



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 410 FEBRUARY 2024

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### INAUGURAL YARRAGON STUDIO FESTIVAL

By Christina Flann

**Saturday 2 March 2024, 2:30-9:00pm**

*One afternoon, three unique locations.  
The top of Australian music, food and wine.*

Yarragon Studio is nestled in the hills south of Yarragon town. Since 2021 it has been a venue for private chamber music concerts. These are based on the salon model where the owners invite an audience into their lounge room to hear high-quality classical and contemporary music. The owners are Niels Bijl, a professional classical saxophonist from the Netherlands, and Dr Christina Flann, a biologist by training (& co-editor). It is an intimate musical experience followed by delicious wine supplied by **William Downie** and cheese from the Butterfly Factory, made by **Rachel Needoba**.

We invite you to come to the Inaugural Yarragon Studio Festival and treat yourself to a variety of Australia's most remarkable artists. We will transport you to three uniquely idyllic locations, where you will hear Violinist **Kyla Matsuura-Miller**, Bandoneonist **Stephen Cuttriss** and Flautist **Eliza Shephard** in concert. At the end of the day you will be treated to an exclusive supper of local produce, provided by **Hogget Kitchen's chef Trevor Perkins**, one of West Gippsland's trailblazers in high cuisine. We will end our inaugural Yarragon Studio Festival with a celebratory closing concert of all the artists, including one of the founders of Yarragon Studio (*not the biologist, luckily*).

[www.yarragonstudio.com.au/festival](http://www.yarragonstudio.com.au/festival)

We've secured three top level performing artists, who, despite their young age, have made a name for themselves as high ranking in Australia's music scene. They represent a rich tapestry of classical music, world music (Tango!), theatre, dance and contemporary music, and are all seen as clear examples of the richness of the future of Australian performing arts. They will present their unique qualities with music by JS Bach, Astor Piazzolla, as well as brand new music that will be specially selected for the festival and its unique locations.

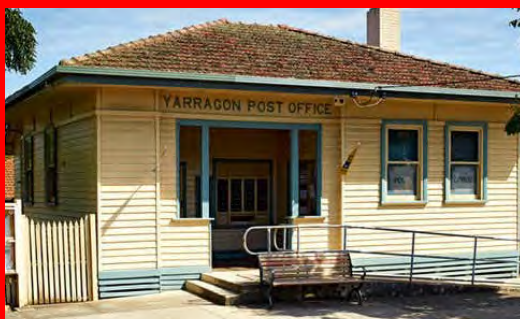
Early Bird tickets have already SOLD OUT! Don't miss out - book now, \$125 is a steal for four concerts, delicious food and amazing wine.

Hope to see you in March!



From Left to Right: Kyla Matsuura-Miller (Violin), Stephen Cuttriss (Bandoneon), Eliza Shephard (Flute), Niels Bijl (classical saxophone), Trevor Perkins (Food), William Downie (Wine), Rachel Needoba (Cheese), *not pictured: Christina Flann (Admin).*

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# REGULAR & TO DO

## MONDAY

### MOBILE LIBRARY

2:30–5:30pm  
Yarragon Hall carpark



### FIRE BRIGADE

7:30pm at fire station,  
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Captain Ashley Smith  
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yarragonfb@gmail.com



### BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

New members welcome  
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## 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



Q: I was going to write a boxing joke

A: But I forgot the punchline

Oscar

## 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

## 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:**

CF: It's a Noisy Miner  
OB: Isn't that just a teenager?

## 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

### YARRAGON STUDIO FESTIVAL

2:30–9:00pm 2 March  
www.yarragonstudio.com.au /festival



## SUNDAY

### St Mark's Anglican Church

Currently meeting at St David's Uniting Church, 7 Campbell Street, Yarragon at 8:30am on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Also meeting on Sunday 31 December at 11am for a special NYE service.

### St David's Uniting Church

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



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
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**DEADLINE for  
March 2024 edition  
26 February  
12 noon**

# WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN MY GARDEN?

By Margaret Young



Firstly an update on the Grey Fantails and their badly situated nest. The photo in the last Newsletter was of their second attempt at laying an egg in it. That egg also fell out and smashed on the concrete so I tied the stem to the veranda post. The Fantails then abandoned their nest but still hung around the back garden. Then, just before Christmas, my very observant 10 year old granddaughter spied a new nest hidden among the leafy branches of the Pin Oak on the back lawn. There were eggs and then two tiny birds



Grey Fantail

Crows /Ravens

Rosellas

squeezing out of the nest (see the photo). They left the nest just before the New Year. The parents are still hanging around the garden so they might start a new family.



Australian King Parrots (that have continued to visit demanding to be fed their favourite sun flowers seeds and sometimes eating out of my hand)

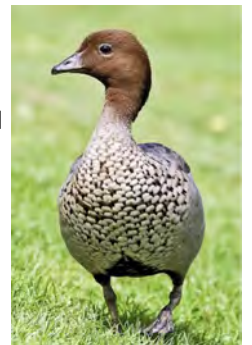
Black Birds (they are so happy after rain)

Thrush

Brown Song Lark (I think)

King Fisher (only once but it was a big thrill)

Scrub Wren



Wood Duck (lots of them over the years including fluffy babies swimming after their parents over the dam)

Grey Heron

Willy Wag Tail

Mud Lark

Mopoke

Owl (I have heard them many times on still nights and actually saw one once when returning from taking the bin up to the road, I had a torch and honed in on the sound till I saw one on a low branch near the front gate, another thrill).



Meanwhile I have sold my property up here in the hills and bought a house down in the suburbs of Yarragon. I leave here at the end of February. So I am busy packing, sorting, tossing and making trips to the Op Shop.

I came across a little book in which I have noted down all the birds I have seen since I moved here 15 years ago in November 2008. So, to make my life easier, I am going to give you my list in chronological order starting with ...

Magpie



Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo

That takes me to the end of 2008. I will continue this list next month as I am throwing the last of my stuff into boxes or making another trip to the Op Shop.

# YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Kathie Chalmers

Thankyou for supporting the Yarragon Craft and Produce Market throughout 2023. We had a wonderful Twilight market on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December filled with happy stall holders and so many people coming to wander through all of the stalls.



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January was the first market back in 2024, with over 50 stall holders on the grass at Waterloo Park.

The sun was shining as people walked and shopped at the market finding a great range of handmade, local produce, gifts and some vintage items.

The next Yarragon Craft and Produce Market will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February



**ADVANCING BAW BAW**  
**Research supports greater Federal investment in local roads**

# WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

## Oscar

Started playing *Red Dead Redemption 2* and nearly finished the game. I'm moving to Darnum Primary School, looking forward to the music program in particular.

## Christina



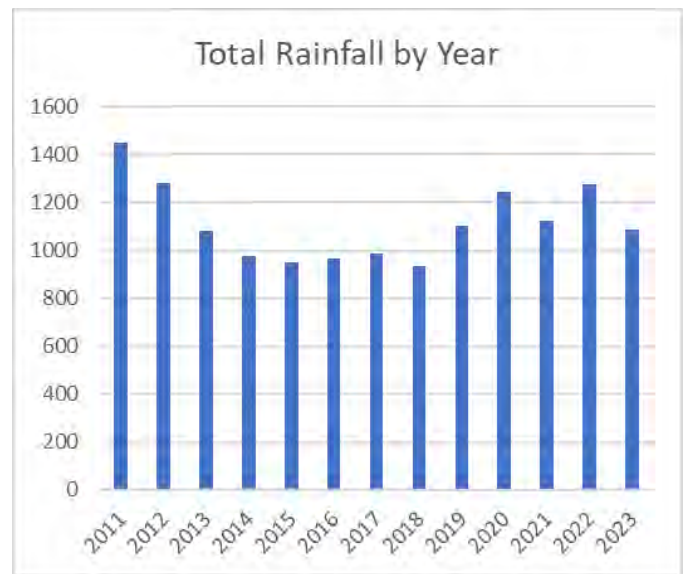
Is [paying the rent](#) and attended an interesting webinar just for renters with some amazing women from around Australia with incredible stories.

## Debbie

Packing up the house and creating more art.



All the editors love baby animal photos. Here is one of a newborn pothole. With the high rainfall recently, it has been a very good season for them. There are many adult samples to view on Yarragon South Road.



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# CREATIVE MINES

By Amanda McLeod



What will the future look like for Victoria's coal mines? How can you get involved?

The Baw Baw Sustainability Network is pleased to host **an evening on Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation**. Speakers include Nina Burke and Richard Polmear from the Great Latrobe Park project and Dr Jennifer Brereton from the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority.

The Great Latrobe Park vision was formed in 2017. It comprised a small band of like-minded individuals concerned about mine rehabilitation following the Hazelwood Mine and Power Station closure. The project imagines mines repurposed as lakes, forests, wetlands, and parks, linked by pathways that encourage creative utilisation of the vast space.

GLP is an advocacy group that believes in cooperation between all members of the Latrobe Valley community: 'we will only truly achieve the best outcome when all parties work cooperatively together with a clear focus on

achieving the best results'.

The Mine Land Authority is an independent authority working with community, industry and government. Its aim is to facilitate the rehabilitation of mine sites to ensure they are safe, stable and sustainable for the beneficial use of future generations. The Mine Land Authority seeks to engage the public on technical, environmental, and social issues around declared mines.

Hear about the projects and what you can do to participate in the process. An informed community is an empowered community.

We hope you can join us for a what will be an enjoyable evening.

**Thursday 22 February 2024 at 7pm**  
**Uniting Church Hall, Yarragon**

For more information, tickets (\$5 for members, \$8 general admission) and to RSVP visit: [www.bbsn.org.au](http://www.bbsn.org.au)

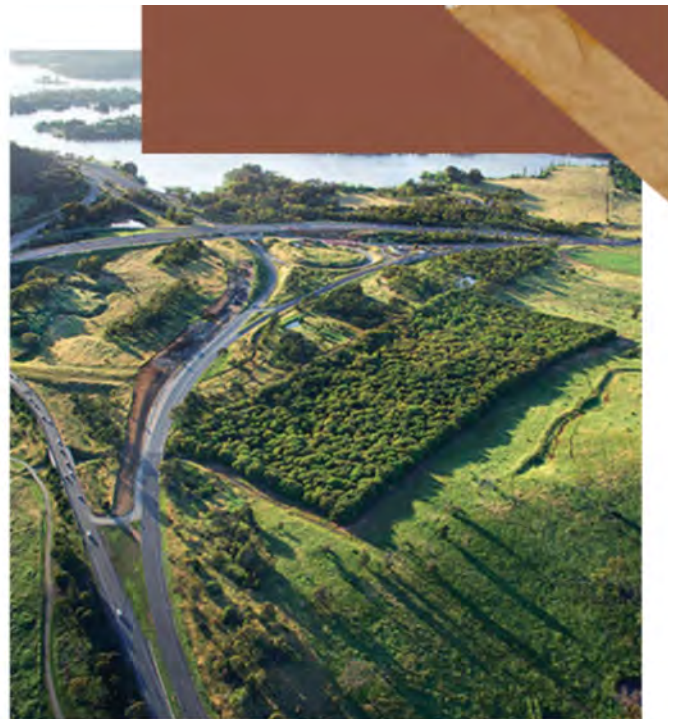


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living sustainably  
and flourishing**



