

**COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER** No. 347 **MAY 2018** 

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## Pat yourself on the back!

It was a really proud moment announcing that our community had raised \$25,050.95 for the 2018 Good Friday Appeal.

This brings the total our community has raised (in 4 years) for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal to \$68,180.20. Imagine what that kind of money does for the Children's Hospital. It could go towards a lifesaving piece of equipment or help towards much needed research and our wonderful community will help that happen with these funds.

Fundraising events were held throughout the year with the majority raised through the Monster Raffle. Our Major Prize was won by local Ross Follett who will enjoy some time

away at The Moorings at Metung. We had over 60 prizes and it was pleasing to see many locals taking away a prize or two.

An Easter Treasure Hunt was enjoyed by close to 100 pre/primary school aged children on Good Friday. We met at the Market Street Park where participating children had to find treasures and were rewarded

with a bag of Easter Eggs. We had face painting, a visit from the Easter Bunny the Princesses from the Melbourne Princess Project come to join in with the fun too. We think it's really important to get the kids involved on the day and having some fun makes for a great afternoon. (All Easter Eggs were kindly





businesses and the generosity of our wonderful community)

So.....How was the money raised?

Full Steam Ahead Carpet donated \$5 from each clean

in February - \$180

Catching Rays - \$200

Yarragon Hotel - \$750

De'Koda Hair & Beauty donated - \$200

Café' Piccolo donated \$1.00 for every drink made on

Good Friday and raised \$470

The Yarragon Lions Club - \$500

Yarragon Men's Shed BBO - \$521

The Yarragon Craft & Produce Market - \$1000

IGA Trafalgar had a visit from a tin shaking Easter

Bunny raising - \$1681

YPS held a PJ day for the Grade 1/2's - \$111

Guess the eggs in the jar = \$174

Our door knockers raised an incredible \$1,973

Movie Night - \$380

Online / Facebook Auction - \$1812

Traf IGA BBO- \$308

Xmas Raffle - \$356

Easter Treasure Hunt, Shop Collection Tins,

Monster Raffle Night

As a thank you, those who donated toward the Raffles /Auctions were thanked and Continued on promoted through our Facebook and Page 4 Instagram page.

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By Jen Lowe, Secretary YDCA

At the last meeting of the YDCA it was very pleasing to have Ms Alison Leighton, CEO of the Baw Baw Shire, in attendance. Issues such as drainage, liaison with Vic Roads, future expansion of Yarragon, the proposed Service Station, were among those discussed, noted and commented on by Ms Leighton. She will attend again in about six months to give the same support.

Residents along Rollo Street are concerned that the reconstruction of the street, which is scheduled to begin shortly, will not take into account the future development of the area further south along Rollo Street and drainage will not be adequate.

The next meeting of Yarragon and District Community Association is to be held at the Fire Brigade Building, Murray Street, Yarragon, Tuesday May 15th at 7.00 p.m.



## Pruning and growth.

We have two apricot trees at our small farm in Mirboo. They have been there for many years, but have born very little fruit and what has come has been small and spotty; you

could scarcely call these trees fruitful. We all know that plants need to be pruned to be healthy and to bear useful fruit. So a couple of weeks ago Ross got out the chainsaw and pruned them back very hard! It's be productive and live or be taken out so something productive can take their place.

This is a very helpful metaphor for our everyday life too. We are like branches which need to be pruned if we are to be healthy and bear fruit. Now I am not the first person to use this image! Jesus talked about being the Vine and his Father being the vine dresser . Sometimes we have to deal with the pain of God's secateurs as we manage new situations and come to terms with our own unhelpful habits. This can be painful- but mostly when we resist! When we are prepared to examine ourselves for what needs to be changed or 'pruned', we can find the expectation of bearing fruits of love gives us courage and hope. We can anticipate the fullness of life that God has in store for us.

The Yarragon Community

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## **NEXT DEADLINE:**

For June 2018 26th May 12 noon

# OFFICE DOT OF TORRESON

A very good crowd attended the ANZAC Day service in Yarragon on Wednesday. An excellent program was planned and presented by Barbara Kingwill.

Australian expedition sent a remotely-operated vehicle (ROV), armed with high-definition cameras, to the wreck to gather evidence. The expedition has

returned after uncovering new clues about what happened to the submarine. Ian Finished with the Naval Ode:

They have no grave but the cruel sea, No flowers lay at their head,

A rusting hulk is their tombstone, Afast on the ocean bed.

