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# Yarragon Children's Centre Opening Soon



Yarragon Children's Centre is nearly ready to open to the public. Last weekend saw the centre hold an open day for tours of the facility and to take enrolments. Owners Murray & Shona Jeffrey were overwhelmed with the positive response from the community and the sheer volume of families they showed through.

This Friday will see their final inspection with the Department of Education and Training and hopefully if everything is in order, they will be open within a few weeks.

The centre will cater for children from six weeks of age to school age and will offer a before and after school care programme with bus transport to and from Yarragon Primary School and Yarragon Early Learning Centre.

The centre is a real one stop shop with all food,



nappies and programmes included in the fees and will offer a play based educational curriculum in line with the National Quality Frameworks.

Call in and see Murray and Shona or their director, Liz Dortmans to discuss any requirements you have for early education for your children. Yarragon Children's Centre is excited about their opening and is looking forward to providing a quality service to the local community.

Enquiries can be made by calling the centre on 5634 2090 or after hours on 0407 562547.

Shona Jeffrey



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## YOUR RECREATION RESERVE NEEDS YOU!!

Downton Park Recreation Reserve, Committee of Management is seeking new members.

The Annual General Meeting of Downton Park is being held on Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ the Main Clubrooms starting at 7pm.

It is vital that we get some new members to join the committee and help carry on the management of the reserve.

If we do not get new members to join the committee at this AGM then the committee may be forced to relinquish its management responsibility and the council will become responsible for the reserve and all funds of the Reserve will be transferred to the Baw Baw Shire.

Reliable, knowledgeable and enthusiastic committee members are the key to a successful committee and this results in a well maintained Reserve for everyone to use

If you are interested and would like more information please contact the committee on 0418512074 or 0409541502

Ange Bayley

### 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.

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**NEXT DEADLINE:**  
**For July 2018**  
**26th June 12 noon**



The generator in transit between Port Melbourne and Loy Yang. Taken at Yarragon May 28th, 2018.

# YARRAGON BOOK FAIR



Yarragon Community Hall  
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Geoff Conway: 0418 318 900**



Melissa Rock

## Annual Tough Mudder at Yarragon Primary School

What a terrific Tough Mudder event we held recently. It was fantastic to watch our students participate and have some fun with mud and slime. Great resilience was shown by all the students to complete the set cross country runs. It is so important we give students the opportunity to be challenged with something a little more difficult than a usual short walk or run and play outside. Setting a challenge that requires effort and determination helps develop strong resilience, persistence and a growth mindset that focuses on "I can do this". Students who think this way, will create and strive towards any opportunities that present themselves throughout their life.

Our Junior School Council collected \$153.00 from gold coin donations on the day that will go towards their next school improvement project.



Teacher—Mr Daniel Riddle

YPS Tough Mudder 2018



Cody Jackson

YPS Tough Mudder 2018



Rhys McDonald



Liam Smith-Butterworth



Jordon Edwards

# Yarragon Craft & Produce Market



By Marcus Hanley  
May 26th 2018

With winter just around the corner, we felt the effects in the morning with a chilly 3 degrees in town. This meant once the fog lifted it turned into a beautiful sunny day. For those indoors (most of the stalls), we are always happy to have the heaters on high to take the chill off the toes! With warm clothes on everyone's mind, the clothing stalls with scarves and beanies were kept busy. Long term stallholder Prue from Bushmode Knits makes professional scarves, beanies and woolen jumpers, and these cooler months mark her busiest times of the year as she sells her knitted products for gifts or personal use. Gaye was also kept busy with her AFL themed scarves doing well with the youngsters and footy fans. Samantha Abbott had her daughter back on her stall selling her handmade glass earrings, and she



always does well at our market. Sam works long hours making enough stock and has grown her business from a small part time one, to a full time role.

We were also happy to have Jindi Zoo Comes to You back at the market with their petting zoo. They have a nice location on the grass at the back of the hall, and each time Jam Judy looked out the kitchen window, they were busy with kids!

Next market will be held on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we look forward to seeing you all there to sample the local goods.



## YARRAGON BOWLING CLUB

Whilst the 2017/18 Lawn Bowls season is complete we do have some news in the off season.

We have 2 new members who have transferred to Yarragon Bowling Club recently. For the 2018/19 season we will welcome:

Ian Potter from Mirboo North Bowling Club, and Jeanette Temple from Paynesville Bowling Club. If there are people interested in joining the Yarragon Bowling Club you can make contact on our new

phone number 0490 831 283. The previous fixed line phone is in the process of being disconnected. So remember that number 0490 831 283.

During the off season there is a small group who are playing indoor carpet bowls. The game is played socially and competitively. If you are interested please contact Jason Roberts on 0402 101 559.

Our first General Meeting for the new season will be Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at the Clubrooms starting at 7:30 pm. All would be welcome.

