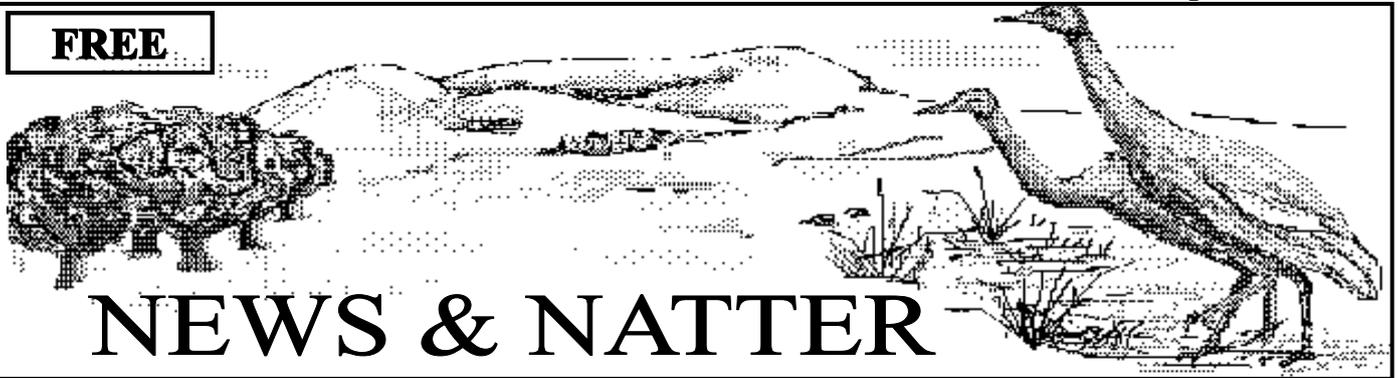


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Mark your calendars...  
**DERRI TOWN AND COUNTRY MARKET**  
Sunday 22nd March 2026  
Sunday 24th May 2026



*The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage  
Machinery Display – more  
pics and story on pg. 4*

**Congrats to our Cricket  
Teams U12s & U16s more  
info pg. 22 + 23**

**Volunteering contributes so  
much to the richness of  
our community life**

## LOCAL 24/7 DEFIBRILLATORS

### Derrinallum

Post Office	44 Main St
Op Shop	28 Main St
GORST	37 Main St
Mt Elephant Centre	1191 Hamilton Hwy

### Lismore

GORST	135 High St
Post Office	35-39 High St
Victoria Police	61 High St
Full on Food (West wall)	24 High St
Rec Reserve (East side)	Seymour St

## Mount Elephant open every Sunday 1pm—4pm

Every Monday	Gentle Exercises @ 1pm / Pilates @ 2pm Derri Hall
Every Monday	Mahjong 1.30pm Derrinallum Library
Wednesday—Saturday	Creative Hub @ 31 .. 10am—2pm,
First Thursday of month :-	Book Club Derri Library 2.30pm - 4pm
Every Tuesday	Linedancing Derri Hall 7 - 9pm \$10

### 2026 Coming Events in our Community

<b>March</b>	
Friday 20th	Darlington Film “Nonnas” 8pm \$5.pg.6
Sunday 22nd	Derrinallum Town Country Market “Under the Elms” 9am - 1pm Contact: Rae 0427 764 299
Friday 27th-29th	Lake Bolac EEL Festival early Eel tickets available until Mon.16th Feb. Humanitix@eelfestival.org.au
<b>April</b>	
Friday 3rd	Easter Good Friday
Saturday 4th	Easter Bunny on Sunday 5th March
Monday 6th	Easter Monday
Tuesday 7th	FREE Movie Skipton Mechanics Hall 10.30am “The Dressmaker”
Thursday 9th	Spirit of the ANZACS & Vets music - 11am Camperdown Theatre \$10
Saturday 11th	Darlington Speedway MidWestern Speedway Facebook
Saturday 25th	ANZAC DAY Derrinallum Cenotaph gather at 10.40 for 10.45am start pg.5
<b>May</b>	
Tuesday 5th	FREE Movie Cobden Alderwood Hall 10.30am “Oddball”
Saturday 9th	Darlington Speedway - MidWestern Speedway Facebook
Sunday 24th	Derrinallum Town Country Market “Under the Elms” 9am - 1pm Contact: Rae 0427 764 299
Saturday 30th	Darlington Speedway - MidWestern Speedway Facebook
<b>June</b>	
Tuesday 2nd	FREE Movie Port Campbell Art 10.30am “Blueback”

**Typist Wanted:** If you can spare a bit of time to help type News and Natter a couple of times a year, we have a reliable computer, printer and quiet office space for you to use. All advertisements are programmed in. You only need to type the news item and community announcements. We use Publisher software, training is available if needed. Contact [derridisc@bigpond.com](mailto:derridisc@bigpond.com) or just call in and leave your name and we can contact you.