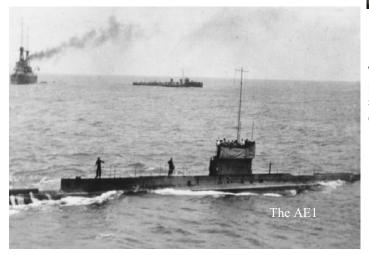
They shall grow not old as we that are left grow

age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them, Lest we forget.



The student choir from Yarragon Primary K-6 school sang the National Anthem and "The Last Anzac".

The key speaker was Ian Potter, who made us all aware of the role of the Royal Australian Navy, and particularly the story of AE1, the submarine purchased from England in 1913 and sent to the waters around Rabaul, Papua New Guinea, to help protect Australia from the German invasion which was



taking place there. The vessel disappeared in September 1914, with all 35 crew on board. AE1's loss was the first Royal Australian Navy, and allied, submarine loss of World War I. Its fate was a mystery until December 2017 when the submarine wreck was found near the Duke of York Island in Papua New Guinea's east coast. Using a research vessel owned by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, a joint US-

It was a very well organised ceremony and this fact was proclaimed not just by the locals but also by people who were passing through Yarragon and stopped for the service. Well done to the organising committee.

Wreaths were laid by many organisations.

Reading through the names on the memorial it is apparent that many of them are related to the street names in Yarragon. I would be very interested in running a series of articles about the pioneering families of Yarragon. If anyone can help me with that research please contact me, Jen Lowe. (editor)



We would like to thank everyone who got involved this year whether through selling or buying raffle tickets, donating or door knocking. You're all wonderful and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Big thank you to Rebecca Harvey who has been on the GFA Fundraising Committee for the past few years. With a busy family, work commitments and studying,

Bec has decided to step down from the committee for the 2019 fundraiser. Thank you Bec! You've been amazing!





## 2019 Good Friday Appeal

It doesn't stop for us

now that the 2018 GFA Appeal is all done. We have already began discussing ideas as to how we will raise funds for the 2019 Appeal.

We would love to see as many businesses, committees, clubs and individuals get involved to raise funds for The Good Friday Appeal.

It may be by running your own small raffle during the year or donating \$1 for a certain item purchased at your business. There are so many options and it all counts. You may even have your own idea. Get in touch, we are more than happy to promote your







fundraising idea.

Gaining donations for our Auctions/ Monster Raffle is always the hardest part. It takes hundreds of emails, call and visits to businesses far and wide.

If you are able to donate towards our future Auction/Raffle, we would love to hear from you. You may even have a rep / supplier or contact that would be willing to donate. You can only ask. We can provide an Authority to Fundraise Certificate if required or provide a receipt to businesses. Please get in contact with us through our Facebook Page or send us an email.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Lisa Harvey, Dee Wheller, Bree Wilson and Maddison Wheller

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# Yarragon Craft & Produce Market



By Marcus Hanley April 28th 2018

We had a great market day on Saturday with some beautiful Autumn weather.

The highlight was definitely the Jindi Zoo petting zoo who had a variety of chickens, rabbits, a kid goat and a miniature horse. The

youngsters loved them and we look forward to having them back next month.

Another stall that went well was the curly fries with a few varieties of curly potatoes on

sticks with different flavours added.

Our regulars were out in force again with potatoes from Thorpdale, fruit and vegetables, hope farm bread, free range eggs from Darnum, jewellery, knits, candles and soaps, fruit cakes and hot food and soup from Judy in the supper room kitchen.

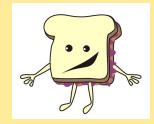
Next market is on Saturday May 26th, so we look forward to seeing you there!





## Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Wednesday 6th June 2018
Uniting Church Hall, Yarragon. \$10
11 a.m. Speaker from :BACKPACK 4 Kids"
12.00 Luncheon.



Backpack 4 Kids is a registered Not for Profit charitable organisation run by volunteers which was founded by Sally Ritter and friends in 2014. Their purpose is to aid children going into foster care and to aid foster care families.

## FOODWORKS YARRAGON

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# Proposed BP Development Next To Yarragon

By Jude Conway, President YDCA

#### WHAT:

The applicant, JASBE Petroleum, has applied to build a 24-hour BP Service Centre, which would include:

Enough bowsers for 16 vehicles and 4 trucks to refuel simultaneously,

Parking for 66 vehicles and 19 trucks,

2 fast food restaurants, each with drive-throughs for take-away, and 3 waiting bays,

A convenience store,

A reticulation basin.

