

# June-It's Winter!!!

It is time to get your winter woolies out and hopefully we have lovely rain over the next few months.

### King's Birthday Holiday

We are closed on 8th June.

### Marong Emergency Plan

The purpose of this plan is to provide official information on "What To Do" during an emergency. This plan is being finalised and when completed it will be available on our website.

Keep an eye out for your household copy in your mailbox

### Vehicle Registration Rebate

Victorians can apply for a 20% rebate on their vehicle registration payments. This will save the average driver up to \$186 per vehicle on their 2025–26 vehicle registrations.

The rebate will be limited to 2 eligible light vehicles per person. Applications will be open from Monday 1 June to Friday 31 July 2026. You will be able to apply via the Service Victoria app or website.

If you require assistance with your application we are here to help, please drop in during open hours.

### 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:  
3rd August  
7th September

### 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).

### School Holidays

From 26th June to 13th July

### Live on View

19 Jun 2026 - 6 Nov 2026  
The Engine Room, 58 View St.  
This is a program of The City of Greater Bendigo to support up and coming local musicians.

—Janine.

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### Find the Palm Tree

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

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## 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

<b>M O N</b>	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Craft Circle</b>	Bring along your current craft project and supplies. Enjoy a cuppa and chat while crafting. \$4 per session.
<b>T U E</b>	9:00am - 11:00am	<b>Playgroup</b>	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	<b>Walking Group</b>	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	<b>Family History</b>	Kath can help you research your family history. Computers for research are available if required. Cost \$4 per session.
<b>W E D</b>	10:00am - 11:00am	<b>Over 60s Exercise Class</b>	BO <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><i>BOOKED OUT</i></span> & Mobility Exercise Class. Cost \$5 per person, limited places.
	1:30pm - 3:00pm	<b>Art Class</b>	Artist Rob shows you how to create your own piece of art. Materials and equipment supplied. \$4 per class.
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Yoga</b>	Dedicated instructor Nerissa leads a class suitable for all fitness levels. Cost \$10 per class.
<b>T H U</b>	9:00am - 11:00am	<b>Playgroup</b>	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	<b>Tech Support</b>	We are available if you need assistance with your smart phone, tablet or laptop. We are also able to assist with completing online forms.
<b>S A T</b>	10:00 - 3:00pm	<b>Sewing Workshop</b>	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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[Marong Neighbourhood House Group](#)



[Marong Neighbourhood House Playgroup Group](#)



[Marong Neighbourhood House - Op-Shop Page](#)



Website: [www.marongnh.com.au](http://www.marongnh.com.au)



Op-shop website: [marongnhh9.wixsite.com/marongopshop](http://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

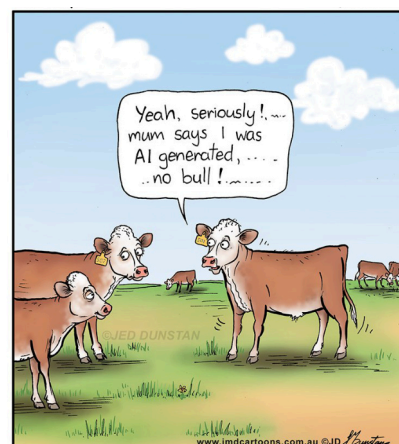
There is a limit of 50 people inside the building. Please contact us for further information.

## 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.*



## **Craft Circle**

This is not a structured activity, it is a social afternoon to engage in casual, friendly conversation and gossip.

The ladies that come along to this activity bring whatever they are working on at home whether it is crocheting, knitting, colouring or needle work.

The urn is always on and biscuits in the kitchen.

There is more chatting than craft that happens each week, they chat about what they are watching TV, the news of the day, what's for dinner that night. They often swap knitting & crochet patterns and recipes.



# Recycling Programs



CITY OF GREATER  
**BENDIGO**

**CLOSE  
THE  
LOOP**

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.



