

The Flowerdale Flyer

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Flowerdale Primary School Steals the Show!

Sabotaged by the devious, mischievous Mr Nobody, *The (almost) Greatest Show*, is the story of a circus disaster....where everything that could go wrong, does go wrong.

In the face of changed dates, wild weather, threatened blackouts, failed dress rehearsals and endless hiccups, *The (almost) Greatest Show* seemed doomed to mimic it's own script. Yet, against all odds, the Flowerdale Primary School children - under the enduring patience of Miss Shelley Davis - managed, once again to turn our frowns upside down and produce a truly amazing performance.

With a backdrop which would rival any in Her Majesty's Theatre, and some very creative props, the show did go on, and our audience was delighted as they are every year.

Written, produced and directed by Shelley, *The (almost) Greatest Show* harnessed the acting, singing, musical, dancing and gymnastics talents of our children, and showcased the many reasons why we know small schools are great schools.

Shelley likes to set the bar very high, and *The (almost) Greatest Show* was a fine example of these aspirations, involving all children, all staff, many parents, community members and people as far away as Melbourne. The list of supporters was extensive, but extra special thanks must go to David Thompson, Julian Laucius, Hazel and Shannon Davis, Vicki Paten and her theatrical daughter, Millie and our Principal, Mrs Sandra Horwood. And, of course, from the bottom of our hearts, we congratulate our very own Miss Shelley Davis who is loved and admired by us all.

The (almost) Greatest Show was preceded by our Annual Art Show and a lovely BBQ dinner, both of which were enjoyed immensely. To say it was a challenge to produce an Art Show after two lengthy covid home schooling experiences, is an understatement. But, of course it was managed beautifully and accolades to our staff and children for their most excellent efforts. At the end of the show, our annual awards were announced.

Congratulations to Anna Saloum, Jordan Herweynan, Safari Kiss, Archie Donnelley and Jarrah Paten. Our wonderful Parents held a monster raffle and presented gifts to every staff member. Their support never goes unnoticed.

If you missed our annual creative extravaganza, it will be on again next year, but those who joined us unanimously agree that it was a most memorable experience. That's why we say "at Flowerdale Primary School, every face has a place".

Flowerdale's Rainfall in Broome Road October & November 2020

To 31st October 2020 92 mm

To 30th November 2020 26 mm

October 2019 15 mm

November 2019. 52mm

Year to date To 30th November 2020. 846 mm

To 30th November 2019. 514 m

By Virginia





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Additional full page: \$50

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Full page: \$100

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1/4 page: \$30 1/8 page advertising business card:
\$15

Not For Profit organisation Non-Local area:

Negotiable, see Rebekah

GUIDELINES

- All articles are subject to publisher and Committee approval.
- All articles to be submitted by the 20th day each month or risk missing out.
 - Please submit in either publisher or word doc
 - Payment must be in process
- Articles published are neither in favour or not in favour of politics



Coordinators Column

Well this month has just flown by for Kelly and myself.

We have been very busy behind the scenes organizing Christmas Hampers and Christmas Lunch Celebrations. We are very pleased to announce for those who don't know that Murrindindi Shire have approved a Community Events Grant application to fund this years Community Christmas Lunch including the purchase of two marques to use on the day and for future events.

This year has been very much about assistance to the community via material aid such as food, toiletries, and even coats.

Here is a quick recap of what we have been doing. We have given out:

- 262 bags of groceries to date.
- 22 Fuel vouchers since January
- 6 coats and over 20 each of hats, scarves, and gloves.
- 1,424 hours of 1 on 1 advocacy/case management for community members.
- Approx. 45 hours of IT 1 on 1 assistance.
- Other community assistance \$525 worth of other assistance provided this year.
- 7 individual transports to Dr appointments.

We have been quite busy even though the doors have been closed for a lot of the year. We have also partnered with 24 other services and groups to deliver activities and services to Flowerdale this year.

We are very proud to be serving the community in every way we possibly can and look forward to 2021 with optimism as we get to know the temporary replacement of Kelly as she gets to know her newest arrival in March.

We also look forward to getting to know more and more Flowerdaliens next year.

