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Australia's Legendairy™ Capital will soon also be home to Australia's premier cheese-making facility, with Fonterra Australia this week announcing its plans to rebuild and expand its Stanhope cheese plant, which as most locals would be aware was destroyed by fire last December.

The new facility will be bigger and better for Stanhope – more cheese, more jobs and the introduction of state-of-the-art processes within the factory and for managing wastewater at the farm.

Fonterra Oceania Managing Director Judith Swales says the new plant will help Fonterra to deliver on its strategy to make Australia its global hub for cheese, whey, and infant formulas, complementing its domestic retail and foodservice businesses.

"We'll produce hard cheeses including cheddar, gouda, romano and mozzarella at Stanhope, with whey from the cheese production going to our Darnum and Dennington plants, which are at the core of our growing Australian infant formula business.

"Importantly, this investment secures the long-term future of our Stanhope factory, meaning that we'll be making Australia's leading culinary cheese, Perfect Italiano, here for many years to come," said Ms Swales.

More cheese means the new plant will require significant growth of the local milk pool by 2020, and demonstrates Fonterra's commitment to supporting our local farmers and growing the dairy industry in Northern Victoria in the long term. It also means the community of Stanhope can be assured that their claim to be the Town of the Tastiest Cheese remains intact.

Planning for the new plant is still underway, however construction will commence in 2016, and is expected to be completed in 2017. For more information on the project please contact the Site Manager, Jason Wright on: 5852 0700.

Stanhope Kindergarten News



The Stanhope Kindergarten children went to the Stanhope Football Oval to help the community celebrate being crowned dairy capital of Australia. We joined in with the festivities, played on the new playground and felt "LEGENDAIRY".



Pictured L to R Bob, Sharon, Steph Charlie, Ethan, Lily, Seth Addison and Declan.

Stanhope Kindergarten children are regular borrowers of books from the library which is situated at the Business Centre. They all line up with their library card, book and library bag for the changing of the books. There is great excitement at this session and they love to see Bob there on their visits. They probably time their session to fit in with his duty day there. It makes his day as well!



The Stanhope kindergarten children are very thankful to the Stanhope Mens Shed for kindly making and donating a planter box. This will be a great place for growing our herbs and vegetables.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Stanhope



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A Stanhope & District Development Committee Project

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Articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the LAST day of each month

Dates to Remember

Friday 4th December
RSL Sub-Branch Meeting at 2.30pm

Tuesday 8th December
McEwen CWA Meeting 7.30pm @ Stanhope Hall
Stanhope Bowls Club Meeting

Thursday 10th December
Lions Club Dinner

Friday 11th December
Stanhope Christmas Carols

Sunday 13th December
Monster Garage Sale

Monday 14th December
Senior Citizens Exec. Meeting

Friday 18th December
School Term 4 ends

Monday 21st December
Urban Fire Brigade Meeting

Friday 25th December
Christmas Day

Saturday 26th December
Boxing Day

Monday 28th December
Boxing Day Holiday

January 4th-8th 2016
NBN information van will be in Stanhope

January 8th-10th 2016
10th Girgarre Moosic Muster

January 11th-15th 2016
Lean to Swim School Holiday Program

Stanhope Men's Shed

Stanhope Men's Shed recently had the enthusiastic assistance of Stanhope Primary School children with painting wooden Christmas decorations they have been making for months to decorate the town. There were reindeer, sleighs and Santa's all receiving a touch of paint.

Murray Human Services have been painting the Christmas trees on their visits and the school children were very helpful with the painting of the other decorations. Thank you to the children and teachers for organising this.



Kevin Sutton celebrated his 70th birthday on November 13th with family in Melbourne. His 3 children, Katie, Chris and Nicola were able to be there and gave him a surprise flight on a Tiger Moth aircraft. A week later Kevin continued the celebrations with other family and friends in Rochester. He would like to say a big thankyou to those who made a contribution to the LREC school in Liberia, in lieu of a birthday present. (LREC is the school where Nikki works as project manager). Also thanks to Fiona Cordingley for the delicious lemon tart enjoyed for dessert.



