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GIRGARRE COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRGARRE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Unfortunately, season 2020 has not been the season we envisioned. COVID-19 saw to that.

The Kyabram District League (KDL) announced on Thursday 28th May that they would be the third League in Victoria to pull the pin on the 2020 season. The Girgarre FNC was in full support of this decision with the risk to the health of our players, members, supporters, and the wider local community too great. This was a very difficult and hard thought out decision, with 13 of the 15 KDL clubs in complete support of the immediate cancellation of the season after a special meeting.

This meant that preparation for 2021 could begin, and with that we are thrilled to announce the re-appointment of our Senior Football coach Bill Barnes along with Reserves coach Rory Young. Some netball announcements hopefully to come next month. We are already excited about the position our club will be in going into next season.



*Bill Barnes
Seniors Coach*

We hope to hold some social functions over the break to get the club back together, so watch this space!!

Currently we have signed up to the Toyota Good for Footy Raffle and are hoping to raise some funds through this, given our limitations otherwise. If you would like to support the club, please check out our Girgarre Football Netball Club Facebook page or the Toyota GFF Raffle page. \$5 per ticket gets you in with the chance to win 1 of 3 cars or several other prizes, and by selecting GFNC, ALL the money goes to our club. All ticket sales are online, however if you would like to purchase a ticket and are unable to online, please contact Tenealle Nicholson on 0439 462 226.

Our members' draw continues every Thursday night (now at 7pm due to the AFL season starting) so tune in to hear any updates from Nico and be in with a chance to win our Trivia prize or Joke of the Week. Go Gig!!

Nursery Gets A Boost

The Green Thumbs Community Nursery has received a real boost with the announcement that the Victorian Government will provide \$50,000 for the venture.

This exciting project is a collaboration between the Girgarre Development Group, the Friends of Gargarro and the Girgarre Community Group. The existing Green Thumbs Nursery at The Cottage will be relocated to the new site, adjacent to the Gargarro Botanic Garden.

The rock pad for the nursery compound was laid some weeks ago and is clearly visible from Winter Road.

A project committee comprising representatives from all the organisations involved has been established and met on site recently to plan the way forward.

A storage and work shed will be the first structure to be completed, to be followed by the erection of a chain mesh security fence.

Rail Trail

IT'S taken 10 years, countless local volunteers and thousands of dollars, but the Girgarre-Stanhope Rail Trail has entered the final stretch. And with weather, funding and a worldwide viral pandemic permitting, the large-scale project is estimated to be completed by the end of 2021. Initially thought up as a pipedream by a few Girgarre locals looking to restore the old railway station more than a decade ago, it has since transformed into an all-encompassing effort to bridge the gap between two communities.



Girgarre-Stanhope Rail Trail Committee secretary Sandra McDonald, who has been involved in the project for seven years, said it was a strange feeling to see the end in sight.

Credit Jared Prestwidge Article courtesy from Kyabram Free Press



Co-ordinator's Catch-up

Greetings everyone! I



I hope this finds you all well, healthy, happy and warm. I have started writing this several times, with the plan of sharing our reopening schedule and then the second wave of the pandemic hit Melbourne and lockdown suburbs began, leaving me confused and bewildered about what we are going to do. I have been mulling over this all weekend and have decided to go with our reopening plan and will see what each day brings from here on in. I ask you to please bear with us if things change at the last minute as I know you will understand that with the Covid19 impact.

Our plans for a "soft" reopening are as follows;

The Cottage will reopen on Monday 13 of July, resuming normal operating hours 10am-3pm Monday to Thursday.

Strict hygiene practices must be followed as well as social distancing and maximum number of people in an area. All of our spaces are signed and we have employed and trained cleaners to ensure all cleaning and disinfecting requirements are being met.

