

# CLUNES COMMUNITY NEWS

CLUNES TOURIST & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC. PUBLISHED MONTHLY FEBRUARY 2011

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## Clunes Community Carols

Christmas and New Year has come and gone and hopefully everyone enjoyed a happy and safe festive season with their family and friends.

Our Community Christmas Carols were held on Thursday 16th December and what a fantastic evening. The weather was perfect and great support from the community. "Collins Place" was decorated, BBQ's were in place, local retailers stayed open for our first "late night trading". We had roving carolers to add to the atmosphere and a "mobile" Christmas Tree giving out angels – thanks to Di Sargeant. Santa arrived on the local CFA Truck and was mobbed by the kids whilst handing out lollies. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

The "shop local" raffle was drawn and lucky winner Bunny Macormac was overwhelmed. A BIG thank you to all the local traders who donated goodies and vouchers – worth over \$800.

The evening was filled with happy people, enjoying the music proved by Norm & Jodie Whitton and carols sung by the Clunes Local Choir and Clunes Primary School.

Thank you to all the people who helped set up and cleared. To the Clunes Primary School and Clunes Pre School for the BBQ and drinks. To everyone that came to make the night a great success – THANK YOU.

*Committee:*

*Chris Simmons (Clunes Primary School),*

*Michelle Leishman (Wesley College),*

*Jane Lesock & Neil Newitt (CTDA)*

## Clunes Community and Interpretive Centre Update

With the change in the Victorian State Government at the November election the funding promised by the Labor Party for the proposed Clunes Community and Interpretive Centre is no longer secure. However, Hepburn Shire Council will continue to work with the regional State Government departments to secure funding for the project and bring the importance and value of the project to the Clunes community to the attention of the new government.

The Project Reference Group will meet again in February 2011 and will continue to work with Council to: identify what is involved in establishing the facility with full multi-media capacity identify strategies for engaging young people in the development and use of the facility undertake detailed consultation with organisations in Clunes about how they might make use of the facility.

Copies of the concept plans for the facility can be found in the Clunes Museum, Clunes Library and the Booktown Bookshop. For more information about the proposed facility please contact Hepburn Shire Council General Manager Community Development Mr Martin Walmsley on 5345 8399 or [mwalmsley@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:mwalmsley@hepburn.vic.gov.au).

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We wish Clunes a fond farewell. We will miss our family and the many good friends we have made along the way. After many years we felt it was time to move on but are not moving far so will not lose touch.

*All the best..... Monica & John van Muyen*

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## All About the Creek *From the Clunes Waterway Management Group*

The Clunes Waterway Management group extends it's deepest sympathy to all those affected by the two recent devastating floods.

There seems to be some confusion about our role and the work we are doing. There are two State authorities controlling the creek and it's environs. The NCCMA and the DSE. NCCMA The North Central Catchment Authority, is responsible for the actual watercourse. No work can be carried out in the creek without a permit from the NCCMA. DSE The Department of Environment and Sustainability, controls the area both sides of the waterway.

In May 2010, the DSE, to manage the area adjacent to the creek under DSE control, formed The Clunes Waterway Management Group inc. The Group cannot perform any work in the actual waterway controlled by the NCCMA. The Group is not intending or will be permitted, to plant trees or shrubs in the waterway.

The Group in its role with DSE, works in partnership with the NCCMA and Hepburn Shire and immediately after the September flood ensured the removal of debris and some trees from the area of the Swing Bridge carried out by contractors to NCCMA. The group also obtained a quotation for further tree removal down stream from the CRB Bridge, which was passed to the NCCMA.

The Waterway Management Group has confined itself to community working bees, weeding and planting native grasses to stabilize the banks of the creek. As well, in the interests of public safety, a contractor has been engaged to prune the large Poplars along the sides of the creek.

The group will continue to have working bees throughout the year. These will provide plenty of opportunities for those who are interested in the welfare of our creek, to join with us in the efforts to maintain and improve one of Clunes best loved features.

# CTDA President's Report *by Neil Newitt*

Hi and welcome to 2011 and the first newsletter for the year. After the floods of September last year it was heartbreaking to endure even higher flooding again in January. Many were just getting their properties and lives sorted from the last flood only to suffer again. Our thoughts are with those who have been affected and we wish them a speedy recovery.

One observation that many commented on was just how the Clunes community responded to the floods. From Thursday when it became evident we were in for another flood, crowds gathered to pitch in and help. With each dump of sand, people from across the community descended and started filling sandbags.

