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TOP-LEVEL BOWLING IN YARRAGON

Written by Richard Polmear

From 24 March to 2 April 2023, the Victorian Bowls Open will be held at various Bowling Clubs across the Latrobe Valley, including YARRAGON.

The event has prize money of \$100,000 and is expected to attract thousands of bowlers, team mates and family from around Victoria, across Australia and internationally.

Yarragon Bowling Club has agreed to take part in this significant event and will host games on Friday 24 March, Sunday 26 March, Tuesday 28 March and Thursday 30 March. Events could include singles, pairs, mixed pairs and triples (we are yet to be advised).

Much work is being done by the Yarragon Bowling Club to make our property as neat and tidy as possible and running the event will further exhaust our band of volunteers.

Members of the public are welcome to come and watch games (at no cost), buy food or drinks and participate in

the raffle. Get along and enjoy watching some good quality bowls. We are located at 4 Shady Creek Road, Yarragon.

If you want to see how easy or difficult the game of bowls is, then come and try our barefoot twilight bowls – see article inside.



COULD YOU BE THE COMMUNITY VOICE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each year School Council elections take place in Term 1.

This provides an opportunity for existing School Council members to nominate to stand again, or new parent, community and teaching members to nominate and join.

School Council positions are for a period of two years, with meetings twice every term.

School Council is the governing school body that oversees all school operations and school improvement direction, goals and targets. It is a respectful, conscientious, and focused group which has students at the centre of every decision made.

Please consider if you would like to nominate to be a member of our

school council. The thinking and discussions during this forum really do impact all students in a positive way.

There is one position for a community representative, and a ballot will be held if we receive more than one nomination.

Nomination forms are available at the school office, and close 4.00pm on Thursday 9th March.



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April 2023 edition
26 March
12 noon



WHEN THEY'RE NOT RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES, OUR FIREFIGHTERS SORT BOOKS. Written by Geoff Conway

It is now 20 years since the first Yarragon Charity Book Fair was conducted in support of Lifeline and other community organisations. The event has evolved significantly over that time and is now one of Victoria's most well-known weekends for book lovers.

The new post-pandemic environment has required some significant changes to how we manage Book Fair, particularly in meeting the guidance provide by health authorities. This has been the main driver for the change of date from mid-winter to autumn. The strong encouragement to all those holding public events is to provide a well ventilated venue. The Book Fair team pondered this conjured a picture of the Yarragon Public hall in July with all the doors and windows open! Not all that appealing. Hence the new date being the first weekend in May; for 2023 that will be the 6th and 7th of May.

One thing we have seen year-in-year -out is a solid and ongoing interest in books and reading. The crowds that come to our book fair represent a complete cross section of the community; all ages and all interests. Fortunately, due to our wonderful donors, we are able to cater for just about any interest. (I must confess that I was stumped a few years back when I was asked about our modern European philosophy section! We were a little thin on stock for that request.)

The Book Fair is primarily a fund raiser for our volunteer firefighters and our school. But there is also a quiet sense of achievement in bring people together to share their passions and interests through books and reading.

We also appreciate the chance to bring benefits for our community. Locals businesses see a boost in custom and we get to show case life in our regional community. Benefits for the fire brigade and the school are clear with the funding of

many items of firefighting equipment and improvements to the facilities for our volunteers at the Yarragon Fire Station, and the school library.

This year we hope to get Book Fair back to where we were in 2019. We are over the worst of the pandemic and our patrons will be familiar with the new date for the event. We have even seen a modest fall in fuel prices. (Fingers crossed.)

As always, we must thank the hundreds of local and district residents who donate books for our Fair. They are generous and consistently supportive of our event.

We are also very grateful to the amazing volunteers who support the running of Book Fair each year. Members of the fire brigade, parents, teachers and students from Yarragon Primary School, and those in the community who offer their time and energy to sort, stack and restack books.

If you would like to join in you are most welcome. If you can spare an hour or a half day (or more) that would be wonderful. (I must warn those who have not been part of setting up for Book Fair in the past and are thinking of coming along this year – it can get a bit raucous and the laughter in the hall can be a bit distracting.)

If you would like to help out, give Geoff a call on 0418 318 900. I am sure we can find something for you to do.



