

Easter Already!!

We are at the end of Term 1!
 Can you believe Easter and the school holidays are here already.
 We are closed over school holidays and will be back on deck on 20th April.

If you are travelling over Easter, please be safe!

Lockwood Ward By-election
 Voting has completed, results will be announced in May

Pancake Breakfast
 As usual, our free Pancake Breakfast on the first Monday each month of the school term continues. Drop in for a free feed and gossip with other locals between 8:30 and 9:30am. The breakfasts for next Term are:
 4th May
 1st June

Easter Colouring Competition
 We received some awesome entries for our colouring competition. Well done everyone! Unfortunately we couldn't give a prize to everyone, so the winners from the Marong Primary School are:
 Siena aged 5, Boston aged 6, Chase aged 7, Maverick aged 8, Phoebe aged 9.



Daylight savings ends 5th April



Free 'Fruit' Stand
 "Take the First Step" to healthy eating and active living. We are very fortunate to be participating in the Bendigo Community Health Services "Take the First Step" program.

We have a Free 'Fresh Fruit' Stand with a selection of fresh fruit, available for community members to drop in and grab what they need (during open hours). The fresh fruit is delivered to us on a Monday.

Autumn is undoubtedly the best time in and around Bendigo to get out to the many parks, gardens, walking and cycling paths and get started on the recommended 30 minutes of exercise a day.

—Janine.



ANZAC DAY - 25 April 2026

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Find the Palm Tree
 Somewhere located in this newsletter is a hidden Palm Tree from our logo, are you able to find it?

March on page 6.

Opening Hours (we open only during school terms)

Term	Start	Finish	Marong Neighbourhood House	TOFS Op-Shop
Term 1:	27 Jan	02 Apr	Mon: 9.00am to 3.30pm	Mon: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 2:	20 Apr	26 Jun	Tue: 9.00am to 3.30pm	Tue: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 3:	13 Jul	18 Sep	Wed: 9.00am to 5.00pm	Wed: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 4:	05 Oct	18 Dec	Thu: 2.00pm to 6.00pm	Fri: 9.30am to 12.30pm
			Fri: Closed	Sat: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Activity Program

M O N	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Craft Circle	Bring along your current craft project and supplies. Enjoy a cuppa and chat while crafting. \$4 per session.
T U E	9:00am - 11:00am	Playgroup	Children can play or participate in a friendly safe environment, facilitated by Ro. Bring along your own snacks. \$4 per family per session or \$20 for 6 sessions.
	9:30am - 10:30am	Walking Group	Meet at the Clubhouse at Malone Park. All ages and abilities welcome. Friendly, well-behaved dogs on leads also welcome. No cost.
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Family History	Kath can help you research your family history. Computers for research are available if required. Cost \$4 per session.
W E D	10:00am - 11:00am	Over 60s Exercise Class	BO <i>BOOKED OUT</i> & Mobility Exercise Class. Cost \$5 per person, limited places.
	1:30pm - 3:00pm	Art Class	Artist Rob shows you how to create your own piece of art. Materials and equipment supplied. \$4 per class.
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Yoga	Dedicated instructor Nerissa leads a class suitable for all fitness levels. Cost \$10 per class.
T H U	9:00am - 11:00am	Playgroup	Children can play or participate in a friendly safe environment, facilitated by Ro. Bring along your own snacks. \$4 per family per session or \$20 for 6 sessions.
	12:30pm - 6:00pm	Tech Support	We are available if you need assistance with your smart phone, tablet or laptop. We are also able to assist with completing online forms.
S A T	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Workshop	Judith and Shirley teach sewing, ideal for beginners. Bring your own machine. Usually fortnightly. Please call for exact dates. Cost \$4 each per class.

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 Website: www.marongnh.com.au  Op-shop website: marongnhh9.wixsite.com/marongopshop

Services Offered

Photocopying & Printing

For a small charge per page, document photocopying, printing of digital photographs, or printing documents in most popular formats can be done:

	A4	A3
B&W	\$0.20	\$0.30
Colour	\$0.40	\$1.00

Laminating

Documents can be protected by having them laminated. The fee per sheet is:

- \$1.50 for A4-size
- \$2.50 for A3-size

Binding

A4-size documents up to 80 pages costs \$2.00. Plastic & Card cover sheets are 50 cents each.

Community Garden

Our community garden plots provide food share for the community.

Our worm farms, herb beds and fruit trees (apricots & plums, lemons & limes) are well established. If you'd like to grow your own produce, but don't have the room, plots are available for rent at \$10/year plus \$10 deposit for a garden key.

Computer Use

It is assumed that everyone has computer and internet access these days but that it not the case for everyone. We have computers with internet access available for use.

Please drop in during open hours for this service.

Free Wi-Fi

We offer password-protected Wi-Fi internet. When you drop in just ask for the password.

