



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 403 JUNE 2023

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IS IT TIME FOR YARRAGON TO HAVE IT'S OWN BINGO GAME?



Grace is pretty sure she's not the only Yarragon resident travelling out of town to play Bingo.

If you'd be interested in joining her to explore what it would take to get regular games happening in Yarragon, phone her on 0414 326 603.

BOOK FAIR SAYS THANK YOU to FOZZIE'S



Throughout the past twelve months Michael Fozard and the wonderful staff at Fozigobble Café have very generously offered their support for the Yarragon Book Fair by acting as a collection point for small (and sometimes not so small) donations of books.

This is especially generous given they are running a busy commercial operation.

On Thursday 11th of May, First Lieutenant of Yarragon Fire Brigade, Melinda Kemp, presented Michael and some of his team with a Certificate of Recognition from the volunteer firefighters of Yarragon for their contribution to the success of this years Book Fair.

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR *It is the season of change and renewal.*

The Cricket Club is having their AGM on Sunday 4 June, Yarragon Business Association is having their AGM on Monday 5 June, and Yarragon & District Community Association could soon be renewed by a new executive on July 18.

Michael has sold Fozigobble, so this is a

good time to say thankyou, Michael, for being so invested in the success of community groups in Yarragon. What will come next at No 79? We watch with interest.

And the editor of this small newsletter, buffeted by sadness and illness and unreliable internet, needs to step away from deadlines for a while.

Even groups that are travelling very

well, like the Good Friday Appeal organisers, and our fire brigade, and our Lions Club, are keen to see new faces.

There are many opportunities in Yarragon for residents who want to play an active role in the health of our community. The community we live in can only be as good as it's residents are willing to make it. Do you have time and skills and ideas to offer?

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(aka grumpy old woman!)


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**DEADLINE for
July 2023 edition
26 June
12 noon**

WHAT BIRD IS THAT ON MY LAWN?

By Margaret Young



I call them Fire Tails, but they are officially Diamond Fire Tails.

They are described as being a robust little bird with a pale grey head and a pale brownish back.

Males have a red beak, a black chest band and white spotted flanks. Females' breast bands and spots are paler. They both have distinctive red and black tails.

I usually see them on my front lawn at the same time the blue wrens are visiting, but they have only just appeared in the back yard where the gravel area is becoming mostly grass now the wet weather has arrived.

I think they preferred the front garden when there were clumps of nandina bamboo that provided shelter and a refuge from predators, but the bush rats chewed through their roots and killed them. I have planted bushy native shrubs as replacements, but they have a bit more growing to do.

These Fire Tails hop about energetically as they feed on the ground and lawns looking for seeds and insects.

If they are disturbed they take off to the nearest tree or shrub with an erratic bouncy flight while emitting high pitched squeaks.

They live in open eucalyptus forests and woodlands, grass lands, acacia scrubs, orchards, golf courses, parks and gardens. They build a bulky, well constructed, bottle-shaped nest with an entrance spout about 150mm long, in dense scrub or trees, or higher



up in mistletoe clumps, and even under the platform of a Hawks nest! It is lined with fine grasses, feathers and down.

The female will lay 4-6 white eggs and maybe up to 9!

These Fire Tails can be found inland along the Eastern coast from Queensland right round to South Australia. So watch out for these energetic little birds in your garden.

PS Have you heard of "Friends of Drouin Trees"? As well as publishing small books about Drouin trees, they have published a couple of books about local birds, which are handy for identifying unfamiliar birds that catch your eye. Recently they have added one about Flora, Fauna and Fungi found in our area.

Their website is:
drouintrees.blogspot.com.au

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and able to volunteer
10 or so hours a month,
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or a team of you
could be the next editor/s of the
Yarragon Community
Newsletter.

This 8 or 12 or 16 page newsletter
comes out 11 times a year,
and in its 403 editions
it has only had 5 editors.

**Could you be the sixth?
PLEASE SAY YES!**

Phone the current editor,
Jude Conway,
on 0411 833 219
for more information.

LETTER OF FAREWELL

Thank you to the community of Yarragon for your support over the last 12 years that Fozigobble has operated at 79 Princes Highway.