The thrill of the hunt for literary treasures is shared by many, and all money raised goes into the Yarragon community.



BEWARE COMPLACENCY: the summer fire risk is still high.

2023 Summer fire risk is still HIGH so don't become complacent.

Recent Fires

The recent fire that burnt over 1000ha of land in Flowerdale this past week is the prime example of just how easily a fire can start. This fire was not deliberately lit but the conditions involving angle grinder sparks, dry grass, waxy tops of the grass and a windy day turned into a raging fire that took over 4 days to get under control. We are grateful for all of the volunteers that worked tirelessly together to get this fire under control and support the communities affected during this time.

Although our brigade was not involved in fighting this fire, grass and scrub fires are one type of fire that we train every week in preparation for.

Weekly Training

Every week on a Monday night you might see our brigade members in their yellow turnout gear practicing their skills around the town.

- Some of the skills that we practice are; Communicating and working efficiently together as a crew which can involve direct face to face talking, over the radio or using arm signals.
- "Getting water out" = a hose line bowled out and with water going directly onto the fire and/or protecting any adjacent at-risk structures such as a neighbouring house, cars, sheds.

- "Getting water in" = accessing the local hydrants to provide a continued water source to the tanker

As most fire calls involve working with our local brigades, we often have training nights with the Trafalgar Brigade so members from both brigades can become more familiar with the differences on each tanker.

We always welcome new members, come on down to any Monday night training and say hello! 7.30pm 1A Murray Street Yarragon

Our local fire risk

To give you a visual on the risk that we are facing these two images [right] show how much of the grassland and soil in the Gippsland area is becoming progressively drier as we head into the end of summer.

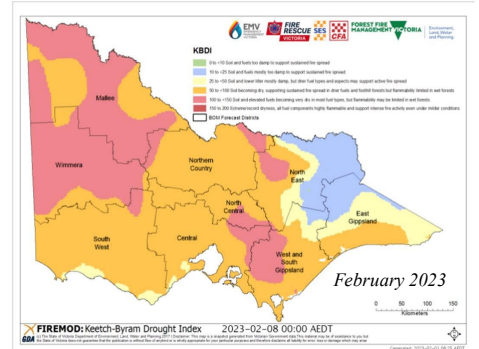
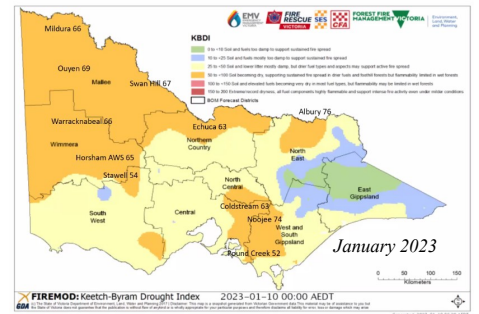
In January we saw majority of the West and South Gippsland area having soil and lower litter being mostly damp but drier fuel types may have been able to support active fire spread (Yellow area). A smaller (orange) area has soil becoming dry enough to support a sustained fire spread in drier fuels and foothill forests.

Now fast forward a few weeks, and we now have the majority of West and South Gippsland in this orange category. We also have a small but growing percentage of soil and elevated fuels becoming very dry in most fuel types. (Pink area)

Fire Danger Period still in effect, know what you can and can't do – check the CFA website.



Using arm signals to communicate with the pump operator.



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WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN MY CHOOK HOUSE?

By Margaret Young

Are they crows ,or are they Australian ravens?

According to my reference books, ravens are mostly in the Southern and Eastern parts of Australia, while the crows are mostly inland or North. They are all in the Corvid family, and you can call them crows or ravens, according to your wishes.

I will tell you a few stories about the Australian ravens that hang about my place just up from Yarragon. In my early years here, Spring was a noisy time in the two huge cypresses on the hill above me. One was the home a large family of ravens and the other had a few Wedge Tailed Eagles living in it. The eagles constantly attacked the ravens and their nests, while the ravens valiantly fought them off. It made for some spectacular aerial fights. *I haven't seen many eagles in the past few years. I will have to write about them in a future article.*

A few years ago there was a hullabaloo going on in the cypresses near the front gate — crows cawing and complaining and flapping about high in the trees . When I went out to investigate a dead homing pigeon dropped at my feet from above, and a

peregrine falcon flew off screeching at me, and sat on another tree screeching some more, as I held and studied the poor pigeon's number tag on it's leg. I think the ravens wanted that pigeon too, so they continued to complain as well.