## Derrinallum Community Shop

We are Celebrating 26 years of the Derrinallum Community (OP) Shop. It opened in July 2000 and has had 3 different locations. It started as a Red Cross and Community Shop. When we moved into our present location, the old ANZ bank, it then became the Community Shop. We still support RedCross appeals but prefer to have total control of the money.

Thanks to the generosity of local and district people the shop has been able to donate thousands of dollars back to the local and surrounding communities. All money from the shop goes back into the community. Now that we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we have EFT pos which makes transitions much easier (but cash is still king!)

Donations over the years have been to Public Institutions such as schools, kindergartens, health care facilities and sporting clubs. Children's cricket helmets, cricket and football balls. Schools need money for excursions, books and extras.

Other recipients are Progress Associations both Derrinallum and Lismore, Yacht Club, Bowling Club, both Lismore and Derrinallum Cemeteries. Fire brigade and many more.

Application for funding forms can be obtained from the shop or by contacting Robyn Gellie through the shop.

It is marvellous what the community can recycle through us to de clutter their houses which turns into good works for the community.

We also have a Facebook page that shows special items and sales, plus shows the furniture items we have in our furniture shop.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to one of our very enthusiastic volunteers because of relocating, we wish Di and Kim all the best and thank them for the years of invaluable work for the shop and the community.

We are very lucky to have several volunteers who give their time up to be part of the staff of the shop, we could not operate without them. Anyone who would like to volunteer on a casual or permanent basis can contact anyone in the shop.

*Robyn and Sandra Gellie*



### **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***



## *Sympathy*

KENNEDY, Pat formerly of Vite Vite. Wife of Frank (D: 2014) of Barnie Bolac, Darlington also. Condolences to family and friends from the community.

The 5th Annual Vintage Machinery Display  
 Congratulations to  
 WPMPG for another highly  
 successful Vintage  
 Machinery weekend. Their  
 5th annual weekend was  
 reportedly the best yet with  
 extensive displays, great  
 crowd numbers and the  
 weather playing it's part  
 (for day 1).



There were over 15 tractors on display and a dozen in the highly anticipated tractor pull. The History Group had an extensive display of excellent information and a new edition was the vintage sock making which fascinated visitors.

The shearing display was also extremely popular.

In previous years, organisers have battled with weather extremes from washout rain to total fire bans but the Saturday at least was perfect conditions which made for an excellent day.

Organisers commented on the great number of kids and teens who are interested and getting



involved on the day. It is great to see new Vintage Machinery enthusiasts coming up the ranks.

This event attracts visitors from all over Western Victoria and more to come to our town. What a great event to promote our town and region.

Well done again to all the event organisers.



 **\$100 Power Saving Bonus open for applications**

**\$100 Power Saving Bonus**

Eligible concession card households in Victoria can claim the \$100 Power Saving Bonus until 31 March 2026.

To be eligible, households will need to:

- Have a recent residential electricity bill
- Hold one of the following concession cards:
  - Health Care Card
  - Pensioner Concession Card
  - Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
  - Veterans' Affairs Gold Card; and
- Only one payment per household is available.

Applications can be submitted on this website, over the phone, or through a participating community organisation.

**The program closes for new applications on Tuesday, 31 March 2026.**

[Submit a \\$100 Power Saving Bonus application](#)

**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

[disasterlegalthelp.org.au](http://disasterlegalthelp.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)

**THANKYOU**

Lismore Lions Club donated \$250.00 to Progress Association which will be put towards News and Natter publications. Very appreciative.

**Anzac Day Service**

Anzac Day service will be held at the Derrinallum cenotaph on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

April gathering at 10.40am for 10.45am start. Anzac badges will be available on the day and also locally at Darlington, Derrinallum and Lismore.



