask people to be aware of their surroundings and risks.”

“We’ve got a lot of retired farmers who are very aware of the risks.”

Many of the 299 registered volunteers are grey nomads, with the average age of 62 and a half. The eldest is 83 and the youngest only nine. The Terang camp, co-ordinated by Queenslanders Vicki and Malcolm McIntosh, has 248 volunteers who have cleared 45.5 km of burnt fenceline and erected 182 km.

Aged 18 to 81, they have finished 39 of 62 registered farms.

BUSINESS PROFILE



THE CORNER STORE

MAIN STREET, TIMBOON

Timboon's reputation as a foodie destination continues to go from strength to strength.

Another three jobs have been created with the opening of The Corner Store in Timboon. It is the outcome of Emma Pope's love of the town, its growing foodie culture and a partnership with Mortlake butcher Brendan Bouchier.

"I think Timboon is the envy of many regional towns in Victoria. It's a wonderful example of how a small town can transform itself into a destination without a marquee natural attraction," she said.

"I'm really excited to be adding another destination to our community's offering. A lot of people have done a lot of work to build the collective product.

"It was identified by the town's community plan, a Blueprint for Timboon, back in 2011 that food tourism could drive economic opportunity in the town and it is."

The Corner Store offers higher welfare beef, lamb, chicken and pork in addition to gourmet beer and wine, smallgoods, cheeses, fresh fruit and vegetables and ready-to-go meals.

Emma said a range of motivators had convinced her and her family to invest in the town's growing foodie offering by opening The Corner Store.

"This site was a butcher shop for 80 years

and had a proud history, so part of it was about reactivating an empty shop and helping this end of town to entice shoppers," she said.

"Our community deserves to be able to buy fresh local produce."

"More and more people love sitting down at night with a charcuterie board of cured meat, cheeses, olives, condiments and a glass of wine.

"I've always loved cooking as well, so to be able to package The Corner Store up to also offer healthy, home cooked meals for people to reheat and enjoy is a massive thrill. I'm also doing two salads every day for takeaway lunches. It's so much fun."

Emma said in only a few short weeks since opening, she'd been buoyed by the number of Great Ocean Road visitors who were coming inland to enjoy Timboon's foodie scene.

"We've had a great mix of locals and tourists and I think that's the great thing about food and drink – it brings people together... it's inclusive, fun and makes memories," she said.

"The 12 Apostles Food Artisans and a number of key food experiences have laid the foundation and to be a part of that culture now is our way of not only contributing to the offering but contributing to the economy, employment and our town's future prosperity."

TRANSFORM YOUR SHOPFRONT WITH SOME HELP FROM US

Grants are available to local businesses wanting to improve the appearance of their shopfronts.

The next round of the Retail Area Façade Improvement Program will open on Monday 2 July and aims to improve the presentation of towns and streetscapes in Corangamite Shire.

The program is open to businesses with street frontage in the commercial area of any of Corangamite Shire's 12 townships.

Funding is available on a dollar for dollar basis.

Examples of works completed previously under the program include:

- painting of the façade
- cleaning of the existing façade
- removal of redundant signage, air conditioning units and hoardings
- minor repair, maintenance or reinstatement of missing elements
- minor repairs to existing façade tile or stone accents
- minor repairs to structural façade elements and awnings
- new repairs or replacements of verandahs
- lighting

The program will be advertised in local newspapers with guidelines and application forms available on www.corangamite.vic.gov.au.

Successful applicants will have until Friday 31 May 2019 to complete proposed works.

For more information on the program, contact Manager Growth and Engagement Rory Neeson on 5593 7100.

The Corner Store trades from 10 am-5.30 pm Monday to Friday and 10 am-2 pm on Saturdays.

