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ROBERTS ROAD BRIDGE OPEN AGAIN!

By Oscar Bijl, Christina Flann & Jude Conway



Recently, Oscar insisted we walk down the steep hill of Roberts Road to check out the bridge progress. It looked pretty done to us and the next day the Road Closed signs were taken down. Very shiny and new (well, the railings and signage are shiny, the asphalt is satisfyingly matt).

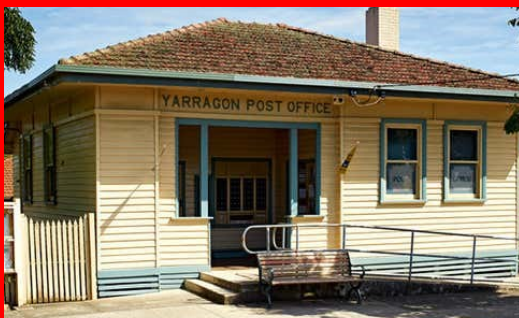
Personally, I'm very happy to have my shortcut to Traf back. Probably more importantly, as Jude points out, Yarragon finally has a bypass road that can take heavy vehicles. Having it wide enough for two cars will also make it safer, especially when traffic is being detoured around accidents in town.

NEW EDITORS

Good news! The Newsletter is going to continue with a few people putting up their hands to keep it going.

Read more about the new Editors on p. 4 and a lovely Newsletter retrospective article by Tini Cook on p. 7.

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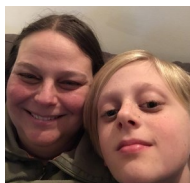
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DEADLINE for
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12 noon

WHAT BIRD IS THAT ALSO NOT IN MY GARDEN?

By Margaret Young



Welcome Swallows are always welcome here at my place, but not when they nest in the carport right above my car!! I enjoyed their chattering and twittering as they flitted in and out of the carport feeding their young in the nest, catching insects on the wing or settling for the night on the rafters.



Welcome Swallow, *Hirundo neoxena*
Photo by Deane Lewis <https://dl.id.au/1/g.php?>

But, when I brought home my new (second hand) car, my tolerance waned. It was Winter so there were no fledglings or eggs in the nest and I was able to remove it with a clear conscience. I then filled in all the nesting spaces above the car with plastic webbing but left potential nesting spaces away from the car to rebuild in next Spring. But they decided it was no fun if you couldn't leave a mess on a car or shed windows and they haven't come back.

Welcome Swallows are also called Australian or House Swallows. They have a rufous-red throat and forehead and a forked tail like other swallow varieties. Their body is blue/black above and a dull white below. They can be found all over Australia except in the inland dryer areas and the North and heavily forested areas. They

love man made structures!! One of my bird books mentions under eaves, parapets, mine shafts and even on a boat or railway carriage can be a perfect nesting place!

Swallows will frequent margins of lakes, rivers or swamps perching on snags, dead branches or exposed roots ready to swoop low through clouds of insects. Being near water is also handy because their nest is built of mud pellets bound with grass and lined with feathers, fur, hair or grass.

The female lays 2-5 eggs, whitish, streaked and spotted red-brown and lavender. If "my" swallows are anything go by, they will return each season to refurbish the nest or build more if family members join them. But they haven't come back to my carport, maybe they are down at the dam now.

One of my bird books says Welcome Swallows are partly migratory and have been self-introduced to New Zealand!! Did they fly all that way, get blown across the Tasman or hitch a ride on a boat??



Welcome Swallow, *Hirundo neoxena*
Photo by Leo accessed via Atlas of Living Australia



Want to open your garden for 2024?

Do you have a food garden in the West Gippsland area and want to share it with others? We are on the lookout for new gardens for our glorious Creative Harvest event in 2024! January 27th and 28th 9am-3pm.

Whether you have a small suburban backyard or a larger garden, as long as you grow your own food and want to share your knowledge with others, we'd love to have you on board!

Creative Harvest is a vibrant, buzzworthy entry on Gippsland's event calendar. In 2022 and 2023 over 1,000 visitors flocked to our gardens each year.

