



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 416 AUGUST 2024

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WINTERFEST FOLLOWED BY A WINTER FEAST

By Debbie Churchill, Jude Conway and Christina Flann

Despite the dismal weather outlook for Saturday 27 July, the township of Yarragon was abuzz with the market, garage sale at the Lions shed and Snowfest in Yarragon. Local artists from the creative Yarragon art group and students from the primary school had their winter-themed artwork on display in the shop windows, which were adorned with other wintry decorations.

The artists set up their easels in the lane and interacted with the passers by, who had stopped to see them at work or contribute to the artwork themselves. The only thing missing was real snow, but as the temperature kept plummeting, the wind



Jude Conway reports that the Creative Yarragon Art Group brightened up Yarragon in late July, with winter-themed art displayed in shop windows throughout the town. Everyone was invited to contribute to artworks in the laneway, and despite the bitterly-cold weather, a communal snowscape took shape throughout the weekend.



More artists from the Creative Yarragon art group. Left, Susan concentrating on her winter masterpiece. Above, Donna Taylor and Joan Allen in the pop-up community art studio in the laneway.

Collaborative Art: Top left Robbie, with snowman outline. Above, Robbie with Sophie from Drouin adding the finishing touches to her pink snowman. Above right, Lilly adding skis and stocks.

picked up and it felt like snow would soon be falling in the nearby hills.

The cafes were busy providing coffee and hot drinks to keep everyone warm. All in all, it was very enjoyable day in our town.

Coming up on August 4 is the Yarragon Studio Winter Feast. A lot of locals have booked tickets (thank you!) and we have attracted people from the big smoke too. If you see this too late for the Winter Feast, pop the date 1 March 2025 into your diary for the next Yarragon Studio Festival.

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
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BUSINESS AS-SOCIATION

New members welcome
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Q: What did the platypus say to the bartender?

A. Put it on my bill!

Oscar

TUESDAY

CRAFT GROUP

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



Join us for craft and laughs.

YDCA

TBA, CFA meeting room
Secretary Richard Polmear
0407 347 545



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.



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



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.

Oscarism of the Month:
I've just had an epiphitree!

SATURDAY

CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

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



SILKROAD COMMUNITY TRAFALGAR FARMERS MARKET

First Saturday of Every Month, 9:00am–1:00pm
Trafalgar Croquet Club, 25 Ashby St, Trafalgar



SUNDAY

St Mark's Anglican Church

The Anglican Church in Yarragon meets on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 8:30am at St David's Uniting Church building (9 Campbell Road, Yarragon).

St David's Uniting Church

9 Campbell St. Service details on noticeboard at church.

St Jarlath's Catholic Church

YARRAGON
10:00am Mass
every Sunday;
Trafalgar
6:00pm Mass
every Saturday
Parish Office 5633 1166



YARRAGON STUDIO FESTIVAL

3:00pm 4 August
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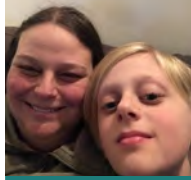
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DEADLINE for
September 2024 edition
21 August
12 noon

WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN THE MUSEUM?

OR: WHAT I (DID NOT) SEE ON MY TRAVELS

By Margaret Young



By the time you are reading this I will be in England visiting my daughter and family. So I will tell you a story about a famous English bird called “The King of Rome”. Years ago I bought a boxed set of CD’s by a well known English Folk Singer called June Tabor.

Among her many songs was one about a Homing Pigeon raised in the West End of Derby. As the story in the song goes, in 1913 there was a pigeon race starting from Rome. Among the birds sent from England was Charlie Hudson’s prized bird. His mates down at the Pub told him he was foolish and he would lose his favourite bird. But Charlie had faith in his pigeon. So, as the song says “He put it in a basket and sent it to Rome”.

Soon after the race began a huge storm came up and 500 birds were lost. You can imagine what Charlie’s friends down at the Pub had to say. But Charlie kept his faith in his bird and, one day, there was a flash in the sky. There she was, his pigeon had come home!!

Reading the CD notes, I discovered the bird became the talk of Derby and was named the “King of Rome” and is now stuffed (after a long and happy life) and on display in the Derby Museum.

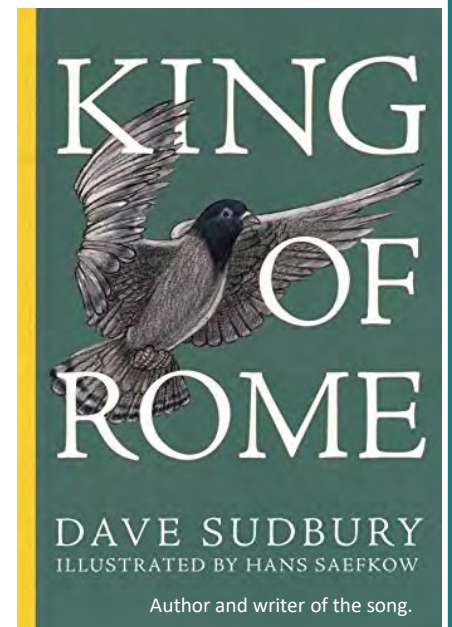
Well, my daughter has lived in Derby for many years and I have visited the small museum on my visits to see her. So of course, I had to check out this famous pigeon.

