



Philanthropy benefits students

By Kathryn Duxbury

Carisbrook Primary School has been successful in obtaining a grant from the Central Goldfields Shire Council Community Grants Scheme.

The grant will go towards the InSchools Philanthropy project, which is part of the Kids Thrive program.

InSchools Philanthropy is for senior students and will allow them the opportunity to give back to the community.

Kids Thrive facilitators will come to the school to establish the program and assist the students and teachers in developing their projects, but the responsibility will be on the student to support the volunteer groups that they have chosen and work with them to see what would be beneficial to them.

Deb Sonenberg, co-ordinator of InSchools Philanthropy, said there is the potential to run many projects which will be led by the students.

What some of the students have shown interest in is animal welfare, cultural awareness, gender equality, Moolort Landcare, Country Fire Authority, Senior Citizens Group and disability services.

Students have not yet made a final decision to what project they will be working on and this week they will interview people and groups from the community to see which direction they will head in.

An example of a successful project that students worked on in another school was putting together a 'new born' pack that a new young mother might need.

The project must be done in support of and in conjunction with the chosen group.

The funding that has come from Central Goldfields Shire Council will go towards some of the projects, though Carisbrook Primary School principal, Barbara Wilson said they could still go ahead without the funding.

"Money is not a barrier,



Above: Emmerson Wood, Summer Townsing and Charlotte Cain are involved with InSchools Philanthropy project.

Right: Noela Evans spoke to the Caring for Our Elders group.

the kids will have choices," she said.

This project will give students the chance to grow and develop communication, budgeting and the gift of giving where you live.

Students will become philanthropists and the skills to contribute their time, talent and treasure with a volunteer group.

The benefits of this program is not only for the student in furthering their education, it can also benefit the whole community.

"These are skills for life," Deb Sonenberg said.

Carisbrook Primary School students, Emmerson Wood, Summer Townsing and Charlotte Cain are all taking part in the project and they are enjoying it although it has taken them some time to pick a group.

They are looking forward to how the project develops.



Alison Teese and John Williamson spoke to the environment group at Carisbrook Primary School for their philanthropy project.



Sue Tully, who helps to get the story of Tilly Aston out to as many people as she can and also played a major role in getting the Sensory Garden up and running, spoke to some of the students.



Left: Carisbrook Fire Brigade Captain Ian Boucher spoke to some of the students from the philanthropy projects that are happening at the school.

Below: Sophia Wight, from Asteria, spoke to the Expressing Ability Group.



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Fire damages Victoria Street house

The quick actions of two local residents and firefighters kept damage from a fire to three rooms of a Victoria Street house in Carisbrook on Tuesday.

The Carisbrook Fire Brigade was called at about 3.30pm to the house, which was "full of smoke".

Good rain brings hope

The welcoming rain since Thursday has given a fresh hope to a year of uncertainty for local farmers.

While the crisis is not over yet, a general average of about 50 millimetres of rain has brought smiles to many faces.

Maryborough entrance upgrade the right place to start

The plan revealed recently to beautify the railway underpass in Maryborough is a step in the right direction and should have been a priority years ago, but let's not stop at this one.

Obviously there are many other things that need doing but if this is the direction then let it happen but don't restrict it to Maryborough.

Shire plans 5.8% rate increase

Central Goldfields Shire proposes to increase total rates collected by 5.8%.

Major projects in 2005/06 budget include works at Phillips Gardens, at Talbot township and the squash courts in Carisbrook, which were carried forward from last year's budget.

Big red figures

The Red Shield Appeal collection figures have now been given to *The Mercury*.

Carisbrook this year raised \$1174.30 compared with \$910.95. Overall the shire raised \$7471.81 this year compared with \$6334.31 last year, which is a good result.



Carisbrook firefighters check the building after the fire was extinguished.

Exhibition of contemporary patchwork quilts

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is showcasing the work of a small number of local quilters who make original contemporary quilts.

While quilting is an ancient craft, contemporary quilt-makers use a modern slant on materials and techniques.

Brook juniors win in the wet

Brook juniors hosted the visiting Wesley Hill club in wet heavy conditions on Saturday morning.

Wesley Hill contested the under-15 grand final last season and was determined to take the game right up to the improved Carisbrook side.

Carisbrook struggled to come to terms with the conditions and at times seemed more intent on playing soccer rather than football, which allowed the visitors to stay within range for most of the game.