If you'd like more information please contact Krista Mountford at: bawbawsn@gmail.com



MEET THE NEW OWNERS

By Jude Conway



Mel and Mandy in front of their well-stocked food display at Fozigobble

Meet Mel and Mandy, the faces of the family that's taken over Fozigobble Café. With over forty years of hospitality experience under their belts, they join the staff who know us well, and we can look forward to continued high standards of food and service.

A name change is coming, and over time we'll see a redevelopment of the front outdoor area, and a secure, child-friendly space behind.

We wish them all the best in Yarragon.

You're a marvel Jude. - Inge Mitchell

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FAREWELL YVONNE BACH (VONNI)

By Donna Fulford & Cath Hay

Although Vonni was technically from Trafalgar, and prior to that Ferntree Gully, she soon made many friends in Yarragon. There was something special that Vonni and other new arrivals to the town noticed immediately about Yarragon - the friendliness, inclusiveness and care that is shown to all.

Vonni became a valued member of the Yarragon walking group, whose members possibly enjoy the cuppa afterwards as much as the chance for a walk.

It seemed a natural extension from the walking group to the Thursday craft group. Vonni's skills with patchwork, embroidery and knitting ensured a smooth weave. She was always interested and interesting and her caring open nature came from her core value - kindness.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

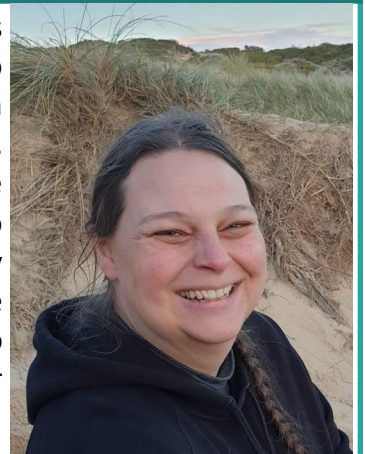
Yvonne Bach



INTRODUCING THE NEW EDITORS

By Christina Flann and Oscar Bijl

The very first time I met Jude two years ago, she asked me if I wanted to become editor of the Yarragon Newsletter. I said no (obviously, otherwise you would have heard of me before now). I'd only just moved to Yarragon. Now, I'm crazy enough to say 'maybe' and am trying it out with the help of my son and another local who has volunteered, but we lost her contact details!



Debbie please get back in touch!

My background is in biology. I have worked on scientific names of plants from naming a species in a studentship at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne, to being editor of the Global Compositae Checklist, an aggregation of the scientific names of the daisy family. I lived and worked in the Netherlands for 15 years. My last job before moving back to Australia was as an Academic Lecturer at the University of Twente, where I worked in the Language Centre and taught international PhD students Science Writing. My silver lining of COVID-19 is that I still do that work now up on my hill in Yarragon South. I also edit scientific articles, give feedback on grants and do other freelance work.

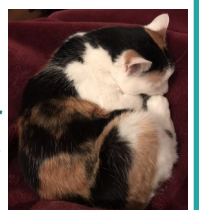
Please make being editors easy for us and send us lots of **articles, **photos**, **artworks**, **poems**, **CROSSWORDS**, whatever takes your fancy.**



I'm Oscar. I was born in the Netherlands in 2012 and I lived there for 7 years of my life until I moved to Australia. I lived in Melbourne with my family for just over a year before moving to Yarragon and since then I've been living here. My dream has always been to put our house into the Creative Harvest and we've been working on our garden for the last two years. It's still not quite ready, maybe next year. I'm interested in doing the newsletter because my Mum's doing it.

Missy our cat sits with us every time we do editing or anything on my Mum's computer.

We'd both like to say a Huge Thank You to Jude for her years of wonderful newsletters and for making this transition process easy and fun.



LIONS CHANGE GUARD

By Alison and Glenn Butterworth



YARRAGON LIONS CLUB BOARD 2023-2024

The incoming Board are Sharyn Gaul, Peter Petschel, Leanne Evans (Membership), Sam Mazza (Treasurer), James Geary, Allan Logan (Secretary), Bill Cropley (President) introduced by Zone Chairman David Koschade.