We are planning to resume activities at a staggered pace starting with two groups, the Girgarre Patchwork & Quilters at the hall and our Seniors here on site. We are waiting on final details from the Shire before the P & Q group resume but we are hopeful it will be this month. Our Seniors will resume on Tuesday the 14 of July in a modified format 10.30am-12.30pm. No food will be able to be shared, so we will continue with our community meals as takeaway and delivery for those that are unable to attend or who are not allowed due to our 10 people in the Utility room rule.

At this stage the Nursery will be reopening later this month; please follow our Face Book page or ring to enquire for further details.

I literally just heard that Victoria is now in a lock down with all borders closed. Crazy times people and you can see why I have been hesitant to plan our reopening. It was suggested this morning that we wait until August the 1st and this may be the case in the coming days, but for now we will stick to our plan of July 13.

If you are unsure of what is happening with our groups and events please contact us on 5854 6482.

Our mowing program continues, as it has done over the last three months and I must acknowledge the tremendous effort and dedication of Ron Barkla. Without Ron this program would have ceased to operate many months ago.

Food relief and community meals are continuing and we ask when possible if you require food relief to ring us beforehand to organise a collection time.

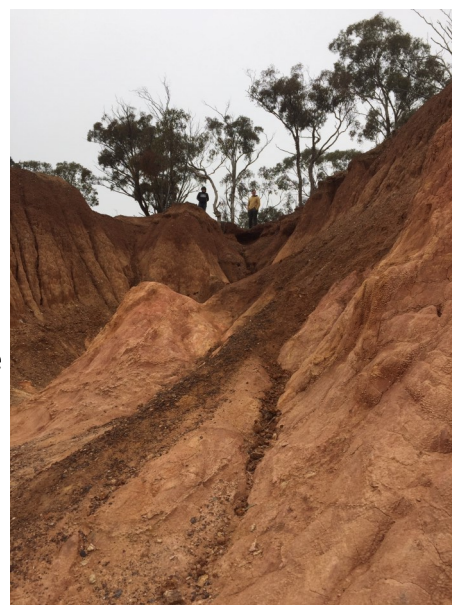
Our library will also reopen on the 13 of July, with new quarantine processes in place for items returned.

On a personal note, I took my boys and Mum on a little road trip on Friday, (with most of the population I think!) After a request from Clarry to do "something exciting" on the holidays and with options very limited. We decided to go to Colbinabbin silos, Heathcote Pink Cliffs and Rochester silos and The Shamrock for lunch. Yes we did have to book, but not eating out since February, it was a nice treat.

Please remember food relief parcels are available; phone to organise a collection time.

Backroads (ABC) Girgarre will be featured in an episode of Backroads at 8.00pm on 13th July-yippee!

Thank you, take care. Kezia.



[Girgarre Community Cottage](https://www.facebook.com/girgarrecommunitycottage)

Hello from Joy

Girgarre Senior

I have lived here in Girgarre for almost seven years and am very blessed to have been made welcome from day one.

I have the best neighbours, Helen and Ron Gregory, who take great care of me. Also I have many very caring friends from the Community Cottage as well as the Girgarre Patchwork Group and the Kyabram Red Hat ladies.

From a very young age, I have always been interested in embroidery and since the 1990's I have also done a lot of patchwork. I became a state teacher of both crafts whilst in QCWA as I lived in Queensland for a number of years.

I love gardening and being outside. I must say a huge thank you to Kezia, Debra and Sandra for the twice a week meals. We greatly appreciate the care taken of all their seniors over this enforced "Stay Indoors" time.

It has not worried me as I enjoy my own company and keep busy with crosswords, puzzles, solitaire, writing and again a little bit of gardening.

Greetings all. Keep happy. *Joy Walton*



Girgarre RSL

RSL News July 2020

Recently R.S.L. Girgarre met for the first time after a number of months off due to the covid-19 restrictions. R.S.L. Secretary, Bill Perry, said how good it was to be back seeing everyone fit and well.

