Former Nyora Hotel Leased

There is more than a buzz in Davis Street, Nyora, with news that after years of closure much of what was the Nyora Hotel has been leased. The successful Nyora Pharmacy and Nyora Medical Centre lease smaller sections of the building facing Davis Street.

Since its doors closed, the potential return of the pub has held sway in many conversations over the years.

Apart from playing the traditional role of a community focus, Nyora Hotel was a significant backdrop in the ABC television series ‘Something in the Air’, as were the General Store and Railway Station. The show went to air between 2000 to 2002.

The Show’s cast included Eric Bana, Kate Fitzpatrick and Frankie J Holden among many others.

Supermarket Plus

Further excitement comes with a Planning Application Submission for the development of 34-38 Davis Street which offers a supermarket, service station, liquor store, convenience store and food and drink premises.

The submission quotes a Supermarket of 605 square metres (which includes the Liquor outlet), Food & Drink premises of 88 square metres and Convenience store of 145 square metres.

Beyond that proposal is the pre-release of 60 house sites taking up much of the centre of the triangle bound by Davis Street, Grundy Avenue and Cornishs Road.

Five blocks have direct access to Cornishs Road while four blocks front Grundy Avenue with views across the Nyora Recreational Reserve. The majority of the house sites will access the properties from three courts; two from Davis Street and one from Grundy Avenue.

The site plan shows an Open Space at the ends of the Grundy Avenue and the second of the two Davis Street courts providing a walkway through the estate between Davis Street and Grundy Avenue.

A spokesman for VicProperties.com.au says interest has been significant with some contracts underway.

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## BREAKFAST

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**Extras:**
- Avocado: $2.00
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- Cheese: $0.75
- Mushrooms: $1.00
- Hash Brown: $2.00
- Additional Egg, Additional Bacon: $2.00

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**Extras:**
- Avocado: $2.00
- Onion: Free
- Pineapple: $1.00
- Tomato: $0.25
- Cheese: $0.75
- Mushrooms: $1.00
- Egg: $2.00
- Bacon: $2.00
- Additional Pattie: $4.00

## HOT JAM DONUTS

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## DRINKS

Cappuccino, Latte, Long Black, Flat White, Mocha, Hot Chocolate, Spiced Chai

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Forthcoming Events

Loch Village Market
2nd Sunday of the month

The Saputo Dairy Expo
Korumburra in the Cloud
Hosted by The Lions Club of Strzelecki
7th - 21st September 2020
www.dairyexpo.org.au/whats-on

Bena Cafe Culture tbc
Loch Village
Food & Wine Festival 2021
Makers’ Market Loch Village tbc
Loch Village Christmas Carols tbc

A Passion for Soft Furnishings

Ivan Olsen is a name familiar to a lot of people throughout the district, primarily because he has fitted curtains, blinds, pelmets and related soft furnishings to so many local homes and businesses since he began Ivan Olsen Soft Furnishings, in Bena, 14 years ago.

His other distinction is being the only commercial business in Bena’s main street!

Ivan was born and raised in Korumburra but went to Melbourne as a 22 year old and quickly found himself a job in the curtain industry, an industry he has now been in for many decades. It became his passion and he was good at it, so good his first boss put him in charge of a workroom of nearly 50 staff at just 25 years old. It was there he learned to draw a straight line on fabric, freehand, something every cutter had to do to keep their job!

But he missed home and returned after 25 years in Melbourne and that is when his Bena based business began.

Today, Ivan is a something of an energy efficiency crusader – showing his potential customers the benefits of the right product in the right location, to dramatically reduce energy usage from heating and cooling systems, not to mention reducing carbon emissions from the same sources.

Ivan says, “Most people start by thinking about the aesthetics of soft furnishings and I also love enhancing a room with a beautiful fabric or design, but many people don’t understand the curtains can pay for themselves in energy savings, not to mention the comfort a warm room in the winter and a cool one in the summer provides.”

Success story in Nyora

Sam Shalabi had always known that one day he would own his own pharmacy. It was his lifelong dream and he snapped up the opportunity to set up a new pharmacy in Nyora in 2016.

To do so he had to leave a busy pharmacy in Canberra and his wife and baby daughter until they could join him almost a year later.

He knew and loved the area having worked in Leongatha and was excited about building something from scratch. He remembers the first impressions, seeing a pub that had been closed for over a decade. But he knew it was the right move because all information showed him there was a growing population here and in the surrounding towns that were lacking proper healthcare. There was a definite need for a pharmacy.