When Ruth and I first decided to establish a business in the town we had a positive outlook that it would succeed, and it did. The time has been very rewarding and we have made many friends. I do know that some may have a negative feeling towards me but I hope that over time you will understand my stance on certain matters. Life would not be complete without the occasional differences.

No business would be able to progress without the support of good staff. Over the time I have had great people and good experiences that has made my time very rewarding.

Events do occur that can be very challenging and difficult. The loss of Ruth put me into a tail spin and a very dark place. But everyone supported me during this time and allowed me to come out the other side.

Yarragon should be proud of its various community organisations and the work that they have done and their achievements. It is vital that community members continue their participation to ensure that you are heard at all levels in our society. The community is as strong as its "voice", and you should at all times express your thoughts and opinions.

*Again thank you for your friendship and the opportunity to be part of your life.
Michael Fozard*



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BOOKFAIR SAYS THANKYOU TO YARRAGON

By Geoff Conway, Bookfair Coordinator

The 2023 Yarragon Book Fair was held on the first weekend in May.

By the end of Saturday afternoon over 1400 people had passed through the door and many thousands of books had headed off to new homes.

For the organising team it was an intense but hugely rewarding weekend; the culmination of a full twelve months of work collecting and sorting books, promoting and setting up for the event.

The Yarragon Fire Brigade and the Yarragon Primary School Parents Club are deeply appreciative of the many people from our district that generously supported Book Fair either through donations, helping to run the event or through the many other tasks needed.

We are very appreciative of

the local businesses who assist with promotion, the hall committee who are the most diligent of hosts, the Trafalgar Community Bank who help with many aspects of the program, and the community members who simply walk in off the street during the week we are setting up to lend a hand.


As this edition of the Yarragon News goes to print, we are still finalising the bills so we don't have a final figure. We will share that with you next month.

We can confirm that the gross takings for the weekend were in excess of \$20,000. In this post pandemic world where cost of living and traveling is a big deal for many, this is a great result.

What is most pleasing for the organisers was the tone of the event. Throughout the

weekend we spent time with a broad range of people from across south east Victoria, all brought to our community through their love of books and reading. We received many observations about how they enjoy our Book Fair. The reasons they give are many, but overwhelmingly they comment on how friendly our town, community and event are. This is the most generous of compliments.

So now we begin the task of preparing for 2024. Collection of books begins this month and we have many wonderful donors lining up with boxes and bag of books. We continue to be amazed by the generosity of our community and their desire to support our volunteer firefighters and the children of the district.



YBA
Yarragon Business Association Inc

**Notice of AGM
& General Meeting**

Date: Monday 5th June 2023

Time: 5.30pm: Meet & Greet
6.00pm: AGM
6.15pm: General meeting with social to follow

Venue: Uniting Church Hall
7 Campbell St, Yarragon

All Yarragon & district business owners welcome
Enquires/RSVP: yba3823@gmail.com

ISSUES TO CONSIDER WHEN

By Roy Lindsay



Underground pipes and open table drains need to be fit for purpose, and adequately maintained.

STORMWATER DRAINAGE

Following information gathered during the recent Planning Panel hearing on the proposed Waterloo 3823 development on either side of Yarragon-Leongatha Rd, doubts were raised in regard to Yarragon's entire stormwater drainage capacity.

The dispersal of stormwater from Yarragon township depends on a very limited number of crossing points under the railway line and highway, and this has been the case for many years.

A council report from 2013 included 12 major recommendations needed to cope with the increased stormwater requirement expected to result from opening new housing developments, but as far as can be easily established, only one of those recommendations has been carried out to date—the retarding basin between Rollo Street and Yarragon-Leongatha Road.

It is estimated that since that 2013 report, approximately 220 houses and a new primary school have been built.

It is not simply the additional residences which cause increased stormwater volume and flow rate, but the amount of impervious material; roofs, driveways, road surfaces, footpaths, school playgrounds, tidy lawn vs rough paddocks, etc, which cause an increased and faster runoff versus a paddock simply soaking up rainwater and/or flooding. In technical terms, the coefficient used to calculate drainage requirements in an area (fraction impervious) varies from 10% for open paddock up to 60% for developed land, meaning, in layman terms, the stormwater drainage requirement for developed land is at least 6

times that of open paddock (where flooding is normally less damaging anyway.)