If you haven't come in before please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself and have a coffee.

We have been delighted to see all our groups back at the house. It so great to catch up with everyone and see everyone reconnect after such a hard year,

We have had an amazing response to our community Christmas Lunch and have filled the

bookings for this event. If you wish to be on a waiting list we can call you if there are cancellations closer to the date.

Call the house on 57802664.

We would like to thank all those who have taken up the Reverse Advent calendar idea. Also all those who have dropped in donations to the Christmas Hampers over the past few weeks. We really appreciate all your kindness and generosity.



Hampers will be given out on the 17th and 18th of December. If you have put your name down please pop into the house earlier or on the day and fill out the quick form. Thank you.

We currently have 5 families and 12 singles on our list for hampers which means there are 2 places left. If you know of someone you think needs a hand this Christmas please nominate them. We want everyone to enjoy their Christmas this year.

We will be hosting courses in the new year including **RSA, First Aid, Certificate III in Individual Support** and potentially a **food handlers** course.

Please check out the Facebook page in 2021 to find out more about this, including dates and pricing.

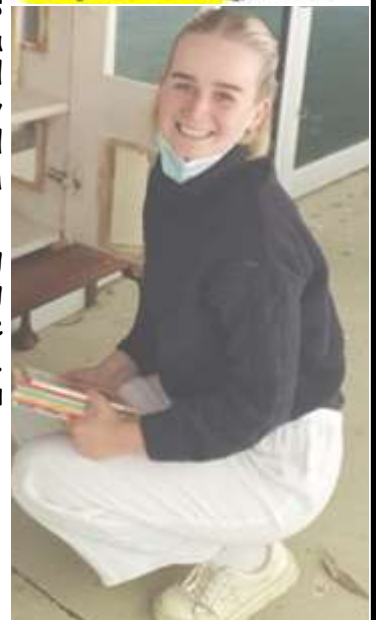
Welcome to our newest volunteer Grace McDonald.

Grace came to us a few weeks ago and has shown herself to be a highly enthusiastic and caring person. We really love having her on board and hope she stays with us a very long time.

Grace has been meeting our groups, and learning lots of aspects of the roles here at the House. Thank you Grace, you rock!

Rebekah Grant
Coordinator

Volunteer Spotlight



Flowerdale Lego Club News

It has been awesome to see so many Lego Masters coming back in to build together after the long break.

We have purchased the new Lego and children are now enjoying using it all which we love.

The Lego Group will take a break over the Christmas break and be back the first week back of Term 1.

We have loved seeing the kids coming up with the weekly challenges this brings a whole new level to the program. It is so interesting to see the different interpretations.

If your 5-12 year old loves Lego this is a great program to get like minded children together.

It runs Thursdays 4.30pm-5.30pm with a healthy snack provided.

Only \$4

Please be mindful that parents and guardians **MUST** stay for the hour and help your Lego Masters stay on track to create their build.

We have had so much fun with all our new Lego and thank the **Rangers Foundation**, our amazing local **Judy D'Arcy Evans** (who started it all) and **Bricastics** for all their support, funding and donations.

I would also like to thank the **Puckapunyal District and Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator Deb Kaark** and her team who inspired this Lego Club into insistence. They run the original Lego Club that has inspired many houses and we really appreciate their advise and support.

Our last session for the year will be 17/12/2020



PATCHWORK FOR BEGINNERS

FLOWERDALE QUILTERS AND CRAFTERS

Beginning in February - second and fourth Saturdays of each month
10am - 12pm
Gold coin donation

Do you have a skill or talent that you would like to share?

Do you have an idea for a group or a club?

It might be knitting, yoga, preserving, cooking, or card making. It might even be a games, or history group. What are you passionate about?

Contact Rebekah at the house and let us know how we can help you make it happen in 2021.



**Department of Justice and Community Safety
Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010
Recognition and Settlement Agreement reached with the
TAUNGURUNG**

The State of Victoria and the **Taungurung Land and Waters Council Aboriginal Corporation** (ICN 4191) (the Corporation) have entered into a Recognition and Settlement Agreement (the Agreement) under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) (the TOS Act). The Corporation is appointed by the Taungurung Traditional Owner group as the Traditional Owner group entity. The Agreement between the State of Victoria and the Corporation **commenced on 11 August 2020** and commits the parties to an ongoing partnership, and includes obligations and benefits for both parties.

