

NEWSTEAD ECHO

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OUR 200TH EDITION

The first commercial edition of the Echo was published on 22nd August, 1896 and the paper continued with slight variations of its name until 15th February 1968. After the closure of the newspaper there were a few short-lived commercial publications of a newspaper for Newstead and district. In April 1978 the then Shire of Newstead saw the need for local news and published the first edition of a monthly newsletter, The Newstead Echo. This eagerly sought after publication of council information and community input of news and events continued for 197

issues until January 1995 when the Shire of Newstead was no more and Newstead became part of five amalgamated shires to form the Shire of Mount Alexander. Again Newstead was without their own newspaper, so community members met with the commissioners to have the Echo reinstated. August 1995 saw the first edition of the Newstead Echo in its present form. This issue, September 2013 is our 200th edition. 'Long Live the Echo!'



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ISSUE NO 1

AUGUST, 1995

Published by Rob McNabb, Suzan Redland, Ruth Barkla, Margaret Lewis and Peter Skilbeck on behalf of the Newstead Community Organisations with the generous assistance of the Mount Alexander Shire in the Newstead Office.

Following representations to the Commissioners of the Mount Alexander Shire approval was given for the typing and duplication of a community newsletter for Newstead residents. At a public meeting a small committee of five people were appointed until February 1996 to co-ordinate the development of the Newsletter under the following guidelines:

- to be known as the Newstead Echo
- to be prepared from material provided by the community organisations of Newstead.
- Material to be lodged at the Newstead Post Office by 22 of each month.
- the Echo to be distributed during the first week of the new month

- to be distributed by placement in local business houses
- recommended that there be no commercial or political advertising.

We are pleased with the support that we have received from the community and are keen to receive feedback on the newsletters. Should your group have a significant event coming up, please let us know and we will try to give some additional space for the event.

The articles have been accepted in good faith by the committee and at the time of going to press were believed to be accurate, however, if you have any queries please contact the person named in the article.

Our committee has now met on four occasions and thanks to the support of Kay Daw of the Newstead Office of the Shire, we present you with this the first issue of the reborn 'Newstead Echo'.

Above mast head and article from the first edition of the Newstead Echo in its present form.

THE ECHO TODAY

We believe the ECHO still plays a vital role for the Newstead and district community, but it doesn't just happen. A small dedicated team is involved in producing a twelve page publication each month, excepting January. The monthly process begins a week before the deadline date with the sending of email reminders to over fifty contributors. As the articles are sent in they are pre-edited and sent onto the desktop publisher for that month. Later on we hold an editorial meeting where the draft copy is discussed and further edited, the publisher makes

the necessary adjustments and finally, it is proof-read by another of our volunteers. The final copy is then made ready to be sent to our webpage, and 500 hardcopies are photocopied, folded and distributed to various pickup places in the district. Phew!! Another ECHO completed.

Would you like to be part of the ECHO team?

We need more volunteers to help us to keep the ECHO echoing on. It is a link to the whole community and only with your support will it continue to be so.

The ECHO committee.





NEWSTEAD & DISTRICT CFA

WORKING TOWARDS A SAFER COMMUNITY

New CFA Notice Board

Has anyone noticed the new CFA notice board on the wall of the Newstead IGA Supermarket? Thanks to our friends at the Newstead Men's Shed, we now have a dedicated space to display fire safety information to the local community. The CFA made a donation to the Men's Shed in appreciation of their time and effort in designing, constructing and erecting the notice board. Thanks to CFA member Alastair Jessop who is also a member of the Men's Shed and organized the project. The CFA also thanks Darren and Cheryl Gervasoni for allowing us to use the space on the supermarket wall. Have a look at the notice board when you're down the street next. The displays will be constantly changing, with new locally and seasonally relevant fire safety information.

New pagers

Newstead brigade members have been provided with new pagers, as part of a state-wide upgrade of all pagers. So far as we can tell, the new pagers do much the same thing as the old ones, but with smaller screens to make them harder to read for ageing eyes. On the plus side the new pagers can be programmed to make a greater variety of clicks, beeps and siren-like noises than ever before. Listen out for them next time you're near a CFA member.

Operations

The past couple of months have been very quiet with no call-outs since the 2nd of June. And that's the way we like it! Stay safe.

Anne Perkins 0408 527 910



Newstead CFA President Craig Hepburn presents a cheque to George White of the Newstead Men's Shed.

Photographer: Rob Graham



**NEWS AND REFLECTIONS
FROM THE COUNCILLORS
DESK**

On Friday 17th August a large group gathered at the Newstead Community Centre for the launch of the Newstead Community Plan. Many locals attended as well as a range of "visitors" (politicians, candidates for the coming federal election, Council staff, Councillors, etc.). The event showed how powerful the plan was and how strongly we all supported it. The evening was led by Kate Tucker, who ensured that we had the opportunity to explain the 10 main priorities for community action that come from the plan. By the way, congratulations to Deb Ferguson and the primary school choir for the entertainment they provided.