*The Pharmacy that supports your Community!*



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

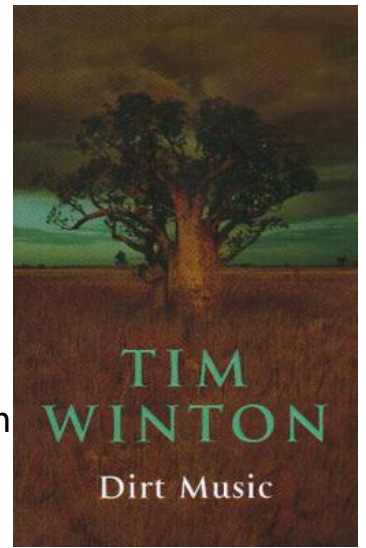
## Dirt Music

Author: Tim Winton

Luther Fox, a loner, haunted by his past, makes his living as an illegal fisherman, a shamateur. Before everyone in his family was killed in a freak rollover, he grew melons and played guitar in the family band. Robbed of all that, he has turned his back on music. There's too much emotion in it, too much memory and pain.

Set in the dramatic landscape of Western Australia, *Dirt Music* is a love story about people stifled by grief and regret; a novel about the odds of breaking with the past and about the lure of music. Dirt music, Fox tells Georgie, is "anything you can play on a veranda or porch, without electricity." Even in the wild, Luther cannot escape it. There is, he discovers, no silence in nature.

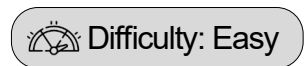
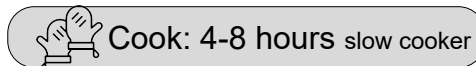
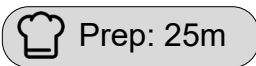
Genres: Australia, Literary Fiction, Contemporary, Romance.



## Recipe of the Month

### Beef Stew with Fruit Chutney

This old-fashioned beef stew has a sweet and savoury flavour thanks to the addition of fruit chutney. Generations of cooks have been using Fruit Chutney to make this classic Australian beef stew recipe.



#### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp plain flour
  - Salt and pepper
  - 1.5 kg beef chuck steak, trimmed cut into 5cm cubes
  - 3 tbsp olive oil
  - 1 large onion, sliced
  - 2 cloves garlic, crushed
  - 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
  - 2 tbsp tomato paste
  - ½ cup (125ml) dry red wine
  - ¾ cup (185ml) beef stock
  - 1 bunch baby carrots, washed and trimmed
  - 2 stalks celery, sliced on diagonal into 2cm pieces
  - 1 x 250g jar Fruit Chutney
  - ⅓ cup chopped parsley
- Creamy mash potato and steamed green beans, to serve.

#### Method

- Season flour with salt and pepper and coat the beef cubes
- Preheat a large frying pan on medium-high heat. Add 2 tbsp oil and brown the beef on all sides, in batches. Transfer to slow cooker
- In the same pan, heat remaining oil. Add onion, garlic and thyme. Cook, stirring often, over medium heat for 3-4 minutes until onion is tender. Stir in tomato paste. Add red wine. Bring to the boil
- Transfer onion mixture to the bowl of slow cooker. Add stock, carrots, celery and chutney
- Cover and cook on HIGH for 4-6 hours, or LOW for 7-8 hours. Top with chopped parsley. Serve with mashed potato and beans



# Activity Page

## Sudoku

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## Loddon Valley Football Netball Clubs

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## AFL Player Faces Quiz



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## Brain Teaser

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# Community Information



## Friday 26 June - Sunday 12 July (Victorian School Holidays)

### Location:

Rosalind Park, Bendigo. At the main gates just up from the Alexandra Fountain.

### Admission Times:

6-9pm Sunday – Thursday, Last session begins at 8:20pm. Please note strictly closes at 9:00pm  
 6-10pm Friday & Saturday, Last session begins at 9:20pm. Please note strictly closes at 10:00pm

### Session times:

Every 20 minutes. Please arrive 10 minutes early.

