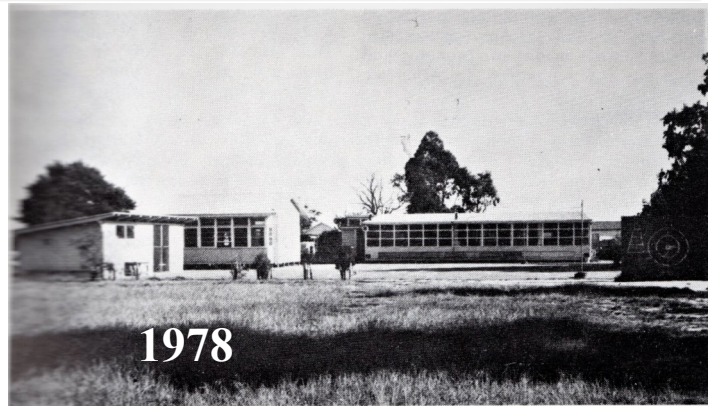
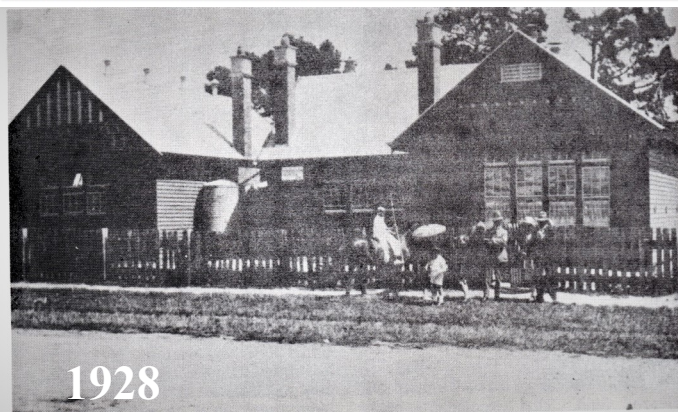




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3 - 5 ROLLO STREET, YARRAGON.



The Former Primary School Site at Yarragon, 3-5 Rollo Street. Update

From the Baw Baw Shire Council Meeting held on August 28, 2019:

The negotiations for Council to purchase the site are still ongoing. An updated letter of offer has been sent to the Department of Treasury and Finance and has been passed on to the Valuer General of Victoria. As at the date of printing a reply has not been received, but is expected soon. Once this has been received the issue will go to a Council meeting to have the debate as to whether or not the Council will purchase the site.

This is when the community will be called upon to convince councillors of the strategic importance of this piece of land to Yarragon, especially in light of the future development planned. The petition that is being circulated at many businesses in Yarragon, is part of this community input into our negotiations with Council. You can also sign online at www.change.org—save 3-5 Rollo Street Yarragon for Community Use.

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If you have an event you would like to publicise

**Please send the information to
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Rainfall for Yarragon 2019 compared with 2018, 2017 & 2016

As recorded in McIntyre Rd

	2019 mls	2018 mls	2017 mls	2016 mls
January	12	54	33	74
February	25	15	84	16
March	36	46	35	64
April	43	40	64	40
May	152	141	66	95
June	81	75	42	106
July	117	127	93	148
August	234	106	151	80
September		93	191	76
October		42	74	131
November		143	35	70
December		54	120	66
YTD Total	700	936	988	966

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NEXT DEADLINE:
For October 2019
26 September
12 noon

Yarragon Craft and Produce Market

By Marcus Hanley

Yarragon Craft and Produce Market – Aug 24th

On a glorious winters morning, there was a frost on the flats, and our hands were struggling to stay warm during setup, but we knew it was looking to be a great weather day. The sun gradually warmed things up, and we had a steady flow of customers through from the beginning.



It was great to have Dawn from Pure Bliss Luxury Soap back with her homemade soaps and bath bombs of various colours and designs. She had a solid day and is planning on being a regular once again. Rocco had a busy day again with his huge range of veggies, our Hope Farm bread supply sold out and plenty of local free range eggs were sold. Our recent regular Lyn Dickson from Beeznee cakes sold out again with her wide range of homemade cakes, sponges and treats. They seem to be snapped up quicker and quicker each month now as word spreads of how good they are!



