



THE BALL'N'CHAIN

Simpson Community Newsletter

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Simpson Service Awards Presentation

Simpson CFA Brigade held an awards night recently with several members awarded for years of service. Alf Frith and Shane Banks (not present) received a 40 year award, Denise Frith a 35 year, Leo Van den Broek and Ken Smith 20 years, with several other members receiving 15, 10 and 5 year awards. Jono Hutton was also presented with a National Emergency Medal for his service during the bushfires in 2019-2020. The National Emergency Medal is an operational service medal which recognises significant or sustained service to others in response to nationally-significant emergencies within Australia.



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What's On in December 2024/January 2025

To get your event listed in "What's On" send details to Debbie at office@simpsondcc.com.au by the 21st each month

Tuesday 17th December 2024 - Simpson Primary School- Final Assembly 2024 - 11.30am

Wednesday 18th December 2024 - Simpson Community Country Christmas - 6-9pm Simpson Recreation Reserve - Bring a plate of dessert/supper

January 29th 2025 - Simpson Bowling Club - Twilight Bowls Commences

December 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Lions Business Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 SPS Final Assembly 2024	18 Simpson Country Christmas	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29
30	31					

January 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Australia Day
27	28	29 Twilight Bowls	30	31		

Heytesbury Agricultural Show 2025

Some great entertainment coming to Simpson for the 2025 Heytesbury Agricultural Show on March 1st 2025. Check the shows website in coming weeks for updated schedules.



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Simpson Primary School

Thank you

As the year draws to a close (the final formal day for students is Tuesday 17th December) we would like to thank all the individuals and organisations who have supported the school throughout the school year. It is with your support that we are able to provide the students with a variety of opportunities and experiences to enrich their education and lives.

End of Year Dates/ Reminders

- 10th December – Statewide Transition Day
- 10th December – 2025 Prep Parent Q & A session
10.30am
- 11th December – Day 2 Timboon P-12 Year 7 Transition
- 17th December – Final Assembly & Year 6 Graduation - starting at 11.30am
- 18th December – Environmental Day
- 19th December – Environmental Day
- 20th December – Staff Final Day

2025

- Tuesday 28th January – Teachers Return / Office opens.
- Wednesday 29th January - Classes begin for Year 1 – 6 students
- Thursday 30th January – Prep students commence
- Prep students will have Wednesdays off until the long weekend in March.



Congratulations and all the best to our Year 6 Graduates; Archer Crole, Cooper Beecher, Ollie Ferrari, Fin Mahoney, Imogen McVilly & Gracie-Anne Deppeler



2025 Staffing

Prep – Mrs Melissa Berry & Mrs Tiffany Jones
1 / 2 – Miss Maddison Cunnington
3 / 4 – Mr Wes Hollick
5 / 6 – Ms Jannique Hanegraaf
Science, Auslan & P.E – Mrs Naomi Marr-Vogels
Student Wellbeing – Ms Emily Bentley
Education Support – Mrs Paula Newcombe & Mrs Tarni Rankin
Business Manager – Mrs Tabatha Robb
Principal – Mrs Melissa Berry



A Dads Matter Group at a town near you!



Be part of a group of dads who support each other, who celebrate your wins and understand that things can get tricky sometimes!

There are no formal agendas, just a relaxed and laidback opportunity to meet other dads for an hour or so. This group is for dads/father figures of babies or children up to 5-years-old and dads-to-be.

Upcoming group meeting dates:

CAMPERDOWN | Killara Centre
2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
Starts: Thursday 24 October, 5.30 pm

TIMBOON | Timboon Library
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
Starts: Saturday 2 November, 1.30 pm

LISMORE | Fairway Cafe at golf club
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
Starts: Wednesday 6 November, 5.30 pm

TERANG | Terang Library
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month
Starts: Thursday 7 November, 3 pm

COBDEN | Senior Citizens centre
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
Start: Saturday 16 November, 10.30 am



Join our Facebook Group!
Scan the QR code or search
Dads Matter Corangamite

For queries please contact Tracey on 0483 312 047 or email dadsmatter@corangamite.vic.gov.au

SIMPSON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

SIMPSON RECREATION RESERVE

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2024

6.30PM-9.00PM

BBQ DINNER, TEA, COFFEE AND
CORDIAL PROVIDED

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- ✔ Pensions and My Aged Care
- ✔ Medicare
- ✔ Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- ✔ Veterans' Affairs
- ✔ Immigration, citizenship and passports
- ✔ Australia Post
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Authorised by Dan Tehan MP, Liberal Party of Australia, 190 Gray Street, Hamilton VIC 3300.

