



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

No. 345
MARCH 2018

Free, but your spare coins help cover costs.

Since the last edition you have donated \$86.25 in the collection boxes. Thank you so very much.

Council Secures Funding For Yarragon Skatepark

Baw Baw Shire Council has successfully secured a \$221,250 grant for the development of the Yarragon Skatepark through the Latrobe Valley Authority's Community Facility Fund.

The funding announcement was made by Harriet Shing MP, Member for Eastern Victoria and Latrobe Valley Authority CEO Karen Cain alongside the Mayor and members of the Yarragon

Community Skatepark Association who met at the future skatepark's site on Friday 16th February.

Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Councillor Joe Gauci welcomed the good news as a win for not only Yarragon but for the wider Baw Baw Shire community.

"We are very grateful for the LVA's funding contribution and are excited to be able to facilitate an all ages, all abilities, family friendly skatepark for our community to enjoy", said the Mayor.

The project will see construction of a 405m2 unique plaza style skatepark to cater for beginners to intermediate skill levels, including associated amenities in the open space at Howard Park. The total project cost is estimated to be \$295,000 with the balance to be funded through Council's Capital Works program.

Council recognises the importance of providing a range of recreation opportunities for the community which is further supported by the Baw Baw Skate and BMX Strategy 2012-2030 adopted by Council back in 2013.

"Skate and BMX provides opportunities for young people to set goals and challenge their abilities through physical activity", said the Mayor.



"This project will help kids of all ages feel connected to their friends and other community members, look out for each other and socialise in an inclusive and engaged way."

Letters of support for this project have been received from Yarragon Lions Club, Yarragon Business Association, Yarragon and District Community Association, Yarragon Primary School and the local Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer along with an earlier petition with almost 500 signatures to Council to help get the concept plan completed.

"This project has been developed from the ground up by the community for the community and we are proud to be able to provide a legitimate space for young people to gather and socialise without fear of reprisal", said the Mayor.

"Securing this grant would not have been possible without the Yarragon Community Skatepark Association. Their continued advocacy, community engagement and research is appreciated and we truly thank them for their work."

The project's next steps will see the tender for works released which will occur in the coming months.

What You Will Find in this Issue:

	Page
Yarragon Skatepark	1
Yarragon Public Hall	2
Yarragon and District Community Association	3
Yarragon Craft and Produce Market report	4
Next Steps for Yarragon Old School Site	4
Good Friday Raffle, Reflections, Earth Hour	5
Connecting Yarragon 2030 Initial Survey results	6
Yarragon Fire Brigade, Inverloch Jazz festival	7
Let's Energise Gippsland, Proposed service station	8
Yarragon Bowling Club Yarragon Lions Club	9
Council news; Advertisements	10
Advertisements from our wonderful Yarragon Businesses	11
Your events Wrap up	12

Yarragon Public Hall News

Our renovation of the rooms should be complete when this newsletter is printed. We have repainted both rooms behind the stage and added a new area to be able to boil a kettle to putting on make up. We have also added reverse cycle air-conditioning making it a perfect room for smaller meetings. Our main kitchen has been fitted with a 90cm electric stove. This has been possible with a Smarty Grant from the Baw Baw Shire which was much appreciated.

We will also once again be hosting an Outside The Walls Production titled "Just a Couple of Song and Dance Men", 11am Friday 16th March. Bookings can be made at West Gippsland Arts Centre ph 5624 2456. A light lunch will also be available....

Silvana Kiss

Secretary



WHERE TO GET YOUR NEWSLETTER

You can pick up a hard copy of Yarragon Community Newsletter from: Yarragon Post Office, Foodworks Yarragon, The Yarragon Pharmacy and the Yarragon Newsagency.

You can view the newsletter on-line at <http://yarragonnews.potatoit.com>

Or by following the link on www.visitarragon.com.au

Or you can subscribe and have a copy emailed to you by emailing yarragonnews@gmail.com

Any contributions or advertisements for inclusion in the newsletter can be left at **PO Box 209, Yarragon or emailed to yarragonnews@gmail.com**

The Yarragon Community Newsletter is produced monthly by community volunteers.



Editors Jen Lowe, Christine Whiley, Inge Mitchell.

Printer R.M.I. Print, —Warragul

Pick up your copy, make donations, or leave items for inclusion in next month's newsletter, at:

- * Yarragon Newsagency
- * Post Office
- * Foodworks
- * Yarragon Pharmacy

Contact us:

Yarragon Community Newsletter
PO Box 209, Yarragon 3823

Email: yarragonnews@gmail.com

Phone : 0428 218 111

Items for inclusion may be emailed, or placed in any of the donation boxes.

Please include your name & phone number.

Subscribe to receive the e-newsletter version (in colour) by emailing your name & email address to yarragonnews@gmail.com

Advertising space is available & **limited**.

