



# North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

*This week our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students took part in the NAPLAN assessments. We wished all of our students the very best as they completed their tests. NAPLAN provided an opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills they have been developing in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.*

*Students were encouraged to simply do their best, take their time, and remember that these assessments are just one way we track learning and growth. Our teachers were incredibly proud of the effort and progress our students showed throughout the year. We also thank families for supporting students with plenty of rest, healthy breakfasts, and encouragement during the week.*

*Well done to all of our Grade 3 and Grade 5 learners—we are very proud of your effort!*

*This week we were delighted to welcome Member of Parliament Martha Haylett to our school. Her visit was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the exciting news that facility upgrades for our school had been officially approved.*

*During the visit, students and staff had the chance to meet Ms Haylett and learn more about the improvements that will support our growing school community. These upgrades will help create even better learning environments for our students and ensure our school continues to be a welcoming and inspiring place to learn. We are grateful for the support shown to our school and look forward to sharing more updates with our community as plans progress.*



Ararat North Primary School

# EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS



We are organising an Easter Raffle to raise funds for our school, and we need your help!

## How can you help?

- Donate Easter eggs, chocolates or gift items.
- Buy raffle tickets to support our school.

Any donations can be dropped off to the front office.



For more information please the front office on 5352 3766

# Sounding Out Success!

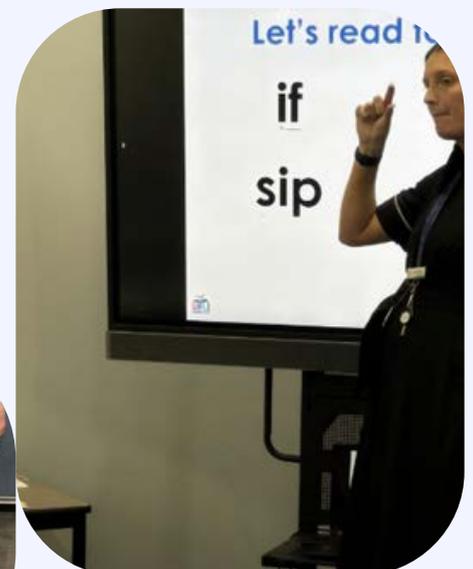
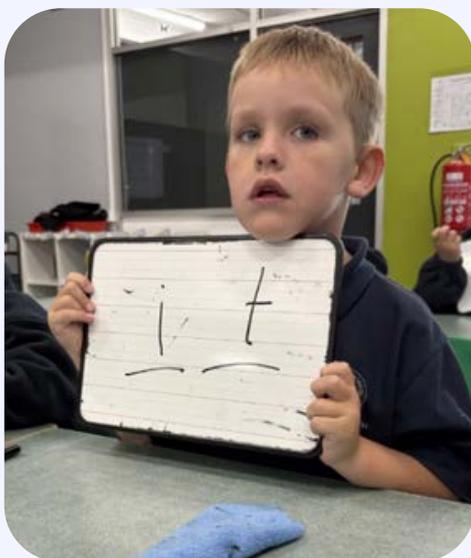
Learning Area 1

Miss Aimee & Miss Kelsie

Our Foundation students in LA 1 have had an exciting start to their spelling journey this term. Over the past few weeks, they have been busy learning new letter sounds and practising correct letter formation—important skills that help build strong foundations for confident reading and writing.

With these foundations in place, students are now beginning to break words into their individual sounds, helping them read and write simple words independently. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they blend sounds together, recognise familiar patterns, and take their first steps as emerging readers.

Miss Aimee and Miss Kelsie are incredibly proud of the progress the Foundation students are making and look forward to watching their confidence and skills continue to grow throughout the term.



