RARE FIND
A time capsule from 1984 was one of the last things Gary Clutterbuck expected to find as he started renovations on his historic Talbot property, but the discovery has now connected him to another family who once called the house home.

The Leonards left the time capsule inside a wall and it’s set Gary on a path to discovering more about the building. Story, Page 4.

State Government announces $250k for Maryborough skate and scooter park
RILEY UPTON
What started as a push for a new skate park by a group of young people two years ago has almost come to fruition, with Maryborough’s new skate and scooter park now fully funded thanks to a $250,000 State Government grant.

Those behind the youth-driven project were left speechless following Friday’s announcement by Member for Western Victoria Jaala Pulford, which signals the next step forward in the bid for a world-class skate park in Maryborough.

Beginning in 2018, campaigning for the new park was backed by more than 1000 signatures in a petition to the Central Goldfields Shire Council and now the park’s location has been decided, plans approved and is fully funded with the $250,000 grant complimented by almost $400,000 already committed by council.

BMX enthusiast and skate park advocate Kurt Teague has been behind the bid for a new park from the beginning and said it’s surreal that his childhood dream is almost a reality.

“When we started the petition to get the new skate park going I was strapping myself in for the long haul, I really felt like I’d be campaigning for five to 10 years to make it happen,” he said.

“For this to come to fruition in pretty much two years is quite a surreal feeling, particularly given this is something I’ve wanted since I was 10 years old.

“I almost started to refer to it as a childhood dream, I didn’t think this would ever happen and was something linked to my youth so for this to now be so close to being a reality is unreal, it’s really exciting.”

With the project now fully funded, construction on the $643,000 park will start either this year or next and will see facilities suitable for people of all ages and abilities which Mr Teague said he’s “stoked” with.

“I’m really stoked on the outcome of the design, this park has been designed with the community in mind and as a team we’ve designed it from the ground up to cater for the bottom level of skill and ability so those kids can grow, develop a love of it from a young age and hopefully carry that on for generations to come,” he said.

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VBA urges residents to clear gutters and downpipes

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) is urging Victorians to clean out their gutters and downpipes of leaves and debris to help reduce the risk of water overflowing into homes and buildings.

Following windy and wet weather, leaves that have blown into gutters and downpipes risk causing rainwater to overflow into eaves and inside buildings, resulting in extensive damage.

Trapped wet leaves that sit in guttering also have the potential to lead to surface damage and corrosion, with leaks making the guttering ineffective.

VBA executive director of operations Alison Byrne said gutter maintenance is an important part of annual property upkeep, especially during the winter months.

"Leaf litter build-up in gutters not only increases the risk of blockages, which can result in overflow back into eaves and ceilings, but over time can cause corrosion and damage that can also prove costly to repair," she said.

"Checking your gutters and downpipes often will help prevent blockages and reduce the risk of problems that can cause a lot of stress and cost a lot of money."

While clearing gutters is not regulated plumbing work, any clearing of blockages that requires the gutter or downpipe to be detached or altered must be carried out by a licensed or registered plumber.

Non-compliant roof plumbing increases the risk of leaves and debris getting stuck in gutters and downpipes, which has the risk of leading to flooding.

May data from the VBA showed that non-compliant roof plumbing was the leading cause of people lodging an official complaint about plumbing work at their property, with 40 percent of all complaints received about poor workmanship relating to roof plumbing.

"Unfortunately, non-compliant roof plumbing is an issue that we continue to find through our Proactive Inspections Program and our Plumbing Audit Program," Ms Byrne said.

"The vast majority of plumbers do the right thing, but there is a small number who don’t take the time to check their work which leads to problems down the track like clogged gutters and downpipes."

Non-compliant box guttering is one area of roof drainage where problems are regularly identified. To help prevent this, the VBA has been working with plumbers and builders to develop and promote education on the specific installation requirements of these types of gutters.

Installation and replacement of guttering and most roof components must be carried out by a suitably registered or licensed plumber and a compliance certificate must be issued at the completion of any work.

Owner-builders also need to make sure that all roofing such as metallic or polycarbonate roofing, including eaves and box gutters, are installed by a registered or licensed plumber.

When checking own gutters with a ladder, residents should always follow the ladder safety rules on the WorkSafe website.

For more information about roof plumbing and guttering, visit the VBA website or visit the Find a Practitioner section to find a suitably registered or licensed roof plumber for your work.