Healesville Sanctuary a great place to stay

By Colin Mason

My wife Noelle and I had a very enjoyable visit to the Healesville Sanctuary recently. We stayed two nights in a cabin at a nearby caravan park, so we were able to have the whole day there.

Being able to be in the large enclosures with the various native birds and animals was something we both really enjoyed.

I had a satin bowerbird land on my shoulder, and a lovely big red tailed black cockatoo sat on my arm looking for food.

Fortunately a volunteer staff member was on hand to put food in my hand for the bird to eat.

We went to the 'free flight' show twice - 12:30 pm and again at 2:30pm - to see everything from little kestrels, corellas, whistling kites, and eagles (Osprey and Wedge Tail) flying (one at a time) and interacting with their audience.

But my favourite bit was in the large parrot cage.

There were little long-nosed potoroos running about on the ground, and one was quite curious, so I squatted down to let him check me a bit more thoroughly.

He was particularly interested in my beanie (which I had taken off in case the cockatoos took a liking to it), so I let him sniff it a bit more.

He stood on his back legs and put his nose right in it, so I held it open for him, he backed off, had a big wee, then jumped in my beanie (see photograph) and looked up as if to say 'you can close the door when you are ready.'

It was really lovely, and Noelle was able to get this great photograph.

The volunteer staff member with us said she had never seen him do that before.

A truly memorable day.

Right: Colin with a potoroo.



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ICE Forum explores issues

By Joseph Mercieca

Last Thursday evening, accompanied by my wife Sue, we attended the community forum on the Drug 'ICE' in our Township and surrounding districts at the MEC Performing Arts Centre which was attended by around eighty local residents including several senior students, Rotary members MDHS staff and Central Goldfields Councilors.

The Forum was presided over by Mr Terry Welch, MDHS CEO, supported by Alan Eade, Paramedic, Dr Andrew Crellin, Head of Ballarat Emergency Department (ED); Leading Senior Constable Dennis Ferrer and Graham Fary MDHS. Community Health.

All the speakers are directly involved with effects or policing of Methylamphetamine (ICE).

The first speaker, Paramedic Alan Eade, aided by a projector, explained exactly what this drug consisted of and just how dangerous it was to attempt to 'cook' this very dangerous and addictive drug, the various apparatus used to take this drug and effects on the human system.

Dr Andrew Crellin spoke on his involvement with patients effected by ICE in the Ballarat Base ED and the many and varied effects of ICE, and how to cope with someone effected by this drug of addiction.

Leading Senior Constable Dennis Ferrer detailed steps which have been taken to arrest the ever growing problems with the use of this dangerous and addictive drug, not only in the Central Highlands, but all of Victoria.

He displayed various ratios and statistics on the known manufacture and use of ICE in the State and the comparisons between each of major Cities per capita.

There is a vast difference between Melbourne, Bendigo and Ballarat compared to Maryborough which appears minimal by comparison, yet this does not diminish the ICE problem in Maryborough or surrounding towns.

This in no way diminishes the fact that there is ICE being distributed in our district.

The speakers formed a panel for questions, which came thick and fast from concerned parents and com-

munity groups as well as by text message, on various aspects in combating this problem in our district, all of which were answered very clearly.

It comes down to each and every responsible person to be aware of changes, such as depression, in a family member or friend.

Strange smells coming from a neighbour's shed, or things that just don't seem right or suspicious in your neighbourhood please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Above: Some of the speakers at the Maryborough District Health Services ICE forum last week.
Below: Part of the crowd that attended last week's forum.



Russell's top 4 things to do this weekend

- 1 The circus is in town on both days of this weekend at the Ron Sinclair oval. Saturday there is the choice of the 1pm matinee or the 7 pm evening session. Sunday at 11 am. Dear Old Aunt Harriet has fond memories of the circus when she was the understudy for the bearded lady. Unfortunately she could only grow an 11am shadow.
- 2 The energetic group of readers might like to get along to the Reverse Triathlon on Sunday at 9am. Call Jenny on 5461 3155.
- 3 The very first day match for the footy and netball is being played on Saturday on our home ground. Carisbrook plays Dunolly and the games should be exciting. And if the day is chilly you can buy some great hot foods from the canteen.
- 4 Markets this week include the Dunolly community market along the historic streets of Dunolly and the Carisbrook market at the town hall.