It was resolved by those present that we would still go ahead with our 100-year celebrations on the 3rd of October 2020. However, it is unsure what format this celebration will take; be it a dinner, lunch or afternoon tea. Laurie Young (President) stated it would depend on what restrictions may still be in place. However, rest assured we will involve our Girgarre and district community as much as possible.

May we still appeal to our community for old photos etc for a loan to us on the day? Please contact Laurie Young on 0429 009 515, Rob Axen on 5854 6429 or Bill Perry on 0408 174 543.

Speaking of 100 year celebrations may we acknowledge Girgarre Football Club on reaching this outstanding milestone. From one century maker to another, congratulations from all of us at Girgarre R.S.L. *Bill Perry*

Girgarre Community Cottage

Thanks to FRRR & the Gardiner Foundation, we have been lucky to win a grant to buy new furniture for our library. Now we need a home for the items below; a single, 2 seater and coffee table. Items available for a small donation. If you are interested, please contact Kezia at The Cottage 5854 6482.



Winter in the Garden with Cora



-1.5 feels like -3 this morning!
Crispy flowers!!

"Where flowers bloom so does hope."
Lady Bird Johnson



Have to gather as they don't like the frost!

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Australian Consolidated Milk wins

Dairy Industry Association of Australia Honour

Australian Consolidated Milk has taken out top honours for its skim milk powder at the Dairy Industry Association of Australia product competition.

WHILE the world's athletes will have to wait until next year for a Tokyo Olympic medal, striking gold in dairy has not been delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Australian Consolidated Milk has won the gold medal for its skim milk powder at this year's Dairy Industry Association of Australia product competition.

The factory also received a silver for its salted butter, unsalted butter, whole milk powder and buttermilk powder.

This was the first year ACM was eligible for the awards as it started processing milk at its Girgarre factory last year.

"This is truly a fantastic result and is a true reflection of the quality and care which goes into all of our products," ACM chief operating officer Jason Limbrick said.

Judging for the 2020 DIAA competition was held in March and included multiple entries from across the country.

An awards luncheon was scheduled a fortnight ago but was postponed due to the coronavirus lockdown.

To compensate for this delay, the DIAA informed the gold and silver award winners of their success last week.



Girgarre Development Group June 30

Celebrating The Achievements of Our Town

Backroads (ABC) Girgarre will be featured in an episode of Backroads at 8.00pm on 13th July

NBN notified us today that night time maintenance will occur

New Industry Reports

ACM John Hommes reported that the electrical work is being undertaken at this time and the company will start commissioning cheese plant mid-July. John reported that the cheese makers have started their employment on the 29th June. The factory will produce both organic and regular cheese in bulk 20kg boxes. John said that smaller quantities will be available sometime in the future. John said that opening prices have been firm and that they have retained all their suppliers as well as signing up a few new ones.

Bio digester Ian Burtram reported that an onsite meeting with AGIG at the factory site on Curr Road had to be cancelled due to Covid 19.

Kilter Callum Gunn reported that Kilter had completed direct drilling of 130 hectares with an expectation that 100,000s will be added to the Girgarre landscape.

Irrigation System Park Craig Rowden from the Campaspe Shire reported the design for the automatic watering system has been completed. We have negotiated to include lawn on the eastern side of car park.

Adrian Western reported on the new funding policy recently introduced by the Campaspe council concerning community grants.

Open Gardens Lorraine Warde reported that the Open Gardens Committee is still working towards the October date for Open Gardens: a final decision to postpone will be made in July. \$750 was received from the Campaspe Council community grants program.

Hall Committee Dennis reported that Hall Committee has received a \$5000 grant from the Gardiner Foundation to install a gas heater in the supper room. Shire have been notified of plans and heater will be installed as soon as funds are allocated from funding body. Planning has commenced re opening of the Girgarre Hall and Supper room.

Rec Reserve Greg Fitzpatrick reported on a proposed new Facilities Group which could be created after the withdrawal by the government of section 86, which was in place to manage halls and recreation reserves. It is proposed that this new group will be formed to manage both the Recreation Reserve and the Memorial Hall.

