



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 414 JUNE 2024

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### YARRAGON REPRESENTED AT WAR MEMORIAL (ACT)

By Debbie Churchill and Christina Flann

Debbie was invited by Roy Robinson to the recent Yarragon Lions Club meeting at St. Jarlath's Hall. He shared his experience of travelling to Canberra to attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the National War Memorial. More than 15000 people attended at first light for the moving ceremony. The crowd was addressed by Vice Admiral David Johnston, AC Vice Chief of the Defence Force.

"Eight decades ago, with the world at war, two young Australians served as far from home as you can imagine, at the top of the northern hemisphere, in Norway. Jack Breed was from Perth in Western Australia and Hugh Kilday was from Yarragon in Victoria.

Both were born to fly. They served with No. 196

Squadron, part of the Royal Air Force's Transport Command. They took part in major airborne operations and flew clandestine missions supporting resistance movements in Europe. Seventy-nine years ago, on a mission to disarm German troops, Flight Lieutenant Jack Breed and his entire crew, including Warrant Officer Hugh Kilday and 14 British paratroopers, were killed when their bomber crashed outside Oslo. They died just two days after the War in Europe came to an end. Some years ago, I walked through the snow and laid a wreath at the graves of these two young men."

At the Lion's dinner, Debbie met Bill Kilday, nephew of Hugh Kilday. Kathryn Kilday Holdsworth, Hugh's niece, sent through the picture of her uncle to the left. She noted that family members have also travelled to Norway twice and hope to return next year for the 80th anniversary of their uncle's tragic death.



The National War Memorial also commemorates another Yarragon resident: Emma Conway. In 2001-2002 in Afghanistan, she was known as Able Seaman Conway and served on board HMAS Kanimbla. The purple bandana she wore, along with her

overalls, are in the War Memorial collection. A mannequin of her has just been created and these items will be on display in 2026.

'Stoker Emma Conway: the engine room, HMAS Kanimbla' by official Australian War Artist Peter Churcher painted in the engine room in 2002 is also in the collection.



# 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 ASSOCIATION

New members welcome  
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murder.

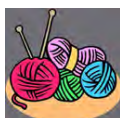
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Oscar

## 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 from May 2021:**

*Was that Greta Thunderberg?*

## 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 CONCERT

3:00pm 2 June  
Duo Kirsanova - Brozgul,  
Violin & Piano



www.yarragonstudio.com.au



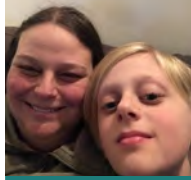
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**DEADLINE for  
July 2024 edition  
21 June  
12 noon**

## WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN MY GARDEN? OR: WHAT I SEE ON MY WALKS

By Margaret Young



Galaha! They haven't actually popped into my garden for a chat, and didn't ever come to my place up the hill, though I did see plenty of them a short way down the road.



Photo Kylee Petersen Pinterest

My enduring memory of galahs is from driving through towns in grain growing areas, where flocks would be on the road outside grain silos busily pecking up all the spilt grain. They would fly off in great grey and pink squawking clouds when the next truck arrived to deliver its load.

They still need big trees with cavities for nesting. Unusually, they line the cavity with fresh green leaves then the female lays 2-5 round white eggs. The chicks stay in the nest for about 49 days, a very long time compared to tiny birds.

Galaha can live up to 40 years and some have been known to get to 70 if the conditions are right, possibly as a pet or in a zoo. Flocks range from 10-1000 individuals (higher end = unhappy grain farmers). In fact, Galah populations are not diminishing due to human activity, but increasing!



Photo Lars H Knudsen Pexels

Galaha make great pets, when purchased from a registered wild life supplier! A young neighbour of mine a long time ago had Ned the Galaha who happily sat on the boy's shoulder as he road his unicycle round the block. Ned also liked apple seeds, but not the black outer coating which he would deftly peel off using his tongue and the pointy end of his beak — a wondrous feat to watch.

Galaha are also called Pink and Grey Cockatoo or Rose-Breasted Cockatoo. [Ed's note: my husband calls them Pink Chickens] They have a silver grey back, pale grey rump, light pink face and breast and a small pink crest that they can fluff up when excited. They are about 35 cm in size, so easy to spot.

So enjoy those big pink and grey clouds when you see them, though I think they might be moving to warmer places than Yarragon at the moment!

Galaha can be found all over Australia except very arid areas though European settlement has allowed them to extend their range as land is cleared for grain crops and permanent watering places are established for stock. Have you seen a flock of thirsty galaha lined up around the sides of a water trough or dam? A gorgeous sight.