## 2026 Tree Planting Program & Fencing Rebate



Tree Planting Support Orders are now open for the 2026 Tree Planting Program, including the new Fencing Rebate to support eligible plantings.

To ensure the process is fair and manageable, strict guidelines apply to the fencing rebate, and all applications must be submitted on time.

Application deadline: 30 April 2026

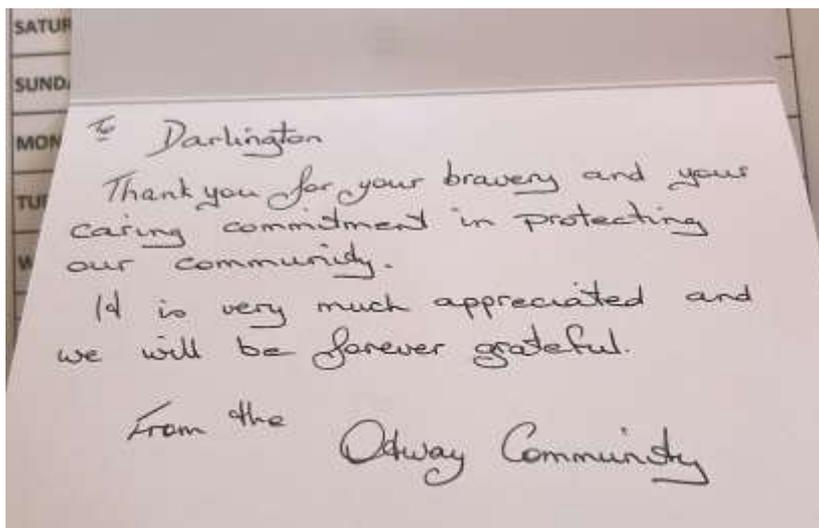
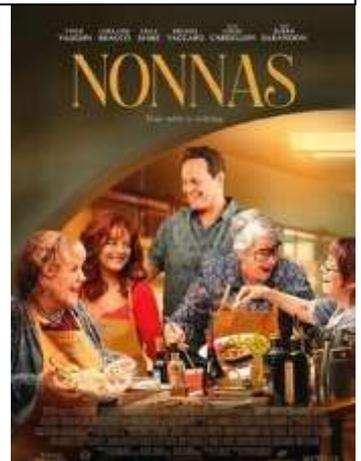
No order form = no trees & no fencing rebate!

LLPG meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. If you'd like a topic raised at a meeting, contact Sarah or a committee member

## DARLINGTON NEWS

### MOVIES

YAY – hall is nearly there. We are having our first movie night for 3 years. Please support us – our next big expense we are saving up for is recladding the hall (insulate, wrap, clad and paint). Our usual format is movie and supper \$5. Raffle tickets and drinks for sale – see you there.



### CFA

Darlington CFA has been involved in the fires recently. We received a couple of acknowledgements as follows:





Ned and Nesta lived at Seymour in the period late 1943 and early 1944 as Ned was completing some training at LH & School of Mech, No. 15. Course D&M Vehicles.

He is also listed as being in the 2 Heavy Brigade (Queenscliff).

This unit was part of the Permanent Military Force in 1933, a heavy cavalry unit Royal Australian Artillery. Australian Instructional Corps Training Cadre and 2 Cavalry Division.

The 2nd Cavalry Division was initially formed in 1921 as a Militia (part-time) formation. As a Militia formation the division undertook garrison duties in Australia. [awm.gov.au](http://awm.gov.au)



The original Drill Hall is now the Warrnambool Library, with modern additions. The site was reserved in 1868. It was built as the Warrnambool Drill Hall and Orderly Rooms for citizen forces and was later expanded to include a Gun Room and Residence in the late 1880s. It was once described as the "finest" building in the colony.



The (next) Warrnambool Naval Drill Hall was located on Pertobe Road. The expansion of the armed forces from 1911 and then the outbreak of the First World

War resulted in a large number of drill halls being constructed by the Commonwealth up to 1918. During this period, drill halls were constructed to only two basic designs and varied only in size. Except for the naval drill halls (Port Melbourne, in brick, and Western Port HMAS Cerberus, in timber) all of the drill halls were constructed in corrugated iron.



The hall was used by 8/7 Royal Victorian Regiment. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/> So following WW2 Ned and Nesta moved to Derrinallum. He was discharged in 1946 and their daughters Margaret and Rona attended Camperdown High from 1948.