The Yarragon Lions Club held their 45th Annual Changeover Dinner Meeting on Wednesday 28th June at the Yarragon Bowls Club. Mr David Koschade of Trafalgar Lions Club was on hand to officiate the formalities. Bill Cropley was returned as President, Alan Logan as Secretary, a new face – Sam Mazza was installed as Treasurer, and Leanne took over as Membership Chairperson. The Directors are James Geary, Kevin Arnold, Glenn Butterworth and Sharyn Gaul. Peter Petschel is continuing in the role of Op Shop Manager. Absent from the photo are Kevin Arnold and Glenn Butterworth, both of whom were unable to attend.



As well as the committee being returned/installed, there were three Long Service certificates awarded. They were (from left) Roy Robins 25 years service, Sam Mazza 10 years and Richard Sandy 30 years service. Congratulations to all three recipients, and a hearty thank you from both the Lions Club and the community at large who have benefited from these members' efforts.

The club had a busy season sponsoring free skin cancer checks in April for 109 locals of which 19 were referred for follow-up treatment. The club also donated over \$78,000 to various community organisations.



Saving lives through skin checks and skin care awareness

Detox your Home is coming to Baw Baw

Detox your Home is Victoria's free, safe way to dispose of unwanted household and garden chemicals – without harming your health or the environment.

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Insect spray, pesticides, rat poison
Oven cleaner
Pool chemicals
Solvents
Thinners, turps and paint stripper
Transmission fluid
Wood preservatives and finishes
And other items found at home with these symbols:



For a full list of chemicals accepted, visit: www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepteditems

Baw Baw Event

Saturday 19 August 2023
9.00 am to 12.00 pm
Lardner Transfer Station Simpson Road North, Lardner

Detox your Home events are drive-through and contactless.

For safety reasons we can't accept containers of more than 20 litres or 20 kilograms. Chemicals can't be emptied out of their containers and the containers cannot be returned to you, so bring them in the original packaging or disposable containers.

To register

Scan the QR code, visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome or call **1300 363 744**



END OF AN ERA?

By Tini Cook



It appeared that this August 2023 edition of the Yarragon Community newsletter could have been its last - exactly 39 years since it started in August 1984. The newsletter started as a means to let the community know about all the activities an enthusiastic committee was planning for Yarragon to celebrate Victoria's 150th anniversary.

The newsletter was very humble in its presentation – just typed pages stapled together, no logo, no photos, but it was well received and became so much more than just informing and encouraging everyone to participate in the many and diverse events over the following 14 months of celebrations. It has continued to meet the needs of the community to inform and connect.

For 26 years the editor collated and wrote the newsletter by hand and then it was typed by volunteers who also printed, stapled and distributed the newsletter. For many, many years Pauline Wheller, Irene Rolfe, Bernie Green, June Hauxwell, Betty Elliot and Joan Trickey plus others generously gave their time.

The simple format continued until 2010 when a new editor, Tanya Stephens, with her computer skills updated it into a magazine format with interesting fonts, photos (albeit only in black and white), had it commercially printed and she also initiated a competition for a letterhead/logo. Of more recent times colour has been introduced.

In its 39 years it has only had 5 editors: 1984-85 Tini Cook; 1986-2009 Pam Morrison; 2010- 2012 Tanya Stephens; 2013- 2016 Jude Conway; and 2016- 2021 Jen Lowe; after which Jude took it on again with Jen helping at times.

Will it continue? Who will take on this role?

[At least for this year: Christina and Oscar]

Recently Faye Van Dyke, Beryl Weekly and I have been scanning all the newsletters so that they will all be available in digital form. There has never been systematic collecting of the newsletters, but thanks to several local collectors and hoarders we have

been able to source almost every edition. Next week we hope to complete this task – in total it amounts to some 4000 pages, then Faye with her technical skill will process it all so that people will only have to enter a name or word to find the pages for the article they seek. This will be invaluable for anyone researching town and local history and for genealogists too. It will be available at the West Gippsland Genealogy Society, the Trafalgar & District Historical Society and the West Gippsland Historical Society, Warragul.