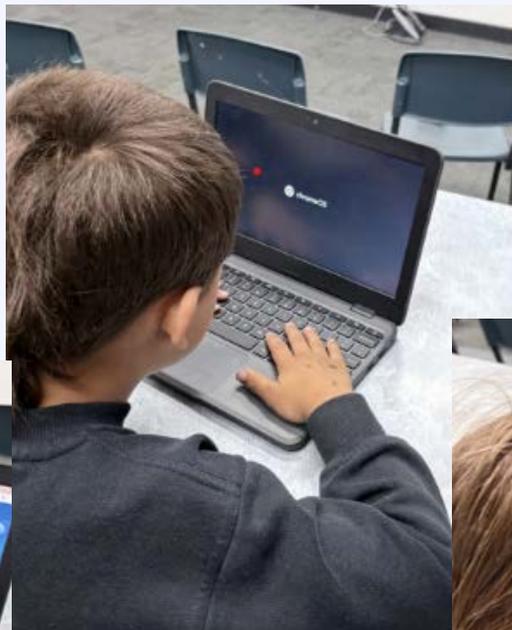
## Learning Area 2

Miss Ellen

# Exploring Typing & Technology

Students have been spending time logging into their laptops and practising their typing skills. During these sessions, they have focused on becoming more familiar with the keyboard while improving their typing accuracy and speed through short practice activities.

Students really enjoy the opportunity to work on their laptops and remain highly engaged as they explore different typing tasks. This time allows them to build confidence using their devices, strengthen their digital literacy skills, and become more comfortable navigating the keyboard in preparation for future learning activities.



# Learning Area 3 Novel Adventures!

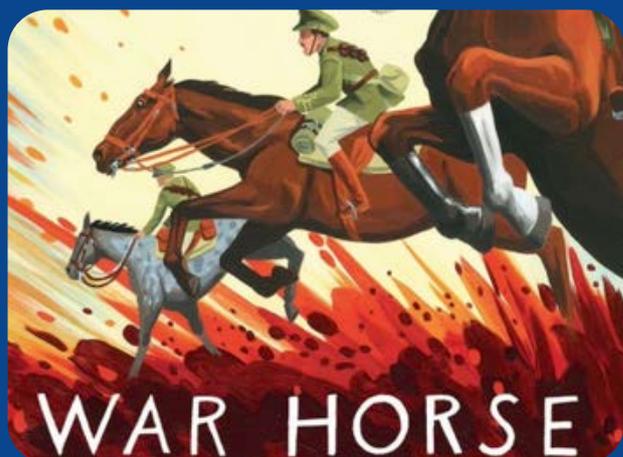
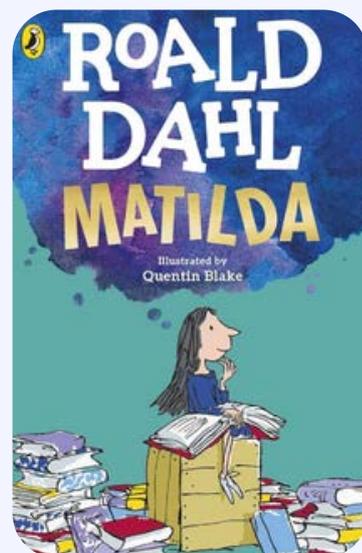
Students in Learning Area 3 have been diving into some fantastic novel studies, exploring either *Matilda* by Roald Dahl or *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo.

It's been wonderful to see students so engaged with these stories! They've been taking turns reading aloud, tackling comprehension questions, making connections to the world around them, and picking up lots of new vocabulary along the way.

Those reading *War Horse* have especially enjoyed learning about World War I and discovering the important role horses played during that time. It's been a great way to combine history and literature in a fun and meaningful way!

Learning Area 3

Miss Ella



# Athletics & Tabloid Sports

## *Athletics Carnival*

On Wednesday 1st April, when we travel to Lake Bolac for our School Athletics Carnival, we will be departing the school at 8:30am, with the bus returning at approximately 4:15pm.

This earlier departure allows students to arrive in time for the start of events and ensures they do not miss any activities. It will also allow students to take part in the relay events, which we have unfortunately missed in the past, and to be present for the announcement of age group champions and the winning school, which are important moments for our students.

If your child will be catching the bus, please ensure they arrive at school by 8:20am so they can receive their sports top and name tag before departure.