The 10 priority actions will require strong co-operation between our community and the Council. For some items, such as the pedestrian bridge, we will look to Council for funding and leadership. Others, such as the skate park, will probably need us to obtain grant money, with the Council joining us to advocate to possible sourcing bodies. Concepts such as a business hub seem to me to fit neatly into the new Economic Development Strategy which Council launched on Friday 23rd August. We can be sure that Council is listening to us and that the Community Plan has drawn strong praise from the visiting troupe including Maree Edwards, the State member for Bendigo West and Lisa Chester, the Labour candidate for the federal election on 7th September. Various Green politicians and candidates particularly noted the environmental sustainability features of the plan.

In my opening remarks, I particularly thanked Janet Barker for the tremendous job she carried out in pulling the whole project together. Kate Tucker later mentioned, Geoff Park, Don Culvenor, Ray Culvenor and Genevieve Barlow (among others) for their efforts. As I moved in Council circles this week, I received many supportive comments on our collective achievement in producing such a lucid, purposeful and well presented Community Plan. We should all embrace it with a sense of pride.

Michael Redden 0466 004 630

TAI CHI

WHO: Barry Lacey

WHAT : Tai Chi (under the auspices of CHIRP) All fees collected go to the Newstead Mens Shed.

WHEN : Tuesday mornings 10-11 am

Beginners welcome.

WHERE : Newstead Community Centre

Lyons Street Newstead.

WHY : Health & well being. Health experts say "if you don't use it, you lose it" Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise and can be managed by all ages.

For info 5476 2436.



FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

By the time you read this Echo we will have come out of winter dormancy - just like our fruit trees - with a working bee and shared lunch in the garden on Sunday 25 August. The cold winter has been perfect for autumn sown garlic, which needs the cold to set good sized bulbs, and for the berries, pome and stone fruit, which need a certain "chill factor" to flower and fruit well. In some very short bursts of winter gardening, we renovated our strawberry patch and planted new certified runners, planted a communal crop of broad beans, and a green manure of wheat and lentils around the asparagus as a soil improver for this long lived crop. Thanks to funding from the RTC and Ewan Campbell's fencing expertise, we now have some fabulous (six foot high) climbing frames for the loganberry, boysenberry and raspberry canes to run on. And thanks to Frances Cincotta from Newstead Natives we now have some lovely 'wild' spaces in our garden that will attract insects, small birds and other pollinators, and provide biodiversity and beauty to our productive garden. Frances generously donated a large number of plants and helped plant them. Have a wander through our garden next time you are passing and see how local natives can fit in a small garden area.

We are enjoying having the Newstead Primary School, and more recently the Newstead Preschool, spend regular time in the garden. Also welcome to new plot holders Erica and Julia.

Janet Barker



**Happy 9th Birthday
RTC**

**Please join us at the RTC to
celebrate
from 5.00pm on Friday 4th
October**



OUR TOWN, OUR SAY

THE NEWSTEAD COMMUNITY PLAN IS NOW LAUNCHED!

With great fanfare, more than 100 people, including local residents and visitors, launched the Newstead Community Plan on Friday 16th August at the Community Centre. Music from local artists, Phonse O'Bryan and Kelly Skinner welcomed people as they arrived and then with Kate Tucker as MC, the formal proceedings kicked off in stirring fashion with a medley of tunes from the Newstead Primary School choir, led by Deb Ferguson and accompanied by Ruby Shirres. Our local councillor and Mayor of Mount Alexander Shire, Michael Redden commended the plan and outlined what had already been achieved in progressing a number of priorities. Ron Snep, Chair of the Maldon and District Community Bank spoke eloquently about the unique values of the Newstead community and the important contribution made by the MDCB.

Our guest speaker Kate Auty, the Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability gave a lovely speech, acknowledging the special role played by the Jaara people in our landscape and making particular mention of the importance of place making. Kate had 'done her homework', reading the document in full before arriving and taking time to visit the Community Garden and Loddon River that afternoon. A series of brief 'vox pops' followed, as various locals outlined the top ten plan priorities - Kate Auty then formally launched the Plan. Everyone then enjoyed a marvellous supper provided by Newstead Primary School parents.

There are lots of people to thank for producing such a creative and practical document. A special thank you to; Janet Barker coordinating our effort, Meg Norris for her superb graphic design work, the Newstead Echo and RTC for their assistance and to the community of Newstead for getting behind a 'grass roots' approach to local planning. The support of the Maldon and District Community Bank enabled us to print the document and to celebrate its finalisation. Their ongoing support for community projects cannot be underestimated. We would also like to thank the Mount Alexander Shire for their support and willingness to allow Newstead to 'run its own race' with the project.

What is a plan without action? – To find out more about the priorities and how you can be involved we would encourage you to have a look at the final document ... it's a good read! A limited number of copies are available at the Newstead RTC, you can read the Newstead Community Plan online.