During the scanning, it has been fascinating to note how the type of news, events and issues have evolved in Yarragon and to “Remember when”... “Wow, was THAT, that long ago?”. It really is a valuable social history, perhaps not just limited to our town.

The newsletter has always been the work of volunteers, but of course there have been many other costs to meet and thanks to a generous bequest from Mrs Glad Badden, the regular advertisers and the donations slipped into the box from people as they pick up a copy, it has always been available for free.



Thanks to all who have written articles to keep us informed of the goings on in the community, the various clubs, groups, markets, etc. but especially to the editors Jude and Jen who have done such a wonderful job for the last 10 years. It is much appreciated.



LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES AND THERMAL RUNAWAY

By Tegan Brown, Secretary & Community Safety Officer



These batteries are becoming more and more common in our everyday lives. They are in mobile phones, tablets, power banks, laptop computers,

toys, appliances, power tools, e-bikes and e-scooters. Lithium-Ion batteries are rechargeable batteries. Just because they are common doesn't mean they are without risks.

What's the risk and why does it happen?

When these batteries short circuit, they release toxic and flammable gases which can lead to them catching fire. The reason why they short circuit and catch fire is due to a process called Thermal Runaway. Signs of Thermal Runaway are toxic, flammable smoke and vapours, flames and metal projectiles.

If a battery has full charge when this occurs, you may see sparks and jet-like flames which is an indicator of very violent and dangerous fire behaviour. I'm sure we have all seen videos of scooters and electric vehicles bursting into flames, this is a seriously dangerous issue!!

Thermal Runaway happens for a few reasons:

- The battery is being charged with an off label/incorrect charging cable
- The battery may have been damaged by impact or is cracked/dented/punctured/crushed or has been exposed to overheating
- The battery may have been in fresh or salt water for a long time, causing corrosion



How can I reduce the risk of Thermal Runaway?

Reduce the risk of internal damage and overheating by only using chargers that have the correct power delivery (voltage and current). There are a few ways we can do this:

- By using batteries with their supplied charger or certified third party charging equipment

- Purchase batteries/devices/equipment from reputable manufacturers and suppliers
- Always follow manufacturer's instructions on charging and operation
- When the device/battery/equipment is fully charged, disconnect it
- Only use chargers that have the Regulatory Compliance Mark which indicates it meets Australian Standards

Don't let your device/battery/equipment overheat:

- Don't leave it charging on top of or stored near items that can easily catch fire such as a bed, soft material, couch, carpet, blankets or paper
- Never charge them under a pillow

Don't leave them unattended while charging and avoid charging them overnight while you are asleep.

Warning signs that Thermal Runaway may be about to occur:

- Strong odours
- Discolouration, blistering, bulging or swelling of casing
- Leaking
- Heating up and feeling extremely hot to touch
- Abnormal popping, hissing or crackling sounds
- Smoke and fumes

What to do if you think a Thermal Runaway Event is happening?

DON'T ever touch a swollen or ruptured battery/device with bare hands, as the heat or chemicals can cause severe burns.

If a device is overheating:

- Unplug it and, if safe to do so, remove it to an outside area away from anything that can catch fire
- Leave the building and call 000

If the device emits smoke or flames:

- DO NOT TOUCH IT
- Evacuate the area and close any doors to slow the spread of fire
- Make sure NO ONE enters the building as the gases/smoke/fumes that the battery/device is emitting are highly toxic and flammable
- Call 000



YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Kathie Chalmers



The Yarragon Craft and Produce Market held on Saturday July 22nd was a great day. The weather was great for a winters day. We had almost a full house with lots of coffee, cake and hot food - something for everyone. We had all our regular stall holders and a few newbies. Everyone had a great time.

Our next market will be Saturday 26th August hope to see you all then.



Cheers, Yarragon Craft Market

NEW CUSTOMER CARE CAMPAIGN

Media release



Gippsland Water

Gippsland Water has launched a new Customer Care campaign encouraging customers to get in touch if they need assistance paying their water bills.

Managing director Sarah Cumming said the organisation's new Customer Care campaign aimed to make more people aware of the support available.

