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Let's Finish the Fencing along Waterloo Park



Have you noticed that only part of Waterloo Park is fenced off from the highway? It is a risky place for families to visit, and for public functions.

Pick My Project is a Victorian-first community grants initiative, with at least \$1 million in funding available in each metro and regional area. Projects have been proposed by individuals and groups, and are then presented to the public, who get to vote on which ones in their vicinity they think are deserving of funding. The winner gets the go-ahead. Local resident Gwen Hunter prepared an application for funding to complete the fence, and if successful YDCA will manage the project. This is the only Yarragon project that has been proposed.

VOTING IS OPEN UNTIL 5pm on SEPTEMBER 17.

You can vote online by going to https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au

The site gives clear instructions for logging on, and once you've registered your address it will show you all the projects in your vicinity.

Obviously, the more votes we get for our safer Waterloo Park, the more likely it is that we'll get our fence. This is the time to spread the word far

and wide; the group with the best networks will have the best chance of success.

If you do not have access to voting on the internet, please try to contact someone who does and register your vote that way.

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Gippsland's Baw Baw
GARDEN AND HOME EXPO
Lardner Park field days site, via
Warragul.
9am - 4pm 13th & 14th October, 2018
www.drouinlions.org.au/gardenexpo

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Rainfall for Yarragon 2018 compared with 2017 & 2016 As recorded in McIntyre Rd

	2018 mils	2017 mils	2016 mils
January	54	33	73.5
February	15	83.5	16
March	46	35	64
April	16	64	40
May	140.5	66	95
June	75.5	42.5	106
July	127	93	148
August	106	150.5	80
YTD Total	563.5	567.50	623

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NEXT DEADLINE:

For October 2018 26th September 12 noon

New Skate Park Opens in Yarragon

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A new 405m2 plaza style skate park catering for all ages and abilities was officially opened in Yarragon's Howard Park over the weekend.

There to officiate the opening celebration was Baw Baw Shire East Ward Councillor Darren Wallace and Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing MP.

East Ward Cr Michael Leaney and West Ward Cr Jessica O'Donnell also took part in the celebrations alongside Latrobe Valley Authority (LVA) CEO Karen Cain, the Yarragon Community Skatepark Association, contractors and the community.

Cr Darren Wallace spoke at the event saying it was fantastic to open a facility that will provide local young people with opportunities to set goals and challenge their abilities through physical activity, without having to travel too far from home.

"Local parks, open spaces and recreation facilities play a huge part in our Shire's liveability. We now have a purpose-built skate park for beginners to intermediate skill levels, that is suitable for all ages and all abilities", said Cr Wallace.

"Yarragon now has a dedicated space for young people to remain active and engaged within their community. It is a place where they can gather with their mates while developing their skills in a safe, inclusive and accessible environment. We hope this new facility will remain cherished by the community for many years to come."

Cr Michael Leaney said providing activity spaces for our youth is vital for ensuring a well-rounded community.

"Skate parks provide the opportunity for individuals to participate without the need to be on a team, where you can play at your own leisure. The Shire hopes to roll out more skate parks in the more remote towns to deliver for all of the youth within the Shire, no matter where you live", said Cr Leaney.

The \$295,000 project has been jointly funded by a





\$221,250 grant from the LVA's *Community Facilities Fund* and a \$73,750 contribution from Council.

Cr Darren Wallace thanked the LVA for their support and for the Victorian Governments ongoing commitment to sport and recreation throughout our region.

"This project has been a true partnership between Council, the Victorian Government and our community, in particular the Yarragon Community Skatepark Association. Their advocacy, engagement, research and support has been crucial to the delivery of this project and we thank them for their work", said Cr Wallace.





Decklyn Lelievre, Cr Michael Leaney, Harriet Shing MP, Cr Jessica O'Donnell, LVA CEO Karen Cain, Cr Darren Wallace and Janet Paken from the Yarragon Skate Park Association.