For further information contact Geoff Park 5476 2593 or Janet Barker 0439 003 469.



A HOME OF STRINGYBARK AND BOX

An Eastern Yellow Robin's nest is a work of art – there is no other way to describe it.

A few weeks back I was privileged to watch the artist at work, in fact two artists, as both the male and female were involved in nest-building. Thin strips of Red Stringybark and flakes of Box, Yellow and Long-leaf, were brought to the nest and delicately woven into the rim, or stitched to form a hanging skirt around the side of the nest. The final result is a perfectly disguised cup, ready for laying.



Eastern Yellow Robin adding threads of Red Stringybark to the rim of the nest, Rise and Shine, Saturday 10th August 2013. Visit the Natural Newstead blog at <http://geoffpark.wordpress.com>

NEWSTEADITES REUNION

Former Newstead School pupils, former residents and those who worked in Newstead are invited to lunch at midday at the Railway Hotel on Saturday 19th October, 2013.

Please contact Margaret, 5446 1828 by Saturday 12th October to confirm numbers for the hotel.

Your cooperation of confirmation of attendance will be appreciated.

Maureen Heagney

NEWSTEAD SAFETY CHUTE

Jeff Jones report in the Castlemaine Mail August 16th regarding the shires first meeting in the council's new digs caused me to sit up. Cr Tony Bell made a simple and practical request for a truck load of sand to be left at the old Shire of Newstead depot at Newstead to be used for sand bagging should local flood waters impact the township again. It sounded like quite a reasonable and sensible request to put forward. Talk to any emergency service worker, pilot, soldier nurse or scout and they will tell you preparation is everything. Viable, proactive and practical measures put in place before, far out weigh any reactive solution after! I then read further and was reassured in calm authoritative tones from the shires CEO and a few other councillors, that governing authorities and committees have written procedures and put appropriate protocols in place. These would be flung into action and save Newstead or any where else for that matter should the worst happen! Newstead is not isolated (actually it is, when it floods), during heavy rains. Flooding has also impacted other parts of the shire, Campbells Creek, Guildford, Fryerstown. They also have been impacted from fast rising flood waters. When Newstead's citizens rallied together during the towns last flood episode they were supplied with sand and bags from the Mt Alexander Shire as the Loddon rose. It was noted by many on the job, that in future a few strategically placed piles of sand and bags could or should be located elsewhere throughout the shire to help other residents out when the shire became overwhelmed with demands for help. Sand and bags are relatively cheap and could act as a first aid supply to those who need it quickly, in an emergency. Then again, how silly was I and others to consider this as a practical option in a time of future need. Like Cr Bell I was left speechless as the bureaucrats quibble over protocol.

Another aspect to consider; throughout our shire there are a number of major road transport corridors .A good portion of these are used by trucks transporting all sorts of complex products. Another benefit of selectively placing stock piles of sand, means it can also be located and accessed quickly and used for containing any spills in a emergency. From experience, never let a committee pack your parachute!

Christopher Simmins, (Green Gully via Newstead)
5476 2310

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Next week on Wednesday 4th September the weekly Community Lunch will launch in Newstead. Thanks to those who contacted me with their interest in participating, you probably have been already contacted, but if not please get back to me. Lunch will be from 12.30 -1.30pm at the Community Centre using the Mechanics Hall for dining. For those interested in assisting please be at the kitchen around 10.00am. It is hoped that this project will kick-off to a good start. I'm certainly looking forward to it. I have created a project email for contact purposes: newsteadcl@yahoo.com or via Mobile on 0490 055 918.

See you at lunch! Anthony

NEWSTEAD COMMUNITY BUS

The Community Bus was again in service for a delightful trip by eight ladies to the Bendigo Woollen Mills and the Sheep & Wool Show at the Bendigo Showgrounds. The weather was a little inclement but did not dampen the enthusiasm of our small group as we ducked between drops of rain and jumped puddles - well near enough to.

The Sheep & Wool Show had an abundance of interesting exhibits with bits and bobs to purchase at the Woollen Mills and plenty of bargains to warm the cockles of a knitter's heart. The day ended on a good note and we thank again our guest celebrity driver who generously took time off from his busy schedule to chauffeur us ladies for the day and also coping admirably with all the backseat drivers.

Jill Bant. 5476 2447



Have you considered booking Our Community Bus for an event?

We are offering the bus for your adventures and excursions. Maybe you have a group of interested people who might enjoy heading to Melbourne for Monet's Garden Exhibition, an AFL Finals match, Spring Racing, Melbourne Festival, the Tennis?...please enquire at the RTC about hiring the Community Bus for your next event or function. There are 11 seats, plus the driver (ours or yours). The following trips were suggested in our recent bus survey. Please book with the RTC to ensure your seat... and pay the driver on the day.