**REIMAGINING THE LATROBE VALLEY  
COAL MINES.**

**SPEAKERS FROM THE GREAT  
LATROBE PARK & THE MINE LAND  
REHABILITATION AUTHORITY**



**MINE REHABILITATION**

**22 FEB 2023 @7PM**

**UNITING CHURCH HALL  
YARRAGON**

# CREATIVE HARVEST REPORT

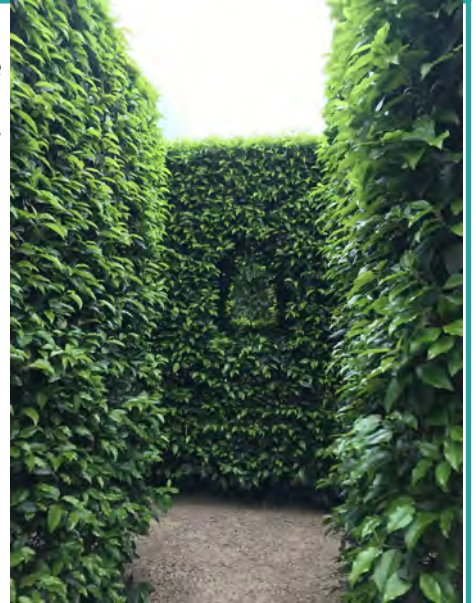
By Oscar Bijl



On Sunday the 28th of January, me, my Mum and my Baba (Liz Flann) went to three gardens in the Creative Harvest. Which is a garden viewing of many gardens around the West Gippsland area with houses ranging from in the middle of nowhere to suburbia. There were smaller gardens and there were bigger gardens. The first one we went to, which was our favourite, was Darna. It was near Darnum. It has the most interesting little garden nooks and crannies with a very cute scarecrow which was my very favourite thing (it was wearing steel caps and a

dress with a mosaic pot for a head). This spot also had a beautiful cat which we think was a British Blue cat (we had a bit of an argument about what it was - Debbie won). Our second garden was Fiona's in Warragul South. Which was a property with a very big house and quite a nice garden with a very nice She Shed and a proper glass-house/greenhouse. The last one we went to for the day,

was in my opinion my second favourite with lots of spots to rest, which was very smart and the seats were particularly comfortable. My very favourite bit of this one was the big hedge maze with a secret garden with two little yellow birds inside a cage (CF – I think they were canaries).




This place also had a very nice kids play area with black monkey bars, a little house with two beautiful pictures inside, a sand-pit, a noughts and crosses board and, most importantly, a Jenga set.

## Time for a home loan health check!

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The Australia Day celebrations for 26th January 2024 were planned by member Judy Lackman and her team, ably supported by Yarragon Lions, CFA, Uniting Church and financed by Baw Baw Shire Council. Unfortunately, the deadline for this publication coincides with 26 Jan which is too late for this contributor (*Eds note: We held a page for Judy's report, see page 19*). Whilst the weather is forecast to be cool with the chance of a shower, I have every confidence that the event will have proven to be a great success, as in previous years. Our thanks to all of the contributors. Once again you have done the YDCA, and your own organisations, proud.

As noted in our last article, a meeting has been sought with Baw Baw Shire Council to discuss those aspects raised in the YDCA submission but not captured in the

Yarragon Township Plan. It is our hope to find other ways to capture these initiatives that we believe will lead to increased liveability for current and future residents of Yarragon.

Members' views are currently being sought on what defines "Yarragon identity". An interesting question to ponder.

Members are reminded that membership fees are due. The cost is \$25 per person or \$30 per family. Please pay to Treasurer Jen. Members will receive updates from sub-committees between meetings.

The next meeting date for the YDCA will be advised to Members and will be held at the Fire Brigade building, Murray St, Yarragon, commencing at 7pm.



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**12 INDUSTRIAL COURT  
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Lilypads by Oscar Bijl

We would like to encourage people from the Yarragon Community to submit their photos for inclusion in the newsletter. Hopefully we can have a regular page of contributions.



**SCRAPA  
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# COMMUNITY GATHERING FOR VOLUNTEERS – REPORT

By Barbara Kingwill



On Sunday 3rd December a community gathering was held to thank volunteers who support the Yarragon community through the various service and sporting groups. This was an ecumenical initiative of the three local churches of St Jarlath's, St Mark's and St David's, supported by the Yarragon District Community Association and sponsored by the Yarragon Lions. The event was attended by approximately 70 people who gathered to express gratitude to all the "unsung heroes" who give of their time and talents to enrich the lives of others.

The date of the event was linked with International Volunteers Day which falls on 5<sup>th</sup> December. It is a day recognized by the United Nations and a timely reminder to value the role of volunteerism, particularly in advancing peace and community development. Within the church calendar it also marks the beginning of advent and a new church calendar year. The aim of the local churches was to foster a spirit of giving: of giving thanks in the lead up to the end of year and the Christmas season.

According to the United Nations Volunteers website, "more than one billion people volunteer globally and work for solidarity and humanity: for people and the planet. In 2023 the theme was the power of collective action: if everyone did. If everyone volunteered, the world would be a better place. Imagine more than eight billion of us volunteering. Limitless possibilities for sustainable development – food and education for everyone, clean envi-

*ronment and good health, inclusive and peaceful societies, and more. Volunteerism is an enormous renewable resource for social, economic and environmental problem-solving throughout the world. As the world faces mounting challenges, volunteers are often the first to help. Volunteers are at the fore in crises and emergencies, often in very testing and dire situations."*

But volunteers also work in the everyday events of life. They form a vital part of the fabric of communities just like ours, and how good is it when we can celebrate this before we gather when facing emergencies and tragedy.

The gathering in December concluded with a quote by Melody Beattie - "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."

All those in attendance were encouraged by the community spirit of the gathering and they were asked to carry and share the thanks of our community with their groups. There are plans for this event to become an annual "thanksgiving" which not only recognizes our current generation of volunteers but hopefully inspires our youth to serve their community.





# ART FROM THE AIR

By Christina Flann

One brilliant advantage of being the co-editors of this newsletter is that we get invitations to cool things that we would otherwise not know about. Just in time back in December, I saw an email inviting all media (that includes us!) to the West Gippsland Art Centre's official unveiling and handover of 'Art from the Air', created by Dr Aunty Eileen Harrison. I am aware this is in Warragul, not Yarragon, but the artwork depicts stories and paths from the whole region, so I feel it is very relevant to us too.

