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Simpson Community Newsletter

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Simpson Well represented in Junior Cricket District Teams





The future of the Simpson Tigers Cricket Club is in good hands with four Junior players selected for district sides.

Finn Mahoney and Ollie Ferrari represented Simpson in the Under 13's South West Representative Side at Country Week Cricket in January and Esha Crole & Milly Saunders played in the Under 16's Colac District Cricket Association Representative Team in Hamilton in early January. Congratulations to them all on their selection.

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What's On in February 2025

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

Friday 7th February - Simpson Football Netball Club -All Club Recovery at Port Campbell followed bt dinner

Tuesday 11th Ferbruary 2025 - Simpson Lions Club Business Meeting - enquiries to Marie van den Broek Secretary

Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February 2025 - Simpson Football Netball Club - Senior Netball Grading -Simpson Recreation Reserve from 6.15pm games at 6.30pm

Friday 21st February 2025 - Simpson Football Netball Club - All Club Recovery at Port Campbell followed by dinner

Saturday 1st March 2025 - Heytesbury Agricultural Show - All Welcome - Family tickets available online





February 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7SFNC All Club Recovery Port Campbell	8	9
10sfnc- Senior Netball Grading	11Lions Club Business Meeting	12SFNC— Senior Netball Grading	13	14	15	16
17SFNC Senior Training	18	19sfnc Training	20	21SFNC All Club Recovery Port Campbell	22	23
24SFNC Senior Training	25	26sfnc Training	27	28		

Simpson Primary School

This week, we were excited to welcome our students back to school after their well-deserved summer holidays. The energy in the air was contagious as everyone reconnected with friends they haven't seen, new classroom teachers and prepared for the exciting year ahead.

A special highlight was welcoming 8 new Preps to our school community. It's a big milestone for these young learners and their families, and we couldn't be happier to have them with us. Starting school is such an exciting time, full of new experiences and opportunities, and we're thrilled to be part of their journey. We look forward to watching them grow, develop new skills, and create lasting memories as they embark on this wonderful adventure.

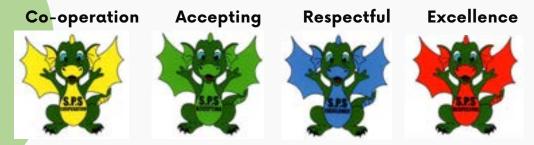








As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) initiative, we are proud to uphold our C.A.R.E. values. Our core values are:



Each week students will participate in Respectful Relationship and SWPBS lessons.

The focus links into the school and community calendar, for example;

'Respectful - represent your school with pride' - This leads into the house captains attending the Student Leaders Congress @ Deakin University, Year 3-6 Athletic Sports,

Family Fun Day.

HEYTESBURY SHOW

SATURDAY Ist MARCH 2025

9AM TO 3PM

SIMPSON RECREATION RESERVE LAVERS HILL - COBDEN ROAD



PRE PURCHASE A DISCOUNTED FAMILY

SETTLEMENT SUPERMARKET, SIMPSON LITTLE BIT OF SWEET, TIMBOON COBDEN UNITING CHURCH OP SHOP, COBDEN

SHOW DAY ADMISSION PRICE

S15 ADULTS S10 AGED PENSIONERS FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16

KEEN TO ENTER?

We've got horse, cattle, sheep and craft sections open to all ages You can find all our schedules here:



WHATS ON SHOW DAY

Find all our show day entertainment here:



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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Welcome all to the 2025 footy and netball season!! We are so excited to be back together after our Christmas/New Years break as we continue our pre-season training.

We still have a few months to go before Round 1 of the CDFNL season, but our teams and coaches are already on the courts and track preparing to be their best for success. Training will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings until the cricket season finishes up, then will return to normal Tuesday and Thursday nights. We are delighted to offer 13&U, 15&U and 17&U junior netball as well as U12, U15 and U18 football grades this coming season. We will continue to have all senior netball and football grades, if you are keen to have a run on the courts or oval for the Tigers this season please don't hesitate to get in contact with us!