With the large majority of stallholders keen to get back out onto the lawn area along the highway, we'll assess the weather and dryness of the grass in the week leading up to the September market on Grand Final Day the 28th. With this being a long weekend because of the Friday public holiday, there should be plenty of travellers around and a market in full view of the highway means more curious drivers stopping in our lovely little town. We'll still need council approval and good weather for this to go ahead again.



Congratulations must also go to all businesses and people involved in helping to win the VCAT decision to prevent the proposed BP Service centre from going ahead. The market is proud to have contributed to the VCAT defence fund, and this is a great win for the small businesses and people of Yarragon.

See you on Saturday September 28th (either at the hall or back on the lawn!)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO THE YARRAGON LIONS CLUB

Anyone interested

Please contact: President, Peter Petschel, 0477 342 529

Membership Chairman, Richard Sandy, 0412 332 116

Dinner Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Great Social Atmosphere.

Our Very Own Op Shop.

Catering: i.e. BBQ. Clearing Sales.



Drawn to Nature

Sculptures & Drawings by:

Darren Gilbert & Janet Matthews

21 Sept - 20 Oct

Drawing demonstration: 1-4pm Sun 22 Sept

OPEN 7 DAYS 10-5

www.townandcountrygallery.com.au

**Town & Country
Gallery**
YARRAGON

Drawing demonstration 1-4pm, Sunday 22 September. A highlight of the 'Drawn to Nature' exhibition running at Town & Country Gallery (21 Sept to 20 Oct), will be the opportunity to sit beside artist Janet Matthews at her easel while she works. A highly regarded teacher, Janet welcomes open discussion on all aspects of the drawing process, from conceptualisation to materials, technique and composition. For further details please visit the gallery website:

<http://townandcountrygallery.com.au/gilbert-matthews-drawn-to-nature/>



Janet Matthews

Letters to the Editor

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Letter to the Editor

Recently I was part of a meeting to discuss the Old Yarragon School Site and its future as a resource for the total community.

It was interesting to see that a number of people felt that they are being forgotten and feel unwelcome by the broader community. This concern was expressed by both young and older residents- who are new to the town of Yarragon.

As a person who came to Gippsland in 1982, as a young energetic individual with my wife and three children, we also found the feeling of not being welcome. I made up my mind to change this.

I joined the local CFA, hall committee, school council and worked at showing the locals that I wanted to be part of the area and the community. I was a hobby farmer in a farming area and was considered an intruder.

At the time there was a planning issue that would impact on the area. Sadly the community lost and the project went ahead - a rendering works. I decided that I would stand as a shire councillor. Again this was frowned on that I would stand against an existing councillor who had been mayor and belonged to a well-established family in

the region, I was an intruder.

This was disheartening and it became more evident on my first day as a councillor when I was told that I would not get a seconder even if I moved a motion to break for lunch. It was obvious that I still had a lot of work to do

Over the years I have lived in Labertouche, Willow Grove, Trafalgar, and worked in Warragul, Latrobe Valley, Moe, Wadhalla and have always worked to be accepted as a community member.

On reflection I feel that I have achieved the result, of becoming a local. The secret is that we have to work at it and join in whenever you can.

I see our strength in being a great community by being one - it's made up of individuals, groups, , organisations, working together for a common cause.

I am proud to say that I am a Gippslander and honoured to be part of the total community.

It is up to each of us to give what we can and participate in the varied activities, so that this part of Victoria remains a great region.

Michael Fozard

23/8/2019

THE HISTORY BEHIND OUR STREET NAMES

Smaller Yarragon Roads

Womersley Road

In 1947 the first quadruplet calves to survive in Australia were born on Mr. Norman Womersley's farm at Yarragon. P Womersley was listed as a race horse owner in the early 1900s. P Womersley is mentioned as a donor to the Belgian Relief Fund in 1915 and for winning many prizes for vegetable at the Yarragon show in 1924. Mrs Womersley won first prize for her fruit cake in 1913. In 1915 P F Womersley carried out repair works to Cornish's Road, Yarragon.

Quadruplet Calves Weekly Times Wednesday 24 December 1947.

RECENTLY a Jersey -Ayr shire crossbred member of the dairy herd of Mr - Norman T. Womersley, of Shady Creek, via Yarragon, Gippsland, gave birth to four calves — a bull (521b.) and three heifers (48, 47 and 461b.).

Unfortunately one of the heifers was trapped in a crabhole, and lived only four days. The others are reported to be "doing extra well." Their sire is an Illawarra Shorthorn. In many instances cows have produced triplets, but the birth of quadruplets occurs only infrequently.