"We want our customers to know, we get it and we're here to help," Ms Cumming said. "This campaign puts a friendly face to the voice on the other end of the phone with our approachable and local team available to help. We offer a range of flexible payment options and our team will assist to work out what's best for you and your needs."

"Customers can choose how they reach out – whether it be requesting a call back, giving us a call or sending an email."

"We have invested in further training for our staff so they have the skills to help support our customers' safety, including those experiencing family violence," Ms Cumming said. "Our dedicated customer care team can apply additional protection on accounts to keep customers safe."

"They can also help customers apply for government utility relief grants and provide referrals to no-cost independent financial counsellors and government assistance programs."

To find out more about the assistance Gippsland Water can provide or to request a call back from the customer care team

visit www.gippswater.com.au/customer-care.

Split your bill into smaller drops.



YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL SNIPPETS

By Oscar Bijl

I interviewed four students and out of them one had won an art award – Saxon. I asked four students what high schools they were going to and the answers were: Warragul Regional – Saxon; Trafalgar High School – Ebony and Cooper; St Pauls - Arlo. The answers that I got after asking four people from my school what their favourite subject is varied. For Saxon it was writing, for Arlo and Cooper it was PE and for Ebony it was Maths and Science. My favourite subject is also Maths because of the fact that I get to be in a higher level with all my friends and get challenged. I was wondering how long people have spent at this school. Out of all my research, everybody that I asked were there for about 5 years, Saxon a little longer than the others. I've been there for only half the time of my schoolmates, 2.5 years. There was a theme regarding the students' favourite thing about Yarragon Primary: people. "Nice people and friends" – Saxon; "Staff are nice and rules are simple, but effective" – Ebony; "The teachers" – Arlo; "The people that are here" – Cooper. I agree.



I went on to ask some teachers some of the same questions and these were the answers. First I asked four teachers what their favourite subject was. They said, Maths for Bec, Art for Miss V and Writing for Anine. Sadly, Nicole didn't have an answer because she hasn't been teaching for long enough. She's only been here for 2 weeks compared to the other teachers that I asked. Bec was 2 years, Anine with 4 years as teacher's aide and Miss V with 3 years of teaching experience.

There was a similar theme regarding the teachers' favourite thing about Yarragon Primary: people. "The community feel" – Miss V; "All the kids" – Bec; "I love how the teachers try to get the best out of all the kids" – Nicole; "The people" – Anine. I asked why the teachers chose to teach at this specific school. This is what they said, and I quote: "I came here for a placement for a teaching degree and liked it so much, I decided to work here" – Nicole; "Because it's close to where I live and I really like everyone here" – Bec; "Because I like working with kids" – Anine; "Because I have a Visual Arts major" – Miss V. As a nice note to end it off from, we learned from Miss V that at the end of the year she will take all of the art from every single grade and put it into a Digital Art Display for everybody to see.

Oscar is planning on interviewing different students and teachers each month and hopefully by next month we will have organised permission to include photos of them.





Given that Winter often keeps people inside, you may have missed the exhibition 'Pat and Friends' at the 'Station Gallery' in Yarragon. This quite eclectic exhibition of paintings, fibre, sculpture, jewellery and mosaics was typical of the wide range of quality artwork for sale by the 'Arts Alliance'. Some of the works and merchandise related to 'Pat' the mosaic dog are still on sale; use a visit to the gallery to browse all the locally created artworks.

Coming up in August at the 'Station Gallery' is the annual exhibition by the print group which is one of the many regular drop in groups meeting in the Artspace at Trafalgar Railway Station. The quality of the prints is indicative of the dedication each artist has to developing their expertise. Another exhibition you can catch during August is that of painter Jennifer Warburton. Jennifer paints a range of animals, birds and people in a rural setting. Some of these have a delightfully whimsical approach which suits the small exhibition space called 'On the Wall'.

Also in August is the annual general meeting of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance held at the 'Station Gallery', Princes Highway Yarragon at 7pm on Tuesday, August 8. Members of the public are invited.

For further information on exhibitions and drop in art groups see www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au

THANKS FOR JUDE

A sincere thank-you for your dedication to deliver such a high quality, interesting newsletter every month – I look forward to each edition and always discover news and facts I had not previously been aware of.