6cm wide x 5cm high	\$20
6cm wide x 10cm high	\$30
12cm wide x 5cm high	\$30
19cm wide x 5cm high	\$60
12cm wide x 10cm high	\$80
19cm wide x 10cm high	\$120

Please organise advertising with the editor, details above.

The remarks or views expressed in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editor, Committee of Management, or any volunteer involved in the production of this newsletter.

Although every effort is taken in the compilation and printing of this newsletter, no responsibility is taken for any errors that may occur.

© 2017 Yarragon Community Newsletter

NEXT DEADLINE:

For April 2018
26th March 12 noon

NB April newsletter will not be published until April 4



Letter to a patriotic person

or 'The intriguing mystery of the flag'

By Jude Conway, President, YDCA

Dear Patriotic Person,

Sometime before Christmas you raised the Australian flag on the flagpole next to the cenotaph in Waterloo Park.

A witness saw you doing it and described you as "an older gentleman". What a lovely patriotic thing to do.

However, the protocols around the Australian flag are clear: it can only be kept up overnight IF it is lit by a dedicated spotlight.

Also, the government advises all official flyers of flags; schools, CFA, government offices, etc, when their flags need to be lowered to half-mast. If we leave it there, who will take responsibility for lowering it to half-mast when necessary?

YDCA members aware of this protocol debated what action to take; if we took it down, was that stealing? What if we left it on the nearby park bench with a note? Should we leave a note on the flagpole and ask a nearby shop to hold it for the owner? Should we pretend we don't know the protocol? In the end we decided to lower the flag, and it is being stored at my place until you come forward, hopefully after this article.

You obviously have strong feelings about flying an Australian flag in Yarragon, because since YDCA removed the first one, another has appeared.

So, mystery flag-raiser, we'd like you to know that the people who are removing your flags, are lowering them with the same thoughtfulness and respect with which you raise them.

We'd like to give your flags back. My phone number is 0411 833 219

ARE WE GETTING A NEW NEIGHBOUR?

Most of February's meeting was about the proposed BP petrol station on the western side of Yarragon, between Hazeldean Rd and Gordon Road. If it was only going to be a petrol station, we wouldn't be so concerned. But the plan is for a **service centre** larger in footprint than the one in Longwarry. This and many other errors in the application raise warning bells for us that this has not been well thought out.

Traders have made it clear that none of them are afraid of competition by itself. However, they are concerned that a service centre so close to our town will detract from our village feel (did you know that Yarragon is the only place in Victoria that has been officially designated a village?) which could impact on our attraction as a tourist destination. BP acknowledges that local profits will be affected, especially for those who do significant take-away trade, and if the number of empty shops in Yarragon increases, that could snowball on the others.

The other concern is for the impact it may have on westbound traffic. We already have the prospect of childcare centre traffic exiting into the 'speed up zone' at the 80/110kph transition, at the same place where traffic will be changing lanes to enter the service centre. VicRoads does not, to our knowledge, anticipate any traffic problems, but the recent accidents at the cross-highway entry/exit at Gumbuya World demonstrates that VicRoads doesn't always get it right.

There have of course been people, locals and otherwise, who think a service centre on our doorstep will be an asset to Yarragon. The time for submissions is now over, and the decision is in the hands of our council. BBSC CEO Alison Leighton has accepted an invitation to attend our March meeting and she will be able to explain the submission/decision process to us.

All residents of Yarragon & District are welcome to attend our meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at the fire station in Murray St, starting at 7pm.



Yarragon Craft and Produce Market

By Marcus Hanley
February 24th 2018

Another humid morning greeted us for the final summer market, and although some rain was in the forecast, we were confident it would hold off until later in the afternoon. With the BBQ unavailable this month but back next month, we pre-warned Judy in the kitchen, so she brought some extra stock with her and was busier than usual. Her egg and bacon rolls, toasties and frittatas seem to be growing in popularity each month. Top that off with her home made brownies and you have a delicious meal with dessert!



It was great to have the homemade dehydrated doggie treats back again, Paws for Raw, and Katie had another successful day with her beautiful beagle Ruby keeping her company. The Paws for Raw business is only a few months old, and they have been gaining momentum as regular customers keep coming back for their healthy pet food.

Dee came along as part of the Yarragon Community Good Friday Appeal, and sold a bunch of raffle tickets in their aim to top last years' donation tally. The commitment this group shows to support a great cause is definitely to be admired.



With February known to be a quiet month for markets with so many events on, we still had a generally successful day with Hope Farm going well selling their hot cross buns, Gaye and Cheryl doing well with their selection of hand towels and other hand made products, Darnum Park estate selling plenty of olive oil as usual, and lots of nuts flying out the door from

The Nut Bloke. Next month should be back to some milder weather which the stall holders will enjoy, so make sure you get along and support your local market.