Obviously the family originally lived between Shady Creek and Yarragon but Perc Womersley did live on Womersley Road in the early days. I would appreciate more information on this family if anyone can supply it.

Gallagher Lane

Again I do not know whether or not Gallaghers actually lived in this vicinity.

J Gallagher was one of the original settlers who took up land around the Waterloo township.

J Gallagher received a lot of mentions in Yarragon football team around 1908. There were also W and H Gallagher mentioned as best players in 1909.

In 1910 Racing at Yarragon was reformed and the meeting was held on Gallaghers track situated on the properties of Messrs Dillon and Skinner, about 1 ½ miles south-east of the town. This is the best reference I have as an indication of why this Road was named Gallaghers Lane, although I know that it was named fairly recently by Council.

If you can help out with further information it would be much appreciated.

Winston Street

I assume this street would have been named much earlier than the two above, probably in the early 1900s. I have found one reference to a Winston family in Yarragon: In the Australasian, 10 October 1908: (This was in the letters so I am not sure whether it is fact or fiction)

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY,

CLASS I.—PRIZE 5/. Awarded to JAMES M. RTAN (Age 12), Yarragon, Gippsland.

It was the day of the great, final football match, and football was the main talk at school. Bunyip and Yarragon were to play a match to decide which team would be premiers. The captain of the Yarragon team was the hero of the hour.

"Oh, he's a boshter," remarked Harry Winston. "Hullo, Jack, are you going to the match?"

"Yes," replied Jack. "Are you?" "My word."

"The teacher's going to let us out of school at 3 o'clock,"

"That's good. We'll just be in time to catch the special train. Are any of you fellows going?"

"Yes; we are all going." "That's good."

Three o'clock soon came round, and a number of boys, including Harry Winston and Jack Regent, left the school; and, when the special train arrived, they got in it, and were soon at their destination, the Warragul football ground. The match started, and the boys soon became intensely interested in the play.

Suddenly the umpire blew his whistle. One of the players had been knocked down while going up for a mark, and he was so dazed that he could not take the free-kick awarded to him. An excited gentleman rushed on with a flask of brandy, and the injured player was carried off the field. He soon returned, and started playing.

"Oh, Harry," cried Jack, not long after the injured player had returned to the fields "look what I've found, a gold watch."

His chum looked and saw the watch.

"We'll take it to the police station, Jack," said he.

"Yes," replied Jack, 'that's just what I was going to propose.'

They left the football-ground, and hastened to the police station, where they handed their find over to the constable.

They thought no more of the incident until a few days afterwards, when Harry saw an advertisement in the paper.

This is how the advertisement ran:—

Wanted, the two boys who found watch on Warragul football-ground. Address, 216 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Harry gazed at the advertisement in amazement for a time; then went to his chum's place. Jack agreed that they were the two boys required, so having got permission to go to Melbourne from their parents, they went to the address mentioned. Here they met the owner of the watch. He had travelled to Warragul to see the match; but did not notice his loss until he arrived back in Melbourne. He treated the boys to dinner, and then stilled to talk about the match.

"Boys," said he; "I do not suppose you know that I am the owner of four large shops in Melbourne. Have you your merit certificates?"

"Yes," replied the boys.

"Well; I want both of you to work at one of my shops. I shall give you good wages."

The boys were delighted. They obtained permission from their parents, and were soon at work.

It is needless to say that they never regretted their honesty the day of the football match.

Even if it is fiction it is a good story written by a 12 year old in 1908.

At this time Winston Churchill had gained fame as a war correspondent following the second Boer War and writing books about his campaigns. He was elected to parliament in 1900 but did not serve as Prime Minister in Britain until 1940. So did his fame have a role in the naming of Winston Street? These are theories but I would welcome some factual information if anyone has it.

I am also seeking background information on the following Roads: Parker, Gordon, and Scanlon.

If you are able to contribute in any way to the "History Behind Our Street Names" please get in touch with Jen Lowe, 0428 218 111.

Yarragon Lions Club



Automated External Defibrillator

Yarragon Lions Op Shop is still going along very well. We can all find plenty of clothes, beautiful paintings, lots of books for children and adults, plenty of shoes, handbags and beautiful things you may like to have in your home. We really would like to thank everyone of you for supplying us with so many beautiful things, and for purchasing as well. We have already been able to help people needing medical assistance for adults and children.