Richard Polmear



# YARRAGON & District Community Association Inc.

## **YDCA: new and improved?**

*By Jude Conway, President, YDCA*

YDCA now has a new constitution. One change we have been pleased to make is that no membership fee is charged. This has become a realistic option because our local fire brigade does not charge us for the use of their meeting room, and we no longer pay any insurance – *a lot of money, and for what?* But we're an incorporated body and still need to pay annual fees to Consumer Affairs Victoria, so in a couple of years we'll be in dire financial straits, but that's a problem for the future. To our mind no fees makes our group more inclusive. However, if you wish to become a member with decision-making responsibilities/privileges, there are still obligations you need to meet. First you need to have attended at least one meeting before registering your membership. At meetings you are expected to speak your mind, and to listen thoughtfully while others speak their minds. To maintain your membership, you need to attend at least 4 meetings a year.

### **But wait; there's more!**

You don't have to be a member to have a voice. Any resident of Yarragon & surrounds is welcome to come to meetings, to make proposals, and to contribute to discussions. If you can persuade voting members that your position is valid, you will have their support.

### **And even more ...**

But life isn't tidy, and you only need two people to find division and dissent. Decisions in YDCA meetings are made democratically and are not always unanimous. This was the case at our February meeting when we examined the proposed BP service centre on the western edge of Yarragon. There were attendees who spoke eloquently in favour of the proposal, but whilst the other attendees could recognise the merits of their arguments, they felt, on balance, that the disadvantages were more significant. For this reason, when I speak to the media on behalf of YDCA (and therefore Yarragon) about the service centre, I represent the view of the majority.

There have been grumbles around town from various people who would like to see the service centre go ahead, that "YDCA doesn't speak for me!" If most members at that meeting had decided the service centre would be good for Yarragon, there would still be people grumbling that their view was not being represented. We can't force every single resident to come to every single meeting, and it would be unrealistic to expect everyone to agree all the time. I wish more people wanted to come, especially those of you who feel your opinions are not being championed, but in your absence, we do the best we can to preserve what we think is good about Yarragon and improve what we think isn't good enough yet.

**All** residents of Yarragon & District are welcome to attend our meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month (so June 19<sup>th</sup>) at the fire station in Murray St, starting at 7pm. Our Annual General Meeting is on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for office bearers can only be made by members, nominees must be members,

and only members get to vote. So, if you're really unhappy about how YDCA is representing Yarragon & District to local and state governments, come and add your voice to our conversations, and sign up for membership.

## **Bereavements:**

We extended our sympathy to long-term Yarragon resident and YDCA member Thelma Kingwill, on the unexpected death of her husband Laurie. These two have dedicated many years of service to Yarragon, and Laurie is sorely missed by his family and many friends.

We also extend our sympathy to Ken Morrison and his family on the death of his wife, Pam. Yarragon has always had a big place in Pam's heart. She was the inaugural editor of the Yarragon Community Newsletter, and she was a member of YDCA for many years. Quietly-spoken, consistent, determined and kind, and a custodian of Yarragon's history, we miss her already.

## **Rollo St Reconstruction**

**between highway & Y'gon-Leongatha Rd:**

Baw Baw Shire has advised that the improvements they expected to begin earlier this year must now be delayed until mid-Spring when weather conditions are more suitable. We're looking forward to kerb and channelling on the eastern side, better drainage, a more robust road surface and more suitable trees. We feel as if we've been waiting for ages, but November is not that far away!

## **Community Hubs:**

Did you stop to chat to the Shire representatives at the Yarragon Market on May 26<sup>th</sup>? They want to know what you think about community spaces in Baw Baw Shire: how they are used, how they are developed and how they can best connect communities. They explain that:

A 'Community Hub' is any place that communities use to meet and connect with each other. Community Hubs can be unique to different communities in what opportunities and activities they provide and how they respond to that community's needs. They aren't necessarily formal Council spaces. In fact, some Community Hubs might not even be physical spaces at all. For example, an online community message board could be considered a 'community hub' just as much as the local footy club, park or library.

The Community Hubs Strategy will help us best plan for future improvements to local spaces, including facility upgrades, improvements to existing public space, re-energising underused areas, and support for community-led initiatives.

So if you'd like council to take your thoughts and wishes into account, you can fill in an on-line survey or If you or someone you know doesn't have internet access, you can also sign up in person at a [Council Customer Service Centre](#) or by calling 5624 2411.

# Yarragon Lions Club



By Pat McPhie

We were very pleased at our meeting May 23rd to have guest, Mike Hornby to induct our two new members for our club. Garry Marshman and Bill Cropley were encouraged to join our Lions Club by our treasurer, Richard Sandy. More new members would all be

very welcome to keep our club afloat.



President, Tony Hayes, Treasurer, Richard Sandy, Mike Hornsby, new members Bill Cropley and Gary Marshman.

