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Banjo festival bears up

The Banjo Jamboree drew in all-comers including a banjo picking bear, who turned up for the big picture (see page 5).

His young assistant led him through town before he started expiring due to the heat.

Not a good look

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Greetings

It's a good thing that Michael Redden is running again or in this case, not running.

He has, for all intents and purposes been there when you needed him.

So much so he has scared off all comers.

Being a councillor is not fun.

If it were, more people would run.

Sure there are special interest groups who may field a few candidates but once they get in, if they get in, they soon come to the realisation that they have to adjudicate on many issues the majority of which they don't care about.

But Redden has stuck to it and love him or hate him he'll keep at it.

Take a look at his record as far as Guildford is concerned. We have the work done at the John Powell Reserve, the new tennis and netball courts, the playground and the Hall.

And who can criticize the fact that he was largely responsible for the bus. You asked for it and we got it (in partnership with Newstead) so we better use it.

The next Council will have a whole lot more issues to deal with and Michael Redden will be in there batting for us.

He deserves our support.

In this issue we also profile the mayor Janet Cropley.

Unlike Michael Redden she will have a fight on her hands to win her seat.

We profile Cropley and find out what it was like being mayor for the past two years and how she sees the future.

If she has a future.

Also in The Globe this issue is the ubiquitous Banjo Jamboree.

It pulled a big crowd across all the usual venues and the weather held for it.

We have over three pages on it starting on page 5.

There is first look at the proposed playground on page 4.

The council would like your input in the next week or so or forever hold your peace.

They have done a good job with the limited budget and the Progress Association chipping to cover the cost of the Super Shooter is a bonus.

Finally, we're coming around to that time of the year when we have to select the Person of the Year.

Think about the person who, you think, has done the most to promote Guildford over the past twelve months and vote.

Details are on page 9.

Enjoy

Rajeev

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Kilos of coffee sold by the Guildford General Store over the Festival Weekend. About three weeks supply.



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Wheelie bins left for collection after the Banjo Jamboree. "they came and they took all their rubbish or else despatched it accordingly" said committee man Ray Pattle.

\$940

Amount taken by the Guildford Garage Sale in the rear of the Music Hall at the Banjo Jamboree.

allo, allo what's all this then?



Far be it on us to pass comment BUT when it's the Banjo Jamboree? They applied to the Council and got a camping permit.

Case solved.



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Cropley looks forward

Janet Cropley is not about to go silently into the night.

No sir. For her it's another four year term to keep on doing the job that has only just begun.

She has been a councillor before at another time and another place, but Castlemaine is home, well almost. She lives in Maldon which just happens to be the recipient of a new Information Centre announced this week. Not that this has anything to do with the Council elections.

Which is why we are talking. The mayor and I. About the Council elections. And given the amount of protest this year alone, they should be spirited.

Ms Cropley says that in Castlemaine the protests get louder and noisier. What with the Swimming Pool, the Pokies and the latest being the Gaol. Mind you, the pokies are now beyond the bailiwick of the council.

"They will talk about the consultation and the process," she explained, "But when they don't get the outcome they want, that's when they usually raise their voices."

They'll raise their voices this week when they discover the Gaol has indeed been sold.

However it's a poisoned chalice being elected mayor.

"As mayor you get to express the views of the council and not necessarily your own views," said Ms. Cropley, "I think as a council we've had a really good administration with support of the CEO who came on board just prior to the last election."

"We've put a lot of long term strategy in place for the region, what with recrea-

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ELECTION SPECIAL

Redden runs unopposed

The email came as a relief for Michael Redden.

It was from the Governance Manager, Melanie Rogers of the Mt. Alexander Shire Council and simply said, "As there is the same number of candidates as vacancies in the Loddon River Ward in the up-coming Mount Alexander Shire Council elections, the Victorian Electoral Commission has advised that there will not be an election. Therefore residents and ratepayers in this Ward will not receive ballot papers."

Mr Redden said that he was surprised that the Castlemaine Action Group hasn't fielded a candidate.