My first attempt was thwarted by indifference. When I enquired at the front desk I was told it was in the storage in the basement. My plea “But I have come all the way from Australia to see it!” fell on deaf ears. So I consoled myself with the historical artefacts of Derbyshire - exquisite pottery and fine china, stuffed animals, ice age relics and a long wooden boat, made from a huge log, recently dug up from the mud in a local river.

Two years later, on my next visit, I had another attempt to see this pigeon.

Again the young lady at the desk said “No” and again I protested that I had come “All the way from Australia!”. Another staff person overheard my tale of woe said, “just one moment, I will see what I can do”. As I strolled around the usual Museum exhibits, a gentleman, Rick, approached me with a display box, under his arm. He asked if I was the person enquiring about the “King of Rome”. We found a quiet room and he asked me to tell him what I knew about the pigeon and then he would tell me the rest of the story.

I told him about the June Tabor song. He then fleshed out the rest of the story. In the 1950s the Museum was undergoing refurbishment so the local paper did a front page story featuring the “King of Rome”. A local folk singer saw the story and wrote a song about it. He then entered it in a folk song competition where one of the judges was June Tabor! The song got second prize and June Tabor asked if she could rework it and use it in her concerts. (It really is a beautiful song and always catches me whenever I listen to it). Rick was delighted that someone had come Australia to see “his pigeon”. It wasn’t kept in the basement, it lived on his desk!! He turned the case around to reveal a handsome pigeon proudly perched on a sturdy twig.



WHAT BIRD IS THAT (CONT.)

By Margaret Young

So we took some photos of each other with the pigeon and we both went home happy. I sent copies of the photos to my daughter to pass on to Rick, but when she went back to the Museum Rick had been made redundant! I thought that was the end of the story and the pigeon.

But, some years later when my daughter took her little girl for a visit to the museum there was the pigeon in its case on the wall!!! It has now been moved to the room with the stuffed foxes and owls. Now whenever I go to Derby, my granddaughter and I check that it is still there. Maybe my incessant visits from Australia stirred the museum staff into recognising the pigeon's importance!

See if you can find June Tabor singing "The King of Rome" on whatever listening device you use and be moved by the simple story of a man and his beloved bird.



Maragret's granddaughter, Sophie, next to the "King of Rome" in the Derby Museum

LINE DANCING

By Sonia Roberts

A big **thankyou** to Sue and Gus Luke for their ongoing hard work, dedication and patience with their instruction and guidance for our group.



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WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

Oscar: Finished his cat sculpture (I didn't have the heart to use a flash so the pupil dilation matched).




Christina: I've signed up for the Grief Talk (p.17) being held at the Yarragon Bowls Club on 28 August as my estranged father just passed away. Good timing for some help with how to process that.

Debbie: Is now settling in to my new home in Yarragon, meeting the neighbours, enjoying life!

Please send us your photographs to share. See photos contributed by Jude Conway opposite & p.8 and Oscar on p.6.



Sunset from Yarragon South

 Victorian Electoral Commission

07 Wednesday
August 2024

Roll closes at 4 pm

Make sure you are enrolled to vote in the upcoming local council elections!



YBA

Yarragon Business Association Inc

Notice of 2024 AGM & General Meeting

Monday 12th August 2024

Time: 5.30pm: Networking

6.00pm: AGM

6.15pm: General Meeting

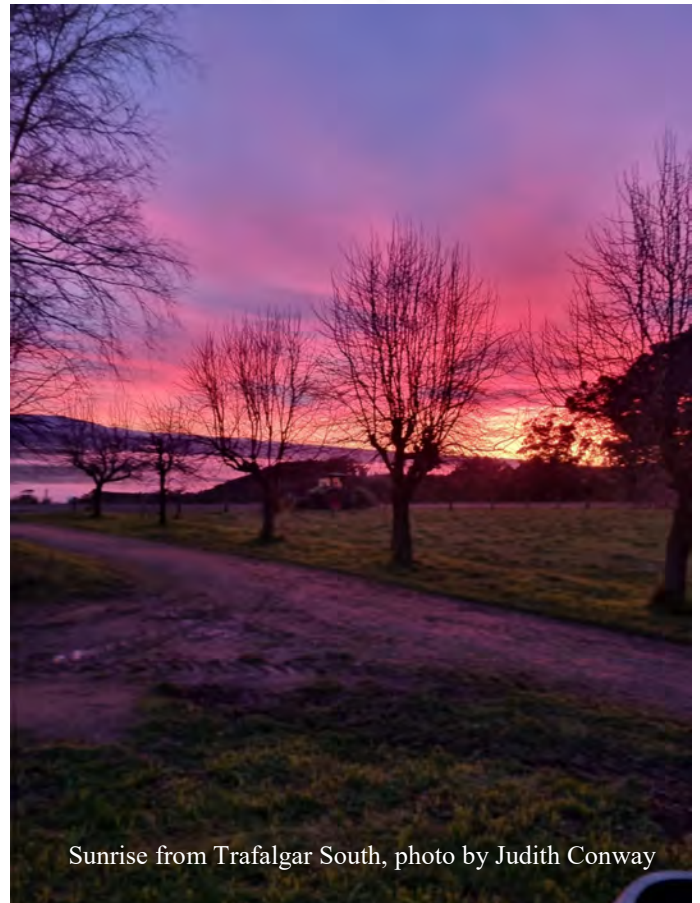
Venue: Westfalia Warragul

90 Waterloo Rd, Yarragon

*All Yarragon & district
business owners welcome*

Enquiries: Jo: 0448 034 757

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Sunrise from Trafalgar South, photo by Judith Conway