Council considering Flagstaff billboard plans

RILEY UPTON

A giant 18 square metre billboard could be going up in Flagstaff with the Central Goldfields Shire Council receiving a planning application for the project.

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The proposed billboard continues the district’s history of promotional signage applications in the shire, with council refusing three similar billboard applications in recent years – one in Maryborough and two in Flagstaff.

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COVID-19 cases rise in metropolitan areas but remain low in regions

CHRISTIE HARRISON
Regional Victoria has continued to keep its head above water as COVID-19 cases surge in metropolitan areas, with the Central Goldfields and most surrounding shires remaining free of new cases.

Cases have more than doubled in the past month, rising from 171 on June 13 to 3967 as of July 13, however testing rates have remained high — more than 1.4 million tests have been processed in Victoria alone and just 0.3 percent of those have returned a positive result.

Over the weekend nearly 500 new cases were confirmed by the Department of Health and Human Services, including 273 overnight to Saturday.

A further 177 new cases were recorded as of Monday, bringing Victoria’s total active cases to 1612.

“It’s great today’s (yesterday) number is lower than our peak but that may not be our peak yet,” Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton said in a press conference on Monday.

“I would like to see a week of decreasing numbers before I say I’ve got great comfort of the direction we’re going in.”

So far, 2392 people had recovered from the virus in Victoria.

Twenty four people have died from COVID-19.

The DHHS figures have confirmed Central Goldfields Shire continues to be free of active cases.

The only case the shire has experienced was on April 2. Pyrenees, Hepburn, Mount Alexander and Loddon shires also have no active cases.

Metro Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire, which borders the Greater Bendigo local government area and has 12 active cases, were put into stage three lockdown last week following a spike in cases in the area.

In central Victoria, a small number of new cases were recorded over the weekend.

An active case was identified in Macedon Ranges after a Woodend resident was diagnosed with COVID-19, and the Campaspe Shire also has one active case.

Since the pandemic started, Greater Bendigo has had 13 cases of the virus, four of which are active. Ballarat, which has had 11 cases, remains free of active cases.

The rise in case numbers comes as students return to school for term three from yesterday. Students in regional areas, including the Central Goldfields Shire, all returned to school campuses as normal.

Only schools located in stage three lockdown areas including Mitchell Shire and Melbourne will not go back to on site learning as planned.

Last week the State Government announced students from prep to year 10 in those areas would have holidays extended by one week, and on Sunday announced they will return to remote learning from July 20 until at least August 19. Year 11 and 12 students will return to face-to-face learning this week.

Premier Daniel Andrews yesterday thanked Victorians for doing the right thing and reminded residents to keep getting tested.

“I want to extend my profound gratitude and thanks to every single Victorian who is doing the right thing and that’s the vast majority of people,” he said.

“Some ways, the most important contribution people can make is that if you’ve got symptoms, even mild symptoms, come forward and get tested.”

“This virus spread rapidly and will defeat us if we don’t have the best information and of course Victorians following the rules.”

Scams

CHRISTIE HARRISON

Victorians have lost over $570,000 to COVID-19-related scams, according to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

In Victoria, as of July 6 there have been over 180 reports to Scamwatch, a total of $573,000 lost by residents.

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Maryborough’s Microblast Computers has been sending regular updates on the latest scams to its Facebook page and monthly newsletter, and Microblast’s Vickianne Martin said residents should stay on guard, particularly around tax time and during the pandemic.

“Send out a monthly newsletter to our customers alerting them to what scams are going around,” she said.

“There haven’t been a whole lot of people coming in for COVID-19 related scams but certainly there have been many others.

“We have a lady in the other day who said she got a phone call telling her that her Amazon account had been hacked, she didn’t have, wasn’t up to date.

“Around tax time there’s always a lot of tax-related scams around.

“People have been getting a phone call asking you to make payments, open links or switch on your computer.

“If you get a phone call from anyone who asks you to make a payment straight away or turn on your computer they are from.

“Don’t click on links that are emailed to you because they can lead you anywhere.”

According to the ACCC’s Scamwatch, common scams include phoning for personal and financial information. These contain scammers impersonating agencies like the ATO and myGov.

• Scammers are taking advantages of people in financial hardship due to COVID-19 by attempting to steal their superannuation or by offering unnecessary services and charging a fee. The majority of these scams are an unexpected call claiming to be from a superannuation or financial service.