Date: March 24th from 8am until 1pm
See you there!



Next Steps for Yarragon Primary School Site

Published on 15 February 2018

Hopes for the former Yarragon Primary School site to remain in community hands have been given a boost with Baw Baw Shire Council confirming interest to purchase the site for community use.

After initially refusing Council's offer to purchase the site, the State Government has extended Council's opportunity to purchase the site at a reduced community rate. However, at this stage the purchase value is unknown and yet to be determined by the Valuer General.

Although Council has committed to making an offer, the purchase is dependent on the State Government returning a fair and reasonable value for the site, particularly as the purchase is currently unbudgeted.

In December 2017, Council consulted with the community seeking input on the site's potential purchase and ideas for community uses.

Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Councillor Joe Gauci thanked the Yarragon community for their overwhelming support during the community consultation process.

"When we asked the community if they would support our investment in the site, survey results showed 97.7 per cent of respondents were in favour of the purchase", said the Mayor.

"This shows us how much the community value the site and we are committed to doing all we can to see the purchase through.

"As a Council, we understand the importance of spending ratepayer funds responsibly and hope that the State Government return a fair asking price."

Council will need to formally submit its interest to purchase the site to the State Government by Friday 23 February.

Once the valuation figure is returned from the State Government, a further report will be presented to Council to consider the purchase at the nominated price. This is expected to take about 3 months.

GOOD FRIDAY MONSTER RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The prize pool this year is by far the best with donations still coming in!

There are around 30+ prizes to be won, with the fabulous 1st Prize being 2 Nights' Accommodation at The Moorings at Metung! Help us smash our 2017 total and raise funds for a fantastic cause. Jump on board and buy some tickets or even better help sell some tickets!! If you would like to make a donation, purchase some tickets or help sell tickets please contact us!

Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages to view where tickets are available, to view the prizes and keep up to date with our fundraising efforts!

Come and join us at the Yarragon Hotel for the big draw on Friday 30th March.

Raffle tickets will be available on the night if you get there early enough. Raffle draw starts at 7.00pm.

This has always been a great night to catch up with friends all whilst raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Easter Treasure Hunt: We would love to hold our Easter Treasure Hunt for the kiddies again on Good Friday.

With over 60 children taking part in 2017, we imagine the number will be similar this year so we



need lots and lots of mini Easter Eggs!

If this is something you could help with sourcing, or you would like to donate a bag or two, please contact us.

All eggs and hunting materials need to be donated to ensure 100% raised on the day goes towards the Good Friday Appeal.

Door Knockers: We will be on the hunt for door knockers for the morning of Good Friday. Previous years, we have simply allocated a street or two per group of volunteers.

If this is something your family would like to help with, please contact us. Children are welcome and encouraged however they must be accompanied by a supervising adult at all times.

Please let us know if you would like to get involved.

<https://m.facebook.com/yarragongoodfridayappeal/>

Give that they may grow!

Lisa Harvey - 0407 309 609
Dee Wheller - 0438 333 026
Bec Harvey - 0407 327 646
Bree Wilson-0407 636 093

Dee Wheller



My garden is bountiful at this time of year. Zucchini's, tomatoes and beans vie for

room in the fridge with the nashi pears and the late season berries. That's not to mention the apples! I am always blown away by the amazing productivity of fruit trees. Sometimes people ask, 'Don't the birds get your fruit?' The simple answer is, 'Yes, of course they eat some, but there are still plenty for us humans.'

Having plenty makes generosity easy. It's wonderful to share excess produce, although I am careful not to be that crazy garden lady who insists that everyone encountered takes another zucchini!

The Bible talks of 'reaping and sowing'- you can't expect to harvest what you have not planted. If we sow impatience and judgement we cannot expect kindness and thoughtfulness in return. Sometimes just like the soil if we want a fruitful harvest, we have to cultivate friendships, drawing out the other person and finding mutual interests. Large and productive trees don't happen the season after they are planted. Some situations require patience, but always there needs to be a start (like planting out the young tree) if we want to reap the benefits of change and happiness.

What are we sowing into the lives of our family, friends and community?

EARTH HOUR

We are celebrating Earth Hour on Saturday 24th March at 5pm -8.30pm at St Mark's Anglican Church 21 Loch Street Yarragon. We'll have outdoor games, a couple of crafts, a campfire to cook up damper, roast spuds and marshmallows and the BBQ will be going.

As the sunlight fades, we will make do with the light of the fire or with candles to remember the earth and our need and responsibility to care for it. The lights on Sydney Harbour Bridge will be extinguished from 8.30 to 9.30pm. Across the world people mark the last Saturday in March as a day to remind us of what each of us can do to keep our planet healthy.