The Agreement under the TOS Act recognises the Taungurung as the Traditional Owner group in the Agreement area (see map below), and their rights to access and use the land and its natural resources in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. It also provides a regime for the Corporation to comment on, negotiate about, or consent to certain activities on public land in the Agreement area.



The Agreement provides for the transfer of up to five sites in fee simple to the Corporation and the granting to the Corporation of 'Aboriginal Title' of nine parks within the Agreement area, to be jointly managed with the state. It also includes a funding agreement for the Corporation to manage its obligations, undertake economic development activities, and improve social and cultural outcomes for the Taungurung people.

The Corporation can be contacted by **email** on enquiries@taungurung.com.au, by **telephone** on (03) 5784 1433 and by **mail** at 37 High Street Broadford Victoria 3658.

For further information, visit www.justice.vic.gov.au and follow the links to: **your-rights/native-title/taungurung-recognition-and-settlement-agreement**, or contact the Native Title Unit by telephone on (03) 8684 7523 or by email nativetitle@justice.vic.gov.au

ALISONS' OVERNIGHT PUDDING **NANNAS CHRISTMAS**

Ingredients

2 eggs, 2 cups S.R. flour, 1 Packet Mixed Fruit, 1 Teaspoon Spice, 1 Cup Sugar, Pinch Salt, 1 Tblspn Butter - Melted in 1 cup hot water, 2 Tspns, Carb Soda - dissolved in 1 cup cold water

Method

Mix all together . Add as much brandy as you would like. Let stand overnight.

Boil for 4 hours. **VERY YUMMY**



Gingerbread Play Dough



- 1 Cup of Flour
- 1/2 Cup of Salt
- 1/2 Tbsp. Ground Ginger
- 1/2 Tbsp. Ground Cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp Vegetable Oil
- 1/2 Cup of Water

Mix together and knead until smooth.



DOG OBEDIENCE

SATURDAYS 9.30am-10.30am

Do you want to stop your dog jumping up, digging, pulling on the lead, refusing to come when called etc?

Well, dog obedience training is what you need!

Only \$8 per session.

PRAM PLAYGROUP EVERY TUESDAY 10am

Meet at the Community House for a walk with other families. Or meet them back 10.45am at the house for morning tea and a play with friends.

Please bring along:

- a snack,
- drink bottle ,
- sun protection
- and walking shoes



Get Moving! Walking Group

Did you know that just 30mins of exercise a day can drastically improves your health and wellbeing? Meet likeminded people and gain the support you need to get active and stay active.

Where: Meet at Hazeldene Store and walk on sealed track and other locations. Grab a coffee at the store before or after.

When: Thursday mornings

Time: 10.00am

Call the house for more information or to check next meeting place!

ndis What does it mean?

- **National:** The NDIS is being introduced progressively across all states and territories.
- **Disability:** The NDIS provides support to eligible people with intellectual, physical, sensory, cognitive and psychosocial disability. Early intervention supports can also be provided for eligible people with disability or children with developmental delay.
- **Insurance:** The NDIS gives all Australians peace of mind if they, their child or loved one is born with or acquires a permanent and significant disability, they will get the support they need.
- **Scheme:** The NDIS is not a welfare system. The NDIS is designed to help people get the support they need so their skills and independence improve over time.

For more help or info call 1800 800 110

Flowerdale Community House has 50 of these puzzle pieces left so pop down and grab one and start your Covid creation.



Your Voice. Your Puzzle Piece. Our Community.

The Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on us all, do you want to re-connect with Your members? Your community?

DindiLink is launching **'Connecting the Pieces'**, a brand new shire-wide collaborative puzzle arts project and wants YOU to jump on board!

As a community, we are creating a piece of artwork that will provide a unique snapshot of our combined experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. DindiLink will be providing everyone with a FREE oversized (35cm squared) puzzle piece to tell their story with.

There are no rules, so get creative!

Your piece represents your story and together all of our pieces will connect to tell our collective story.