In Yarragon's case, this additional drainage requirement was added to an already flood-prone area severely criticised in the 2013 report as being inadequate.

A budget submission has been made requesting - Short term budget/LTIP [Long term Infrastructure Plan] requirements ASAP

- Immediate inspection and urgent rectification of blocked open drains on the northern side of the railway line as far as Moe River/contour drain.
- A review of the 2013 recommendations and a plan to complete within a reasonable timeframe.
- Plan and design improved drainage plans and consider what can be done in conjunction with the timing of new works by the Waterloo 3823 developer.

Medium-term requirements (1-5 years)

- Council to re-run flood modelling with updated information to establish current standing. It is sincerely hoped that such modelling will produce a less dramatic image than that attached to the 2013 report. That image showed the outcome of inaction on the 2013 mitigation recommendations, town expansion including Waterloo 3823 and the Potential Residential Area alongside Hazeldean Rd, in 'probable maximum flood' conditions. It indicated possible inundation to a depth of 500+mm across approximately 40% of the township, including the main tourist strip!

WE LIVE ON A FLOOD PLAIN

- Commence planning and design of western end Potential Residential Area, ensuring council's strategic planners consider the 2013 recommendations to apply appropriate "special building overlays across the catchment to manage future development and to reduce the flood risk for new buildings." (quote from 2013 report)
- Consider installing larger-sized and/or additional culverts under highway and railway line.
- In conjunction with relevant third parties—VicTrack, RRV [regional Roads Victoria], WGCMA [West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority]—ensure stormwater drainage is sufficient to Moe River and/or Contour Drain

Long-term requirements (5+ years)

- Plan what stormwater drainage requirements will be needed as Yarragon's residential area expands further—towards the south as far as McIntyre's Rd, east to Gordon Rd, west to Robert's Rd. Similarly, proposed increased industrial offerings on the northern side of the highway will require additional, more complex, drainage.

We note with interest the LTIP suggestion for a shire-wide Drainage Strategy under consideration for 2026/2027, but firmly believe Yarragon cannot safely wait until then.

YARRAGON PARKING REPORT

At the Council Meeting on May 24, councillors unanimously accepted the Yarragon CBD Parking Study compiled in March 2023. The main

recommendations were:

- Increased parking enforcement, as well as develop new initiatives and community education to ensure best parking practices.
- Convert unrestricted parking spaces on Princes Highway service road to time-restricted spaces.
- Convert 4 unrestricted parking spaces on Loch Street to long vehicle parking spaces:
- Convert unrestricted parking spaces in Loch Street carpark and Hann's Lane northwest carpark to 2 hour parking.
- Reconstruction of Campbell St and keep all on street parking to 1 hour
- Construction of angle parking on the south side of Hann's Lane near Rollo St
- Rectify all signage deficiencies
- Improve parking wayfinding signage

It should be noted that East Ward Councillors shared our concern at the recommendation to "increase parking enforcement".

The major improvement will be the eventual introduction of a number of new parking spaces as part of the former school site works, but other than that, additional new spaces within our CBD are impractical.

It has already been established that converting parallel parking to angle parking on the northern side of the Princes Highway service road between Campbell Street and Rollo Street would entail major works, and cost in the region of \$50,000 per parking spot, and the only other remaining option within the CBD would be to asphalt the skate park!

All residents experience frustration at being unable to park easily during certain periods on certain days, but the reality is that few of us—and certainly very few tourists, would be willing to park on the northern side of the highway, so attempting to have VicTrack improve their area to allow reasonable parking would be futile at this stage.

The full report can be accessed through Council's website - <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/get-Involved/have-Your-Say/Drouin-Yarragon-and-Trafalgar-Parking-Studies>



Photos of our main street after a heavy thunderstorm on Feb 14, 2020



LOOKING GOOD ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FENCE

By Richard Polmear



On Saturday 29th April 2023, the exterior of the Yarragon Bowling Club Clubrooms, facing the Princes Highway, were adorned with 3 murals depicting bowlers in action.

The work was prepared by artist Elisabeth DeKoke from Millicent in South Australia, and nicely matches her work contained within the Bowling Club grounds. All of this work has been conducted pro-bono, so the bowling club is greatly appreciative and indebted to Elisabeth for her time, energy and talent.