This is a family friendly event, BYO chair, food for the BBQ or roast potatoes. Hot drinks and marshmallows provided. Rug up- it can get chilly outside. More info: Sue Jacka 0409 757 170



Council heeds school site mandate

We've great news to share - efforts to secure the former primary school site for community uses are now being advanced by Baw Baw Shire Council

It's a significant first step that shows our Council is heeding the clear mandate given by the Yarragon community including those with business interests – to secure use of the site for long term community purposes and benefit.

Our Connecting Yarragon team, working in partnership with Baw Baw Shire Council officers, and members of the YBA, recently shared relevant data extracted from the recent community survey circulated around town.

Initial online and hardcopy survey questionnaire responses to the school site section were summarised in advance of the bulk of the survey data so Council could consider before a vital deadline on 23 February.

That's when a six-month extension to achieve clarity on proposed community uses under the Victorian Government's First Right of Refusal process expired.

After considering an officer report and presentation of data by the Connecting Yarragon team at its recent meeting on 14 February, Councillors backed a recommendation to take the next step forward in the process.

ie.: That "The Council write to the Victorian School Building Authority to confirm Council's interest in purchasing the former Yarragon Primary School (site) through the First Right of Refusal process for public open space requirements."

Council is now seeking a government valuation on the property and is expected to negotiate a reduced price under which it might acquire this land for community use for future generations of the Yarragon community. However a final decision by the full Council to authorise its purchase of the site is yet to be made.

However it's clear our Councillors are listening... Council's own "Have Your Say" online survey reflected almost 98% of survey respondents supported Council investment in retaining the former Yarragon Primary School site.

Results from our Connecting Yarragon survey were very close behind (approx 90%) and a heartfelt endorsement given by residents to purchase the site for the local community before it is lost to private development.

There was common support across the board for the Top 3 uses nominated in both surveys – despite minor sequence changes – due mainly to the preference by many to use the hardcopy forms and not online method.

Use of this particular site for community facilities in the form of a new fire station and community hub hosting many inclusive all-age uses over time is clearly mandated by the Yarragon community for 2018-2030 at least. Along with retaining significant public open space by developing community gardens at the site.

Local residents took great care prioritising several other uses – including the YBA's ideas for tourism purposes including an RV/caravan rest area. Our detailed graphic shows how these projects were rated by locals.

Given long term budget approvals and any potential construction timeframes in planning and developing

the former school site there is likely also scope for a range of interim uses. Many of these were identified as part of recent consultations and would help meet our community's needs in the short term. Others may yet emerge.

Thanks again to everyone who has participated so far in the recent Connecting Yarragon survey across summer. It's been great to have so many people willing to share their views and prepared to help shape Yarragon's future.

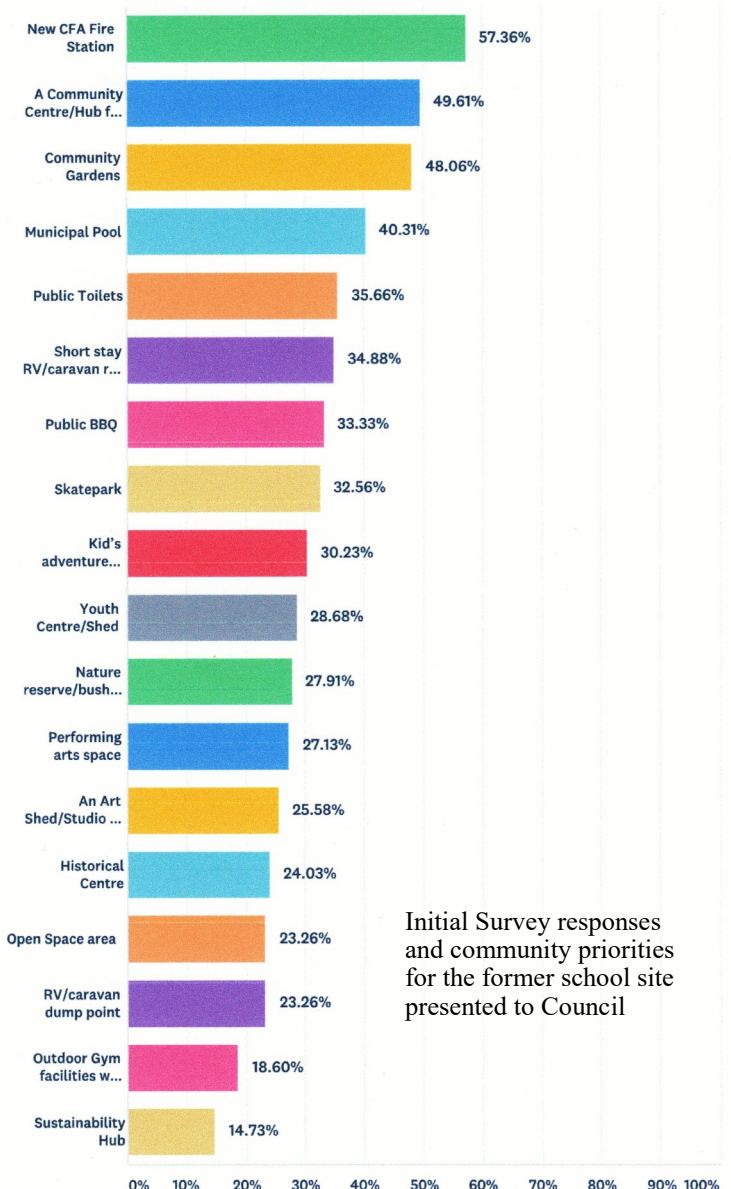
The data around the school site reflects only one of 11 sections of our community survey and volunteers will continue to process responses and collate graphic summaries for public display and discussion in March/April.