Photo Jim Bendon



## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING CHANGES

By Christina Flann

Due to the generous free printing by Viatek in Waragul, we have decided to change our advertising costs starting from the next financial year.

We will offer free advertising for a business card size ad for local Yarragon businesses and will include up to the equivalent space of one A4 page in total for these. We will rotate businesses if we get more submissions than fit in that space.

We will still offer advertising for larger ads to cover our non-printing costs (such as website, CNAV membership, MS Publisher subscription etc.). The adjusted costs from July 2024 will include a \$15 reduction from the previous fees.

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### Examples in this newsletter:

Business Card: Green Esc, Lissy's

1/4 page portrait: All in 1 Storage, Meluca Big Bins (p. 17), BBA (p. 14—variation 16x6cm)

1/4 page Banner: Yarragon Hotel, Yarragon Post Office, Yarragon Rural Supplies, Town and Country Gallery

1/2 page Landscape: Bendigo Bank pp 11&16

Full page: Baw Baw Shire (p. 6), Viatek (p. 20)



Katie Grace

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Photo by Niels Bijl



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[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*

# YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Anna Griffith

Thank you for coming along to support your local Yarragon Craft and Produce Market.

With the cooler weather we will be in the Public Hall in Campbell Street for the next few months.

We have a great range of stalls inside as well as in the court yard and backyard, over 60 stalls in total!

The Yarragon Craft and Produce Market is a volunteer run market with a wonderful history of donating money back into the



Yarragon Community.

In 2023 we made donations to :

- Yarragon Public Hall
- Yarragon Community Newsletter
- Yarragon CFA
- Yarragon Primary School
- Yarragon Early Learning Centre
- Yarragon Cemetery Trust.



## Vale Mr Bill Trewern

*Sadly, this month we have lost one of our founding Stall Holders.*

*Our thoughts go to Sylvia and their family, Bill we will miss you.*

We look forward to seeing many newsletter readers at our next monthly market on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** at 9am.



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## WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

**Oscar:** After 2hrs got Logitech wheel working with Forza!

**Christina:** Getting used to getting up at 6:15am!

**Debbie:** Finally actually moving to Yarragon!

We live in such a beautiful part of the world, please send us your photographs to share....like the lovely picture of dew on spiderwebs by Niels Bijl on the opposite page. Or the dawn shot below that I (Christina) took the other day on the way to work.







# COUNCIL News.

## Popular children's event returning to Arts Centre, this June!

**Back by popular demand, the Paint Baw Baw REaD Early Years Expo will take over the Arts Centre this month.**

Head along to discover some of the child friendly businesses and services on offer within the local area.

This event is a great opportunity to get together with your community and learn more about the range of child, youth and family services available to you. The event will be filled with exciting activities, entertainment, and information, including facepainting, live performances, wildlife entertainment and story time with Frosti the Frog.

Services that parents can expect to learn more about include:

- Playgroups
- Physical activity and education groups
- Creative arts
- Performing arts
- Education and literacy
- Paediatric health services

**See you there!**

**When:** Saturday 15 June, 2024

**Where:** 9.00am – 2.00pm



### FIND OUT IF A CAREER AS A LOCAL COUNCILLOR IS THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU.

Later this year, the Victorian Local Government elections will be held, and in preparation for this, Baw Baw Shire Council will host a series of in-person and online workshops as part of a Pre-Election Candidate Development Program.

Through these sessions, Council aims to prepare community members to stand as candidates in the upcoming election by equipping them with the knowledge,

tools and information they need when considering the role of a councillor.

Four sessions will be held, two online and two in-person at the West Gippsland Arts Centre, covering a range of topics.

To find out more or to register, scan this QR code.



This series will run in addition to three local information sessions being held by the Municipal Association of Victoria, in East Gippsland, South Gippsland and Latrobe. More information on these can be found at: <https://mavevents.cventevents.com/event/SFCInformationSessions>.

## TRAFALGAR RETARDING BASIN NEARS COMPLETION.

Stage one of the Trafalgar Retarding Basin will be complete soon with excavation and embankment work to be finished in July.

Council received \$500,000 in funding through the State Government's Risk and Resilience Grants Program to build a retarding basin on the west of Trafalgar, reducing flood risk for 220 properties. Council has contributed close to \$1.3 million to the project.

This project, which totals nearly \$2 million, is a key part of Baw Baw Shire Council's Trafalgar Flood Modelling and Drainage Strategy and works are being carried out by The Range Trafalgar Pty Ltd.

The Risk and Resilience Grants Program co-funds initiatives that are focused on identifying and mitigating potential natural disaster risks, such as climate change adaptation, designing resilient infrastructure and developing strategies to manage the local and regional risks of natural disasters.