Our Lions Club has a defibrillator just inside the Op Shop on the right hand side. It is available for use if needed.

Our Christmas raffle will start early in October. Christmas cakes and puddings have arrived and will be on sale very soon.

Our website has been updated. Check it out: www.yarragonlionsclub.com

Don't forget the garden Expo on the 12th and 13th October at Lardner Park. Hope we can see you there.

Our Lions Notice Board at the Post Office is going to have a facelift. Ron Jones plans to have the glass opening from the side, making it easier to put notices in place.

Pat McPhie



At the August meeting of the YDCA three issues were established as needing attention:

- The need to ensure that the Baw Baw Shire Council purchases 3-5 Rollo Street (the former Yarragon Primary School Site) for community use. This issue has been ongoing since 2015 with no resolution yet reached. Strong community action is now required so that Baw Baw Shire continues to work with the Valuer General before the site is rezoned and set up for Public Auction. The Department of Treasury and Finance have indicated that they would like to finalise sale of this property before the end of the year.
- Making newcomers to Yarragon feel welcome. A committee has been established to investigate possible activities to ensure that all newcomers are given information about what is available in Yarragon, services and social/sporting groups, to encourage new members to our community to feel that they are part of the community and welcome.
- To progress the survey which was conducted early 2018 to the next stage so that it forms the basis of the next community Plan/ Precinct Development Plan. More discussion on the next steps to take in this regard will take place at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 17th at 7.00 p.m. in the Fire Brigade building, Murray Street, Yarragon.

If you would like to have your say at these meetings you are most welcome to attend.

Yarragon Bowling Club welcomes new bowlers and visitors



We welcome all persons to play Twilight Bowls starting on Thursday 17th October at 5:30 a game of bowls and a meal afterwards for \$15.

So come along and have a great time.

Any Questions contact Jeanette Temple 0427666794

2020 COMMUNITY OF YARRAGON GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Did you know that over the past 5 years our small community have raised **\$94,765.55** for the Community of Yarragon Good Friday Appeal? What an incredible effort! In order to crack the **\$100,000** mark in 2020, we need the help of the whole community!



How can you help?

- We require donations of goods or services to ensure the success our online auctions and monster raffle.
Do you know anyone who would be willing to donate a prize? This could be employers, suppliers, friends or even your favourite business.
- Could you hold your own fundraiser?
A BBQ, portion of coffee sales on a day, your own mini raffle.
- Display a donation tin in your business.
- Sell raffle ticket books for our monster raffle.
- Assist with door knocking on Good Friday.
- Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages and share our posts.

2015: \$6,232.25

2016: \$15,012.90

2017: \$21,884.10

2018: \$25,050.90

2019: \$26,585.40

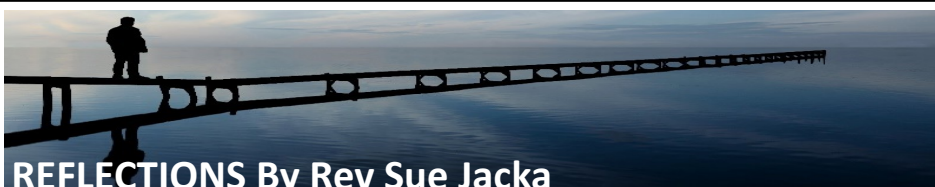
Without the generous support of companies, businesses and individuals within our community we can't make this happen. If you can assist in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us via phone, email or social media.

CONTACT US:

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Facebook: Community of Yarragon Good Friday Appeal

Instagram: [yarragon_good_friday_appeal](https://www.instagram.com/yarragon_good_friday_appeal)



REFLECTIONS By Rev Sue Jacka

Freedom

I have been thinking a bit about what makes us free to enjoy life to the full. As a starting point it

can be helpful to analyse what fills our thoughts and deprives us of freedom. Holding onto anger can certainly leach the colour from other life experiences. Being fearful of the worst case scenarios can inhibit us taking a step into a new group or stop us from developing a new skill. Wanting revenge for past wrongs can also make us waste lots of time and energy when letting go, or forgiving, allows that freedom. Jesus said that he had come so that people could know the Truth which will set us free.