## *End of Term Assembly/Tabloid Sports*

On Thursday 2nd April, we will celebrate the final day of Term. Students will take part in our annual House Tabloid Sports, beginning at 12:00pm, where they will rotate through a variety of fun tabloid activities before finishing with a House relay.

At 1:40pm, students will enjoy a BYO picnic lunch, followed by our final assembly for the term at 2:00pm.

Please note that this is an early dismissal day, with the school day concluding at 2:15pm.

# AWARDS

At each assembly, classroom and specialist awards are presented to acknowledge student achievement and recognise those who demonstrate our School Values of **Resilience**, **Respect**, and **Responsibility**.

Here are this week's recipients:



# Important Reminders

- If you haven't already, please book your 3-Way Conversation on Xuno. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers.
- A friendly reminder to drop your child at the gate in the morning, allowing them to build independence and resilience by walking to Breakfast Club on their own.
- Make sure notifications are turned on in XUNO so you receive all important information through the app.
- Lunch orders are available each Tuesday. Please order via the Qkr! app by Monday prior.



## Important Date or Events

**Camp Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**3 Way Conversations - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
(no classes)**

**Lake Bolac Athletics Day - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
April**

**Bus departure - 8:30AM. Arrival back at school - 4:15PM**

**End of Term Assembly/House Tabloid  
Sports - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April**



# Ararat Early Learning Centre

# FETE 2026

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL  
5PM - 8PM

Gordon St Recreation Reserve

**ADULTS: GOLD COIN DONATION**

**KIDS: \$10 ENTERTAINMENT WRISTBANDS**

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS RESOURCES FOR AELC & 20% TO THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

FOOD TRUCKS ★ BBQ ★ RAFFLES ★ LIVE MUSIC

MARKET STALLS ★ FACE PAINTING ★ ANIMALS

JUMPING CASTLE ★ MINI GOLF & **MORE!**

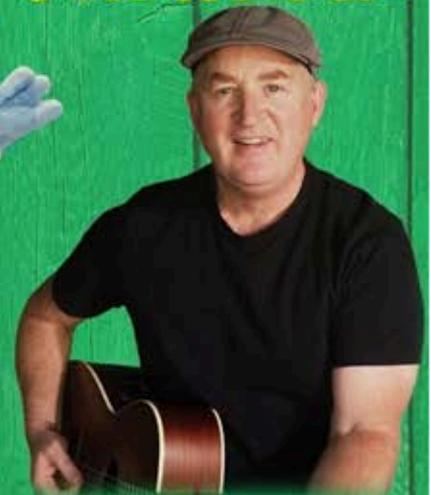
## Special Guests

Lionel Holt



Marshall & Bluey

Dave Nicholson



**FREE  
ENTRY**

# GRAMPIANS HARMONY FESTIVAL 2026

**CELEBRATE CULTURE, COMMUNITY & CONNECTION**

**SATURDAY 21 MARCH  
12PM - 4PM**

**@STAWELL TOWN HALL**

**EVERYONE'S  
WELCOME**

**MUSIC/ FOOD/ COSTUMES/ ARTS & CRAFTS/ FAMILY FUN**

**PRESENTED BY**

**Cultural  
Diversity  
Week**  
21 - 29 March 2026

**HARMONY  
WEEK**

**Grampians  
Multicultural  
HUB**

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China / Nauru / Fiji / Nepal and more!**



**RWE**

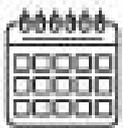


**LIBRARIES**





# YEAR 7 2027 OPEN NIGHT



Wednesday 25th March 2026



6pm



Trade Training Centre



FUTURE YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN  
INSIGHT INTO OUR COLLEGE.



**Marian College**  
Ararat

304 Barkly Street, Ararat  
Ph: 5352 3861

# OPEN NIGHT

*Come and see*  
**OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION**

**Tuesday 31st March**  
**5.30pm - 8.00pm**

- **School tours**
- **Fun activities**
- **Dynamic displays**
- **Curriculum and pathway advice**
- **Teacher and student experts**
- **Sausage sizzle**





**MARCH  
13 - 15  
2026**

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NIGHT



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## FRIDAY 13 MARCH EVENING

**7PM - 8PM | BARKLY STREET CRUISE**

PRIZES TO BE WON!

**7:00 - 11:30PM | SLIM & THE SPARKPLUGS @  
ARARAT TOWN HALL**

DOORS OPEN 6:15PM | BAR AVAILABLE

## SATURDAY 14 MARCH EVENING

**7PM - 11PM | THE JAILHOUSE ROCK BALL @  
ARARAT TOWN HALL**

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING STOMPIN' 88'S | BAR  
AVAILABLE | DOORS OPEN @ 6:15PM

**9PM - LATE | SLIM & THE SPARKPLUGS @ THE  
LEOPOLD HOTEL**

## SATURDAY 14 MARCH DAY

**9:00AM - 1:00PM | SHOW US YOUR WHEELS CAR  
DISPLAY @ ARARAT TOWN HALL**

RANGE OF CARS ON DISPLAY | DANCE FLOOR |  
MARKET STALLS | LIVE MUSIC FEAT. COBRA 455

**1:00PM | LUNCH @ THE LEOPOLD HOTEL**

**3:00PM | MOVIE AND HOTDOGS @ THE ASTOR  
CINEMA ARARAT**

## SUNDAY 15 MARCH DAY

**10AM - 2PM | JAILHOUSE ROCK FESTIVAL  
SHOW @ ARARAT TURF CLUB**

CAR, TRUCK + MOTORBIKE SHOW | LIVE MUSIC  
HOSTED BY DJ JEFF + SUSANNE, FEAT. COBRA 455,  
SLIM & THE SPARKPLUGS & STOMPIN' 88'S | DANCE  
FLOOR | FOOD VANS | FULL BAR AVAILABLE | KIDS  
ENTERTAINMENT | TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE  
GATE - CASH OR EFTPOS

**PRICES: FAMILY \$25 | ADULT \$10 | KIDS (12-18) \$5 |  
UNDER 12 FREE**

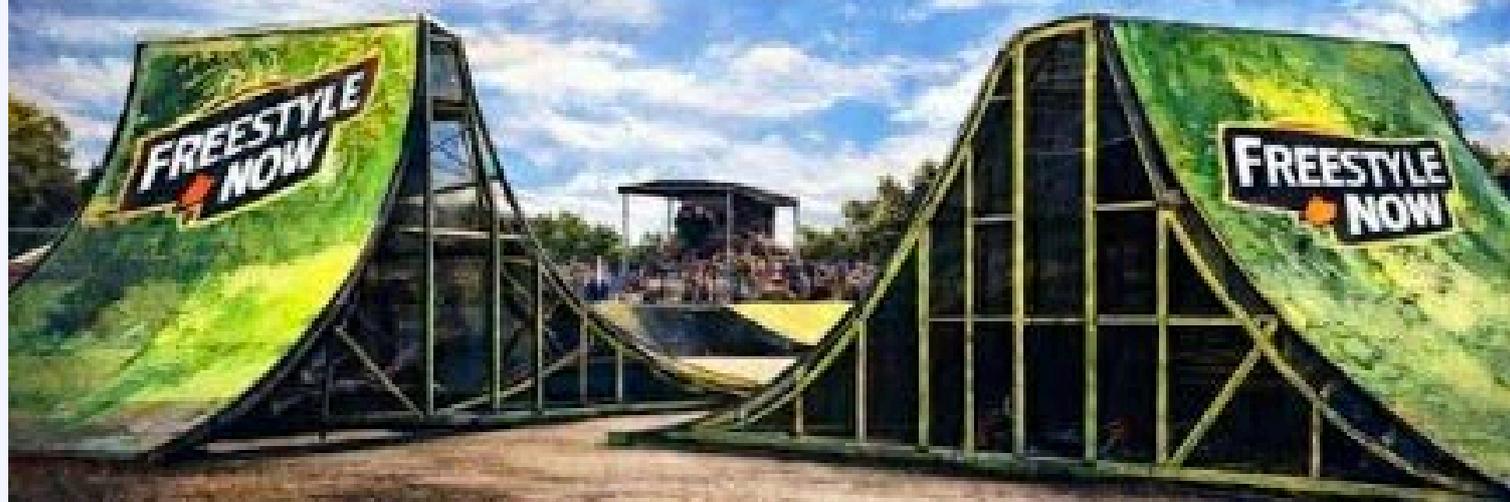


BEAUFORT FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB PRESENTS

# BEAUFORT CAR & TRUCK SHOW



— FEATURING —  
**FREESTYLE NOW  
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**SATURDAY 28TH MARCH • 10AM - 5PM**

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# BEAUFORT CAR & TRUCK SHOW

SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026

10am - 5pm

## LEGO COMPETITION!

Prizes to be won!

Bring your built car or truck!



Register your entries before 11am on show day!

Winners announced **12pm!**

**EGHS Ark Toy and Activity Library**

**Thursday April 2 – 10am**

**Please register from 9.30am**

**\$5 per child – preschool age**

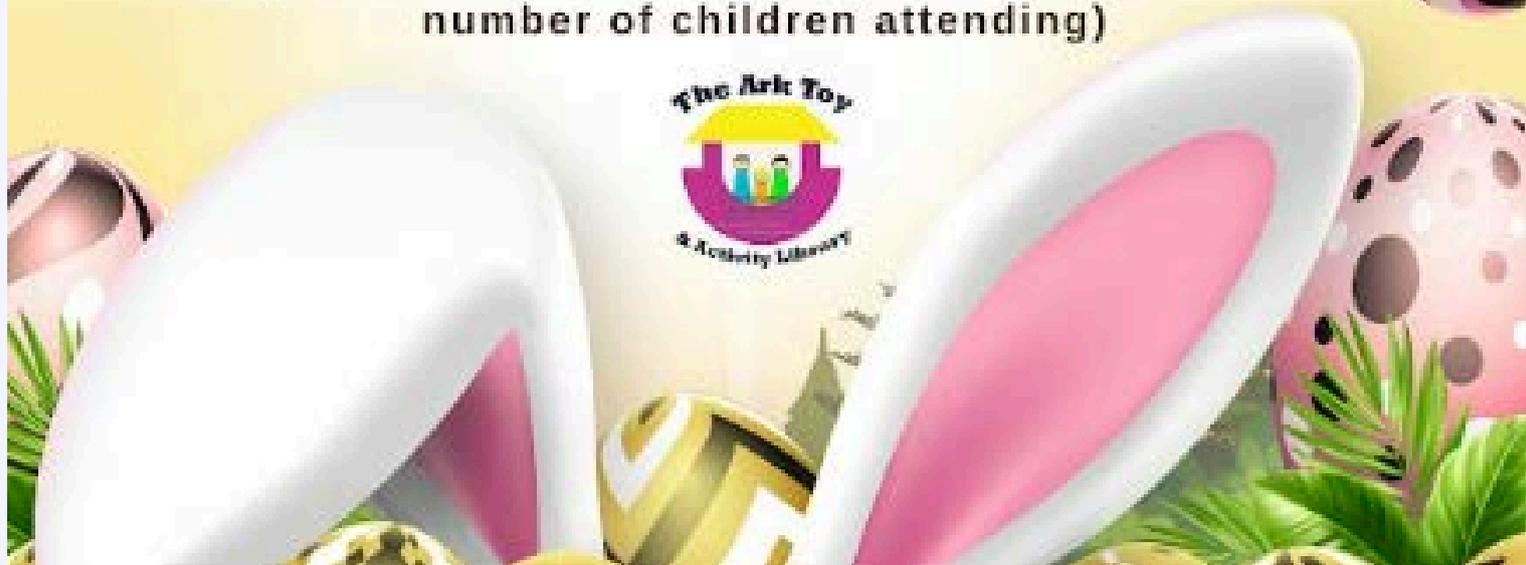
# **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Alexandra Gardens - Ararat  
(meet near the Cafe)**