• Scammers have also created fake online stores claiming to sell products that don’t exist — such as cures or vaccinations for COVID-19, and products such as face masks.

If you have been scammed or have seen a scam, report it to www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam.

Warning as COVID-19-related scams soar

Skate park development an example of “community empowerment”

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“I think it’s important to recognise that this was a youth driven project and council has been fantastic in their support, everyone involved in this project have been fantastic.

To offset its almost $400,000 cost, Maryborough skate park is currently advertising the sale of the existing skate park at 17 Majoreca Road.

Council is hopeful the land will sell to a developer who will then pay the estimated market value of $300-400,000.

Mr Teague said when built, the benefits of the skate and scooter park will be far reaching.

“I really believe people can use skateboarding, scooting and bike riding to learn things that will help them in the rest of their life, whether it is understanding relationships or understanding perseverance and determination — the list goes on,” he said.

“People who don’t necessarily have a sense of belonging within other sporting or active environments can feel like they’re a part of something at the skate park as well and be involved with that culture, which they probably can’t do in other environments.

The most important thing is just having fun and having a place where people can go on their own accord whenever they like.

Welcome to the funding announcement on Friday, Central Goldfields Shire chief administrator Noel Harvey said the skate park will have not only health and wellbeing benefits, but will tap into the tourism market.

This project is a wonderful example of community empowerment in action. Young people in Central Goldfields, together with council’s support, have led this project from its inception, through an appraisal and selection process to determine the right location, to the completion of detailed designs,” he said.

“We know this new facility will have a broad range of health and wellbeing outcomes for residents of all ages and abilities. It will also be a draw card for Maryborough, attracting additional business to our local park tourism from further afield.

The existing infrastructure at Princess Park provides us with the perfect backdrop, it will activate one of the main streets, opening up new spaces and will complement the existing infrastructure at the site including playgrounds, public toilets, trails and footpaths.”

Ms Pulford said funding for Maryborough’s skate and scooter park is just one of 100 projects to benefit from the State Government’s 2020-21 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

“The Victorian Government is giving communities like Maryborough the facilities they need so they can play the sports they love,” she said.

Maryborough’s brand new skate and scooter park project is now fully funded thanks to a Slate Government funding announcement on Friday.
Gary Clutterbuck discovered a special message from the Leonard family from 1984 while renovating his Talbot home.

When Gary Clutterbuck pulled out an old window frame while renovating his newly purchased historic Talbot home, a message in a bottle was the last thing he expected to find.

Hidden in the wall under the window frame was a jar filled with items left by a family who owned the house in the 1890s and Gary said he was thrilled to discover it. “It was really exciting to find it,” he said.

“There was a letter in it from the family and some coins, pages from the Ballarat newspaper ‘The Courier,’ old catalogues and two tea bags.”

The time capsule was dated November 10, 1984 and the letter provided information on the occupants of the house at that time – Rodney and Carol Leonard and their children Kerry, Simon and Gabrielle.

The family had purchased what was at the time a flour mill for $8000 and turned it into their family home after moving to Australia from New Zealand in 1977. The find set Gary on the path to start doing a bit of research, “I found a lot of information about the Leonard family and some coins, pages from the Ballarat newspaper ‘The Courier,’ old catalogues and two tea bags.”

“I put a post on a Talbot Facebook group and the response was amazing. Over 100 people shared it and I actually had people who I’ve never met looking for the family for more information to reach out. ‘I’ve given myself until November to have the renovations finished and I’m always happy for people to stop by, say hello and have a look.’

The idea of a time capsule has also inspired Gary to leave some messages of his own. ‘I’m going to put some of my own time capsules in the building as I renovate it,’ he said. ‘I’ll also be putting the Leonard’s time capsule back in but I’d like to leave my own message with the history. I’ve discovered about the house so in 30 or 40 years when someone is renovating or updating, I’ll be able to say g’day and that I was here.’

To get in touch with Gary contact gclutterbuck2@bigpond.com.

Reno finds piece of Talbot history

COMMUNITY
CHRISTIE HARRISON

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Looking local the first step of recovery

BUSINESS
RILEY UPTON

With the coronavirus pandemic causing havoc for some local businesses and their supply chains, the Committee for Maryborough is proposing the immediate response should be around making the most of what’s available locally.

In its response to economic recovery the committee is backing the Cleveland Model, which was developed in Cleveland to address economic development in response to the loss of major manufacturing.