The painting is part of a beautiful project that I had no idea about. A three-dimensional walk-through version of the artwork has been built, planted and created in the Rotary Park on Princes Way in Warragul. After the short, positive handover where I was pleased to hear from three women and only one man, I was the only one who went on to the park itself. I'm guessing that everyone else had been involved in the project for a long time and were well acquainted with the park.

It is just lovely. Paths radiating from a central yarning circle (I sat down, by no-one except an Ibis came to yarn with me, maybe next time), seven beautifully carved posts, each with a story. As part of the presentation there was a video of Aunty Eileen explaining the meaning of each pole. I loved it when she got to the swan one as it is her totem and she hugged the pole in the video.

I recommend visiting both the artwork and the garden when you are next in Warragul.

<https://warragulrotary.org.au/photoalbums/indigenous-garden>



Bunjil's Rules:  
Respect yourself  
Respect others  
Respect the environment



# ZUCCHINI

By Katie Grace



Did you know there are different types of zucchinis? Each variety, from the vibrant yellow to the unique tromboncino to the exotic Lebanese, has its own distinct features. To keep the harvest bountiful, try planting a mix of varieties that give a colourful harvest and have different resistance levels to powdery mildew. Keep a close eye on these babies, or you might end up with a few marrows!

Zucchini's thrive with homemade compost, water, and fertilizer (seasol or pelletised manure). A sprinkle of sulphate of potash can enhance their flowering. If you find they aren't fruiting as well as you'd like, you might need to assist with pollination. Simply 'paint' the middle of the male flower (long skinny stem below the flower) and then the female flower (rounded base below the flower), ideally in the morning when they are open.

From quiches to chocolate cakes, zucchinis are versatile and delicious. Try them grated in a salad or stuffed with mince mixture and baked. Don't let Summer go by without enjoying this amazing vegetable!



# LEMON POPPY ZUCCHINI BREAD

Recipe by Makenzie Gore (Delish), Test Baking by Debbie, Te

## Step 1

Preheat oven to 350° and grease a 9"-by-5" loaf pan with cooking spray. In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, ginger, baking soda, and salt.

## Step 2

In another large bowl, whisk eggs, lemon zest, lemon juice, granulated sugar, oil, brown sugar, and vanilla to combine. Add to dry ingredients and mix until just a few dry streaks remain. Stir in zucchini and seeds until just combined. Pour batter into prepared pan and smooth top.

## Step 3

Bake until a tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 1 hour. Let cool in pan 15 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack.

## GLAZE

In a small bowl, combine granulated sugar and lemon juice. Brush all over bread while still warm. Let cool completely before serving.



Debbie arrived for our newsletter deadline with the test run of this recipe. My review is that it is delicious and made a fantastic dinner spread with butter.

What? It's full of vegetable...

It also proved yummy toasted for breakfast :)

## SHOPPING DAY – YARRAGON CIRCA 1920-S TO 30S

By Cathy Hay

### Ingredients

#### FOR BREAD

- Cooking spray
- 2 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 3 large eggs
- Zest and juice of 1 large lemon
- 1 c. granulated sugar
- 3/4 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 c. packed light brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 c. shredded zucchini (from about 1 large zucchini)
- 2 tbsp. poppy seeds

#### FOR GLAZE

- 2 tsp. granulated sugar
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

2007, Reflections from Jean Hay and Isabel Catt, both nee Souter, who grew up in the foothills of Yarragon (their farm is now owned by the Moyes family).

Dad firstly had to catch the horse, Dobbin. He would harness up Dobbin to the buggy and make the journey up the dirt track to the main road, then down Leongatha Road to the town. Dobbin was good with the shopping because he knew all the places to stop.

This expedition was in addition to the daily trip at 6am to take the milk cans to the factory. Mother never went but she sent a list with dad.

The grocer's shop sold everything. It was on the station side of the road. The proprietors were the Davidsons. Their house was in Campbell Street where later Mrs Badden lived. After the Davidsons had the shop, came the Craigs, Streitbergs and then the Williams. The store sold everything, wheat, oats, farm things, groceries, drapery (Isabel remembered the good things to eat, and Jean recalled the drapery section).

Dad used to enjoy having a good yarn when he was out shopping. He could catch up on all the news. He was very friendly with Mr Davidson as they were both "old Presbyterian". How long Dad took to complete the shopping was noted by Mother on occasion.

At the back of the grocery shop was a platform. You could back up your cart. And your supplies were carried across and put in the cart.

There was a butcher shop, Atkins on the corner of Main and Campbell Street. The meat was slaughtered locally. The slaughter house is still standing in the paddock and is visible from the freeway just past Hazeldean Road.

Then there was the trek back up the hill and across land to home.

At home there would be mutton one week, and beef the next (a routine that Jean continued with her own Hay family). There was no market for chooks, we had our own in any case.

Fish could not be bought either and you had to catch your own. We remember a huge fish Father snagged with his fern hook at Shady Creek, a mountain trout which Mother baked.

Milk eggs and vegies were all produced on the farm.

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Three lovely Angora goats : Emily, her daughter Maizie, and Georgina. Emily and Georgina are about 9 1/2 years old and Maizie 8 1/2. They need shearing once a year and you need good fences!!

They love blackberries!

Call Margaret

0432805975



# LION'S CLUB REPORT

By Alison and Glenn Butterworth



The Lions club is back at work after a short break through the Xmas and New Year seasons. The Op Shop is now open on Wednesday to Sunday from 10:30 to 2:30. Donations are most welcome during our opening hours.

Our Christmas raffle was drawn by Chris from the Yarragon Pharmacy and the winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize David Haviland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Jo Scullin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize John Heenan

To all those people who bought tickets but were not in the winner's circle, a huge thank you, and try again next year.

A big thank you to all our members and volunteers who sold the tickets. A special mention also to the Yarragon Bowling club members who sold raffle tickets on a Friday.