Stage two, which includes competition of the wetland, will be finished once all sub-divisions have been complete.



# COME AND TOOT YOUR HORN (OR OTHER INSTRUMENT OF CHOICE)

By Christina Flann based on media release

Yarragon Studio musician Niels Bijl (below) is teaming up with the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra and the Warragul Municipal Band for a Brass and Woodwind Workshop. It will be similar to the Youth String holiday workshops that Jayne Nielsen from Fiddlesticks has held in the past (and will continue to hold in the future).



Gippsland Symphony Orchestra in collaboration with the Warragul Municipal Band



## Woodwind and Brass Workshop

**Beginner - AMEB grade 3**  
**We will provide instruments!**

8 - 9 July

Cost: \$95 for two day workshop + closing concert

Here's your chance to try out your favourite woodwind or brass instrument, and work on your ensemble skills!

We will provide the opportunity to learn how to play your wind instrument of choice, tutored by local specialists from the GSO and the WMB: Niels Bijl, Beth Morgan (GSO) and Emma Nicholson (WMB).

- For children 7-14 Years
- No experience-Grade 3 AMEB
- Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute
- All brass, PBuzz for beginners
- BYO instrument or let us know and we can provide one for the experience!

Venue - The Bruce Armstrong Bandroom  
88A Smith St Warragul

More info - [nielsbijl@gmail.com](mailto:nielsbijl@gmail.com)  
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# YARRAGON BOOK FAIR ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

By Geoff Conway (title, images and captions by Christina Flann)

This year's Yarragon Book Fair was conducted on the weekend of the 4th and the 5th of May. We were blessed with wonderful weather, a huge crowd of book lovers and an amazing group of volunteers who helped run the event. Over 2000 people went through the doors of the Yarragon Public Hall over the weekend.

The Book Fair has now been running for close on 20 years and we met a number of people who have been coming every year for most of that time. This level of support is very humbling and a great endorsement of the efforts of so many people over that time. People who attend comment on how well organised we are and how smoothly it runs. This is also pleasing but I suspect if they could look behind the scenes they would see just how busy the team is in setting up and running the event.

Proceeds from Book Fair support our volunteer fire fighters and the Yarragon Primary school. This year we will be able to distribute just over \$24,000 dollars to these worthy causes. The Book Fair Team are genuinely pleased to see so many people visit our town, join in the event and the local businesses who have always been so supportive through promotion and encouragement.

The Yarragon Fire Brigade and the Primary School Parents Club wish to especially thank the many members of our community who offer their time and energy to assist in the running of Book Fair. We could not do this without you all. And finally, our heartfelt thanks to the amazing Yarragon Lions Club whose consideration and generous contribution is a source of great encouragement to the organisers.



Left: The calm before the storm (2023) Centre: The storm (2023, chosen because in the centre is Margaret of page 3 bird fame) Right: The aftermath (2024) Next year's Book Fair will be on the 3rd and 4th of May. Only 343 (adjust as appropriate based on when you read this) days to go!!

## GERF: 45TH BIRTHDAY EVENT

Media release

Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is celebrating 45 years of operation and is holding a special event to acknowledge the milestone. President Andy Tegart said "We actually turned 45 in December last year but due to a high level of activity with fire, flood and storm emergencies we had to put our celebration plans on hold. Now we're able to go ahead with a birthday function to recognise the journey and contribution of GERF members and supporters for the last 45 years and the future of GERF in 2024 and beyond"

GERF was set up in 1978 as a result of a fire in Australian Paper plantations which impacted on local residents in the East Gippsland region. The manager at the time felt obligated to make arrangements to provide emergency financial assistance to those families. And so the GERF concept was born.

Since 1978 GERF has distributed in excess of \$20 million to more than 6000 Gippsland residents. Over the 45 years this has been managed by a volunteer committee and every dollar that has been raised by the fund has been distributed to families in their time of need following natural disaster.

The 45th Birthday function was held on 24th May at De Grandis Winery in Traralgon as both a celebration of the achievements of GERF over 45 years and a recognition of the magnificent volunteers who swung into action during flood fire and storm emergencies to provide prompt financial assistance to impacted residents.

[www.gerf.org.au](http://www.gerf.org.au)





# Upcoming events

27  
JUNE

Thursday 7pm

KINDRED SPIRITS &  
REGEN GIPPSLAND

25  
JULY

Thursday 7pm

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## KINDRED SPIRITS

By Amanda McLeod, BBSN



Kindred Spirits Enterprises is a Gippsland based Not-For-Profit organisation which assists and advises other community organisations to create social change. Their unique approach can provide projects with seed funding to help get it on a sustainable footing, develop a funding strategy and advocate on its behalf, or connect the project with other like-minded organisations to help it grow and thrive.