The locals embraced the pharmacy immediately. Several locals helped him liaise with Council on getting the bus stop moved and upgraded, improving access to the business with new curb and channeling, not to mention putting an old, unused building to great use!

Sam says the business is now viable and will be part of Nyora for a very long time and credits the support of the local community which extends as far as Poowong and Loch. In fact, it gave him the confidence to open a second pharmacy in Fish Creek in October 2019 which is also doing well.

The latest major development is the addition of much needed doctors who have opened the Nyora Medical Clinic next door to the pharmacy. As well, a car park has been created at the rear of the building.

Sam said he could not do it without George Spyropoulos, his business partner, who has more years of pharmacy experience and, most importantly, throws a great BBQ.”
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Locally ...

Local Identity - Fiona Cox

When Fiona and her partner, Ben Hall, were looking for a hotel in Melbourne, Fiona’s parents, who had retired to Leongatha, sent them an ad for a rundown pub in Poowong. Fiona’s first words were “where’s that” but they went for a look anyway and fell in love with the district. For Ben, an Irishman, it reminded him of home.

Since taking over the Poowong Hotel in 2006, they have made it a real destination for locals and many others from further afield. Right now, the pandemic restrictions mean that business is only about 30% of normal but Fiona’s tenacity sees her undaunted and looking to the future.

Despite the long hours that go with running a hotel, and raising a daughter, now 15, that typical tenacity has Fiona just as active on town projects as she is in the hotel.

Just one of her projects has been campaigning for the V-Line bus service to run through Poowong. With great help from MLA Danny O’Brien she has been lobbying the Victorian Government for four years and despite yet another rejection recently, even after gaining 1,000 signatures on a petition, she has no plans to give up.

Fiona also helped set up the popular Poowong Family Fun Day and is one of the driving forces behind a new working group aimed at supporting the community with various projects on the agenda including a community garden.

Initiatives that help bring the community together and look after locals are the things Fiona tries to promote.

The hotel says a lot about Fiona (and Ben). Fiona says they think about the hotel as “an extension of our lounge room and we keep it just as clean!” The ambience of the hotel, their two dogs, Molly and Dougal, which are well known around town, and their warm inviting service of food and drink, is one of the things locals love about Fiona and Ben.

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We are in the planning stages at the moment and hope to have a noticeboard and plant stands up soon. This is a Community venture with the aim of strengthening and enhancing the Poowong community. At All Saints church we see this as a way of looking after God’s creation and sharing His love and care for this community. Support has also been expressed by Poowong Land care, Poowong Historic Society, Poowong Garden Club, Strzelecki Lions Club as well as newcomers and others seeking company who would help work the space and reap the benefits.

If you would be interested in being part of this exciting new venture Contact Fran Grimes- fgrimes26@gmail.com or leave your details at 5655 1007 for ways to be involved.

Covid compliant birthday bash

While roughly four million Victorians can’t even sit down for coffee in their favourite café, let alone meet friends for a drink or meal, for Loch, like many regional towns, it’s business as usual.

On a cold, wet Monday evening in July Grahame Hastie, of Carrington’s of Loch threw a Covid compliant birthday party for his partner, local identity, Howard Booth at Loch’s Rustic Fork.

Decorum says it would be inappropriate to mention exactly which birthday Howard celebrated but we can say everyone who attended enjoyed a great meal prepared by chef, Sid Baker, along with fine local wines.

Happy birthday Howard.

A meeting of some local business owners in the Loch Public Hall on Wednesday July 8, decided there was merit in meeting regularly to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Loch has seen a rapid growth in commercial operations in recent years – food outlets; giftware and hand crafts; accommodation; to name a few – and several proprietors felt it was time local business owners had a forum.

Another meeting has been proposed for August with representatives from both the South Gippsland Shire Council and Prom Country Regional Tourism invited to share what resources and services they might be able to provide local businesses.

Attendees at the inaugural meeting believe topics like security; joint promotions; networking; public signage are just some of the topics that could be addressed in the future.

All local business owners are welcome to participate.

For further information call Ron
on 0409 017 090.

St Vincent’s Catholic Church, Loch

Unfortunately at this time there are no services being held here for the foreseeable future. Mass is available in Korumburra at 9:30 am on a Sunday, however places are limited and you will need to book. Please ring or send a text message to Ann on 0418344817. You can also use this number to book to attend Mass in Leongatha at 5 pm Saturdays and 11 am Sundays.