Committee for Maryborough deputy chair Garry Higgins said the model is all about businesses maximising what’s already available locally, rather than relying on supplies from external sources.

“What the Cleveland Model means locally is to try and identify those goods and services that we source out of town without even thinking whether it’s available locally and see if we can use a local provider,” he said.

“I think that’s what COVID-19 has made everyone in the world really aware of, the total reliance on global supply chains has really come unstuck so we need to start looking locally and there are opportunities for that here.”

Mr Higgins said the first step in recovery should be to look at large public and private sector “anchor businesses” including the Maryborough District Health Service, Maryborough Education Centre, Highview College, Central Goldfields Shire Council, True Foods and McPherson’s Printing.

“These anchor businesses would be encouraged to participate in a project which would ask them to identify what goods and services they purchase out of town that are available in town,” he said.

“I think most of our industries have a go and I know some of our government agencies in particular are pretty restricted with government policy but if that’s the case, let’s change the policy.

“This is also a way of looking at where the deficiencies are in industry, locally, if any, and if there are issues around pricing or the skill level of service providers not being to the required standard and if that’s the case, how you actually provide that local training to bring that standard up.”

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— Garry Higgins

Mr Higgins said council’s Economic Response and Recovery Taskforce should adopt the Cleveland approach to recovery in the shire.

“This has got to be a total community effort — we’ve got to work together and figure out how we can make sure we’ve got local capacity so that we build our own local resilience,” he said.

“We only have to look at what we’ve already got and if we do it locally and if we’ve got those systems in place and the goods and services, then there’s an opportunity for us to get into other markets.”

Looking local the first step of recovery

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Dunolly Uniting Church Op Shop looking for volunteers

RILEY UPTON

Dunolly’s Uniting Church Op Shop has set its sights on a reopening date but is putting the call out for volunteers to help get the store open.

The shop closed earlier this year due to the coronavirus pandemic and the risk the virus poses to the store’s volunteers, as most are over 70.

While it’s been closed, the store has been given a thorough clean and new stock has been brought out but the op shop’s Jan Watts said some more volunteers are needed to get the doors open.

“The recommendation from the government is that anyone over 70 shouldn’t be working in the public view and the Uniting Church have it that older volunteers don’t work in areas where we could be at risk,” she said.

“We’re hoping that on July 21 we’ll have a meeting with all of our volunteers with the aim of opening on the 23rd but that depends on what happens in other parts of the state with the virus and if we can get enough volunteers.”

Those interested in volunteering need to be under 70 and be willing to undergo a police check and working with children check, which Ms Watts said will come at no cost.

“Beyond being an op shop, Ms Watts said the store plays an important role in the Dunolly and broader community.

“It certainly is rewarding work at the op shop, we work with a lot of vulnerable people and there have been instances where someone’s had a house fire and we’ve been able to give them something to go on with,” she said.

“We also have an outreach service where people who are lonely or are experiencing some sort of traumatic event in their life can come and sit down and have a cuppa and a yarn with the people who are on duty at the op shop.

“I know when my husband and I have been working there have been times we’ve sat there all day talking with people over a cup of tea.”

For more information on volunteering at the op shop, contact Jan Watts on 5468-1731.

Gordon Gardens upgrades moving ahead

WORKS to install a bicycle/scooter pump track at Dunolly’s Gordon Gardens is underway and is expected to be installed by September. Inset: construction has already begun at the site.

COUNCIL

Works are well underway to install a bicycle/scooter pump track at Dunolly’s Gordon Gardens.

Funded by the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative, the $140,000 project also includes the installation of a shade structure and outdoor fitness equipment — all projects that were identified as part of the Gordon Gardens Master Plan.

The bicycle/scooter pump track is a modular system made of timber composite that forms a circular track of around 65 metres and will be suitable for use from early stages of riding a bike or scooter through to adults.

The shire’s works team has already started removing some playground equipment and the playground fence to make room for the track, which is expected to be installed in September.

The fitness equipment will be chosen in consultation with the Maryborough District Health Service and will be used in exercise programs for older adults.

Central Goldfields Shire Council Healthy Heart of Victoria health broker Lynn Waters said the pump track, which is being shipped from Europe, is now on its way.

“It’ll take a number of weeks for it to arrive, but the project is running on time,” she said.

Ms Waters said the exact fitness equipment is yet to be determined.

“We’re looking at four pieces of equipment that will target both the upper body and lower body and will also be used for strength training — the idea of strength training is incredibly important for the town’s older population,” she said.

“One of our partners, Sports Focus, has also established the Active Dunolly Facebook group and they’re looking at doing more work with residents to get them active.

“We’re also looking at engagement and activation activities depended on COVID-19 restrictions, we want to make sure that residents know how to use the equipment.

The pump track forms part of the Gordon Gardens Master Plan which will also see the installation of fitness equipment and shade structure and is on top of the newly installed tennis and basketball courts.

“The shade structure will be placed over the fitness equipment so it can be used in those warmer months.”

Ms Waters said people of all ages will be able to utilise the facilities at Gordon Gardens, which she labelled as a precinct.

“We want to make sure that anyone of any age can utilise the facilities, with the basketball court, pump track, tennis court and barbecue area, it will become a precinct where intergenerational families and groups can all use the site, at the same time,” she said.
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Tips to reduce risk of pugging

Pastures

With good rain and a full soil profile brings with it the risk of pugging. Pugging can reduce pasture growth by 20 to 40 percent and pasture use by 40 to 60 percent, due to damage and soiling of pasture.

Pasture production in the following spring and summer may also be impacted by 20 to 80 percent, depending on the severity of pugging damage. Pugging may also lead to increased animal health issues including mastitis and lameness.

Pugging occurs as very wet soils have reduced strength or structural integrity making them more easily damaged by cow hooves and machinery. When soils are pugged compaction occurs reducing the rate of water infiltration. The severity of damage will depend on soil type, degree of waterlogging and most importantly, grazing management. The greater the severity and extent of pugging damage, the greater the set back and cost of pasture restoration.

Modified grazing techniques and on-off grazing are two strategies which can be employed to minimize the physical and economic impacts of pugging damage.

**Modified grazing techniques**

Maintain good grazing management with cows grazing pasture at the two to three leaf stage and leaving a post grazing residual of four to six centimetres is critical in wet conditions.

This will assist to achieve a minimum grazing height of 10 centimetres with an ideal height of 15 to 20 centimetres. This height allows the cows to take big bites of pastures reducing their need to walk and associated damage. The technique can be used:

- Allocate day and night feeds separately — offering two thirds of the 24-hour allocation throughout the day, and the remaining one third at night will allow the cows to have access to clean un-fouled pasture for the night feed. This will mean that less walking is required therefore less pugging will occur.

- Offer the 24-hour allocation all together — this allows the cows to spread out over the paddock for the entire 24-hour feed reducing the risk of overstocking and damage at the beginning of the rotation before the cows can get used to the cows walk and feed in the paddock to reduce cow movement.

*Fill cows before they enter the paddock* — some farmers ensure the cows have had a good feed in the shed, on a feedpad or from a feeder in the laneway before they enter the paddock. The theory is, with a full belly, the cows will be more settled and start grazing later in the morning but with much less walking, resulting in less pugging damage.

*Allocate a larger grazing area* — this can be a useful option, but only for a short period of time. If done for too long, this speeds up the pasture rotation reducing the amount of pasture available in the next rotation. With this strategy the density of hooves is reduced, therefore potentially reducing pugging damage. Avoid using this technique in very wet windy weather as damage may be increased as cows search for shelter.

*Grazing free draining paddocks first* — some farmers are fortunate to have some soils which are less prone to pugging, such as sandy rises. These can be grazed in wet conditions thereby taking pressure off the paddocks more prone to pugging.

*Graze vulnerable paddocks before it becomes too wet* — use the weather approach to minimise events and graze vulnerable paddocks when on the edge of the rotation early as you may not be able to graze them when they are really prone to pugging. This may mean grazing just before two leaves, but better to do this than pugging the paddock.

*On-off grazing* is an alternative approach to minimise pugging damage. This involves the removal of cows from the paddock after a short period of grazing and being held in an “off” area.

In On-off grazing cows usually graze pastures for two to four hours and are then removed before severe pugging damage starts to occur.

Research has shown on well fertilised pastures at the two to three leaf stage, after two hours grazing cows consume 70 percent of the pasture that they would eat over a full 12-hour grazing period and 77 to 88 percent over four hours. After the four hours little extra intake occurs, but the rate of pugging increases drastically. Therefore, it is best to remove the cows and save the pasture for another rotation. However, when using this strategy, the animals will need to be topped up with a high-quality supplement to avoid loss of milk production.