We also did our first Seniors Dinner since 2019. This was held at St Jarlath's Church hall on 13<sup>th</sup> December. While the attendance was a little down on previous years, a good time was had by all.

We are pleased to announce that once again the Yarragon Lions on Mane Op Shop will be supporting the Community of Yarragon Good Friday Appeal. We are donating the major prize of \$2000.00 in vouchers as well as a donation of \$3000.00 to start the appeal.

By the time this newsletter gets to the readers, we will have had our new year "kick off", done the cooking at the Australia day function in Yarragon, held our garage sale on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, and done a BBQ at Bunnings on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. We have also restocked the Op shop with non Christmas stock and have picked up several "house lots". Come on into the shop as you never know what you may find.



We would like to welcome any person who has a spare hour or more as a volunteer at the Op shop. No experience is necessary, and you can either work in the shop or in the sorting area at the back. Personally, I find my time at the Op shop very rewarding and interesting.



Fine art - Flowers - Jewellery

Local artists; handcrafted works; Allambee Flower Farm flowers

'Adaption - Gang Gang Cockatoos'  
Hand Coloured Linocut, framed 78x74cm  
By Vida Pearson

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# 2023 ROUNDUP AND GETTING RID OF HAZARDS

By Tegan Brown, Secretary & Community Safety Officer

## 2023 Update

The Brigade attended a total of 136 calls for the 2023 calendar year. These calls included 20 motor vehicle related incidents, 41 fire and explosion type incidents and 2 hazardous chemical incidents. Our volunteers train hard for the various types of incidents they may be exposed to. They give up their personal time for training and to be available for these calls to protect our community.

We are always looking for new members to expand our member numbers to support our growing community. If joining the Brigade interests you please contact us on Facebook or Email.

## Disposal of Hazardous Materials in the home

Most items don't belong in the red or yellow bin. Items such as batteries, aerosol can, household chemicals, accelerants (petrol, diesel, waste oils), gas bottles or butane cans, flares, hot coals, or lit cigarettes.

These items can lead to rubbish bin fires, rubbish bin truck fires and fires at waste transfer stations. Items such as batteries are crushed and compacted within rubbish bins compromising the integrity of the battery triggering thermal events, sparks and subsequent fires.

We can all do our part to reduce fires in the community by disposing of our waste appropriately.

There are some great sustainable initiatives to reduce the amount of toxic waste in your home. These events are called "Detox your home", where you can recycle cleaning products, cosmetics, fire extinguishers, fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, pool chemicals, car products such as anti freeze, coolant, fuels, garage items such as turps, thinners, paint strippers, glues and more. Items with the symbols corrosive, oxidizing agent, toxic, flammable liquid and flammable solid can be recycled.

## Next Detox Your Home event:

**Morwell 17 February 2024**

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Katie Grace

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For all other items there are numerous safe ways to dispose of them such as:

## Batteries

- Lead acid car batteries can be dropped off at Battery World for free.
- B cycle located at your local Woolworths, Coles, Aldi and Bunnings for AA/AAA, button batteries, rechargeable batteries and batteries from power tools or cameras.

## Mobile Phones

- MobileMuster located at your local Optus, Telstra, Vodaphone, Woolworths and Officeworks will recycle free of charge your mobile phone, charger and other accessories.

## TVs, Computers, Computer accessories and Printers

- Ecycle solutions located at Trafalgar and Lardner Transfer stations, Harvey Norman and Select Office Supplies in Warragul.
- If the item is still functioning then Vinnies (St Vincent de Paul Society) runs a Green Sparks program where E-Waste can be given a second life.

## Printer Cartridges

- Can be recycled through the cartridges 4 Planet Ark program at ALL Officeworks.

## Fluorescent lights and Whitegoods

- At your local council waste and recycling center – Trafalgar or Lardner Transfer Station

## Gas bottles

- At Drouin Waste Recyclers

## Paint

- At Moe or Morwell Transfer Stations



Baw Baw Shire Council: [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Resident-Information/Environment-Recycling-and-Waste/Recycling](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Resident-Information/Environment-Recycling-and-Waste/Recycling)

Battery recycling: [batteryrecycling.org.au/expanding-the-knowledge-base/why/find-a-recycler/](http://batteryrecycling.org.au/expanding-the-knowledge-base/why/find-a-recycler/)

E- waste Recycling and More: [recyclingnearyou.com.au/about/](http://recyclingnearyou.com.au/about/)

Detox: [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-reducing-waste/at-home/dispose-of-household-chemicals-detox-your-home](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-reducing-waste/at-home/dispose-of-household-chemicals-detox-your-home)



# ART UPDATE

By Carol Monson

During the recent Summer holidays in Trafalgar approximately 40 children, with their families, spent two hours creating an absolute storm of wonderful Art at the annual Baw Baw Arts Alliance's presentation of 'NGV Kids on Tour'. The free Art activities, supplied by the National Gallery of Victoria, are designed to ignite children's imagination and creativity and encourage families to take advantage of exhibitions and activities run throughout each year at the NGV in Melbourne.

Prue Barridge, treasurer of the Arts Alliance, has led the programme for the last six years along with other members of the Alliance who add to the range of NGV activities with many more. Children had plenty of space to move between painting, printing, collage creations, cutting, drawing and simple sculptures in the Trafalgar Public Hall. There will be more fun in January 2025.

Don't miss the adult Artwork exhibited in the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon where emerging and established Artists display their work in the monthly exhibitions. Coming up in February in the section of the gallery known as 'On the Wall' is 'The Rooster and the Rabbit'. New to the Alliance, Elsa Rabin is exhibiting a range of delightful animal and bird paintings. In the main gallery section long time members, Barb Gogerly and Dot Thorne, have collaborated to present a dynamic and vibrant display of their paintings and mosaic work in 'Change the World'.