'Connecting the Pieces' is about doing something together because belonging matters.

We hope that you, and your group may take this as an opportunity to reconnect with your members, to work together, whilst remaining safe and socially distanced.

ALISONS' CHRISTMAS JOKES

- 1 - What does Mrs Clause say to Santa when there are clouds in the sky? It looks like rain, deer.
- 2 - What goes "Oh Oh Oh"? Santa walking backwards.
- 3 - What did Adam say the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve
4. - The 3 stages of Man - He believes in Santa, He doesn't believe in Santa, He is Santa
5. - Why was the snowman looking though the carrots? He was picking his nose.



ALISONS' CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. What did the reindeer not let the reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny nose?
2. Which actor played 6 different rolls in "The Polar Express"?
3. Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old fashioned way"?
4. According to the song, what did my true love give me on the 8th day of Christmas?

Which fairy tale was the 1st gingerbread man inspired by?

Answers on Back Page (page 20)



DEC
11TH

5.30-
7.30



★ DJ DECK ★

AND PIZZA

We are partnering with Murrindindi Shire to bring you this great opportunity! You must be between 12 -25 years.

Learn how to use a DJ Deck, have dinner at the house.

Flowerdale Community House
36-42 Silver Creek Rd Flowerdale

57802664

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AVAILABLE



www.flowerdale.com.au

The Op Shop will remain closed for the rest of 2020 however plans are in place to reopen in the new year.

We will keep you posted with more information about this soon.

We would like to thank all our amazing volunteers for the time they have given us this year. Especially when there was a clean out to be done after stock was rain damaged this year.

If you would like to volunteer please call Joan and express your interest.

Please do not leave items on the veranda at this time.

Thank you

Joan, Jack Carroll and volunteers

Flowerdale CFA

Captain Brian Makin
0409 213 951

FLOWERDALE CFA SANTA RUN

Thursday 17th December 2020


Starts 6.30pm at Service Rd Silvercreek/
Silver Parrot Rds Continue Service Rd
Creekside Drive Riverside Drive Approx
7.15pm Hazeldene General Store Approx
7.30pm Longully Rd Approx 7.45pm
McDonald's house Approx 8.00pm
Flowerdale Hotel 8.08pm Flowerdale
School Approx 8.15pm Flowerdale Rec

Reserve
Father Christmas does like to talk to kids, not just hand out lollies. We also hit the siren as the kids love that part of the run. We as Firies and community members love this "Run" and get as big a joy as the kids. We also believe it helps our kids realise we do not fight just fires. We also help Father Christmas and give the reindeer a rest.

Map locations and times:
 - Flowerdale Rec Reserve (Finish) (8:15pm)
 - Flowerdale school (8:08pm)
 - Flowerdale Hotel (8:08pm)
 - McDonald's house (8:00pm)
 - Longully Rd (Bus stop) (7:30pm)
 - Hazeldene store (7:15pm)
 - Service Rd Silvercreek Rd (START) (6:30pm)

Services Available at Flowerdale Community House

Cost

<u>Classes and Groups</u>	See opposite page
<u>Food Bank</u> Emergency relief in times of hardship come visit FCH to assist your pantry needs.	 Any day Any time FREE
<u>Food Swap</u> Do you have something growing in your garden? Why not donate excess growth and reduce waste. Swap something for some other fresh fruit and vegetables, locally grown or purchased.	Free to swap or donate to Honesty Tin to help circulate
<u>FREE Wi Fi</u> Need access to internet? Tap in here and enjoy the things that our facility offer... cuppa and bickies? Help your self.	\$1 per hour Wi Fi
<u>Low cost Computers or printing</u> Need to send something check an email . Printing, and laminating and also available	10c Black and White 20c Colour per page
<u>FREE Shower</u> Run out of water? We have one here you can jump in. (call for info on off peak times to ensure optimum privacy and confidentiality)	FREE Opening Hours
<u>Book Share</u> Visit FCH to read a book by the fire in winter, perhaps in company of a hot chocolate or enjoy the couches in the share library.	FREE borrowing Or small optional donation for keeps
<u>Flowerdale Flyer</u> Allowing a contribution by and to the district the latest and the greatest news and updates.	