Land Care Bernie Fitzpatrick reported that Stanhope Girgarre Landcare has finally been affiliated with Landcare Victoria which will allow our local group to seek funding for future plantings. Bernie reported that direct drilling has occurred along the Rail Trail. Bernie also reported that the Rail Trail is making great progress with the fencing project along the old railway line to Stanhope.

Kindergarten Sally Canny reported that 5, 5-year olds and 7, 3-year olds are presently enrolled. All children have received their kinder shirts thanks to the Girgarre RSL & the Stanhope Lions Club.

Moosic Muster Recent spike in Covid is very concerning re the January 2021 Muster – plans are still happening however if January is still a risk April 2021 is also in consideration. Muster received a \$4000 grant from the Campaspe Shire Community Grants Round 1.

Market **There will be no market in July.** Our market will recommence when the market team is able to manage the regulations that Govt require to hold such events.

Jigarre Jammin Irene reported that another very successful Jigarre Jammin session was held via zoom . Feedback for this program was extremely positive with participants zooming in from across the state.

A story to tell your kids . . . by Winsome Schumann

The Green Crocodile – a Children’s Tale

Most stories start with Once upon a time, but this one starts with . . .

One stormy day, in the river at the back of Grannie Max’s block of units, the Green Crocodile that had lived there unseen for many years, had been awakened by the thunder and lightning. When the rain stopped, for no particular reason, he decided to go for a visit to where the people lived.

Now, there were thirteen units in that block, and let me assure you – not everyone would welcome a crocodile at the door, especially a mean-looking green one! (This was sad because he couldn’t help how he looked and, really, deep down he was just lonely and only wanted to be friendly.)

Anyway, off he went to the first door and thumped it with his tail. Anyone at the units would tell you Pete, who lived there, was a grumpy old codger – *so look out!* Sure enough, he didn’t even open the door – just yelled out: “Go away, you mean old crocodile!”

So the Green Crocodile crawled to the next three doors and after thumping his tail on each one, he got the same answer, with someone even throwing their shoe at him. “*Ouch!*”

Then he came to Grannie Max’s door. She happened to be minding her three small grandchildren that day – and they were being a bit naughty. She thought to herself: I wonder what these rascals will do if I open the door to a mean-looking green crocodile? So she did!

“Well, Mr. Crocodile, What is it you want? Have you come to eat us?” she asked, with the children hiding behind her.

“Please don’t send me away,” said the crocodile, “I just want someone to play with.” And a very big tear rolled out of his eye and splashed onto the doorstep.

Well – naturally, Grannie Max felt sorry for him and she took him to the back yard with the children right behind her! At first, they were still very frightened, but soon, one by one, they were having fun riding on his back, eating ice cream and cake and just being silly. The crocodile had such a good time and laughed so much he stopped looking mean. He even invented a game called toss-the-biscuit, where you had to catch the biscuit in your mouth. (He was very good at that!)

Some hours later, Grannie Max said: I think it’s time to go home, Mr. Crocodile, but do come again another day.”

And so, the no-longer-mean-looking green crocodile waddled back to the river happier and fuller than he could ever remember being.

The children went to school next day, telling their friends of their adventure with the scary green crocodile from the river. Well – you can imagine what *they* all said! Just another made-up children’s tale! But Grannie Max knew better, and thought to herself: It isn’t *that* hard to be kind to someone who needs a friend – and hoped her grandchildren had learnt a valuable lesson.

This story is by Winsome Schumann, a member of the Kyabram Town Hall Writers’ Group. Members are diverse in interests, ages and backgrounds. This makes for some very interesting and informative discussions of a range of topics, which include life generally, sharing stories and poetry, dissecting the problems of the writer’s craft, and currently, putting together a book of original works for International Women’s Day 2021. More information can be found on the KTH website: kyabramtownhall.com.au



COTTAGE SERVICES AND LOCAL CLASSIFIEDS



COTTAGE HOURS. The Cottage is open 10am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday at 27 Olympic Street, Girgarre. Coordinator: Kezia Talbot. **Telephone: 5854 6482 for services listed below.**

COTTAGE SERVICES.