Ned became an active member of the Derrinallum Sub Branch of the RSL and held positions of Office in his time in Derri. He also was the first President of the newly formed Derrinallum Anglers Club at Deep Lake in 1956. Nesta was remembered by many as a hospitable host at the home in Chatsworth Rd, Derrinallum.



Their daughters were very much part of the community. Rona worked at the Post Office in the early 1950's and was a member of the Younger Set in 1951.

Margaret was bridesmaid to Jessie Rogerson in 1951. In 1952 three Derrinallum girls working to raise funds for the local Rural Fire Brigade. Miss Marie McLeod (Queen of Wool, 3rd with £528/11/3) Margaret Dalglish (Queen of Agriculture 2nd £575/3/5) and Miss June Thompson (Queen Of Dairying, winner who collected £928/17/-) Margaret also worked at the Post Office during this time.

Ned passed away in 1967 at Derrinallum and Nesta in 1969, They are memorialised at Derrinallum cemetery.



## End of an Era

In 1991, a small group of dedicated members of the Lismore Masonic Lodge came together with one simple goal- to give back to their community. From that idea, a committee was formed, and what followed was more than just fundraising. It was mate ship, commitment, and decades of quiet generosity. Among those early members were John Breen, Sylvia Neil, Barb and whoopy Worrall, Joan and John Mc Donald, Norm and Joyce McClure, Bill and June Bustard, Sue and Bill Charles and John Stiley. Each gave their time freely, never seeking recognition-only wanting to make a difference.

In the early Years, the committee ran a BBQ at the Lismore Show. It was hard work, but it was worth it. After the closure of the Lismore Masonic Lodge in 2001, the committee became even more meaningful. It wasn't just about fundraising anymore- it was about keeping connections alive and continuing a tradition of community spirit.

Over the years, they cooked up a storm at the Lismore Motor Bike scrambles and more recently, at the Western Plains Machinery Preservation Groups Annual Vintage Weekend. Through these efforts funds were donated annually to Derrinallum College and Lismore Primary School, supporting students recognized at their awards evenings. Seeing young people acknowledged and encouraged made every early start and long day worthwhile.

In 2016, the committee sadly lost Whoopy Worrall. In his honor, the shed where the BBQs were held was named after him- a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much time, energy and heart to the cause. His name remains proudly displayed, a reminder of the friendships and dedication that built this tradition.

As Time passed, some members moved away and others sadly passed on. Yet the spirit of the group remained strong. Former Lismore Lodge members and Community volunteers stepped forward to lend a hand, ensuring the BBQ kept sizzling. Special thanks go to these people, Doug Reading, Gordon and Betty Fisher, Darren Campbell, Janet Thompson, Sam Horner and John Carr for their valued contribution and ongoing support.

To anyone whose name may have been unintentionally missed, please accept my sincere apologies. Every single person who helped along the way played an important part in this journey over the past three decades.

Now with John Breen and Sylvia Neil are needing to step back due to health reasons, the time has come to hand over the tongs. Their dedication over so many years has been at the heart of this committee, and their presence will sadly be missed.

The Lismore Social Club will officially pass the BBQ on to members of Classic Scramble club inc . While it is truly the end of an era, it is also a proud moment. The legacy of generosity, friendship and community spirit will continue.

What began as a simple idea in 1991 became something much bigger- a tradition of giving that has touched countless lives and for that, the community is grateful.

## Local Turtles on the move!

A few millimetres of rain in early Feb after a long dry period caused a mini migration of our local Eastern long-necked turtles near Lismore recently. While these turtles are found in most of our local waterways they are most often seen by passing motorists crossing the Hamilton Highway at Hunted Gully.

When the first rain in months wet the ground recently a local resident was called by a passer-by to assist with saving turtles on the road. Six turtles were saved and moved across the road to a nearby dam. Around the same number were unfortunately already hit on the road.



The Turtles move after rain for a range of reasons, primarily to forage for food, to lay eggs (Nov - Jan) or to relocate to a better habitat if their waterbody is drying up. The wet conditions trigger this movement as they can move distances over land without drying out.

If found on the road it is best to move them, if safe to do so, off the road in the direction they were going as they were likely traveling to a known location. Now that the rain has started in more earnest please keep an eye out for turtles on our roads.

## Flying Foxes



Flying Foxes are currently been seen around Lismore and Derri on dusk.

