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# Yarragon Primary School

**By Melissa Rock, Principal.**  
**ATHLETICS DAY**

What a wonderful day we had at our 2018 House Athletics Sports. It was pleasing to watch and hear students, staff and families encouraging all students to participate and try their best. For many students some of the events were a new experience where they had to show some courage, determination and take a risk and have a go. Everyone should be feeling very proud of the effort shown.



Renee Galley

Congratulations to some of our students who will now move on to the next level of athletics. At the network athletics day students will participate in events against students from other schools.



**Yarragon Gift Winners:** Addison Moore & Ayden Frost.

## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Yarragon Primary School recently supported the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Our Junior School Council arranged student activities and programs for the day based around the statement - "Bullying. No Way!"

This helped deliver the powerful message that Bullying and Violence are never okay.



**Fisher House Captains:**  
 Levi Moore & Jewel Burchell-Robins

Thank you to Mrs Davey who organised the day. We appreciate the time and effort put in to ensure the day was a success. Once again our wonderful Parent Club supported our event by organising lunch, icy poles and tea and coffee for families. Thank you to parents who helped with events and setting up and

packing up equipment. Our House Athletic Sports really is a community event we should all be proud of.

Congratulations to Fisher House who won the 2018 House Sports Trophy.

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A shorter Publication this month—I can only publish what is submitted to me!



At the meeting held on March 20th, a new, more streamlined constitution was adopted.

It was very pleasing to have two Baw Baw Shire Councillors present as they were able to answer many questions and give valuable advice.

The process to be followed for the progress of the application for a Service Station near Yarragon, was outlined. All people who put in an objection will be invited to a Public Meeting in April. Each will be given three minutes to address the issues. Council will then do their research and consideration. It will be some time before it is approved or otherwise.

The issue of the mystery flag (as addressed in the last issue of Yarragon Community Newsletter) has been solved. Further action will take place in the future.

Other issues discussed and to be actioned are:

- Rollo Street reconstruction—to begin soon. A concern about adequate draining for future development of Yarragon is to be investigated.
- Maintenance of the walking track needs to be improved - a letter is to be written to council outlining the issues.

Next meeting is on Tuesday April 17, 2018

Jen Lowe  
Secretary YDCA

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**NEXT DEADLINE:**

**For May 2018  
26th April 12 noon**





# Yarragon Craft and Produce Market

By Marcus Hanley  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018

With some welcome rain in the forecast for today, we were hoping it wouldn't arrive until after the market was completed, but we weren't that lucky! It arrived about 10am, but thankfully we are a mostly

indoor market, so we all continued on without too much fuss.

One of the new stallholders was Nicholas and Amanda from the Wine Barrel Warehouse in Warragul. They supply vineyards and breweries around Australia with their used wine barrel creations including the wine barrel esky with matching stools! They have a range of many other wine barrel themed products, and will be back next market with their display.

Local farm Armours orchard are picking fresh apples again, and first off the rank are the royal gala apples. Ian was selling these out the front of the main hall, and there's nothing better than a freshly picked local apple! Plenty more of these to come next month...



We also had Narracan Falls winery back selling their preservative free local wines. They have a cabernet sauvignon, a chardonnay and also a port, and samples were available for all those of legal age... and finally we hope you had the chance to grab some local baked hot cross buns from the Hope Farm stall... yum! Don't forget our next market is on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and you can also follow us on our



Facebook page which is [www.facebook.com/YarragonCraftAndProduceMarket](http://www.facebook.com/YarragonCraftAndProduceMarket)

This will keep you up to date with what's coming up. See you in April!



I (editor) came across this riddle when helping grandchildren with their homework. The trouble was that technology has advanced too far for the answer to have any meaning to them! If you are a grandparent, try it on your grandchildren.

What did the elephant do when it was being chased by a herd of buffalo?

He made a trunk call and reversed the charge.