"They threatened to stand a candidate in every Ward because they had a number of issues," he speculated "but in the end, the four years service and the amount of time spent is a consideration."

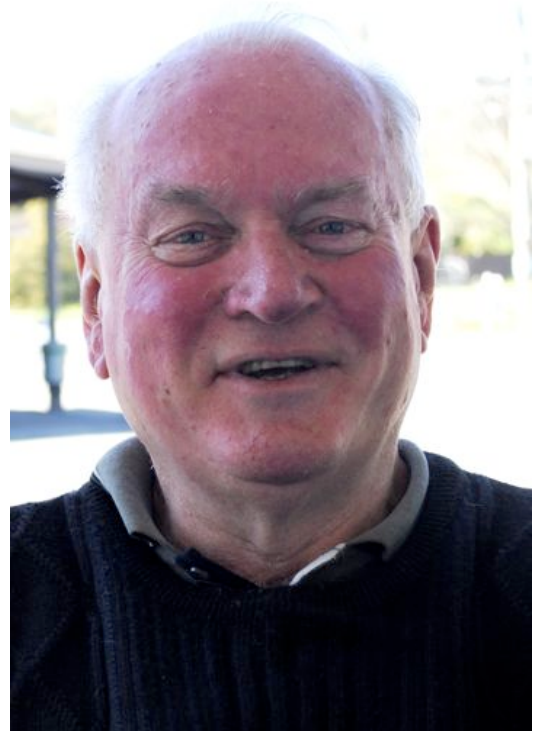
"As is the sharp learning curve involved when you are coming to grips with the disparate views of the people in the area."

What he has enjoyed most in his four years as councillor is the people.

"I am at the Rural Transactions Centre in Newstead every Thursday and people can come along with their problems or grievances and discuss them

with me."

It appears Redden enjoys his work (he's putting his hand up to be the next



Mayor) and looks back on the past four years with some affection. When you line up all that's happened here under his watch you would have to say its impressive.

"I'm not saying that I was the sole

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Revealed: Big Tree Park Playground Replacement



This is the new playground design for Big Tree Park in Guildford.

The design concept enables the equipment to be replaced to comply with Australian Playground Standards. Consultation meetings with Guildford residents and students from the Guildford Primary School resulted in a preferred design being chosen.

The opportunity to provide feedback

and comments should be addressed to recreation@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or Recreation Services, PO Box 185, Castlemaine 3450 by 2.00pm Monday 15th October 2012. Following a review of the feedback, the playground will be installed by early December.

The Progress Association is chipping in money for a Super Shooter.

Redden

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instigator of all the proposals,” he says “but I was able to go before Council and steer the many cases through.

“In Guildford I look at John Powell Reserve. I’ve been on committee for all of four years and in that time we’ve built the shower block, retaining wall, the outdoor viewing area and we’ve resurfaced the oval with top dressing.

“Then there’s the tennis and netball courts, the improvements to the Hall and the upgrade to the playground.

“We even got the roadworks arranged on Franklin and Turner streets.”

Redden alluded to the alleviation of a dangerous corner in Yapeen that has been the cause of a number of accidents. And work is also starting shortly on the Vaughan Tarilta Bridge to the tune of \$800,000.

They have also fixed the Fryerstown turn off on the road out but alas one of Michael Redden’s pet projects is the Glenluce Road.

“I went in full of bravado to Council expecting to have that section sealed,” he explains. “and I got my arse well and truly kicked.

“I’m not done with the issue so next time my campaign will be more considered. They have, however, graded it, which is something, but it doesn’t help with those sweeping corners which are downright dangerous.

But the future is bright for the next four years, what with the imminent arrival of the community bus in November that will solve a lot of issues.

Other things on the horizon are the Community Planning exercises which should see Guildford in the running for the next round,

“The upcoming bike track is exciting with \$800,000 being allocated,” he enthused “but a slight complication has come up with Victrack looking at the possibility of a train from Geelong to Ballarat to Bendigo and whether the rails are still able to be used.

