Swimathon On Sunday

Sixty-six swimmers launched into the pool to start the inaugural Pyramid Hill Swim-A-Thon held last Sunday. Three teams swam in the medium pool for 45mins while eight teams swam in the main pool for 2 hours. There was a lot of cheering coming from the medium pool with all teams excited to swim as many laps as they could. The Ninja Shrimp finished with the most laps reaching 160 in the 45mins. Special mention goes to Jasmine Twigg who swam the most laps in the pool reaching 41 laps.

In the main pool, all teams started off strong but after a couple of laps, the field had spread out. At the end of the two hours, the Boort Magpies team finished with the most laps on 203. Special mention goes to Megan Gunther and Abbey Dingwall for both swimming 44 laps.

We had lots of great prizes donated for the winning teams, the raffle and the teams with the most pledges. Each swimmer received a registration pack with a swimming cap from Swimming Victoria, a water bottle and a free Pyramid Hill Swim-A-Thon t-shirt. In all, the event was a great success for swimmers and spectators. Many teams are wanting to enter again next year.

The Pyramid Hill Swimming Pool Committee would like to thank everyone who helped, donated, sponsored, watched and competed at the event. You all did a fantastic job!

For all the competitors who still have pledges outstanding please direct deposit the amount outstanding by the 28th of February into the following account:

Account: Pyramid Hill Swimming Pool Committee
Bank: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633 108
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Or, hand it in to the staff at the pool or committee members in a secure named envelope. If possible please collect all team members pledges and submit them all together at the same time. We hope too see you all back next year.

Many thanks to
Katrina and Emily
Marilyn Monroe

has always been larger than life, but never more so than now. The eight metre-tall sculpture of the Hollywood screen icon now towering over Bendigo’s Pall Mall intersection has created a huge buzz around town – one that’s unlikely to fade quickly. The sculpture, by internationally renowned artist Seward Johnson, has never before left the United States. It’s there to trumpet the imminent exhibition at the Bendigo Art Gallery simply called Marilyn Monroe. Planned for 5 March to 10 July. The event – designed in collaboration with movie studio Twentieth Century Fox – will showcase authentic artefacts, clothing and other objects belonging to, or worn by Marilyn, drawn from private collections around the world. Two years in the planning, the exhibition includes swimwear and 30 personal items including hats, stockings, letters, books, her director’s chair, keys, camera, address book and scripts with handwritten notes. Organisers hope Marilyn Monroe will emulate the success of a previous event, Grace Kelly: Style Icon, which injected $16 million into the Bendigo economy in 2012, attracting more than 152,000 people. Executive Manager (Tourism) at the City of Greater Bendigo Kathryn Mackenzie, said the sculpture had already generated an enormous amount of interest in the exhibition.

“Looking for Grace” directed by our own Sue Brooks, is now showing at the Star Cinema in Eaglehawk. When rebellious 16-year-old Grace (rising star Odessa Young) takes off, her exasperated mum and dad (the superb Radha Mitchell and Richard Roxburgh) enlist the help of a close-to-retirement detective, and begin the long drive from Perth out to the West Australian wheatbelt to try to find her. On the journey, the two must confront the realities of their changing relationship to one another, and to their daughter. A beautiful, bold and unmistakably Australian story that reminds us that life is precious, and can change in the blink of an eye.

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CFA General Meeting Monday, 7th March at 8.00 pm

Seniors News
Hello again. Doesn’t seem like a week since the last Press. Looks like this year is going to fly (does that mean we are getting older quicker?)

At our meeting, we discussed trips to Lake Boga Museum, Wetland Cruise and various others - Should be good. We are thinking of changing our next Luncheon to St. Patrick’s Day (how does Irish Stew and green mashed potatoes sound, or green eggs and ham??)

Cards - Trevor & Kate played Jeanette & Peg - both won three games each.

Lunch last Friday was a lovely roast, Raffle Prizes shared around, Lucky Door Prize went to Peg.

Blume Fashions will be here with their winter collection at the end of May - more closer to the time.

Stay well and stay safe.

Mologa & District Landcare Group
A general meeting of the Mologa & District Landcare Group will be held on February 23rd, 2016 at 8 pm at the Boyd residence.

Members and new members welcome.

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Lions News

Thank You
To everyone for all their help on Christmas Eve, a great BBQ was had by all.

Australia Day
The Australia Day celebration was a great night too, with the biggest crowd for a long time. Good to see so many children - thanks to everyone for supporting this event and to Shannon Brown, the Shire Event Coordinator.
The guest speaker for the evening, was Neil Soullier, who is very passionate about the Blue Ribbon Foundation and designs the Constable T Bear each year. Constable T. Bear is the crime fighting teddy bear whose a favourite with the kids. Constable T. Bear, goes on sale with a new look each year to raise money for the Blue Ribbon Foundation.
Neil was not willing to give away any clues as to what the new design bear would be.

Reading Glasses, Sunglasses, Batteries, Newspapers
The Lions are still collecting these items, so if you have some you no longer need, don’t throw them away, contact Bill or Tania Quinn, or any Lions Member and they will collect them.

Any Interest - Deb and Wedding Dresses
We are seeking interest from anyone who would like to sell their Deb or Wedding Dress. If there is enough interest, an afternoon or evening will be held where people can display/model their dresses so they can be sold.
If you are interested, please ring Tania Quinn - 0448 557 528, by the end of February.