A new initiative for the Arts Alliance is 'Catchment', a Literary Journal on the Baw Baw Arts Alliance website. This is a space committed to embracing cultural contrasts in verse from across Gippsland and beyond. Contributions are encouraged from Australian residents.



**Don't miss the February Arts Market in Civic Place, Warragul**

**Saturday, February 17 from 8:30am to 1:00pm**



**Now and Then**

Barb Gogerly & Dot Thorne



**The Rooster and the Rabbit**

Elsa Rabin  
*On The Wall*



Baw Baw Arts Alliance  
Yarragon Railway Station

OPEN Wednesday to Sunday 10:30 am - 4pm  
[www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au](http://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au)

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
to  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**





# YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Richard Polmear

The (hopefully) winning submission for a grant for a synthetic green at Yarragon Bowling club was submitted on the 13th December 2023. We must wait until May 2024 for the result. There has been no indication of how large the pool of funds is but we are expecting that it is small when compared with previous years, making a win less likely. None-the-less we have put our best foot forward and we are in the race.

15<sup>th</sup> December saw our member-only Christmas Function, 48 people attended.

Member Murray Grigg was successful in the monthly sponsors draw with a receipt from Warragul Country Club. His prize was a \$25 voucher for Warragul Country Club – how appropriate!!!

18<sup>th</sup> January saw our only Barefoot Twilight bowls program for the month with 44 patrons. Member Julie Wilson won the monthly sponsors draw with a receipt from Yarragon FoodWorks. Her prize was a \$25 voucher for Warragul Country Club.

An update on our Pennant competition performance so far:

- Saturday Pennant Div4 have played 10 rounds with 6 wins, 3 losses and 1 wash-out to hold 1<sup>st</sup> position on the ladder of 8 teams.
- Saturday Pennant Div6, a team shared with Thorpdale, have also played 10 rounds with 5 wins, 3 losses and 1 wash-out and sit 9<sup>th</sup> on the ladder of 12 teams.
- Tuesday Pennant Div3 have played 10 rounds with 4 wins and 6 losses to hold 9<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder of 10 teams.

We take pride in the fact that we have a family friendly environment. Our Twilight Barefoot Bowls program runs on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month during daylight savings. Future offerings are on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Come and join us for a bowl (no experience needed) a light meal and plenty of opportunity to socialise in a friendly environment. For those wishing to attend please notify the Club (on the Club's mobile) by no later than the Tuesday prior to the day they wish to attend. Only the first 70 patrons will be accommodated. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child.

Our last Bunnings BBQ was Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December where we realised \$1,300 profit.

Our sponsor liaison officer, Denese Reynolds, continues to do a wonderful job. Our sponsor program is designed to provide benefits to both parties, so if you might be interested to contact the club.

During February 2024 all proceeds from the Yarragon Hotel meat & veggie raffle, held on Friday nights, will go to the Yarragon Bowling Club. Tickets on sale from 5-7pm and members draw.

## Our sponsors for the 2023/24 season:

Fowler Street Dental  
 Gift and Glamour  
 Gippsland Food and Wine  
 Gippsland Fresh Wholesale  
 Neilsen Funerals  
 Paul O'Toole Cartage  
 Select Office Supplies  
 The Cheeky Monkey  
 The Shot House  
 Town and Country Gallery  
 Trafalgar Auto Electrics  
 Trafalgar Tyre Service  
 Vin Rowe Farm Machinery  
 Warragul Country Club  
 Westfalia  
 Yarragon Automotive  
 Yarragon Country Style  
 Bakery  
 Yarragon Foodworks  
 Yarragon Lions Club  
 Yarragon Pharmacy  
 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):

Email: [yarragonbowls@gmail.com](mailto:yarragonbowls@gmail.com)  
 Phone (quicker response) 0490 831 283  
 Website <https://yarragon.bowls.com.au>

[YarragonBowlingClub](https://www.facebook.com/YarragonBowlingClub)

## Yarragon Hotel



[www.yarragonhotel.com.au](http://www.yarragonhotel.com.au)

## OPENING HOURS

Every day from 11am

Lunch 12 - 2:30pm

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30pm

Take-away 5 - 8pm

*Bookings appreciated & recommended*

Enquiries | 03 56342202

## WHY IS THERE NO FLOOD MAPPING IN BAW BAW SHIRE?

By Baw Baw Planning Alliance – a committee of the Baw Baw Ratepayers and Citizens Association

- Do you know if your house or business is built on a flood plain?
- How would you find out?
- Why is there no current flood mapping in the Baw Baw Planning Scheme?
- Why has Council ignored advice from the State Government, our Catchment Authorities and its own commissioned studies on updating flood mapping?
- Who will pay to clean up the mess and compensate victims in future flood events for development on known flood plains?

After the recent disastrous floods in Victoria, as a resident or business owner in Baw Baw Shire you'd like to think that your house or business is not built on a flood plain. But how would you find out? The planning scheme should contain flood maps that define the areas within the Shire that are susceptible to flooding of varying intensities and the law has very definite instructions detailing what can and can't go on in those areas – particularly in relation to residential development. The instructions make sense because they are designed to protect life and property.

There are two water authorities operating within and beyond the Baw Baw Shire – the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and Melbourne Water. Both authorities have updated their own flood maps for the region based on a decade of observations leading to scientific and engineering analysis from both private and government sources, including the Shire's own commissioned reports. Both water authorities formally advised the Baw Baw Shire Council in 2021 to apply to have the Baw Baw planning scheme flood maps updated to match. Baw Baw Shire Council unanimously decided, for no apparent reason, not to apply for an amendment to the law in 2022. At present, we have a situation where planning permits have been issued for residential development in areas designated as flood prone by the water authorities but not by the Baw Baw planning scheme which means that any development in those areas is not subject to regulations that apply to flood prone areas because the planning scheme is the law – a case of buyer beware? But how would you know?