There needs to be somewhere for the animals to go in the “off” period. Farmers may have a suitable area or can be very innovative in setting up a site for the “off” cows.

Such places may be feedpads, unused silage pits, tree lots (watch for ringbarking and avoid edible leafy trees such as willows, poplars, laurelways, sand banks, hard stumps), farm gates (check with the owners), road reserves, laneways, farm roads and machinery pads. Each site has its own pros and cons which need to be considered and managed. Start thinking now about what strategies would work on your farm. If you get the chance, discuss the various options with farmers who have tried these or have other ideas to share.

For more information on minimising pugging damage contact Sarah Clack on 0417 316 345 or visit Agriculture Victoria’s website http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/dairy/managing-wet-soils.

— Sarah Clack, dairy extension officer
Pandemic a challenging time for Victorians

The last few weeks have challenged us all as we have dealt with the repercussions of the second wave of COVID-19 infections. As a result, metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire have gone back into stage three restrictions. The latest rules from the Victorian Government relating to these restrictions say there is an “obligation on businesses outside of these restrictions to check identification as part of the records requirement and refuse service to those who reside in metropolitan Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire, then the business must refuse that person service.”

This is a requirement of the Victorian Government. Refusing service to patrons will be very difficult for many businesses, especially as they desperately need business at this time.

The reality is that people from the restricted area should not be visiting places like Maryborough to visit a café or get a haircut. The stage three restrictions that apply to those living in metropolitan Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire allow for leaving home only for work, education, essential shopping, exercising in the area where one lives, health care, or providing care for others. It will also be difficult for many locals to be asked for ID when they go for a coffee or a meal at the pub. What we all need to do is not to be offended when asked for ID, as businesses are now required to do this by the Victorian Government.

We need to be friendly to our local business owners as they continue to work in this most challenging time. The next few weeks will continue to be tough for all Victorians as we work to contain this second wave of infections.

Please continue to practice good hand hygiene, maintain social distance, and please do not travel to the locked-down areas unless it is necessary for one of the permitted reasons. If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home, and if you are experiencing symptoms, please get tested.

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We know the COVID-19 pandemic has created financial hardship for many in our community and so, in March we moved quickly to develop a financial package so that we could directly support ratepayers and businesses that need assistance.

Rate information for all councils is publicly available on the Know Your Council website — https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/.

Council rates are based on property values and are a property tax, they are not impacted in any way by the consumer price index.

The Victorian Government imposes strict limits on any rate increase. The proposed budget includes a two percent rate increase. It is often claimed that our rates are higher than everywhere else.

This is not the case and we try very hard to keep our rates as low as possible.

The last few weeks have challenged us all as we have dealt with the repercussions of the second wave of COVID-19 infections. As a result, metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire have gone back into stage three restrictions.

The latest rules from the Victorian Government relating to these restrictions say there is an “obligation on businesses outside of metropolitan Melbourne to check identification as part of the records requirement and refuse service to those who reside in metropolitan Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire, then the business must refuse that person service.”

This is a requirement of the Victorian Government. Refusing service to patrons will be very difficult for many businesses, especially as they desperately need business at this time.

The reality is that people from the restricted area should not be visiting places like Maryborough to visit a café or get a haircut. The stage three restrictions that apply to those living in metropolitan Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire allow for leaving home only for work, education, essential shopping, exercising in the area where one lives, health care, or providing care for others.

What we all need to do is not to be offended when asked for ID, as businesses are now required to do this by the Victorian Government.

We need to be friendly to our local business owners as they continue to work in this most challenging time.

The next few weeks will continue to be tough for all Victorians as we work to contain this second wave of infections.

Please continue to practice good hand hygiene, maintain social distance, and please do not travel to the locked-down areas unless it is necessary for one of the permitted reasons.

If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home, and if you are experiencing symptoms, please get tested.
This now presents you with opportunities to express. This now gives you the ability to say things you feel.

You have three planets all in retrograde in a particular tender part of your psyche. This placement creates a magnificent positive alignment with your ruling planet. This gives you the skills and experiences to bring a big part of manifestation forward in your cash flow. You may now decide to take on a new form of study, or education.

Mars is your fifth solar house of self expression. This shows you the ability to say how you feel and what you want. So whatever you’re dealing with is going to come back to how you feel.