Our members Peter and Alison Petschel drove the blank canvasses to South Australia, then returned to pick up the finished product and then install them. Thanks to Peter and Alison for making this possible. Note: artist Elisabeth DeKoke is sister to Alison Petschel.

The photo above shows the new murals installed on the south face of the Bowling Clubroom.

Last month we advised the focus of the off-season would be to continue advancing our projects to get a synthetic green and reduce our environmental impact, including:

- a large water tank to reduce water used on site as part of the synthetic green project,

- moving to all electric appliances to make full use of our 13kW of installed solar, and
- investigating the possibility of installing a battery.

There is also a lot of physical work required to get the green into the best possible shape for next season. More on that next month.

Following our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May our Executive has remained unchanged, although we have several new Board Members, welcoming Glenda Beagley, Rhett Galley, Jarrod Grigg and Kel Jarvis.

The Club and Executive would like to thank outgoing Board members Kaye McLaren, Peter Petschel, Murray Grigg and especially Trevor Griffin, a past President and our Sponsor Liaison for the past 2 years. Trevor will be replaced in the all-important sponsor liaison role by Denese Reynolds, a new member, so expect to see Denese around and visiting our current and prospective sponsors.

Our facilities are available for hire with limited catering available. If you are a sponsor then you get discounted hire rates, including zero hire cost for gold sponsors.

Our sponsors for the 2022/23 season were:

- Yarragon Pharmacy,
- The Shot House,
- Fitzgerald Concreting,
- Baw Baw Real Estate,
- Yarragon Lions Club,
- Yarragon Automotive,
- Yarragon Country Style Bakery,
- Fowler Street Dental,
- Captain Zap Electrical,
- Paul O'Toole Cartage,
- Neilson Funerals,
- Yarragon Foodworks,
- Trafalgar Auto Electrics,
- 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:

Email
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Phone (quicker response)
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ARTISTS SUPPORT ARTISTS

By Carol Monson



The Baw Baw Arts Alliance is a not for profit collective of artists who not only display their work in the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon and frequently work together, but make it possible for the Alliance to support other Arts related organisations such as the Warragul Camera Club.

Anita George, president of the Alliance, recently presented Pam Rixon of Doncaster, with the Baw Baw Arts Alliance sponsored award. The award was for winner of the 'Open Monochrome Prints' section of the 50th Anniversary of the Warragul National Photographic Exhibition held at the West Gippsland Arts Centre. [See photo, above]

Coming up in June is an exhibition of Wendy Twyerould's detailed Australian Landscapes hanging in the main gallery space at 'The Station Gallery', Yarragon.

In her exhibition titled 'Shades of Green', Wendy takes her artist's eye to focus on miniscule aspects of land and seascapes, from delicate fern fronds to gently floating lilies, from shaggy eucalyptus bark to Knife-like icebergs. All these are executed in richly textured oil paints.

In the section of the gallery called 'The Wall' Heather Easdown is displaying her intricately woven

macrame hangings.

While many might remember the macrame work of the seventies when people scoured beaches for driftwood, Heather takes inspiration from the Australian bush, searching for a particular branch, which she then cleans and sands to suit an original design.

Take time to enjoy all that the 'Station Gallery Shop' has to offer alongside all exhibitions; for example, the range of individually crafted wooden boxes by Bruce Wearne provides a balance to larger works of art hanging on the walls.

View much more than paintings in this shop because mixed media sculptural works frequently take pride of place alongside locally made ceramic and glass works.

Looking for a specific art activity so that you can develop your skills? See the extensive range of regular drop in groups on the website. Many of the exhibitions in the 'The Station Gallery' are the work of members of these groups.

For more information see <https://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au>



MAKING PROGRESS

By Richard Polmear,
YDCA Secretary

This month the focus has been on opportunities in Yarragon.

Baw Baw Shire Council is about to undertake drain maintenance to reduce the incidence and severity of potential flooding in Yarragon. A budget submission has been made for further drainage works. This is considered a good start to the drainage matters raised during the Independent Panel hearings on Amendment C145 (proposed development to the east of Rollo Street), but this needs not to be the end of the matter.

Council has been questioned about the decision to reject Amendment C144 covering inundation overlays. This has left a significant vacuum in this space and has potentially significant ramifications for developments approved until new overlays can be prepared and put in place.