Flowerdale Community House will be closed from 18th December for the Christmas break.



Committee of Management, Kelly and Rebekah wish you all a very Merry Christmas,

a safe celebration filled with lots of cheer!

Have a Happy New Year's Day and when that is through, have a lot of happy days all year through too!

We will see you again when we reopen on the 28th January 2021.

Class	Day	Time	Price
Quilters Starting back 12th January 2021	Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm	\$5
Pram Playgroup	Tuesday	10am	FREE
Aqua Aerobics	Wednesday	10.30am—12pm	Pay at pool
Bus Service to Seymour	Wednesday Starting back 2021	Call to Book Your spot	FREE
Be Connected—IT help Program	Wednesday	10-11am	FREE
Art group	Thursdays	2pm	\$5
Lunch Group	Thursday	10:30am onwards	\$3
Walking Group	Thursday	10am at the Store	FREE
Lego Club	Thursday	4.30pm-5.30pm Suited to 5-12yrs	\$4 Bookings essential
Dog Obedience	Saturday	9.30am-10.30pm	\$8
Sewing	Saturday	10.30am—2pm 2nd & 4th Saturday of Month	Free
Quilting for Beginners	Saturday Starting February	2nd and 4th Saturday of the month	
Social Group	Monthly Outings	Call or Come in to find out	Various \$\$
Children and Families Program Starting back 2021	Friday, Film Food and Fun night	Every 3rd Friday of Month	\$5



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Would you like to contribute to 'Connecting the Pieces' – a special community art project?

Council is inviting you to share how the pandemic has affected you and your community by getting creative and designing your very own oversized puzzle piece. As our individual pieces come together, they will tell our collective story as a community.

Connecting the Pieces is proudly brought to you by Council's DindiLink service, with support from the Victorian Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation Initiative.

For more information about the project, please visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/connectingthepieces

Please remember, if you need help connecting to local support services or know someone who does, give our DindiLink team a call on 5772 0333 and we can support you to get the help you need - safely and locally.



Get in touch with Council
customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au
murrindindi.vic.gov.au
5772 0333



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Flowerdale Market is BACK!!!!

Save this date in your calendar!!

20th December at Flowerdale Community Hall 10am -4 pm.

There will be a variety of stalls on the day including Face painting and Santa will roaming around and is happy to take photos with you!!

Make sure if you're a small business book your stall with Alison to ensure you get those last minute Christmas Sales.

Only \$10 a table. Call Alison on 0477 061 971.

We need you to support this local initiative.

Go up and have a look and spend some local dollars.



MEDIA RELEASE

Date: 23 November 2020

Contact Person: Julie Blyth
0419 943 630

For Release: Immediate

Y WATER DISCOVERY CENTRE @ YEA WETLANDS

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Yea Wetlands Kiosk – Business Opportunity

The Y Water Discovery Centre is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced and/or motivated persons or community groups to operate the Yea Wetlands Kiosk for the next 12 months.

Y Water Discovery Centre Vice Chairman Don Knight said, "This is a great opportunity for those interested in running their own small business. The Kiosk comes fully fitted out with all equipment and a loyal following of local coffee drinkers. The kiosk has proven to be a very viable business in its few short months of operation prior to the Covid lockdown, and has picked up where it left off with our re-opening two weeks ago. The local community has embraced the food and drink offering which is generating a substantial income for the business. We will offer plenty of support to the successful applicant and there is a good package on offer to be considered on a walk in walk out basis.

We're anticipating a busy few months ahead as travel restrictions ease and state borders reopen, so there is significant potential for anyone keen to take on this business. We're also interested to hear from any local community groups who may like to consider operating the Kiosk as a fundraising opportunity".

Expressions of interest for the Yea Wetlands Kiosk can be sent to association@ywatercentre.com.au or call 5797 3394.



Murrindindi Shire Council is inviting community members to have their say and help Council develop a new Community Engagement Policy, in accordance with the new *Local Government Act*.

The purpose of a Community Engagement Policy is to formalise Council's commitment to engaging with communities across Murrindindi Shire through the use of appropriate, effective and inclusive engagement practices.