BUDGET 2018-2019

at a glance

\$48.1 M
total budget

2.25%
average
rates increase

\$13.3 M
capital
works program

\$7.04 M
roads

DEBT FREE
no new
borrowings

CHANGES TO GARBAGE COLLECTION CHARGE



The Garbage Collection Charge will rise from \$296.50 to \$360 per property in 2018-2019 - an increase of \$63.50. This is due to significant market changes in the recycling industry and higher processing costs that are impacting municipalities Australia-wide.

ROADS



\$7 million



\$1.86 million Resealing
\$1.7 million Gravel resheeting
\$1.43 million Heavy plant replacement
\$255,000 Kerb & channel
\$210,000 Footpaths

also

\$1.2 million Stage 3 of Castle Carey Road Bridge
\$400,000 Camperdown Streetscape - Stage 2
\$336,000 Urban Street Trees Program
\$20,000 Derrinallum Streetscape Designs

big local roads projects

\$386,000 Timboon Curdievale Road rehab
\$255,000 Eastern Creek Road rehab
\$246,000 Cross Forest Road rehab
\$179,000 Boorook Road rehab
\$175,000 Curdievale Port Campbell Road rehab
\$160,000 Urches Road rehab

ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY

\$450,000 Roadside slashing and drainage
\$257,000 Weed Control program
\$200,000 Solar panel installation on public buildings
\$60,000 Emergency Recovery Review
\$30,000 Environment Support Grants

COMMUNITY & FACILITIES



\$160,000 Swimming pool upgrades

\$140,000 Port Campbell playground

\$80,000 Circuit de Savage lighting, Cobden

\$70,000 Facility (hall & reserve) Grants

\$50,000 CBD Facade Improvement Program

\$50,000 Festivals & Events Funding

\$25,000 Community Grants Program



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

\$5.3 million earmarked for future large-scale projects needing matching State and Federal Government funding such as Twelve Apostles Trail [\$13m project] and Port Campbell Streetscape [\$10m project].



Errol Harris, Eddie Harris, Ammie Jackson and Graham Arkinstall.

NEW IDEAS FOR MOUNT LEURA

MOUNT LEURA AND MOUNT SUGARLOAF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

New members will bring fresh enthusiasm, new ideas and different skills to the Mount Leura and Mount Sugarloaf Management Committee.

At its April meeting, Council reappointed Graham Arkinstall to the committee and appointed new member Ammie Jackson as the two community representatives.

Ammie replaces Errol Harris, who stepped down after 12 years.

“Our long-serving past members step down but usually stay involved with the Friends of Mount Leura group so we don’t lose their knowledge and experience because they’re still involved and passionate,” said Ammie, who has been involved with the Friends of Mount Leura for seven years.

Graham agreed, saying members had skills including outdoor nature play, teaching, environmental management, farming, and building experience.

“I’ve been involved since the project started back in 1991, he said, pointing out stands of trees that had been planted in that time.

Errol said propagation of the silver banksias around the 50-hectare reserve had been the highlight of his time on the committee.

“There’s 60-odd there,” he said, pointing casually down the sheer eastern slope of Mount Leura.

“We’ve spread them out over the whole reserve.”

The committee has planted hundreds since the project began in 1999.

“Every tree on the reserve has come from the nursery at Camperdown College, Graham added.

“A real highlight has been the involvement of young people who’ve grown trees, planted trees and helped build resources.

He said people from all over the world had been involved, including people from Conservation Volunteers Australia and International Student Volunteers.

Ammie said the revegetation had been beneficial for the habitat.

“It’s great to see birdlife and mammals... Species that disappeared from the area after vegetation clearing occurred have been able to return to the reserve since it has been revegetated,” she said.

“This is a wildlife refuge in a highly modified landscape.”

To find out more or to get involved at Mount Leura & Mount Sugarloaf visit: www.mtleura.org.au

MORE THAN 3600 KM OF LOCAL ROADSIDES TREATED FOR WEEDS

More than 3600 km of local roadsides have been treated for weeds through the Roadside Weed Control Program.