Yarragon Craft & Produce Market



By Marcus Hanley 25th August, 2018

A chilly and foggy start to the day, set

us up for some glorious sunshine from around 9am onwards and once the sun thawed out the town, the shoppers came out in Flower Flower who we busy subject to the flower arrange of the flower report

force . Without John the grocer

here (he ran over his toe with a forklift...ouch!), we

had a slight rearrangement of stalls outside and we welcomed back the family team from the Little Red Bucket selling their delicious take-home pasta dishes. Their dishes again included home made gnocchi, various pastas, meat and vegetarian lasagne, home made pizza and a variety of pesto sauces, all ready to warm up and eat at home (or freeze for later). They've done very well in the 2

We also had new stall The Thinkin' Tree Flower Farm who were kept busy selling their locally

grown native flower arrangements. Other stalls to report a busy day were Hope Farm bread again, our local free

range eggs,

Bonnie in the supper room kitchen, and Jindi Zoo with the baby animals had another steady day.

markets they have attended here, so are looking

forward to continuing on for the rest of the year.

Next months market is held on Saturday September 22nd, which thankfully doesn't clash with Grand Final day...phew! It's also that time of year when Cheryl brings out all of her tomato and vegetable seedlings which always brings a crowd, so make sure you head down to the public hall to grab some seedlings and get some planting tips.

See you on the 22nd September.





Defining moments shape our lives; they are often stepping stones on our life's journey- moving house, starting at a new school or job, beginning a relationship, getting married, having a baby. Sometimes defining moments happen when we have achieved a new level of competence- suddenly playing that music piece actually created real music! Or we played in a team which won a grand final. We tend to remember life in episodes and most of us will have a few tales to tell about the events that have been notably humorous or where we first realised

something unique about each other. These are the stuff of family legends, the stories we tell again and again.

These moments enrich our lives by changing the way we see the world, see ourselves, and connect with the people who matter most in our lives. I've realised lately that we don't have to wait for them to happen. We can be the authors of them.

We don't have to spend a lot of cash to engineer big moments. An expensive vacation will make a memory, but so will special times together. Doing something out of the ordinary, a bit adventurous or even pleasantly surprising and unpredictable makes for the stuff of family legends.

This gift of life is precious and I believe that God wants us to savour it, so why not make a goal to create some defining moments to experience with those you love!

THE HISTORY BEHIND OUR STREET NAMES

Hanns Lane

James Charles Hann

James Hann was born in Wiltshire, England in 1839.

In 1868 James Hann left the district of Flinders to become one of the first explorers and pioneers in the Brandy Creek area. He claimed to be the first to live in the Brandy Creek district but this was furiously contested by Edward O'Mahony, the self proclaimed founder and "king" of the Hallora district. Hann, like O'Mahony was a land guide to help locate the likely spots for would-be selectors, pegging them out in the dense forest, charging £16 per 320 acre block. Hann had a blackboy from Queensland called Toby with him on the land seeking expeditions. When the party had got well into the thick bush, where a mile an hour was considered good walking, he would call out "Home Toby", and the blackboy's sense of direction always got them back safely. He had a hotel in Brandy Creek – a local shanty.

In 1878 he took up residence in the Waterloo area.

He was kind hearted, cheerful, popular, a good and experienced bushman, fond of adventure and one of the first to explore new territory, and one to whom others turned for advice. He married a Miss Stanway; their only child was an adopted

He married a Miss Stanway; their only child was an adopted daughter, Sarah, who married Mr T Griggs of Yarragon. Mr Hann was the first to plant rye grass and clover seed on burnt off, cleared land. This experiment being successful, others followed his example and the problem of obtaining food for cattle was solved.

In 1878, James Hann was among the first councillors elected to the Narracan Shire Council. He remained a councillor until 1884

In September, 1884, the Woodlands Sawmill Company was established on Hann's property five kilometres south-west of Yarragon. The Company was formed by Henry Hine and was joined by James Hann. It operated until 1888.

At a meeting held in Warragul in December, 1884, Mr Hann moved that an Agricultural Society be formed and he was elected a Vice-President of the Society.

His daughter, Mrs Griggs, won the prize for the best lady rider at the first "Warragul and West Gippsland Show" held on the 20th March, 1885.

James Hann was among the first butchers in Yarragon. James Hann also selected land at Yarragon and the road from Yarragon which passed their property became known as Hann's Road. He lived there until he retired to Ocean Grove where he died 16th March 1923.

Information taken from "From the Dawning—Waterloo Yarragon 1878-1978"

"Buln Buln" by Graeme Butler

"Path of Progress" by Hugh Copeland.