- Sunday 1st September Carisbrook Market 9.00-12noonSat \$5.00
- Saturday 7th September Wesley Hill Market 8.30-12 noon \$5.00
- Sunday 15th September Talbot Market 9.00-1.00pm \$7.50
- Saturday 12th October Garden of St Erth's Spring Festival via Frogmore Nursery (Newbury) \$12 (additional entry costs)
- Saturday 19th October Ballarat Native Flower Show \$10 (additional costs)

For information and Bookings RTC 5476 2360



A WINTER SMORGASBORD WINNER

August is seeing a rich cultural spread thanks to Angela Down, David Stratton and Bronwyn Smith. Words in Winter is threatening to leave us all more than comfortably replete. Not only that, but the Newstead team won THE CLEVER TOWN CHALLENGE. But then, with a Mayor, a publisher, a retired university academic and a sprinkling of Newsteadians, all of whom, of course, are significantly above the average of IQ scores, is the win a surprise? After all, we gave the competition a real fright the first time we participated.



CTQ Winner 9/13

'Words' gives us an encyclopaedic choice; poetry, film, drama, technology and song. On Sunday 4th August, Medyhne Lebachen gave us a heady selection of poetry and song, from her recently published book. Wit and charm were mixed with verve and professionalism to give us a totally satisfying session at the RTC. Nick Hudson gave us the real intelligence behind 'Spycatcher', the book that caused an international incident between Australia and dear old Blighty. Nick of course is

thoroughly in command of his material, which he imparts with charm and personality. A cross between an Oxford don and your grandfather, Nick educates and entertains.



Nick Hudson Spymaster

Steve Walter, Peter Moloney and Brendan Walker unpacked a few favourites at the Welshmans Reef winery on 17 August. Steve is practised in performance, while Peter Moloney sings so well he makes the angels listen. Brendan Walker brought the house down with his reading of 'Grapes' The audience were very pleased with the performers and positive comments flew like confetti after the concert. The organising group, Angela, David and Bronwyn are to be congratulated for their work in staging the 'Words'. For their part, they are very grateful to Nick for helping with posters, all the performers, including Nick and those who provided venues, such as Robyn and the team at Dig, Ron and Julia at the Welshmans Reef Winery and the crew at the RTC. "The townspeople's support of local community activity makes it that much more possible to be a vibrant Newstead." Bronwyn Smith said.

James Walker 5476 2753

Photographer: Gail Leech

NEWSTEAD PUBLIC CEMETERY

The AGM for the cemetery was held on Sunday 11th August, trust members remain the same as follows:- M. Tonkin (Chairman), R. McNabb, M. Butler, W. Tangey, A. Hall, D. Carroll, B. Petersen, T. Nichol, M. Petersen (Assist. Sec.), and J. Bant (Secretary).

Two additional park benches are to be installed thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Newstead RTC and Thompson Family Funerals. These are currently with Windarring who are assembling these and will also install them. The gate to the "Scattering of Ashes" area has been installed, the Memorial Wall for "Those whose Remains Lie Elsewhere" is also in service. A gentle reminder to community members, all cemeteries come under the governance of the Department Of Health,

therefore there are guidelines for all to follow, please contact the Secretary or a trust member before any works or alterations to graves is undertaken, whether major or minor.

The trust members would like to take this opportunity to publicly extend our thanks to Val Tangey in assisting her husband in the maintenance of the cemetery while Bill was temporarily incapacitated. Needless to say a big thank you is due, yet again, for Bill's ongoing work in the care he takes of our cemetery.

I would personally like to extend my sincere thanks to Barry Petersen for his invaluable support on differing projects.

Jill Bant.



NEWSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEND A HAND & GET INVOLVED



Recently Newstead Primary School was represented by five teams at the Mount Alexander Primary Schools Netball Tournament with students participating from Grade 3-6. Students displayed a positive attitude and worked very well in their teams on a cold and wintery day.

'Jump Rope for Heart' is all about learning how to keep fit and healthy. The initiative is supported by the 'Heart Foundation' and is focused towards making healthy choices in life. Students worked extremely hard to find sponsors with all funds raised going towards research to help the fight against heart disease and stroke. All children enjoyed skipping while raising money for a great cause.

The 'Newstead Community Plan' launch provided a great setting for the first public performance of the school choir for 2013. Wonderfully supported by Deb and Kerry, participating students provided community members attending the evening an opportunity to enjoy an energetic, engaging and connecting range of songs to begin proceedings on this very special occasion.

Andrew Frawley 5476 2226

Newstead Preschool and Newstead Primary School need your help! Our school and preschool are small organisations and sometimes we need more helpers to run events that benefit our students and improve our facilities. We're compiling a list of local people that we can call on to potentially volunteer at the school and preschool fundraising events, working bees and other activities.

The sort of help we're looking for would involve just a couple of hours of your time once or twice a year to cook snags at a sausage sizzle, serve at a catering event, help paint a class room, weed the garden or bake a cake. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like your name to be added to our list of potential volunteers. Call Karly Smith on 0400 989 103.