Through partnerships with not-for-profits and other community-based groups, they believe that projects like 'The Little Village Project' and 'Regen Gippsland' will make life better for local people.

Shaun Malia, Kindred Spirits Executive Officer, will join us for what promises to be a thought-provoking discussion. Shaun will be joined by Sarah Tate, Regen Gippsland's Strategy Lead.

The evening will conclude with a discussion and a light supper.

**Thursday 27 June, 7pm**

**Uniting Church Hall, Campbell Street Yarragon**

**For bookings: [www.bbsn.org.au/events](http://www.bbsn.org.au/events)**

## YARRAGON SUCCESSFUL GRANTS FROM COUNCIL

From Media Release

- **Downton Park Recreation Reserve**

\$2,888.47 to go towards their project titled "Glass washer" for purchase and installation of a glass washer for the club rooms at Downton Park Reserve.

- **Yarragon Football Netball Club Inc**

\$5,000 to go towards their project titled "Spectators Supporting local netball" for Grandstand seating.

- **West Gippsland Chorale**

\$400 for "Brahms Requiem and St. Cecilia's Day performance" program printing. [Ed: I'm assuming there is at least one member from Yarragon].

## West Gippsland Chorale

*... for choral music in Gippsland*



# LET'S COOK UP SOME COMPOST!

By Katie Grace of Green Esc



How's your compost pile shaping up? Is it a hotbed for healthy bacteria, or is it looking a little lifeless? Life gets hectic, and sometimes our compost can bear the brunt of our busy schedules, turning into a gloomy, gooey heap. But fear not! Here are some top tips to revive your compost and prep it for spring planting:

## Got a slimy, smelly mess?

Time to bring in the **browns**! Dead leaves, dried grass, hay, untreated sawdust, shredded paper or cardboard - these are all rich in carbon and give your compost bacteria the energy they need to thrive. Keep some handy near your compost bin and toss a layer on top each time you add food scraps.

## If it's dry and dormant, you need more greens

Food scraps, weed clippings (no seeds, please), coffee grounds, small garden waste, manure (don't get fooled by the colour!), and fresh lawn clippings all bring nitrogen to the party, helping bacteria grow proteins. With the right balance (2 parts green to 1 part browns), everything breaks down just right, creating that toasty compost heat we love.



## Don't forget the water!

Just like us, compost bacteria need a balanced diet - and that includes hydration. Once your greens and browns are balanced, adding water keeps the compost party going.



## Aerate, aerate, aerate!

Compost bins are great at holding all the materials together, but they could use a little help getting some **fresh air**. Use a garden fork or compost spiral to fluff it up occasionally. You could also use a perforated pipe in the centre of the pile to let in more air. Give your bacteria buddies some breathing room!

## Sometimes, you just need to let it be

To complete the breakdown process, bacteria need time and space. Once your compost pile is stacked, cover it and let it rest for a few months while starting a new pile.

With a little tending, your compost can bounce back and become the perfect foundation for your spring garden. Happy composting!

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## NEW BUSINESS IN YARRAGON: RAVENS BARBER

By Lex Rhodes

Hey all, I thought I would introduce myself to everyone who may not know me yet. My name is Lex and I am the owner of Ravens Barber. I am a local boy who grew up around the area and love having this opportunity to be able to give back to my community. I am a father of two beautiful little girls which is what I believe helps me with my patience when working with the fussy little dudes. 🤪

I have been in the industry for nearly 5 years now and love doing not only traditional men's cuts and shaves, but also learning new techniques and following the new trends in the ever-changing industry.

I genuinely have a passion for what I do and believe that shows through my work. I look forward to what the future holds for my business and building friendships along the way with all of you. 🙌



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# LION'S CLUB

By Christina Flann



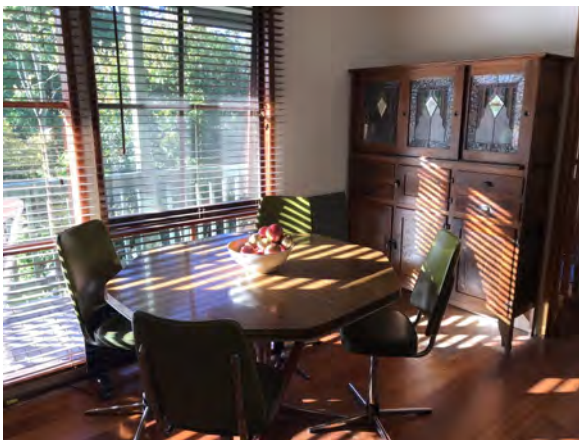
The Butterworths are away so I am filling in for them for this month.