We are all looking forward to celebrate our 40th year for the Yarragon Lions Club. We will all be having a good time on Wednesday 22nd June at the Yarragon Bowling Club. Roll up at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

We are hoping some previous members of our club will celebrate this special 40th birthday with us.

The cost of the roast meal and desert is \$25 per visitor. Drinks will be available at bar prices. Please advise if you have dietary requirements.

We hope that you would let us know if you would like to come along on June 22nd by June 8th. Contact our treasurer, Richard Sandy, using email:

[richsand53@gmail.com](mailto:richsand53@gmail.com) (for catering purposes). We prefer payment in advance of the event. Send a cheque to PO Box 116, Yarragon 3823 or pass on your payment to a Yarragon Lions member.

Do we have any former Lions members still in possession of their annual Lions notebooks? We would like you to let Roy Robins know if you have our first books 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1081-81, or 1983-84. Roy will ensure that they are returned to you when he has found all that he needs from our earlier days. Roy's phone number is 5634 2339.

Some Photos from our Fashion Parade held a month ago.



# Volunteers still needed for Yarragon Book Fair

If you love books and don't mind rolling up your sleeves to help a great cause, volunteer recruits are still needed in the lead-up to the 2018 Yarragon Book Fair. 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 2018 Book Fair heralded a new partnership with 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 join our brigade members in this joint fund-raising effort.

"However other interested volunteers from the general community are also very welcome to help," he said. "People don't have to be involved in the CFA or the school to contribute to this year's Book Fair."

Extra volunteers are needed during the busy set-up week and throughout the Book Fair weekend – particularly with sorting and replenishing stocks on display, then packing up the hall on Sunday.

And all local residents, business operators and visitors can help make this year's Book Fair a success by personally inviting their family, colleagues and friends to come along and visit Yarragon on 7-8 July.

It's a great event, and we want to encourage more people through the door!

Proceeds from this year's Yarragon Book Fair will go towards important initiatives and equipment for both the brigade and local school.



Preparing for Book Fair - Yarragon Fire Brigade Secretary Geoff Conway, Ellie and Lukques with Lyla, YPS Parents' Club representative Fi Bradley and Eagle.

This annual fund-raiser has been a massive contributor to local brigades over the years and the success of volunteer fire-fighters in protecting life and properties across the region.

The priority for the school is an upgrade of their library including new books and reading furniture to make the space more inviting for independent reading. Donations of good quality novels which sell well, are still welcome during June. However, we already have enough non-fiction like gardening and children's books in stock at this stage, thank you!

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 something for everyone!

Doors at Yarragon Public Hall in Campbell Street open for the Book Fair on both days at 9am and close on 4pm on Sunday 8 July. To volunteer to help at this year's Yarragon Book Fair, please call Michael O'Toole on 0438 342 670, Geoff Conway on 0418 318 900 or email [yarragonfb@gmail.com](mailto:yarragonfb@gmail.com)

Gill Cooper, Yarragon Book Fair team.



# FROM THE PAST

At recent meetings of the YDCA two items of discussion have been:

1. Whether or not the cenotaph is in the correct location now because of the traffic noise and the number of people now attending ANZAC ceremonies. It has been suggested that the location is correct for its visibility for the other 364 days of the year.
2. The safety of the bridge over Rollo Creek on Yarragon South Road —there is no barricade on the northern side of the bridge.

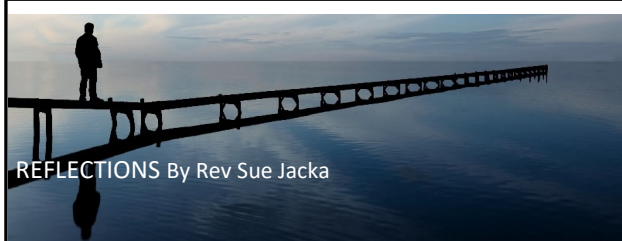
Therefore it was of interest to find this article from the West Gippsland Gazette, Tuesday 27 May 1919:

YARRAGON. There is some doubt as to the wisdom of spending a large sum of money in erecting a stone memorial to our soldiers, it being thought better to give

further consideration to the matter before choosing the form of memorial and notice of motion has been given to rescind any motion defining the form that the memorial should take, and so reopen the whole matter. Some residents favour building a hall for returned men, others suggest enlarging and improving the present hall, others favour tree planting with copper memorial plates attached, and others a drinking fountain for horses, but no water is available for the latter scheme. Later, when it is considered safe to do so, another meeting will be held to thrash the matter out.