But the Maldon Castlemaine track which also has \$800,000 doesn’t have the same issue and will get the go ahead.

The next four years look laid out for Michael Redden. Let’s hope he delivers.

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Festival is finger pickin' good

It was a grand day when that annual homage to finger pickin' rolled into town.

The sun was shining and the birds had somehow got wind that music was about to fill the air.

It was conjecture whether there were more or less than last year but according to committee member Ray Pattle it was about the same.

"We were encouraged by the number of new people," he said, "about 20% had never been before with many asking the question, 'How long has this been going on?'"

Well, if you must know, for nine years. Next year, the tenth, should be huge.

But there's the rub. Ray Pattle says there is very little room for campers.

"We're almost at capacity, so we will have to think as to where to put them.

"Notwithstanding it was a great festival and a fine advertisement for the town," he remarked.

The Festival certainly lived up to all its acclaim with the major events full and the street music as ever, was full of energy.

In fact everywhere you looked something was happening for everybody best exemplified in the picture below, what with ringmaster, clowns, a camel and a bear as well as hundreds of musicians.

You can see the pictures on the following pages..

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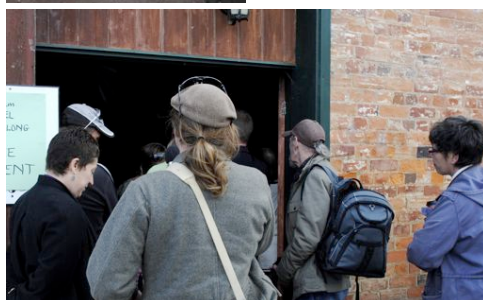
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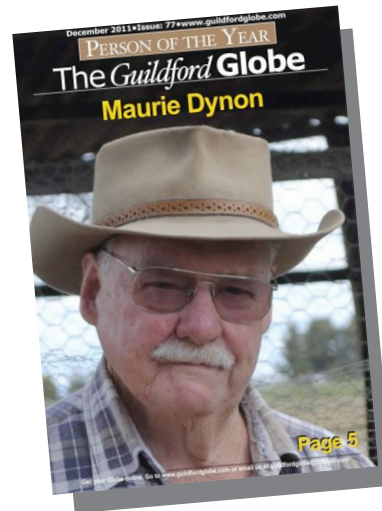
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Council rejects Tarilta application

The Mt. Alexander Shire Council has decided to write to the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) advising that Council does not support their proposal to issue a notice that certain roads in the Tarilta area are unused.

The DSE had received an application for an agricultural licence over a number of unused roads in and around the applicants' property at Tarilta.

DSE duly advertised in the Castlemaine Mail on 1 June 2012 regarding the application and wrote to Council on 26 July 2012 requesting written advice from Council on the suitability of any of the unused roads for licensing and whether Council is willing to declare any of these roads as unused.

Council and the DSE received a number of objections from local land owners and road users in the Tarilta area.

The objections were largely based around fire access concerns and that the proposed licence over the roads would present difficulties in accessing these roads.

A key goal in the Council Plan 2009-2013 is to provide an attractive environment where people have access to the facilities they need to engage in a range of recreational, cultural and social interests.

Mr Michel Marold questioned if Council would confirm that they will not approve any DSE leases that involve the closure of roads in Tarilta. He also queried if Council would resurvey the road and clearly mark it, so that people could use the road. He also requested that Council make the road useable for 4WD vehicles and remove the closed road sign and replace it with a Tarilta Road sign. He stated that Guildford Fire Brigade supports

keeping the road open for access during bushfires and presented his questions formally in writing.

The CEO responded that Council is responsible for local roads in the area and would maintain roads and signage as required. He noted that Council will ensure that DSE undertake a thorough process in relation to this issue.

Upon further investigation it was noted that access along several of the unused roads nominated was gated or obstructed. The road past the homestead is the only formed roadway currently available. Based on access issues indentified during the notification period and the currently available access to land surrounding the property the issue of a Notice that roads are unused in the Tarilta area cannot be supported.