### 2026 Ticket Prices:

Tickets can be purchased online, or at the gate.

To better manage crowd congestion, Electric Wonderland has an off-peak and peak price structure:

#### Off-Peak (Sunday-Thursday)

	2 and under	3-15 years	Senior Concession	Adults 16+	Family (2A+2C)
Online*	Free	\$16	\$21	\$24	\$68
At Gate	Free	\$19	\$24	\$27	\$76

#### Peak (Friday & Saturday)

	2 and under	3-15 years	Senior Concession	Adults 16+	Family (2A+2C)
Online*	Free	\$18	\$23	\$26	\$74
At Gate	Free	\$21	\$26	\$29	\$82

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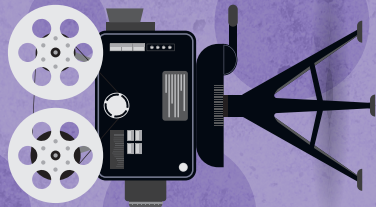
### Famous Faces Quiz Answers

1. Clad Warner
2. Cody Weightman
3. Tyson Stengle
4. Zach Merrett
5. Jordan Dawson
6. Jy Simpkin
7. Patrick Cripps
8. Scott Pendlebury

### Brain Teaser Answers

1. Fishing hook
2. Farm animal/Animal farm
3. Touchdown
4. Honeybee
5. Cornerstone
6. Love at first sight
7. Freeze over
8. Caveman/Mancave
9. Catwalk
10. Hiking in the woods (High King)
11. Sandbox
12. Lovebirds

# Refugee Week movie!



## The Good Lie

A powerful movie about four children who became refugees after war came to their village.

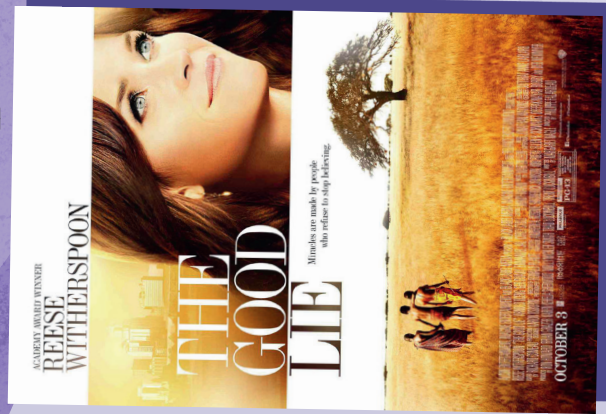
Wednesday June 17

7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

\$4

Star Cinema, Eaglehawk

Bookings are required, please visit [www.starcinema.org.au](http://www.starcinema.org.au)



Supported by the City of Greater Bendigo's Intercultural Ambassadors Program

**Refugee Week 2026:** As we mark Australia's milestone of welcoming a million refugees this Refugee Week, we celebrate the million lives, the million stories that have helped shape the Australia we all call home today.



# Are disposable nappies costing you a fortune?

Per child, you only need about 30 reusable nappies, compared to more than 5,000 disposable nappies!



NEXT WORKSHOP

June 20

10.30am at the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat, 28 High Street, Kangaroo Flat

# Reusable CLOTH NAPPIES workshops and starter packs

The City of Greater Bendigo holds regular free one-hour reusable cloth nappy workshops for local residents.

Workshops are facilitated by a local cloth nappy company staff member who loves sharing the ease and benefits of using cloth nappies. Workshops include:

- How to use cloth nappies
- How to set up cloth nappies and the quantities needed
- Ongoing care and washing instructions
- How to fit different style nappies

Free reusable nappy packs are available to City residents who attend a workshop.

Bookings required

To find out more, or to register for our next workshop, scan the QR code or visit [go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/clothingnappies](http://go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/clothingnappies)  
We'd love to see you there!



Sort it out before you throw it out