Dozens of people helped out - from children to adults, residents and visitors, all worked side by side swinging shovels and filling bags. At the same time others descended on the houses and shops near the creek to move furniture and do what they could to help. It is indicative of the community spirit Clunes enjoys to see people rally this way.

On behalf of the CTDA I wish to thank all who helped out. To the emergency services and aid agencies, to the shire council and all the many volunteers from the community, thank-you for all your efforts both during and following on from the floods.



Photo courtesy of Neil Newitt

Clunes Neighbourhood House Inc

## Community Learning Centre

ph: 5373 8426 fax: 5345 4060 email: [thegateway@clunes.org](mailto:thegateway@clunes.org)

**We have some great courses and activities coming up. Check our upcoming Term Programme for more details.**

**Basic Photography** delivered by acclaimed former The Age photographer Neil Newitt.

**Genealogy in Clunes:** Learn how to research your family tree online and compile your paperwork.

**Flexible Computers:** Come along with your questions and we will help!

**Writers Group:** Friendly, relaxed and non-critical.

**Book Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Clunes Library

**Food Safety Level One & Two:** Online training to prepare people for work in the hospitality industry.

**Yoga is back!** Commencing on the 8th of February, new teacher and venue. Beginners and experienced.

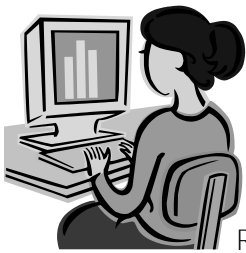
**MYOB:** Running your own business? Or just want to keep your accounts in order? Learn how to use the account keeping software more accountants prefer. Course will be run in the evening one night per week.

**Craft Cafe:** Do you have a basket full of UFO's (unfinished objects) or would like to learn how to make some kids clothes, knit, embroider or just need to take up a hem or start a new project. Help is at hand. Come and join us one afternoon a week for some friendly company, advice and assistance.

**Broadband for Seniors** has arrived! Free internet access for people over 50!

**Men's Shed** is nearly here – stay tuned for an update in our Term Programme.

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Veronica



## BOOKTOWN BOOKSHOP

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### FREE EVENT

Maryborough resident **Lyle Courtney**

will have the Clunes launch of his interesting book

### "Our Houseless Home"

- a memoir of his life in and around Maryborough

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 5.30 - 7.30 pm**

Books now also available at Jos the Greengrocer,

Volunteer Meeting: The 10th Photography 4:30pm

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TUESDAYS ONLY from 10am-12noon

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

PH 1800 466 488 / 5331 5999

Tues Feb 2nd  
Tues Mar 8rd

Tues Apr 4th  
Tues May 10th

Tues Jun 6th

### CLUNES HEALTH SERVICE

24 HOUR COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE

**24 HR Emergency Nurse: 5345 3000**

69 Service St, CLUNES. 3370

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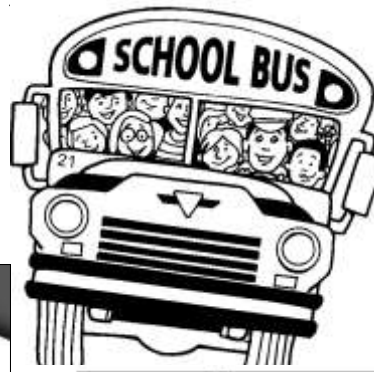
# To a River *by John Sayers*

Creature with amorphous form  
 who at the bidding of a storm.  
 Swells your belly without a thought  
 your bounding walls to distort.  
 So to spread and satisfy your mood  
 by swallowing different food.  
 Condemned by the rigidity of time  
 to follow this self made line.  
 Your hunger and frustration save  
 pass by me with a simple wave.

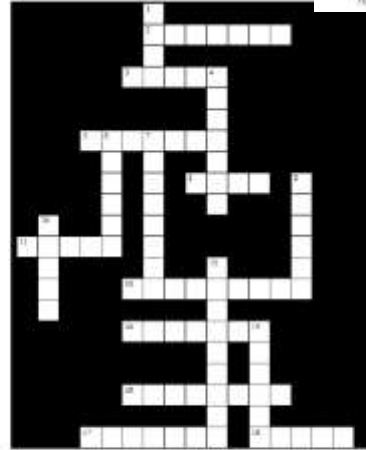
# RE KIDS CORNER

Since November 2006. — Welcome to 2011.