Written comments from a senior official in the State Statutory Planning Services Department received by the Shire in November 2022 note that proposed amendment to update the maps:

“sought to protect life and property by identifying land subject to inundation and managing new development

to minimise potential flood damage. I am disappointed with the council's decision of 28 September 2022 to hastily abandon the proposed amendment without referring it and submissions to a planning panel for independent review and advice to inform the council's final decision.”

The letter author goes on to state:

“a planning authority must take into account any significant effects the environment might have on any land use or development. The absence of up-to-date flood mapping and planning controls in the Baw Baw Planning Scheme is a serious concern and does not support the achievement of the objectives of planning in Victoria.”

They add further that:

“Municipal councils have a duty of care in exercising their functions and powers to manage foreseeable hazards and risks, and this responsibility has been recognised by the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal and other jurisdictions.”

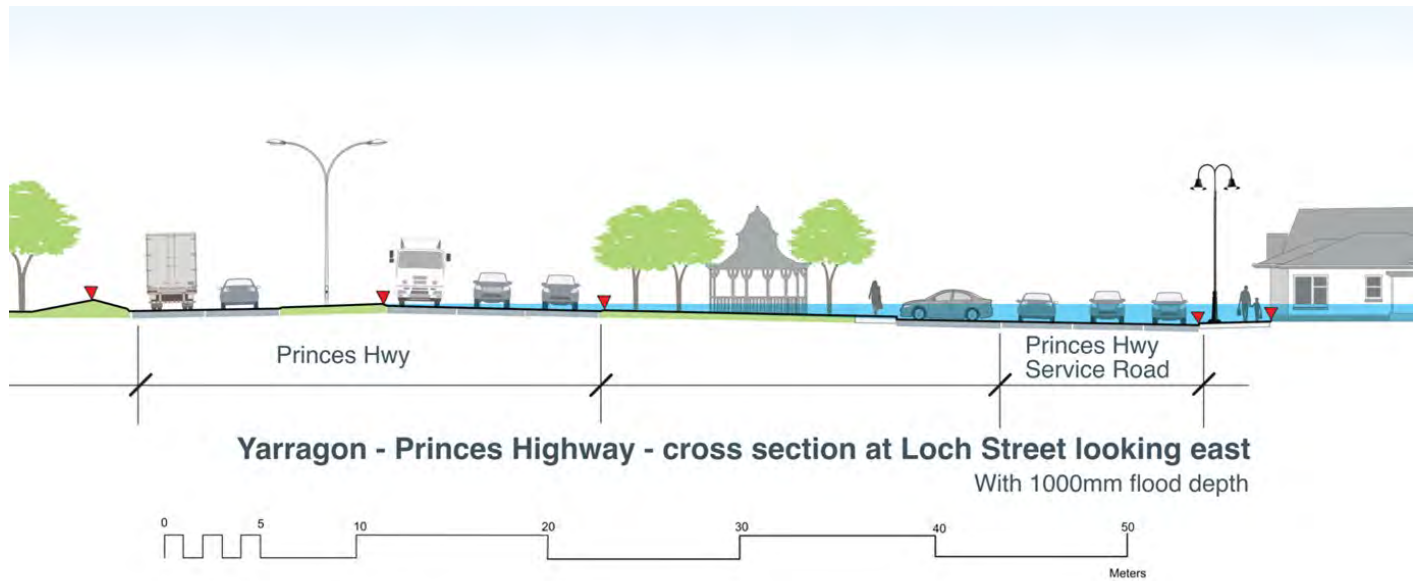
They also requested a meeting with Council as soon as possible. It is not known if this meeting has occurred. Given how costly the clean-up of flooded town and regions has been for individuals, local governments and the State, it is problematic that Baw Baw Shire Council continues bury its head in the sand in this apparent dereliction of duty. If this is not addressed, we all will pay for Council's inaction through higher insurance premiums, even those who do not live on flood affected land.

Council should seek legal opinion on Council's risk and liabilities for its failure to do anything about the 2013 “Yarragon Flood Modelling & Drainage Strategy” and the abandonment of the Amendment 144. Without this what potential costs could “we” as the citizens of the Shire face?



This is a simple section prepared showing the impact of flooding in one part of the Princes Highway Service Road

in Yarragon which is not shown on any current documents in the Baw Baw Planning Scheme:



Contact: Inge Mitchell mobile: 0411 453 175

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

By Helen Langres – Convener



For your Diary.... 2024

Come and join in the worldwide ecumenical event that begins in Fiji and New Zealand and travels with the sun to over **170 countries** across the world and in over 88 different languages.

**World Day of Prayer** theme this year is

“I beg you...bear with one another in love.”

The service this year has been written by Palestinian Christian women.

They call us to be united in treating all with justice and love.

The World Day of Prayer motto is  
“Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action”

**Friday March 1st,**  
**Uniting Church,**  
**Campbell Street, Yarragon.**  
**Service at 10:30 am.**

## ELECTRIC CHURCH!

By Peter Kingwell

The new Public Use Electric Vehicle charging station has been installed at the Yarragon Uniting Church. This is an AGL initiative in partnership with the Gippsland Climate Change Network and hosted by the Yarragon Uniting Church. The EV charger is available via the Chargefox network so users need to download and register on the App. This should be a real benefit for tourists and locals alike. Just a brief reminder to keep the parking spot in front of the Church clear so EV vehicles can be charged.