If you have internet access, there are several online services available. St. Agatha’s Parish Cranbourne are live streaming Mass at 6 pm Saturdays and 9 am Sundays.

If you visit the link below and click where it tells you it will open the YouTube link for the service. https://www.stagathas.org.au/mass-times-and-services.html

Other online services can be found at the Sale diocese website. In other news we are happy to announce that Monsignor Greg Bennet has been appointed Bishop-Elect to the diocese of Sale. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome him to South Gippsland. Our previous Bishop Patrick O’Regan has been appointed archbishop of Adelaide.
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1: Adam Sheedy and John Hutchison
2: Barb Lumby
3: Des Rogers
4: Peter van’t Hof (321)
5: Janis Mackay (10)
6: Central Districts.
7: Ted Attenborough.
8: 2015.
9: Bill McNally
10: False (various designs over time)
Notice of
Annual General Meeting
& General Meeting

General Meeting
10.00 am
Saturday, September 12
Loch & District Bowling Club, 24 Smith Street, Loch

Annual General Meeting
11.00 am
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Loch & District Bowling Club

All welcome at both meetings.

Light refreshments provided.

The General Meeting provides a chance for locals and local groups to table issues of importance to them, suggest topics and issues for the LCDA to address in the coming year, and provide feedback on the role and activities of the LCDA.

Financials will be provided at the AGM.

Note
The General Meeting replaces the General Meeting previously scheduled for June 16 which had to be postponed due to Coronavirus restrictions.

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For the past five or six weeks, we have opened every Friday to Sunday 11am to 3pm. As we approach our first anniversary, we plan to stay open but will review that decision on a week to week basis.

Thank you so much to our supportive community who have been regularly popping in to say hello and have a rummage amongst the shelves and racks for bargains.

Post Covid lockdown, we have seen a big increase in donations as people did the big clean outs for which we are very grateful.

As a group, we take the health and safety of our volunteers and visitors seriously.

We have put in place a process of cleaning and sanitising all donations as they arrive so you can rest assured anything on our shelves has been dealt with according to the cleaning guidelines set by the government.

We happily accept your donations during opening hours.

We accept all bric a brac, books, craft supplies, linen (but no doonas or pillows), blankets, toys, tools, shoes, and clothes that are clean and wearable. As we are in the depths of winter, gloves, hats, beanies, scarves and coats are in high demand.

We cannot accept large items such as furniture or any electrical goods.

Please, no dumping of items outside of opening hours.

During the Covid lockdown many people started tapping into their creative sides including some of our committee members.

Next time you visit be sure to check out the adorable dresses our secretary Michelle Campbell made out of pillowcases. There is no reason why you cannot create one too.

We have loads of pillowcases, material pieces, lace, ribbons and buttons. Better still, a free pattern of the dress will be given with every pillow case purchase. Check out our Facebook page too for ideas of how to repurpose ties, socks and tee shirts.

The future may be filled with uncertainty but it has not stopped us from looking forward and continuing to discuss some of the plans we hope to put into action soon.

When Donna Sullivan and I started this project in May 2019, one of the big picture ideas was to create a community hub.

The question is - does Loch Village need a community hub? If so, what does a community hub need to offer?

This is where you come in.

We are seeking feedback, from our community, so keep your eye out for a survey we will soon be distributing. Keep checking our Facebook group ‘Opportunity Lochs’ or please feel free to write us an email with any thoughts or suggestions at lochcg.hub@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon at Opportunity Lochs, Village Op Shop.

Michelle Campbell's pillowcase tranformation

Our Op Shop sign now lives at the base of our entry ramp

Rebeka Axon
President - Loch Community Group Inc.
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Michelle Campbell's pillowcase tranformation
Welcome to the happenings of term 2

Warm sunny days welcomed the students back to school from their remote learning experience. Students were met by excited teachers and staff who were eager as the students to return to their classrooms. It was lovely to see and hear the playgrounds and classrooms filled with students and lots of laughter once again!!!

School Assemblies

School assemblies on Fridays have been streamed live due to the COVID 19 restrictions with parents and carers unable to attend. Our Grade 6 students have been using their leadership skills and public speaking by taking the whole school assemblies on Fridays.