YDCA

By Richard Polmear

The last meeting of the Yarragon and District Community Association (YDCA) was held on Tuesday 16 July. It was our AGM.

The office bearers from 2023/24 were returned as follows:

- President – Peter Kingwill,
- Secretary – Richard Polmear,
- Treasurer – Jen Lowe.

The YDCA would like to thank and acknowledge the financial and moral support provided by the Yarragon Lions Club who have stepped up to provide \$1,200 to cover our annual insurance costs. This has allowed us to reduce our annual membership fee to \$5 per head so that fees are not an impediment to joining YDCA.

The YDCA and Yarragon Lions Club work co-operatively during the year to host Australia Day celebrations (along with others) and hope this arrangement will continue for years to come. Our great thanks to you.

This year (2024/25) our objectives are to better fulfill our stated purposes:

- Encourage events that foster neighbourliness and a

sense of community, and input from residents on issues that affect our community

- Exercise sound business judgement
- Conduct all meetings in a positive and constructive atmosphere and remain accountable always
- Progress our thoughts on a strategic plan for future development of Yarragon
- Seek to increase our influence and membership

If you may be interested in becoming a member of YDCA then please feel free to make contact at secretaryydca@gmail.com. Any member of the community is eligible to be a member provided they agree with our purpose and pay the annual membership fee, which is due by October 2024.

Meetings are usually held at the Yarragon Fire Brigade building, Murray St, Yarragon, commencing at 7pm. Members will be notified when the next meeting will be held.



Photos by Oscar Bijl from the Grand Ridge Road and Macdonalds Track between Seaview and Yarragon. July 2024



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YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Anna Griffith

Saturday 27th July was a lovely day with lots of friendly visitors to the Yarragon Craft and Produce Market.

There was a great variety of stalls that filled the hall, as well as under the verandah and in the courtyard, with some new stall holders to the group and all of our regular stalls.




After the market, the stall holders gathered together for the Annual General Meeting 2024. We would like


to thank the outgoing committee for all of their volunteer work and time that they have given to run the market. We would like to warmly welcome all of the new committee members and the returning members to the Yarragon Craft and Produce Market team.





The next market is on Saturday 24th August 2024.



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SLIP SLIDING AWAY

By Christina Flann Photos by Jude Conway



One of the downsides of the combination of our steep slopes, the soil type, historical tree removal and lots of water is landslips. Left is a relatively big one that closed Yarragon South Road for most of a day. And right is a smaller one a bit further up the road.



Thanks to those who reported it, cleared it up and made it safe again.

YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING CLEAN

By Tegan Brown

We have our annual spring clean town-wide garage sale booked for Sunday 13 October. The school will again be having their annual

PLANT SALE!

We would love people to start thinking about this and if they are in their garden maybe

think about propagating some cuttings to donate to our school in October.

We are also hoping people might be happy to already start donating items like potting mix, small pots, seedling pots, and seeds. Then the kids can plant them to help grow vegetables and plant seedlings for the plant sale.



BBSN AGM SAVE THE DATE

By Amanda McLeod, BBSN



The Annual General Meeting of Baw Baw Sustainability Network is to be held

Thursday 29 August, 7.00pm

All financial members will receive notice of this meeting via email.

Only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate to join the Committee of Management.

Now is the time to ensure your membership is current.

If you would like to join BBSN please visit: <https://www.bbsn.org.au/membership>. If you are not sure if you are a member, or if your membership is current, please get in touch by return email.

Membership is just \$25 for individuals (\$20 concession) or \$45 for a family.

Remember that members also receive discounts on our monthly events.

At the end of the AGM formalities we will be showing Joost Bakker's 'Greenhouse'.

If you have any questions please reply to this email.

More details regarding the AGM will follow in coming weeks.



Save the date

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AUGUST 29
7PM

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Communities living sustainably and flourishing

GIPPSLAND SPRING TANGO FESTIVAL – Save the Date

By Barbara Kingwill



Gippsland Tango proudly announces the first ever Gippsland “Spring” Tango Festival on **Saturday 21st September**. The event will be held in the Yarragon Public Hall – 9 Campbell Street Yarragon 3823.

Save the Date and come along to experience the passion and energy of Argentine Tango featuring the renowned Fabio Robles and his Partner Michelle Di Monte.

It is a night of music, dance and culture divided into 2 parts.