This survey launched the 'Connecting Yarragon' project to update our community plan - initiated by the YDCA and supported by the BBSN, with funding assistance from Baw Baw Shire Council. We all hope this project leads to a better understanding of Yarragon's future needs, and helps secure future funding for other local initiatives.

Your survey responses also highlighted a range of capital works and infrastructure issues around town which will prove valuable to inform future community discussions with local Councillors as part of annual budget cycles.

Gill Cooper,
Convenor, Connecting Yarragon team
YDCA.

Connecting Yarragon - A Plan for Yarragon's future



Initial Survey responses and community priorities for the former school site presented to Council

Yarragon Fire Brigade Report

By Geoff Conway

Summer is coming to an end and the officers and members of the Yarragon Fire Brigade wish to extend their thanks to the community for the diligence and vigilance shown over the past few very dry months. The 2017/18 summer has had some significant



potential with a number of days where the spread of fire would have been very difficult to control. Despite this we have had very few fires in our area. This is a great relief and something for which we all can take credit. At the time of writing there is no indication that the fire restrictions will be lifted any time soon. Until there is substantial rain, CFA managers will not consider easing the controls of lighting fires. Always remember that it is illegal to light any fire in the open in the Declared Fire Danger Period unless you have a written permit from the Baw Baw Shire's Fire Prevention Officer.

In the meantime, there is still a risk of fire and we will probably have a few more days of increased fire danger. We cannot relax just yet.

We know that many land owners have begun building burn piles of material gathered over the summer. The strong winds have brought down lots of tree branches and other debris. You **cannot** burn these piles until restrictions are lifted. Once restrictions are lifted and the burning operations commence, it is important to register your burn off with CFA. This ensures that if someone reports your fire, the 000 operators know that there is no requirement to dispatch the brigade.

On another note, we wish to thank the many people of Yarragon who have expressed support for the Brigade's hope of securing part of the 'Old School Site' for a new fire station. CFA are working hard on the brigade's behalf to finalise this transaction. The community's support makes a huge difference.

As many of you know, the current station no longer meets the brigade's needs. It was built nearly 40 years ago when the trucks CFA built were much smaller, and the brigades were not provided with the amount of equipment that is needed to operate a modern fire brigade. We simply don't fit anymore. We hope that this initiative will be successful.

Warragul Wellness Centre was recently launched at 78 Albert St Warragul by Jacqui Barclay.

An experienced Nurse and Doula, Jacqui is passionate about making holistic health accessible to our local community. The Centre brings together ten experienced practitioners offering Naturopathy, Acupuncture, Homeopathy, Hypnotherapy, Massage, Kinesiology, Bowen Therapy, Yoga and more, with Chiropractic coming soon.

We hold regular workshops, seminars and events, as well as running a Community Club and Karma program to promote and educate the Community on the various ways they can achieve optimal health.

25th Inverloch Jazz Festival

Jazz By the Sea - A great way to spend a weekend.

The 25th Inverloch Jazz Festival will be held on the Labour Day Weekend 9th-12th March, 2018.

The Festival is a community based event which offers a long weekend of jazz, from Friday night through to Monday's free concert in the glade and is sponsored by Bass Coast Council, Inverloch Community Bendigo Bank, RACV, Inverloch L. J Hooker and local businessmen.

The Saturday Community Parade, commencing at 10.00am, is a highlight, known for colourful cars, banners and musicians.

This year the parade will be organised by the Inverloch Men's Shed.

About forty bands will perform in three comfortable venues, all close together within walking distance in the centre of town. Food and drink is also available.

As the festival date approaches, organisers and patrons alike are increasingly excited by the great music on offer.

The program features many diverse jazz styles.

The Tony Gould Trio, Sarah Maclaine Quintet, Chris Wilson and Friends and Honkytonk's Boogie Band are some of those performing.