Council spent more than \$218,000 on the program—a substantial increase on the previous years, and treated more weeds on more roadsides than ever before.

Included in this years’ budget was \$54,290 from the Victorian Government’s 2017-2019 Roadside Weeds and Pest Program.

Most of this years’ program was focused on Blackberry, with more than \$160,000 spent on 1280 km of Council roadsides.

The increase meant previously untreated roadsides around Terang, Noorat, Glenormiston, Camperdown, Weerite and Pomborneit were sprayed.

As a result, dead blackberry can be seen lining roadsides where there were formerly healthy infestations, from the center of the Shire through to the coast.

Council also spent more than \$60,000 to treat other noxious and environmental weeds such as boxthorn, ragwort, gorse, sweet pittosporum, mirror bush and ivy.

As with the blackberry program, funding was greatly increased this year, allowing Council to follow up on previous work and extend along previously untreated roadsides.

Sweet pittosporum is a woody weed that can often go unnoticed on our roadsides, as it grows inconspicuously amongst other native understorey plants.

It originated around Sydney and spread here in bushland and roadside reserves where it out-competes native vegetation.

For more information on the program, please contact Council on 5593 7100 or visit www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/weedmanagement



The Mount Noorat Management Committee [from left] publicity officer Eve Black, vice-chair Heather Hicks, chairperson Chris O'Connor, Craig Wood, Stephen Hampson, Gina Black, Harold Craven, Corangamite Shire Council Environment Projects Officer Roland Herbert, treasurer Bernard Conheady, Peter McSween, Graham Arkininstall and secretary Rob Durant. Apology: Jileena Cole.

MOUNT NOORAT

COMMUNITY TO GUIDE FUTURE VISION OF THE LANDMARK

The Mount Noorat Management Committee held its first meeting in Noorat on Tuesday 17 April.

The mount was gifted to the Shire in 2017 from the estate of the late Niel Black to allow community access into the future.

His widow, Eve Black, and sister, Gina Black, attended among the other committee members.

The main topics the committee spoke about related to the future vision for the mount and the development of the management plan. The committee also elected the following office bearers: chairperson, Chris O'Connor; vice-chair, Heather Hicks; secretary, Rob Durant; treasurer, Bernard Conheady; and publicity officer, Eve Black.

The committee is full of energy and passionate about the Mount and looks forward to the journey and work ahead.

The main tasks for the committee are to develop a plan to guide the future use and management of the Mount in the best interests of the Noorat community.

This management plan will be guided by a shared vision to be determined by the committee.

The plan's development will involve community consultation and will be undertaken over many months of careful planning and design.

While the plan is being developed, the Committee will determine what ongoing maintenance can be done.

Larger projects will need to be guided by the plan.

INTRODUCING OUR YOUTH MAYOR LAUREN M^CILVEEN



Occupation/Educational institution/Year level: Year 12 at Camperdown College.

Why did you nominate for the Youth Council? I nominated for Youth Council because I wanted to improve my leadership skills and be more involved in the community.

How many years have you been on the Youth Council? This will be my third year on Youth Council.

Describe what being a member of the Youth Council involves: As part of being involved in Youth Council, we attend meetings once every three weeks. This is where everyone gets the opportunity to talk about what is happening within our local community or issues they want to bring awareness to. As well as that, these meetings give us an opportunity to plan events for the Shire, such as the Youth Awards or FReeZA Push Start competition.

What do you hope to achieve on Youth Council? This year I hope to raise the awareness of issues affecting young people across the Corangamite Shire and hopefully generate conversations around them. As well as that, a major aim is to increase the profile of the Youth Council across the entire Shire. There are some exciting events in the works for this year, so make sure to keep an eye out ...

