

TOONGABBIE NEWS

ISSUE 6, SPRING 2020

FREE

Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe

Your Local Lions Club

With the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions, our Lions Club activities have been severely reduced.

No fund raising, sausage sizzles or raffles, no breakfast club at the school and no meetings or face to face friendship. Despite this, our Lions members have been kept optimistic and motivated.

Many of us have been working on a project for the Mallacoota Community, this has involved potting up cuttings and plants, suitable for that environment, nurturing them through winter so that at a later date they can be transported to Mallacoota and the Lions Club of Mallacoota for distribution to needy locals to assist in re-establishing their gardens after the bushfires.

We thank our helpers and sponsors, such as Bunnings in store who donated a full pallet load of potting mix and 300 8-inch pots to go with it.

Also a big thank you to the Lions Club of Red Hill whose members have kindly decided to join with us in this project.

We also managed to have a small raffle, this being a load of good quality firewood kindly donated by Max Bridges (thanks Max).

Unfortunately, the lack of fund raising opportunities this year has meant that our club has had a lot less funds to distribute to support our local community and the many other worthwhile projects we normally support!

In spite of the current conditions, we still need to plan for some of our regular Community Activities, such as Australia Day, Carols at the Village Green, sending 2 children to the Licola Wilderness Village Camp, and our extremely popular Christmas raffle. Planning for these events is continuing and will be held as per usual, COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

We wish you all well during these difficult times, stay safe and take care, above all. Be kind to yourself.

Peter Feenstra

Club President/Secretary

How does Toongabbie CFA look during Covid-19 restrictions?

Due to social distancing requirements the Toongabbie CFA has made changes to the way it operates. In-person training sessions and meetings have been suspended; however, members still have access to online training. The truck is still turning out to incidents to help keep our community protected, but with limits on the number of people who can be in truck. Face masks, hand sanitising, good hygiene practices and truck/station cleaning are all being implemented to assist in keeping volunteers and the community safe.

Required training for the 2020-2021 bushfire season will commence in coming months and will be adjusted to suit social distancing requirements (i.e. restrictions on numbers, online delivery), and any other restrictions current at the time. Fingers crossed the restrictions ease sooner rather than later!

What is the seasonal outlook for the 2020-2021 season?

The Australian Seasonal Bushfire Outlook indicates Victoria will have a "normal" fire season in 2020-21, however possible spring rainfall is likely to have an impact on fire potential in the lead up to and over summer.

Country Fire Authority Acting Chief Officer Garry Cook said that as one of the world's most bushfire-prone areas, even a normal fire season in Victoria presents a high risk to communities.

"We have to stay home as much as possible at the moment due to COVID-19 restrictions – why not use the time to clean up your property and make a plan on how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe this summer?" he said.

"Preparing your property means you minimise the chance of property damage during a fire, even if you plan to leave early.

Continued on page 3

The **Toongabbie News** is produced by the Toongabbie Township Group who welcome news and photographs from community groups, clubs and individuals.

Please send text and photos as separate attachments by email to the Editor , Ann Berrett at **annber2016@outlook.com**

Clearly written or printed material will also be accepted and can be posted to The Editor, Toongabbie News, PO Box 35, Toongabbie 3856.

Views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or Township Group. Although care is taken, no responsibility is assumed for any errors which may occur. Submissions may be subject to editing.

THE SUMMER EDITION DEADLINE

for all contributions is
FRIDAY 4TH DEC, 2020

Want to see more community news then go to

<http://toongabbie.vic.au>



Or <https://www.facebook.com/toongabbievicau>

Printed by
MJ B Printing
Toongabbie

SUPPORTED BY:



Welcome to this edition of the *Toongabbie News*.

With the 2019/20 Funding under the Latrobe City Community Grant Program completed with this edition, it was very welcome news to hear this morning that we have been successful in our application for funding under the 2020/21 Community Grant Program—Community Wellbeing. This will enable us to continue to publish our quarterly newsletter for the next 12 months. So keep submitting those news items and photographs.



Canola field, River Road, Toongabbie

Ned Stringer Memorial, Toongabbie.



"You also need to plan and prepare for your safety so that you, and everyone in your household, know what to do on hot, dry, windy days when fires will start and spread quickly."

<https://news.cfa.vic.gov.au/-/bushfire-outlook-flags-normal-fire-season-for-victoria>

Don't forget to register any burn-offs!