When Mrs. E. Roberts, and her daughter were driving from Yarragon South, the horse objected to holding the jinker when descending the hill to Rollo's Creek, and after kicking and generally giving trouble finally got out of hand and when near the bridge, ran the wheel into a hole throwing both occupants out of the vehicle. Freed of restraint, it bolted to Yarragon, about, 1½ miles distant. Miss Roberts was not very badly hurt, though much shaken, but Mrs. Roberts was unconscious for some time. She was taken to the residence of Cr. Mahony, which is near the scene of the accident, and at the time of writing is progressing well.

Research by Jen Lowe



REFLECTIONS By Rev Sue Jacka

As a society we have just celebrated Mothers Day. Mums were treated and appreciated. And rightly so; we need to acknowledge the love, care and generosity that mothers have showered on us over our lives. But what about Mother Earth? It is easy to take for granted the provision, beauty and restoration that our natural world gives us. I was shocked when I found this poster and how long it takes for some items to decompose fully. Many are recyclable but still often find their way into our oceans. Some we just need to stop using- like plastic bags and disposable cutlery. Even items like paper and cigarettes take a lot longer to break down than I had realised.

The Bible talks of how people were given a role to be stewards of the earth (Genesis 1:28). For eons people realised we needed to care for our environment. Yet whole islands of pollution clog up oceans and rivers, causing disease and damage to water species. Why has this happened? Is it that even in the country we have become more urbanised and less aware of the damage caused by such pollution? Have we become so focussed on our own immediate comfort and ease that we are not taking the responsibility for organising cleanups and preventing pollution? Mother Earth needs her children to take responsibility and show some appreciation for the whole of creation and its needs.

**HOW LONG UNTIL IT'S DECOMPOSED?**

IF ONE BOTTLE OF WATER MADE IT INTO THE SEA HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO FULLY DECOMPOSE?

Item	Decomposition Time
Toilet Roll	1 Month
Cardboard	2 Months
Drinks Cans	200 Years
Plastic Bags	10-20 Years
Cigarettes	10 Years
Glass	4000 Years
Plastic Cutlery	100-1000 Years
Fish Hooks	600 Years
Diapers	450 Years
Some Plastics	NEVER

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# BAW BAW ARTS ALLIANCE

By Carol Monson.

During the most recent Summer holidays drama teacher, Joanne Watt, conducted a nine day, live in, Summer camp for aspiring young stage performers in Trafalgar. One of the participants, Lachie Moore, was a recipient of a Baw Baw Arts Alliance scholarship that enabled him to attend the Summer camp. Congratulations must go to Lachie who, after a couple of auditions, has been accepted into the New York Film Academy for a one-year programme to study acting. In his words Lachie said, "I'm beyond excited and absolutely cannot wait to start this new adventure and hopefully become one step closer to achieving my dream." What a wonderful accolade for the work this young student teacher who believes the skills gained from the drama Summer camp will contribute to his effectiveness as a classroom teacher.

Another very exciting award has been presented to Louise Sedgman, photographer and member of the Warragul Camera Club and Baw Baw Arts Alliance. Louise works out of her studio in Drouin capturing the connection between horses and their women owners. She was recently acknowledged by the Australian Institute of Professional Photographers with the title of Victorian Pet/Animal Photographer of the Year. This award was accompanied by three silver awards and one silver distinction

thus qualifying her for the AIPP's national awards in August. Congratulations Louise. The Baw Baw Arts Alliance has a strong sense of contributing to the Arts and the development of emerging artists and this can be seen in an exhibition of paintings by emerging artist, Wendy Russell. Prior to taking up painting Wendy's services as a cake decorator were in demand. These days she prefers to apply her painterly skills to canvas producing land and seascapes influenced by her travels around Australia, her love of the work of Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Tom Roberts. Don't miss her highly detailed acrylic works in the exhibition in the *Station Gallery*, Yarragon, during June.

Also exhibiting in a section of the *Station Gallery* named 'The Wall', are works by Nola Clark. Nola has a passion for painting animals,

domestic and wild, big and small, but her subject matter also includes portraits, landscapes, seascapes, flowers, architecture and cityscapes. She has won awards for all subjects over many years.

Nola is best known for her works in pastel and scratchboard but also enjoys the challenge of acrylic, oil, water-colour, pen and ink, coloured pencil, charcoal and oil pastel. She enjoys a liberal demand for commissioned work. Not to be missed are demonstrations at the *Station Gallery* by Nola of her art. On Wednesday, June 13 from 2pm to 4pm, Nola will demonstrate her pastel drawing skills and on Sunday, July 1, she will demonstrate the art of scratchboard work from 2pm to 4 pm. These demonstrations will be at the *Station Gallery*, Yarragon.



Louise Sedgman with her winning photos.

Taken by Russell Monson.

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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.

# 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

Telephone: 0490 831 283

Social game night only October to April.

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday, Followed by a meal,

orders to be placed by 5:30 pm on the Tuesday prior.



## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE?

### JUNE

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## MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK

### Heart Foundation Yarragon Walkers

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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



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