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Tai Chi with Ian. **On hold** Classes are at the Cottage **10.30am**, \$2.50 per session.

ITEMS TO HIRE Specialty items including shower chairs, walkers, porta cots, child's car seat, wheel chair, baby

bath, high chair, walking sticks.

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DONATE CLEAN DENIM **On hold** into quilts. Stains don't matter.

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Preparing a Path to the Future

The Girgarre Community Kindergarten

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learning opportunities for children
through exploration and play.



THE COMMUNITY COTTAGE

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SPORT

The Girgarre Recreation Reserve

The Girgarre Football Netball Club
The Girgarre Tennis Club
The Girgarre Cricket Club

Our active and vibrant community, working together

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| The Girgarre Community Cottage 3rd Monday 7pm (COM meeting) | Coordinator | Kezia Talbot | 5854 6482 0404 686 3444 |
| Girgarre Seniors | Tuesdays 10:45am | Debra Stelzer | 5854 6482 |
| Words on Wheels Girgarre Cottage | Discuss chosen books 3rd Tuesdays 6pm | Carol Ohlin | 5854 6371 |
| Girgarre Green Thumbs Nursery | Nursery Sales | Carol/Loraine W | Carol 5854 6371 |
| Girgarre Open Garden Committee | Open Garden Festival | Loraine Warde | 58546236/0438 546 237 |
| Girgarre Playgroup 0-5 years Monday 10-12pm, | Girgarre Kindergarten Begins 2nd week of terms | Bernie Smith | 5854 6482 |
| Jigarre Ukulele (J-Ukes) 1st & 3rd Wed (5th) 1:30pm | Play/learn with others Girgarre Cottage | Lyn Cosham | 5859 0297 |
| Girgarre Patchwork Quilters Fridays 9:30am | Quilters and sewing group Memorial Hall | Nola Marke | 5854 8226 |
| Girgarre Line Dancers Thursdays 2pm \$7 | Memorial Hall | Gloria Atkins | 0400 539 778 |
| Carpet Bowls-Thursdays 7:15pm April to August | All ages. Memorial Hall | Theo George Rob Varcoe | 0428 740 976 0409 975 997 |
| Girgarre Community Kindergarten | Lead Educator | Robyn Swan | 5854 6368 |
| Girgarre Primary School | Principal | Peter Caldow | 5854 6275 |
| Girgarre Returned Services League 1st Tuesdays 7pm. Feb-Nov | President RSL Club Room | Laurie Young | 0429 009 515 5854 6303 |
| Girgarre Country Fire Authority 1st Monday 7:30pm | Captain CFA Meeting Room | Maree Gadzinski | 5854 6264 |
| Stanhope/Girgarre Lions Club 2nd Wednesday 7pm | President Stanhope Hotel | Avis Weller | 5854 6383 |
| Girgarre Community Church Sundays 9:30am | Christian Church | Ron Gregory | 5854 6382 |
| Stanhope and District Men's Shed Mon, Wed, Fri. 9am-12 | Have fun and create. 3 Tivey Rd. Stanhope | Des Crichton | 0457 300 321 |
| Girgarre Memorial Hall Committee | Memorial Hall | Dennis Hammond | 04112 1260 |
| Girgarre Development Group (DGD) Last Tuesday, Jan-Nov 7:30pm | Girgarre Improvements Memorial Hall | Jan Smith | 5854 6283 |
| Gargarro Project | Gargarro Botanic Gardens | Athol McDonald | 5854 6324 |
| Friends of Gargarro Garden - working Bee 4th Sunday of month | Chairperson | Bernie Ryan | 5857 2407 |
| Girgarre Craft Market 2nd Sundays. 8:30-12 | Bookings/enquiries | Carol Ohlin | 5854 6371 |
| Girgarre Farmer's Market | Bookings/enquiries | Jan Smith | 5854 6283 |
| Jigarre Jammers. Feb to Nov 4th Saturday 10:30-4pm \$2 | Acoustic Music | Irene Labbett | 0429 149 246 |
| Girgarre Living History | Book title "Girgarre" Record of local history | Athol McDonald Jenny Wadelton | 5854 6324 5852 2301 |
| Girgarre Recreational Reserve | President | Darren Butler | 0427 546 332 |
| Girgarre Football/Netball Club | President | Brendon Nicholson | 0413 022 398 |
| Girgarre Cricket Club | President | Mick Coyne | 0488 296 566 |
| Girgarre Tennis Club | President Secretary | Josh Maudsley Fiona Smith | 0400 546 766 0408 502 274 |