What does being Youth Mayor mean to you? I feel privileged to be given the chance to be Youth Mayor this year. It is a great opportunity to get more involved within the community and help make a real difference. I am excited to see what we can achieve this year.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIES AT THE THEATRE ROYAL

PADDINGTON 2 - THURSDAY 5 JULY
PETER RABBIT- THURSDAY 12 JULY

DOORS OPEN 1 PM FOR A 1:30 PM START.
FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE.





Back: Kayla Bonner, Jaimie Castledine, Tahnee Bartlett, coach Laura Hickey, Sophie Gale, Milla Clarke, Jorji Woods, Ebony Woods [c]. Front: Brianna Thompson, Molly Jones and Olivia Stupple.

LOCAL SIDE KICKING GOALS

TIMBOON DEMONS

Timboon Demons coach Laura Hickey says you can see her Deakin University Female Football League players developing every week.

“We’ve got 26 or so—some netballers—and for a lot of girls that have not taken interest in netball and it’s given them an opportunity to go and play,” she said.

“You can see improvement every week.

“They train twice a week purely because they want to.

“I was happy to go back to once a week, but they get into it and learn from it.”

Laura said the mateship and bonding were great motivator for the players.

“They’re going to have a lot of years together.”

Laura is confident those years will see growth in female football at the club.

Many of the current players take to the court on Saturday and back up with a footy game on Sunday.

With three senior and three junior netball teams to draw upon, as well as non-netballers in the community, there are plenty of prospective footballers to draw upon.

“If it continues on the numbers we’ve got now, we could definitely field two teams,” Laura said.

“There is interest from our open side as well as a lot of interest from the senior girls.”

The team has also had plenty of interest from the community, as demonstrated by the fact 18 foundation sponsors have given their support.

“Everyone is behind it,” Laura said.

“Support from the club and community is brilliant.

“It’s my first year in coaching and I’ve had great support from Trav Brown and Chris Meade.”

The players: Caprice Ballie, Kirra Gordon, Olivia Stupple, Heidi Stansfield, Alysa Hibburt, Jorji Woods, Brianna Thompson, Susanna Ryan, Abbey Trotter, Briony Ziegelaar, Jazzie Negrello, Tahnee Bartlett, Sophie Gale, Ebony Woods [c], Lucy Jones, Molly Jones, Madi Clarke, Kayla Bonner, Milla Clarke, Mikayla Duro, Holly McKenzie, Charlotte Meade, Johanna McKenzie, Jaimie Castledine, Olivia Bedggood, Halle Watt and Alanah O’Brien.

ARE YOU SCAM SAVVY?

Anyone can fall for a scam and scammers are getting smarter and using more sophisticated tricks to dupe thousands of Victorians every year.

Some common scams include:

INVESTMENT SCAM

Scammers typically offer ‘get rich quick’ schemes and investments based on ‘secret’ information or special software. They claim to be able to predict the outcomes of sports or share trading. After you pay their expensive fees, you will discover that their claims are false.

Tip: Do not let anyone pressure you into making investment decisions. Ask for written information and always get independent financial advice.

THREAT-BASED SCAM

Scammers pretending to be from a government, bank or other well-known institution will call, email or text you, saying that you owe money. They threaten that if you don’t pay immediately, a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

Tip: Watch out for unsolicited emails or phone calls saying you owe money. Check that the organisation is legitimate, by contacting them directly. Beware of fake websites. Scammers send links to websites that look real.

ROMANCE SCAMS

Scammers approach you on legitimate dating websites and build an online relationship with you, often over weeks, months or years. Once the relationship is established, they start asking for money.

Tip: Avoid sending money, personal or financial details to someone you have never met in person.

ONLINE SELLING SCAMS

Scammers pose as sellers and post fake advertisements offering non-existent products for low prices.

Tip: When selling items online, do not follow the links in a payment notification email to check whether the payment has arrived – log into your account directly.

To report a scam, contact Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81



Bev Ferguson [Terang branch], Nancy Fowler [Terang], Gabrielle O'Brien [Dalvui], Kath Lucas [Terang] and Carolyn Emeny [Dalvui and Terang].