All enquiries to Bree Jones - 0428 334 004 or Paige Salmon - 0448 365 590









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2025 FAHRA

- 5TH APRIL V'S APOLLO BAY
 APOLLO BAY REC RESERVE
- 2 12TH APRIL- V'S OTWAY DISTRICT SIMPSON REC RESERVE
- 3 26TH APRIL V'S IRREWARRA BEEAC WARROWIE REC RESERVE
- 4 3RD MAY V'S BIRREGURRA SIMPSON REC RESERVE
- 5 10TH MAY V'S ALVIE ALVIE REC RESERVE
- 6 17TH MAY V'S WESTERN EAGLES SIMPSON REC RESERVE
- 7 31ST MAY V'S COLAC IMPERIALS WESTERN RESERVE
- 8 7TH JUNE V'S SOUTH COLAC ELLIMINYT REC RESERVE
- 9 14TH JUNE V'S LORNE SIMPSON REC RESERVE

- 21ST JUNE V'S APOLLO BAY SIMPSON REC RESERVE
- 28TH JUNE V'S OTWAY DISTRICT GELLIBRAND REC RESERVE
- 5TH JULY V'S IRREWARRA BEEAC SIMPSON REC RESERVE
- 13 19TH JULY V'S BIRREGURRA BIRREGURRA REC RESERVE
- 26TH JULY V'S ALVIE SIMPSON REC RESERVE
- 2ND AUGUST V'S WESTERN EAGLES
 IRREWILLIPE REC RESERVE
- 9TH AUGUST V'S COLAC IMPERIALS SIMPSON REC RESERVE
- 16TH AUGUST V'S SOUTH COLAC SIMPSON REC RESERVE
- 18 23RD AUGUST V'S LORNE STRIBLING RESERVE

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www.greenshandymanservice.com.au

Five Minutes with DAN TEHAN

Wannon's hard working local MP is delivering outcomes for our community.

Dan Tehan has been Australia's Trade Minister, Education Minister and Veterans' Affairs Minister, and is the Federal Member for Wannon. He lives and works in Hamilton and is a mad Richmond Tigers fan.



Dan, tell us about your job as a Federal Member of Parliament?

It's the best job in the world, to be honest. My mother was a state MP and she taught me the values of hard work, respect and giving back to your community and that's how I approach my job as an MP. I also love the variety of my job. One day I'm talking to school children in Simpson about Australia's democracy and the next day I'm helping a business in the Simpson area with a visa issue.

What's the best thing about your job?

Helping people and delivering for our community is the most rewarding part of the job. I've delivered over \$3 billion in funding to projects across Wannon. These range in size from new change rooms at sporting clubs to the Federal Government's \$50 million investment in the Great Ocean Road. Every project I have helped with has improved life for people in our community. Even as a Minister in Government, my work has helped local people. As Trade Minister I negotiated the UK Free Trade Agreement that eliminated tariffs on Australian agricultural goods exports to the UK, which has helped our dairy, beef and grain producers in Wannon.

What's one of the hardest things about your job?

The driving can be daunting. At over 34,000 square kilometres, Wannon is bigger than Belgium, stretching from the South Australian border in the west to almost Geelong, covering the Surf Coast and Great Ocean Road on the coastline right up to Casterton and Ararat in the north. I try as hard as I can to cover the whole electorate

and that means a lot of time away from my home in Hamilton. But I've made a commitment to the region and I don't believe you can properly represent a regional electorate if you don't live and work in it. I've done over 100 listening posts around the electorate in 2024, and more than 1,000 since I was elected. It's important that I stay connected with the entire electorate as every community is different and it's important to represent them all.

What is your plan for Wannon?

My plan for Wannon is to keep making our communities the best in Australia to live, work and raise a family. We need to increase funding for our roads, (not cut it like the Albanese Labor Government have done), immediately address cost of living issues, invest in our health network and keep developing our community infrastructure. We also need to support small businesses and farmers—who are the engine room of job creation in the electorate—and deliver practical, local, outcomes for our natural environment. In short, my plan for Wannon is to continue to build on the over \$3 billion of funding already delivered, strengthening our communities and way of life.