My family love both the Lions Op Shop and the Lions Shed and were lucky enough to drop by on the 25th of May and find all sorts of goodies. My choice was this beautiful tiled garden table with two chairs for the bargain price of \$40.



When we first moved to Yarragon, three years ago now, we furnished quite a lot of our house from the Lions Shed. We collected a lot of chairs for the concerts we were planning to (& now) hold in our lounge room. Niels kept finding more that he liked and the volunteers on the cash box happened to be sitting on one of the set :)

There was a beautiful table with four chairs and we thought we only wanted the chairs, but were convinced that it was a 1970s set that couldn't be split up. Then it wouldn't fit in the car, so the lovely guy with a ute offered to bring it up the hill. An offer we couldn't refuse and the set is now pride of place in our kitchen.



Recently, we were watching Vera on iView and they kept removing the episodes before we finished watching. Niels went down the hill to the trusty Lions op shop and came back with seasons 1-10 on dvd for \$5!

## THIS MONTH IN 1901

From the West Gippsland Gazette  
Found on Trove by Debbie

### YARRAGON.

After a storm comes a calm, and after the excitement of the Royal visit people are beginning to settle down to the ordinary routine of every day life.

The subject of general discourse is the weather, which, since the flood, has been nearly perfect, and what is of as great importance the price of dairy produce is higher now than it has been for years.

Since the flood very little is being done on the Swamp up to the present, beyond constructing a levee on the north side of the drain at the west end. The contractor (Mr. Redwood) is making good progress during the fine weather.

Despite the floods housebuilding still continues on the Swamp, the last addition being a very nice and substantial one for Mr. Cosey, at the top end of the Swamp, showing that with all its drawbacks people have not lost confidence in the future of the fertile settlement.

## CONDOLENCES

By Tini Cook

The Yarragon community extends its deepest sympathies to the family of **David Roberts** aged 76, who passed away on 6 May.

Also to the family of **Johnny Stott**, aged 80, former resident of Yarragon, who passed away on 8 May.



Fine art - Flowers - Jewellery

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# KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE FROM CATCHING FIRE THIS WINTER

By Tegan Brown, Secretary & Community Safety Officer Yarragon Rural Fire Brigade

There are multiple areas within your home that could lead to a fire. It only takes seconds for a small fire to become out of control.

There are thousands of house fires every year and they could all be prevented by following a simple checklist <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home/home-fire-safety-checklist>.

Most fires start in the kitchen when cooking is left unattended, flammable items such as tea towels and curtains too close to the stove top can ignite, or grease and cooking oils that are built up on the stove top can catch fire while cooking which can rapidly spread into the range hood and up the walls. To prevent these types of fires, keep tea towels and other flammable items a safe distance away from the stove top and clean the stove top regularly to avoid grease and oil build up.



Follow these simple steps to keep your home fire safe this winter.

1. Clean out your chimney and flue prior to being used this winter.
2. Clean away any old ashes in your fireplace. Clean these away regularly during winter.
3. If you have a gas heater, dust it off prior to using it for the first time this winter.
4. Turn off any heaters or put out any fires before leaving the house or going to sleep at night.
5. When drying clothing they need to be more than 1 meter away from a heater/fire.
6. The same goes for a portable heater in a bedroom. It must be more than 1 meter away from any furniture or bedding.

7. Do not leave any appliances charging on a bed or couch. i.e., phone, laptop, ipad.
8. Do not ever leave cooking unattended in the kitchen.
9. Check your electric blanket for any kinks in the wiring.
10. Remove the lint from your dryer before and after each use.

## Fire Escape Plans

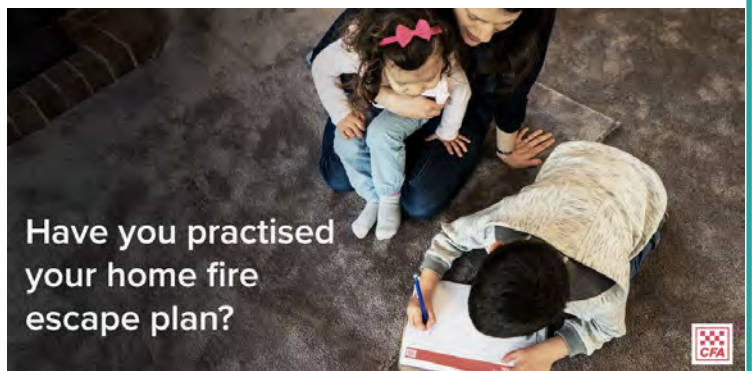
House fires can develop very fast, much quicker than you think. Every home needs to have a plan for escaping a fire in their home. Having a plan in place helps to reduce any anxiety or panic that can arise when a fire happens.