Next Lions Market - 12th March
At the next Market, there will be an Easter Egg hunt for kids to be held at about 10.30.

Also, an Easter Hamper Raffle drawn about 11 am. For more information, contact Colleen Fidler - 0478 635 953

If you would like to know more about joining Lions contact Tania or Bill Quinn 5455 7521

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Pyramid Hill Claim
Victoria at Country Week

This year’s VCTA country week championships were held last week at Wodonga. Country week is an all grass court tournament meaning the host club needs to provide in excess of 90 lawn courts to be able to accommodate the 1200 plus competitors who compete over 23 different grades of Men & Ladies.

Pyramid Hill entered two teams in the men’s sections with the team in B3 claiming a thrilling win in a very tense final over Mount Prospect. Pyramid Hill were led to victory by country week stalwart Colin Mann, whose other team members throughout the long week included, Don Stewart, Neal Pickersgill, Scott Mann, Greg Rodwell, Lloyd Maxted and Kieran Strachan. The late inclusion of Rodwell proved a masterstroke from Captain Mann with Greg only dropping one set for the week out of 14 sets played.

Pyramid went into the Thursday morning matches in 3rd place on the table needing to win 1 of 2 matches to ensure a semi final berth, they managed to win both matches to finish top of the table and setup a semi final match against Sale in the late afternoon, having already had a convincing win against them in the am match.

At the halfway point of the semi, Pyramid found themselves down by 3 games, Rodwell and Scott Mann stormed back into the contest with a comprehensive 8-3 win. The equation was Pyramid needing 7 games in the last set to ensure a grand Final berth on the Friday morning, with fatigue setting in after 6 gruelling sets in very hot conditions Neal managed to hold serve at 6 all to clinch victory.

The Grand Final was more of the same intense pressure, 8-7 up and 8-6 down left Pyramid behind at the change. Another 8-3 victory to Greg and Scott left Neal and Colin needing 5 games to close out the win. With the scores at 6-3 down and 15/40 the opponents failed to put away an easy ball on the net and after a number of deuces and game points to each pair, the result went our way 6-4 down. Once again the opposition had game points to go to 7-4 but it was Pyramid’s day, eventually claiming the 5th game to seal the win and a fitting reward for Colin who has put so much effort into ensuring Pyramid Hill is always represented.

The 2017 VCTA country week will be played at Yarrawonga in the second full week of February with Pyramid Hill already looking to field another two teams.
Walsh Issues Invitation to Parliament House Open Day Sunday, 6th March

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, has issued an invitation to the constituents of the Murray Plains electorate to visit Parliament House for its annual Open Day on Sunday 6 March 2016.

“The day offers visitors the chance to explore areas of Parliament not usually open to the public,” Mr. Walsh said.

“Visitors can sit in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers, visit the Parliamentary Library, and enjoy morning and afternoon tea in the Member’s Dining Room.

“They can also visit the committee room, see the Speaker’s and members’ offices and have lunch in the parliamentary gardens.”

This year’s Open Day is celebrating the 160th anniversary of the Victorian Parliament.

Mr Walsh said entry was free and there would be exhibits from all departments.

“This is a great opportunity for Victorians to see their Parliament and to gain an appreciation of the architecture of the building,” Mr Walsh said.
Pyramid Bowls

Bowl Notes

The 60 and Over stalwarts took to the greens at Cohuna this last week. The ever reliable 3 A’s and an E (Allan Alan, Andy and Ernie) made up the side. From the score sheet to hand it would appear that they fought bravely in the first game but went down 5-9. They had some strong ends with big scores in their second game to win 12-5, but then ran out of fizzle in the last game going down 1 shot to 15. Obviously the sandwich fillings are to blame again! Perhaps the dead chook needs to be used in the sandwich fillings; that way you will at least get a sniff of one.

Mid–Week Pennant: This week saw the staging of the grand final which was played at Barham Sports. In Division 1, Kerang played Barham Services. Barham Services kicked away to a very strong start and never looked back coming away victorious by 19 shots. Kerang, who were Premiers last year, did well to stage a bit of a resurgence and win one rink. Barham Services had contested finals for at least the last five years consecutively but this was their first Premierships. Understandably there was great jubilation. In Division 2, Kerang, also last year’s Premiers, played Leitchville who predictably just falling short by 2 shots (23-25). With played at Barham Sports.

Barefoot Bowls: On the first night of competition, there were three teams who remained unbeaten. After checking and re-checking the cards the teams could not be split on the scoreboard. However, it was adjudicated that the team led by George was the winning team – simply because his name was George. The other two teams were led by men named Peter, so their positions for second and third were determined by the fact that Peter R came alphabetically first before Peter V. It is doubtful that such a strategy would be included in the rules and laws of Bowls Victoria! Perhaps this rule should be included as there was no disputing the outcome. Their “trophies” would undoubtedly be taken home as something special to display in the pool room.

Best wishes to Lionel and Marie who contest the State Pairs representing the Northern District at Regional level this Sunday. Good luck and good bowling. Lionel and Marie did their Club and District proud last year when they finished Runners Up. Hopefully, this year they will go one better.

Tournaments: At this time of the year, tournaments abound, so if you are able to play in any of the competitions, please let Lionel and Jan know and make their task of fielding sides a little easier.
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His mate, Basil, also decided to jump in rather than being caught and shorn, but to no avail, as he also could not get out and had to be lifted out. He was shorn the next day - thanks Pete.

Hopefully Zac's condition will improve and he will live a few more years yet.

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