This information is from the Little Aussie Battlers web site: Flying-foxes are keystone pollinators and seed dispersers of the Australian bush. The job of propagating over 100 species of native trees and plants falls fairly and squarely on their tiny little shoulders.

Without them, there would be no food and shelter for our koalas, no pristine habitat for our extraordinary array of native birds, and no magnificent forests for all of us to enjoy. But due to loss of habitat and climatic changes, their numbers are falling dramatically.

The Grey-Headed Flying-fox is now listed as vulnerable to extinction. This loss of natural habitat and food availability has seen them increasingly set up camp near towns in search of food and shelter, affecting residents and communities. This website is intended to dispel some myths and help outline ways to co-exist with these incredibly important Aussie Battler.

For more info <https://littleaussiebat.com.au/>



Back on Track returns to Camperdown to share trial insights. The Back on Track team is returning to Camperdown to host community consultations following the completion of its feasibility trial

delivered in the South West region. Farming community members, local leaders, service providers, and those with an interest in rural mental health and wellbeing are invited to attend one of two sessions in Camperdown on Wednesday 11 March. Back on Track is a peer-guided mental health initiative designed specifically for farming communities experiencing low mood and depression. Co-designed with farmers and delivered by trained local Coaches who understand the realities of farm life, the program aims to provide practical, community-based support. The South West was one of three Victorian regions selected for the feasibility trial, other regions included Gippsland and Victoria's North East. With delivery now complete, the Back on Track team is returning to share insights from the trial, reflect on what was learned locally, and discuss potential next steps. Back on Track Project Manager Anna Greene said the consultations were an important opportunity to close the loop with the community. "Back on Track was co-designed by farming communities, for farming communities and has been five years in development. These sessions are about sharing what we've learned and ensuring the next steps are shaped by local voices." A local Back on Track Coach will attend to share reflections on their experience supporting participants within the South West community.

#### Event Details:

Wednesday 11 March

11:00am – 1:00pm – Killara Centre,  
Camperdown

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Hampden Hotel,  
Camperdown

Sessions are free to attend and will conclude with a meal, providing an opportunity for informal conversation and connection with others committed to strengthening mental health and wellbeing in farming communities. Anyone interested in strengthening mental health and wellbeing support for farming communities is encouraged to attend. More information RSVP by 28 February at [farmerhealth.org/events](http://farmerhealth.org/events). The Back on Track project was funded by the Gardiner Foundation and led by the National Centre for Farmer Health with research support from universities and health service partners. Study approved by St Vincents HREC Ref: 070/24

#### Media contact:

Anna Greene

Project Manager – Back on Track

Phone: 03 5551 8533 Email: [BoT@wdhs.net](mailto:BoT@wdhs.net)

**POST TRIAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS**

GARDINER FOUNDATION  
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH

**Camperdown**

WED 11<sup>th</sup> March

11am - 1pm  
Killara Centre

6pm - 8pm  
Hampden Hotel

FREE ATTENDANCE  
MEAL INCLUDED

*Back On Track*

Back on Track is a mental health support program targeting farming communities. Sessions are open to community members, including farmers, service providers, agricultural industry representatives, and mental health stakeholders.

Learn about key insights from the Trial  
Give your feedback  
Hear from a Back on Track Coach

For more information contact [bot@wdhs.net](mailto:bot@wdhs.net) or call The National Centre for Farmer Health on (03) 5551 8533

REGISTER ATTENDANCE

This study has received St Vincents Hospital Research Ethics Committee Approval. Reference Number: 070/24



**The Dundonnell Wind Farm is helping reduce Australia's carbon footprint by generating enough clean energy to power 245,000 homes. That's 1.3 million tonnes in carbon emissions avoided every year!**

**The Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund is currently open for applications supporting:**

- Health and welfare
- Environment
- Community facilities
- Community health services
- Emergency services
- Sport or recreation
- Culture and the arts
- Youth organisations
- Environment
- Aged care

The Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund is open from 19 January 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Successful applications will be awarded in April 2026.

To apply for the fund, scan the QR code or visit the [Dundonnell Wind Farm Community page](#) on the Tilt Renewables website.