Part 1) **“Simplemente Tango” Show** 7-8pm cost \$30pp

Let us take you on an imaginary trip through Argentina’s music and dance from past to present. In this one-hour show you will have the opportunity to experience the atmosphere of a live tango and to see the dance style which travelers flock to the streets of Buenos Aires to experience. The show features the talents of Nathan Slater, Eduardo Perez, Michelle Di Monte and internationally renowned choreographer Fabio Robles.

Part 2) **“Milonga de Primavera” Social Dance** 8 – 11:00pm cost \$25pp

Experience the magical atmosphere of a traditional MILONGA the social dancing style which has spread around the world from its origins in Argentina. Put on your best dance shoes and dance the night away to the sounds of DJ José Argañarás. Special performances by Nadim and Rina Sawaya from Melbourne’s Tango Esencia studio will be featured during the Milonga.

Light refreshments will be served from 8pm. Dancing will begin at 8:30. People attending are welcome to bring their own nibbles and drinks to enjoy at their tables during the evening.

Don’t miss out on this unforgettable event.

For those coming from Melbourne there is also a Party Bus to transport you to and from the event - cost \$40 pp. The Party Bus will depart from Melbourne CBD at 4.00pm and arrive to Yarragon just before the Tango Show and it will depart Yarragon at the end of the MILONGA, Champers and Tango Music on board!

Bookings can be made via www.gippslandtangofest.com/

For further information please contact Barbara Kingwill 0429 338 961



YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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Yarragon Primary School and Early Learning Centre has been officially approved as a donation partner for Victoria’s Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic).

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Look for the 10c mark on the drink container label. It is often located near the barcode. We recommend you don’t crush containers.

We hope you can support us with our fundraising efforts.

Thank you in advance from everyone at Yarragon Primary School & Early Learning Centre

CDS VIC DEPOT - 4/15 PHOENIX ST, WARRAGUL

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TUE	8:00AM – 5:00PM
WED	8:00AM – 5:00PM
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YARRAGON HISTORY

Courtesy Trove

Trafalgar Yarragon Times Friday
22nd January 1915.

It is with relief that the outback settlers of Allambee at last begin to see the realisation of their hopes for the first three sections of the Yarragon/ Leongatha road have been let, and the work has been started. It will do an immeasurable amount of good to the town and district, for land that has been lying idle for years will be opened up and made available for settlers.



Gippsland road 1915. courtesy Wikipedia

The land will grow crops to perfection, but the settlers had no heart to cultivate on account of the difficulty experienced in bringing their produce to market over the present roads. The lot of those who had to climb the Allambee hill in the past has not been a pleasant one, but looking ahead we can imagine a conversation like the following:

Outback farmer, to carrier, "Hullo, Billy ! What do you think of the road now?"

Billy, "Quite a short way to Tipperary now—had 40 cans of cream and 3 horses yesterday. Remember the time I had 14 cans of cream and 4 horses in and had to get a team of bullocks to pull me through the glue pot."

Outback farmer. "Yes! Not much to complain of now, is there?"

Billy, "Oh! Well, you know. I've got to pull off a good few times to let the motors pass, but I'll be having one myself soon, and if you haven't got your bally cans of cream ready when you hear me toot you'll have to bring 'em in yourself."

Farmer. "You carriers are beginning to think you are 'just it,' but I've still got my sledge left."



Mud sled Gippsland courtesy Wikipedia

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LION'S CLUB

By Alison and Glenn Butterworth



On the 26th June 2024 we had our annual Change Over Dinner. This was held at the Yarragon Bowls Club and we had many guests from Trafalgar Lions, Warragul Lions and Drouin Lions. We were also pleased to welcome giving his report, our outgoing President Bill Cropley had the pleasure of announcing a life membership for Roy Robins. Roy has been a Yarragon Lions Club member for 26 years. In this time he has served as President for one year and secretary for four years. He has been to innumerable BBQ's and cooked and served thousands of sausages. Roy has also been instrumental in getting guest speakers for our meetings, and is always available when there was a job to be done. He now joins our other Life Members, Alan Follett and Joe Van Der Broek. James Geary, another Life Member, was unable to attend

Murray Gardner of Drouin Lions came along to officiate with the swearing in of our new executive. Glenn Butterworth was sworn in as our new President, and Peter Petschel as Vice President. Alan Logan continues as our Secretary and Sam Mazza as our Treasurer Leanne Evans will continue as Membership Secretary and Tail Twister. Sharon Gaul is our Members Welfare officer and the Lion Tamer is Russell Weekly.



Life members: Alan Follett and Joe Van Der Broek and Roy Robins
Outgoing President Bill Cropley



Our Op Shop is still opening from 10am to 2.30pm Wednesday to Sunday. Our Garage sale will happen on the fourth Saturday of each month. This month that sale is on 27th July and in August it will be on the 24th.

Come along and see what is new and exciting.

THE CREATIVE YARRAGON ART GROUP

By Deborah Churchill

The creative Yarragon Art Group meets every Thursday at the Yarragon Hall. From beginner to advanced, classes are informative, and fun, exploring watercolour, drawing and mixed medium. The group holds an annual, off the easel exhibition and sale in November, If you are interested drop in and meet our group, class runs from 9.30 until 2pm during school terms.



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VOLUNTEER WITH US!