Around the Classrooms: Prep/1, 1/2 & 2/3

During the past few week’s students in the Prep/One, One/Two and Two/Three have been learning about penguins. We were lucky enough to participate in the “Chirpy Chicks” program run by the Phillip Island Nature Park. During the Chirpy Chicks program students learned about different habitats, the special features of a penguin and the devastating effects plastic rubbish is having on the penguins.

To finish off the program the students had a live chat with two rangers and were able to ask the rangers questions they had developed during the program. During the live chat Ranger Kim and Claire told us how little jackets are used if penguins get oil on their feathers. They have so many knitted jackets that each student was able to have one to take home to remind them to put rubbish in the bin and reduce their use of plastic.

Grade 3/4

To end the term Grades 3/4 played out “Survival Island,” where students survived a plane crash and were washed up on shore on a deserted island. The program involved the students using their life skills, working together, team building and co-operation. Working in groups of 3, students sourced and used different strategies enabling them to survive. What to use for shelter, making a fire, finding food and water plus bonding with each other. We are happy to say all children survived and were rescued!

Grade 4/5/6

Students in these classes developed an “Attitude of Gratitude.” Students have spent time learning about how fortunate they are and the amazing things in their lives. Each morning students used a gratitude journal to identify and record things that they felt grateful for. In celebration of their learning the students held a “Gratitude Day,” this involved preparing food to share with their peers, celebrating all that students had been grateful for and putting the finishing touches to an art piece that is on display in the Brolga classroom. Thank you to all students for an amazing delicious meal. Special thanks to Ms Jelbart, Ms Geerts, Dayna, Kenny and Matt.

Toilets

The toilet “make over” is finished with beautiful paintings and positive affirmations on the walls, which have brightened up the area. Special thanks again to Wendi and Kenny from the Art department.

The art work is outstanding.

Before and After school Care

We welcome Daniel van Der Horst, who has joined the term at Loch and is running the Before and After school care activities. The students have already enjoyed tapping in to his knowledge of animals and sustainability. Daniel enjoys bringing his pet lambs to school, which the children in his care have helped name.

End of term award

Prep/1: Thor Holland & Hunter Rossiter
Grade 1/2: Tara Owen & Blake Manners
Grade 2/3: Tilly McLaren & Abby Beveridge
Grade 3/4: Eden Thompson, Jade Perkins, Kiera Dixon & Kobe Collis
Grade 4/5/6: Clancy Jelbart & Jaydah Loader
Grade 5/6: Tyson Kirkbride & Tyson Cromie

Art Awards

Prep /1: Vaughn Lorkin & Georgie Bell
Grade 1/2: James Dowton & Mia Mackenzie
Grade 2/3: Tyler Fildes
Grade 3/4: Eden Thompson & Jade Perkins
Grade 4/5/6: Blake Thompson & Jaydah Loader

Music Awards

Grade Prep 1: Jack Manners
Grade 1/2: Jules Bolch
Grade 2/3: Frankie Mahoney
Grade 3/4: Keira Dixon
Grade 4/5/6: Carter Jones
Grade 5/6: Mercedes McLaren

At the end of term 2 we said farewell to Mrs Daylene Bolch, (Prep/1). We thank Mrs Bolch for her enthusiasm, passion and dedication to the students. We welcome Meg Prior to the school, who will be working in the Prep/1 room for the remainder of the year.

Ms Geerts is taking 6 months leave and Ms Silvin Brown is her replacement.

Our condolences

The whole school and school community extend our sincere sympathy to Courtney Miller, Jacob and Tyson Graue and their families on the sad passing of their mother, Kerry.

Kerry was a past president of Parents and Friends and was involved with many the school activities, camps, helper in the classrooms and working bees whilst the children went through their primary school years.

Kerry was very community minded and her infectious laugh and big smile will be sadly missed by all.

Liz Anderson
Principal
Back at School

How wonderful to be back at school! Our students have settled back into a steady routine, classrooms are bustling and playgrounds are joyful with multi-age sandpit projects, quests to find diamonds, gumnut potions, quiet conversations and fast-moving, whole class games.

Academically, teachers moved on from their remote learning programs and took time to re-set student learning goals and to re-connect their classes. During our time of remote learning the senior students began independent inquiries as part of their science learning and worked collaboratively to complete the interactive project when they returned to school. The digital component of their work on creatures from under the sea can be viewed at https://nyoraps.edublogs.org/). After this success they are already negotiating their next unit of inquiry and bubbling with ideas.