2025 Heytesbury Show Create a

Trash Tractor

Don't trash it, tractor Out of recycled materials

Great Prizes Junior and Senior section Winners by public vote on the day

Enquiries to Sue Stevens 0427352588







POTLUCK LUNCH



WEDNESDAY STH MARCH 2025 11.45AM - 1.30PM

Bring a plate to share



Please include a list of ingredients

All welcome

Ph 0355943448

Simpson, 3266

Stay safe this

fire season



It is a high danger year for many parts of our service region.

We have plans in place to protect our water supplies during a bushfire, but town water systems are only designed to cope with everyday drinking water needs.

A bushfire emergency can put the system under extreme load, and the potential for damaged infrastructure means we can't guarantee normal water pressure or uninterrupted water supply.

Help reduce the impact by preparing a fire plan that includes:



Having an independent water supply, so you don't need to rely on mains water.



Turning off any sprinklers or taps using town water if leaving your property.



Learn more on our website wannonwater.com.au/preparing -for-bushfires/





On the Green

Champions Crowned

Congratulations to the 2024/25 Simpson Bowls Club Mens and Ladies Club Champions, Brian Clark and Gaylene Simpson, and to the Runners-Up Rob Methven and Lynda Costin.

Brian and Gaylene both proudly represented Simpson at the Corangamite association Champion of Champions event but did

not win through to the finals.

Pennant Finals Hopes

With the end of the Corangamite pennant season only around the corner Simpson have teams poised to play finals!

Midweek Division 1 had a great win against Winchelsea away to sit third on the ladder and secure a finals birth. With one game to go against fourth-placed Central, a win for the Tigers could possibly get them a finals second chance depending on other results.

The Weekend Division 1 side have their destiny in their own hands as they sit third with two rounds to go. With matches against Camperdown Golf away then a home game to top team Apollo Bay, one win should be enough to book a place in the finals. Watch this space! Weekend Division 3 are comfortable on top of the table with two weeks left. Top spot is locked away but the real business is yet to come.

The hard work of pennant bowlers is paying dividends with the Club in a great position.

Twilight Bowls Underway

The very popular Twilight Community Bowls kicked off last week with a full field of 16 teams of four gracing the Simpson green.

Greenskeepers Boulder and Leroy had the green looking and rolling magnificent and other members were on hand to in the bar and kitchen and on the barbecue to help put on the

great evenings event.

Front runners from the first week were the Spud-less 'Sixers' who had a 22-3 win over the 'Weapons'.

Community members are most welcome to head along on a Wednesday evening for a feed, a drink and a laugh at Simpson Bowls Club during February.

The event is proudly sponsored again by The Vet Group.

Fence is Up

The western side fence which blew down in a storm has finally been replaced and looks great. Many members helped out to clear the old rotten fence to make way for the new one which is great for the Club.

Cheers, Jack High.



Allansford - 5558 6650

Heywood - 5527 1239

Portland - 5523 4900

Simpson - 5558 6670

Timboon - 5558 6666

Wollaston - 5561 6911

www.thevetgroup.com.au



Contains non perishable pantry staples If you are a community member in need, take what you need

Cupboard is open 24 hours a day and seven days a

Situated at the top of the steps at 11 Jayarra Street Simpson

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





More Artiuthe 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.

> Funded by the Victorian State Government as part of the Tiny Towns Funding



SETTLEMENT SUPERMARKET Facebook to see PH 55943340

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WE ARE OPEN

MONDAY, TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY &

SATURDAY from 9.00AM-8.00PM.

SUNDAY 10.00am -12 NOON

WE ALSO HAVE FULL SUPERMARKET POST OFFICE AND NEWSAGENCY FACILITIES AVAILABLE AS WELL AS PETROL UNTIL 8.00pm MOST NIGHTS. WE HAVE SOME BULK STOCK AND CAN ORDER MORE IN—PASTA, RICE AND FLOUR, ALSO MEAT FROM CAMPERDOWN QUALITY MEATS. PHONE ORDERS TAKEN AND CALL AHEAD ADVISED



The beginning of a new year signifies new opportunities and new ideas for the rest of the season. For us here in the Lions Club, it says that we are half way through a year under the leadership of our President, Tony T.