The officer controlling the Rollo Park development (former School site) is due to return from leave in mid-May and we hope to see the project advance with detailed plans being developed followed by more work.

YDCA Members who have utilised the "meet the Mayor on Monday's" reported having received a very good hearing from Mayor, Annemarie McCabe. This is a great initiative for concerned citizens to utilise and the Mayor is to be congratulated on the initiative and her commitment on following through.

Repairs to the walking track between Leongatha Road and Loch Street have been underway with clearing of access and recently a delivery of the wrong sand (washed sand) for the resurfacing. This mistake was picked up by the project officer and a number of members of the community who reported it BBSC. To the credit of the project officer he moved very quickly to get the matter rectified and was very diligent in keeping those people who reported the error up to date on rectification steps.

As reported over the last 2 editions of the Yarragon Newsletter, there is good and useful future work for the YDCA to undertake, but we need 1 or 2 people to take on executive roles to remain open for business beyond July. If you are community minded and looking to assist your local community to move forward in a positive manner then please consider coming to our next meeting and speaking with our current President, Peter Kingwill, Secretary, Richard Polmear or Treasurer, Jen Lowe.

The next meeting of the YDCA will be held at the Fire Brigade building, Murray St, Yarragon on Tuesday 20 June 2023 commencing at 7pm. Our AGM will be held 18 July.



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

During June in the main exhibition space in 'The Station Gallery', Princes Highway, Yarragon, 'Shades of Green' from Painter Wendy Twyerould and 'On The Wall', 'Branching Out', a display of intricate macrame works from Heather Easdown.

'The Station Gallery' open from 10.30 am to 3.00pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

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

For more see www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au

Community of Yarragon Good Friday Appeal

By Lisa Harvey, Bree Wright & Maddison Griffin



AN INCREDIBLE \$55,687.68 RAISED IN 2023!

We are very proud to announce that The Community of Yarragon raised a record breaking **\$55,687.68** for the 2023 Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal!

Coming in 13th place on the regional tally board! What an amazing effort for our small town.

The Community of Yarragon have raised **\$280,892.17** for The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal since starting back in 2015!



EASTER EGG HUNT

The very popular annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Good Friday at the Market Street Park in Yarragon.

120 children hunted for treasures and were rewarded with a bag of Easter Eggs upon completion.

The children enjoyed hunting for treasures, meeting Easter Bunny and eating their Easter Eggs.

\$1500 was raised at the event and whole lot of fun was had.

We had a "Guess the Easter Eggs in the Jar" competition and the winner was Raelene Galley with a guess of 149.

DOOR KNOCKING COLLECTIONS

Thank you to our amazing volunteers that headed out for door knocking collections around Yarragon. We really appreciate your help. We would also like to thank everybody who donated, raising \$2,633.15!



YARRAGON ALE HOUSE

Damo, Keltie and the team at The Yarragon Ale House put in a huge effort holding a fundraising weekend for the Good Friday Appeal, raising an incredible \$5910. They had a sold out trivia night, family fun day, easter bunny appearance, sausage sizzle, live music, silent auctions and karma kegs generously donated by themselves & other local breweries. Thank you for all of your hard work and to all who supported this amazing event.

Special mentions to: Yarragon Lions Club (\$3000), Yarragon Rural Supplies (\$1160), Warragul Community Mens Shed Inc (\$2000), Yarragon Primary School (\$358.50), Trafalgar IGA Colouring Competition (\$400), Kathleen Rose Glass Studio (\$200), Can't Say Coffee Window (\$200) & Full Steam Ahead (\$380) for holding their own fundraisers or making donations towards our tally. Thank you!

MONSTER RAFFLE

The MONSTER RAFFLE was drawn at the **Yarragon Hotel** on Good Friday 7th of April. It was a fantastic event with live music, karma keg, easter egg shots, live auctions (special thanks to our very entertaining auctioneer Paul Altamore), lucky numbers and the Monster Raffle live draw. The Yarragon Hotel ran fundraisers throughout the year as well as on Good Friday raising an amazing \$3864.00 towards our tally.

Our major raffle sponsor was **Yarragon Lions Club – Lions on Mane Op-Shop** who very generously donated the major prize valued at \$2000.00. Many other prizes were kindly donated by local businesses.