The applicant expects to attract 3% of westbound traffic, and 1% of the eastbound traffic (making a U-turn at Hazeldean Rd)

#### WHERE

It will be sited between Hazeldean and Gordon Roads. From Hazeldean Rd moving west, there will be vacant land, then the reticulation basin, then the service centre, which will be placed over the old abattoir (wooden shed) which was the first commercial premises in Gippsland.

The land is over the old Yarragon Coal Mine (which briefly provided coal to Parliament House in Melbourne before it was closed).

The land is currently zoned for Farming Use and has been identified as a future residential zone.

Whoever takes on the development of this land will have to address the significant drainage issues.

### **COMPARISON:**

The footprint of the development, (not including the reticulation basin) would be larger than the Sand Road service centre at Longwarry, and almost as big as the Officer service centre. The convenience store is larger than our supermarket, and each restaurant is twice the size of the average café in Yarragon.

#### THE RESPONSE:

There has been a petition, submissions, a meeting with councillors, meetings with Council planning staff, a town information meeting with council and JASBE's planning consultants, meetings of businesses (YBA and Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce), meetings of residents – some of whom are also business owners (YDCA), and a vigorous and occasionally misinformed exchange of thoughts on Facebook. The petition: see article on p 9

Submissions: over 60 have been received so far, mainly against the proposal

Meeting of residents and business owners with councillors: not all councillors attended, but was organised in preference to individual meetings with each councillor, which would have taken more time.

<u>Town Meeting:</u> attended by over 40 people. JASBE's planning consultants (Crowther & Sadler Pty Ltd of Bairnsdale) explained the application in more detail. Baw Baw Shire Council planning staff were there to answer questions about technical aspects of the application and the process.

The consultants explained that:

Their client was not trying to take customers from Yarragon (you can't buy fancy shoes at a service centre)

Their main target is B-double drivers on the Eden/Melbourne route, who, they claim, are restricted in the places they can safely rest by the wire ropes on the sides of the roads, and restricted in access to refuelling because of the size of their rigs,

They were confident in VicRoad's assessment that a service centre entrance on the 'speed-up' side of town would not

increase accident risk,

Expert advice based on out-of-date or incomplete data would be given more weight than the advice of residents who are experts in living here,

Advice from truckies that they need the stop to be further east has been dismissed as irrelevant,

Little petrol stations are on the way out; the future is super centres selling the one-stop model – supermarket, chemist, fuel, food, alcohol

BP is the superior fuel, so it will be good for Yarragon residents and drivers passing Yarragon to have convenient access to it

Concerns expressed by the attendees included:

The economic impact on the current retail strip, particularly for those traders serving passing trade. Jobs created by the centre will cause loss of jobs in the strip, and the loss of the significant investments the owners (many of them residents) have made in our town,

The traffic and safety implications of a large centre close to a significant number of local vehicles merging onto the highway,

The impact on neighbouring farms, residents and waterways if the reticulation basin proved inadequate,

The impact of 24-hour lighting on farm animal welfare,

The development being at odds with the stated Council strategy of nurturing a unique rural village character in a designated tourist town,

Dismay that this type of development would be considered in Yarragon – that the unique character of the Village was why they were attracted to buy and settle in the town and they were very concerned that this scale of development at our gateway is inappropriate,

Errors in the application suggested the applicant has a casual attitude to accuracy, while they are asking us to be confident in their judgement.

It was not a friendly meeting. The consultants seemed surprised that the residents were not more grateful for the choice they are so kindly imposing upon us, and the residents were annoyed that the applicant – and his consultants, were so dismissive of what we believe are valid concerns.

At the end of the meeting the consultants said they would have further discussions regarding their economic impact assessment, which they agreed may need further work, and that they would discuss the drainage concerns further.

The Council planning officers at the meeting advised that the application will go to Councillors for their vote in the next few weeks and that they would consider receiving further submissions before the meeting is scheduled.

<u>Facebook:</u> what can I say about Facebook? Everyone's an expert on Facebook, especially the posters who don't use their own names, and everyone who disagrees with the anonymous expert facebooker is an idiot of course – or worse. Take more notice of the people who don't hide behind pseudonyms, and don't be afraid to ask anyone where their information comes from, and check their references for yourself.