By Andy Holnan Community Safety Officer Yarragon Rural Fire Brigade

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Andy the Brigade Community Safety Coordinator at Yarragon. A big thank you to Tegan who has written the articles in the past. I'm sure we'll manage to get her into writing another feature article soon enough.



Volunteer with us!

Yarragon, like all CFA brigades, are always looking for new members to support our activities, and there is a role for everyone as a CFA volunteer! Not all roles in a brigade require you to attend an emergency, with operational roles and support roles in each brigade.

Many volunteers find that operational roles - responding to emergencies like fires and rescues are highly rewarding and give them valuable new skills. Whilst our volunteers in support roles make a huge contribution to getting Yarragon out into the community through fundraising and fire safety education. Volunteering at Yarragon, in addition to any CFA, is open for new members from 16 years of age. If you are between the age of 11 and 15, head over to the CFA website to find where a Junior Development Program is, and you may find programs being run in some of our surrounding townships.

Operational roles at Yarragon CFA comprise of responding to incidents where risks are posed to life and/or property. This may include:

- Responding to grass and bushfires
- Fires in homes, buildings and sheds
- Road accident rescues
- Hazardous materials
- Managing vegetation – such as fuel reduction burns.

As a new operational member to the brigade, you will undertake CFA's General Fire Fighter training program, which will provide you with the skills and knowledge needed to be safe on the fireground. As you progress with your time in the brigade, additional learning programs around Bushfire, Structural Fires and Heavy Vehicle Driving will be available. If interested, additional training in speciality response roles such as Hazmat, Radio Operations and Incident Control can be undertaken.

Beyond emergency response, non-operational roles play a crucial part in our brigade supporting the community. There is so much more to the brigade than responding in the big red truck (or our little white community funded truck). There are a number of non-operational support

roles that are undertaken by our members too, such as:

- Health and Safety
- Peer Support; Fostering a supportive environment for firefighters around fires
- Community Safety, Social Media and Engagement
- Community Events & Fundraising (I'm sure many of you have attended the Yarragon Book Fair before)
- Brigade business support roles, such as Administration, Finance, IT and Logistics.

Yarragon CFA is just one of 1200 communities across Victoria which is supported and run by volunteers, and many of us need help! Our fire brigades are made up of a fantastic bunch of people who may undertake an Operational role, a Support role or even both.

If you're interested in volunteering, the best place to start is by heading over to the CFA website at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/apply-to-volunteer>. If the website isn't the easiest way for you, feel free to pop down to Yarragon Fire Station on a Monday night from around 7:30-8:30pm, or a Sunday morning from 10-10:30am, and one of our friendly members would be more than happy to assist with the first steps!





ART UPDATE

By Carol Monson

Most people are not likely to be inspired by the prospect of an Annual General Meeting but in 2024 the Baw Baw Arts Alliance is putting a different spin on their AGM. The meeting is to be a celebration of the Arts and the creation of a new Artspace in the VRI Hall, Warragul.

As funds become available, mainly through grants, the kitchen will be replaced, side ramp fixed, painting done. The Arts Alliance is delighted to be a part of this journey of restoration and is grateful to the VRI for the opportunity.



Jeff Thege secretary, Jesse McLennan, vice president, Prue Barridge treasurer and Sue Murphy Galleries manager

Many will remember the hall fondly from past events and some refer to it as a 'hidden gem'. The Arts Alliance is using the meeting to formally open its newest and third premise, the VRI Art Space. Many months of planning with the VRI have gone into the proposed development of the hall into a space where it is envisioned the community will be able to participate in creative Arts' activities. The hall has been a much-underutilised building but now some repairs have already been made to the outside, new lights have been installed, theatre seats have been cleaned, the parquetry floor is being re-furbished.

The Arts Alliance Annual General meeting is an opportunity to celebrate the place of the Arts in the Shire and in a true celebratory manner the business of the evening will take only a small portion of time followed by a fun filled evening of live music entertainment, refreshments and an informative talk by the Manager of Arts and Culture at the West Gippsland Arts Centre, Holly Demaria.

The Alliance would love to see as many people as possible at their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 7.00pm. The meeting will be held at the VRI Hall, 128 Queen Street, Warragul.

If you are unable to attend the AGM then plan to catch up on Arts Alliance activities by visiting the Yarragon 'Station Gallery'. During August two major exhibitions take place to display the work of members and non-members of the Arts Alliance. Each year the Print Group shows its high quality and thoughtful work. At the same time Artists from the drawing groups and general membership have created



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drawn and sketched works of Art from charcoal to coloured pencils, conte to stitch, ink and paint.

For more information about the Arts Alliance's activities see

<https://www.bawbawartsalliance.org>





YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Kaye McLaren, Secretary

July is generally a quiet month for us at the Yarragon Bowling Club. However, this year has been a bit different. Despite a bit of frost, we've had some beautiful days that have allowed us to enjoy our club and its facilities.

Members have enjoyed winter bowling at the Morwell Bowling Club during the off season. We've been getting plenty of match practice on the synthetic green. It's been fun bowling against members from other clubs in Gippsland. We have enjoyed making new friends whilst improving our skills on this surface.