Back to school issue—  
 January



Help the Schoolbus get to the School



ACROSS

2. A place with lots of books
3. If you study you can get good grades on these
5. Person who performs lessons for students
8. What you do with a book
11. Object that is 12 inches long
13. Person in charge of the whole school
14. Used for coloring
16. Book with lined pages
17. People you like to be with
18. Meal eaten in the middle of the day

DOWN

1. Stuff used to stick papers together
4. What you do to a pencil that has no point
6. Object used to make mistakes disappear
7. Device that connects you to the Internet
9. Writing utensil with an eraser on its end
10. Where you sing or play an instrument
12. Vehicle that carries kids to school
15. Place to learn new things



BACK TO SCHOOL WORD SEARCH!



B R Z X X O W J F P L A Y U N F  
 B A P G K W F T L G I Q L Z O  
 Q F S E S J N O T E R B O O K S  
 F S X T N T W Y A S K O O R T  
 S U V V T C U N O M P L H Y F  
 E N H U Q E I D Y P K U C T T  
 N M M O R R S L Y H U N S C U  
 R E A D M Q I T L M Q C Y D F  
 E F P F I E S T N G N H P A A  
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- BOOKS
- SCHOOL
- TEACHER
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- PEN
- PAPER
- PLAY
- STUDY
- HOMEWORK
- READ
- CLASSROOM
- TEST
- NOTEBOOK
- LUNCH

**- SUDOKU -**

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## - SAYING -

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

## - QUIZ! -

HISTORY: What year was the landmark 'Mabo' decision handed down by the High Court?

(Q) How do bees get to school?  
 (A) By school Buzz

(Q) How does a snake learn in school?  
 (A) Hiss Tory

(Q) Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?  
 (A) Because his students were so bright.

**- JOKES -**

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**Clunes & District Preschool** 109 Fraser Street Clunes ph: **5345 3228**

**Clunes & District Young Farmers** Meetings every **2nd Tuesday** of the month at the **National Hotel, 8pm**

We aim to promote a friendly social environment for anyone between the ages of 18 to 30. Contact either **Ben** or **Lisa** on **53 453 750**.

**Clunes Angling Club** All welcome. Meetings on the **1st Monday** of the month **7.30pm**, old SMB building behind Fraz garage.

**Clunes Badminton Club Inc** For further information phone: **Billie Drife 5343 4233**

Our competition runs at the Clunes Sporting Complex, 7:30pm. All levels and ages from Secondary School to Veterans most welcome.

**Clunes Bowling Club** Enquiries **Vick Dunn 5345 3300**

**Clunes Book Club** Enquiries **Roma** ph: **5345 4037**

The book club meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Clunes Library at 7.30pm.

**Clunes Community Garden Alliance St.** Enquiries Steve Morse ph: 5345 3516 Key available at Valley of Gold Service Station Everyone is welcome. We meet at the Garden Mondays about 10am and just work for as long as we feel up to it.

**Clunes Country Women's Association** contact **CWA President Margaret Pettigrew 5345 4040**

Meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, 7.30pm at Clunes Neighbourhood House, 6 Service St.

**Clunes Field & Game** Enquiries ph: **5345 3571**

**DECEMBER:** Clunes Field & Game Branch held their Christmas shoot and BBQ attracting 72 shooters who enjoyed the day complete with good targets, BBQ lunch and a 'flush' which is always popular with shooters. President Eric Jones expressed thanks to those members who have helped during the year and to visiting shooters who regularly support our monthly events. Clunes Branch member Sam Allison was the recipient of the 2010 Club Championship Award (HCP).

### RESULTS

**High Gun:** Alan Coates 46/50

**AA Grade:** M Cooper 46

D Crouch 44

J Wallace 40

**Veterans:** E Jones 44

M Rodda 38

B Sands 37

**A Grade:** S Coad 43

W Cooke 43

A Edwards 40

**Ladies:** M Lancashire 35

**B Grade:** T Fanning 41

D O'Keefe 39

A Mackus 38

**Under 18:** Z Ansell 35

M Boxell 17

**C Grade:** C Flowers 37

D Oman 34

G Andrews 33

**Under 15:** E Gubbins 30

A Crouch 21

**JANUARY:** Our first shoot for the year attracted over 100 participants all enjoying a variety of challenging targets on the day. Brett McManus scored a 'Possible -25/25' during the event and was presented with a club badge recognising his achievement.