Schools’ Tree Day

We love our trees and our beautiful wildlife corridors, so a sunny School’s Tree Day gave us an opportunity to do a little weeding, rake up some leaves, watch the green parrots and hug a tree. #hugatreeforNTD

Puggle Club

For our 2021 Preps is Postponed

We are hopping from one foot to the other waiting to be able to begin our highly successful Puggle Club Transition Program and we have a great group of Pre-Preps and their families waiting with us! As soon as the Department of Education and Training gives us the go ahead we’ll start. Contact us for more details or follow our social media.

Don’t Forget Our Playgroup

When you are out and about again, have a look at the community playgroup hosted by Nyora Primary School and co-ordinated by the fabulous Michelle from the South Gippsland Shire Council. This friendly, established and well-resourced playgroup has strong community links and easy access and parking. Contact the South Gippsland Shire Council for information on when the group will resume.

Maternal and Child Health Nurse

While our fabulous Maternal and Child Health Nurses were working offsite, we took the opportunity to makeover part of the Playgroup building as a new, first years’ Health Hub. Fresh paint, carpet, blinds and air conditioning freshened up the room and everything was sorted and cleaned from top to bottom. It will be a great space for visiting new mums and their families as they have access to the playgroup space next door while waiting. Your health professional will let you know when you can start your appointments at our school again. Many thanks to the Loch Community Development Association for working with the South Gippsland Shire Council and our school to fund the blinds for this project, we appreciate your support.

We Are Now Taking Enrolments for Prep to Year Six

Whether you have a child heading into Prep in 2021 or you are looking for a place for your older children, students residing in our zone are guaranteed a place at our school. Be part of your local community, walk or ride to school and build strong, resilient friendships in a school where we cater for the whole child.

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• Positive School Wide Behaviour Program
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• Up to date resources
• Beautiful, sprawling grounds for active bodies and creative minds.
• Before and After School Care

We invite you to visit our school, take a school tour, spend some time in our learning spaces and find out what your local school has to offer. http://www.nyoraps.vic.edu.au/

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A better deal for Gippsland South
These uncertain times have been extremely challenging for all of us in our small community and the Loch Memorial Reserve has not been exempt during this period.

However, whilst we have experienced a substantial downturn in much needed camping revenue, this has enabled our volunteers to ‘get stuck into’ several projects high on our To Do List.

**Flagpole Relocation**

The design of the new flagpole area in front of the Gazebo is now complete. The flagpole has been delivered, memorial plaque ordered and current bollards removed ready for the foundation pour. We are extremely thankful for the input to the final design from several local identities. Once the foundations are poured, we intend to employ a local bricklayer to install the masonry blocks in readiness for our volunteers who will complete the landscaping such as paving, plantings and new bollard installation.

**Lighting upgrade**

All Reserve external lights plus new installations have been upgraded to L.E.D. creating a lighter, brighter and most importantly safer environment for those wanting to take that evening walk in relative comfort.

**Playground repair**

This is an area that the Reserve volunteers do not take for granted and we are grateful that some local residents have taken the time to alert us to two instances of safety concerns on the children’s slides that may have caused injury. In true Loch Memorial Reserve volunteer spirit these situations were identified, rectified and made safe immediately.

We ask that if anyone has any further concerns regarding the safety or any other aspect of the Reserve to contact either myself or any Committee to discuss and we will do our best to rectify the situation.

Those that use the Reserve for exercise will note the “Bulls Junior Football Club” changerooms have now been constructed. All that is left is to have the internals fitted out and footpaths and general landscaping to be completed. We are extremely grateful to the Bulls and their hardworking volunteers in the professional way they have delivered this project, mostly with volunteer labour.

On a slightly different note, I was hoping not to deliver any negative news this edition. However, apart from ongoing break-ins and wilful damage at the Reserve, I am sad to report the Kinder children have had “their space” alongside the creek at the Reserve destroyed by ??? Young children however are a resilient lot and with careful guidance and explanation from Debbie O’Halloran (Teacher) the children took it upon themselves to rectify the problem with a sign at the entrance of the walking track down to the creek. Job done! Leaders of the future!