Prior to the beginning of the next pennant season it is envisioned that we will play two practice matches against Trafalgar & Thorpdale. Dates to be advised.

The green-keeper has been busy maintaining the back car park, the surrounds of the green and the green itself. It is certainly taking shape for the beginning of our next bowling season.

Our 'Christmas in July' event on the 11th July was a huge success. It was filled with lots of laughs and good cheer. Thank you everyone for your contributions towards the meal it was a wonderful spread and the food was amazing. The movie 'Home Alone' was a fun experience which brought back lots of memories and was fun for all ages.

Our winners of the ugliest shirt/jumper competition: Peter Petschel with his musical hat and Kevin McLaren with his funny antlers.



Congratulations to all who took part. It's been wonderful to enjoy our club this winter, and see everyone having a great time.

Looking ahead, we plan on having a card/games night on the 15th August. Hoping to see lots of card or board game enthusiasts come along and enjoy the evening. Start time 6.30. BYO Nibbles.

Our club would like to thank the Yarragon Produce and



Rhett, Jade, Renee and Emma Galley

Craft Market for their donation of \$750 in July. This donation will be put towards the installation of a synthetic green which once installed will enhance our facilities, providing a more durable and weather-resistant playing surface that will benefit all members and visitors all year round.

Thank you to the Town & Country Gallery along with their woodwork artist for their generous donation of \$400. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Barefoot Bowls begins again on 3 October 24 5pm start. If you are interested in playing barefoot or Pennant bowls, please get in contact.

Frosty morning on the green.



Our sponsors for the 2023/24 season:

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- 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.

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


Email: yarragonbowls@gmail.com
Phone (quicker response) 0490 831 283
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YarragonBowlingClub

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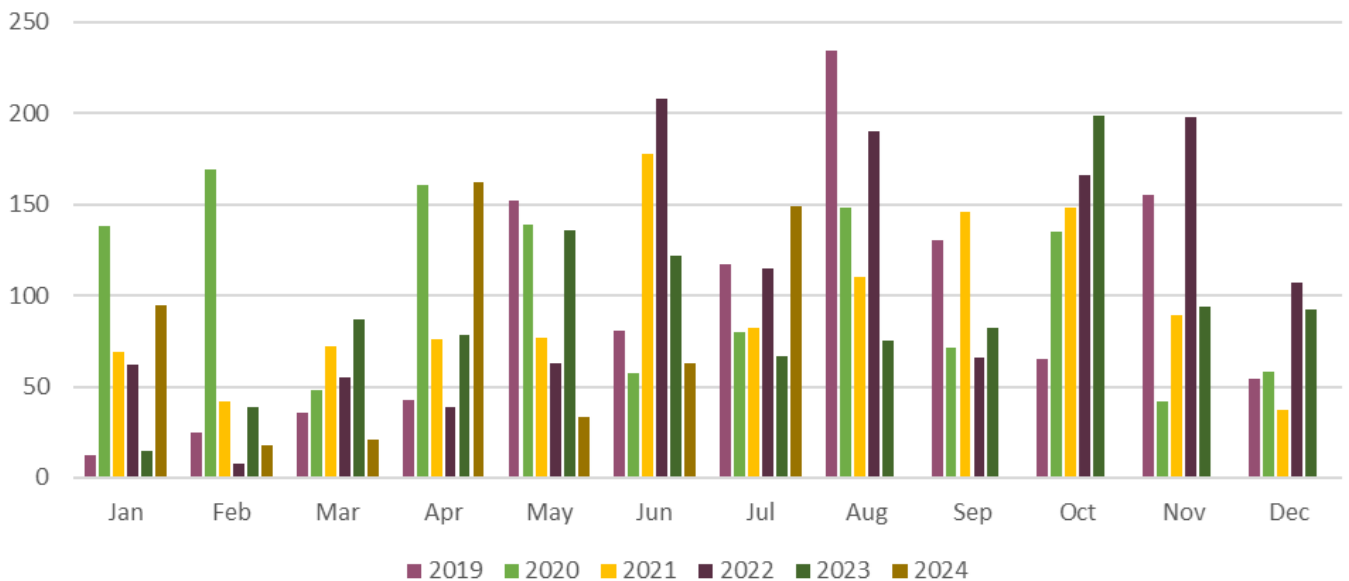
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Rainfall 2019 - 2024



Rainfall Record for 2024 and the five years prior, as recorded in McIntyre Road, Yarragon.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot to July	Total
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	75	82	199	69	92	544	1086
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COUNCIL News.

Free workshops on navigating grief and loss.