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HELPING THE HELPERS

When it comes to helping out in difficult times, the Country Women's Association is one of the many volunteer organisations that show their commitment to serving the community.

The Terang Branch mobilised to prepare three meals a day for firefighters and opened their hall to help Terang Community Op Shop distribute clothes, food, toiletries, pet food and toys and books for children.

"We were only too happy to help Terang Op Shop because they didn't have any space," said Nancy Fowler.

"Also, we had the Nexus Club helping us and there were several others who came."

Bev Ferguson said support came from around the state and over the border from South Australia, with people coming to help despite the demands of their own lives.

"Two women came from Gippsland. They left early in the morning and caught the ferry. They drove up here with a station wagon full of linen and we asked 'Would you like some lunch?'.

"They had some food and they had to bring two day-old lambs in with them. They had lunch and turned around and went back."

Gabrielle O'Brien said the hall was open seven days a week.

"Initially, the biggest call was for water," she said.

"Some people didn't want to take anything because they thought others might need it more—'There's people worse off than me'."

Carolyn Emeny agreed some people had been hesitant to take too much.

"We encouraged families that had other family members staying with them to take things.

"We would target their house because they had extra family there."

"It was good when we got a trolley from the Co-op," Bev added.

"We would walk beside them and double up what they were taking."

Kath Lucas said donations were small and large and came from near and far.

"A lot of people came off the street with supermarket bags full of shopping," she said.

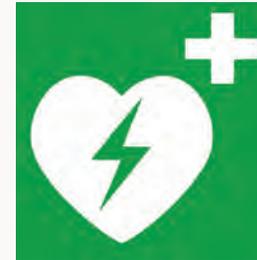
"We got half a truck of baked beans and half a truck of spaghetti from Shepparton."

Carolyn added that someone with an egg farm brought 30 dozen eggs so there was plenty to go around, even for those reluctant to take too much.

"I just told them to share the love," she said.

"If you don't need it, give it to someone who does."

NEW LIVESAVING DEVICE IN CAMPERDOWN



Camperdown now has access to a lifesaving medical device so simple almost anyone can use it.

A joint project by the Camperdown Lions and Bendigo Bank has bought an automatic external defibrillator [AED] which is available around the clock at the Camperdown Roadhouse.

Lions member Jan Smith, who works as a first aid trainer, said many sporting clubs around the district had AEDs but they might not always be accessible.

"I put it to the club to have one in town that will be accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week," she said.

"The Roadhouse was the obvious choice for Camperdown.

"Hopefully we never need to use it."

Jan said the location of the AED and the fact it was accessible 24 hours were registered with Ambulance Victoria.

"The idea is, it's listed as publically available," she said.

"If you ring the Ambulance and they're going to be some time, they can say: 'Have you got someone who can go to the roadhouse and get the AED?'."

Jan said the device's recorded voice made it very user friendly, even for people who had never seen one before.

"Even if you've had no training, the minute you turn it on it tells you what to do.

Camperdown Lions secretary Maree Belyea said the club had raised funds and Bendigo Bank provided a grant.