**CHARGEFOX**

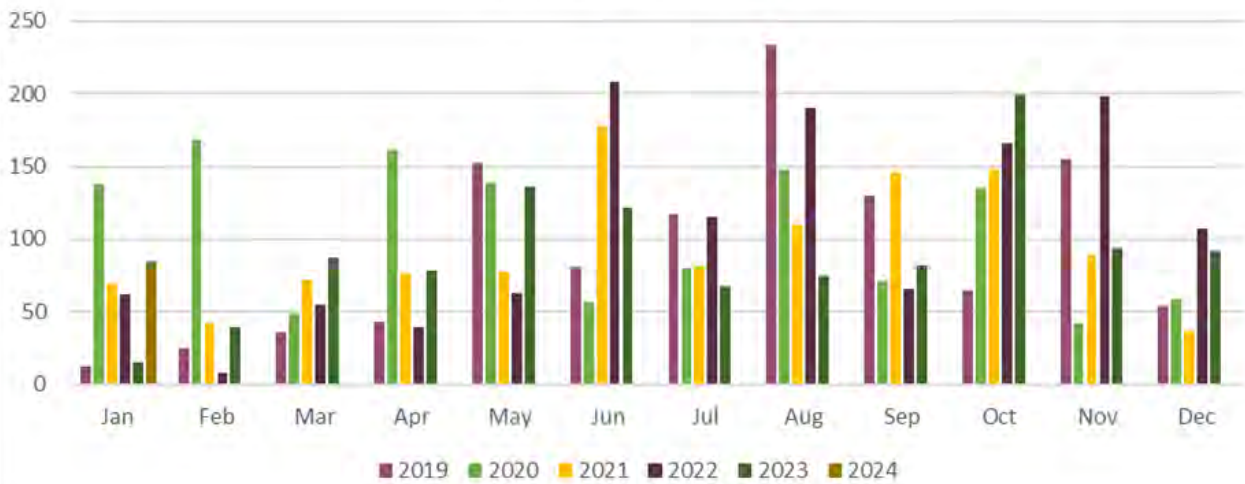


# DEBBIE ART

By Debbie



Rainfall 2019 - 2024



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 Jan total	Total
2019	12	25	36	43	152	81	117	234	130	65	155	54	1050	1104
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	1188	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	1089	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	1170	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	112	54	75	82	199	69	92	969	1086
2024	85												85	85

# 2024 YARRAGON AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

By Judy Lackman

After thunderstorms and 10 mm of rain the day before, there were some anxious moments as plans for the Australia Day breakfast at the Market Street park potentially needed to be changed. Fortunately, we woke to a cool, but windy morning and the community groups came together to run the event.

Despite the cooler weather, the breakfast was well attended by more than 150 people. The Yarragon Lions Club were kept busy on the BBQ cooking the hot food, ensuring everyone was well fed with an egg and bacon sandwich or sausage. Hot and cold drinks, and yoghurt were also provided. The flag raising ceremony was performed by two of Yarragon Fire Brigade's longest serving members, John Moyes, a life member with 35 years of service, and Michael O'Toole a member for 25 years.

Commander Emma Conway, the Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer for District 9, was the guest speaker for the morning. Prior to her years with the CFA, Emma spent 12 years in the navy, including overseas appointments in the Middle East. Throughout all of her experience, Emma emphasised the importance of being part of, and building strong community ties, which is something that she has found in Yarragon.

The morning was supported with funding from the Baw Baw Shire, and is a good example of how three volunteer community groups can come together to make such an event a success.

The Yarragon District Community Association organised the morning with the support of the Yarragon Lions Club and Yarragon Fire Brigade. The Yarragon Fire brigade were kept busy as the younger children eagerly lined up to test their skills on the fire hose pushing "Squirty" the mini fire truck.



Up goes the flag.

Commander Emma Conway



Above: A good turnout despite the weather.

Right: "Squirty" the mini fire truck (This is the cutest CFA kids thing I have ever seen—CF)



# COUNCIL News.

## Community grants opening soon.

Baw Baw Shire's Community Grants Program provides not-for-profit community groups and organisations with funding to deliver much needed projects, programs, events, minor capital works and with the opportunity to purchase equipment.

Applications for the latest round of grants will open on Monday 5 February and close at midday on Friday 23 February.

To submit an application, community groups must first make an appointment with Council's Grants team – these can be made any time from now. Simply phone Council on 1300 229 229 or email [grants@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au) to secure a time.

During these appointments Council officers will assist with the development of your application.

Last year's grants program saw more than \$140,000 delivered through round one, and the program has provided over \$300,000 in total funding over the past two years.

To find out more visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunityGrants](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunityGrants) or phone Council today.



## ARE YOU AND YOUR PROPERTY FIRE READY?

Now that the warmer months are upon us, it's important to ensure that your property is protected against fire.

Reducing fuel loads, clearing your property of any debris and leaves, and keeping your

grass cut are all simple actions you can take that make a big difference.

Baw Baw Shire residents are urged to download the VicEmergency app, which is the best source of truth during

any natural emergency. There is also a dedicated Facebook page for Gippsland specific updates.

Visit [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au) for more information.



## WHAT'S ON IN BAW BAW?

### VISIT US AT FARM WORLD NEXT MONTH!

Head along to Farm World in March and catch up with Council staff.

Staff from Baw Baw Shire Council will be at Farm World next month, which will run from 22 – 24 March.

Farm World, which is held at one of Baw Baw's premier

destinations, Lardner Park, is one of Victoria's biggest regional agricultural shows.

Make sure you head over to Council's stand to chat with officers, share your thoughts and feedback with us and find out what's happening in the Shire this year.

### ARTS CENTRE OPEN DAY.

The West Gippsland Arts Centre will host its second open day with free activities and events for everyone.

Head along on Friday 9 February between 3.00pm and 9.00pm for live entertainment, art workshops and backstage tours.

No need to book, just turn up and take a tour of Warragul's premier arts destination.

Visit [www.wgac.com.au](http://www.wgac.com.au) to learn more about the Arts Centre.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.

Improve your knowledge on youth mental health and become a trusted source of support for those around you.

Presented by Baw Baw Live4Life and supported by Council, their two-day Youth Mental Health First Aid training course will

teach you more about the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in adolescents, how to best help, and the treatments and supports available.

These courses will run throughout the year. Scan the QR code for more dates

or to purchase tickets to an upcoming session for just \$22.50.

**When:** Thu 8 – Fri 9 February

**Time:** 9.00am – 5.00pm

**Where:** The Goods Shed, Albert St, Warragul



Scan the QR for more information.

**W** [bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](http://bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)

**E** [bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)

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