They also hang around the back yard and chook house, and began stealing eggs ,sometimes, I suspect, judging from the startled demeanour of some of the chooks, while they were still on the nest! The ravens were also annoyed if I beat them to the eggs.

The chooks solved the problem by laying in the shed on the hay, or the pile of baler twine on the bench, so the ravens stopped visiting.

Those chooks have become fox dinners or succumbed to old age, and the chook house has been quiet for a while. I now have some new pullets just beginning to lay. How long before the ravens return?

Australian ravens and crows are glossy black, with white eyes when they mature. There is little difference between them, but the raven has a floppy throat hackle that sticks out when making its call.

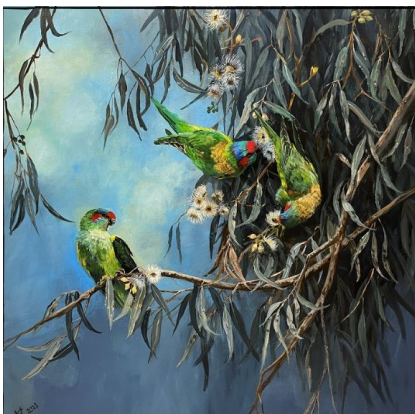


They all have strong black beaks. They build a large flattish nest of sticks with bark, hair and wool felted into a thick mat, and lay 3-5 pale blue-green eggs.

They live in a wide range of habitats, but not dense wet forests, and will use whatever is handy, including the fork in a tall tree, pylons, telephone pole cross arms, or a dead tree over water; they are very adaptable. They are great scavengers and will eat anything.

I will finish with this description of their call in one of my reference books;

“Voice, high child-like wailing; series of slow notes with strangled dying finish”.



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BOWLS CLUB HOSTS VICTORIAN OPEN GAMES

By Richard Polmear

VICTORIAN BOWLING OPEN COMES TO YARRAGON

Planning is underway for the Victorian Open with games scheduled at Yarragon Bowling Club on Friday 24th, Sunday 26th, Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March 2023. Works to tidy the grounds and make the club look at its best are underway. Spectators are welcome to come and watch. We are at Shady Creek Road, Yarragon.

PENNANT SEASON RESULTS

Our midweek pennant team finished in 6th position on the ladder.

Our Saturday Pennant team finished in 2nd position on the ladder and played Trafalgar in the 1st Semi Final on 18 February, at Trafalgar. In this very close game, Trafalgar defeated Yarragon by 3 shots with the 3rd last bowl of the day. (Note of interest – 1,344 bowls are bowled between the 2 teams in a game of pennant.)

Yarragon then played Traralgon in the Preliminary Final, at Newborough, on 26 February. Fortunately, Yarragon managed a good win by 33 shots; 95 to 62.

The grand final will be played Saturday 4 March when Yarragon will play Trafalgar in the Division 4 Grand final.

Whilst Traf has beaten us in all 3 games played so far this season, the margin has been narrowing from 20 shots, 7 shots and 3 shots. I'll let you know the outcome next month.

BAREFOOT BOWLS

Twilight barefoot bowls continued with coming dates being the 2nd and 16th March.

For those wishing to attend, please notify the Club (on the Club's mobile) by no later than the Tuesday prior to the Thursday event they wish to attend.

RAFFLE WINNERS

President Kevin McLaren won the February

sponsors raffle draw, winning a \$50 Warragul Country Club voucher, with a receipt from Yarragon Pharmacy, whilst Lindsay Wright won the \$25 Gippsland Fresh voucher in the February raffle.

POTLUCK THURSDAY

On alternate Thursday nights; i.e. 9th and 23rd March, we have Pot Luck Thursday, where you come and bowl for \$5 and BYO dinner. Just turn up for Pot Luck. Thursday.

THANKYOU TO SPONSORS

We acknowledge sponsors throughout the year via this newsletter, our facebook page, website and via the monthly sponsor's raffle. Sponsorship also has other benefits, including discounted facilities hire rates. If you would like to become a sponsor, please make contact, details below.