Mars is in the sign of Capricorn, for you, and this shows you, you’re dealing with an aspect of your life which is very much about you. This spread forges a magnificent positive connection with your world. It’s going to be about making use of the resources that you have and taking action on the details to get things going.

This week you are likely to experience some delays which cause some frustration. This also sees the beginning of new growth for you in areas to do with technology, new horizons, new people entering, fresh thinking. Your more spiritual and sensitive nature will experience a gentle nudge that brings new insights, this sorely you thinking deeply about what role you play in others affairs.

You are now able to be more physically active, mobile and social. Look for opportunities to express yourself and connect with people. You can enjoy anything that enriches your life and feeds your inner spirit with possibilities. Starting a new fitness regime or nutrition plan is brought into the spotlight for you.

Aries — March 21 - April 19

Taurus — April 20 - May 20

Gemini — May 21 - June 21

Cancer — June 22 - July 22

Leo — July 23 - August 22

Virgo — August 23 - September 22

Libra — September 23 - October 22

Scorpio — October 23 - November 21

Sagittarius — November 22 - December 21

Capricorn — December 22 - January 19

Aquarius — January 20 - February 18

Pisces — February 19 - March 20

10. In which city is the cathedral of Notre Dame?

8. What sort of tree produces acorns?

7. Which city does the Sugar Loaf Mountain overlook?

6. In which William Golding novel did a party of schoolboys turn cannibal?

5. What are young geese called?

4. Which actor portrayed the US president in the movie “Air Force One”?

3. What did the French and Americans shoot at in 1776?

2. In which country did the industrial revolution start?

1. What colour is the sky?
The Australian new vehicle industry, after a crushing first quarter, is nearing completion with only 13.6 percent of sales down 20.2 percent on the same month last year as the new vehicle industry write-off scheme, and proactive measures taken by car-makers, operators investing in new utes, and enough to secure its now-mostly-flat position after a steep slide in the last quarter of last year’s EOFY sell-a-thon.

In comparison, the fast-growing Chinese car-makers are continuing to shine in defiance of the market downturn, MO lei (up 25.1% to 2,344 sales (-32.9%), followed by LDV which turned in a record month with 1052 units – up 31.0 percent on June last year as the brand passed 20,000 cumulative sales in Australia since launching in 2014.

Haval (371, +49.5%) and Great Wall (243, +51.0%) were also in positive territory last month.

Overall, the 110,234 vehicles sold in June took the industry’s first-half total to 442,415 units, down 20.2 percent on the same period last year.

Mr Werthe referred to the “slight recovery” last month to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, seasonality, the extension of the instant asset write-off scheme, and proactive measures taken by car-makers and their dealers, most notably a strong surge in marketing activity.

He said stimulus packages from the federal government, and the extension of JobSeeker, had also helped to reinforce some consumer confidence and support the small businesses back during June.

“However, no doubt that the new vehicle industry in Australia is still under high pressure. We’re not out of the woods yet,” he said.

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PRIME, Leslie Arthur — Passed away July 12, 2019. Remembered and missed every day. Loved father and father-in-law of Kevin and Sheryl, Janice and Dennis, Marco and Daryl, Colleen and Robert and their families.

PRIME, Les — Dad and Pa.

The sun still rises in the east and darkness falls at night, but nothing now seems quite the same each day is no right.

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Tigers triumph in club challenge

Lexton FC has taken all before it in the WorkSafe #CommunityClub Challenge, making the most of the extended off-season due to the cancellation of season 2020.

The club won several categories amid 2300 total entries and the overall title which has seen it take possession of some super prizes.

Lexton FC'sMultiCamels

**Contact for adults**

**COVID-19**

When a person contact play and training has been scrapped for adults, those unable to play indoors and in social distancing have found some new ways to enjoy their sport.

In line with the directions of Victoria's Chief Health Officer Professor Brett Sutton, a decision was announced late last week to stop any form of full-contact training and competition for people aged 19 and over in non-competitive Victoria.

Full-contact training was scheduled to resume on Monday, July 13 with full-contact competition set to return on July 20.

However, a significant increase in coronavirus cases in Melbourne, and active cases in a number of regional communities, the Chief Health Officer has ordered reduced contact sports as well as non-contact community sport in regional Victoria must remain non-contact.

In better news, full training and competition for players aged 18 and under can continue.

There is no group limit for those aged 18 and under and spectators should not break public gathering restrictions of 10 people socially distance and should not attend all events in the case of indoor sports.