Recently myself and Ron Barnacle (President LCDA) met with Danny O’Brien (Local Member) to discuss the possibility of once again basing a full time policeman in Loch to service the town and surrounding district. It was a positive meeting and Danny has given us his assurance that from a local level he will work with us to support our application to the State Police Minister Lisa Neville. I will be writing to all of the Community groups in the district shortly with the view to lobby our case in a collaborative manner.

Given the new State Covid-19 rules and regulations, I will ask all who use the Reserve for whatever reason to adopt the correct protocols and wear a face mask when entering the Reserve space.

Lastly, as most community groups, the Loch Memorial Reserve has a ‘Wish List’ of projects we are hoping to undertake in the future for the good of the various sporting groups and the residents as well. We do realize this will come at a financial cost however with the support of the various Community Groups and local residents we believe nothing is impossible.

- Ground drainage
- Power upgrade
- Ground lighting

If you believe you can help with ideas or manpower we would love to hear from you.

*After all the Reserve belongs to you.*

*Kind Regards*

*Frank Springer*

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Loch Village Projects
Loch Village Arts Council - Loch Garden Club

The big project of 2019 was the Victoria Road streetscape upgrade which is now, largely, behind us, albeit a few details are to be completed.

This year, Loch Village Projects is in constant contact with various Council departments on a range of topics that are on our task list, primarily as a result of local resident feedback. Not in order of any importance, they are as follows:

• **Discussion with V/Line about inbound and outbound bus shelters.** V/Line contact is obtaining a quote from the Council to supply and install the shelters and will then submit this to the Department of Transport for funding. This initiative also presents an opportunity to relocate the noticeboard to a more visible location in the village.

• **Re-use of bluestone pitchers.** Council has agreed to reuse the historic bluestone pitchers lifted during the streetscape works to form new garden beds in the main street. Work scheduled for July/August.

• **Sunnyside Park Playground.** Based on feedback from residents, a survey has been conducted with residents regarding the new playground equipment. Based on preliminary responses, of which there are over 100, it appears the response is negative. We will take this up with Council once the analysis is complete.

• **Public Seating.** A review has been conducted revealing a need for more benches in Victoria Road. This is being pursued with Council.

• **Street Bin Surrounds.** Council has advised of a plan to update all existing bin surrounds, including a couple of bins without surrounds. Awaiting confirmation from Council that funding has been allocated in the 2020/21 budget.

• **Avenue Of Honour.** Temporary metal stakes supporting the tree guards have been removed and Council has committed to replacing the two dead plane trees.

• **Underpass to Railway Station.** Discussion is continuing regarding the restoration of the currently damaged display boards vs a mural encompassing the whole underpass along the same ‘earth worm’ theme. While the options are being considered Loch Village Projects is liaising with VicRoads asset section about these options as VicRoads controls the underpass.

• **Loch Village entry garden.** Also being discussed with VicRoads is the possibility of an entry garden at the Melbourne end of the village to enhance the appeal not only of Loch, ‘the Garden Village’, but what amounts to the gateway to South Gippsland.

• **Speight Street area earthworks.** In discussion with Council to tidy up the area near the old Nissen hut and towards Albert Road. Already some work has been completed recently with the installation of conduit resulting in the removal of some ditches, consequent to our discussions, but it is hoped Council will smooth out the rough ground further and maintain the area which is currently being mown by a resident.

• **Highway banners.** A graphic designer has been briefed to produce new banners for the poles at both highway entry points to the village.

• **Loch Lap.** This long discussed project had not progressed with Council due to the implicit cost. A new route has been designed and this will be progressed with residents and Council. Once confirmation of a completion date is known we will produce a map for users.

• **Town asset map.** Loch Village Projects is also working on a map to identify the key assets of Loch, including those with a heritage aspect and commercial enterprises in and around the village.

So, there is quite a bit our Loch Village Projects committee is addressing and, no doubt, some projects will take longer than we would like because they are on land controlled by third parties and/or require funding by the Council or other parties like VicRoads.

If you would like to become involved in any of the above or have other ideas for projects around the village, we’d love to hear from you.

Please email secretary@lcda.org.au

Sean Taylor-Lyons: Chairperson
Committee: Caroline Askew, Austin Cram, Cherie Cromwell, Larry Cromwell, Nathan Hersey, Andrew McEwen, George Sullivan, Donna Sullivan, Wendy Roberts, Ken Small, Karl Russo

The old Nissen hut
With all this cold wintry weather we need something to keep us warm.