Should you have any questions, please direct enquiries to **1800 WE TILT (938 458)** or [DDWFcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com](mailto:DDWFcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com)

**Catholic Church***Weekly Sunday Mass Times**St. John's Church Lismore @ 9am**St. Patrick's Church Camperdown @ 11am***Derrinallum Transfer Station**  
**OPEN HOURS****Friday and Sunday 1pm - 5pm**  
**Contact: Emma - 55937100****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*****Gentle Exercises & Pilates****Derrinallum Hall**  
**Mondays****Gentle Exercises****1 - 1.45 pm \$5**Gentle exercises for everyone -  
sitting on chairs  
stretching and cardiovascular work  
excellent for accident recovery  
and replacement surgery.**Pilates Monday 2 - 3 pm \$10**children & students - free  
mats, weights, balls provided  
wear comfy clothes and shoes  
all welcome, including beginners

Enq.- Carole Manifold ph 0427 406 699

If you'd like to give it a go,  
please come along to a session at no charge**Derrinallum & Lismore Community Association Inc**  
**HISTORY GROUP**Local history: people, families, towns, properties, businesses,  
buildings, maps, photos, newspapers, events, clubs, schools, etc.**OPEN: 1st Sunday of the month**  
**1pm-4pm**

46 Main Street, Derrinallum, Victoria. 3325

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

EMAIL: [derrinallum.lismore.history@gmail.com](mailto:derrinallum.lismore.history@gmail.com)

Contact: Avon Bachholz: 0490 078 420

President: Sandy Gibson: 0427 962 987

**BLISTER PACK WASTE**Don't throw your blister packs in the  
recycle bin – recycle them at  
**DERRINALLUM op-shop**  
*(container in office).***JUSTICE OF THE PEACE****Derrinallum / Lismore district...**

Nola Landrigan 0417 014 635

Please leave a voicemail or  
text if unanswered.**DERRINALLUM**  
**LIBRARY**

44 Main Street

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

Friday 11 am – 12.30 pm &amp; 1 pm – 5 pm

Saturday 10 am – 12 noon

Phone: 55976658

[cmlibraries.com.au](http://cmlibraries.com.au)**LISMORE LAND PROTECTION GROUP**

Promoting Sustainable Landscapes

**Tree Planting Program:** Contact Sarah for a  
tree order form if you are interested.Dry conditions are taking a toll on land livestock  
and the farming community. **Rural Financial**  
**Counselling Service** provide free confidential,  
independent support for farmers across Western  
Victoria. If you are feeling the strain, please don't  
hesitate to reach out. Call 1300 735 578.**USED STAMPS**

Save your used stamps and drop them into Disc.

They are then collected by Uniting Church  
Members and used to raise funds for Charities.

## **Derrinallum Creative Gifts and Garden**

**Wednesday to Saturday  
10am to 2pm.**

Or when flag is out.

Great sales area with lots of amazing handmade goods and gifts. With the Community Garden out the back.

### **31 Main Street, Derrinallum.**

New items arriving every week.

There is a workshop room with a large table that can be used to hold Classes and for the community to utilize for their own projects.

Email: [derridisc@bigpond.com](mailto:derridisc@bigpond.com)

Reference: DCG

Facebook: Derrinallum Creative Gifts and Garden

## **Derrinallum Information & Services Centre**



28 Main St. Derrinallum PH: 5597 6813  
Email: [derridisc@bigpond.com](mailto:derridisc@bigpond.com)  
[www.derrinallum.vic.au](http://www.derrinallum.vic.au)  
**Open every day 10am—2pm**

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- **Quality Printing**, including special printing needs that involve photos or light card work.
- **Scanning**
- ◆ **Public Computer Access**, internet access to the public at \$3 per hour
- ◆ **Tourist Information**
- ◆ **Corangamite Shire Information and services**

## **WILDLIFE RESCUE**

Val Carter is registered with Wildlife Victoria to collect, transport and care for injured wildlife to go to Wildlife Refuges. Val has worked with Wildlife Victoria for 16 years and operated out of Lismore for 5 years.

It is helpful to report wildlife that are hit by vehicles, and if safe to do so move them off the road. Take care, particularly on the highway between Lismore and Darlington.

**Val Carter**  
0493 231 028

**Wildlife Victoria**  
03 8400 7300  
0429 170 036

## **LISMORE AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT MEN'S SHED**

**Have you got a job you need help with???**  
**There may be someone at the Men's Shed who will be able to help with just what you need to complete that project!**

**Call any Wednesday between 10.00am and 4.00pm and talk to any of the members and see the shed in action.....**

**Join us on the first Wednesday each month between 12.30—1.30pm for some lunch and a chat. Cost. \$5.00 for lunch.**

***Remember this is the community's shed so if you have an hour or two to spare, call in and share your ideas on what we are doing.***



**ALL WELCOME—**

Stan Foote 5340 2036 (Sec.)....Jim  
Anderson 0417 008 818 (Treas.)