TOFS Op-Shop

Our Op-Shop (The Old Fire Shed Op-Shop or just TOFS), is located at 16 Cathcart Street, Marong.

All items are affordable and in excellent condition.

Details of opening hours are on page 1.



Free Library

We now have included childrens books.

It is free to borrow from the thousands of books.

Drop in and have a look during our open hours.

See the "Book of the Month" on page 5.

Have a look at the cataloges on our [website](#) or via QR code



Venue Hire

The Marong Neighbourhood House is available to hire at the following rates:

- Meetings: \$10.00
- Group Bookings: \$50.00
- Birthday Parties: \$50.00

There is a limit of 50 people inside the building. Please contact us for further information.

Recycling

We are a recycling drop-off point for the CoGB e-waste programme, soft plastics, blister packs, and Mobile Muster. More details on page 4.

IT Assistance

Now days everything is online and we understand that not everyone knows how to navigate the internet. We provide assistance with safely accessing online services for everyday requirements e.g. MyGov, Centrelink, Super.



The newsletter can be emailed or posted to you at no charge. Please provide us with your details either by email, phone, or in person and we will add you to our distribution list. Your details will be kept confidence.

Spotlight

The Old Fire Shed Op-shop

The op-shop is a social enterprise managed by the Marong Neighbourhood House.

The op-shop is run by our amazing volunteers that give their time to make our little op-shop a welcoming friendly place to visit.

Adult Cloths \$3.00
Kids Cloths \$1.00
Work cloths 50c
Books 20c
CD's & DVD's 10c

Guide to Donating

Donations are to be dropped off during open hours to the volunteers.

Do Not put any donations in the bins.

We accept Clothing, Linen, Textiles, Footwear, Homewares.

We do not accept electrical items and large items like furniture etc.

Please don't donate items with:

- holes, stains, pet hair or bally/pilly
- toe wear marks, worn soles, dirty/muddy
- broken, dirty/stained, scratched, badly worn, contain food.

If the No Donations sign is out, we are at that time NOT accepting any donations.

Our Motto

People who are experiencing financial hardship deserve the dignity of buying items that are clean and well presented.

Our Prices are \$3.00 because EVERYONE deserves the dignity of having nice things no matter what your situation is.

Australian Clothing Recyclers

Any clothing, linen, quilts, curtains, cushions, handbags, belts & footwear that is not suitable to go out on our racks then they are sent to Australian Clothing Recyclers.



Recycling Programs



CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO



We are a drop-off point for soft plastic waste. Three bins for soft plastics are situated beside the pathway at the side of the House.

An arrangement has been struck between the City of Greater Bendigo and the Close the Loop company. The plastics we collect are taken to the Council collection point at Eaglehawk, and from there it is passed to Close the Loop for recycling into pallets, crates, trolleys, and road-base additive.

Nobody wants to pick the plastic out of the bin piece-by-piece, so **please** drop it off in see-through bags. Thank you.

If you drop your old mobile in to us, we will get it started on it's recycling journey in an official MobileMuster satchel. MobileMuster and their recycling partner companies then recover over 95% of the materials—glass, aluminium, precious & rare metals, plastic—even the paper and cardboard of the packaging are all saved from land-fill.



Thanks to EUFS sponsorship, we take all brands of used, over-the-counter medication blister packs and Webster packs for recycling. Please ensure your blister packs are completely empty and dry before dropping them off. The programme accepts only the actual blister packs – do not include anything else. The blister packs are sent to Pharmacycle, then the metal foils are re-smelted and the plastics are melted down for reuse.



E-waste recycling

The City of Greater Bendigo has provided Marong Neighbourhood House with one of their small e-waste stations. Drop your e-waste items into us anytime—the e-waste station (bin) is under cover on the side verandah—and we will make sure they don't end up in landfill. We accept any small to medium sized mains or battery powered items, as well as:

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| Small <u>taped-up</u> batteries | Cables and leads |
| Printer cartridges | Computer keyboard & mouse |
| Optical disk drives | Chargers |
| Double adapters & power boards | Multi-adapter plugs |
| USB memory/SD cards | |



Book of the Month

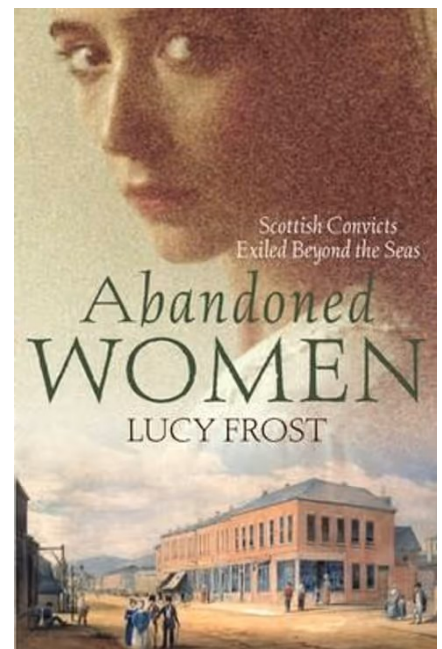
Abandoned Women Author: Lucy Frost

Genres: Non-fiction, History, Australia.