Register your burn

All burn-offs should be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511

- Check fire restrictions and fire danger ratings.
- Check local laws in regards to when & where you can burn off.
- Notify your neighbours.
- Never leave your burn unattended.
- Monitor weather conditions.
- Access to adequate water, at least 10 litres.

For more information visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff



Toongabbie Golf Club News

Like all sporting and social clubs, Toongabbie Golf Club has been greatly affected by Covid 19. Across the two lockdown periods, our weekly club competitions have been on hold for several months and several of our annual events had to be cancelled.

Social golf has still been permitted during the current restrictions, but the August rains quickly put a halt to that as the course, like a number of others in the region, had to be closed due to the waterlogged state of the fairways.

Fortunately, September has brought warm sunshine and some drying winds, and we are now finally able to get our machines onto the course to get it ready for play. Weather permitting, we hope to be able to welcome members and green fee players back in the next

week or so. Please check the Toongabbie Golf Club Facebook page to see when we are ready to go.

Spring is usually a busy time for most of the nearby golf clubs, but we will have to wait and see which of our events can go ahead this year. We are hoping that the Toongabbie Plate will be able to be held in October. This is a men's team event with players from many of the nearby clubs competing. Heyfield, Newry, Maffra, Traralgon and Morwell and other clubs will also be looking to host their 'Plate' days during Spring and Toongabbie will be competing in them all.

Our annual tournament is also due to be held in November with men's, women's, and mixed events over 4 days. The event hosts players from near and far and is one we look forward to each year.

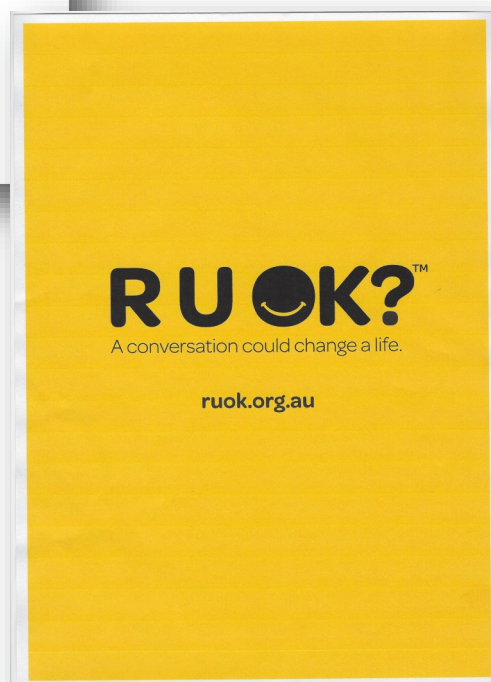
Other clubs in our region also have their annual tournaments during Spring and this year it is an especially important time for the collegiate clubs to support each other and continue the friendly networks that golf clubs engender and enjoy.

Spring is a great time of year for playing golf, so if you've been itching to get out and have a hit or have been thinking of joining a club, it could well be worth your while to check out the Toongabbie Golf Club. Daily green fees are only \$15, and you can play as many holes as you like. Memberships are only \$240, the cheapest you will find anywhere.

For any enquiries about the club, our events and functions or about joining or playing, you can email us at tgc3856@gmail.com or give us a call on 5192 4755. If we are not there, leave a message and we will get back to you.

Hopefully, we will see you sometime soon.

Trevor Dalach



News from Kellie O'Callaghan, Councillor, East Ward, Latrobe City Council

Hi Everyone,

As we are now well into the second round of Stage 3 restrictions our community are going to great lengths to look out for each other and do everything we can to ensure we can get back to all of those face to face activities that we were able to enjoy pre-covid.

Although these are challenging times, I want to reassure you that there are so many people ready and willing to support members of our community.

We have also seen so many fantastic new approaches by local businesses that have changed their service delivery models to ensure they can still provide great service to their customers. I know that you are supporting their efforts when ever you can. We have such great local businesses.

We also have many people working in front line services to ensure that everyone has what they need during these restrictions.

Whether in health, allied services, community support, retail, transport, emergency response or government agencies, the people behind the work are our family, friends and community members and we value their contribution. Thank you!





Earlier in the year I provided an update regarding Councils unanimous support for the local priorities for the **Round 2 Federal Government Drought program funding**. It was great to get an update from our Federal Member Darren Chester MP who provided the news that the priority recommendations have been approved including Toongabbie Township & Connectivity Improvements to the value of \$250,000. Works will include heritage building works and heating installation to the Mechanics Institute. Upgrade at the Toongabbie Stadium entrance, and improved paths in the town between the Shop, Village Green, and the School area. Thank you to the township representatives for assisting us to identify the priority projects and to Darren Chester for his support and assistance.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Community Safety & Crime Community Conversation**. It was a good opportunity to learn more about current concerns in the community whilst working through some suggested improvements and opportunities to work together to ensure community safety.