Thank you also to Tini Cook for gathering much of this information.

An article in the Warragul Guardian, Tuesday 10 August, 1897, mentions Mr James Hann:

YARRAGON. Farmers around here had fairly good returns from their potato-lands, this season. The Messrs Roberts Bros, cultivated something like 40 acres with a



yield of 7 tons per acre, while Mr James Hann had 30 tons from 2 1/4 acres, and the produce is of an excellent quality. There is a big stock of potatoes still on hand here awaiting a rise in the potato market. Our creameries and butter factories have had a good run since the commencement of last spring, and even now the milk supply sent in is large for the time of the year. Good prices, too have ruled for the output, and besides the high price that has been paid for milk per gallon for many months past, there will still be a nice bonus to be distributed to shareholders when the time comes. I fancy we will have an early spring here, for already the grass is growing fast, and fruit trees are coming into leaf and bloom. Gippslanders, generally, have done well this season, butter up to is 8d, pork up to 4½ per lb., and stock-fats and springers bringing good prices, makes us feel very, very happy.





By Pat McPhie

We had a barbecue day out at Woolworths 18th August.. Despite the cold weather we were still able to raise \$714.20, to be sent up North to help farmers caught up in the long drought areas.

We sold around \$400 of sausages, with the remainder of the bucket of money being donated by generous people who saw what we were tying to do. This bucket had done so well, I took it to my Probus meeting to ask our members to help make a donation for the struggling farmers in East Gippsland. Many thanks to the members of our Probus club of Warragul Ranges for starting us off for that district with \$330.05.

We will be taking the bucket again on September 1st to Tweddle's Farm on Sturhs Rd at Darnum. We will be taking our barbecue there to feed everyone who comes along to to attend Tweddle's clearing sale. Early visitors will be able to have breakfast.

On September 8th we will be running a barbecue at Bunnings and may give the bucket another go there, too. It's amazing how generous and kind people in our area are. We have generous people in Yarragon shops and businesses donating goods to us for our Mega Christmas Raffle. We hope to start selling our tickets on 15th and 16th of September.

We had a very interesting talk at our 23rd August meeting with Kirsten, a member of Olivia's Place in Warragul, letting us know how their shop works (near Aldi in Warragul). It has been operating for 4 years to help mothers with new babies or young children. Their Op Shop allows people to take items they may need for free. If we have no longer used children's goods, Olivia's Place would welcome your donations.

Really good news is that we had a visit at the last meeting from our new Post Office Operator. We are hoping Gaurang Patel will join with us now that he has a house in Yarragon.



Register your interest and join in our town wide garage sale.

Last year we had 20 stalls registered and people in town late into the afternoon, making the most of our businesses, the plant stall at school and the garage sales.

\$20 to register.

Forms and monies to be dropped off/ posted to Yarragon Primary School

Positive Community Outcomes

We are two dairy farmers, fairly new to the area and thinking that we knew the behaviour of fire. We found ourselves having an extra warm welcome from our local fire brigades.

On Tuesday, before milking in the afternoon, I lit a small pile and, thinking it was safe, walked away. Greg and I were heading back down to the cow shed and we both turned around at the same time to see the hay shed well alight. Racing back we called 000 and started to do what we could to remove machinery away from the blaze. I managed to move a few things including a 150 year old wagon that has been in my family for generations. Intending to go in again

Greg alerted me to the 44gal drum filled with oil and I ran! A few seconds later the lid blew off right where I had been standing.

I was amazed at how quickly we were surrounded by fire trucks, apparently I made the call at 4.02, the brigade in Yarragon turned out at 4.03 as they were coming back from a false alarm. They were on scene at 4.11, in time to put the fire out and save the shed and surrounding buildings. I was so worried that I would have to pay for the number of trucks that arrived and embarrassed that it had even happened, but was reassured by Yarragon brigade members that they were just there to help.

We now know that the fire did not travel straight to





the shed but moved along the snaking couch-grass and underneath the hay. I now understand why you should never walk away from even a small burn off.

My neighbour, Paul O'Toole, came over to give me moral support on the night and seeing that I was very distressed invited me to dinner at his place which I gladly accepted.