The Baw Baw Shire planners have concerns about the convenience restaurants on the plan on the basis that it is not a permitted use on farm zoned land. The developer has challenged that ruling by claiming the food is ancillary to the main purpose of the development (high-volume fuel for trucks). We don't know yet what the final application will look like, and we don't know how our councilors will vote. The final chapter has not yet been written. Stay tuned!

# Yamagon Lions Club



By Pat McPhie

Our Lions Club Members went to the funeral of Jack Kersten on 17th April. He will be missed very much as he was always willing to do the heavy work for us. At 82 years of age, he still had a great sense of humour and loved entertaining children. We

offer Bev and her family our sincere sympathy and thank her daughter, Dianne Garrott, for reading us Jack's life story.

At our meeting on 25 April we were told more sad news that a former President and member of our club, Laurie Kingwill, had passed away on the day before Anzac Day. Laurie was a charter member, and was a president in 1980 and 1981. We offer Thelma and her family our sincere sympathy.

We were at the Anzac Service in Yarragon and it was great to see so many people of all ages. The Primary School children did a great job singing songs for us. Our Lion member, Peter Petschel, put down a wreath for us.

The good news is that we have another new member

for our club. Welcome Bill Cropley. We hope to find more members to help make up for the loss of members who retired this year.

At our meeting on 11th April we were able to welcome our zone chairman, Michael Hornby. He was able to present two of our members an appreciation for their long service. Ray Robins was presented with a 20 year service award. Richard Sandy was presented with an award for his 25 years service.

There was a zone meeting in Yarragon on 23rd April. A guest speaker let our Lions Know what "Need for Feed" stood for. When farmers experience fires or drought or floods, they need help to restock their hay sheds. Truck drivers are happy to move hay to NSW, Queensland and Victoria. Trucks have been brought to the bushfire close to Yarragon to help the farmers find food for arrivals to eat in our very dry season. "Need for Feed" have asked us to make a donation to help the Truckies pay for their fuel. At our last meeting we all agreed to do so.

Thanks to the people who supported us by eating our sausages at Warragul Bunnings on 15 April. That helped us make up for missing out on being able to operate at Lardner Park this year. I hope we can find a suitable site there next year. Yarragon Lions Club have worked there for 35 years.



## Yarragon Fire Brigade Report

By Geoff Conway

CFA's Operations Manager for District 9 has advised that fire restrictions in the Baw Baw Shire will be lifted on Tuesday 1 May.

This means that there are no limitations on the lighting of fires under the CFA Act. However, Baw Baw Shire and DELWP still have controls in place through the legislation that they oversee. It's very important to know what controls on the use of fire apply to your property. If you are planning to burn, it is important to register you burn off with CFA. Just ring on 1800 668 511 and provide them with the details of what you plan to do. This ensures that if anyone sees your fire and reports it to 000, the operators have the details of your burn and will not respond the brigade, saving everyone time and embarrassment.

It's also that time of year where we need to test our smoke alarms and replace batteries in these alarms where needed. Smoke alarms have been shown to be a major factor in reducing deaths and injuries in house fires. They are a simple and effective way of protecting you and your family. All smoke alarms have a small button on the face that you press to ensure everything is still working. Testing the alarm once a month is an important part of housekeeping.

## **Book Fair**

The Yarragon Charity Book Fair is the Fire Brigade's key fund raising activity. Held on the second weekend in July (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) it has provided funding for a range of fire-fighting and training equipment for our brigade. There is no question that the fire fighters at Yarragon have been far more effective in their work because of this event. Proceeds from this year's event will be used for minor alterations to the existing fire station with the balance put into savings for additional facilities for a new fire station that CFA has indicated will be built sometime in the next few years.

To help people understand how all this works, CFA provides the brigade will all the basic facilities we need to run our brigade. Even fire stations are built to a standard specification. If a brigade is seeking additional features in a new station, this needs to be funded locally. Our brigade has already identified a number of additional features we feel will assist in providing the service that Yarragon and District will require in the future. We have already started planning and saving for these.

Over recent years, many members of the Yarragon community have offered their help to set up and run the Book Fair. This is greatly appreciated and very welcome. If you would like to assist, just give Geoff a call on 0418 318 900 or email <a href="mailto:yarragonfb@gmail.com">yarragonfb@gmail.com</a>.

This year the brigade is partnering with Yarragon Primary School who will also be providing support for setting up and running the event. We are delighted to welcome these members of our community to the fun of Book Fair.