Council's Director Community Engagement Shivaun Brown said Council is committed to delivering best practice community consultation.

'We're updating our Policy and practices to support the best possible engagement with community members. We understand the importance of designing community engagement methods that work for our community. If we get the methods right, it will make it much easier for you to let us know what you think about a plan, initiative or project, when we ask you to have your say.

'So to get a better understanding of how we can best engage with you we're inviting you to take part in the 'Your Opinion Matters' survey or to get involved in one of our 90-minute, online focus group discussions', said Ms Brown.

'The survey should only take you around 15 minutes to complete. It will ask you whether you feel like Council provides enough opportunities for you to share your thoughts and feedback on projects that impact you. It will also look at what we can do to improve how we run community consultation sessions and what we might be able to do to encourage more of you to get involved.

'The survey is open until 7 January 2021 and you can either complete it online at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/youropinionmatters or drop into our Library and Customer Service Centre in Yea, Kinglake or Alexandra and fill out a paper survey in person.

'If you think a focus group discussion is more your style, then I'd encourage you to come along to an online session at 10.30 am on either Tuesday 15 December or Friday 18 December. If the morning doesn't suit, we're also holding a session at 7.00 pm on Thursday 17 December. Registrations are essential for each focus group session, so head online and register your details at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/youropinionmatters.

'The more ideas and feedback we hear from you now, the better our approach will be to engaging with you in future. We'll share the new draft policy with you early next year and give you another opportunity to let us know if you think our approach is heading in the right direction', Ms Brown added.

For more information, please contact Council on 5772 0333 or email customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

Hi ho, hi ho a camping we will go. We, as a staff, often question our own sanity! Why would we put the whole school in tents, fill the kids with pasta, desserts, hot choc with marshmallows and expect that any sleep may happen? !!! We have been waiting all year for this fun night, and after two covid-failed attempts our courtyard garden was filled with tents and happy children. An afternoon of fun and games was followed by a yummy dinner, more games, music and a movie...then an attempt at sleeping. The giggles emanating from the tents...even after the witching hour...made it all worthwhile. For 5 of our children, this was their first ever sleepover, and I think the parents were more worried about it than the kids. But sleep was had by all, and the children will be telling stories for many years.

Guten Tag. Thanks to our sensational Shelley Davis, this year the children have immersed themselves in all things Deutsch. As the days go by, our children are becoming more fluent in basic German... greetings, songs, counting, colours and conversations. They have had virtual tours of many parts of Germany, and now sing happy birthday in German and English at weekly assemblies.

By the time you read this, our spectacular outdoor School Concert, BBQ and Art Show will have been presented. From a wellspring of creative research and talents, art, craft, song, dance, movement, acting, gymnastics and Inquiry Projects were on full display for our families who love this annual end of year extravaganza.

And the end of year celebrations are always tinged with a little sadness as we say our goodbyes. Our two beautiful Grade 6 students - Anna and Jake have reached the pinnacle of their Primary education, and are ready to negotiate the wonderful world of Yea High. We celebrate their graduation with joy. We know they are going to be a credit to Flowerdale and their families. We wish them luck, blessings and happiness next year. We will miss them.

Our family Donnelley....Pip and Bryan, together with Archie, Frankie, Georgie and Issy leave us to join their New Zealand family and they will be greatly missed by all of us, but forever in our hearts.

Mrs G has only been with us since March, she has fitted in like a glove and sweetened our lives with her gentle, caring personality, and was the first choice of our seniors to accompany them to their annual Fun Fields outing. She has helped our children to reach new heights in their education, given them an excellent foundation in music, orchestra and sport, and she is loved by all of us. We are so sorry she will not be able to join us in 2021, but she will be back for visits. She starts at a new school next year and our loss is their gain.

Our lovely Danielle has been working for Jayde, while she is on Maternity Leave. She has totally fantastic to work with...funny, creative, professional and up for any thing asked of her. The kids love her and so do the staff. It hasn't taken long for a very lucky school to snap her up, and we wish her every happiness. Will miss our girls Nicole and Danielle.