WHAT'S ON : JULY-SEPTEMBER 2018

JULY	WHAT, WHEN & WHERE	CONTACT
	Cobden Miniature Railway from 11 am-4 pm. [Every Sunday over school holidays]	cobdenminiaturerail.org.au
Sunday 1 July	Camperdown Rotary Market, The Avenue, 9 am-2 pm	Pat Robertson on 0447 139 639
	Mt Elephant Open Day, 1-4 pm. Open every Sunday	mountelephant.com.au
Tuesday 3 July	Cobden Quilters, Cobden Senior Citizens Centre. First & third Tuesday of each month	Anne Box on 5595 1112.
Thursday 5 July	School holiday movies, 1:30 pm, Theatre Royal Camperdown	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
	Terang Market Day, All Saints Church, 9 am -1 pm	0427 922 221
Saturday 7 July	Cobden Live Music & Dance, Cobden Civic Hall	0490 344 355
	Timboon parkrun every Saturday, near Distillery, 8 am. 5 km timed run	www.parkrun.com.au/timboon
Tuesday 10 July	Corangamite Arts session, 10 am-2 pm at the Camperdown Showgrounds pavillion	0409 581 496
Thursday 12 July	School holiday movies, 1:30 pm, Theatre Royal Camperdown	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
Saturday 14 July	Skipton Market, 9 am-1 pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall	Jan Murphy 5340 2204
Monday 16 July	Camperdown Playgroup, every Monday from 9:30-11:30 am. Campbell Street.	
Tuesday 24 July	Council Meeting, Killara Centre, Camperdown, 7 pm. Agenda available on website	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
Sunday 29 July	Terang Community Park & Wetlands Working Bee	

AUGUST	WHAT, WHEN & WHERE	CONTACT
	Terang Market Day, All Saints Church, 9 am -1 pm	0427 922 221
Saturday 4 August	Cobden Live Music & Dance, Cobden Civic Hall	0490 344 355
	Timboon parkrun every Saturday, near Distillery, 8 am. 5 km timed run	www.parkrun.com.au/timboon
	Camperdown Rotary Market, The Avenue, 9 am-2 pm	Pat Robertson on 0447 139 639
Sunday 5 August	Mt Elephant Open Day, 1-4 pm. Open every Sunday	mountelephant.com.au
	Camperdown Poultry Club Annual Show	
Monday 6 August	Eat Well Move Well Be Well winter program starts	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
Tuesday 7 August	Cobden Quilters, Cobden Senior Citizens Centre. First & third Tuesday of each month	Anne Box on 5595 1112.
	Darlington Art Group. 1-4 pm at the Darlington Hall	0407 056 020
Saturday 11 August	Skipton Market, 9 am-1 pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall	Jan Murphy 5340 2204
	SW Brick Club session. 10:30 am-noon at St Pauls Church, Camperdown	0409 608 717
Tuesday 14 August	Corangamite Arts session, 10 am-2 pm at the Camperdown Showgrounds pavillion	0409 581 496
Friday 17 August	Derrinallum Lismore Community Association [DLCA] AGM	0427 962 987
Sunday 19 August	Cobden Miniature Railway from 11 am-4 pm	cobdenminiaturerail.org.au
Saturday 25 August	Books Plus Annual Fair, Timboon	
Tuesday 28 August	Council Meeting, Killara Centre, Camperdown, 7 pm. Agenda available on website	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au

SEPTEMBER	WHAT, WHEN & WHERE	CONTACT
	Timboon parkrun every Saturday, near Distillery, 8 am. 5 km timed run	www.parkrun.com.au/timboon
Saturday 1 September	Terang Market Day, All Saints Church, 9 am -1 pm	0427 922 221
	Cobden Live Music & Dance, Cobden Civic Hall	0490 344 355
Sunday 2 September	Camperdown Rotary Market, The Avenue, 9 am-2 pm	Pat Robertson on 0447 139 639
	Mt Elephant Open Day, 1-4 pm. Open every Sunday	mountelephant.com.au
Tuesday 4 September	Cobden Quilters, Cobden Senior Citizens Centre. First & third Tuesday of each month	Anne Box on 5595 1112
Sunday 16 September	Cobden Miniature Railway from 11 am-4 pm. Every Sunday during school holidays	cobdenminiaturerail.org.au
Tuesday 25 September	Council Meeting, Killara Centre, Camperdown, 7 pm. Agenda available on website	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
Thursday 27 September	School holiday movies @ Theatre Royal Camperdown. 1:30 pm.	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
Friday 28 September	AFL GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Sunday 30 September	Terang Community Park & Wetlands Working Bee	

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