Trad bands include among others Slipdixies and local band The Wonderdogs.

The Wonderdogs were formed in 1994 and have performed at many festivals and clubs.

Their repertoire includes traditional jazz from the 20's, 30's and 40's played with energy and enthusiasm.

Dr. Crask and his Swinging Elixir is a swing band guaranteed to get you on your feet, and features great music performed by the likes of Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

The ishs/Allen Project plays original contemporary music composed by band members.

This is just a taste of what you will hear.

Come along for a long, lazy weekend of jazz, or come for a day.

Information and ticketing www.inverlochjazzfestival.com

Contact Clive or Carol 5678 8041



*Warragul Wellness Centre will be holding a great little family event on Saturday 31 March at Civic Park - **an Easter egg Hunt and Family Picnic.** 11:00 am to 1 pm. \$2 from every ticket sold will be donated to pregnancy and early parenting support centre, Olivia's Place. There will be face painting, a jumping castle, gifts and even a special appearance from the Easter Bunny! Tickets, \$10 per child) can be purchased online (via Eventbrite) or on the day. Call Jacqui for more information on 5636 4902*

Warragul Wellness Centre is passionate about making wellness and alternate health services accessible to everyone in our lovely area so it has created a Community Club that offers great discounts to all locals that register on their website including 10% off your first visit, a gift at your third and 50% off your fifth treatment.



As part of the 'Let's Energise Gippsland' campaign, the Latrobe Valley Community Power Hub - which enables the setting up of community-owned projects in renewable energy – will hold a presentation afternoon at the Morwell Bowls Club on

March 13 between 10 and 2 pm. The LVCPH is managed by Gippsland Climate Change Network.

The keynote speaker at the event is prominent Renewable Energy Advocate (Victoria's first), Simon Corbell, previously Deputy Chief Minister for the ACT and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment. Mr. Corbell succeeded in putting in place a target of 100% renewable energy for the ACT by 2020. He was a joint winner of the Banksia Foundation's Gold Award for the ACT Solar Auction program in 2015, and has been recognized by the Clean Energy Council and the Climate Alliance for his work in championing the clean energy transition in Canberra and nationally. He is a Patron of the Australian Solar Council, an Adjunct Professor of the University of Canberra and an Honorary Associate Professor of the ANU Energy Change Institute.

The event will also mark the launch of the Gippsland Climate Change Network's strategic plan, and include panel discussions. Lunch will be provided.

The Victorian Government through Sustainability Victoria has committed to develop community-owned and operated renewable energy projects in three regional areas across Victoria, one of which is the Latrobe Valley. With the others in the Ballarat region and in Bendigo, the Community Power Hubs (CPH) program aims to support Victorian communities with the skills and expertise required to develop and deliver community-based renewable energy projects. These are characterised by local ownership, participation and benefit sharing, so power is generated locally, used locally and the savings stay local.

A community energy project might entail placing solar panels on a local community building. The power generated would be sold to the building owner at a price lower than the current power bill with the funds raised going to repay the capital costs of the panels, with a fee going to the Hub for administration and management. This

Let's Energise Gippsland

Panelists include Simon Corbell
Victorian Renewable Energy Advocate



PROGRAM

- > Presentations
- > Launch of GCCN Strategic Plan
- > Lunch provided
- > Panel discussion

- Simon Corbell was appointed as the first Victorian Renewable Energy Advocate in December 2016.
- He was previously Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Environment and Climate Change of the ACT and served in the ACT Legislative Assembly between 1997-2016.
- He championed policy which put the ACT on track for 100 per cent renewable energy by 2020.

Tuesday 13th March 2018, 10am - 2pm

Morwell Bowling Club, 52 Hazelwood Rd, Morwell

Bookings: Free event - book at Eventbrite
www.eventbrite.com.au/lets-energise-gippsland-tickets-43370577565

Inquiries: Ian Southall 0413 590 220, eo@gccn.org.au



is an example only and power hubs can choose from among the range of community-level generating technologies available, establishing their own financial models to generate community power.

The Latrobe Valley Community Power Hub (LVCPH) is managed and hosted by the Gippsland Climate Change Network, encompassing the municipalities of BawBaw, Latrobe and Wellington. See

www.communitypowerhublatrobevalley.com.au

For further information contact:

LVCPH Chris Barfoot 0407 347481

GCCN Ian Southall 0413 590220



Yarragon Bowling Club Report

By Richard Polmear



As the Lawn Bowls Season begins to finish we have achieved some good results in the past month. The Pennant Season "home and away games" have been completed with our Saturday Pennant team finishing 4th and the Tuesday Pennant team finishing 3rd.