Russell H

Lions Club plans to form Leos Club

By Carlene Dowie

Carisbrook Lions Club wants to form a service club for young people.

Club member Jefferson Hooper said he was inspired by a number of young people who helped the club at events such as its Sunday Domain Market.

"It would be good to have the kids do more things that they were interested in, like discos and excursions to different places," Mr Hooper said.

He would like the club to sponsor the formation of a Leos Club, a Lions Club for young people aged from 11 to 18.

Lillian Normington, whose father is a member of the Carisbrook Lions Club, is keen to see the Leos Club formed.

She said it would be fun to organise fundraisers.

Lillian has helped with a number of club events in the past 18 months, including every month at the market.

She said she enjoys helping out in the community.



Anyone who is interested in being part of the club can contact Mr Hooper on mobile 0427 326 166.

Carisbrook Lions Club member Jefferson Hooper and Lillian Normington are keen to form a Leos Club for young people to help in the community.

Vic floodplain strategy consultation reopens

The Victorian Government is re-opening consultation on the revised draft *Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy*.

The *Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy* aims to better prepare Victoria for severe flooding by improving the evaluation and communication of flood risks.

Victoria-wide consultation on a draft version of the strategy was conducted in 2014, and feedback identified some concerns over key issues, particularly funding for construction and maintenance of levees in rural areas.

In response, consultation will be re-opened targeting organisations such as local government, catchment man-

agement authorities and key groups supported by a thorough analysis of a public submissions to ensure all views and concerns are incorporated into the strategy.

Improving Victoria's planning and preparation for flood will make communities safer and minimise flood emergencies across the state.

It will also enable communities and relevant agencies to make better-informed decisions to manage floods.

For more information including details on how the community and other stakeholders can make a submission to the revised draft strategy see www.delwp.vic.gov.au/revised-draft-floodplain-management-strategy.

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Farewell to Russell and Dot

The Carisbrook Mercury staff said their farewells to Russell and Dot Hawthorne last Saturday with an afternoon tea at the Lions Hall.

Russell was one of the original group when The Mercury was started 14 years ago.

Even though speeches were kept to a minimum there was time for thanks and well-wishes for the future and a special cake.

The afternoon was punctuated with poems, jokes and a Popeye song.

Russell and Dot would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved with the Mercury over the years and the friendships that have formed through the newspaper.



Some of The Mercury staff. From left: Thea Allan, Dawn Musgrove, Kathryn Duxbury, Carlene Dowie, Russell Hawthorne, Jean Adamson, Marian Melen and Mary Kaye.



Jean was Olive Oyl to Jack's Popeye.



Dot was surprised but pleased that the town had been renamed.



Chris Shaw and Jean Adamson were busy at the tea trolley while Russell and Dot were reacting to a joke.



Kathryn Duxbury was suitably entertained by Russell as he gave a thank-you for the kind wishes and thoughts on the day.



Jack, Russell, Thea and Dot were having a wow of a time at the farewell afternoon tea.



Mary and Kathryn were amused by the proceedings.



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From Dunolly to Gallipoli

Junction House in Dunolly was transported to 1915 for a Mother's Day enactment of the effect of the Great War on the Polinelli family.

Songs and stories and the letters of Lawrence Polinelli of Junction House featured.

Rachel Buckley (current owner of the property) dressed as Louisa, the mother of Lawrence Polinelli who fought in the Great War.

Louisa was formerly Mrs. Antonio Polinelli of the Junction Hotel.

After Antonio died leaving her a widow with young children, Louisa Polinelli remarried John Davis in 1899.

Louisa was the licensee of the hotel when it lost its licence in 1912. Her son Laurence lived at Junction house until he joined up in 1915.

Lawrence Polinelli is described as a labourer aged 23 with dark hair and blue eyes, five feet nine inches tall.

The Mayor of Dunolly, H. W. Lyndon, gave a reference stating that "he would be a very suitable person for mounted work, being very well used to horses and thoroughly reliable".

The records show that Laurence wrote to his mother nearly every day from Lemnos, Egypt France and Gallipoli.

Interspersed with songs around the piano, Rachel (as Louisa) read many fascinating excerpts where Lawrence talks about his best friend Norman Watson and the three years' service in the trenches.

There are many references to friends from Dunolly and the Oddfellows' Lodge.