CFA has created a template to help assist families create their own personalized escape plan, it can be found on this page <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home/escape-plans>.

When planning your escape plans it is important to include children in the process. Everybody in the home needs to know:

- The two quickest ways out of every room
- If you have a two storey home how you will exit from upstairs
- A meeting place outside the house i.e., the letterbox or across the road
- How you will call triple 000

It is vital that you reassess your home fire escape plan twice a year. It can be a good idea to do some fire drills and make it into a game by timing everyone. All children should know their address and how to call triple 000.



As you head into Winter the Baw Baw Arts Alliance decided it was time to offer some warmth in their latest collective exhibition in the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon.

'Light and Shade' has been a challenge to which many members of the Alliance have responded through painting, mosaic, print, textiles, photography, clay. The exhibition of works, created with a certain degree of warmth in mind, is sure to provide you with some delightful visual entertainment on a rainy morning or afternoon.



At the same time as 'Light and Shade', new Artist to the 'Station Gallery', Kelly Williamson, is showing a wonderful mix of her exquisitely painted works in oils.



Kelly has her paintings in the section of the gallery called 'On the Wall' which is a fitting venue for her work. The paintings are a meticulous rendering of birds in the wild, their colour enhanced by Kelly's love of light touching a subject. Don't miss these wonderfully coloured images.



Many of the works have been produced by members of the wide range of Art groups that meet regularly in the Trafalgar Artspaces.

[www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au](http://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au)



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The Arts Alliance doesn't just have work showing in its own gallery because many of the members show in places other than Gippsland. However, an interesting relationship has developed between the 'Through Life Physiotherapist' in Brandy Creek Road, Warragul where the Arts Alliance has a changing exhibition every two months. View the textile works of Cheryl Cook during June at the Physiotherapists' rooms.

If are looking for unique, creative gifts make sure you take time in the shops at both 'Station Gallery', Yarragon and the 'Artspace' in the former Trafalgar Railway Station.





# YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Kaye McLaren

It was wonderful to see our members enjoying a fantastic night at the AGM/ Presentation night on Thursday 16th May 2024. Congratulations to our newly elected Board members as well as other members who have volunteered to assist the club in other positions for the 2024/2025 season. Our sincere thanks also goes to our outgoing board members. Special mention goes to **Richard Polmear** who has been secretary of our club for **nine years** in total. We hope you have a wonderful trip and a well earned rest.

### Congratulations to the winners of our club events for 2023/2024 season:

Event	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Single	Richard Chetland	Kevin McLaren
Ladies' Singles	Margi Arnold	Lindsay Wright
Men's Pairs	Kevin Arnold, Richard Polmear	Rhett Galley, Ethan Storer
Ladies' Pairs	Kaye McLaren, Margi Arnold	Pam Jones, Leeanne Evans
B Grade	Rhett Galley	Ethan Storer
Men's 100 Up	Richard Chetland	Dave Swingler
Ladies' 100 Up	Margi Arnold	Glenda Beagley
Mixed Pairs	Kevin and Kaye McLaren	Kelvin and Kaye Jarvis

As mentioned in our last Newsletter we were awaiting the outcome of our application to the State Government for a grant to install a synthetic green. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in obtaining this grant. However, we will keep fundraising and hopefully our vision will be realised sooner rather than later.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We are excited to advise that we will be hosting a couple of social events during our off season. Our first event is a **Trivia night** to be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm. Tables are selling fast: \$15 per person Tables of eight. BYO nibbles. Drinks at bar prices. Book via: [www.trybooking.com/CRLSD](http://www.trybooking.com/CRLSD).

**ACCIDENTAL COUNSELLOR Training** at the Yarragon Bowls Club **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** 9.30am-2.30pm. Free event organised by Baw Baw Shire and Lifeline Gippsland including Morning Tea and Lunch. Enrol by contacting Chantelle on 0436 311 781 or at [Chantelle.Beary@bawbawshire.vic.au](mailto:Chantelle.Beary@bawbawshire.vic.au).

We are running a **Bunnings BBQ** on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Why not pop down say hello and enjoy a delicious snag and support our club at the same time? Thanks to Ross McDermott and his team of dedicated helpers for your continued support in making this event so successful.

Finally, our thanks goes to our sponsor liaison officer, Denese Reynolds, and all of our sponsors for the past season. We appreciate your continued support which goes a long way to ensure the wellbeing of our club which is enjoyed not only by our members but also the Yarragon community.