# Yarragon Fire Brigade Report

By Geoff Conway



In the article published in last month's Newsletter I noted that it was still very dry and that the fire danger in the Yarragon district was still very high. Unfortunately, this was borne out by our experience with the McDonalds Track fire at Seaview which started on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of March. This fire was particularly difficult to manage because of the very steep gullies and the heavy fuel load in the forest and plantation.

We are particularly grateful for all the support we received from firefighters from all over eastern Victoria who assisted in containing this fire. It will have to be watched for the rest of the season because the soil is so dry we cannot be sure that all the hot spots have been found and extinguished. We are also very appreciative of the wonderful support and encouragement we have had from the people of Yarragon and district.

We need you all to remain vigilant. Even though the nights are cooler and days are shorter the risk is still very real. Report any fire or smoke sighting to 000 immediately and stay alert. Fires can develop very quickly and threaten you and your property even before the fire brigade members have had time to turnout. Don't wait for someone to tell you what to do! Have a plan and as soon as you are aware of a fire in your area, put it into effect.

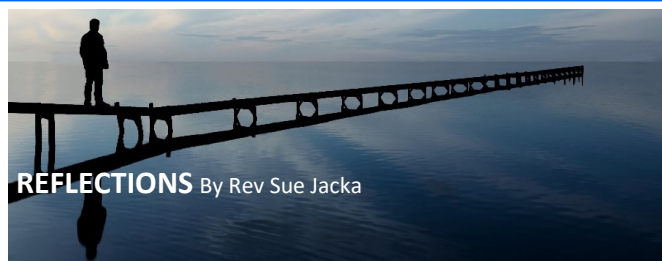
Fire brigade members have been concerned about the media coverage of the fires in southern NSW and complaints from residents that they did not get a specific warning on their phones. It is important to remember that the warning processes takes some time to activate. It relies on firefighters on the ground having a picture of the fire and where it is heading. This also takes some time.

We need you all to be partners in the response to any fire and act promptly if you see a threat. The firefighters will get warnings out as soon as we can but remember that a fire can move very quickly and impact on you before we have had a chance to get there.

On a happier note, you may be aware that the brigade had some equipment stolen from the fire ground recently. We have been overwhelmed by the many offers of support and have received generous donations that will allow us to replace the equipment. Thank you all for your contributions. Stay alert and stay safe.



The steep terrain of the Seaview Fire.



REFLECTIONS By Rev Sue Jacka

## Dead Shells and New Life

The Easter season is all about new life. It's about love and forgiveness, leaving behind the betrayals and failures we have experienced and accepting the new life that God offers us. When we contemplate the events leading to Good Friday and we cannot escape the dark side of human nature. Our society is oriented towards success and achievement. We do not like to dwell on the more difficult things; hard encounters, projects

that did not work, relationships where we struggle. These are some of the small, everyday losses that can accumulate and sap the very life from us. Yet psychologists tell us that unless we address these hurts, they can lead to trauma and have a negative impact not only on ourselves, but on future generations as we unwittingly pass on our fears and anxieties. The Gospel is also very aware of our need to let go of hurts, to forgive others and to be aware of our own failings. John O'Donohue, Christian philosopher and poet encourages us to recognise what in life is really just yesterday's 'dead shells'. God loves to disturb and change our unhelpful patterns and to bring us new life. Are you ready for this type of resurrection?

'May my mind come alive today  
To the invisible geography  
That invites me to new frontiers,  
To break the dead shells of yesterdays,  
To risk being disturbed and changed.'

*John O'Donohue*



# Yarragon Lions Club



By Pat McPhie

We had a very successful day on 24th March at 2 farms at Nilma North. Despite the rain we managed to feed young and old who came along to buy big and small farm goods. A big garage sale

was held there too so the children were happy to be there.

We were very pleased to welcome Gary Marshman on 28th February as a new member to our Yarragon Lions Club. Gary's wife, Helen, also helped us out on 25th March when we were catering for the Bunyip Show. We would also like to thank our other family members who help us get through some very busy times. We were also helped by 5 Leos from Drouin High School and we thank them very much.. It has certainly been a very busy weekend for us, but we all enjoy raising funds to be able to help others who need help.

Thanks to the people who donated money into a bucket to be forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital on 30th March.