Thank you to the Yarragon Hotel for hosting us and to everyone who donated raffle prizes, sold raffle books for us, purchased raffle tickets, attended the event and helped us write out the thousands of tickets purchased in the 48 hours before the draw. Yes, thousands! It was a huge success!

We sold a whopping 10,000 tickets and raised \$20,000 in ticket sales.

We are very happy to say our major prize (\$2000 of vouchers of the winner's choice) was won by Dorothy Wormsley (pictured). Congratulations Dorothy, we are sure you will enjoy your prize!



BAW BAW RUNNERS

Sally, Corey and the team behind the Baw Baw Runners raised a whopping \$5,603.38 through their annual Good Friday Run. They did an incredible job putting on this event with 5 runs, multiple sponsors, branded merchandise, prizes, auctions, kids activities, coffee van, food stalls and more. The time and effort they put in each year is mind blowing and we are so grateful. Thank you to all of the sponsors, stall holders, volunteers, runners and especially Sally and Corey.

What's next for us? We have already started discussing our 2024 fundraising campaign.

If you have an idea and would like to jump on board, we would love to hear from you!

- We are always accepting donations for our online auctions and monster raffle.
- If you would like to help us by holding your own mini fundraiser, please get in touch.
- Receipts can be provided for monetary donations.

We rely on the generosity of our local community to make these amazing results happen.

We fundraise all year round so please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at any time.



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WHILE WE ARE SLEEPING, OUR SENSE OF SMELL SLEEPS TOO!

By Tegan Brown, Secretary and Community Safety Officer

SMOKE ALARMS ACTUALLY SAVE LIVES

I'm sure you've seen all the CFA TV adverts, signage and brochures on smoke alarms and thought are they really that important? The answer is an unambiguous YES!

Most fatal fires happen while we are sleeping between 8pm and 8am, and 60% of those start in the bedroom or living areas. When we are asleep we lose the ability to smell, so we cannot smell the smoke from a fire and our bodies cannot alert us to wake up and escape the house. That is where smoke alarms come in.

Smoke alarms are your electronic nose.

There are two types of Smoke Alarms;

- Photoelectric which mainly detect visible smoke including large particles present in smouldering type fires.
- Ionisation which mainly detect the presence of extremely small particles of smoke. These particles are usually present in fast-flaming fires.

There are also Dual sensor alarms which have the combined features of both smoke alarms. These will typically perform more consistently across a range of fire conditions.

Where should Smoke Alarms be installed?

- Outside all bedrooms/sleeping areas
- On each storey in a multi-storey home, located in the path that people will use to evacuate
- Ideally inside every bedroom as well (optional)
- NOT in the bathroom or kitchen

What are the benefits of Interconnected Alarms?

It means that when any alarm is activated then all alarms will sound. This is especially useful for larger homes, two storey homes, homes with young children, elderly, deaf/hearing impaired persons or persons with a disability, as other persons in the home can be alerted to assist them

out of the house in a timely manner.

There are specialised smoke alarms for deaf/hearing impaired persons that are linked to a strobe light and a vibrating pad placed on the bed.

What can I do if my smoke alarm operates every time I make toast or have a shower?

Do not remove the battery. A primary reason why smoke alarms do not operate when needed is because batteries have been removed after repeated false alarms. What you should do is:

- Check the type of smoke alarm installed – if it is an ionisation type, consider replacing it with a photoelectric type smoke alarm.
- Consider installing an exhaust fan in the kitchen or bathroom.
- Consider relocating the smoke alarm away from the kitchen or bathroom.

If my Smoke Alarm is connected to mains power why does it also need a battery?

This is back up. When you have a power outage the smoke alarm will run off the battery.

Keep your smoke alarms in working order like any other appliance in your house. Follow these three very simple steps:

- Test it monthly
- Clean it annually and replace the battery if it is a 9 volt replaceable. Newer models have 10 year Life long lithium batteries that don't require replacing
- Replace the whole unit every 10 years

Smoke alarms save lives so keep it simple. Make sure your smoke alarms are working.