The evacuation of Gallipoli was on Private Polinelli's 24th birthday and many of the letters were censored.

Lawrence writes about meeting up with local Du-

nolly boys Les Anderson, Tom Fishlock, P Heckler, Stan Loftus, W. Gathercole, Will Sanderson, Stan Loftus Art Smith, Ernie Smythe, Father Goidanich and Walter and Billy Bell.

He mentions his cousin Norman Polinelli had been wounded again and "I was sorry to hear about Mrs Rokahr, as she has left so many little ones behind".

He was reviewed by His Majesty, King George and the Prince - he said "we gave them a great cheer"

He had the honour of talking to Lord Kitchener at Gallipoli: "I had the honour of speaking to Lord Kitchener when he visited Gallipoli just prior to the evacuation. I happened to be down on the beach when he landed from a destroyer. He was accompanied by a lot of military heads including a French general. I was standing on the pier with a couple of mates, and he stopped and asked how we were and how we like the life at Anzac. He then told us how pleased he was with what the Australians had done and were then still doing at Gallipoli. He stuck us as being a very fine man, and different to a good many high military men"

Lawrence Polinelli played football with the Dunolly team.

He writes about football matches played in France with the Geelong player Joe Slater, and games between the Anzacs and the Tommy regiments.

He writes about having it rough in the trenches with the mud. It was a common thing for men to have to pull one another out of the mud.

On a short furlough in London, he was invited to afternoon tea by Sir Ian and Lady Hamilton. They engaged some of the best artists in London and gave us a good concert. The theatres in London are no better than they are in Melbourne, but the tube railways are wonderful."

So many names of locals are mentioned in the letters



Left: Lawrence Polinelli of Junction House, Dunolly, fought in World War I and was remembered in a special performance at Dunolly last month.



Rachel Buckley as Louisa, the mother of Lawrence Polinelli who fought in the Great War.

and there many references to Dunolly.

"Somewhere in France" they were inspected by politicians Mr Hughes and Mr Fisher who were making a big hit in England.

He met up with two of the Trebles from Broadway, J Taylor, Aleck Crumper, Fred Watts, C Atherton of Bromley, and C Albins of Bet Bet.

"There were a good number of men suffering from trench feet, it is very painful, the circulation of the blood stops in the feet, the feet swell up, and the bad cases turn blue and a number of men have lost their feet through it. When they are recovering from it and the blood starts to circulate again, they say the pain is something terrible."

Lawrence loved hearing news from Dunolly and was delighted that the Dunolly Dramatic Club had such a huge success with a first class performance.

"Did you know Alf Barnett, they used to live at South Dunolly? I often see him over here and he looks well. I was glad to hear that the Hospital Carnival at Dunolly turned out such a success; it is surprising where all the money comes from these times"

Corporal Polinelli also writes about the reported 3000 Anzacs being married to English girls.

"I think that would be

pretty right. The reason that so many of our fellows are getting married over here is, in my opinion, that when a chap has been on active service for about three years he sees very little chance of getting back to Australia for some time, and, as he is getting older all the time, he thinks that the only chance he has of getting married is to take a girl that is on the spot. When a man gets a fit of the blues over here he naturally seeks consolations. This war gets on one's nerves at times. I wish that it would come to an end."

Corporal Polinelli was discharged in August 1919 and returned to Dunolly.

He had suffered a shrapnel wound to the shoulder and lost the hearing in his right ear after treading on a land mine.

After the war he played senior football with the Saints, but returned to his hometown having been unable to adjust to the Melbourne lifestyle.

He eventually married and settled in Castlemaine.

Louisa's husband John Davis died in early 1919. Louisa died a few months after Lawrence returned to Junction house - she was 59. Antonio Polinelli, Louisa Davis and John Davis are buried in the Dunolly Cemetery.

From Rachel Buckley



Songs about Lawrence Polinelli featured in the performance.



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Scots Presbyterian Church Carisbrook weekly services, 11.15am. All welcome. Inquiries 5464 2361.

Carisbrook Playgroup is open to any child aged between birth and school age. It is a great opportunity for children to socialise together and for parents to talk to other parents of young children. One session is held every Monday morning - 9.30am to 11am during school terms at the Tullaroop Leisure Centre. Contact Caroline Thoroughgood, phone 5464 1843 or just turn up.