The level of consultation undertaken to date by DSE is considered inadequate and further consultation with both the applicant and affected parties on access and amenity issues would enable Council to make a more informed decision

In considering the application for an agricultural licence over certain unused roads in Tarilta, it is proposed that Council advise DSE that it will not declare any of the nominated roads as unused as the roads are still used by the public, particularly in an emergency event.

The letter from Council will advise that Council will not declare any of the nominated roads as unused. This is to ensure adequate access to and from the area in an emergency event and to ensure equitable access to privately owned property and publicly owned land.

Cropley

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tional facilities, walking and bike tracks and heritage issues.

"The purchase of the building for the Maldon Information Centre has been a huge thing as it's been something the Maldon community have wanted for a long time."

But there are some issues that hang around such as a viable supermarket for Castlemaine. Aldi, Woolworths and Coles have all been snooping around and whilst there are no areas available in the CBD, Campbells Creek has been sprung as an option.

"I am aware that many of our residents already go out of the shire to do their grocery shopping so that would make Campbells Creek a viable option."

About eight years ago the municipality had been badly administered to the point whereby they were close to the administrators being brought in. "We've done a good job in resurrecting the Council to where it is today.

"So, I do want to be part of the new one mainly for continuity. There is nothing worse than a Council coming in and having to have the officers lead us around by the nose.

"To shift the Council away from being Castlemainecentric and making it a Council for all, especially for small town culture aspirations.

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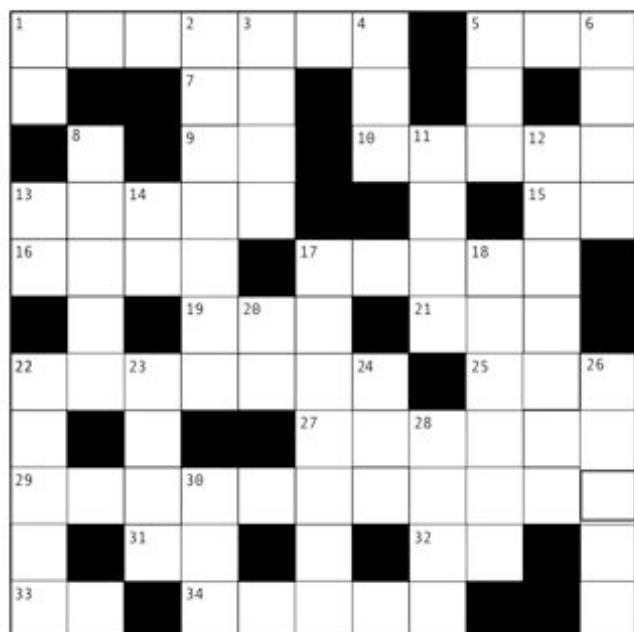


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7. Egret Underling (Abbr) (2)
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10. Sitting ----- (5)
13. Large Container (5)
15. Chemical symbol for neon (2)
17. Vigour. Vitality. (5)
19. Quick musical combination (3)
21. Loddon ---rooms (3)
22. Chilly -----(7)
25. Loddon Dam Bridge (Abbr) (3)
27. The target range (4)
29. Nth. American music style (11)
31. Eastern rosella (Abbr) (2)
32. Orange Chat (Abbr) (2)
33. Shonky Tonks (Abbr) (2)
34. ----- House String Band (5)


Down


1. Klezmer Kollektive (Abbr) (2)
2. Appeared Sunday at Jamboree (7)
3. Reflect of ponder (4)
4. --- Dog (3)
5. --- Toc (3)
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8. Design on a fabric (5)
11. Single undivided entity (4)
12. Squeeze or press with hands (5)
13. C. Thornley (Abbr) (2)
14. -- or pm (2)
17. Wind instrument group (7)
18. Indo-European language (6)
20. Within. Inside (2)
22. Black ----- of Trespass (5)
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24. Still under Construction (Abbr) (3)
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