Stanhope Lion's Club News Youth of the Year

Our Lions Club is looking for students over 15 and under 19 as of June 30th 2016 to participate in this worthy Quest to be held February 2016. Past participants have found the Youth Of The Year a very worthy obtainable challenge which has improved their confidence in obtaining their future goals. Please contact Alan Londey on: 5857 2812 or Avis Weller: 5854 6383 for information on entry forms.

The Lions Club would like to thank the community for their donations of used prescription glasses at Kerr's Pharmacy. These glasses are sorted and reused for the less fortunate overseas. Donations can be made anytime at Stanhope Kerr's Pharmacy.

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Monash University— Student Vacation Program

Fonterra has engaged 3 university students to work on a summer vacation arts project at the Stanhope factory.

The project will be titled:
**Using story-telling and creativity to strengthen
a community brand**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The students will work with stakeholders from the community of Stanhope, Fonterra and Local Government to design a creative and innovative public arts installation (mural) of significant size (approx 50m W x 8 m H) that tells the story of Fonterra's presence in the dairy industry and in particular its connection to the people of Stanhope as the 'Town of the Tastiest Cheese' and the LegenDairy capital of Australia.

The project will require the student team to:

- research the history of dairying and the evolution of the town of Stanhope by accessing written literature and interviewing community members and Fonterra employees to gain an understanding of the underlying social connection and values base of both the town and factory.
- liaise with local community representatives and key stakeholders during the design project.
- identify innovative ways that an arts piece can engage with the viewer whilst still connecting to the subject site. This may include use of light, shade, multimedia, architectural materials, etc to create an effect or enhance an image by day and/or night.
- consider marketing tools that can be implemented and/or leveraged to achieve the project outcomes and create a place that people will want to come and visit.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

Support community capacity building by:

- creating a signature project that enhances a strong community brand for Stanhope.
- build trust around Fonterra's vision to be the natural source of dairy nutrition.
- support the community of Stanhope by helping to encourage more visitors to the town and stimulate the local economy and tourism.

Stanhope Swimming Pool Hours of Operation

Day	School Term	School Holiday
Monday-Friday	3.00pm-6.00pm	1.00pm-6.00pm
Saturday	1.00pm-6.00pm	1.00pm-6.00pm
Sunday	1.00pm-6.00pm	1.00pm-6.00pm

Stanhope Primary School News

Grades five and six have been on a camp in Melbourne. The installation of the long awaited undercover sandpit is expected this week. That will be a great addition to the play area.

The awards and carols night is Monday 14th December, starting with a sausage sizzle at 6pm, with carols starting at 7pm. Santa is expected at some time during the evening.

The Grade six graduation is on 16th December and term ends on Friday 18th December at 1.15pm.

Happy Christmas to all in Stanhope and beyond. Thanks to all who have supported our school throughout the year.



STANHOPE KINDERGARTEN IS SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Do you have a child needing **OCCASIONAL CARE** in 2016?

Forms are available from the Stanhope Kindergarten (Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.)

For further details please contact the kindergarten on 5857 2297 or text 0428 760 771.

Stanhope Rainfall

Winter and Spring rainfall well below average



November with 40 mls of rain was the only month in the last 6 months to be over the average official rain fall for Stanhope. The average for November being 32.6 mls.

The total rainfall for the 6 months commencing in June was only 150 mls (6 inches) compared to the average rainfall for the same period of 247 mls (9.9 inches).

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David "BUTCH" Couston turns 50



Family group photo. Doug Crilly, Leanna Couston, Brian Field, Karen Couston, Shirley Crilly, Adam Ladson, David "Butch" Couston, Lee Field, Alison Couston, Ken Couston and Russell Couston.

David "Butch" Couston recently celebrated his 50th birthday at the Girgarre Football and Cricket clubrooms with the many guests and friends enjoying the provided refreshments and scrumptious food provided by Truffles catering from Stanhope. Speakers when given the opportunity spoke highly of "Butch" and he responded by thanking those who attended and made his 50th birthday celebrations a memorable occasion.



A relaxed Grand nephew William Ponton enjoying the celebrations.



Stanhope Post Office

We wish to advise the Post Office will be closed on the following days over the Christmas/New Year period:-

- Friday 25th December—Monday 28th December
- Thursday 31st December—Friday 1st January

We also advise the Post Office will close at the earlier time of 4.00pm on Friday 11th December (Stanhope's Christmas Carols evening).