Thanks to Sgt. Sean O'Donnell from Victoria Police for participating in the discussion and providing an update on the Pop-up Community Policing opportunities that will be happening across our small towns. This will provide greater proactive policing accessibility and support whilst proving the chance for local residents to raise general concerns and ask questions about any matters in the Victoria Police domain. We will be working directly with community members, Victoria Police and our Latrobe City Community Safety team to progress matters raised as part of the conversation.

Several community members have asked about ensuring that everyone remains connected and supported during the restrictions that are in place. I have started a community-based initiative, **#ConnectLatrobe**, that will further enhance the great work already happening in communities. Our big-hearted community look out for each other. It is what we do. It is one of our greatest strengths. This capacity to connect is more important now than ever.

#ConnectLatrobe will help you find and share ways to:

-  Reach out to others,
-  Create opportunities for social connection,
-  Support isolated members of the community,
-  Create even stronger neighbourhood networks,





Develop your skills and confidence as a community connector,

#ConnectLatrobe is for everyone!

Individuals, families, neighbourhoods, clubs, small towns, big towns, community organisations and business.

We are all in this together. We all have a role to play to ensure that we continue to #ConnectLatrobe, look out for each other and make sure that nobody is left behind. There will be lots of ways to be involved and most importantly you can be part of this while physical distancing and current restrictions are adhered to. Cannot wait to hear about all the great things you are doing to further enhance connections in our community!

Latrobe City is continuing to provide support to communities via the **Covid19 Helpline**. Latrobe City Council has established a telephone helpline for community members who need information and assistance to access local supports during the COVID-19 pandemic. This service is intended to support people with their needs and assist us to understand the impacts of COVID-19 on the community and how Council can assist and advocate on their behalf. We want to build a strong

and resilient community that works through the challenges of COVID-19. 1300 367 700 choose option 2 or send us an email COVID19Helpline@latrobe.vic.gov.au

I have been so impressed with the take up of **#MaskUpLatrobe** and the willingness of community members to not only wear a mask, but ensure that all of their family, friends and broader community contacts have access to face masks and coverings. We have so many wonderfully creative people who have put their craft and sewing skills to work to make the most fantastic array of masks. We will be wearing masks for quite some time yet so keep making, keep gifting and send through your photos so we can give you a shout out.

You can find more information at the Mask Up Latrobe page on Facebook or via my page at Kellie O'Callaghan.

Take care everyone, reach out if you need to. We are here to help.

Kel

Cr. Kellie O'Callaghan

Latrobe City – East Ward

Jenelle Sandall from the **Toongabbie General Store** would like to thank the Latrobe City for the upgrades/civil works to the car park/roadway outside the Store. They would also like to thank the Toongabbie Township Group for their assistance in getting the project underway. They would like to mention that the crew from Micron did a fantastic job and they really appreciated how they kept the site clean and safe while they were working on the project. Jenelle stated that they are really happy with the quality of the works already completed and the speed that the work was completed.

The **Toongabbie Recreation Reserves Committee of Management** has just received Latrobe City Grants for a new self propelled mower and funds to replace the deteriorated seating at the Village Green.

We are aware that other community groups have made applications in this round and we hope they have also been successful.

There will be a second round of Latrobe City Grants in February 2021. We encourage all groups and clubs in Toongabbie to consider how they could benefit from a grant of up to \$7000.

Update on Drought Funding Projects, Round 1 and 2



Funding Program	Project Descrip-	Progress com-	Current % com-	Projected com-
Drought Communi-ty Funding Round 1	Toongabbie- Up-grades to the Toongabbie General Store	Civil Works completed. Sealing/asphalting works outstanding. Projected to complete in Sept. weather per-mitting	90%	30/9/2020
Drought Communi-ty Funding Round 2	Toongabbie Hall – Heritage Preservation & heating in the Township of Toongabbie	The Toongabbie Me-chanics Institute Hall is heritage listed by Her-itage Victoria and the Latrobe Planning Scheme. Any up-grades to the hall re-quired both a Heritage Victoria Permit and a Latrobe Planning Per-mit. A Heritage Advi-sor has been engaged by Council to provide a report to submit for both permit applica-tions. Once both per-mits have been ob-tained, the works can commence	10%	1/3/2021
Drought Communi-ty Funding Round 2	Toongabbie – Con-struction of Stadium Entrance	Evaluation of submis-sions completed awaiting release of PO to award works	15%	2/3/2021
Drought Communi-ty Funding Round 2	Toongabbie – Con-struction of new pe-destrian footpaths in the Township of Toongabbie	Toongabbie pedestrian path awarded, works to commence week commencing 24 Au-gust pending weather	50%	2/3/2021

WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE DELAYED PAINTING OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE **MECHANICS INSTITUTE**. THE GROUND HAS BEEN TOO WET TO ALLOW ACCESS TO THE HEAVY MACHINE (CHERRY PICKER) REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE WORKS. THE COMMITTEE ENVISAGE THAT THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NOVEMEBER 2020.

A heating/cooling contractor for the heating upgrade to the Mechanics Institute has been procured. The contractor (Williams and Burns) has previously worked on heritage buildings and has knowledge of the requirements surrounding these types of works and buildings. A design is being undertaken in consultation with the Committee. DELWP will also review the design before proceeding.



How to wear a face mask

There are two types of face masks you can use: cloth masks and surgical masks. Cloth masks are made of washable fabric and can be re-used.

For more information: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-covid-19>



Wearing a face mask protects you and your community by providing an additional physical barrier to coronavirus (COVID-19).



Wash your hands before putting on the mask.



Make sure it covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face.



Do not touch the front of the mask while wearing it.

If you do touch the mask, wash or sanitise your hands immediately.

Do not allow the mask to hang around your neck.



To remove the mask wash or sanitise your hands first.

Carefully remove your mask by grasping the ear loops or untying the ties. For masks with a pair of ties, unfasten the bottom one first, then the top one.

If your mask has filters, remove them and throw them away.

Fold the mask and put it directly into the laundry or into a disposable or washable bag for laundering. Single use surgical masks should be disposed of responsibly.



Wash or sanitise your hands after removing the mask.

What you need to keep doing

- Wash your hands regularly
- Keep 1.5 metres from others
- Get tested, even if you have mild symptoms
- Stay home if you're feeling unwell.



To receive this document in another format [email Public Health branch](mailto:public.health@dhhs.vic.gov.au) <public.health@dhhs.vic.gov.au>.

Authorised and published by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne.

© State of Victoria, Australia, Department of Health and Human Services, 21 July 2020.

Available at [DHHS.vic - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) <<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>>



Health
and Human
Services

Latrobe Street Games

We are currently planning for a phased return to program for Latrobe Street Games. GippSport is closely monitoring all the official advice out there so we're getting our plan ready for when we have the green light to get back out there.

Right Time, Place, Style Survey

We are seeking feedback on the Right Time, Place & Style for our programs over the coming 6 months. It only takes a couple of minutes and can be completed by Youth or any community member who would like to contribute feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3XH95H2>

We are very interested in working with organisations to develop some niche and targeted programs for Youth, so please get in touch if you would like to collaborate.

Thank you

July marks 2 years of Streetgames. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of this program whether you're a funder, event partner, donator, promotor or participant, we appreciate you! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

LATROBE STREETGAMES

VIRTUAL TIMETABLE
31 AUG - 20 SEP 2020

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Motivational Mondays	Tik Tok Tuesdays	Winners are Grinners	Tips & Tricks			Sunday Sessions
5:30PM	5PM	5:30PM	3PM			5PM
headspace Morwell			WE ARE LATROBE. cmy CENTRE FOR MULTICULTURAL YOUTH			

JOIN US ONLINE NOW

Make sure to follow our socials @latrobestreetgames

Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, YouTube

GippSport Gippsland Regional Sports Assembly | Latrobe Health Assembly | Working together in the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone

THERE'S MORE TO SAY AFTER RUOK?

Ask RU OK?

How are you travelling?

You don't seem yourself lately - want to talk about it?

Listen with an open mind

I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?

Encourage action

Have you thought about speaking to your doctor or a health professional about this?

What do you think is a first step that would help you through this?

Check in

Cool? getting there?

Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved or changed since we last spoke?

RUOK? DAY
10 September 2020

Learn what to say at ruok.org.au
A conversation could change a life



Useful contacts for someone who's not OK

Encourage them to contact one of these Australian crisis lines and professionals:

Beyond Blue (24/7)
1300 224 636
beyondblue.org.au

Lifeline (24/7)
13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back Service (24/7)
1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Kids Helpline (24/7)
1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

MensLine (24/7)
1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

More contacts:
ruok.org.au/findhelp

RUOK? 19