This very delicious casserole is just what we need and with plenty of leeks in our garden

It was very easy to cook and even better to eat!

Chicken, Leek & Mushroom Casserole
(Serves 4+)

Ingredients:
8 chicken thigh pieces
2 leeks cut into 2cm slices (pale section)
250 grams of bacon rashers chopped
400 grams of button mushrooms halved
2 garlic cloves crushed
2 tablespoons of plain flour
1 tablespoon of olive oil
1 cup of chicken stock
1 cup of white wine
6 sprigs of thyme
125ml cream (optional)

Method:
Preheat oven at 180 degrees you can use an ovenproof casserole dish. I used a frying pan for this.

Pour in the olive oil, over a medium heat. Add half of the chicken and cook for 3-4 minutes until golden brown. Transfer to a plate & repeat with the second batch of chicken. Use a paper towel to remove excess fat.

Heat the oil over medium heat. Add the bacon, leek, mushrooms and garlic. Cook, stirring for 5 minutes. Stir in the flour cook for 1 minute until well mixed.

Add the stock, wine if using and thyme and bring to the boil.

Put the chicken in the casserole, cover and bake in the oven for 1 hour.

Add the cream stir well and cook for another 5-10 minutes.

This dish screams for some mashed potatoes. The French say is to peel your potatoes, cook for 10-15 minutes until soft, season then warm a small jug of milk & a knob of butter in the microwave. Pour over the potatoes and mash well.

Enjoy!
Jan Cheshire
South Gippsland
Landcare Network

New video series on regenerative agriculture for farmers

Have you heard people talking about regenerative agriculture, and wondered exactly what it is, and whether it could work on your farm?

A series of eight short videos on the key principles of regenerative agriculture have just been released by three local Landcare networks (Bass Coast, South Gippsland and Western Port Catchment) and the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

Hosted by soil scientist Declan McDonald, the videos explain what regenerative agriculture is and how the principles can be applied on all farm types and landscapes within the Western Port Catchment, including beef, dairy, sheep, chickens, horticulture and vineyards.

Topics covered include: introducing regenerative agriculture, minimising soil disturbance, maximising crop diversity, keeping soil covered, maintaining living roots systems year round, integrating livestock and trees and how farmers can transition to regenerative agriculture.

The videos can be accessed at https://tinyurl.com/regnagriculture or on the partner websites.

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New players in all age groups, volunteers and supporters are always welcome, the more the merrier.

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LCDA President’s Report

As we have all read more than enough commentary on the pandemic I’m not going to add to that save for the observation that it has been surprising to see how busy Loch has been through this whole period, particularly now the winter months have arrived and the revised restrictions have come into play.

It seems both sides of Victoria Street are as busy as each other now that there are three popular ‘food offerings’ on the service station side of the street, along with the soap shop, to compliment the somewhat more mature and equally popular businesses on the other side, along with that sides newest arrival, Rustic Fork. It seems the street works were completed none to soon given how hard it is now to find a carpark on any Friday, Saturday and Sunday!

In early June, the LCDA committee met face to face for the first time since the pandemic restrictions came into force in March and. While it looks highly unlikely we will have a Food & Wine or Makers Market event this calendar year, planning is under way to start the new year with a Makers Market and follow up with the much loved Food & Wine Festival on the traditional long weekend in June.

If there are any changes to that broad plan we will make announcements well in advance.

In the meantime, the Loch Projects Group, under the chairmanship of Sean Taylor-Lyons, continues to engage with the community on several projects covered elsewhere in this issue of the Loch Express (see page 15).

Another recent initiative has been an initial meeting of Loch business owners to determine whether there is any merit in meeting regularly to discuss matters of mutual interest and a report on that meeting is also covered elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, subject to ongoing restrictions which are unpredictable at the time of writing, we have rescheduled the proposed General Meeting in May, to 10am on Saturday September, 12, with the AGM to follow (see further details on page 7).

Ron Barnacle
President
Loch Village Heritage Walk

Are you interested in becoming involved in developing the Loch Village Heritage Walk, along with Loch Village Arts Council?

Involvement would include:
- Identifying historic buildings and points of interest
- Sourcing historic photos and information to illustrate the rich history of Loch
- Consolidating the historic material into an engaging Heritage Walk experience

to join the team or for further details
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Carrington’s of Loch Village

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Sangiovese
Shiraz

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Loch Village & Lochmore Vineyards

Olive Loch Village

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