Dunolly Market, Sunday, June 14, in Broadway "Main Street" - \$10/stall. Starting for public from 8:30am to 2pm. Never know what you can find "everything to be sold". Book stalls via Leanne on 0408 905 011 or Facebook: Dunolly Community Market

Folk and Music Night. Monday, July 7. First Monday of every month. 7pm at the Lions Hall, Green Street Carisbrook. All welcome. Free entry. Please bring a plate of supper to share. Bottomless tea and coffee for sale. Polished performers or those making their debut are invited. For enquiries phone Sue 5464 2693 or Edith 5464 7286.

Carisbrook Seniors activities. Lunches 1st and 3rd Monday of each month 12.30pm, contact Kay Lucas 5464 2298. Bowls Wednesday afternoon 2-3.30pm. Hoy every fourth Friday 2pm - 3.30pm, all welcome.

Talbot Farmers' Market Sunday, June 21, will have all of the seasonal produce you desire and many other fine delicacies. Fussily fed and cured meats, seasonal and organic fruit and vegies, regional wines, liqueurs and ales, fine cheese, bread, olive oils and fine delicacies, local eggs, honey, sweet things, plants, pigs, chooks and live music. 9am-1pm, Scandinavian Crescent and Camp St, Talbot.

Card night - Majorca Red Cross Unit will be holding its monthly card night on Friday, June 26, at the Majorca hall, starting at 7.15pm. Cost is \$5 and includes supper. Everyone welcome.

Majorca Old Time Dance - Saturday, June 27, live band. Majorca Hall. 8pm-midnight. All welcome. Contact Ivan Barrett 5464 7267.

Carisbrook Town Hall Market. The next markets will be held on Sunday, June 14. Twice a month at the Carisbrook Town Hall. Mike's wide range of goods and speciality foods. Edna has some stamps and first day covers you may be interested in. She still makes lemon butter.

Remember all classified advertisements are free so contact The Mercury—phone 5464 1409 or call into our office at the Carisbrook Town Hall.

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MERCURY SPORT

Brook to take on Dunolly

By Alastair Dowie

Four quarters of concentration will be the aim for Carisbrook in this week's clash with Dunolly in Round 7 of the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball Club season.

After just two games in the past four weeks (due to byes), the challenge will be to come out firing from the opening siren – something Brook has missed this season so far.

Much will depend on the make-up of the Carisbrook side with a number of players missing the Round 6 game against Campbells Creek a fortnight ago.

The extra week's rest could see some of those that missed through injury ready to rejoin the team for this game.

There is also a group of senior players who have started the 2015 season late and they may be given the chance to get some senior game time this weekend.

Carisbrook will again be missing Nathan Wright (suspension), Nick Wright and Brady Neill (both injured).

The Redbacks will need more from its midfield and forwards this weekend and as the season progresses.

Ty Stewart has been getting his hands on the ball in the ruck contests and Brook needs to better use that ball.

Forwards in Adam Hurse and Jack Ross are starting to form a powerful combination – both are able to make space for team mates as well as take strong marks themselves.

Luke Treacy showed he still knows where the goals are with five majors against Campbells Creek and he may spend time forward again this week.

Small forwards Mitch Whelan and Keiran Johns each had a pair of goals last week and will again come under notice against Dunolly.

In the midfield Jon Gray relished a freer role last week and continued his excellent form this season.

Ryan Hudson-Morgan, Riley Herd, Mathew Jukes and Lachie Edwards are a solid combination but need to provide more output across the four quarters.

This year the defensive set up has included Jake Buck-

nall, who is approaching his best form since returning from knee surgery, Ben Kick, Hayden Barby, Jakob Tidymann, Nathan O'Keefe and Liam Tranter.

Brook has also been able to drop Treacy, Stewart and Neill (when back) into defence to assist when needed.

The defence has done the job so far, conceding fewer points than any side apart from the undefeated Navarre.

Dunolly will be full of confidence after coming from behind on the back of an eight-goal second term to defeat the more favoured Trentham in Round 6.

Dunolly cannot be underestimated this week despite being away from Deledio Park.

A combination of experience and some younger players coming through makes the Eagles a difficult opponent.

Carisbrook's best should be enough to see it get the points this week.

In the Reserves Carisbrook should have too much depth against Dunolly.