So what does that Truth look like? I believe that it includes the ability to look honestly at ourselves- owning the good and the not so helpful and being prepared to make amends when we have transgressed. This enables us to see our world and the people and situations in it from a more helpful perspective. It allows that sense of being able to accept that someone's harsh comment may come more from their own insecurities than anything we have done. It nurtures an attitude within so that we can experience the beauty around us, feel joy during happy interactions and offer love and acceptance to others without expecting anything in return.

May God grant each of us the courage to let go of those feelings of anger or hurt and the anxieties that rob us of freedom.



YARRAGON SPRING CLEAN

TOWN WIDE

GARAGE SALE DAY

26 October 2019

8am to 1pm

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

Last year, despite the wind and rain people were 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 or posted to Yarragon Primary School

Tee Up @ Traf

Women Get into Golf at Trafalgar Golf Club

October to December will be a great time for local women to participate in Golf Australia's "Get into Golf" at Trafalgar Golf Club.

Trafalgar Golf Club has received a Vic Health Grant to support its involvement in the This Girl Can – Victoria campaign. As part of this funding, beginners' clinics to introduce women to the basics of golf will be held for 8 consecutive weeks commencing Thurs 17th Oct at 5.00pm and Sunday 20th Oct at 9am.

Trafalgar Golf Club is making it easier for women to try golf. Local golfers are keen to share their love of the game support women to get active and embrace a healthy lifestyle, no matter their age or ability. Participants can be assured that these clinics will be lots of fun and designed to inspire **not** intimidate potential new golfers.

Cost will be \$50.

The club can arrange access to golf clubs for participants that don't have them.

During Oct - Dec women participating in the clinics will also have:

- Unlimited access to the course during non-competition times.
- Full use of the clubhouse and practice facilities.
- Mentoring support by club members.

Please register by the 30th Sept at <https://www.trybooking.com/BEMMS>
For more information contact Trafalgar Golf Club 56331110



BAW BAW ARTS ALLIANCE

The Baw Baw Arts Alliance recently held its Annual General Meeting and was able to celebrate many achievements and highlights.

Outgoing president, Anita George, welcomed the mayor of the Shire of Baw Baw, Mikaela Power and Councillor, Peter Kostos. She also welcomed members of the Trafalgar Community Bank; Phil Drummond, Branch Manager, Christine Holland, Chair of the Board of the Trafalgar Community Bank and Di Harrison, Member of the Board of the Trafalgar Community Bank. Anita also thanked the shire and bank for the valuable support each organization has given to the work of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance.

Mayor, Mikaela Power, conducted the election of office bearers for 2019 to 2020. Committee members are President, Anita George, Vice President, Jessie McLennan, Secretary, Carol Monson, Past President, Ingrid Thomas, Treasurer, Prue Barridge and committee members, Sally Alsop, Joan Best, Sue Murphy, Marlene Ogden, Cheryl Cook.

The new committee looks forward to having two new members on the management committee following a motion to increase numbers.

A highlight of the evening was a presentation of the next big community Arts Project for the Baw Baw Arts Alliance. President Anita described the possibilities of art happening when artists get together and talk. She used this comment to introduce artists, Jessie McLennan and Janet Wyllie who are leading a community art project called 'Pat, the Dog'. Janet and Jessie were inspired by the artist, Jeff Koons, whose huge *Puppy* creations reside outside many world class galleries. Jessie and Janet have designed a community mosaic project to create 'Pat' who will be approximately 2.5 metres high and located on the east side of the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon to welcome visitors to this area of Gippsland. For further information contact Janet Wyllie on wylliejanet@gmail.com

Left: Councillor Peter Kostos, Mayor, Mikaela Power, President, Anita George, artists, Janet Wyllie and Jessie McLennan



DOWTON PARK AGM

Attention all user groups,
Downton Park AGM
September 11th 7,30pm
Downton Park Clubrooms.

Could all user groups please have a couple of representatives attend this important meeting.

Ultimately if you want a say in what happens to your clubrooms then come and join the committee, We only meet a couple of times a year, If we don't have volunteers to run the Committee of Management it will be passed on for the shire to run.

Paula Borsato
Secretary.



Gippsland's water levels receive boost – but we still need to conserve

August 14, 2019

Heavy rainfall at the weekend has filled Gippsland Water's Moondarra reservoir to the brim, and brought its share of Blue Rock reservoir almost to capacity.

Moondarra received an influx of almost 1600 megalitres over the weekend, filling it to capacity and sending excess water down Tyers River on to Latrobe River.