Life on the Farm during Covid-19

Immediately we had extra helpers around the farm. The kids were here, there and everywhere they could possibly be involved.

We looked at things from a different perspective.

Life is what you make it.

We weren't rushing here and there, so we were able to spend more time together. Often the 3 older girls would make their way to the dairy at milking time.

All the kids would help me measure ingredients into jars as we prepared recipes for convenience and learning.

Zoom became a common word in our house. Our kids were able to continue schooling via the computer with zoom. Seeing their friends was good. Family visits happened more often than before with distance not an issue through zoom. My sister had a baby boy while in lock down, so I made sure she sent plenty of pics.

We were able to go to 3 different churches in 1 day each Sunday. We also camped in the paddock.

What was really exciting was hatching chickens in our own incubator, watching every move the eggs made, and during hatching, guessing what colour each one would be. We were inspired by Bull Wheeler's incubator chickens. We also raised budgies.

Our family life wasn't as affected as much as I can imagine others have been, because we are blessed to be on the farm.

But perhaps we all have learnt similar things.

Distance makes the heart grow fonder.

Team work is essential, even if from a distance.

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How creative have we all been, jumping many hurdles while in covid19. *Cindy Attwell*



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HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FIRST HOME LOAN DEPOSIT SCHEME?

The Rushworth & District Community Bank are participating in the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme which is available for eligible customers until June 2022. There are currently many scheme places still available and the branch has helped several first home buyers into their home. We encourage anyone contemplating the purchase of their first home to contact Nikki McKay at the Rushworth branch for a confidential chat. You may be closer than you think to home ownership.

The Scheme, which will provide support for up to 10,000 first home loan guarantees for eligible first home buyers each financial year, aims to help first home buyers purchase a home faster.

"Home ownership is a great way for people to build equity for their future which at the same time helps stimulate community prosperity and economic growth, something that stems back to the role Bendigo Bank played in enabling home ownership during Victoria's goldrush era. We welcome the opportunity to participate in the Scheme and commend the initiative as a great first start for the many prospective buyers who may have thought home ownership wasn't achievable in the near term," said Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Managing Director, Marnie Baker.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank has a proven history in supporting affordable housing initiatives to help Australians obtain their own home including partnerships with HomesVic, Keystart, HomeShare Housing and Homesafe.

"As Australia's fifth largest and only regionally-headquartered large bank, we have deep connections with communities right across the country and we aim to play our part in supporting applications from eligible first home buyers to help strengthen and underpin the economic security of the nation", Ms Baker concluded.

In support of the Scheme and Bendigo Bank's commitment to its customers, the Bank will not charge eligible customers higher interest rates than equivalent customers outside of the Scheme.

Under the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme, eligible borrowers will also be able to access the assistance in conjunction with other government programs such as the First Home Super Saver Scheme, state and territory First Home Owner Grants and stamp duty concessions.