If you have any queries about volunteering send your name and contact details (including email & phone/mobile) to: newstead.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au or newstead.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. or post your details to Newstead Preschool, PO Box 111, Newstead 3462

Karly Smith



PRESCHOOL'S TRIVIA & CHARITY AUCTION NIGHT

Newstead Pre-school is inviting all trivia buffs to a fun evening of trivia on Saturday 19th October at Newstead Community Centre starting at 7pm.

This annual event always attracts a strong crowd, with tables of 6-8 people challenging to win the Newstead trivia crown. "It's a fantastic evening, with plenty of laughs", said the Pre-school President Jacqui Righetti. "and all the money raised goes straight to the Newstead Preschool". The evening also comprises an auction,

with fantastic items on offer, including family passes to popular Victorian attractions such as Murray River Paddle Steamers, Sovereign Hill and Puffing Billy.

There will be supervised children's activities available throughout the night, so bring the whole family along and support our fantastic local preschool. For more information, or to book a table, please contact Karly or email thepreschool

newstead.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Karly Smith 0400 989 103



NEWSTEAD LANDCARE GROUP

The role of ants in our ecosystems: An impressive crowd braved wintery conditions to learn about the fascinating and intricate roles that ants play in our ecosystems from local ecologist, Karl Just. Karl explained the roles of these extraordinary insects in maintaining the soil, spreading seeds of plants, recycling nutrients and many other functions. The ways by which 150 species can co-exist in a single hectare, occupying different niches of time, space and structure might hold lessons for humans about the power of co-operation. Karl also introduced us to the intricate symbiotic relationships between ants and other species, especially butterflies. Many members of the audience also had great insights to offer from a very satisfying evening.

The hidden treasures of roadsides and how to discover and protect them: Roadside vegetation is an extremely important resource for our native biodiversity, with some of the best patches of bush surviving besides our thoroughfares. Muckleford and Newstead Landcare groups are combining to hold a field day on Sunday 15th September to help us discover what makes a bit of roadside great, how to look after it and the very important questions of what can and can't be done with roadsides and by whom.

The 3-hour field trip will start from Muckleford Community Centre (Walmer-Muckleford Road, Muckleford) at 10 00am with some short talks and then some site visits, returning to the centre at 1.00 pm. All are welcome to attend. Call Paul Hampton on 0408 566 909 if you need further information. Planting at the Loddon River: We will have one more planting for this year beside the confluence of the Loddon and the Muckleford Creek on Sunday 8th September. This area will look a treat in a few years when the shrubs, sedges and grasses we've planted have grown a bit. To get to the working bee, head down Panmure St/Cemetery Rd for 1.5km from the Pyrenees Highway. We will start work at 9.30am and finish at about 11.00. There are places to park to the right of the road, but you will need to cross the dry creek branch by foot. Bring gloves and a mug for morning tea. Buckets, hammers and digging tools will also be helpful. The Victorian government gave the group a "Communities for Nature" grant which has paid for this planting.

Patrick 5476 2755



NEWSTEAD SPINNERS INC.

Sitting here at the computer, I seem to have writer's block!!! What have the spinners been up to over the last month? Well something, as we always have something on the go!

I now remember last meeting day, we lost half the group outside, and when I went out to see what they were doing, several hands were rubbing like crazy, with nearly completed felt boot/slippers. Beth was showing the girls the art of yet more wearable felt. The weather was fine and dry, perfect for the outside activity. The rest of us were comfy inside, pedaling away, knitting, or some just chatting.

The fortnight before, we had a lovely morning tea, which lasted all through to lunch. Thanks to all who brought such wonderful treats to share.

August 20th was to be a nuno felting day, with George directing, but after a few arrivals, they decided it was JUST TOO COLD, to be felting outside. It was then decided to try again on September 3rd. The general meeting will then be held the following fortnight after on September 17th.

We welcome visitors and new members. We meet between 10.00am and 3.00pm every second Tuesday at the rear of the community centre.

Wendy 5348 4786

Guildford Village Regional Produce Market

***Saturday September 14th 2013
9am to 1pm in the Guildford Public Hall
A great selection of home made and
home grown items for sale.***

***New stallholders most welcome
If you know of someone
or you are interested please contact:***

Maria 5473 4402

or

Judy on 5476 4266

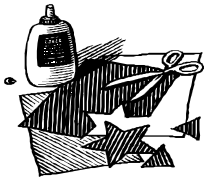
Volunteers make the Newstead Echo happen.

Would you like to be part of this dynamic team? The ECHO needs more volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, including editing, desktop publishing, photography, proof reading, reporting, photocopying and folding. There are roles for people with or without computer skills. No previous experience needed, just your willingness and enthusiasm to contribute to producing Newstead's popular publication. Please contact Gayle for more details on 0438 771 744

1946-2013 RAINFALL

**As collected by Jim and Janet Trudgeon 5476 2437
JULY 2013**

2013	Average	Highest 1990	Lowest 1959
69.4 mm	53.6 mm	117.4 mm	13.3 mm
271 pts	209 pts	458 pts	52 pts
August 2013 Rainfall up to 22nd ~67.6mm, 264 pts			



SCRAPBOOKING

Do you have a couple of Mondays a month spare and are interested in scrapbooking/ paper craft? We would love you to join us on the first and third Monday of the month at the RTC. A gold coin donation is all it costs. Sometimes there is more talk than work done, sometimes it a knitting club where we exchange knitting patterns, wool, ideas etc., sometimes a gardening club and book exchange and just sometimes we might get some scrapbooking and cards made.