From the crowded tenements of Edinburgh to the Female Factory nestling in the shadow of Mt Wellington, dozens of Scottish women convicts were exiled to Van Diemen's Land with their young children. This is a rich and evocative account of the lives of women at the bottom of society two hundred years ago.

Lucy Frost memorably paints the portrait of a boatload of women and their children who arrived in Hobart in 1838. Instead of serving time in prison, the women were sent to work as unpaid servants in the houses of settlers. Feisty Scottish convicts, unaccustomed to bowing and scraping, often irritated their middle-class employers, who charged them with insolence, or refusing to work, or getting drunk.

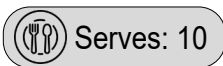
Many women survived the convict system and shaped their own lives once they were free. They married, had children and found a place in the community.



Recipe of the Month

ANZAC Caramel Apple Cheesecake

Indulge in the rich flavours of ANZAC Caramel Apple Cheesecake, a delightful blend of classic ANZAC biscuit essence and velvety cheesecake.



Serves: 10



Prep: 1hr plus chilling overnight



Cook: 45m



Ingredients

Anzac Biscuit Base and Crumb

1 cup (90g) rolled oats
1 cup (150g) plain flour
½ cup (110g) brown sugar
¾ cup (60g) desiccated coconut
150g margarine, diced
⅓ cup (80ml) golden syrup
½ tsp bi-carb soda

Cheesecake Filling

500g cream cheese, chopped
3 tsp vanilla extract
¾ cup caster sugar
¼ cup (60g) copha, melted, cooled
2 tsp powdered gelatine dissolved in 1
tbsp boiling water, cooled
250g sour cream
300ml thickened cream, whipped

Caramel Apple Topping

50g margarine
4 medium (720g) pink lady apples,
peeled, cored & cut into 1cm wedges
2 tbsp golden syrup, extra to serve

Method

Anzac Biscuit Base and Crumb

Step 1

Preheat oven 180C/160C (fan-forced).
Invert the base of a 22.5cm round
springform tin with baking paper,

ensuring a 3cm overhang. Also, line a
second baking tray with baking paper.

Step 2

Combine oats, flour, brown sugar and
coconut in a large bowl and mix well.
Place margarine and golden syrup in a
large, microwave safe jug and
microwave for 1 minute on high until
hot. Stir then add bi-carb and mix well.
Pour immediately into dry ingredients
and mix well.

Step 3

Remove ½ cup of the Anzac base
mixture and crumble into small pieces
onto prepared baking tray.

Step 4

Press remaining mixture evenly into
the base of springform tin with the
back of a metal spoon.

Step 5

Transfer both tin and baking tray to
oven. Bake for about 10-12 minutes
until crumble on tray is golden. Remove
tray with crumble. Continue to bake
base for a further 20-12 minutes until
golden. Set both aside on a wire rack to
cool completely.

Cheesecake Filling

Step 1

Beat the cream cheese, vanilla and

sugar in a large bowl
with an electric mixer
until smooth.

Step 2

With motor running, add copha,
gelatine mixture and sour cream. Beat
until smooth.

Step 3

Fold through whipped cream. Spoon
over base. Smooth top. Refrigerate for
6 hours or overnight, or until set.

Caramel Apple Topping

Step 1

Melt margarine in a large, non-stick
frying pan over a medium heat. Add
apples. Cook, turning until coated in
butter. Add golden syrup and cook,
turning occasionally for 10 minutes
until beginning to turn golden and
become tender. Cool to room
temperature.

Step 2

Decorate cheesecake with cooled
apples and crumbled Anzac biscuit on
top. Drizzle with extra golden syrup.
Serve.

Activity Page

Sudoku

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Marong & District Businesses

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 FAMILYHOTEL
 ELMOREBAKERY
 MAINTAINING
 INDUSTRIES
 SDRDIESEL
 SWITCHBACKLED
 ZEDSKITCHEN
 PERSPECTIVE
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Aussie Women Movie Stars Famous Faces Quiz