## Yarragon Book Fair Celebrates 15 years

By Gill Cooper

The 2018 Yarragon Book Fair celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> year on 7-8 July and book lovers and enthusiastic readers from everywhere are welcome to bring the family, grab a bargain and join the winter fun.

Yarragon Fire Brigade Secretary Geoff Conway said the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Book Fair was a special milestone due to a new partnership with volunteers from the Yarragon Primary School's Parents' Club

"We are thrilled that the parents and students of Yarragon Primary School are stepping up and have agreed to joining our brigade members in this joint fund-raising effort," he said. "Many hands make light work!"

"Our brigade had a hugely successful Book Fair last year with the help of Darnum-Ellinbank CFA members and other community volunteers. Now that they are focusing more on their annual clearing sale event we found ourselves in need of fresh energy," Mr Conway said.

"We look forward to working together with the school community in promoting the Book Fair, during the busy set-up week and in securing enough volunteers for the Book Fair at Yarragon Hall on 7 and 8 July.

Mr Conway said proceeds from the Book Fair would go towards important initiatives and equipment for both the brigade and local school.

"Brigade volunteers have been working hard in recent months gathering and sorting a huge stockpile of books to suit every reader. Our storage container is three-quarters full already which is great progress."

"We've gathered a seriously good collection of fresh titles for this

year and already have enough donations of non-fiction like gardening and children's book at this stage," Mr Conway said. "However there's always room for good quality novels which traditionally sell well. We are still collecting books from all directions so anyone wishing to donate extras is urged to do so now, well before June."

donations and the regular crowds of visitors to Yarragon who attend and supported the Book Fair with purchases and/or cash donations were greatly appreciated. "This annual fund-raiser has been a massive

contributor to our brigades and the success of local volunteer fire-fighters in protecting life and properties across the region," he said.

"During the past eight years both brigades have run the Book Fair together, raising around \$130,000. We've been averaging about \$18,000 in recent years, peaking at \$22,000 in 2014 and then \$28,000 in 2017.

"Our aim this year is to crack a fund-raising record by simple getting more people through the door to buy more books," he said. "The school community brings its own needs and we hope this helps them out too." It's about being smart about the use of our operational volunteers for tasks others can achieve."

Mr Conway said the Book Fair team was seeking the support

Mr Conway said the Book Fair team was seeking the support from people coming from far and wide.

"We urge everyone to mark 7-8 July on their calendars for a trip to the Yarragon Book Fair and ask they help to spread the word with their families, colleagues and friends – real and social - to invite them along."

"People attending the Book Fair can grab a bargain for every member of the family with paperbacks and hard covers of every genre on sale across the weekend. Paperbacks will be \$1, hard covers \$2.50 and children's books are \$5 for a bag or box. There's certainly something available for everyone!"

Doors open on Saturday 7 July at 9am and the fair will run across the weekend until 4pm on Sunday 8 July 2018. The Yarragon Public Hall is in Campbell Street, 50 metres from the Princess Highway and an easy stroll to the shops, cafes and galleries at Yarragon Village, in easy reach of Warragul and Mt Baw Baw. For more information or to donate books to the CFA Yarragon Book Fair, please call Michael O'Toole on 0438 342 670, Geoff Conway on 0418 318 900 or email <a href="mailto:yarragonfb@gmail.com">yarragonfb@gmail.com</a>



## Results of the Petition submitted to Council to stop the development of a large BP Service Centre in Yarragon with retail and drive-through take-away food stores.

In the short time of 11 days, the petitions were signed by 1,097 individuals. 80% were from Yarragon and the surrounding region and towns. The remaining were from travellers from areas including Sale, the Gippsland Lakes region, Melbourne suburbs and interstate visitors.

36.4% of signatures were from Yarragon residents. This represents 31.6% of the total Yarragon adult population (20-85 years, based on 2016 census).

There was both a physical petition which was made available for people to sign in a number of businesses in the town and an additional online petition that was collected.

Additional signatures came in after the cut-off date for the official objections to the proposal that was sent to Council – an addition 84 signatures – 61 from Yarragon residents.

This brought the final count to 1181 signatures – 39% from Yarragon Residents – representing 36% of the total Yarragon adult population.

The reasons for the objection as stated on the petition forms are as follows:

The development will take up a large proportion of land that has been identified for future residential zoning in the Yarragon Structure Plan.