More info please ring 5476.2360



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre 'Kangaroo Paw' is visiting Newstead to offer locals easy access to government payments and services on Wednesday, 4th September, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, in front of the Community Centre, Lyons Street, Newstead.

The Mobile Service Centre offers a wide range of services to meet the changing needs of rural and regional communities. It is staffed by experienced specialist officers who provide friendly face-to-face service, information and support tailored to each community.

Our staff can help you with:

New claims for a wide range of Centrelink payments

- Updating customer information
- Confirming customer documents and supporting information
- Information on how financial matters may impact on Centrelink payments
- Payment and service options to suit individual circumstances
- Rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- Non-cash Medicare transactions
- Information on Child Support payment and service options
- Specialist support and referrals
- Free Australian Hearing health checks

For itineraries and more information about the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres visit: humanservices.gov.au or call 13 2316. Andrea 9963 9087.



NEWSTEAD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the joys of being at the courthouse on a Monday morning is the uncertainty of what awaits. Will it be a gathering of the faithful few or will someone walk through the door whose forebears lived in the area? In that case we can often supply them with information and in return receive family histories or copies of family photos.

Such an occurrence took place recently when we had a return visit by descendants of the Harte family. The brothers Patrick and Joseph were connected with the now demolished Loddon Leads Hotel and then the Newstead Hotel. As well as this they supported local sporting groups including the Newstead Football Club. On this visit we were delighted to receive copies of several photos including some of Emily Harte's wedding at St Anne's Church Newstead and also one of another family connected to them - the Mitchell family of Joyces Creek. In October members of the extended Butler family will be calling in for an hour as they make a bus tour of the area and our research officer is spending hours printing out articles from the local papers that they have requested.

Dawn Angliss 5476 2006 Derek Reid 5476 2274

NEWSTEAD ECHO ONLINE

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**Newstead Fire Brigade Family Dance
Newstead Community Centre**

Friday, 4th October, 2013

8.00pm to Midnight

Admission \$8.00

Music by Family Rhythm

Enquiries: Maureen Heagney 5476 2382

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**A good sing & good food
in convivial company
Sunday 1st September with Fay White**



Theme: Songs about birds, beasts and habitat

6.00 - 7.00 pm Vocal entrée - warm up and easy stuff

7.00 - 7.30 pm Food: Hearty soup, crusty bread,
fresh fruit

7.30 - 8.30 pm Musical main-course: Delicious
harmonies

Singing for the pleasure of it

Bookings: 5470 5645 or kerriep@mmnet.com.au



NEWS FROM THE POOL

The weather is still far from thinking about a dip to cool off and the only ones in residence at the moment are the ducks. Training dates are in the process of being booked and it is hoped that most training can take place in October. Our aim this year is to avoid last minute training. All volunteers will be contacted shortly with the dates. Are you thinking of becoming a pool volunteer? If so and you would like any information about requirements please feel free to contact me. A lifeguard has to undertake a lot of training first time around but if this seems a bit daunting why not become a kiosk volunteer, training for this involves basic CPR and an induction. Once training is complete your commitment is your shifts. The number you do will depend on how many volunteers we have. We are trying to recruit more volunteers this year to support our kiosk. Why not give this a try. If you are new to town it is a great way to meet members of the community and if you have young children a great place for them to meet other children. Our AGM is scheduled for the Sunday 8th September at 10.00am at the RTC. All community members are welcome and if anyone is interested in becoming a committee member or is able to help out in any capacity you would be welcome.

Sue Pollard 0447 342 026

0447 342 026



NEWSTEAD CWA

Visitors from other branches and from the local community joined the members of the Newstead Branch, Country Women's Association, at their very successful fashion parade and luncheon in August. Our models Beth, Marion, Helen, Florence, Cheryl and Rosemary showed off the fashions and some very brisk buying followed the parade. On such a cold winter's day, the variety of hot soups served at the luncheon was appreciated by all.

On September 4th, we will meet at 10.00am behind the Community Centre to car pool to the Castlemaine Art Gallery after which we will journey to Skydancers for lunch. If you would like to join us on this day or are interested in finding out about CWA please contact Marion Ward 5476 2437

TRIVIA AND CHARITY AUCTION NIGHT

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER

7.00pm @ Newstead Community Centre

**Come along & have some fun, test your knowledge
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Tables of 6 – 8

Supervised Children's Activities

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COMMUNITY WALK # 178

**Sunday 22nd September
9.00am**

We will meet at the park near the bridge, opposite Newstead Community Centre to car pool to start of walk.