**MOUNT  
ELEPHANT**  
*Visitor Centre*

**OPEN EVERY  
SUNDAY 1PM – 4PM**

(Subject to weather conditions)

**Visitors are welcome at other  
times by arrangement.**

General meetings are usually held on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7pm at the Visitor Centre – all welcome, rsvp by email.

Contact us via: [mountelephant1191@gmail.com](mailto:mountelephant1191@gmail.com)

[https://www.facebook.com/  
Mount.Elephant.community](https://www.facebook.com/Mount.Elephant.community)

Contact Lesley 0409 535 914 or  
Geoff 0419 361 390 or  
Jacq 0447 542 270 or Noah 0470 380 599

for further information



Now has a defib machine added, for external access to all,  
it's placed on the west side of our store frontage Main Street Derrinallum,  
Another also available at Lismore depo.

## Derrinallum CFA Volunteers WANTED

*Benefits of being a CFA Volunteer: \_*

- Valuable work and experience in the Community
- Skill Development
- Sense of Achievement
- Creating Friendships with fellow Volunteers.

### GET IN TOUCH

Captain : Aaron Henderson 0408 105 097



## 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)

### News and Natter publication dates 2026:-

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#1020	Wednesday	6th May
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#1022	Wednesday	29th July
#1023	Wednesday	26th August
#1024	Wednesday	21st Oct
#1025	Wednesday	18th November
#1026	Wednesday	16th December

Items of interest in by 12 noon the previous  
Friday to publication dates... Thank You.

Email for News and Natter items of interest:-

[derridisc@bigpond.com](mailto:derridisc@bigpond.com)

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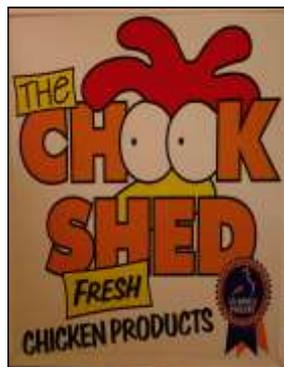
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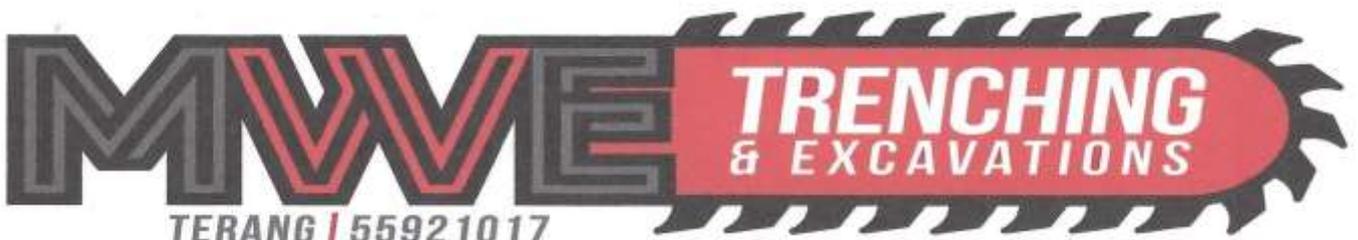
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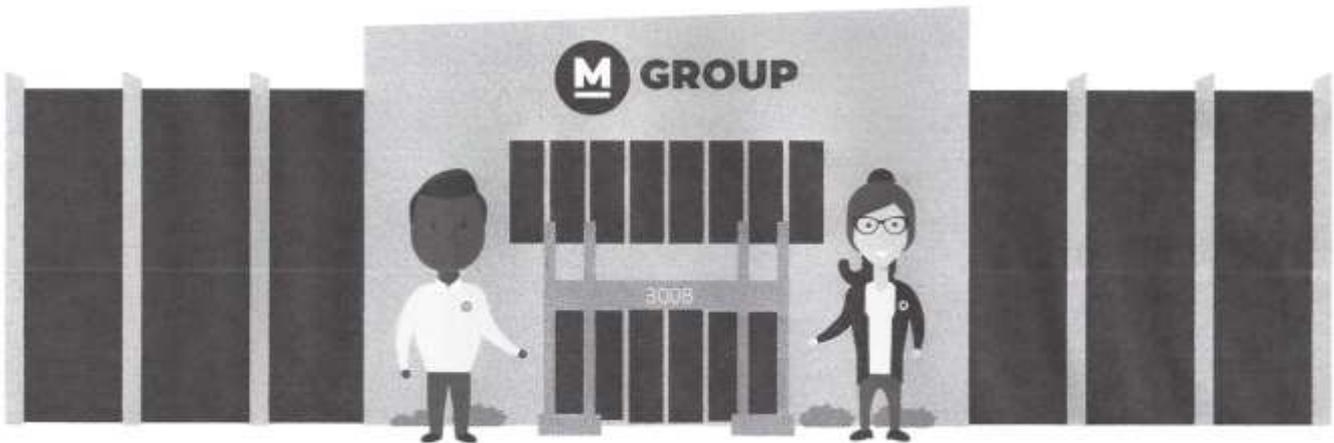
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## Footy and Netball news