### Our sponsors for the 2023/24 season:

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- Neilsen Funerals
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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](mailto:yarragonbowls@gmail.com)  
Phone (quicker response) 0490 831 283  
[www.yarragon.bowls.com.au](http://www.yarragon.bowls.com.au)

YarragonBowlingClub



Kevin McLaren has been elected President of the Bowls club for the 2024/2025 season. If you are interested in playing or for any other Bowling Club enquiries, he can be contacted on the club mobile: 0490 831283.

**Left:** Lindsay Wright runner up and Margaret Arnold, Ladies' Champion.

**Right:** Kevin McLaren runner up and Men's Champion Richard Chetland.



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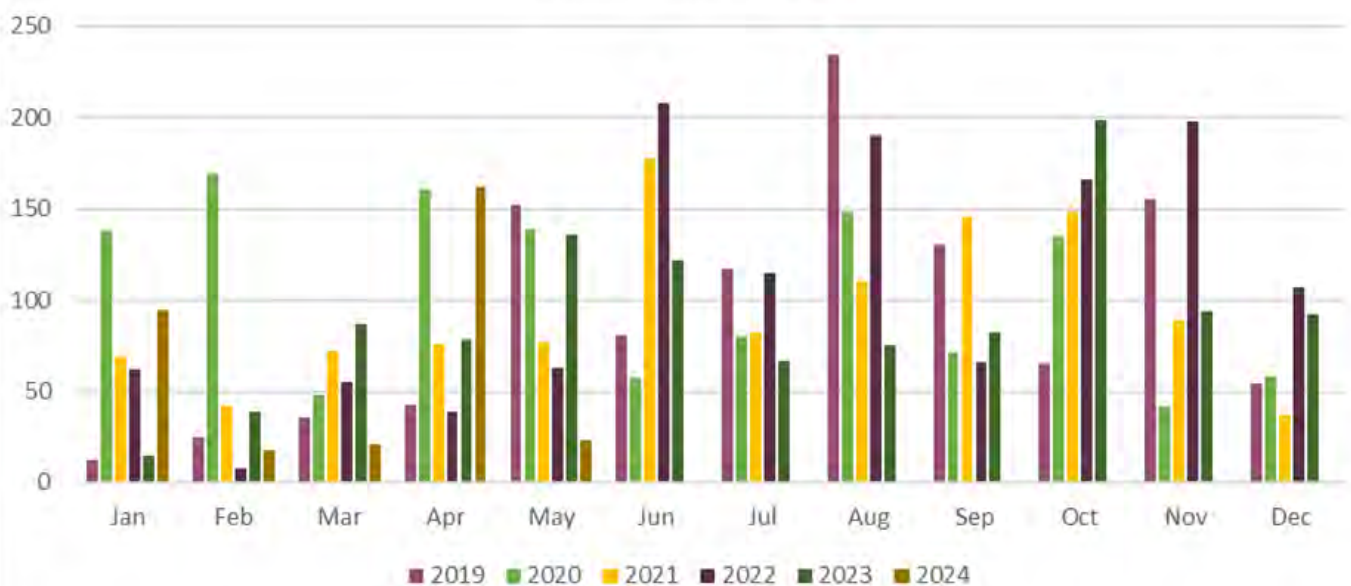
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Rainfall Record for 2024 and the five years prior, as recorded in McIntyre Road, Yarragon.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot to May	Total
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	136	112	54	75	82	199	69	92	355	1086
2024	95	17	21	162	23								319	



# INQUIRY INTO CLIMATE RESILIENCE

From BBSN Newsletter



The Victorian Government's [Inquiry into Climate Resilience](#), will look into the preparedness of communities facing climate disasters across the state.

The Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee will inquire into the main risks facing Victoria's built environment and infrastructure from climate change and the impact these will have on the people of Victoria.

This is an opportunity for communities to share their experiences, stories, concerns, and ideas. People can have their say on the climate impacts they are concerned about and the risks that need to be considered in the adaptation process.

In 2024, communities are already battling intensifying climate impacts, such as bushfires, heatwaves, and floods. Disasters are increasing in frequency, becoming more unpredictable, and communities are experiencing compounding events at the same time.

The Inquiry will focus on the effects of climate impacts on Victoria's 'built environment'.

Friends of the Earth Melbourne have put together a handy [guide](#) to help you prepare a submission.

**Submissions have been extended to Friday 28 June 2024**

# ANGLICAN CHURCH UPDATE

By Revd Dr Dean Spalding

On 30 June 2024, which is a "fifth" Sunday, we meet at 11am for a special service celebrating "Daughters" with lunch after at about 12:30pm at the Yarragon Hotel.