Meanwhile, Gippsland Water's share of water at Blue Rock is expected to reach 100 per cent of capacity by early next week.

Gippsland Water managing director Sarah Cumming said the Latrobe system's water supply was in a great position heading into the warmer seasons.

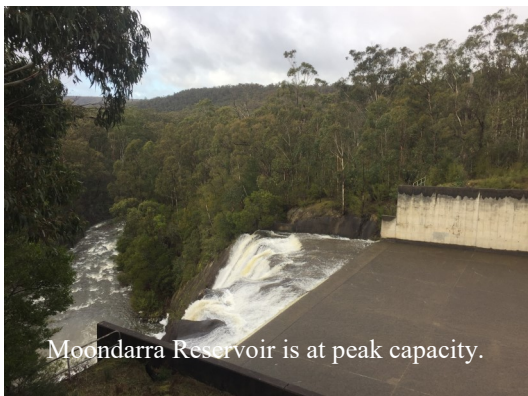
"While this is great news for our customers in and around the Latrobe Valley, we are conscious that customers to the north-east

within our area are still experiencing dry conditions," Ms Cumming said.

"This means that it's important for all customers to continue to

treat water as the precious resource that it is, and observe Victoria's permanent water saving rules.

You can keep track of the levels at Gippsland Water's major water storages and learn more about Victoria's permanent water saving rules at www.gippswater.com.au



Moondarra Reservoir is at peak capacity.

Non-flushable items clogging Gippsland's sewer network

Wipes, sanitary items, nappies and even socks are combining with fat to clog Gippsland's sewer network, Gippsland Water says.

Gippsland Water, which manages wastewater for more than 63,000 customers across 27 towns from Drouin to Loch Sport, spent more than \$400,000 clearing blockages caused by what are known as 'fatbergs' this past financial year.

Gippsland Water managing director Sarah Cumming explained that fatbergs are a collection of fat and other items that combine to form mounds of gunk that can clog and even block wastewater pipes.

"Fatbergs are the result of people flushing items that should not be flushed – such as sanitary items, nappies and so-called flushable wipes, which are absolutely not flushable – down their toilet," Ms Cumming said.

"This, along with tipping fats and oils down kitchen sinks, is a habit we need our communities to break."

Ms Cumming said when thinking about what to flush, it was simple.

"We're urging our customers to only ever flush the two kinds of things toilets are designed for and toilet paper. Everything else should be thrown in the bin.

"When it comes to your sink, use a sink strainer to capture food scraps, and scrape fatty pans and roasting dishes into the bin before washing them."

Ms Cumming said as a result of some customers not following these simple steps, Gippsland Water had to dedicate more of their resources to cleaning clogged pipes.

"This past year alone we spent \$407,480 cleaning blocked pipes of fat, rags and other junk. This is obviously money better spent upgrading our network to improve our customers' water security.

"One section of pipe in Traralgon alone has been cleaned three times in the last nine months to prevent it from blocking completely, which could have resulted in sewerage overflowing into nearby residents' homes," Ms Cumming said.

For more information about what can and can't be flushed or poured down the drain, visit www.gippswater.com.au/residential/help-advice/stop-it-dont-block-it

Warragul Women Against Waste 22 September 2019

This Spring, Gippsland Unwrapped is bringing Women Against Waste events to Baw Baw Shire to help women to de-clutter their homes, share resources, support local, national and international charities and community groups, save money and keep items out of landfill.

Described by Women Against Waste Founder Tania Goranitis as "a women's clothes swap re-imagined for the climate crisis", the focus is on making it easy for women to do the right thing for people and the planet with their unwanted items.

Warragul Ambassador, Tammy Logan from Gippsland Unwrapped said the event will focus on the 5 key pillars of swap, donate, recycle, mend and learn, by featuring 3 short talks about how to reduce waste, a women's clothes and accessories swap, personal styling advice, support fixing favourite clothes, recycling difficult items like pens and markers, and collecting donations for local, national and international charities, like Olivia's Place. "It's a meaningful opportunity for women to support women and make a difference for the planet."

It's just \$20 to attend, with numbers capped at 100 attendees, so people are urged to book early. Bookings via www.womenagainstwaste.com.au/warragul.



Warragul Women Against Waste Event
Sunday 22 September 2019 at The Exhibition Hall
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN - ONLY 100 TICKETS

After the Spring 2019 event, the Gippsland Unwrapped and Women Against Waste team will proceed with plans to deliver a second event in Autumn 2020 to help as many women in the Baw Baw Shire community as they can.