Interested First Home Loan Deposit Scheme applicants can contact the Rushworth & District Community Bank on 5856 2122 speak with Nikki McKay or visit www.nhfc.gov.au/what-we-do/fhlds/eligibility/ for more information.

The Girgarre Community Group Inc. 'The Cottage' facilitates the

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- Children must be supervised near all types of heating

'Turn off the *heat* before you go to sleep'

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Girgarre CFA News

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and it now being winter, we are a bit light on for news. So we will take this time to remind you to check your heaters as the above ad outlines.

Though we are not actively training or participating in social events we are still accepting volunteers.

We have partnered with The Cottage to sponsor a colouring in competition for our local children. There are some great prizes up for grabs. Kids can colour in one or both of the Captain Koala pictures and send them in to The Cottage (PO Box 35, Girgarre) or drop them off (27 Olympic Street) Please have them in by the end of July; something to do over the school holidays and winners will be announced in the August edition of the Gazette.

DON'T FORGET YOUR FRIENDS DURING SOCIAL ISOLATION WILL YOU?

It's important to stay connected with friends and family at this time to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation

ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE LIVING ALONE.

A friendly phone call for a chat doesn't take long. Even a card or note will be appreciated.

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With that in mind, Debi Kitt says *Boomerang Travel Centre* can also offer its customers hard-to-beat accommodation deals, thanks to its membership of the exclusive Travellers Choice network.

"Travellers Choice's cutting-edge technology gives us access to rooms at more than 30,000 properties across Australia and at rates that match or beat all the major online travel agencies," says *Debi Kitt*.

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Girgarre Primary School

Principal Peter Caldwell



Teachers are currently writing reports. They will be different to our normal reports due to the remote learning. There will be no face to face parent interviews but feel free to ring or send an email to discuss the report when you get it. Any budding concreters wanting to create a path to the green shed please contact the school.

Girgarre Primary is taking Prep enrolments for 2021, so if you know of anyone looking for a great learning environment, send them our way! Enrolment packs available at the office.

Thanks to those children who have helped tidy the art room after one of the staff made a big mess. Many thanks to the Dickmans for accepting the rubbish from the art room. The Dickmans also did a fantastic job patching the green shed. The art room now has a brand new ceiling...won't the possums be pleased!



Photos were of outside art lesson with visiting art teacher Clark Pettigrew (Cooper and April...both Preps)



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Girgarre Community Kindergarten

We have come to the end of term two- I declare the most upside-down term we have experienced in Girgarre Community Kindergarten's history! We thank once again the 2020 kindergarten children and their family's partnership during the first weeks of term two by supporting Girgarre Community Kindergarten educators with our presentation of remote learning through the "learning packs" and "zoom sessions". The feedback has been a positive one from all.

The children resumed onsite learning at kindergarten with great ease and confidence late May and Girgarre Community Kindergarten have welcomed three new students within the last three weeks of term 2. Educators Kylie, Kerrie and myself have been very proud of the children's resilience with the current climate we are experiencing and are following protocols of washing hands throughout the kinder session as well as the new pickup and drop off procedure in their stride. Great job Girgarre Kinder kids!

The kindergarten group have shown great interest at kindergarten with "building and motion"- domino and wooden block use with the "domino effect" of the individual pieces falling over. With this interest in mind by the group we presented within the program different

activities that encompass "motion and effects". The children have engaged with various activities and impromptu conversations including the use of spinning tops, marbles with the activity of marble painting (as a large group, in small groups and individually) and using toy vehicles with paint.



Girgarre Community Kindergarten are currently taking enrolments for next year's 2021 three and four-year-old group children. 2021 will see the three-year-old group children experience 15 hours of funded kindergarten per week at the kindergarten. If you would like to officially enrol- please visit

www.kyabramkindergartens.com.au or call the kindergarten for more information- 5854 6368.

We look forward to term 3 after the school holidays,

Robyn Swan.

Lead Educator, Girgarre Community Kindergarten.



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