Yarragon already caters for travellers: a service station on the east; public toilets, long-vehicle parking, supermarket, chemist, parks & gardens and a variety of food/drink options within the township

Yarragon has been identified by Baw Baw Shire Council as a 'tourist' destination, with marketing of the town promoting a 'village' atmosphere – a service station centre does not fit with Yarragon's village streetscape and the boutique offering provided by local small business owners.

A service station centre development will undoubtedly increase the amount of litter and noise pollution in and around Yarragon; in turn this may lower the value of land and existing homes in the surrounding area.

The petition was lodged with Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> February and copies of the covering letter and objection reasons were sent to all Councilors. The development application is still to be presented to Council for voting – this is expected to happen in the next few weeks. Lee Richards.

# WW1 Service Personnel buried or remembered in Yarragon Cemetery

This list is only of those people that we have so far identified if you know of others please contact Beryl Weekley 5634 2719 or email: members@westgippslandgenealogy.com

ATKINS Stephen George BAYLEY Harold **CAMPBELL** Douglas CLARKE Stephen Richie **CURRAN Edward William CURRAN James Patrick CURRAN Patrick Joseph DOWTON Henry William EVANS William Isaac FAULKNER Frederick** Rowland FAULKNER George Evan **FAULKNER Herbert Newton FAULKNER Mathew Percival GODFREY Arthur James HAMILTON Charles Henry HEYWOOD Charles William HILLIS Henry Collins HURST James Abraham** IRWIN Claude Edgar

LAWERENCE Joseph **LEVISTON John** LEVY Eric Leonard MacLEAN Henry Paul MATTHEWS Andrew MATTHEWS Stanley Reuben McDONNELL Patrick O'BRIEN Patrick O'NEIL Edward O'TOOLE Daniel Theodore **RANSOM George REDMOND Albert Henry ROBINS Roy Charlton** SAGASSER Oswald STANDING John Albert Theodore STANTON Benjamin Charles STONE Frederick **THURLOW Arthur Dexter** TYRRELL Arthur George WHELAN Michael Valentine

The West Gippsland Genealogical Society is compiling information to produce a book dedicated to World War One Service personnel buried or remembered in our local Cemeteries. Our aim is to provide details of their War Service as well as their personal stories of their lives as part of our community. We have produced a booklet for the Warragul Cemetery of a selection of stories for a cemetery walk last November and the interest has led to this project. If you have details and family stories we will be pleased to hear from you. Photos are welcome if available.

The Cemeteries we are doing are; Yarragon, Warragul, Drouin, Drouin West and Neerim. Contact: admin@westgippslandgenealogy.com.au Phone: Faye 0429358626 or Beryl 5634 2719

## **Earth Hour**

By Rev. Sue Jacka

We all know that we need to look after our planet so that we can pass the natural environment on to future generations in a healthy state. But this doesn't have to be boring! During Earth Hour, some of the Yarragon community gathered at St Mark's in Loch Street to play outdoor games, enjoy a BBQ and to toast marshmallows over a small pit fire place. It was good to have Josh Hasan, our youth and family pastor on board to lead some games for the young people. We also made one of Earth Hour's traditional features: paper bag lanterns. During this quieter activity as the sun was getting lower and evening was falling, we talked about how much energy we waste and resolved to be more thoughtful in our use of the world's resources.



# Open house displays to showcase survey results

Resident responses and data graphics showing results from the recent Connecting Yarragon 2030 community survey will soon be on display for public review and local discussion.

A series of open house displays is being organised for May to let people view the issues and comments raised by other residents living within the 3823 postcode area and further discuss community priorities for Yarragon.

Tentative dates have been set for Tuesday 15 May 4-8pm, Saturday 19 May 11-4pm, Thursday 24 May 4-8pm and Saturday 26 May 11-4pm (if required) so please pencil at least one session in on your home calendar.

Hopefully this mix of times midweek and at the weekend enable interested residents to come in for a look at the survey results before adding their further comments or ideas.

At this stage we plan to run the open houses at the Old Grain Store at 2 Murray Street (opposite the fire

station). Further updates to confirm times, venue and activities will be available on

ConnectingYarragon.com from early May. So if you missed out on contributing to the earlier survey across summer, please get involved and attend.

There will be activities for the kids on-site - drawing and "play with clay" so feel free to bring the family along too.