Seniors festival event guide out now

Published on 23 August 2019

The Victorian Seniors Festival is once again coming to Baw Baw this October with a huge variety of local events, activities and outings on offer.

Running from 3 to 20 October 2019, the festival experience is all about getting out and about in the local community and beyond. The month-long celebration offers lots of opportunities for fun and the chance to try something new or different in a friendly atmosphere at little or no cost.

The state-wide festival aims to celebrate the more than a million Victorians over 60 who make such a valuable contribution to our society.

Local seniors are encouraged to view the local event guide and get involved.

Printed copies of the local event guide are available at:

- Council Customer Service Centres in Drouin and Warragul
- WGAC Box Office
- Coles Stores in Drouin and Warragul
- In General Stores and Post Offices in rural towns

Residents can also [download a PDF copy of the booklet from Council's website](#). Some events and activities require bookings, residents are encouraged to check each event listing and get in early to avoid disappointment.

For those who seek adventure outside Baw Baw Shire, free public transport will be available to all Seniors Card holders throughout the festival.

Warragul customer service centre temporarily moving to WGAC

From Monday 2 September, Council's Warragul Customer Service Centre will temporarily relocate to the Arts Centre Box Office to make way for accessibility upgrades and refurbishment works to the Annexe building.

During this time, the Customer Service team will be fully operational from the Box Office desk where residents will be able to chat with staff about their enquiries and make payments as usual. Open hours will be unchanged, from 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Refurbishment works at the Annexe will primarily address current accessibility shortfalls and bring the building and surrounds up to code as per the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). Among the many improvements, major upgrades will include construction of a new disabled toilet and access ramp.

Works will also address the layout, functionality and efficiency of the building to create more flexible workspaces with contingencies to accommodate a growing workforce. Wayfinding signage will be implemented throughout the area to further direct customers during this period.

The \$210,000 project will be delivered through the 2019/20 Capital Works Program. Works will begin shortly and are expected for completion by early 2020.

Supporting local families to walk, ride and scoot to school

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Baw Baw Shire Council has once again partnered with West Gippsland Healthcare Group and VicHealth to get students walking, riding and scooting to school for the annual Walk to School program.

Every October Walk to School encourages families to get active on the trip to and from school to help children build healthy habits for life. This year Walk to School month runs from **7 October to 1 November**.

Local schools are encouraged to participate. Every school that registers by 20 September (last day of term three) will win a mixed pack of sporting goods. Schools can sign up via an online registration form available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCNVHYT. Schools will be awarded prizes in each category with the highest participation rate. Prizes are split into the following categories:

- **Category 1:** Schools with 300 or more students - \$2,000 Intersport voucher.
- **Category 2:** Schools with 151-299 students - \$1,500 Intersport voucher.
- **Category 3:** Schools with 150 students or less - \$1,250 Intersport voucher.

To make it easier to capture participation data, schools can order a wall chart for each classroom when completing the [online registration form](#).

Last year more than 1,190 local students from 12 schools in Baw Baw participated in Walk to School. Darnum Primary School took out the top prize for highest participation in the Southern Region with an impressive 97 per cent of students walking, riding and scooting to school every day.

For more information visit the Walk to School website on www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

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Community members are welcome to attend or tune in to the live stream from home. See what's on the agenda for the meeting on Council's website.

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8:00 pm

1A Murray Street,
Secretary Inge Mitchell
0411 453 175



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 September 17 Yarragon Fire Brigade, Murray Street. All welcome.
Secretary Jackie Shearer 0437 966 769

SATURDAYS

Yarragon Craft & Produce Market

Fourth Saturday 8am - 1pm

Yarragon Public Hall, Campbell Street
Or Waterloo Park

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

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: Peter Petschel, 0477 342 529

Secretary: Kevin Arnold, 0419 325 923



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?

SEPTEMBER

11: Downton Park AGM P9
17: YDCA meeting P6
22: Warragul Women Against Waste P10
28: Craft and Produce market P3

OCTOBER

3-20: Seniors Festival
17: Yarragon Bowling Club P6
26: Yarragon Spring Clean P8

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,
Princes Highway.
m.0490 173 103
Wed-Sun. 10.30 - 4

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Tuesday - MmaD Group (mixed media)

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