The outcome of my story is that I learned a valuable lesson regarding fire behaviour and the need for knowing ones obligations when burning off. Namely: be aware of the weather; clear the vegetation around the fire; keep adequate water supply on hand and never leave the fire unattended.

I am hugely grateful to the fire brigades who saved my property and the kind support of my close neighbour. Both Greg and I had been in the CFA before in other communities and this prompted us to go along on a Monday training night to meet the volunteers at the Yarragon Fire station and join up so that we too can make a difference.

For more information on burning off and registering burnoffs visit <u>cfa.vic.gov.au</u>.
Burn-off registration hotline 1800 668 511

Baw Baw Shire Council News.

REZONING WIN FOR RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

Published on 20 August 2018

Warragul is one step closer to a major retail development and hundreds of new local jobs with the announcement of successful rezoning of land on Hazel Drive.

The announcement, made yesterday by Minister for Planning Richard Wynne, approved a zoning change to the Baw Baw Planning Scheme allowing Council to consider development applications for major retail outlets at the site.

Council has been in discussions with a prospective developer for some time with Kmart and Bunnings as confirmed tenants. Council anticipates a planning application for the development to be submitted in the near future.

Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Cr Joe Gauci was thrilled with news of the Minister's decision which will allow council to progress conversations with developers and ultimately deliver more diverse shopping for the Shire.

"We've been advocating for this type of development for some time and it's great to see real progress being made", said the Mayor.

"Our community has been crying out for this type of retail development, but without appropriate land and zoning it's been difficult to get prospective developers onside. Now that the appropriate zoning is in place, we have the green light to accept applications for more retail development and help make this happen."

Deputy Mayor and Central Ward Cr Danny Goss, who has been a strong advocate for the rezoning of land, was also pleased with the Minister's decision to support more innovative retail experiences, a thriving economy and diversification of local jobs.

"Council has reviewed preliminary plans for a proposed retail precinct development which shows excellent use of the land with good access and ample parking.

Convenient shopping improves liveability for residents who will soon be able to hop in the car and take a short drive to get more of the things they need", said Cr Goss.



"We want to support our local economy and redirect spending that is currently going outside our Shire to stores in Moe, Morwell, Pakenham and beyond. Additionally, projection figures show a development of this size will create over 260 direct full-time jobs, and even more during the construction phase which is great news for local job seekers".

Central Ward Councillor Mikaela Power thanked Minister Wynne and the Victorian Government for seeing the value in the rezoning and supporting growth and economic development for Baw Baw Shire.

It's great to work with other levels of government to make things happen and we're excited for what is to come for our community."

Would you like to make a real difference? Meet new people and make new friends? Build your skillset?

West Gippsland Healthcare Group is calling for new volunteers. We have an amazing team of volunteers, which we would like to grow. You might want to:

- Visit residents in aged care
- · Support our work on the hospital wards
- Assist with administrative tasks
- Work in our community op shops
- Be a consumer representative on a committee or project

Apply today. Simply go to: www.wghg.com.au/About-Us/Volunteers

For more information, contact Rosemary Joiner, Consumer Engagement and Volunteers Coordinator on 5624 0597 or email rosemary.joiner@wghg.com.au.





Upcoming events with the Baw Baw Sustainability Network.

September 16: Baw Baw Sustainable House Day Bus Tour. Visiting 5 houses in the district. Bus leaves from Warragul Station at 10 a.m. and arrives back at 4.15 p.m. It is a 22 seater and is booking out fast. Some of the houses are only open to the bus group. For more information visit sustainablehouseday.com and follow the link to events or contact Ian Southall 0413 590 220 or Malcolm 0417 364 615

Buy & Sell Electricity With Your Neighbours

The Latrobe Valley Microgrid could see you save AND earn money. They need historical bill data from Baw Baw, Latrobe, and Wellington for their feasibility study.

Get involved with the future of local energy trading.

Solar Rebates and the Gippy Bulk Buy Program

Currently, the Gippy Bulk Buys is offering quality solar panels and hot water systems which also meet the Clean Energy Council requirements of this program.

Together the Solar Homes and Gippy Bulk Buys programs can significantly increase the number of households able to consider investing in solar systems.

This is particularly important to reduce the cost of living pressures for low-income households within the Latrobe City Council and Baw Baw and Wellington Shires.