The Brook is undefeated (drawing with Lexton) while



Oscar Tatchell shows a clean pair of heels to his opponents as he races away from the back line during the Under 11.5s game against Campbells Creek last month.

Dunolly was pipped in the last quarter of its game against Trentham last week.

The Redbacks need to use the ball better and have Aaron Taggart in top form in the ruck and Ryan Cash using his pace to get free and deliver the ball forward.

Player availability will play a part in this week's line-up but the home side should win.

The junior program for this weekend sees Carisbrook Under 17.5s playing Talbot (at Carisbrook) and the Under 11.5s hosting Dunolly (the Under 14.5s have a bye).

As at Tuesday, the starting times for the junior games were being reviewed and times and schedule to be advised.

Communities to have a say in bushfire fuel management

The Victorian Government will begin consulting with community and stakeholder groups on the future direction of bushfire fuel management on public land in Victoria.

Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Lisa Neville, and Minister for Emergency Services, Jane Garrett, today released the *Review of Performance Targets for Bushfire Fuel Management on Public Land* by the Inspector-General for Emergency Management.

The review makes four

recommendations for Victoria's fuel management.

This includes a shift away from a hectare-based fuel reduction target to a risk-reduction target.

This is also the view of the Bushfire Royal Commission Implementation Monitor.

The State Government will now begin consultation with communities and stakeholders, including fire management agencies, before making a decision on the recommendations later this year.

Horsham secures 2018 junior motocross world championships

The eyes of the motorsports world will be on the Wimmera when Horsham hosts the 2018 FIM Junior Motocross World Championships.

Minister for Sport, Tourism and Major Events, John Eren, visited Horsham's Dooen Circuit to announce that an \$80,000 State Government funding package had secured the globally-recognised event, likely to be among the biggest sporting drawcards the Wimmera has ever staged.

The FIM Junior Motocross World Championships attracts the best 200 fledgling riders from around the globe

and is a renowned platform for emerging talent like Australian stars Jett Lawrence and Caleb Grothues, all wanting to be the next Chad Reed.

From 10-year-olds riding in the 65cc class to 17-year-olds in the 125cc ranks, it will be dirt bike racing at its best.

Horsham has hosted elite Motocross before, after staging the Australian Junior Championships in 2013 at the Dooen Circuit – one of the state's best Motocross facilities, delivering the town's economy a \$3 million boost.

2015 duck season draws to a close

Victoria's duck hunters took advantage of their last opportunity to go hunting this year as the 2015 duck season drew to a close over the Queen's birthday long weekend.

Game Management Authority (GMA) chief executive officer Greg Hyams said it was a relatively quiet season with bird numbers down as a result of dry conditions across the west of Victoria, Queensland and northern New South Wales.

"Hunters took advantage of the long weekend for one last trip into regional Victoria," Mr Hyams said.

"Bags were generally one to two birds."

Over the closing weekend,

the GMA, in partnership with Victoria Police and the Departments of Environment, Land Water and Planning, and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, ran operations across the state targeting more than 24 wetlands and waterways to ensure that hunters adhered to the hunting laws and that protestors did not breach public safety laws.

"Hunter behaviour was generally good, however, five infringement notices were issued: one for using banned lead shot, one for hunting with no game licence and three for failing to retain a wing on a duck," he said.

Mr Hyams said small groups of protestors were present at several wetlands throughout the state, including at Kerang, Colac and Geelong.

"A small number of protestors allegedly breached public safety laws in a bid to disrupt hunting at Lake Colac on Sunday," he said.

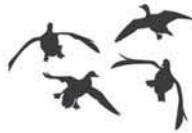
This matter is currently being investigated by Victoria Police and the GMA.

Official warnings were also issued to two protestors for approaching too close to the water's edge at Lake Connewarre in Geelong, on Monday.

"Incidents involving protestors allegedly breaching

public safety laws in May at Lake Colac and claims of criminal damage to vehicles at Lake Connewarre are still being investigated by Victoria Police and the GMA", Mr Hyams said.

The 2015 duck season closed half an hour after sunset on Monday, June 8.



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2. Entries must be an original from *The Mercury*—copies will not be accepted. The coupon will appear every week in the month of the competition.
3. Winner will be drawn at the beginning of the month from all entries received at participating stores. The winner will receive a \$50 voucher to spend at one of the participating stores.
4. You may enter as many times as you wish.
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