Training has started up at Derri giving everyone a chance to brush off the cobwebs over long holiday/harvest.

Netball is again fielding all teams from Under 11's, U13, U15's and U17 through to 3 senior teams. There will also be NetSetGo for the younger kids starting later in the season. Trainings are 5pm, Thursdays at Derri if anyone is interested please get in touch with either Anna Fay or Sharee Horspole for more information.

Mininera League rules for junior footy have change slightly with clubs now fielding U10, U13 and U17 junior teams. Lismore/Derri hope to fill all these so any interested players reach out to Chris (Digger) Turner.

Auskick will again be run, starting dates for this are yet to be announced.



### Derrinallum Tigers Cricket Club



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#### Under 12 Premiers!!!

Congrats to the under 12's on Friday night becoming our first under 12's premiership side in the clubs history. Despite the game being called off due to rain and lightning after 5 overs against Carranballac. The team done a great effort to finish on top of the ladder throughout the season to deserve the premiership

Well done young tigers!! 🐱 🐱



Congratulations to our Derri U'16s

## Sports

Congratulations to our Derri U'16s premier side with a great victory over Linton by 1 run!

Derri 7/79 - Linton 10/78

Top Batters

Eddie Gellie - 25(31)

Patrick Greig - 18(30)

Fletcher Greig - 6(21)

Top Bowlers

Fletcher Greig - 4/11

Alex Cronly - 3/7

Eddie Gellie - 1/10

Patrick Greig - 1/13

What a thrilling grand final! Derri snatched victory from Linton in the final four balls of the innings, sealed by a brilliant run-out.

Player of the Match goes to Fletcher Greig for his outstanding bowling performance, dismantling Linton's top order and setting Derri up for the win.

Fantastic game from all the Derri players, their effort all year has paid off

CONGRATULATIONS TIGERS 🐯 🏏



# Noticeboard



## Bushfire donations

A dedicated account has been set up with Community Bank Beaufort to support people affected by the January Streatham-Skipton fire. All funds will go directly towards helping fire affected residents and communities. The account is being organised by the Skipton to Streatham Fire Recovery Group.

Account details:

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Applications close 5 pm Friday  
20 March at: [corangamite.vic.gov.au/careers](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/careers)



## What's on

### TRACKS Music Festival

Saturday, 14 March, 11:30 am–6.30 pm,  
Timboon amphitheatre. [bit.ly/3OBncqq](https://bit.ly/3OBncqq)

### CrayFest, Port Campbell

Saturday 21 March 2026 from 10 am–12 pm

### Spirit of the Anzacs & Vets

Thursday 9 Apr, 11am – 11am  
Theatre Royal, Camperdown

Songs, stories and letters from  
the 40s, 50s, 60s + images  
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### Red Sky Morning

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## Wellbeing and inclusion

### Movie of the month

Tuesday 7 April, 10.30 am–12.30 pm

*The Dressmaker*

Skipton Mechanics Hall

### Low-intensity strength training

Skipton Community Health, 2 Blake Street

- Thursday 12 March, 10.30–11.30 am
- Thursday 26 March, 10.30–11.30 am

Sessions for Corangamite residents.  
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### Navigation Support Program

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- Wednesday 13 May, 10 am | Starting  
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