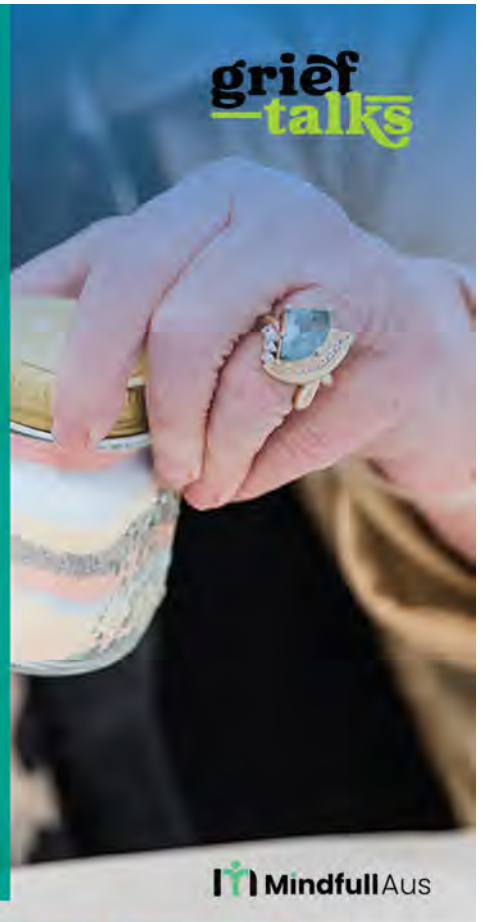
There's no rulebook on how to best manage extreme loss in your life, however Baw Baw Shire Council is partnering with GriefTalks and Mindful Aus to deliver a series of workshops that will take participants through a few steps on how to navigate these tough times in life.

The workshops will be held throughout August and September across the Shire and are designed to support community members over the age of 18 with their emotional wellbeing, while providing an opportunity to learn strategies and tools to implement into their own lives.

The workshops will take place at the following times and locations:

- Wednesday 14 August Longwarry Public Hall, Longwarry
- Wednesday 28 August Yarragon Bowls Club, Yarragon
- Thursday 19 September Longwarry Public Hall, Longwarry
- Wednesday 25 September Bettermentall Hub, Trafalgar

Places for the workshops are limited and bookings are essential. To register, please visit www.bawbawshire.co/GriefTalks.



MindfulAus

TRAVEL DOWN TO WARRAGUL'S NEWEST BASKETBALL COURTS.

The new basketball and netball courts at the Warragul Leisure Centre are now open and ready for the community to come and shoot some hoops.

The Warragul Leisure Centre stadium expansion is one of Council's largest ever recreational projects, valued at more than \$12.8 million.

Baw Baw Shire Council committed \$6.8 million towards the project, in addition to a \$6 million contribution from the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

The extension provides:

- Construction of two new indoor (basketball/netball) courts

- Spectator seating and a lounge viewing area
- A new cafe and kitchen
- A referee change room
- First aid room
- Storage facilities
- Swim club store
- Public amenities including Changing Places accessible change room, and
- Improved pedestrian and parking access links between new and existing facilities.

Visit Council's website at www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au to find out more about this milestone project.



YOUR SAY,
YOUR WAY.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR LOCAL SPORTING WALK OF FAME.

As Olympic fever spreads among us, we're asking all of you to think of a local person who should be honoured on Council's Sporting Walk of Fame.

Located at Civic Park in Warragul and launched in 2000, the pathway serves as a prestigious recognition of sporting excellence and achievement.

With this in mind, take a look at the nomination guidelines and consider if there's someone in our area who does not already appear, and should feature on this momentous honour trail.

Visit **Baw Baw Connect** today to make a nomination before Sunday 11 August. Details regarding your nomination's outcome, and induction details, will be released later this year.



BROTHERS SHARING THE FOOTY FIELD TOGETHER

By Lilli Sim



Four sets of brothers played in our Under 16's on Saturday 13th July 2024.

Brad, Rodney, Mason, Blake, Lenny, Ayden, Connor and Dylan.

We all know scoreboards matter, but we think this stuff matters more.



AUGUST FIXTURES & LADDER POSITIONS

By Lilli Sim

Round 17: Saturday 27th July 2024 vs Trafalgar (Home)

Round 18: Saturday 3rd August 2024 vs Nyora (Away)

Round 19: Saturday 10th August 2024 vs Longwarry (Home)

Round 20: Saturday 17th August 2024 vs Catani (Away)

FOOTBALL & NETBALL POSITIONS after Round 15

Seniors: 9th, Reserves: 8th, Under 16's: 8th

A Grade: 7th, B Grade: 11th, C Grade: 6th, Under 17's: 2nd, Under 15's: 7th, Under 13's: 3rd

Our Thursday night meals are a club favourite! Save yourself the hassle of cooking and come on down to our social rooms and enjoy a two-course meal for only \$20.00. Juniors eat for \$10.00 (includes a free drink). ALL WELCOME!



We are taking part in the TOYOTA Good for Footy Raffle this year. Just \$5.00 per ticket can win you a share in \$290,000 worth of prizes including 3 brand new Toyotas! For every ticket we sell,



we receive 100% of the proceeds. So support us and win yourself some awesome prizes. Tickets can be purchased through the QR code.



JOIN THE PANTHER ARMY

By Lilli Sim Yarragon Football Netball Club

The Panther Army needs YOU!

Are you looking to show your support to the YFNC in 2024? By purchasing a Panther Army Membership, you will be doing just that. As well as supporting our club financially, the Panther Army is just a really fun way of keeping in touch with past and present players.