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has consulted on the rule changes and colourful innovations that will make the game spectacular for people aged 19 and over.

In Melbourne full-contact sport will remain banned until mid-July.

Maryborough currently has no contact sport on offer, with the exception of martial arts at the Maryborough martial arts centre, netball, basketball and soccer abandoned for the current interm.

**Basketball**

The chance to win a one-on-one Zoom call with NBA star Matthew Dellavedova has been put on the line for junior basketballers.

The Delly Challenge is open to anyone with access to the Homestorm app, an interactive basketball application for smart phones and tablets, and some keen maths skills.

Delly's challenge asks participants to solve a mathematical problem, have an idea or insight that is above and beyond the rest, and have a basketball that is your best sporting export.

Dellavedova currently plays with the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA, a side that has not been included in the league's reboot after it was shut down in March due to coronavirus.

There are rumours that the Cavs may be invited to Chicago in September to participate in a non-play-off bubble with the seven other teams who were invited to California for the official season.

**Super shot will go ahead despite backlash from players and fans**

Super Netball coach Chris Symington said the time is right for the changes which will encourage a more exciting game.

"Our statistical analysis of the first three seasons found that close to 90 percent of goals scored during Super Netball matches were within three metres of the goal post. We know that the long shot is statistically more challenging, but the game has always been predicated on the ability for our overseas based teammates to shine anywhere in the circle," he said.

We want to encourage this spectacular element of our game and, when combined with the introduction of rolling subs this year, we believe the super shot will spark new tactics, further showcase the world-class skills of our athletes and add another layer of hype and excitement to our matches.

"With the ever-growing competition for the attention of fans, the time is right to introduce the innovation that will make the game even more dynamic and unpredictable.

"The introduction of rolling substitutions, meaning players no longer need to be injured to be substituted off court, has split fans with some welcoming it and others, like Egan, seeing it as an unnecessary change."

"I can see how rolling subs would benefit the game, obviously at the moment something has to go wrong for you to come off the court," Egan says.

"From my point of view the best part about netball is that our players are on for that quarter so they know they have to be fit enough to run out that time. They should be able to outrun their players.

"I'm not sure why now is the time to make all these changes. Super Netball is one of the most recognised female leagues in the world, most of the games are on TV, it gets a bit of airtime, so in my eyes I don't think the rule changes were necessary especially when the fans that are already on board with the sport are against it."

As a mad Melbourne Vixens fan Egan says his "counting down the days" until netball's on-screen return, especially after the cancelation of the local season.
Despite being out of the game for this season, the Lexton Football/Netball Club has still had a win, taking out the WorkSafe #CommunityClubChallenge. The challenge was designed to keep club members engaged due to COVID-19 disrupting all sport.

ASHLYNE McINNES

Reigning premiership coach and one of the district league’s standout goalies, Maddy Egan, has weighed in on some of the most controversial rule changes ever made to netball.

Suncorp Super Netball, the nation-wide professional netball league in Australia, has introduced a new two-point goal into its 2020 season starting in August, despite heavy resistance from fans and even players.

The controversial ‘super shot’ is put in play for the last five minutes of each quarter and can only be made by either goalie from an outer 1.9-metre designated zone within the goal circle. Traditionally goalies are able to score within a 4.9-metre radius semi-circle and the change has been made in response to data that 90 per cent of goals within Super Netball are currently shot within a three-metre diameter of the post, leaving over a third of the circle unused.

Egan, who has dominated the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League statistics with her accuracy and frequency under goals for several years, said she’s firmly against the super shot.

“I definitely don’t like the two-point super shot along with everyone else in the league by the sounds of it,” she said.

“It becomes a completely different game when that shot is in play. With Super Netball I can’t see it being helpful to a lot of teams because netball has developed to such a holding goal shooter and active goal attack.

“It actually might be suited a bit better to somewhere like our league because we’ve got this massive bomb in our league. We’re obviously not professionals so goalies still shoot from wherever they can. Personally I’m better from further away, so I wouldn’t mind giving it a go.

“I’m also concerned that it might slow down games because the ball might go out of court more often. It will be hard for players to switch back to play in international competitions, it might be a waste if someone does this massive bomb and it’s only worth one point.”

The two-pointer was trialled during Fast 5 and also during the All Stars bushfire fundraiser match, but was not welcomed by fans with many voting against its inclusion.

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