Whilst some of our local good works have had to be adapted, our focus remains the same. Serve the community and its people the best we can by providing a helping hand when we can and raising awareness of local and national Lions issues through our fundraising campaigns or local activities.

Our first activity for the year will be our annual compost bin liner deliveries.
Corangamite Shire Environmental officer,
Chandi has provided all households in
Simpson to receive a pack of disposable caddy bags to hold all the fruit and vege scraps that we build up everyday.
We look forward to continuing our service for the benefit of Simpson.





Wednesday Arternoons

Join in a monthly art session with a different medium each month

> March 19th 2025 1pm-3pm

Medium - Coloured Pencils on sketch paper

Paper and pencils provided

\$5 per person

at 11 Jayarra Street, Simpson, 3266 Bookings essential-Limited places

Phone 0355943448 to book







SIMPSON COMMUNITY



Register your Site Sunday 30th March 2025



Scan the QR Code to register or go to https://www.trybooking.com/CXROH

> \$20 per site - must have current householders insurance

A great opportunity to clear out those unwanted items around the place while making some cash and supporting a great

cause

Phone 0355943448 for enquiries



A sausage sizzle and trail maps for purchasers will be available from the CFA Shed on sale day

All Registration Fees go to





2025 crafternoons

Come along and join a themed craft session once a month

Wednesday 12th March 2025 Wednesday 8th April 2025 Wednesday 14th May 2025 Wednesday 18th June 2025 Wednesday 16th July 2025 Wednesday 13th August 2025 Wednesday 10th September 2025 Wednesday 8th October 2025 Wednesday 12th November 2025

Check our Facebook page for monthly theme

\$5 per person per session

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Bookings essential Limited places

Phone 0355943448 to book





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Based in Cobden, Victoria

Contact Nick for a quote

People-powered campaign

celebrates 600+ donors

The Alex Dyson independent campaign for Wannon now has 600+ individual donors.

Narelle McNamara from Warrnambool became the campaign's 500th donor when she donated \$100 in late November.

She joins a growing list of people across South-West Victoria donating big and small via the campaign website at <u>AlexDysonIndependent.com</u>

Narelle was motivated to support the campaign after seeing others volunteer their time. "I think it's fantastic that Alex is getting so much community support, and I wanted to do my bit to help.

"I think integrity of the whole political system needs to improve," she said.

Alex said every donation counted. "We are so grateful to everyone who has chipped in so far, from \$10 upwards."

By donating, you are helping buy things like volunteer T-shirts, printing flyers and signs, and paying the rent for community hubs - shop fronts on the main streets of key population centres across the electorate.

Mark Wootton and Eve Kantor from Jigsaw Farms near Hamilton have pledged a \$50 boost for every new donor who donates \$10 or more.



Alex and 500th donor Narelle McNamara

Crowdfunding group Climate200 has seen the local momentum in Wannon and donated to the movement. The group supports independents who want action on climate change, integrity in politics, and equal opportunity for women. The campaign has also received money from the Regional Voices Fund – a crowd-funded initiative supporting community Independent candidates standing in rural, regional, and remote electorates.

Alex said the name and amount of every donation above \$1,000 is disclosed on the 'Donate' page of the website, as well as donations of smaller amounts from people who agree to have their names published.

"Integrity and transparency issues was one of the reasons why I chose to run as an Independent. Our list of donors is updated regularly and there for all to see – I'd call on the major parties to follow suit."

Mystery of orange kelpies revealed

Orange kelpies are popping up across South-West Victoria. Have you seen one?

Famously hard-working, loyal and reliable, kelpies are the perfect symbol for the Alex Dyson community independent movement.

Just like the kelpie, Alex was born in the electorate of Wannon – and it represents the way he wants to work for the people of South-West Victoria.

The signs have proven a popular conversation starter about the importance of this community movement. It's all about rounding up votes to get a better deal for Wannon!

Anyone wanting a kelpie sign for their front yard can request one via <u>AlexDysonIndependent.com/kelpie</u>



Noticeboard



Expect a call

2025 Community Satisfaction Survey

Independent market research agency, National Field Services will start 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey phone calls later this month and continue into March. The survey has been designed to assess Council's performance of across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents. It will involve interviews of a representative sample of residents. Responses are confidential.