Anyone with an already signed solar contract through the Gippy Bulk Buy Program is still eligible as long as their system was not installed prior to August 19.

However, as the Solar Homes Program is not legislated it may be subject to change with a change in government. It is also worth mentioning that the value of federal solar subsidies (small-scale technology certificates) will decrease by 6.5% on 1 January 2019.

For these reasons we feel this program should be actively promoted now and those interested to register before the November elections to take advantage of this great opportunity.

To find out more and register:

Call 1300866634

and or party faction?

www.gippybulkbuy.com.au/

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As a person that has a keen interest in the development and prosperity of our community I am worried at the current trends in people's feelings to our politicians.

Frustration and annoyance is at an all-time high. People do not know where to turn and if anything can be done to address the negative feelings. The elected representatives do not appear to respond to our needs. Party structures do not allow them to stand up and seek resolutions. We can change this, but as a community we must be willing to push for change and draw a line in the sand One question we should ask ourselves, is the person chosen by the major parties truly a person that understands our issues or appreciates the concerns that we confront in Gippsland? Or, are they selected for their party allegiance

Gippslanders and Gippsland communities are frustrated with the current attitude of the government and its lack of understanding of what we need; our frustrations, problems and aspirations. People feel that they no longer have representatives listening to them.

We do have the power to make change and get a better result from our representatives. We need to act now and vote for a strong local person who has walked the walk and talked the talk. A person who has a broad understanding of Gippsland and the issues and the diversity of the communities.

I now seek support from Gippslanders and the communities of Gippsland to get behind me and seek a new beginning for our region - together we can make Gippsland great again and an important region in the future of Victoria. One Nation or other parties are not our solution - the major parties are lost in their internal fighting.

Let us all, MAKE GIPPSLAND GREAT AGAIN.

Please get behind me and be part of the change, your ideas and backing will give us the opportunity to succeed.

Contact Details:

Michael Fozard MichaelNRuth Fozard-Facebook 0418513092

In Your Garden This Month What to Plant:

Vegie Seedlings Tomatoes, Broccoli, Silver Beet, Cabbage and Rhubarb

Seeds – Lettuce, Carrots, Potatoes and Capsicum Flower Seedlings – Foxgloves, Pansy, Marigolds, Petunias and Snapdragons

What to do in the garden

SPRING IS HERE!!! September is a fantastic time for us gardeners! The chill is almost gone from the mornings, and the afternoons are getting longer. Blossoms are bursting and you can smell spring in the air wherever you go. If you have been hibernating through winter now is the time to get out and into it.

- 1. Apply dormant oil spray to fruit trees, magnolias, crab apples to control scale insects and other overwintering pests. Use this organic pest control method when the buds are swelling but the leaves haven't opened yet.
- 2. Cut back any remaining dead perennial foliage from last season to encourage new growth.
- 3. If your garden is already littered with weeds, clear them out and get mulch down before optimal growing conditions begin and make weed control almost impossible.
- 4. Aphids build up quickly on new rose shoots. Control with Insecticide Spray or soapy water.
- 5. Plant some Annuals to brighten up your garden.

Tip of the month: As your plants blossom, make sure you trim off the flowers when they die. This encourages your plants to flower again because they really want to produce seeds.



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Community Information and Service Team on 5624 2411 or visit us at:

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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, Secretary Geoff Conway 0418 318 900 Email: yarragonfb@gmail.com



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 18 September 2018.

Yarragon Fire Brigade, Murray Street. All welcome.

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.

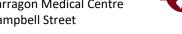
St Jarlath's Catholic Church, Rollo St Father Bernie Krotwaar, ph: 5633 1166 10am Mass on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

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 SEPTEMBER?

16: Sustainable House Day P9

18: YDCA Meeting

22: Yarragon Craft and Produce Market

OCTOBER:

13,14: Baw Baw Garden and Home Expo

20: Yarragon Spring Clean P6

MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK

Heart Foundation Yarragon Walkers

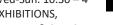
Starting at ROTUNDA, 9:30am, in all weathers Tuesday and Thursday: approx. 45 min town circuit



Enquiries Angela Greenall 5624 3545

Baw Baw Arts Alliance Station Gallery, Princ-

es 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



The next meeting of the Yarragon and District Community Association is to be held Tuesday, September 18th, 2018 at 7.00 pm

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