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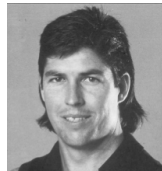
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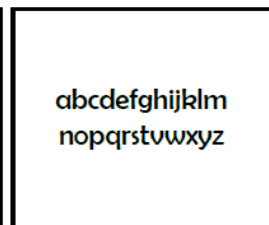
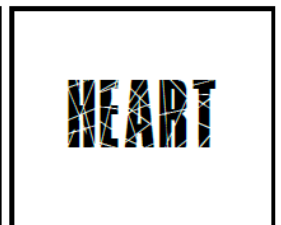
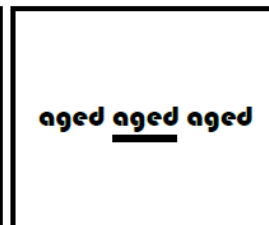
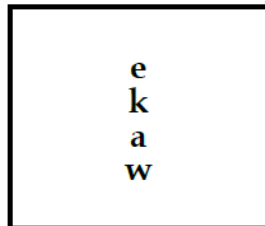
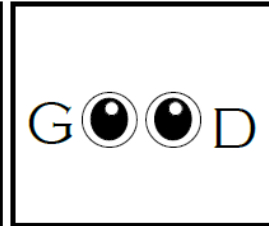
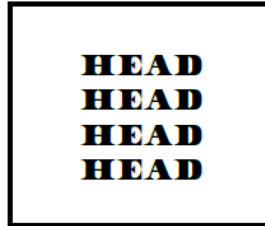


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Brain Teaser



Community Information

MARONG COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

SAVE THE DATE

EASTER FAIR

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026

4:00 - 7.00PM

MALONE PARK MARONG

Marong is set to come alive with FREE family fun, live music, activities and community stalls.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with this Event or maybe you have a business that is interested in sponsoring an activity or donating prizes to a raffle.

If so, please contact the Marong Community Action Group for further information.



Community Information

From City of Greater Bendigo Website



Have your say in the Business Support Survey

The City of Greater Bendigo is inviting businesses from across the region to complete a brief 2026 Business Support Survey

Have your say on letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au



Calling all local businesses!

We're inviting businesses from across our region to take part in the City's 2026 Business Support Survey.

The survey is open to all types of businesses and aims to:

- Identify current challenges businesses are facing
- Understand priorities and opportunities for growth
- Shape programs, projects, and workshops that provide meaningful support
- Advocate to other key organisations on behalf of businesses to address systemic issues

Your feedback will help to ensure the programs, workshops and advocacy we deliver are impactful and relevant to supporting local businesses to thrive.

The survey is open until Thursday April 9. For more information, or to complete the survey, visit: <https://letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/city-greater...>

Wednesday 15 April 2026
11am to 2pm

Nature in the Mall

Come along to learn about Bendigo's native plants and animals and how we can look after our environment!



Image: W Terry




Get vaccinated and protect yourself from measles.

Two doses of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine are required for protection.


If you haven't had two doses, or you don't know, get vaccinated.

People aged 20 to 60 years are eligible for the free state-funded MMR vaccine.


MMR vaccinations are offered here. Ask our staff about booking your MMR vaccination.



Find out more about the MMR vaccine.



Book your appointment



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- ### Famous Faces Quiz Answers
1. Doug Hawkins
 2. Gary Ablett
 3. Lou Richards
 4. Norm Smith
 5. Ron Barassi
 6. Stephan Kernahan
 7. Tony Lockett
 8. Trevor Barker

- ### Brain Teaser Answers
1. Forehead
 2. Good looking
 3. Waterfall
 4. Wake up
 5. Tuna fish
 6. Foreign language
 7. Seahorse
 8. Middle-aged
 9. Broken heart
 10. Seesaw
 11. Miss you or missing you
 12. Teabag

Community Information

Support Our Own. Choose Locally Grown. Campaign coming soon..



In 2023, Healthy Loddon Campaspe (HLC) launched the Support Our Own. Choose Locally Grown. marketing campaign. The campaign aimed to increase awareness and consumption of locally grown fruit and veg available in our region.

We're excited to be reintroducing the campaign again from 1 March to 24 April 2026, this time with a broadened scope. **The 2026 Support Our Own. Choose Locally Grown campaign will showcase locally grown fruit, vegetables, grains, dairy, and lean meats/alternatives.**

The Loddon Campaspe region is made up of six local Councils – City of Greater Bendigo, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Loddon, Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander Shires.

Following an expression of interest process, we have expanded our list of businesses involved in the campaign. As part of the campaign, they will be featured on the HLC website and social media, included on a region map of locally grown produce, and be invited to be involved in other marketing activity.

We would love your support in promoting the campaign with your local community. There will be a range of physical and digital resources available, please visit the HLC website or email us at hlc@bendigo.vic.gov.au for access.

For more information, visit
www.healthyloddoncampaspe.au/chooselocallygrown.



Marong Neighbourhood House acknowledges that we work and live on the country of the Dja Dja Wurrung people. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We celebrate the rich heritage and the continuing culture of the First Peoples of this nation.



Marong Neighbourhood House celebrates, values and includes people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities.