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To this

In a day ! Good bye old school.



Gary Blackwood declaring the season open.

Yarragon Bowls Club

On Saturday the 10th of September the Club held the season opening, there were some important guests present, Mr Garry Blackwood MLA who declared the season open for us. Mr Barry Hentschel who assisted with the replacement of benches stolen during the last season.

We were also pleased to have several members of the newly formed Men's Shed in attendance.

Following the formalities of the season opening, Mr Harry Langres and Marge Williams two of our life members Bowled the first Jack and Bowl for the season.

The Members and some of the guests played several ends to try

to clear the rust of the off season away, and of course set the club on the road to a successful season.

Following that we all enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea.

Bowling Opportunities

From the 6th October every 1st 3rd and 5th Thursday twilight bowls is held. The overall cost is \$15 for Bowls and a 2 course meal. For those who are intending to play, names need to be in by 5 pm for a 5:30 start.

Each Wednesday at 1pm Practice Bowls is played. Cost is \$5 and all are welcome.

The season for Tuesday pennant commences on September 13th

The season for Saturday pennant commences October 15th.



Marge Williams bowling the first Bowl.

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Having been away for a few weeks in September, the changes in Yarragon have been more noticeable. A new shop has opened and the old school has disappeared. With elections coming up this month and many community events taking place in October, this newsletter has been extended to twelve pages—great to have so many people and organisations contributing.

Jen Lowe

Getting to know our businesses in Yarragon....

Take a moment @ Town and Country Gallery

Town & Country Gallery owners Jo & John Wolswinkel have just celebrated their 12th anniversary running the business after taking over from gallery founder Tini Cook in 2004.

The gallery has been operating in Yarragon for 27 years and over that time has established a fine reputation for exhibiting quality contemporary paintings and handcrafted artworks by Australian artists.

The gallery is proud to represent many local Gippsland artists, with staff taking great pleasure passing on 'the artist's story' behind each work to gallery visitors.

Jo, John and staff welcome you to enjoy their 'ever-changing' exhibition as well as a great range of books, cards, unique Australian-made gifts and a fabulous selection of beautiful jewellery. Offering free gift-wrapping, home delivery and Lay-By's, a great idea leading up to Christmas.

Drop in and take a browse at what's on offer at
Town & Country Gallery
10am-5pm every day
111 Princes Hwy, Yarragon



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**Yarragon Craft and Produce Market
Saturday September 24th**

A foggy start to the day, led to a fantastic warm and sunny market on Saturday September 24th. The plants and flowers were out in force, as well as Cheryl's very popular tomato and vegetable seedlings. With a huge range of seedlings set up on the north side of the main hall, Cheryl and team had the busiest day she's had at a market in 16 years! She'll have more back next month, so if you're looking to plant some tomatoes and other vegetables, it's a good chance to grab some, and receive



some planting tips as well. We also had a free range, pasture raised, egg stall at the market for the first time in a long time. Liz and Andrew from Hillgrove Farm in Darnum rotationally graze their 550 Isa Brown hens (approx 39 hens per hectare) in 4 mobile sheds which are moved daily. They are a lovely couple and after having a successful day, they're looking forward to returning next month. So with some great food stalls including, fresh fruit and vegetables, Hope Farm sourdough bread, fresh eggs, nuts and seeds, olive oil, cakes and sweets all now at the market, it's a great place to stop to top up on your fresh food. And with Christmas creeping up on us, the unique craft stalls have some great gift ideas available. Just keep an eye out for the market signs around town in the lead up to the market, or 'Like' us on Facebook to see our updates on the next market.

Next market: Saturday October 22nd. Hope to see you there!



Family Day Care is now available in Yarragon.

Enrolments can be made through Baw Baw Shire Normandy St Warragul, or call 5634 2540 for an enrolment pack

Long Story Short: Discussion series.

You are invited to a video discussion series at St Mark's in Loch Street on a Thursday morning at 10.30am starting Thursday 6th October. The video series sets out the main messages of the Bible and encourages participants to question what it means for them. You do not have to be a church goer to attend. There is ample time to discuss your ideas or to sit back and listen to what others have to say. There will be a simple morning tea provided. For more information: Sue Jacka 5633 1021, 0409 757 170.



Yarragon Lions Report
By Pat McPhie.

Many thanks to everyone who has supplied us with their no longer used eye glasses. I nearly have a second box filled and will send it to the Queensland Lions who clean them up and sort them out before sending them on to where they can be used.

Thanks for your used stamps also. The sale of these stamps help disabled people purchase equipment to help their mobility.

Our Club's Christmas Raffle is now underway. Many thanks to our local businesses for supporting us with goods or vouchers. Due to your kindness we will be presenting prizes to six winners this Christmas.



Yarragon Fire Brigade

The members and families of Yarragon Fire Brigade enjoyed fine food and each others' company at their annual dinner at the Bowling Club on August 27th.

Over 3,000 hours of training were acknowledged; this is over and above the hours that these volunteers spend responding to emergencies. New members can start at any time during the year. Phone secretary Geoff Conway after hours on 0418 318 900 if you'd like some information about joining.



Certificates presented on completion of training to (L-R) Michael O'Toole, Captain Ken Kemp, and Melinda Kemp by Operation Officer Bill Allard.

Wanted

Photos of the Presbyterian Church YARRRAGON

As well as any early photos of the local churches Maybe wedding photos will show the churches in the background

Contact Faye Vandyk
0429 358 626

West Gippsland
Genealogical
Society Inc.



Breaking cricket news; we have secured the Waterloo Shield for this season, it now proudly hangs on the clubroom wall behind the bar.

This competition between us and our arch rivals Trafalgar has been resurrected after a 15 year absence. There was some rain on the day but that didn't dampen the spirit of the players, we are looking forward to next years battle. The opening round starts on the 8th of Oct with Divisions 1, 3 & 4 playing, thus showcasing our magnificent oval. From this date forward the bar will be open and meals will be served on Thursday and Saturday nights from 6:30pm onwards. As for our U/14's, their season commences on October the 15th with milo cricket and U/12's commencing at a later date.

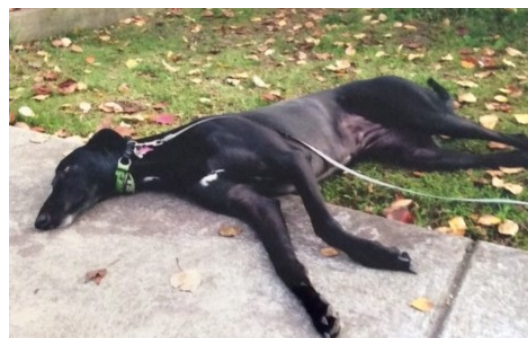
Our next function coming up is Trivia Night on the 19th of November starting at 7:30pm, keep this date free as all proceeds will be going to the new **Electronic Scoreboard** which should be installed in the new year. Any enquiries, further questions or to book a table please contact Jacklyn on 0459955998. Paula Borsato

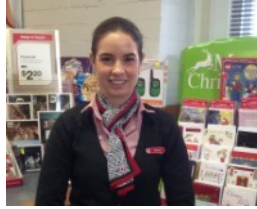
THE FOZIDOGGIES By Lisa Barden

After our 15 year old Jack Russell, Molly, passed away last year, we decided to adopt a greyhound from the GAP (Greyhound Adoption Program) to fill the whole in our hearts. We had met some adorable greyhounds at the Royal Melbourne Show years ago.

When we met Alice, she was shy, anxious, nervous and aloof. She had been born and bred a racing dog (with Champion parents), but never made the cut due to injuries and not wanting to chase the lure.

Alice evolved into a cuddly, loving, loyal, elegant clumsy and playful addition to our family. Even our two cats approved as she is so gentle and affectionate with them. Despite popular opinion, greyhounds are not active dogs. Alice has consistently been a lazy couch potato, enjoying a short walk but preferring to be a lady of leisure. Alice loves the special service she receives at her favourite café, Fozziegobble; fresh water, a treat and grass to lay on. Overall adopting Alice has changed our lives and I would highly recommend a greyhound to fall in love with and add to your life. Marianne Campbell.





YARRAGON POST OFFICE

By Mary Shattock

Yarragon Post Office has been owned and operated by Mary and Mark since October 2015. In the last 12 months they have become familiar with all of the Yarragon community. Mary has a long history with Australia Post, she has been working for them for the last 20 years. The Post Office is the centre for information regarding local events and fundraisers and Mark and Mary are always happy to promote these.

All the staff at Yarragon Post Office are friendly and efficient. The staff are Sue, Alison, Lynn, Janine, Monica and Alyce. Excellent services are offered to all customers with a wide range of postal products and services including:

Stamps, prepaid satchels and envelopes, packaging products and Express Post.

Bill payment and Bank Post services – Withdrawals and Deposits, Cheques or cash, also business banking.

Money orders and Western Union money transfers. Pre-paid phone Recharges

Travel services such as passport photos, foreign currency exchange, travel cards, travel insurance and phone accessories.

Stationary such as USB drives and printer cartridges.

Wide range of Gift cards, giftware and books.

Photocopying (A4, A3 colour) faxing services, fax to email and scan to email and Laminating services

Yarragon Post Office is open 9am-5pm Mon - Frid.

9am – 12 pm Saturday.

Early Morning pickup available everyday Mon – Frid. from 6 am Sat from 7.30 am (at side door)

Janine is not pictured

Items of Interest from 110 Years Ago.

The Age, Wednesday 8 August 1906, page 8

YARRAGON.— Improvements are being made to the trucking yards at the local station. Water is being laid on to the yards; a race has been erected, and it is intended to put in a couple of patent pig troughs. — The erection of the new switchboard at the local telegraph office will considerably facilitate the despatch of business. The new post office, building is expected to be completed by 10th August.

West Gippsland Gazette, Tuesday 21 August 1906, page 2

YARRAGON The postal authorities are now in possession of the new post office and have opened it for the conduct of business. During some 11 or 12 years, Mr W. Glen combined the offices of post and stationmaster and the residents are unanimous in praise of the unfailing courtesy and consideration met with at his hands

Leader, Saturday 25 August, 1906. page 8

A Great Dairy Cow

Mr. Cuming (of the firm of Cuming, Smith and Co.) has a great inclination for farming, and on one of his properties, situated near Darnum, in the Warragul district of Gippsland, the dairy

herd includes a cow of the Jersey-Ayrshire cross that Mr. Hall (Mr. Cuming's manager) has for some time maintained was yielding from 28 to 29 lb. of butter per week. To place the matter beyond dispute, a representative of the "Warragul Guardian" visited the farm last week, and stayed there long enough to see the animal milked night and morning, weigh the milk, take it to the Yarragon factory, and get it tested. The result bore out Mr. Hall's contention. In the evening she gave 35 ½ lb. weight of milk, and the following morning 38 ½ lb., or 74 lb. for the day. Mr. Sheehan, manager of the Yarragon Butter Factory, specially tested this, and certified that it contained 5.2 per cent, of butter fat, and said that previous testings of milk from the same cow had gone 5.3. The performances of animals which secure the prizes at the Royal Agricultural shows cannot approach that under review; indeed, it is claimed that 28 lb. of butter weekly constitutes a record for Australia, if not the world. Mr. Hall has several other wonderfully good cows in his herd, but none, of course, as good as Doris. Like many good performers, Doris is of a highly nervous temperament, and Mr. Hall's daughter is the only one who can induce her to give her full quantity of milk.



Baw Baw Shire Council elections – East Ward

The 2016 Council elections are upon us, and this election, the Victorian Electoral Commission has changed the ward structure for Baw Baw Shire. There will now be only three wards, of which I am standing for "East Ward", which includes Yarragon and surrounds.

I ask for your vote come election time, which is postal voting. Ballot papers will be out the first week of October.

VOTE 1: PETER KOSTOS

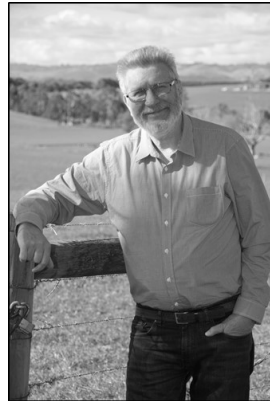


EAST WARD FOR YOUR BEST COMMUNITY MEMBER

Authorised by Peter Kostos, 292 Darnum-Shady Creek Road, DARNUM, 3822. Ph. 0429 936 876

Candidate Statement:
Community, consultation, and communication; these are the important issues for me. Whether it is a rural area, rural towns, or large residential towns, everyone deserves their councillor to listen to their needs and fight for their interests. First elected in 2005, I have been an active councillor for eight of the past eleven years representing the ratepayers and residents of Baw Baw Shire, and fulfilled the role of Deputy Mayor in 2016. Many may remember me as the voice of local cattle market reporting on the ABC for meat & livestock Australia. Now as a livestock market analyst for the Stock & Land newspaper, my work is still focussed on the farming community. As I work flexible hours I am able to devote the time needed to function effectively as a councillor. Serving the community is my passion, and making the right decisions to enhance the growth and lifestyles in Baw Baw Shire, is paramount. With almost 50% of current councillors retiring I offer experience, knowledge, accessibility and a willingness to listen and fight for what is important to you.

VOTE 1: Fred Boreham



For strong local advocacy on:

**Roads & Drainage
Community Support
Economic Development
Health & Environment
Youth Services
East Ward Library Hub &
Service centre for
Trafalgar**

Authorised by Fred Boreham, 113 Crowes Rd. Narracan 3824

Candidate statement:
Growing up on a dairy farm, I have lived and worked in the local area for most of my life. Recently retired from working in recreation, transport and community development, I have also managed university and tourist accommodation, operated school and tour bus services, and am a qualified motor mechanic. With my family I have lived in Thorpdale, Yarragon, Rawson, Trafalgar and Narracan. I have always contributed to my local community by serving on executive committees for the CFA, Trafalgar High School, Yarragon Water Trust, Yarragon Kindergarten, Narracan Hall, Landcare, Uralla Nature Reserve, Trafalgar Community Homes and Young Farmers. I am well qualified to represent the East Ward residents of Baw Baw Shire on issues such as sporting facilities, roads, asset maintenance, library and welfare services. I believe in good governance, transparency, community consultation, financial restraint and the role of council to balance the needs of all residents. Vote 1: Fred Boreham East Ward. Baw Baw shire council.

VOTE 1: David Lyons



-Support arts and community culture
- expand local economy ensuing future local jobs
- expand fantastic library services
- support for children's and youth services
- sensible growth and development of our towns

Written and authorised by David Lyons, 175 River Connection Road Willow Grove

Candidate Statement:

I wish to see the economic, social and cultural development of our communities continue, while ensuring assets and services of the Shire are maintained not just for current need, but for future generations. Our libraries including mobile service deliver benefits that are worth three times the cost of running but are in need of long term funding for future growth, including the need for a library hub in Trafalgar. Population growth continues to bring challenges; we have some of the best farming land so need to ensure agricultural activities can continue in our economy but we also need a range of residential opportunities and to maintain our community identities as we grow. Lets ensure we have the infrastructure and services that support community life from footpaths & roads to arts & recreation. I grew up and began my youth work career in Melbourne, when taking up employment in Trafalgar, I got to move to this beautiful area having lived in Yarragon & now Willow Grove. I enjoy all it has to offer including the ability to start a small scale farming enterprise with family and volunteering for community groups. Vote David Lyons to see economic, social & cultural development continue.

Baw Baw Shire Council elections – East Ward

Vote 1: Darren Wallace



Advert is authorised by; D.Wallace 3 Corymbia Court Trafalgar 3824.

Candidate Statement:

My name is Darren Wallace and I am born and bred in Trafalgar. I understand the issues in our region and have a long history of community engagement. Twenty five years a CFA volunteer including ten years as Captain, Eight years on Trafalgar High School council including the last five years as President. I am currently a Deputy Group Officer of the Baw Baw Group of fire brigades which covers 16 volunteer fire brigades within the Baw Baw Shire Council. A university graduate with a degree in Spatial Science (Surveying) and a Graduate Diploma in Geomatic Studies (Geographical Information Systems). I am committed to representing our Region in a professional, dedicated and enthusiastic manner and to make certain that the strategic direction, policies and governance put in place reflect the needs of our region.

Vote 1: Darren Short



Written and authorised by:
Darren Short
D&M Furnishings
Factory 11, 122 Albert Rd
Warragul. 3820.

Candidate Statement:

I am standing as a candidate for The East Ward in the Baw Baw Shire Elections. I have lived in the Baw Baw region since 1989 and have strong connections with the East Ward. Originally a qualified tradesman, I have owned and worked in small businesses and Tourism for many years in Warragul and interstate, I understand the opportunity for excellent returns from these sectors and how important these sectors are to our Ward for creating employment and economic growth. I also understand the challenges faced by these sectors and will encourage Baw Baw Council to establish more supportive pathways for these important lucrative industries. I understand the social and economic importance of building a strong community that supports all generations, having been involved in sports clubs and serving as a committee member for local festivals and organisations. I have lived on a small farm in Noojee for 20 years, allowing me to enjoy what nature has provided and driving me to see our farmlands and forests environmentally and commercially well managed and maintained. Farming has become my passion and I understand some of the difficulties of this industry and I am interested in listening to problems and finding solutions.

Vote 1: Michael Leaney



*“A strong voice for
your community
working for a fairer
deal for Yarragon
and surrounds”*

Authorised by: Michael Leany, 130 Main Road, WALHALLA Vic 3825. 0403 233 806

Candidate Statement:

I first purchased property in the shire in 1991 and have been a resident of Walhalla for 18 years running the Star Hotel with my partner. As the dedicated volunteer President of the local tourism association and heritage railway, I have seen community effort turn Walhalla from a backwater into a tourism icon. Unfortunately I have also witnessed a slow but steady decline in shire services and support with many opportunities lost due to indifference by the shire. Roads have fallen into disrepair, infrastructure has not been maintained, shire facilities have been closed and a general lack of interest and commitment to the East Ward is evident. While Warragul and Drouin boom, the East Ward has been left to decline with little economic development. I have also witnessed the waste of funds. If elected as a Councillor I will pursue a fairer deal for East Ward residents, businesses and farmers. I will work to protect the right to farm and maintain the lifestyle we all enjoy while tackling the loss of services and facilities in small communities. I will seek new economic development opportunities to ensure business growth and will combat shire overspending, inefficiency and waste.

A Tribute to Mrs Irene Knight

By Pam Morrison.

Irene has recently moved from Yarragon to Querencia Independent Living, Mena St. Moe. Born and bred in Nilma, Irene moved to Yarragon in 1944 when she married Lawrie Knight, a well known Yarragon resident. During her lifetime spent here, she devoted herself to the Community, wholeheartedly giving her time to so many causes. Her family life was busy, with 3 children, Elaine, Graham and Leslie, and husband Lawrie, always cared for so well. Irene's strong personality and attitude to life were her strengths in all she did. I'm sure the term "multi-tasking" was coined with Irene in mind.

She was involved in just about every organisation in Yarragon and served on some 20 clubs within the community of Yarragon and surrounds over the past 60 Years, which were:

The Blind Auxiliary, Bowling Club, Cemetery Trust, Cricket Club, Uniting Church Guild, Anglican Church Guild, Football Club, Hall Committee, Infant Welfare Centre, Marching Girls, Red Cross, Seniors Club, State School Mothers Club, Tennis Club, Youth Group and the Lions Club.

She has also contributed to and been part of the Trafalgar Probus Club, Warragul Seniors Club, Trafalgar Seniors Club and the Nilma Hall Committee.

Irene's contributions have included holding an annual garden party and produce stall each year for 20 years to raise funds for the Yarragon Blind Auxiliary.

In 1957 when the Yarragon Marching Girls was established she was a driver and chaperone for the girls, taking them to marching parades all over Melbourne and Gippsland.

For the various sporting clubs she baked food for street stall fundraising and ran the football club canteen for decades. Irene has donated large amounts of cooking over the years. She specialised in mouth-watering sponges, apple and rhubarb pies and jams for all the street stalls in Yarragon for decades.

When their children had married and moved away, Irene and Lawrie built a new home in Market Street, Yarragon. Lawrie died in 1993 and when Irene felt it was time to downsize, in 1999, she moved to a unit in Trafalgar as there was none available in Yarragon, but she was still involved in Yarragon affairs.

Despite some health setbacks – bypass operations in both legs and shingles, she continued undaunted. Well into her 70s she was still picking up the other ladies to take them to play cards at Nilma.

In 2003 at the age of 78, she had her right leg amputated as a result of vascular problems. This did not stop her nor did it slow her down; she was back driving 3 months after the operation (and had had the pedals converted) and was still serving on 7 local committees and clubs.

When a unit became available in Market Street Yarragon in 2004, she jumped at the opportunity to return to the town to which she has given so much of her time, hard work and dedication.

Now in 2016, her mobility may be a little reduced but her mind and hands remain as active as ever. She knits and crochets many, many rugs that are sent to Alice Springs, among other places to help others in need.

In March 1999 Irene was honoured by the Yarragon Lions Club when she was presented with a certificate of Appreciation for services rendered to the Community of Yarragon and the Lions Club. Another well-deserved recognition.

In 2001, Irene was awarded the 2001 "citizen of the Year" on Australia Day by the Baw Baw Shire, a truly well-deserved honour.

In December 2005, Irene resigned from the Trafalgar Senior Citizens Club after many years as its President. Notwithstanding her serious health problems, which had occurred in the last few years, she still gamely carried the banner for the Trafalgar Senior Citizens.

In closing, I would like to add that Irene's selfless contributions towards her community for well over 60 years, is amazing, and an inspiration to all of us. She will be celebrating her 91st birthday on the 9th of November.

Happy Birthday, Irene.

Acknowledgements: The list of Irene's achievements was

taken from the Baw Baw shire notes at the time and later added to and compiled by Mrs. Tini Cook for inclusion in her special book of well-known Yarragon Residents at the Yarragon High Tea in May 2015.



Irene and Lawrie Knight
1985



Irene Knight with Life membership award from Yarragon Football Club, 1986

Sustainable energy. Maybe not what you think! – Part 3

By Jim Whiley.

I hope you found last months article interesting. This is the third and last in the introductory series. I hope to have the opportunity to write more on this subject in the future, as I believe it is of great value to the wider community.

Why do we need sustainable energy?

The simple answer is that the alternatives are running out fast or toxic to the human species.

When you look at the nuclear disasters that have occurred in a fairly short timespan we have either been very lucky or unlucky depending on your point of view. The residents of Fukushima would consider themselves unlucky. I also know a couple of survivors of Chernobyl one of whom has suffered cancer as a result of her exposure.

As for petroleum based fuels they have about a 40 year lifespan, as we know it.

So where does this leave us? We have a couple of options. Individual power

generation, Community Power generation and distribution or a national system similar to that which we have today.

In my own case, I'm considering a solar and wind system with batteries. These technologies are already available and becoming very reliable. On my previous house I had a 3 kilowatt solar system that paid for itself in 12 months.

On the side I'll be working to develop a community based generation and distribution system. Basically we will need a reasonable sized Solar and wind array that can service a limited number of homes around my location. Setup costs would be shared among those that wish to use the system; whatever is generated would be shared amongst the residents free of charge.

The best national plan I have seen is from the University of Melbourne which is fully planned and costed to get the nation onto a system of Solar and wind generation within 10 years. This system would employ all the people involved in the current power generation systems and provide ongoing employment for many

more all at a reduced cost to the consumer.

We need to be making our government aware of our support for sustainable energy.

Our government needs to step up and provide at least the framework under legislation for a variety of systems to be deployed and made available for the consumer to choose.

In closing I'd urge you to look at reducing the carbon footprint of your house or business. This isn't just a green plea. In my case I have reduced my energy costs by \$2000 per annum for a fairly modest cost outlay. As a starting point look at changing your lighting to LED lighting. It has come a long way in very recent times. The quality of the light is now what I would call comparable to previous lights like fluorescent and incandescent.



Cooperative takes steps for renewable manufacturing in Latrobe Valley

The Earthworker Cooperative, along with supporters and friends, walked 100km from Pakenham to Morwell, finishing with celebrations and a bushdance on the Sunday 25th September.

The week-long 'Walk with the Valley' called for a 'just transition' for power industry workers in the Latrobe Valley, and also raised \$20,000 to support a worker-owned cooperative in Morwell to manufacture renewable energy technology. Pictured here in Yarragon, about 80 locals and walkers from all over Victoria participated over the course of the walk.

"We've been so pleased by the interest and support of community-members in each of the towns we've passed through, and we've had some great conversations," said Earthworker's Secretary, Dan Musil.

"People are so glad to see that there are practical and community-focused initiatives to deal with the question of jobs, climate change

and economic transition in the Valley"

The Cooperative is currently seeking state-government funding to start operations at their factory in Morwell, after community

investment allowed the purchase of equipment to make high-quality solar hot water tanks.



Gardivalia Festival of Gardens

Gardivalia Festival of Gardens began 10 years ago with the vision of becoming the premier garden event in Victoria and to promote tourism and the beautiful gardens of West Gippsland.

Gardivalia has since been embraced by the community and participation by groups, community and school gardens all cultivate Gardivalia's aim to promote gardening and horticulture throughout the community. We now have 31 gardens and 24 events including Baw Baw Sustainability Network Food gardens.

Nilma Primary School will open its Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden to the public and Warragul Community Kindergarten will display its bush tucker garden.

Community events include Baw Baw Senior Citizens walk, art

exhibitions, sculpture displays, workshops and demonstrations. Other inspiring experiences include music in the park, poetry readings, pop-up library, food and wine events, markets and unique workshops such as the art of bonsai, constructing a labyrinth, flower arranging, shed collection of vintage garden & farm tools and a practical workshop on composting and tips on growing seedlings. Mid-week garden tours are available.

Enquiries: Maree Wallace 0427 046 805

www.gardivalia.com.au

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**October
Saturday 15 & Sunday 16
Saturday 22 & Sunday 23
Open: 10am - 4pm**



REFLECTIONS By Rev Sue Jacka

Doubt: faith in two minds

Recently community people have made comments that have made me reflect about the permission we give ourselves to allow doubts and inner debate even when we generally hold to a belief in God. Personally I think some level of questioning is not only normal but desirable. As intelligent thinking people, we need an ability to ponder the validity or helpfulness of an issue or value. This is no less true for Christians! I believe that God gave us brains and expects us to use them, so respectful and thoughtful discussion about topical matters is helpful. Christians use the bible as a theological framework for many issues that simply were not evidenced in the time span of its writing. Few people like to be told what to believe today- and I would be very hesitant of 'following' anyone who expects others to just accept what they say without good basis. Topics that I have had to grapple with include refugees, the imbalance of wealth and opportunity across our global village, and the prevention of abuse and help for the survivors of abuse (there's actually a lot about these in the Bible) and various bio-ethical issues like end of life care, the appropriateness of medical intervention in certain situations and the implications of the acceptance of diversity. Christianity has a long tradition of encouraging questioning and debate (with some notorious exceptions). Being a believer allows for questions and doubts- in fact it can be a way to grow.

Your OCTOBER Garden

By Katrina Langmaid

Katrina's Garden Plant Nursery

ph: 0427 348 355

What to Plant:

Vegie Seedlings Tomatoes, Capsicum, Zucchini, Cucumber, silver beet and many more
Seeds – Beans, Potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, Capsicum, phlox and many more
Flower Seedlings – Sunflowers, Digitalis, Cosmos, Pansy, Petunias and Marigolds

What to do in the garden:

With the weather warming up nicely, there's no better place to be than the backyard. October is a huge month in the vegie patch. With so many varieties to plant,

you'll be struggling to get it all done. It's also time to prepare your garden for entertaining by adding new additions and colour.

1. Spread snail bait amongst vulnerable plants, especially during damp weather
2. Sow sunflower seeds for cheerful summer blooms.
3. Plant Herbs in pots they are now in season and place near your kitchen for easy access.
4. This is the most important month to feed your roses. They grow rapidly this month
5. Prune late winter and early spring flowering plants.

Tip of the month:

When planting out tomatoes, choose a spot that has not grown tomatoes for at least five years. This will achieve better results!!



Gippsland's Baw Baw

GARDEN AND HOME EXPO

Lardner Park field days site, via Warragul.

9am - 4pm 8th & 9th October, 2016

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Buy a blue towel and help beat breast cancer

Trafalgar & District Community Bank® Branch, October 2016: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Trafalgar & District Community Bank is being asked to get on board with a fundraising appeal to help those living with the insidious disease.

The so called "Little Blue Towel" might not seem like much, but each packet sold will help those diagnosed with breast cancer spend time at a special retreat with their families at no cost, courtesy of the OTIS Foundation.

The towels are recycled from hospitals where they have been used to dry sterilised hands, and are normally discarded after a single use.

As part of the Little Blue Towels initiative – the brainchild of The Horizon Committee – they are instead laundered and packaged by Echuca-based Laundry Mates, an enterprise owned and operated by people with disabilities.

The recycled towels – lint free, super absorbent and perfect for cleaning, camping or fishing – can then be purchased from any Bendigo Bank branch, with proceeds going to the OTIS Foundation.

OTIS Foundation General Manager, Rachel Mason, said this year the charity will make close to 4,000 nights of accommodation available to those diagnosed with breast cancer and their families, in beautiful retreats across Australia.

"By buying a \$5 packet of Little Blue Towels you will support OTIS to provide this unique gift and help us expand the number of retreats we offer," she said.

Breast cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia and it is estimated that 15,934 females and 150 males will be diagnosed with new cases in 2016.

One in eight women will be diagnosed during their lifetime and eight women die every day from the disease.

Trafalgar branch manager, Phil Drummond said the statistics were staggering, and the branch wanted to do all it could to help.

"Bendigo Bank has been a long-time supporter of The OTIS Foundation and we're proud to be able to help them even further with the Little Blue Towels fundraising campaign as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month," Phil said.

"Every one of us has known someone who has battled breast cancer, so we see this as another important step in helping to strengthen our local community."

Head into Trafalgar & District Community Bank® Branch at Princes Highway, Trafalgar to buy a Little Blue Towel during October. Packs of five recycled towels are \$5 and 100 percent of proceeds go to the OTIS Foundation.

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Phone Rev Chris Duxbury 5633 1047

West Gippsland Mobile Library

2:30 - 5:30pm
Yarragon Public Hall carpark,

Yarragon Fire Brigade

8:00 pm
1A Murray Street,
Captain: Ken Kemp
Enquiries to secretary Geoff Conway 0411 833 219



WEDNESDAYS

Gardening Group

9 - 10am
Yarragon Medical Centre
Campbell Street



Yarragon Playgroup

9:30 - 11:30am
Yarragon Public Hall, Campbell St

Yarragon Lions Club

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7pm
St Jarlath's Catholic Hall, Rollo St
President: Kevin Arnold Ph: 0419 325 923



YDCA

Yarragon & District Community Association
Next meeting Wednesday, 19 October, 7pm
Yarragon Fire Brigade, Murray Street.
All welcome.
President: Michael Ogden 0490 325 923

SATURDAYS

Yarragon Craft & Produce Market

Fourth Saturday 9am - 1pm
Yarragon Public Hall, Campbell Street
Enquiries: Gaye Kent 0427 342 430

SUNDAYS

St Mark's Anglican Church, Loch St,

Rev Sue Jacka, ph: 5633 1021
Morning Worship, 8:30am

St David's Uniting Church, Campbell St

Rev Chris Duxbury, ph: 5633 1047
1st, 2nd, 4th Sunday: 9:15am service.
3rd Sunday: 5pm service followed by a shared meal
for those who would like to stay.

St Jarlath's Catholic Church, Rollo St

Father Bernie Krotwaar, ph: 5633 1166
10am Mass on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

TUESDAYS

Yarragon Craft Group

10am - 2pm
Uniting Church Hall, Campbell St
Bring along your own lunch and work or
come along for a cuppa and a chat

JAFFAS after school program for primary
school children, at St Mark's Anglican
Church, Loch St, **3.30-5.30 pm.**
Gold coin donation.

THURSDAYS

Yarragon Bowls Club

Shady Creek Rd
Social game night
1st & 3rd Thursday
followed by meal
President Russell Weekley: 0417 521 605



MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK

Heart Foundation Yarragon Walkers



Starting at ROTUNDA,
opposite 'All Things Bright & Beautiful'
9:30am, in all weathers
Tuesday:
approx. 45 min town circuit
Thursday: approx. 1 hour walking track
Enquiries Angela Greenall 5624 3545

Baw Baw Arts Alliance

The Station Gallery, Princes Hwy
m: 0490 173 103
Weekly drop-in sessions
(small cost, plus materials if needed)
Mondays: paint & draw 10:30—3:00
Wednesdays: Clay 10:30—1:00
Thursdays: Mosaics 10:30—12:30
Fridays: Fibres & Fabrics 10:30—3:30

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Wed to Sun 10:30am - 4pm

Classes with Tutors (fees apply)
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Thursday: Mosaics 1:00—3:00

FUNDRAISER FOR PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

The Yarragon Bowling Club,
Yarragon Lions Club and Yarragon
Men's Shed are holding a

BIG AUSSIE BARBIE

Sunday 6th November

Yarragon Bowling Club, Shady Creek
Road

Commencing 10.30am with "Barefoot
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Sit-down Barbie Lunch at 12.30pm

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McKelvie

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children up to 12

To book a seat, please ring Russell
Weekley 0417 521605 or Bob
Seamons 0423 00303

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER?

Sat 8: Cricket commences.
Sat 8 and Sun 9: Gippsland
Garden and Home expo and
scarecrow competition at Lardner
Park
Sat 15: Bowling pennant
commences.
Sat 15: Milo Cricket for U14s
Sat 15 and Sun 16: Gardivalia
Wed 19: YDCA Meeting
Saturday 22: Yarragon Craft and
Produce Market.
Sat 22 and Sun 23: Gardivalia.

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elections.



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