At the date of preparing this article, the Saturday Pennant team has played and lost its elimination Semi-Final against Trafalgar, whilst the Tuesday Pennant team has played and won its elimination final. They are scheduled to play a Preliminary Final against Garfield on 27 February for the right to play Morwell Club in the Grand-Final on the 6th March.

We wish the Tuesday Pennant Team all the best for the remainder of the finals.

Our program of activities continues with twilight on Thursday (1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday evening of the Month). The cost is \$15 a head which includes a game of bowls, for which names have to be in by 5pm and a 2 course meal, for which names have to be entered on the sheet (just

inside the door) by 5pm the preceding Tuesday. Alternatively you can leave a message on the Club phone which is 5634 2580. The next Twilight event is on Thursday 1st February. This activity runs whilst daylight savings remain in place.

The Yarragon Bowling Club would like to thank our Sponsors and donors for the 2017/18 season. In your future purchases please consider using the following suppliers and local supporters. Without their generosity we would not survive financially.

- Trafalgar and District Bendigo Bank
- Gary Blackwood MP
- Yarragon Automotive
- Trafalgar Mens and Boys Wear
- Yarragon Pharmacy
- Gippsland Travel
- Yarragon Post Office
- Westfalia
- Warragul Dental (Paul White)
- G Richards Electrical
- Barry Bourke Motors Warragul
- Warragul Golf Club
- Café Piccolo
- Yarragon Shot House

There is an indoor carpet bowls activity conducted at the Club House during the "off season". For further details please contact the Club on 5634 2580.



By Pat McPhie

YARRAGON LIONS CLUB

At the Yarragon Lions meeting 14/2 the Mega Christmas Raffle cheques were presented to six people representing the following organisations:

- Russell Wheatley, \$1154.85, Bowls Club
- Jackie van de Burgt, \$930.20, Yarragon Primary School
- Geoff Conway, \$1048.15, Yarragon Fire Brigade.
- Ange Bayley, \$1000.90, Yarragon Tennis Club
- Tony Harvey Hall, \$1359.50, Yarragon Senior Football
- Stuart McLean, \$721.00, Yarragon Junior Football

Also in the photograph are Lion Roy Robins (far left) who worked on the trailer, and Lion Tony Hayes, (far right) President.

The left over money will go to other organisations.





88 Waterloo Road, Yarragon
 Phone Number: 5634 2125
www.westfaliawarragul.com.au

TRADING HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:00 to 5:00

Saturday
8:00 to 1:00



Come into the store to check out our wide range of farming and cleaning supplies or you can go onto our website.

Warragul One Step Closer to Large Retail Development

Published on 15 February 2018

Momentum is steadily building for a large-scale retail development in Warragul with Baw Baw Shire Council resolving to gauge support from the State Minister for Planning for the necessary rezoning of land.

Plans for the large-scale retail development include provisions for a Kmart and a full-line Bunnings warehouse.

A developer has committed to the project pending the appropriate rezoning of the proposed site, located on the corner of Queen Street and Hazel Drive in Warragul.

Ultimately, the rezoning decision lies with the State Minister for Planning who will need to approve a Planning Scheme Amendment to allow the site to be developed for retail purposes.

Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Councillor Joe Gauci said a retail project of this scale would offer more diverse, innovative, accessible shopping opportunities that our growing community wants and needs.

“Not only a much-needed boost to our local economy, a project of this scale will see an estimated equivalent of 292 full time jobs created in our Shire”, said the Mayor.

“Access to retail has been a sore spot for our community for some time now. Historically, Council has been viewed as preventing any such developments from proceeding, but this simply isn’t the case.

“Council has been a strong advocate for more large-scale retail in the Shire, but ultimately, without a keen developer and lease agreements in place, there was little in our power to make this happen.

“This new development is welcome news and we are committed to doing all that we can to see the project over the line.”

The Mayor also thanked the almost 3,000 community members who participated in a recent poll on Council’s Facebook page which reignited conversation on the topic.

“96.9 per cent of respondents were in support of a large-scale retail development. This overwhelming support will be used to strengthen the case we put forward to the Minister”, said the Mayor.

Council’s letter of support will be sent to the Minister for Planning as early as next week.

Council News

To keep our community up to date, we’re bringing Council News to you online, on air and in print. For more information and updates, visit Council’s Facebook page, Twitter feed, or website at www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au



Meet your East Ward Councillors



Cr Peter Kostos
0438 570 304
Peter.Kostos@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au



Cr Darren Wallace
0476 000 053
Darren.Wallace@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au



Cr Michael Leaney
0476 000 119/5165 6263
Michael.Leaney@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

Drop us a Line!

To get in touch with us, contact Council’s Community Information and Service Team on 5624 2411 or visit us at:

- Drouin** 33 Young Street
 - Warragul** 90 Smith Street (Annex Building)
- Please note: Council’s Warragul Customer Service Centre, Arts Centre Team and Box Office have been temporarily relocated to the **Annex Building** on Smith Street to make room for the exciting upgrade works that are starting at the West Gippsland Arts Centre.