THE SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP MUST GO

I recently launched a petition calling on the Albanese Labor Government not to fund the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) in Melbourne and to redirect the funding to Victorian country roads.

TAC statistics show that 245 lives have been lost on Victorian roads this year with more than half occurring on rural roads despite Melbourne accounting for 75% of Victoria's population. While not all road fatalities are caused by the condition of the roads, it's a direct cause or contributing factor in some cases.

The Albanese Labor government has committed \$2.2 billion to the SRL. This is a waste of money as the Victorian State Government is already broke and with the total project estimated to cost \$220 billion, the SLR is clearly unaffordable.

The Albanese Labor government has already cut, cancelled or delayed nearly \$30 billion of road and rail funding, as set out in its 2024 budget. Locally, it has cut maintenance funding for the Princes and Western Highways. This is on top of the Victorian State government cutting maintenance funding for Victorian roads by 95%.

No risk to life resulting from poorly maintained roads is necessary or acceptable.

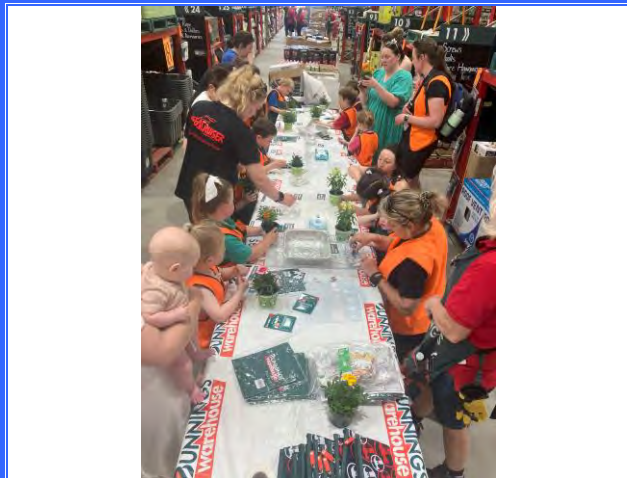
I invite you to sign my petition at www.dantehan.com.au.

Simpson and District Kindergarten



On Friday the 22nd of November we ventured out on our excursion. We boarded the Popes Bus with Fiona driving. We headed towards Camperdown on a very warm day. Most of the children wanted to sit at the back of the bus. They had lots of fun.

At 11.05am we arrived at the age care facility of Sunnyside House. We were warmly greeted by the staff and the residence. In their lounge room the children sang songs, danced, read a story called Wombat Stew and then coloured in pictures.



We thanked everyone at Sunnyside House and then had lunch at the Apex Park. We then travelled to Camperdown station and waited for the train to arrive. We all listened for the train and everyone was very excited as we could see and hear it approaching. The children carefully held hands and watched as the train slowed down and stop in front of them. We all safely found our seats.

Once the train had arrived at Colac we then headed to Bunnings where Jo was waiting for us. She had pot plant decoration and treasure hunt activities. The children were also given aprons and a pencil case filled with goodies. We thanked Jo so much and our excursion was coming to an end. We arrived safely back at Simpson thanking Fiona and the parents for an excellent day.



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Signature: *Jane Bennett*
Jane Bennett Early Childhood Teacher

Corangamite Shire Council

CHAPPLE VALE HALL

CHRISTMAS TREE

FRIDAY
DEC 20
2024

AT THE HALL

6PM ONWARDS

KIDS DRINKS AND SWEETS PROVIDED

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On the Green

Promising start to Pennant

As we approach the halfway mark of the Corangamite pennant bowls season, the three Simpson teams have had encouraging starts. The Midweek Division 1 side sit fourth on the ladder after a 3-3 start with wins over Cobden, Cressy, and Camperdown Golf. This is extremely promising given the side only wone 3 games all of last season. Hopefully they can go on and keep that spot in the four to play finals!

In Weekend Pennant, Division 1 are fifth on the ladder with four wins and three losses. Those losses have been all been away games but quite heavy. Improvements in consistency and sticking to the game plans have buoyed the Tigers well and are set up for a cracking second half to the season.

Simpson 2 in Division 3 are enjoying the top of the ladder with six wins and a loss. This shows the incredible depth that is at Simpson and that all bowlers are buying in to improving their own games for the benefit of their teams and the club.