**Your smoke alarm
is your electronic nose.**



Fine art - Flowers - Jewellery

Local artists; handcrafted works; Allambee Flower Farm flowers

'Rupert & Rosemary in the vege patch'
acrylic on canvas, 104x79cm by Elisabeth Williams

Town & Country
Gallery
YARRAGON

Ph: 5634 2229

OPEN 7 DAYS 10-5

www.townandcountrygallery.com.au

Business Owners & Managers

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OH&S legislation requires businesses to provide a safe working environment for staff and customers.

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Council News.

Noojee Resilience Art Project

Baw Baw Shire Council is pleased to call for expressions of interest from suitably qualified visual artists or collectives to create integrated public artwork to complement the environment and tell the stories of local resilience and recovery.

The resilience artwork aims to provide three impressive murals for community and visitors.

For more information about the project and to submit an expression of interest, scan the QR code.



Drouin, Yarragon and Trafalgar parking recommendations adopted.

Changes to parking restrictions in Drouin, Yarragon and Trafalgar are on the cards following community consultation and Council's adoption of study recommendations.

The adopted changes to parking conditions will be implemented in stages over the next financial year.

For more information, scan the QR Code or visit bawbawshire.co/ParkingRecommendations



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Farhat Firdous Elected

Following a countback process undertaken by the Victorian Electoral Commission, respected community leader Farhat Firdous has been elected to Baw Baw Shire Council's Central Ward, filling the extraordinary vacancy created by former Councillor Joe Gauci's recent resignation.

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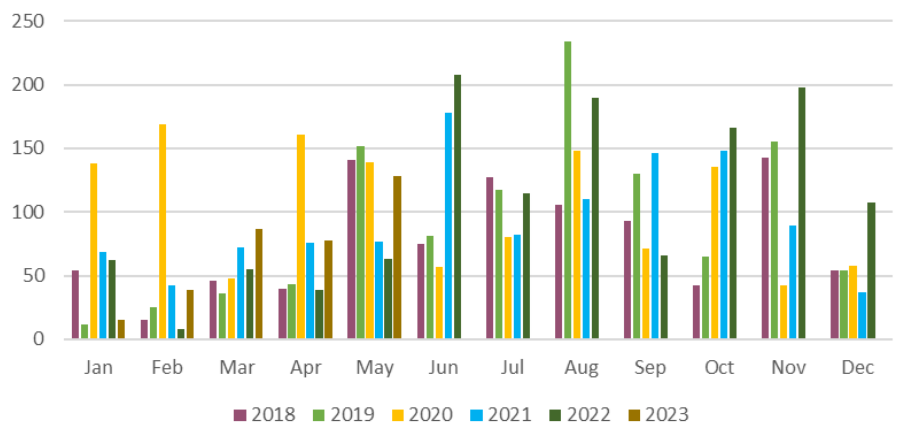
The Rainy Day

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary;
 It rains, and the wind is never weary;
 My thoughts still cling to the mouldering Past;
 But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast,
 And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
 Behind the clouds is the sun still shining;
 Thy fate is the common fate of all,
 Into each life some rain must fall,
 Some days must be dark and dreary.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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	Total to May	Total
2018	54	15	46	40	141	75	127	106	93	42	143	54	296	936
2019	12	25	36	43	152	81	117	234	130	65	155	54	268	1104
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	655	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	336	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	227	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	128								347	

REGULAR & TO DO

MONDAY

MOBILE LIBRARY

2:30–5:30 pm
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 5:30 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
10:30 – 4:00 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.
Thursday / Mosaic group.
Friday / Fibres group

TUESDAY

CRAFT GROUP

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



Join us for craft and laughs.

YDCA



Usually every 3rd Tuesday in
CFA meeting room

Secretary Richard Polmear
0407 347 545

**Next Meeting Tuesday 15 No-
vember.**

Cricket Club AGM
Sunday 4 June

YBA AGM
Monday 5 June [page 3]

Wendy Twyerould's exhibition,
'Shades of Green'
in Station Gallery
All of June [page 7]

Roberts Rd still closed until
bridge replacement completed.

Phone Jude anytime about
becoming the next editor of this
newsletter [page 1 & 3]

SATURDAY

SILK ROAD COMMUNITY MARKET

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



CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

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



WEDNESDAY

GARDENING GROUP

10:00 or 10:30 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 front of
church.

St Jarlath's Catholic Church

Rollo St. 10am Mass on 1st,
3rd & 5th Sundays
Parish Office 5633 1166