- Panther Army Members receive free gate entry to all home games
- Panther Army Members and their children (no matter how many) play at Yarragon for free
- Panther Army Members are automatically entered into weekly cash draws year round (giving away approximately \$14,000 per year)
- Panther Army Members enjoy access to specific club functions throughout the season

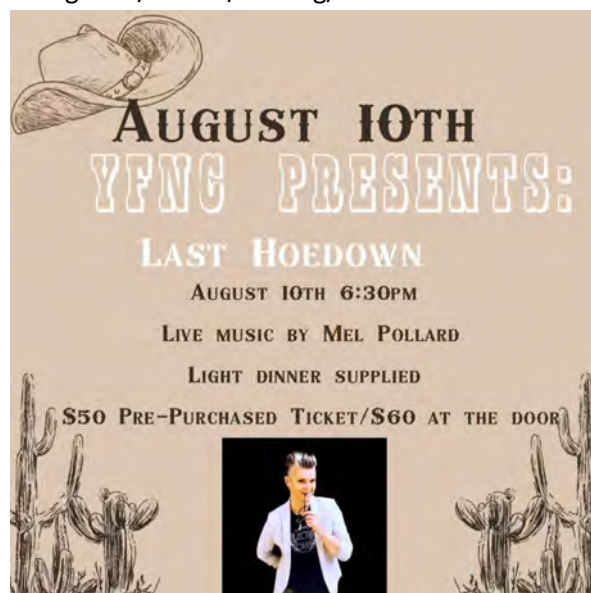
For more information on how you can join the Panther Army, please email us yarrafc@gmail.com or contact Rod Pollock on 0409 019 525.

LAST HOEDOWN (18+ EVENT)

By Lilli Sim

Yeewhaw & Giddy Up!! Clear your calendars and make sure you get down to our social club rooms on Saturday 10th August 2024 after our home game against Longwarry to have some fun! Purchase your tickets here: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1255643

Great food, music and company! Prize for the best dressed! You won't want to miss it!



YARRAGON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

By Lilli Sim



It's hard to believe that we are just four weeks away from finals and currently have two of our netball teams sitting in the top 5 and for a couple, sitting just outside the 5, it's never been a more crucial time if they are looking to keep their finals hopes alive.

It's been a bit quieter around the Club this month compared to the last. Nonetheless, the Yarragon Football Netball Club have a big few weeks ahead of them to round up the 2024 EDFNL home & away season.

Our senior playing group have struggled in recent weeks, with an injury list almost as big as what Richmond had in the AFL a month back, however in true Yarragon grit and spirit, the boys have still pulled together and continue to give it their all. The Club would like to thank the players who have reached out to us at such short notice over the last few weeks and pulled on the boots to fill in for our Reserves team so that we are able to field a side and for those players who have stepped up and gave it their all in the Seniors, we appreciate and thank you for all your efforts.

Check out what's been happening in and around our club below.. GO PANTHERS!!

EDNA INTERLEAGUE NETBALL

Congratulations to our junior netballers Addy Moore, Ava Harvey, Mischa Moore, Charlotte Kemp and Karina Marcucci (Coach) who were selected to be a part of the Ellinbank & District Football Netball League's Interleague games against the West Gippsland Football Netball League on Wednesday 19th June 2024 in Lang Lang.

Addy and Ava's Under 13's team took home the trophy with the win coming via a shot after the siren taken by Ava. Addy was also named Best on Court.

Our Under 15's captained for the night by Charlotte, were beaten by a tough opponent but Mischa and Charlotte showed true Yarragon grit with their massive work rate and efforts.



We are super proud of you girls!



GIPPSLAND STORM ELITE NETBALL CLUB AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to our very own Courtney McWhinney on her **Coaches Award** from Gippsland Storm Elite Netball Development Club at their recent Presentation Night.

Courtney plays Under 17's and is also our A Grade Goal Attack.

Anyone who has watched her play knows she is a very intelligent netballer and prolific goal scorer.

We are so proud, Well-done Courtney!



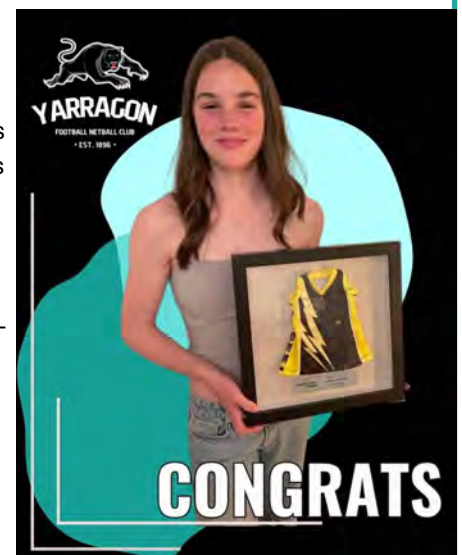
GIPPSLAND STORM ELITE NETBALL CLUB AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to our very own Addy Moore on her **Best & Fairest** award from Gippsland Storm Elite Netball Development Club at their recent Presentation Night.

Addy is an energetic player who always gives 100% on the court. She's competitive, explosive and versatile.

Always a Centre, she's been working hard this year in the defensive end and the results are in!

We are so proud, Well-done Addy!



YARRAGON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



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