Arriving in style

Some teams take a bus to away games, others carpool, but some of the Tigers arrived to Winchelsea in style one recent Saturday, they hired a big black limousine for the day! Although they looked like royalty traveling down the Princes Highway in the limo that was piloted by the great 'Bondy', the trip home was more subdued than probably planned after suffering a defeat to the Blues. Fun and smiles were definitely had nonetheless!

Club Events

100-up is nearing the pointy end with some exciting matches being played. Craig Hookway chalked one up for the 'old dogs' with a close win over his son Jack, and will now take on Ernie Andres in a semi-final. The other semi will see Scott 'Scooter' Harris take on Noah 'Wombat' Clark for a place in the final.

Other events coming over the next couple of months will be the Club Championships, including Men's and Ladies Singles, Open B Grade Singles, and Club Pairs. Best wishes to all competitors!

Twilight Bowls

The popular community social bowls competition will commence January 29th so get your sides together and ready for some great fun! The casual comp has teams of four bowling for 10 ends. Twilight has been a mainstay on the Simpson calendar for many years and has proven to be terrific for the bowls club and for those who partake.

Merry Christmas

Simpson Bowls Club wish members, their families, and members of the wider community a safe and happy Christmas/ New Year period. Please look after yourselves and the loved ones around you at this busy time of year.

*Cheers,
Jack High*

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Donations of non perishable foods, toiletries and pet foods are always welcome.

If you have spare eggs they will be gratefully received as well

Cupboard is a work in progress and supply will improve as we go along and determine what is most needed



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More Art in the Park Simpson Community Art Project

Community members are invited to create an A4 or A5 design on why they came to Simpson or what they love about Simpson. They will then have the opportunity to paint their design on either the kangaroo or koala sculptures which will be mounted in Jaycees Park on completion. Painting will commence in November so get your creative caps on and start designing.

To book a space on either sculpture please call 55943448 and let us know which sculpture and what size space.

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From the Lions Den

Simpson members had a very productive morning at the dams today.

With the summer months here and Christmas around the corner, we are doing what everyone does this time of year...cleaning up!

Getting rid of the long grass for hidden crawlies and prevention of fires was first on the list. It also makes for easier walking! There were more fallen trees across the path.. they are now cleared. The gutters are emptied of leaves and dirt. But the biggest job was finding and spraying all the little and big blackberries beside the track as well as the rockeries along the edge of the dam walls.

After a bit of sweat and labour you'll find our members now enjoying a cold drink and some lunch. Well done team! 😊



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Five minutes with **Alex Dyson**

The guy who's put his hand up to help South-West Victoria get a better deal

Alex Dyson grew up in Warrnambool. As a national broadcaster, he interviewed everyone from rockstars to prime ministers. He's a small business owner, football fanatic, and wants to make politics work again for the communities he loves. The 2025 federal election will be Alex's third campaign running as a community independent for Wannon. His 2022 people-powered campaign saw Wannon become a marginal electorate for the first time in 67 years.

Alex, you have two campaigns under your belt, and you're back for a third tilt. What on earth makes you keep doing this?

It is such a good question. I am running because I can see that politics puts many people off, and it's about doing what I can to help and being the change I want to see. I think decades of Wannon being a safe Liberal seat have seen us neglected by the major parties – I mean, look at the state of our roads! I want to see the people of Wannon get a better deal and I want to see politicians in Canberra work harder to win your vote.

I'm in a place professionally where I have the time and flexibility to commit to a campaign. I care about where I live and the challenges we face living in the region, and I get annoyed at politicians and how they treat everyday Australians. They come down here and talk about the cost of living and the housing crisis, and I think, "You were in charge for years and helped cause these problems, and now you're asking us to trust you to fix them?" The big bonus is that I like meeting people, listening to them, and learning about people's lives. I love people's stories.

Does it feel different this time around?

We got so close in 2022. This time there is a real sense we can make history and see Wannon elect an independent for the first time. I'm part of a broad grassroots movement that has around 1,000 online supporters, 300 active volunteers and we've just celebrated our 500th individual donor. I feel like I have an entire community behind me, ready to work hard to bring it home this election. Together, we're standing up for Wannon, which is a place that means a lot to all of us.

Do you think you can make a difference as an Independent? You bet I can make a difference! I can represent the true interests of the electorate without being beholden to party lines or big business that



has been pulling strings in politics for many years. I'll be able to say what I think – not stick to a party line regardless of who's in power. Wearing a suit every day is not my idea of a good time, but I'm not worried about protecting my job in Canberra and not being affiliated with a party means that I can make long-term decisions that are in the best interest of the people of Wannon rather than protect my political career.