Jo Wolswinkel,
Town & Country Gallery

Alene Auchetti

Thank you Jude for all your hard work over so many years. You transformed this newsletter from a basic typed printed format to the computer era which gave us colour, more news and space for groups to advertise their activities.

Carol Monson

Thankyou for all the years of dedicated work Jude. You will be missed by lots but especially by me. I hope you have some spare time.



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GREENS TO BE PROUD OF

By Richard Polmear

Over the last couple of months, we have indicated the extent of off-season works required to have our green in shape for the coming season. Much of this work is undertaken and co-ordinated by our green-keeper Sam Mazza with the assistance of members as and when required. Sam's efforts have been responsible for one of the best grass greens in the Strzelecki Association.



The green as at 19 July 2023, partially mown, hence the different shades of green.

As we enter the last month of winter our thoughts turn to the coming season. We start with Board and general meetings in preparation for the green opening in early September. Competitive Pennant will begin in early to mid-October and our twilight barefoot bowls program will begin with daylight savings in October. We are hoping to trial some further initiatives so stay tuned for updates.

We take pride in the fact that we have a family friendly environment and that's the way we want to remain.

We are still working towards a synthetic green to give our dedicated green-keeper a well-earned rest and to be able to bowl all year round. We will be conducting our next Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 13 August at Warragul so feel free to drop in, say hi and buy a snag.

Our new sponsor liaison officer, Denese Reynolds, will begin to approach our previous and new potential sponsors. Our sponsor program is designed to provide benefits to both parties, so if you might be interested feel free to contact the club on 0490 831 283.

Our sponsors for the 2022/23 season were:

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Yarragon Lions Club,
Yarragon Automotive,
Yarragon Country Style Bakery,
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Trafalgar Tyre Service,
Gippsland Fresh Wholesale,
Vin Rowe Farm Machinery,
Yarragon Rural Supplies,
Warragul Country Club,
Select Office Supplies,
Yarragon Post Office.

We also recognise the tremendous support that the Community/Bendigo Bank of Trafalgar and District has provided the Yarragon Bowling Club and encourage locals to support them.

*Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters.
Without you we would not exist!!!*

To contact the bowls club about sponsorship, games, or hiring facilities (with limited catering available):

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THOUGHTS FROM A LOCAL

By Roy Lindsay

Lately, the local newspaper has run articles and a few 'Readers' Letters' which have not been complimentary to Council, and I'd like to give my opinion.

For some reason it seems to be 'normal' to knock local Councils at every opportunity – even when one has little understanding of how Councils work, or even knowledge of their true responsibilities. For example, not every road in Baw Baw is the responsibility of the Council, parking at State Schools is not the responsibility of Council, and there are many other areas where the local Council simply has no say.

While advocating on Yarragon community matters over the past four or five years I have regularly been 'involved' with Baw Baw Council, and have found Councillors, and by far the majority of Council staff, totally motivated for the good of the general Community, efficient, and easy to deal with.

Nevertheless, recent events at Baw Baw Council Meetings concern me and, in line with comments made in the local press, divisions have appeared in the Council Chamber which are not helpful to the Community. These divisions appear to be more than just a 'healthy difference of opinion on specific matters', and I call on Councillors to work together to overcome any political or ideological differences.

Further, I believe it is not the role of local Councils to participate in 'social engineering' as has been demonstrated only too clearly by inner-city Melbourne councils. Waaayyyy back in time (the 80s!) there was an expression used which recommended well-managed companies 'stick to the knitting' – meaning in the case of Councils, "Roads, Rates and Rubbish". Some things should stay simple.

COMMUNITY INPUT ELECTION PERIOD POLICY

Council Press Release



Council is seeking community input on its revised Election Period Policy, which will govern the conduct of Councillors and modify Council business during the next Election Period in October 2024. A number of changes have been made to the existing policy to provide clarity and improve its functionality.

How community members can provide their feedback:

All interested community members are encouraged to download and review the Draft Election Period Policy and provide any thoughts or feedback via the short survey on Council's website. The consultation period will remain open for community feedback between Friday 28 July and Friday 18 August 2023.