Volunteers have been working hard in recent months inputting the hardcopy surveys into an online format where key words and common issues can be identified to help extract useful information and trends. Special thanks to Brian O'Rourke for his efforts so far in summarising the issues people have raised in the survey's 11 sections.

The survey exercise is already proving its value in recent lobbying efforts around securing the old primary school site for future community use and supporting objections to the impacts of the proposed BP development on the western edge of Yarragon Village. The Our Connecting Yarragon team, working in partnership with the YDCA are sharing relevant data extracted from the survey with Baw Baw Shire

Councillors and officers.

It's clear our local Councillors are listening to our community-based consultation efforts, along with Council's own "Have Your Say" whilst they deliberate on the shire's planning permit application and annual budget processes.

Your survey responses also highlighted a range of capital works and infrastructure issues around town which will prove valuable to inform future discussions with local Councillors while they set the next Council Budget and work to secure future funding for local works and initiatives. Some of those works needs have already been identified.

The 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. It's been great to have so many people willing to share their views and to help shape Yarragon's future.

Gill Cooper,

Convenor, Connecting Yarragon team, YDCA.

## A concert not to be missed!

The Latrobe Chorale's next concerts will be on June 16 in Traralgon, and June 17 in Warragul. The forty voice strong choir and soloists will be joined by timpani, cello and trumpets for Haydn's fiery and exciting *Mass in Time of War*. The choir practises weekly in Morwell and the singers come from an area that currently extends from Rosedale to Drouin, and from Willow Grove to Won Wron..

The choir is directed by Mary Mirtschin and will be accompanied on keyboard by well known Drouin based concert pianist, Brian Chapman. Lauren Burns wil sing the Soprano solos and be joined by Katherine Hood, alto, Ian Moore, tenor and Ross de Vent, bass. Joan Evans will play the cello and Leon Duncan the timpani. Former Melbourne Symphony Orchestra principal trumpet John Schmidli will play as will another yet to be named trumpet player. The choir members in this community based choir sing for the love of it and for the challenge and satisfaction of producing high quality performances for others to enjoy. The choir has now been in existence for over thirty years and is a capable and experienced choir that is constantly renewing itself with new

repertoire and new singers.

The Haydn mass that will be the main work in the concerts was written in 1795 and is known in German as the

Paukenmesse because it features kettledrums; perhaps to create an atmosphere of suspense at a time when the Napoleonic wars were approaching Haydn's homeland.

The choir will also perform other wonderful classical gems including the energetic Durante Magnificat; Mozart's heart-rending Ave Verum Corpus; and Handel's beautiful homage to Palestrina, Throughout the Land from his oratorio, Solomon.

The Traralgon concert will be at Traralgon Uniting Church, 19-29 Park Lane, at 2.30p.m. on Saturday June 16. The choir will give the same concert in Warragul in Sunday June 17 also at 2.30p.m.. The Warragul concert is at Wesley of Warragul, 64 Victoria Street. Tickets cost \$20 full price or \$15 concession, and children and young people under sixteen can attend at no cost. They are available from TryBooking

(https://www.trybooking.com/VGKS or https://www.trybooking.com/VGKU ) and will also be available at the door for each concert until sold out.



**Bookings** appreciated Tel. 03 5634 2202

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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

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



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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 15 May, 2018. 7.00pm 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.

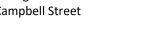
St Jarlath's Catholic Church, Rollo St Father Bernie Krotwaar, ph: 5633 1166 10am Mass on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

### **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.



## MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK

## **Heart Foundation Yarragon Walkers**

Starting at ROTUNDA, 9:30am, in all weathers

approx. 45 min town circuit Thursday: approx. 1 hour

walking track

Tuesday:

**Enquiries** Angela Greenall 5624 3545

Station Gallery, Princes highway. m.0490 173 103

EXHIBITIONS,

Classes with Tutors – apply at Station

## Weekly drop-in sessions @ Trafalgar Station

Monday- Painting Group

Tuesday – MmaD Group (mixed media)

Wednesday- am -Clay group



## **Baw Baw Arts Alliance**

Wed-Sun. 10.30 – 4

**GALLERY & SALES** 

pm -Just drawing Thursday - Mosaic group Friday - Fibres group

## WHAT'S ON IN MAY?

15 YDCA meeting 15, 19, 24,26 Open House displays for Connecting Yarragon

26: Craft and Produce Market, P4

6 Soup and Sandwich luncheon

16&17 Mass in Time of War P10



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