Free monthly movies for seniors

Council's Positive Ageing & Inclusion Team will show a free movie on the first Tuesday of each month as part of the active senior's program. On Tuesday 4 March 'The Dish' will be screened at the Killara Centre in Camperdown. Other upcoming titles and venues around the Shire will be announced closer to the date. Please book on 5593 7100.



Calling all young people

Perform at TRACKS Timboon Sunday 9 March

We're looking for artists to perform on our Youth Stage at Tracks in Timboon on Sunday 9 March.

This is a paid opportunity with up to 30-minute sets on offer. Performance times between 12.30 and 2 pm. Bands, duos and solo acts aged 12 to 25 can register now at corangamite.vic.gov.au/ YouthStage or facebook.com/share/ p/19vMYeEfer/

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.

Cobden Library: Wednesdays 12 February, 12 March, 23 April, 14 May and 18 June, 1-3 pm

Timboon Library: Thursdays 20 February, 20 March, 24 April, 22 May and 26 June, 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

Cat Desexing Voucher

Council is offering vouchers for free cat desexing at participating vet clinics an one year free registration. To be eligible, you need a concession card and to live in the Shire. Maximum of two cats per household. Learn more or apply at corangamite.vic.gov.au/cat or call 5593 7100. This program is supported by the Victorian Government.

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Active Seniors bus trip

Berry World and Timboon Fine Ice-Cream

We're inviting Shire seniors to join us for a free bus trip to Timboon to visit Berry World & Timboon Fine Ice Cream. It's on Tuesday 25 February with pick-ups at the Camperdown Theatre Royal at 9.45 am and Cobden Civic Hall at 10 am. Registrations are essential on 5593 7100 to book.

Victorian Government Energy Assistance Program

Free one-on-one bill support

If you're having trouble with energy bills, you can get free help through the Victorian Government's Energy Assistance Program. The program can help you to save energy at home, switch to a better energy deal, access eligible energy concessions, manage energy debt and contact your retailer. To save on your energy bills, call 1800 161 215 or go to go.vic.gov.au/4heny50'

Temporary election jobs

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has 100,000 temporary jobs available across Australia at the next election. Although the election date is yet to be announced, the AEC needs to ensure it has staff to run the event. Find out more at aec.gov.au/electionjobs



Drought support for farmers

State Government support is available for drought-affected farmers. Eligible farmers can receive up to \$5,000 co-contribution for water infrastructure upgrades to pipes, tanks, troughs, dams, stock containment areas, and grain and fodder storage.

Counseling and advice are available for farmers experiencing financial and emotional distress. For more information, go to agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons or scan the QR code.

Specialist help is available to people in the agriculture industry affected south-west Victoria's ongoing drought and fires.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service offers a free and independent service to farmers, with wellbeing counsellors and financial counsellors.

1300 735 578 wswrcs.com.au/wellbeing.

The National Centre for Farmer Health

distributes mental health resources and information for managing stress and mental health, tailored for Victorian farmers and agricultural communities.

farmerhealth.org.au/support-hub-victoria

The Public Health Network Western Victoria commissions qualified and experienced health providers to deliver mental health support throughout the region.

westvicphn.com.au/for.../mental-healthsupport



Regular Activities – Mondays and Thursdays

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

<u>Tuesdays</u>

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

<u>Wednesdays</u>

Potluck Lunch

5th March 2025 Bring a plate to share

<u>Crafternoon</u> Wednesday12th March 2025

<u>1pm-3pm</u>

See our Facebook page for details

<u>Arternoon</u>

Wednesday 19th March 2025

1pm-pm

Pencils and sketching

Thursdays

Conversational English - All welcome Timboon Weekly 6.30pm-8.00pm

<u>Digital Literacy Classes</u> Face to face or Online via Zoom

On a fee for service basis—contact Debbie for more information—includes iPhone iPad

Android and more

Photocopy, scanning and printing service and access to WIFI available during office hours.

Lending Library and Jigsaw Library are also open and available to community members during office hours

Justice of the Peace services available by appointment

Houses Victoria

Hours Tuesday—Thursday 9am-5pm and Fridays 9am—12 noon

us on Facebook

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