All are welcome to attend (except dogs).

Frances Cincotta 5476 2691



Church Services

All Saints Anglican Church 11.00am
Every Sunday

John Phillips 5476 6254

Catholic Church 6.00pm

St Anne's Newstead - second Sunday

St Laurence O'Toole Sandon - fourth Sunday

Maureen Heagney 5476 2382

Uniting Church 9.30am

The Echo

100 Years Ago

The following extracts are from the weekly Newstead newspaper

Wednesday, September 3, 1913

A MEETING of Women to form a branch of the Australian Women's National League will be held at 3pm today (Wednesday) in the Mechanics Hall — M Nichols, Organiser

Wednesday, September 10, 1913

Influenza is rife in the town and district, and there are many sufferers who rend the atmosphere with sneezes frequently. If the public would only leave their doors and windows open at night, or sleep outside, influenza would never trouble them. One woman in the town, who used to get the complaint badly every autumn and winter, has not suffered from it for the past two years. She has slept out winter and summer alike, and which she firmly believes has kept away all colds.

The wandering cattle nuisance assumed another phase last week. Not content with camping under verandahs at night and upsetting pedestrians, one of the fourfooted pests broke into a small paddock right in the centre of town last week, and there snuffed out. Being unable to discover the owner of the beast, the lessee of the paddock had to pay for the removal of the carcass before it began to hum and create a nuisance.

Pilfering from visitors vehicles in hotel yards is getting quite common at night in Newstead. On Saturday night a valuable rug was stolen from a jinker in the yard of the Crown hotel, and police were immediately informed of the theft. We believe lamps, whips and other articles had been stolen previously at night.

About 50 women met at the local Mechanics hall on Wednesday afternoon last, which Miss Nichols, Organiser of the Australian Women's National League, and Miss Burnside, of Bendigo attended. The latter explained the objects of the League thoroughly, and gave a long dissertation on Federal politics. It was decided to form a branch at Newstead, with Mrs Coutts as president. Mesdames A Clarke and J Dower were elected vice-presidents, and Miss D Butler secretary. Meetings will be held in future at the houses of ladies who are taking interest in the matter.

It is the children's night out tonight, the night of all nights of the year, when they exhibit their powers to fond mammas and admiring papas, and all hands feel as proud as dogs with two tails. It will be a nice break from the hitherto monotony of Newstead, which has always to depend on the little ones for amusement. And the programme they give at these annual affairs are greatly to their credit, and Miss McDonald may be complimented on their efficiency, and also for the great help she gives to the Castlemaine hospital by donating the proceeds to that institution. We trust the public will attend largely; they are guaranteed a good night's enjoyment, and they will also be helping in the noble cause of charity. A juvenile dance will be held afterwards, and adults may join in.

Red-tapeism is notorious in all Government Departments, but one would imagine that, where stallions are concerned, business would be expedited, as delay means a loss to owners. This, Mr J Christie is experiencing just now. His draught stallion, Kelmsloch, was examined about a month ago by a veterinary surgeon in Castlemaine, and was passed by him. But Mr Christie only received the certificate yesterday, and the story that the horse was not passed has been assiduously spread by some people, who are rendering themselves liable to a heavy penalty for making such a lying statement.

About 30 ladies and gentlemen assembled at the bank on Saturday evening, at the invitation of Mr and Mrs Parks, and spent an enjoyable time. A novelty in the shape of amusement, a guessing competition, was introduced. The subject was An Anatomical Sketch, with 32 questions to answer. At the close the winners were the Rev H G and Mrs Mathews, with 31 right answers. The prizes were a handsome pair of silver-backed brushes for the winning lady, and a nice little bedroom clock for the gent. The booby prizes were awarded to Mrs H H McNabb and Mr E A House. Refreshments were then served, after which cards and music were indulged in till midnight, when the company dispersed.

The Joyces Creek Hall was an animated scene on Saturday last, when many of the committee formed a working bee. Bricklaying, carpeting, wire netting and drain formation were some of the classes of work done. It speaks well for those attending to give up their Saturday afternoon in the cause of the public good.

Wednesday, September 24, 1913

The shire council on Thursday took over the street lighting scheme, and the work of extending gas pipes to the lamps on the west side of the river will now be proceeded with. The total price for 14 lamps will be £166, to be spread over two years, and the first installment of £50 was paid to Mr Nalder on Thursday. The trial given by him during the past 70 days used up 50s worth of carbide, which the council will pay him for, also the time clocks on each lamp at 7s 6d each, and about 35s from the Mechanics Institute, which has had the gas laid on from the main for the past three months. The machine is warranted for five years, and the burners for twelve months. Mr Nalder said that several of the town-people were agreeable to have the gas laid on. He would erect a gasometer for the council for £28 10s, which would hold enough gas to supply the town for a week without recharging the machine with carbide, which otherwise would have to be done daily. The council decided to take no further steps just now. Mr Nalder intends to erect a lamp at his own expense at the postoffice, on which he will hang a signboard advertising his business.