### RESULTS

**High Gun:** Ashley Hjorth 66/75

**AA Grade:** S Krezlik 64

P Stowe 63

D Light 61

**Veterans:** M Rodda 59

I Cooke 59

E Jones 55

**A Grade:** B McManus 61

C Sammut 58

C Stephen 58

**Ladies:** C Stanford 44

J Allen 34

**B Grade:** T Fanning 50

P Holdsworth 50

J Engin 49

**Under 18:** C Sammut 53

Z Ansell 43

K O'Brien 18

**C Grade:** F Scriva 41

M Engin 39

M Hannah 36

**Under 15:** N McManus 26

**Clunes Football & Netball Club** All welcome.

**Clunes Garden Club** All welcome. For further inquiries contact **Andy Hill 53453351**

**Clunes Golf Club Inc** ph: **5345 3499**. Contact **Kevin Steart 5345 3127** or **Laurie Lees 5345 3034**

We continue to actively seek new players of any age group or gender. The course features 18 holes, sandscapes, par 70 and all year round play. **NON-MEMBERS CAN PLAY 18 HOLES FOR JUST \$5 GREEN FEES.** Every Wednesday is over 55's (but younger players welcome), **HIT OFF AT 11am** at the Talbot Golf Club.

**Clunes Library** Fraser Street, Clunes

Firstly a huge thankyou to the Clunes community for saving the library. **Pre-school Storytimes** will be held on the **third Wednesday** of the month at **10.30am** – all welcome. For primary school aged children there's a new **Bookbuzz Club** on the **first Wednesday** of the month between **4-5pm**. A craft/game activity is part of the fun. **Chess Club** is on **Friday afternoons** or bring your own game if you like!

**Clunes Probus Club** Meets every **second Tuesday** of the month at the **Clunes Town Hall** at **9.45am**. Visitors most welcome. For information contact Kate on 5345 3070 or Heather on 5345 3455.

**Clunes Saturday Netball Club** Meetings held at the **Clunes Community Centre, 3rd Thursday** of the month, **7pm**.

**Clunes Senior Citizens Club Inc** Further information from the Secretary - **Eileen Bradsworth** on **5345 4097**

**Clunes Swap Shop** Cnr. Bailey & Service Sts in the **Clunes Canny Cottage**. Enquiries **5345 3853** or call in at the Cottage.

Items available to be traded, or you can make a small donation. Proceeds go towards running costs. All goods are donated, household items, clothes, CDs, DVDs, toys, small items of furniture etc all welcomed. Please nothing electrical, no mattresses and no food stuffs.

**Tourello Red Cross** meets the **1st Thursday** of the month at **2 pm** at the **RSL Rooms, Fraser St**

One of the oldest Red Cross Branches, you are most welcome to join this wonderful organization and support your community membership.

**Clunes Writers Group**

Meets **2nd Monday** of the month at **1.30pm**, at the **Clunes Neighbourhood House**. This is an informal, friendly group which will hopefully stimulate us all to write!

# FEBRUARY 2011

*AT CLUNES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE:*  
 GENEALOGY 10am-12.30  
 WRITERS GROUP 1.30pm  
 LEGAL CLINIC by appointment

*AT THE LIBRARY*  
 PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME 10.30am  
 BOOKBUZZ CLUB 4-5pm  
 CHESS CLUB 4pm

*OTHER LOCATIONS:*  
 CTDA MEETING - TOWN HALL, 7.30pm  
 PROBUS CLUB - TOWN HALL, 9.45am  
 COMMUNITY GARDEN - Alliance St, 10am  
 YOGA, Senior Citizens Club, 6.30pm



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
CNH CLOSED	LEGAL CLINIC	BookBuzz Club		Chess Club GENEALOGY		CARISBROOK MARKET
CNH CLOSED	1	2	3	4	5	6
CNH CLOSED	PROBUS CLUB YOGA		CLUNES BOOK CLUB	Chess Club GENEALOGY		CLUNES MARKET
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CNH CLOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN WRITERS GROUP	YOGA	Preschooler Story Time		Chess Club GENEALOGY		TALBOT MARKET
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CNH CLOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN CTDA MEETING	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE YOGA		CWA	Chess Club GENEALOGY		AVOCA MARKET BOXING DAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
CNH CLOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN						
28						