Have Your Say is an opportunity to provide your thoughts, feelings and ideas on a range of Council projects and activities. Your feedback is highly valued and will ultimately influence Council’s decision making on various projects in the Shire.

We encourage all residents to visit the **Have Your Say** section on Council’s website and take this opportunity to get involved and be part of shaping Baw Baw Shire.

Ash Dennis
4 Spencer Ct Yarragon
Mobile 0448 618 369

ALL TRADIE REPAIRS

Power tools and Cordless Power tools
 Extension Leads tag and test
 Alternaters/Starters
 Chain Saws/Whippersnippers Etc Lawn Mowers
 Electric Fencers 4x4 Winches
 Electric Golf Buggies All Bench Work

VERY CHEAP RATES
FREE QUOTES
CAN'T FIX NO CHARGE



*"We care enough
 to come to you"*



Dr Julia Malcolm, BVSc

- Health exams
- Vaccinations
- Heartworm prevention
- Flea and worm control
 - Arthritis care
 - Dental check-ups
 - Microchipping
 - Nail trimming
 - Palliative care
- Home euthanasia

Call now to book your home visit!
0438 535 878

Yarragon and surrounding districts
www.ourpetmobilevet.com.au

**SOUTHERN RIDGE
 ELECTRICAL**

REC 24900

**FULLY QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN
 IN YARRAGON**

DOMESTIC—NEW HOUSING, RE-WIRING, LED UPGRADES,
 LIGHTING & POWER POINTS

COMMERCIAL—NEW AND EXISTING

AGRICULTURE—AFTER HOURS SERVICE AVAILABLE

PH: 0419 683 676

EMAIL: SOUTHERNRIDGE.ELECTRICAL@GMAIL.COM

FOODWORKS
Yarragon

Open 7 days a week.

**Wide range of goods to cater for your
 daily needs.**

**In Store Specials and Catalogue
 Specials weekly.**

**It is our pleasure to offer
 locals good service.**

café | bar | dining



Bookings appreciated
 Tel. 03 5634 2202

Join us for...

Friday night raffles & badge draw
 proceeds to support Yarragon Football Netball Club

OPEN 7 DAYS FOR LUNCH & DINNER
SENIORS LUNCHESES: AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY



www.yarragonhotel.com.au

REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS

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



TUESDAYS

Yarragon Craft Group

9.30am - 12.30pm

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.

YDCA

Yarragon & District Community Association

Next meeting Tuesday 20 March, 2018

Yarragon Fire Brigade, Murray Street.

All welcome.

President: Jude Conway 0411 833 219

SATURDAYS

Yarragon Craft & Produce Market

Fourth Saturday 8am - 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

Watch the notice board at the front of the church for details.

St Jarlath's Catholic Church, Rollo St

Father Bernie Krotwaar, ph: 5633 1166

10am Mass on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

WEDNESDAYS

Gardening Group

9 - 10am

Yarragon Medical Centre

Campbell Street



Yarragon Playgroup

9:30 - 11:30am

Yarragon Public Hall, Campbell St

Contact Jacinta on 0401 824 195

Yarragon Lions Club

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7pm

St Jarlath's Catholic Hall, Rollo St

President: Tony Hayes 0428 325 134



THURSDAYS

Yarragon Bowls Club

Shady Creek Rd

Social game night

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday

Followed by a meal, orders to be placed by 5:30 pm on the Tuesday prior.

Ring the clubhouse on 56342580 and leave a message.



WHAT'S ON IN MARCH?

MARCH

Fri 2: World Day of Prayer

Tue 13: Let's Energise Gippsland P8

Fri 16: Just a couple of song and dance Men P2.

Sat 24: Yarragon Craft and Produce Market P4

Sat 24: Earth Hour P5

MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK

Heart Foundation Yarragon Walkers

Starting at ROTUNDA, 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

Station Gallery, Princes highway.

m.0490 173 103

Wed-Sun. 10.30 - 4

EXHIBITIONS,

GALLERY & SALES

Classes with Tutors - apply at Station

Weekly drop-in sessions @ Trafalgar Station

Monday- Painting Group

Tuesday - MmaD Group (mixed media)

Wednesday- am -Clay group

pm -Just drawing

Thursday -Mosaic group

Friday - Fibres group



yarragonnews.potatoit.com

stores current & previous editions of Yarragon Newsletter.

Need computer support? PotatoIT.com can help with:

- * Fixing hardware & software
- * Web page development
- * Developing and designing software
- * Networking
- * Design & setup computerised security systems

NO JOB IS TOO SMALL. Quotes are free and Eric can come to you.