When communities vote for independent candidates, they don't go back. Whether you look at the original community independent Cathy McGowan and now Helen Haines in north-east Victoria, Jacqui Lambie in Tasmania or David Pocock in the Senate in the ACT – community independents speak the truth, represent their electorate's best interests and get things done. They're accountable to their voters, no one else.

What do you say to those who have questioned your independence or transparency? I've never been involved with any political party and I am a genuine community independent. It became evident in my first campaign, where my entire budget was \$5,000, that I'd need more funds to compete with the major parties. None of the 500+ donors to this campaign have a final say in my decisions and all are listed on the community campaign website. I've also accepted funds from crowdfunding group Climate200, which supports independents in taking greater action on climate change, integrity in politics, and equal opportunity for women.

Want to find out more about Alex and the community independent movement?

AlexDysonIndependent.com



Authorised by Alex Dyson
185 Liebig St, Warrnambool



2024-2025

Corangamite Shire Swimming Pools operating information



Corangamite Shire operates six outdoor swimming pools: Camperdown, Cobden, Lismore, Skipton, Terang and Timboon.

Whether it's a dip to cool off, a splash for fun, learning to swim or lap swimming, users will not be disappointed with the range of activities and programs at each of the pools.

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Admission fees

Season tickets

Unlimited access to all pools

Family ¹	\$191.00
Adult	\$98.00
Child ²	\$88.00

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Family ¹	\$15.90
Adult	\$5.30
Child	\$4.30
School participant	\$3.00
Day hire ³	\$232.00

1. Two(2) adults and children 18 and under

2. 18 years and under

3. Plus staff costs associated with any out of normal operational hours use

Curdies Catchment Flood Study

Council is working on a detailed flood study on the Curdies River catchment, including other creeks and waterways, to determine flood levels and extents in the catchment, such as riverine, flash, and overland flooding. We're seeking the public's help to make sure the study draws on community knowledge and details of past floods.

Members of the public can find our more and provide information by 5 pm Friday 6 December at:

corangamite.vic.gov.au/flood_study;

Flood.Study@corangamite.vic.gov.au;

- Corangamite Shire Council, 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown, 3260; or
- 5593 7100.



Timboon Recreation Reserve Election of Committee of Management

A public meeting will be held at the Timboon Recreation Reserve from 7 pm on Sunday 8 December to elect a Committee of Management for three years.

All district residents interested in the future developments of the reserve are invited to attend. For more information, please call Council on 5593 7100.

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Dads Matter Group

1st and 3rd Saturday of every month
1.30 - 3 pm, Timboon Library

Be part of a group of dads who support each other, who celebrate your wins and understand that things can get tricky sometimes! There are no formal agendas, just a relaxed and laid-back opportunity to meet other dads. This group is for dads/father figures of children up to 5-years-old and dads-to-be. To join the Facebook Group, scan the QR code or search "Dads Matter Corangamite".

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Light Up Camperdown

The dazzling festival of lanterns, projections and light, will return for a second outing in Central Camperdown this December.

This free community event includes artist projections by Artist in Residence Clare Younis, food and market stalls, roving entertainers, late night shopping, a free screening of *The Santa Clause 2* and a Welcome to Country. It will culminate in a spectacular lantern parade and the lighting up of the Clocktower and Courthouse.

The Avenue, Camperdown, on Friday 6 December, 4-9 pm.

Learn more at corangamite.vic.gov.au/LightUpCamperdown

Positive Ageing & Inclusion Navigation Support Program

Drop-in sessions

Come along to one of the sessions below to learn how the Navigation Support Program can help you.

Timboon Library

Thursday 12 December | 10 am - 12 pm

Find out more about the Navigation Support Program via the QR code or at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Community/Ageing-and-Inclusion



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Council is offering vouchers for free desexing at participating vet clinics along with one year free registration for cats in Corangamite Shire.

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Regular Activities –

Mondays and Thursdays

Men's Shed 9 am-4 pm Weekly Phone 55943448

Tuesdays

Craft Group 10am –3pm weekly BYO Project & lunch

Wednesdays

Potluck Lunch

4th December 2024

Bring a plate to share

Crafternoon

Wednesday 27th November 2024

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Thursdays

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Simpson Weekly 10.30am-12.00pm

Timboon Weekly 6.30pm-8.00pm

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