Postage Rates

There is a change imminent with the cost of postage, which the media has been reporting about over the past 3 months. At this stage, the price of postage may rise from 4th January 2016 however nothing has been set until it's approved by the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC). In readiness for the change, anyone in receipt of a concession card, such as a Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card, will be eligible for a reduced rate of postage. If you haven't completed an application at the Post Office in the last 18 months, and received your MyPost card for the cheaper stamps, please call in and we can complete the form for your eligibility.

Stephen & Meaghan Browne would like to wish everyone an enjoyable festive season, and look forward to your continued support in 2016.

Stanhope Tennis Club

The season is well underway and all teams are performing well, especially the junior teams under the guidance of Fleur Nurse.

Juniors

Section 2b – Georgie Lavery, Jackie Millard, Claudia Rogerson, Hannah Sully and Corey Browne 3 wins/2 losses—**Ladder position** – 3rd.

Section 3 – Abbey-May Hancock, Georgia Smith, Shyann Miller, Jasmin Pearson 5 wins/1 loss/1 draw—**Ladder position**—2nd.

Section 4 – Tyler Schade, Tanesha Nurse, Jorja Ponton, Jordan Miller, Belle Hipwell 3 wins/3 losses—**Ladder position** -5th.

Section 5 – Jack Donaldson, Will Hipwell, Jim Hipwell, Jinaya Nurse & Zenith McGrath 1 win/4 losses—**Ladder position** -6th.

Seniors

Premier 2 – Our Stanhope/Dhurringile side have started well with 4 wins and 1 loss to Numurkah, and sit 2nd on the ladder. While the weather's a bit cooler in October and November, home games are played on the synthetic surface at Dhurringile. From December onwards, we will play our home games at Stanhope.

The residents of Stanhope would like to thank Fonterra for providing the paper and printing of "The About Town".

And also a big thanks go to Mandi Cheong for her efforts in getting it printed each month.



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Steven's Antics



That's us on a friends roof, but we couldn't see much from there.

It's not often I say sorry, but I really am this time, cos, as you know, I went very crook about not being invited to the big day at the new fire station. I did say I was going to the LEGENDAIRY day up at the footy ground. Well, all I did was a quick flyover and I'll bet not many saw me, cos I had to get back home again.

Do you know why? Well, on that day, of all days, one of my cousins from up Deni way decided to visit. I told him it was bad timing cos of this big day at the footy ground. I actually invited him to come with me, but he reckons he doesn't like crowds of people, he reckons it not safe for cockatoos like him to get too close to crowds.

I feel sorry for him really cos he hasn't been educated like me, he is still a wild bird really, but he is a good bloke ye know. So I thought I better stay home and entertain him. I think that's a good excuse for not going, cos I know a lot of people who don't go to things when they have visitors.

Anyhow, I am really sorry I missed out on the day, but next time there is something on - I will be there.

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Stanhope Carols Sign



Pictured are Kym, Mayley (with the curls) and Evie

Kym Patten is a talented local artist who, along with her delightful daughters Mayley and Evie have painted a sign to advertise the Stanhope Carols. It is a double-sided sign and is quite large so there was plenty of room for all that creative talent to let loose.

The Stanhope Carols Family Gala Night is on Friday 11th December and there will be something to interest everyone. Petting zoo, face painting, jumping castle, stalls, Rushworth & District Concert Band, local singers, Stanhope Primary school and Stanhope Kinder. A BBQ, Lions snow cones and soft drinks will be available. Carnival from 5.00pm and carol singing from 6.30pm. Come along for a great family night on the lovely lawns of McEwen Place, Stanhope.



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Afternoon of Art

Well-known artist MURRAY ROSS will hold an Afternoon of Art every THIRD THURSDAY 1pm at Stanhope Senior Citizens Club Rooms. Come along and meet Murray and join in the fun. No cost on day. Afternoon tea provided.

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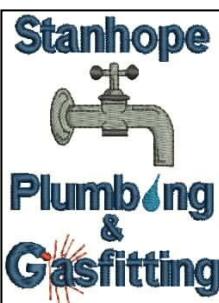
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Healthy Communities

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Stanhope & District Men's Shed

The Annual meeting of the shed was held recently and the year's activities were reviewed. It is exactly a year since our official opening and the shedders have been very busy with varied activities. In January and February weekly pool parties were run to raise the profile of the swimming pool. Large numbers attended and Cr. Adrian Weston organised a grant for a gas BBQ for the pool.