Please let Dean know if you are coming for the lunch on "Daughter's Day" on 0421216825.

("Sons" get a turn too on Sunday 29 September, another "fifth" Sunday, at 11am St Mark's Thorpdale with lunch afterwards at the Traveller's Rest).



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## JUST IN! JUSTIN WINS!

From Warragul & District Junior Football League facebook



Justin Smith was awarded the Buildpro Local Legend of the round judged by the umpires.

Well done to this little superstar today! Justin played both U12s and U14s games

on Saturday 25th May and dominated in both. Keep it up you Champion!

*Above:* Screenshot from an interview with Justin in his Yarragon uniform straight after his two matches.

*Right:* Happy boy wearing and holding his prizes.



## DYNAMIC MOTHER DAUGHTER DUO

By Lilli Sim Yarragon Football Netball Club

Mum Renee & daughter Charlotte Kemp played their first Netball game together in C Grade on 18 May.



We are so lucky to have this family at our Club and absolutely loved watching these two out on the court together, especially when Charlotte had a moment to feed the ball as a mid-courter into her mum at goal shooter.

## 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](mailto:yarrafc@gmail.com) or contact Rod Pollock on 0409 019 525.







The season is a marathon not a sprint, and for the Yarragon Football Netball Club, the season is starting to really heat up. With seven rounds complete, our teams continue to show a different side of their competitiveness and the level of intensity to their brand of Football and Netball that is becoming the talking point around each Club that we have come up against so far in the competition.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 we were in blood territory of the Trafalgar Football Netball Club, for the battle of the Waterloo Cup.

There is healthy respect between the two clubs but who doesn't love a rivalry game, especially one that goes way back to 1888. It was a fierce day to say the least, not just on the football field but over on the netball court as well. Who claimed the bragging rights?

It was 50/50, unfortunately there were no bragging rights in the footy, it came down to the wire for our senior boys, falling short by 17 points. Nonetheless we look forward to our second meeting later in the season. BUT.... It was our A Grade Netballers who really put a name on it! For the first time since 2018, and for the third time in nine years, our girls got to claim the bragging rights in taking home the Waterloo Netball Shield. A huge effort by our A Grade girls, who held their own and kept the lead for the whole game!

## NETBALL VICTORIA EASTERN ZONE ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following players selected to represent Yarragon for the Ellinbank District Netball League Eastern Zone Association Championships to take place on Sunday 2nd June at Sale Netball Association.

Under 13's: Addy Moore, Ava Harvey & Tayla Thompson  
Coached by our very own Under 15's Coach & A Grade player Karina Marcucci

Under 15's: Charlotte Kemp, Mischa Moore & Chloe Smith

Under 17's: Aude Grigglesstone & Gracie Sanders

These girls also competed at the Casey Netball Association Tournament on Sunday 5th May with the Under 13's finishing the day as winners.



We would like to give a shoutout to the girls who trialed but were unsuccessful this time round.

We are so proud of each and every one of you!

## SEASON FIXTURES: JUNE 2024

Round 9: Saturday 1st June v's Catani (Home)

Round 10: Saturday 8th June v's Nilma Darnum (Away)

Round 11: Saturday 15th June v's Lang Lang (Home)

Round 12: Saturday 22nd June v's Poowong (Home)

Round 13: Saturday 29th June v's Neerim South (Away)

## FOOTBALL & NETBALL LADDER POSITIONS ROUND 7

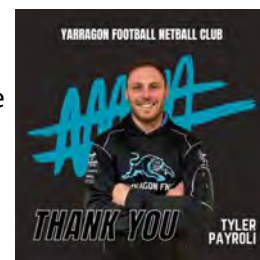
Seniors: 9th, Reserves: 6th, Under 16's: 9th

A Grade: 7th, B Grade: 10th, C Grade: 6th, Under 17's:

5th, Under 15's: 8th, Under 13's: 4th

## THANKS AND FAREWELL

Last week our 2024 Co-Captain Tyler Payroli announced to our senior playing group that he will be retiring from the game that he loves effective immediately. Tyler isn't just a great footballer, he is an all-round great bloke who not only has made a name for himself here at Yarragon but has been a great asset to our Club since joining the Panthers in 2022.



This decision wasn't taken lightly for Tyler to hang up his boots and to us he will always be remembered as the competitive "beast".

The Yarragon Football Netball Club thank Tyler for his contributions to our Club over the last few years. You have left a mark on everyone here at Yarragon and will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. We wish you and Jess all the very best for the future!

## THURSDAY NIGHT MEALS

Our Thursday night meals are a club favourite so of course they are back again in 2024! 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!

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