A massive shout out to our Principal, Mrs Sandra Horwood. This year has been especially challenging, but she has led by example....returning full time to the classroom in Term 4, while juggling her other huge and varied responsibilities. Her strong leadership, patience, team-building, and enduring support for staff, children and families has distinguished her as a fantastic and respected Principal, and we are blessed to have her at Flowerdale Primary School. She has been fully

supported by our teachers the divine Miss Shelley Davis, Mrs G, Mrs Mac and Mrs Zala, our amazing Business Manager Cherie, our Chaplain Kerry, our IT guru Gippo and our aides Yvonne, the marvellous Danielle, Jayde and Annie.

To our families and to our community, we offer our heartfelt thanks for walking with us in our 2020 journey. We wish you all the blessings of christmastime and many safe and happy days over the summertime.

See you in 2021.



COUNCIL SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR PERIOD 2020-21

Murrindindi Shire Council advises all residents and ratepayers that our Christmas and New Year operating hours will be as follows:



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ALEXANDRA, KINGLAKE AND YEA LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES

Thursday 24 December 2020: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 25 December 2020 – Saturday 2 January 2021: CLOSED
Monday 4 January 2021: Normal hours resume

MOBILE LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Thursday 24 December 2020:

- 10.00 am – 12.00 noon (Toolangi)
- 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm (Flowerdale)

Friday 25 December 2020 – Saturday 2 January 2021: CLOSED
Tuesday 5 January 2021: Normal hours resume

SWIMMING POOLS

Friday 25 December 2020: CLOSED
Visit our website for opening times

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

Thursday 24 December 2020: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 25 December 2020 – Friday 1 January 2021: CLOSED
Saturday 2 January 2020: Normal hours resume

KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

Services due to be collected on Friday 25 December 2020 will be collected a day later than normal, on Saturday 26 December 2020. Services due to be collected on Friday 1 January 2021 will be collected a day later than normal, on Saturday 2 January 2021.

RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRES

All Resource Recovery Centres (RRC) are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. In addition to these closures, all RRCs are closed on days of Total Fire Ban.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

- Maternal and Child Health Advice Line: 13 22 29
- Poisons Information Line (24 hours): 13 11 26
- Community Safety - after hours emergency (stock on roads, dog attacks etc): 5772 0333
- Infrastructure Services - after hours emergency (dangerous road conditions): 5772 0333



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For anything COVID-19 related

For advice and guidance, please contact the DHHS
Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 and to report breaches
of restrictions, please contact Victoria Police on 131 444.

	The Flowerdale Sports Club Inc ABN 90 856 039 652 Postal Address: PO Box 2004, HAZELDENE, 3658 Email: flowerdale@msn.com.au
COVID-19 Update	Greatly eased restrictions which came into effect on 23/11/2020 and will remain in place until further notice.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facilities	Clubrooms remain closed to the public, but are open for organised sporting events. The playground and public toilet are open.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sporting Activities	The Tennis Club is running a COVID-safe evening competition conforming to existing Government and Tennis Victoria restrictions and guidelines. Anyone having a private social hit of tennis must advise the Club of date, time and names of participants by texting Jeannette on 0428 330 744 The Sports Club is keen get a cricket club and team up and running again for 2021. If you are interested, please post on the Flowerdale Sports Club FB page or email flowerdale@msn.com.au.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open Air Recreation	Social distancing and good hygiene practices must be followed. Masks are not mandatory outside, but must be worn if social distancing is not possible. General open air exercise and recreation is permitted for up to 50 participants.

WHAT IS A MEN SHED?

The modern Men's Shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that has long been a part of Australian culture. Men's Sheds are found in many cities and towns around Australia and continue to spring up internationally. So what is so special about the 'Men's Shed'?

Most men have learned from our culture that they don't talk about feelings and emotions many do not take an interest in their own health and well-being. Unlike women, most men are reluctant to talk about their emotions and that means that they usually don't ask for help. Probably because of this, many men are less healthy than women, drink more, take more risks and suffer more from isolation, loneliness and depression. Relationship breakdown, retrenchment or early retirement from a job, loss of children following divorce, physical or mental illness are just some of the problems that men may find difficult to deal with on their own.