In the 'Station Gallery' shop in Yarragon there is always a wide range of creative works from Gippsland Artists.

During July in the main exhibition space in 'The Station Gallery', Princes Highway, Yarragon, 'Pat and Friends' from many Artists and 'On The Wall', 'Socks, Hats, Mitts and Scarves', a cancer research fundraiser by members of the Bbaa 'Fibre Friday' group.

'The Station Gallery', open from 10.30 am to 3.00pm, Wednesday to Sunday.
'Artspace', Trafalgar Railway Station, open from 10.30am to 3.00pm, Tuesday to Friday, closes 12.30pm on Wednesday.

MORE THANKS FOR JUDE

You have done
a fabulous job.

Moriah Taylor

Thank you for your efforts in running the
newsletter for the last couple of years.

Richard Polmear, Yarragon Bowls Club

REMEMBER WHEN...

10 Years Ago:
In August 2013,
Yarragon Newsletter
reported on:
Geoff Conway
receiving the
Australian Fire Service
Medal (AFSM) Award.



Yarragon South Road in the misty
morning
Christina Flann



West Gippsland
Seedbank

Do you have remnant
vegetation on your property
and live within 30kms of
Warragul?

The West Gippsland
Seedbank are looking for
new collection spots to
increase the diversity of the
seeds they're collecting.

Volunteers at the West Gippsland Seedbank collect
indigenous seed. The seed is cleaned, stored and
sold for use in private and public revegetation
projects.

If you can help or would like more information
please visit their website: wgseedbank.org.au or
contact Joyce Barker: kjbarker48@gmail.com

Poetry Book Launch

- FRED THE RESCUE CAT -
Rodney Williams

Free entry & refreshments
Copies of chapbook @ \$8

Readings, plus prints & cards
by Jeff Thege & Helen Timbury

Sat 26 Aug, 2.00 pm

BBAA Station Gallery, Princes Hwy, Yarragon



Business Owners & Managers

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FRONTLINE TEST & TAG CAN TEST ALL YOUR SINGLE-PHASE APPLIANCES AND POWER POINTS TO MEET AS/NZS 3760.

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Meet the Mayor Mondays.

Meet the Mayor Mondays is a new initiative from Council where community members can book time to speak to the Mayor in person about anything Council related that's on their mind.

The Mayor can help you work through any ideas you have and provide advice about how to work with Council to get your projects up and running.

Each booking runs for a 20-minute period, and will take place at the Mayor office at the Drouin Customer Service Centre.

Head to <https://bawbawshire.co/MeetTheMayorBookingCalendar>

Intelligent sensing network installed

A network of advanced weather monitors has been installed across the Shire.

The Baw Baw Information Network provides real-time weather information to emergency services & the community, detecting hot spots, changes in temperature, wind and more.

For more information visit <https://bawbawshire.co/BBIN>

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What's on in Baw Baw

If you're looking for something to do, look no further. Our events calendar as all kinds of events across Baw Baw Shire, from shows at the West Gippsland Arts Centre, to farmers markets and community-ran events.

Visit <https://bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar> to see what's on.

>> bawbawshire.vic.gov.au | [bawbawshirecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/bawbawshirecouncil) | [@bawbawshirecouncil](https://www.instagram.com/bawbawshirecouncil) | 1300 BAW BAW (1300 229 229)