Our family dinner meeting will be held on 28th March at the Darnum Hotel at 6.30pm. It's good to have a chat with our helpers.

**Due to circumstances beyond our control we are not able to be at Lardner Park Farmworld this year.** We have only been offered a site which has a low volume of pedestrian traffic. We hope to be able to find a suitable site next year, but we will need to sort out some other problems.

Thanks to the people who continue to pass on their used eye glasses and used stamps. Much appreciated.

We hope you may like to attend our Fashion Parade by Noni B on 28th April. There will be 6 models and good bargains. Afternoon tea will be supplied. Cost is \$10.00 per head. It will be held at the Yarragon Bowling Club from 1pm to 3.30pm.

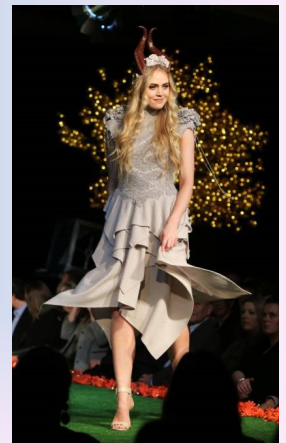
We would still like to welcome some new members to our club. It is a good feeling to be able to help other people.

## FASHION PARADE

**Presented by Noni B for the Lions Club**



**Saturday April 28, 2018  
1pm to 3.30pm  
At  
Yarragon Bowling Club  
Cost \$10 per head  
Afternoon Tea supplied.**



# Yarragon Bowling Club Report



By Richard Polmeare

The Lawn Bowls Season is quickly drawing to a close. The Pennant Season finals have been played and won (or lost). In the case of Yarragon Bowling Club our Saturday Division 4 team finished 4<sup>th</sup> and lost the elimination semi-final to the eventual winners, Trafalgar. Congratulations to Trafalgar who will be promoted to Division 3 next season. Our Tuesday Division 3 team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, won the elimination semi-final and lost the Preliminary Final to Garfield (who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder). Garfield were then defeated by Morwell Club in the Grand Final, so Morwell Club will be promoted to Division 2 next season.

For a little Club we are very proud of our efforts for season 2017/18 although we would like to win a Grand Final soon – may be next season?

The condition of our grass green at Yarragon has been recognised as “the best” in West Gippsland so we have hosted both Saturday and Tuesday Pennant Division 1 Grand Finals this season. A number of other prestigious events have been held at our Club this season all of which have been allocated to Yarragon Bowling Club due to the excellent condition of our green. Our thanks go to our

dedicated green keepers Sam Mazza and Russell Weekley.

Finally 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.

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- Warragul Golf Club
- Café Piccolo
- Yarragon Shot House

Our Presentation Night and AGM will be held Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018, so active lawn bowls have virtually wound up. There is a small group who go on to play indoor carpet bowls during the winter period. The game is played socially and competitively. If you are interested please leave a message on the club phone 5634 2580 before 6<sup>th</sup> April or contact Jason Roberts 0402 101 559.

## World Day of Prayer

On Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 35 people from different churches and the community gathered at St Mark’s Anglican Church in Loch Street to be part of a worldwide wave of prayer. This event happens on the first Friday in March annually with a different country chosen each year. This year we thought about Suriname, a small Dutch heritage but incredibly diverse country in South America. The readings and prayers were competently led by people from St Jarlath’s Catholic Church. The focus on looking after our beautiful world was depicted by a short, humorous play from some of the ladies from St David’s Uniting Church. The Anglicans looked after the technology as well as the delicious morning tea which was enjoyed by all present- both before and after the service.





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### Baw Baw Shire Council News

The streets of Warragul will soon become a safer place with installation in progress of a CCTV security camera system along Queen Street.

See the full release: [Smile for New CCTV Cameras on Queen Street](#)

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# 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 17 April, 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 APRIL?

17: YDCA meeting

28: Craft and Produce Market, P3

28: Lions Fashion Parade, 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

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Tuesday - MmaD Group (mixed media)

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pm -Just drawing

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