Good health is based on many factors including feeling good about yourself, being productive, contributing to your community, connecting with friends and maintaining an active body and mind. Becoming a member of a Men's Shed provides a safe and busy environment where men can find many of these things in an atmosphere of old-fashioned mateship. And, importantly, there is no pressure. Men can just come and have a yarn and a cuppa if that is all they're looking for.

Members of Men's Sheds come from all walks of life - the bond that unites them is that they are men with time on their hands and would like something meaningful to do with that time.

Source: <https://mensshed.org/what-is-a-mens-shed/>

Murrindindi Shire Council's Mental Health Information Session

Wednesday 9 December at 7.00 pm

Strong mental health helps improve social connection, boost our mood and manage stress. Want to learn more about managing mental health? Join Council and a panel of local mental health support providers for an informative webinar to learn more about the signs and symptoms of mental health as well as useful strategies to improve mental health and wellbeing.

For more information and to register, please visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mentalhealthsupport



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Inclusive Clubs Workshop

Are you part of a local sporting club or association that is looking for innovative ways to grow participation?

Council, together with Valley Sport, invites you to join an interactive 'Inclusive Clubs' workshop which will focus on increasing membership and participation. During the workshop, we will explore diversity and inclusion and how can we apply these principles to make sport, recreation and leisure more appealing to all members of our community.

The free online workshop will be held via Zoom on Monday 7 December from 6.30 pm. For more information and to register, please visit our website and search 'good sport' or give us a call.



'Putting Rona in the rear-view'

YOUTH VOICE 2020

Are you a young person aged between 12 and 25 years?
Do you live, work or play in Murrindindi Shire?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Council is inviting young people from across our Shire to participate in the '2020 Youth Voice' Project. We want to hear how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected you, what challenges you are currently facing and how we can help support you. Your voice will help inform the development of youth programs for 2021 and beyond.

To share your experiences and ideas and to go in the draw to win one of five \$50 vouchers to spend at a local business near you, please visit our website, check out our Murrindindi Shire Youth Facebook page or give Council a call.



Flowerdale Calendar 2020

Monday

Lighten Up	3pm - 4pm	Flowerdale Hall
Tennis Coaching		Spring Valley Rec Reserve

Tuesday

Quilters	10am	FCH
Pram Playgroup	10am	FCH
Tennis Mixed Doubles	7pm	Spring Valley Rec Reserve

Wednesday

Men's Shed open	9am—4pm	Spring Valley Rec Reserve
*Bus errands	DEP FCH 9:15am	To Seymour via bus
Sing and Play Playgroup	10am	FCH
Tennis Mixed Doubles	7pm	Spring valley Rec Reserve

Thursday

Community Lunch	10:30am - 2pm	FCH
Art Group	2pm	FCH
Flowerdale Lego Club	4.30pm -5.30 pm	FCH

Happy Hour	7pm	Flowerdale Hotel
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Friday

Op Shop	11am - 3pm	Next to the General Store
Pizza night general Store	Fridays 4pm - 8pm	General Store

Saturday

Junior Tennis Development	10am	Spring Valley Rec Reserve
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Sunday

Tennis Coaching		Spring Valley Rec Reserve
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Monthly

- 1st Sunday CFA Training & Meeting 11am
- 3rd Sunday CFA Training
- 1st Sunday Music Flowerdale Hotel 2pm
- 1st & 3rd Sunday Tennis Coaching
- 2nd Tuesday FWG meeting 3:30pm
- 1st Saturday UFO quilters day 10am
- 1st Friday Strath Creek Community Pizza and BBQ night 6:30
- 3rd Sunday Flowerdale Community Market 10am—2pm

Important Dates

- **Community Christmas Lunch 11.30
17/12/2020**
- **Flowerdale Market
20/12/2020 10am-4pm**
- **Christmas Hampers given out 17th and 18th December.**
- **Last day of term
18/12/2020**
- **House reopens
Thursday 28/01/2021**



ALISONS' TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Join in any reindeer games
2. Tom Hanks
3. Rocking Around the Christmas Tree
4. Eight Maids a milking
5. Hansel & Gretel