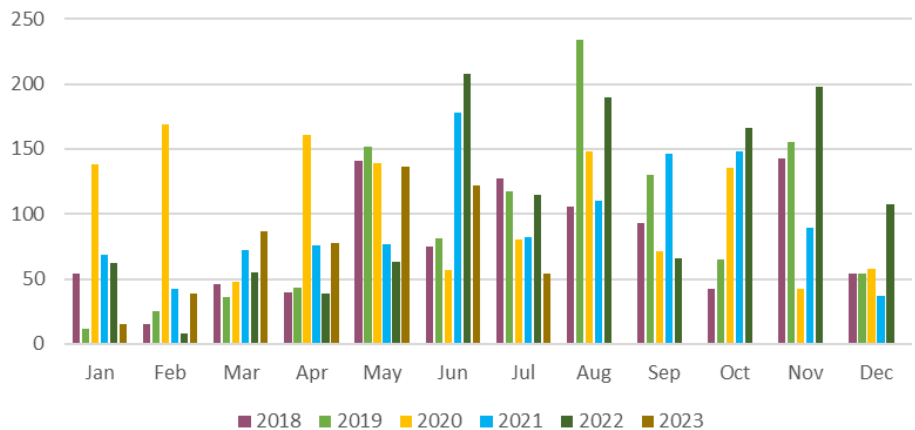
Q: What do you get when you cross magic with a dog?

AbraCadaBrazador.

A: An

Oscar

Rainfall 2018 - 2023



Rainfall Record for 2023 and the five years prior, as recorded in McIntyre Road, Yarragon.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	To Jul total	Total
2018	54	15	46	40	141	75	127	106	93	42	143	54	498	936
2019	12	25	36	43	152	81	117	234	130	65	155	54	466	1104
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	792	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	596	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	550	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	112	54						531	

REGULAR & TO DO

MONDAY

MOBILE LIBRARY

2:30–5:30pm
Yarragon Hall carpark



FIRE BRIGADE

7:30pm at fire station,
1A Murray St.
Captain Ashley Smith
0427 274 666
yarragonfb@gmail.com



BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

YBA

Yarragon Business Association Inc

Last Monday of month.
Venue varies;
ph 0418 513 092

THURSDAY

BOWLS CLUB

Shady Creek Rd
Ph: 0490 831 283



October to April, social game
night 1st & 3rd Thursdays
followed by a meal.

Meal orders must be placed
by 5:30pm on the Tues prior.

MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK BAW BAW ARTS ALLIANCE

Station Gallery, Princes Highway.
Ph: 0490 173 103

Open Wednesday to Sunday
10:30am – 4:00pm for
EXHIBITIONS, GALLERY &
SALES. Classes with Tutors – apply
at Station

Weekly drop-in sessions at Trafalgar Station

Monday / Painting Group.
Tuesday / MmaD Group (mixed media)
Wednesday / am Clay group,
Wednesday pm / Just drawing.

TUESDAY

CRAFT GROUP

9:30am–12:30pm
Uniting Church Hall,
Campbell St.



Join us for craft and laughs.

YDCA



To be advised, usually in CFA
meeting room

Secretary Richard Polmear
0407 347 545

Oscarism of the Month:

*FBI
Isn't that the Federal
Bureau of
Incrimination?*



SATURDAY

SILK ROAD COMMUNITY MARKET

1st Saturday,
9:00am–
1:00pm
Grounds of Fozigobble Café



CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

4th Saturday,
9:00am–1:00pm
Yarragon Public Hall
Campbell St



WEDNESDAY

GARDENING GROUP

10:00am or
10:30am to lunch
time
at the backyard of
the Uniting
Church,
Campbell St.



Share your knowledge
and learn from other gardeners.

PLAYGROUP

9:30–11:30am at
Yarragon Hall,
Campbell St.
\$5 per family and
bring fruit to share
Ph Jen : 0413 666 245



LIONS CLUB

2nd & 4th Wed at
St Jarlath's
Catholic Hall in
Rollo St.

President Bill Cropley
0448 361 213.
Secretary Allan Logan
0435 576 100

LIONS on MANE op shop
Wed to Sun
10:30am to 2:30pm.
LIONS GARAGE SALE,
Hann's Lane
Every 4th Saturday, often
more.

LEARN TO TANGO

No partner or
experience necessary.
7–8:30pm
Uniting Church Hall

SUNDAY

St Mark's Anglican Church
Loch St. 8:30am

St David's Uniting Church
Campbell St. Service details
on noticeboard at church.

St Jarlath's Catholic Church

YARRAGON 10am Mass
every Sunday
Trafalgar 6pm Mass
every Saturday
Parish Office 5633 1166

Yarragon Studio Concert

13 August 3pm
Email:
christinaflann@gmail.com