MISS McDONALD'S CONCERT

Once more Miss McDonald, and incidentally, her pupils, may be congratulated on their annual concert, which was a great success in more ways than one. The hall was well filled, standing room not even being obtainable. Again, the little ones were in excellent trim, and the patience of their teacher was exemplified in which each and every one of them enacted their several parts, and showed marked proficiency during the past twelve months. With such talent growing in our midst, the future should produce artists sufficient to provide any class of entertainment, and such will be a lasting monument to the memory of Miss McDonald long after she and most of them who showed their appreciation of her on Wednesday night are laid to rest for ever. The numerous parts she portrays in her teachings mark her as possessing wonderful patience, a trait, sadly lacking in many whose dealings are with wilful and restless juveniles, and the proficiency her pupils show is the greatest eulogy that can be paid her. This is apart from the fact that her concerts return her nothing but gratification, which is shown by the patronage the public gives, and the appreciation by parents who are anxious that their offspring should be taught by her to master the violin, piano, or the intricacies of all kinds of dances. This is her just reward, she looks for no more, as the pecuniary results are given in sweet charity, and Castlemaine has benefitted at her hands many scores of pounds within the past 10 or 15 years. The National Anthem by H Petersen and S Birkin and 11 violins, concluded the programme. A dance was held afterwards, an hour being given to the little ones for their revels, after which they and their parents were treated to refreshments. A good number of adults then took the floor, and indulged in dancing till after midnight.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER 2013

Newstead Primary School Art Show Pocket Gallery RTC during September
9am - 5pm week days

Sun	1	Community bus Carisbrook Market 9am CFA Training at Fire Station 9.15am Vocal Nosh with Fay White NCC 6pm	RTC 5476 2360 Doug 0427 762 353 Kerrie 5470 5645
Tue	3	Newstead Spinners NCC	Wendy 5348 4786
Wed	4	Government Mobile Service front NCC 9am - 4pm CWA Trip to C'maine meet behind NCC 10am Community Lunch NCC 12.30pm	13 2316 Marion 5476 2323 Anthony 0490 055 918
Sat	7	Community bus Wesley Hill Market 8.30am Produce Exchange Red Store Veranda 10.30am	RTC 5476 2360 Liz 5476 2380
Sun	8	Landcare plantings Cemetery Rd 9.30am Swimming Pool AGM RTC 10am	Patrick 5476 2755 Sue 0447 342 026
Sat	14	Produce Market Guildford Public Hall 9am	Judy 5476 4266
Sun	15	Community bus Talbot Market 9am	RTC 5476 2360
Mon	16	NDHS meeting at the courthouse 7.30 pm	Dawn 5476 2006
Tue	17	Newstead Spinners NCC	Wendy 5348 4786
Thur	19	Newstead Landcare business meeting NCC 8pm	Patrick 5476 2755
Fri	20	ECHO Deadline 4.00pm	
Sun	22	Community Walk #178 opposite NCC 9.00am	Frances 5476 2691
Fri	27	ECHO Folding RTC 10am	

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Fri	4	RTC 9th Birthday RTC 5pm Newstead Fire Brigade Dance NCC 8.00pm	RTC 5476 2360 Maureen 5476 2382
Sat	5	Produce Exchange Red Store Veranda 10.30am	Liz 5476 2380
Sat	12	Community bus Garden of St Erth	RTC 5476 2360
Sat	19	Community bus Ballarat Gardens Newsteadites Reunion Railway Hotel 12noon Preschool Trivia and Auction NCC 7pm	RTC 5476 2360 Maureen 5476 2382 Karly 0400 989 103

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Hatha Yoga (not hols)	Mon NCC 9.30-11am, Wed 7-8.30pm	Wendy 5476 2240
NDHS research	Mondays at courthouse 9.30am – noon	Dawn 5476 2006
Scrapbooking	First and third Mondays, RTC 1pm	Jen 5476 2436
Pole Walking	Tues Oval 8.30am (not in school hols)	Jenny 0417 475 270
Tai Chi	Tues NCC 10am	Barry 0417 581 808
Men's Shed	Tuesdays The Shed 11am, 1.30 - 4pm Sundays, The Shed 10am –12noon	Barry 0417 581 808
Play Group	Wednesdays RTC 10am—12noon	Tanya 5476 2246
Community Lunch	Wednesdays Mechanics Hall 12.30	Anthony 0490 055 918
Canasta	Wednesdays Dig 1.00pm	Corina 5471 1766
Cr Michael Redden	Thursdays RTC 9am - 5pm by appointment	RTC 5476 2360
Croquet	Fridays Hilliers St 9.30am	Kerry 5476 2315
Library Book covering	Fridays RTC	Suzan 5476 6263
Community Garden	Fridays Gardening - from 4pm	Janet 0439 003 469

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RTC	Rural Transaction Centre