Many social functions have been enjoyed such as a Roast night, BBQ and live music evenings, music afternoons and Friday coffee and bull ---- mornings.

Men's Health Week in June saw Beyond Blue speaker Tim Richardson speaking on hope, recovery and resilience in the face of depression and anxiety. A large crowd attended and from comments received they found the talk interesting and worthwhile. The Community Health team conduct weekly strength and balance exercises for men and these have been very warmly received. Hearing tests were conducted.

Grants have been received to purchase tools and equipment. Two co-ordinators were appointed this year to assist with the running of the shed. Des Crichton and Graham Wakefield very capably undertook the task. Garage sales have been held at the shed and a number of donated items have been turned into a profit such as the sale of fruit bins, many of which have been used for vegetable gardens.

Men from Murray Human Services in Kyabram have been regular attendees at the shed and have been of great assistance with the painting of Christmas decorations. These have been organised through the shire to decorate the town. We have large numbers of reindeer, Santa's, sleighs and Christmas trees all being decorated. The men have also assisted with dismantling timber crates and pallets. One man is very good at repairing small motors and machinery and others have been making name plates and furniture, so they have been very busy and we are glad to have them on board.

We are thankful for the generous support of Fonterra, JN & R Engineering and Unilever for their donations of timber pallets and packing. These have been used to make many projects at the shed, such as the manger scene last Christmas, sandboxes for the Kinder, possum boxes, elephant feet to raise the height of furniture, tables, Christmas decorations, a garden arch, Barbie ute, horse float and stable. Repairing items brought in has also occupied plenty of man hours and assisted clubs such as the Lions Club and the Tennis Club.

The shed is currently open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and is open to all district folk, so pop in sometime and see what there is, metal work, woodwork, a friendly cuppa and a chat.

Book Launch



Pictured is Stanhope Men's Shed Co-ordinator, Des Crichton receiving an autographed copy of the book.

A book was launched recently at Tongala to celebrate the history and growing popularity of Men's Sheds. Tongala was chosen as it was the site of the very first Men's Shed which was opened in 1998. A Tongala man Dick McGowan saw a need and established one at the Tongala Aged Care.

Professor Barry Golding researched the subject and his book: Men's Shed Movement: The Company of Men was officially launched by Dr Sharman Stone, who also opened the Tongala Men's Shed in 1998.

There are over 1,500 sheds globally, with one shed opening on average every day. They are in Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand and Denmark to name a few faraway places.

Happy 60th birthday
Tony Trist,
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Ailsa Hancox
celebrated the big
70th birthday
on November 30th. Best wishes
to Ailsa from all your Stanhope
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Jean Schade, former
Stanhope resident, now living
with her family in Kyabram
celebrated a special 98th birthday
on November 28th.
Best wishes to Jean from all
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Stanhope

Stanhope Celebrates “LEGENDAIRY”

Thursday 12th November was all about Stanhope celebrating being crowned the “LEGENDAIRY” Capital of Australia.

Close to 200 locals, visitors, and officials from Dairy Australia gathered at the Stanhope Recreation reserve to celebrate this historic occasion. School children, Kinder kids and residents of the Waranga Aged Care Hostel at Rushworth were also amongst the audience who joined in the fun and games on the day.

Students from the Stanhope Primary sang the National Anthem and then entertained all with a stirring rendition of “Raining on The Rock”. Many organisations, both local and visiting were represented including, Dairy Australia, the AFL, The Bendigo Bank, Fonterra, the CFA, Kyabram Health and many local businesses.

The community of Stanhope was awarded the title for being judged the nations most vibrant and resilient dairy town, which brings the community and the dairy farmers closer together.

A sum of \$10,000.00 was awarded by Dairy Australia to assist in the construction of a playground at the recreation reserve.

Organisers, Kerri Gray and Andrew Hipwell, who were responsible for entering Stanhope in the competition, were absolutely delighted with winning the award and the response and support shown by the Stanhope community.



Andrew Hipwell and Kerri Gray with an example of the LEGENDAIRY signs which will be erected as Town Entry signs for Stanhope.



Some of the large crowd who attended.



The LEGENDAIRY Tanker from Fonterra.