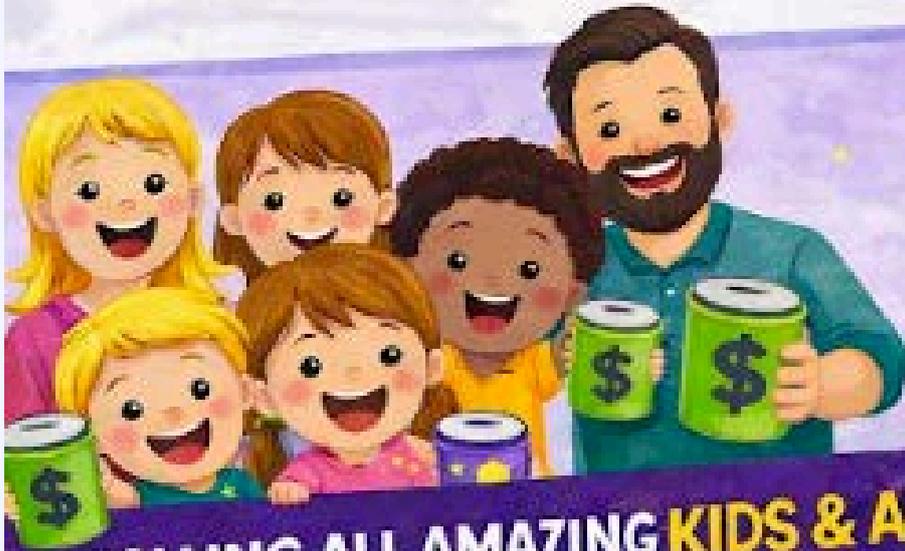
**Bookings required by Monday March 30**

**P: 5352 9387 E: [jodie.holwell@eghs.net.au](mailto:jodie.holwell@eghs.net.au)**

**(Please leave your name, phone number and  
number of children attending)**



# ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL



CALLING ALL AMAZING **KIDS & ADULTS**  
TO HELP **COLLECT DONATIONS**  
AND **RAISE MONEY!**

April 3rd

Registration Opens: 8:15 AM

8:45 AM Start

Ararat Fire Station

Tuson St.

A PARENT OR CARER  
MUST ACCOMPANY

**UNDER 16**





**MENTAL HEALTH  
FIRST AID®**  
Australia

## Standard Mental Health First Aid

The Standard Mental Health First Aid® (MHFA®) course teaches participants how to provide initial support to another adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis, until professional help is received, or the crisis resolves.

Course participants learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adults, how to recognise and respond to an emerging or worsening mental health problem and the treatments and supports available.



### Intervene early

Recognise the warning signs of mental health problems in other adults.



### Offer support

Learn the skills to speak openly and accurately about mental health.



### Respond in a crisis

Respond across a range of crisis situations where an adult may be at risk of harm.



### Reduce stigma

Reduce stigma and increase support for adults experiencing and living with mental health problems.

Adults who complete a Standard MHFA course become Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAiders), equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and skills to provide mental health information and support when it matters most.



### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in adults
- Use an evidence-based action plan to initiate a mental health first aid conversation
- Assess for a range of crisis situations and provide initial support
- Understand the prevalence and impact of mental illnesses, risk factors and treatments and supports available
- Apply self-care practices as a Mental Health First Aider.

The Standard Mental Health First Aid course is based on guidelines that are informed by people with lived experience, their caregivers and health professionals.

**Dates** Sat 28th & Sun 29th March 2026

**Times** 10 am-5pm with 1 hour lunch break

**Cost** Free, Ararat Neighbourhood House

**Facilitator/s** Karen Walker

**Venue / Delivery Method** In person at ANH, contact karen@culturesmart.net.au or 0406 625 990

\*Costs include course participation and all relevant teaching materials.

To learn more about MHFA training and becoming an MHFAider visit [mhfa.com.au](http://mhfa.com.au)

**Anyone can have a conversation that may save a life. Everyone should know how.**

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Live Music



\$5 Entry Fee

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# Good Friday Appeal

2026

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Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1-6pm



Stawell Racecourse

See you there!

