

Community Update 17 - December 2016

From the Chairman

It has been an interesting weather pattern for the last couple of months. It is good to see everyone tidying their blocks before the hot weather arrives.

At present we are working on our plans for the next couple of years and these will be presented at the Australia Day 2017 Breakfast. There are some major developments which we hope to provide information on at that time.

Congratulations to our new ward councillors, O'Rourke, Wrigglesworth and Flack, and particular congratulations to Margaret O'Rourke on her election to Mayor.

We look forward to working with our Councillors over the next four years.

All the best for the Christmas and New Year to the residents of Junortoun.

Bob Jamieson, Chairman

Help stop the spread of Wheel Cactus.

The Tarrangower Cactus Control Group (TCCG) has received funding from the Norman Wettenhall Foundation to employ a project officer. Max Schlachter will raise awareness of the threat posed by Wheel Cactus across Victoria and map its current distribution at a statewide level.

Wheel Cactus (*Opuntia robusta*) spreads very easily and is extremely difficult to kill. It invades pastures, roadsides and bushland, becoming so dense that land becomes almost completely inaccessible. Unfortunately, there is no biological control agent that will successfully control

Wheel Cactus.

It is a big task, and to make this project successful the group needs to get in contact with as many regional Victorians as possible, with a request for information on Wheel Cactus infestations.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 26th January 2017

Australia Day Celebration

8am, Junortoun Fire Shed
Popes Rd, Junortoun

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Adopt a Highway Clean Up

Sunday 23rd April 2017

O'Keefe Rail Trail Marathon

Regular Meetings –Thursdays

1st Thursday Monthly; JCAG - Executive Team

2nd Thursday Monthly; JCAG - Sense of

Community sub-committee

7pm, Junortoun Fire Station
Popes Rd, Junortoun

Connect with our community



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Tweet with us on Twitter [@junortoun3551](https://twitter.com/junortoun3551)



Subscribe to our e-mailing list or contact us via: community@junortoun.org



You can help make this project a success by emailing a



photograph and location details of any Wheel Cactus plants to mschlachter@outlook.com.au.

Please note: this project will not record any details about individuals or property addresses.



If you have any questions or would like further information email Max at mschlachter@outlook.com.au

Nesting Box Update

Nest box construction - what a success story this is.

Early this year the City of Greater Bendigo provided funding to the Junortoun Community Action Group (JCAG) to build and erect nest boxes along the O'Keefe Rail Trail between Knul-doorong Woodland (Somerset

Park Road) and the Junortoun Flora and Fauna Reserve (Trotting Terrace) .

The La Valla Campus Catholic College students have built 35 boxes and they are currently being painted. The boxes will be labelled with the name of the animal that they have been made for together with the Junortoun web site. They will also be numbered so they can be identified. The students will know which numbered box is the one they constructed and next year they will be able to monitor the boxes via the purchase and use of a pole camera to see what marsupial is using the box for a new home.

We are pleased that we have been able to involve local students and thank the La Valla College for their support and involvement. Please have a look for these boxes over the next few months and if there are any issues such as bees occupying the box then please contact us via our website - www.junortoun.org

We hope to be able to erect more boxes in the future for other animals such as small insect eating bats and birds such as owlet nightjars and pardelotes.

Flood Report

After all of the rain earlier this year North Central Catchment Management Authority (NC CMA) has developed an online mapping tool, Flood Eye, that enables you to obtain a free report that contains flood information specific to your property.

Flood information is useful for:

- Residents/ businesses wanting to understand the risks and



Community Profile

In this issue, we introduce—**Margaret O'Rourke**, Junortoun Resident, Councillor for the Eppalock Ward and



City of Greater Bendigo Mayor 2016/17

How long have you lived in Junortoun?

Almost 5 years

How might those outside the Junortoun community know you?

Through my many business connections, MO'R Consulting, previous role of General Manager for Telstra Country Wide, various board positions Bendigo Health, Goulburn Murray Water, Deputy Chair of Bendigo Kangan TAFE, and of course Councillor for the City of Greater Bendigo.

Tell us about your family, and their connection to Junortoun.

Husband Ray, daughters Ireland and Bryde. Ray owns a cleaning business O'Rourke's Prestige. Ireland attends school at CCB at La Valla, Bryde at St Thereses.

Tell us about your involvement within the Junortoun community. How did you first become involved?

I have had a longer history with my involvement in Junortoun having been born in Bendigo.

As children, our family knew the owners of the original Farmers Arms Hotel and so we would visit the pub regularly with our parents growing up. (It always seemed such a long way out of town when we were kids living in East Bendigo!

My maiden name was Seymour and my father's family had a long history in greyhound racing (which my brother continues today) and my first job was at the greyhounds in Eaglehawk and when the track moved to Junortoun I used to assist in the Stewards office and secretary office on race nights.

If you could change one thing about Junortoun, what

would it be?

Road infrastructure; particularly McIvor Hwy. We seem to not be planning for the future with our road infrastructure but catching up, which will only bring us up to what is needed now not for the future.

Public transport.

A community meeting place.

Improved telecommunications.

That seems to be four!!!

From your perspective, what has been the greatest achievement for Junortoun?

Forming of the community group which has gathered quite a deal of momentum in recent years - with more to come.

The community plan. Well Done to the whole committee (past and present).

Help us save money

Our newsletter is produced and issued electronically and in printed format. If you would like to help us reduce printing costs and receive your copy via email, plus use the following link to sign up to our electronic mailing list.

What do you love the most about Junortoun?

The rural lifestyle so close Bendigo.

Do you have a closing message?

Junortoun is a growing community that is gathering a great deal of momentum. It has not kept pace with other communities similar such as Strathfieldsaye as it has continued to grow; particularly with public transport and a community hub. As it grows these areas are going to be extremely important for our community to feel connected,



Your Community, Your Newsletter!

We'd love to receive your photos and articles for future issues.

Please forward them to

community@junortoun.org



Do your banking with Bendigo Bank.

The Junortoun Community Action Group are funded by donations, fundraising, and grant applications. The Strathfieldsaye & Districts Community Enterprise are a valuable contributor to not only Jcag, but also neighbouring areas.

By doing something as simple as your day-to-day banking at the Bendigo Bank, you can help generate money for the Strathfieldsaye & Districts Community Enterprise. All you need to do is let the Bendigo Bank know you would like your bank accounts tagged to the SDCE! It's that simple – and the more business you do with the Bendigo Bank, the more money the SDCE receive – and there's NO catch and no cost to you. Contact the Bendigo Bank to have your ac-

Strathfieldsaye & Districts Community Enterprise



Be one of the first 20 bookings and you will receive a free coffee voucher to use at the Strathfieldsaye Bakery and your pooch will enjoy a Greenies treat. Mention this advert to claim the offer!



Dog Grooming Service

We can now take your dog from smelly slob to heart throb! We have three services you can select from:

- + A bath and tidy up
- + A bath and full groom
- + A clip, bath and full groom.

Prices start from \$40 for a small breed and up to \$100 for a giant breed.

Drop your dog off and go over the road for a coffee or do your groceries, and come back to a well groomed and happy pooch. Or drop your dog off on your way to work and pick up a clean and beautiful smelling pooch after you clock off.

Bookings are essential. Give us a call on 5439 5066 or email clinic@myvetstrathfieldsaye.com.au

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This community update has been prepared by the **Junortoun Community Action Group**. The Action Group evolved from the group convened to develop a community plan in 2012 and consists of a dozen community members working towards the actions identified in the plan. In particular the Action Group promotes:

- Developing a sense of community for Junortoun
- Advocating for transport, sport and recreation services and facilities.