SYNTHETIC GREEN?

Discussions with BBSC continue on our project to get a synthetic green. Yarragon Bowling Club has fulfilled all of our current obligations towards securing a State Government grant to assist with the purchase and installation of our preferred synthetic green surface.

LONG TERM PLANS

Another long-term plan is to reduce our environmental impact. This includes:

- 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, investigating the possibility of installing a battery.

USE OUR FACILITIES

These initiatives, coupled with the recently refurbished clubrooms, are creating wonderful facilities for celebrations, work functions, presentations, etc. Our facilities are available for hire with limited catering available. If you are a sponsor, you get discounted hire rates, including zero hire cost for gold sponsors. Our website is <https://yarragon.bowls.com.au>

Current sponsors for the 2022/23 season are:

Yarragon Pharmacy,
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Baw Baw Real Estate,
Yarragon Lions Club,
Yarragon Automotive,
Yarragon Country Style Bakery,
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Yarragon Rural Supplies,
Warragul Country Club,
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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.

Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters.

Without you we would not exist!!!

To contact the bowls club about sponsorship, games, or hiring facilities:

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yarragonbowls@gmail.com

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ARTISTIC TALENT ON DISPLAY

By Carol Monson



NOT A QUIET START TO THE YEAR FOR YDCA

By Richard Polmear, Secretary

LAST CHANCE FOR SUMMER ARTS MARKET

Don't miss the last Baw Baw Arts Alliance Summer Arts Market before Autumn and Winter set in. There are lots of quality, locally created works of art at the market, Civic Place, Warragul, Saturday, March 18, from 8.30am to 1.00pm.

SPELLBINDING ART THROUGH A MIRROR

At this year's 'Ficifolia Festival' the Baw Baw Arts Alliance decided to build on the success and excitement of their 'Painting Frenzy' held during a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' at the 2022 'Ficifolia Festival'. A handful of creative and brave artists set themselves up to 'look through a mirror' to paint what they saw based on C.S. Lewis' 'Alice in Wonderland' during a 2 hour timeframe.



The results of their on the spot creations were spell binding and vibrant and exhibited during the last half of February at 'The Station Gallery' (the home of the Arts Alliance) in Yarragon.

While the artists painted, onlookers were encouraged to paint their interpretations alongside the official painters. Children were provided with materials including a small canvas.

MONSTER ART SALE COMING

Coming soon is the monster 'Easter Art Sale' run by the Arts Alliance in conjunction with Warragul Rotary Club. This will be an ideal opportunity to purchase original artworks and take them off the wall immediately. All artworks will have been created in the last two years and not shown in a previous Easter sale. Entries close on March 28 for this exhibition which will run over Easter, Saturday, April 8 to Sunday, April 9, at Warragul Exhibition Hall. For more see <https://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au>

STATION GALLERY EXHIBITS CHANGE MONTHLY

If you haven't yet visited the 'home of the Arts Alliance' at 'The Station Gallery', Princes Highway, Yarragon, take the opportunity to do so over the next month to see the latest exhibitions. Exhibitions change every month and during March two local artists will have their work displayed, Liz Bowley and Ling Wang.

In the main gallery space, well known painter, Liz Bowley, will have her beautifully executed Australian landscapes exhibited under the title of 'Australia All Over'. Although a relative newcomer to the artworld in the Baw Baw Shire, artist Ling Wang, is rapidly making her mark with realistic executions of her favourite subject matter, the birds of Gippsland. Ling's pastels and acrylics, hanging in the section affectionately known as 'The Wall', are sure to captivate you with her attention to detail.

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

The period between our usual November and February meetings is meant to be a break for the YDCA. This year has been particularly busy:

A very successful Australia Day celebration was held at the Market Street park on 26 January. An estimated 200 people attended and enjoyed the egg and bacon or sausage provided by Lions, entertainment and flag raising by the CFA, and guest speaker Ross Dawson, who reflected on Yarragon's past, and directed our thoughts into possible futures. Our thanks to member Judy Lackman who organised and co-ordinated a band of volunteers, the CFA, Lions and sound system provided by the Uniting Church.

As mentioned in our December 2022 article, the draft Yarragon Township Plan and Urban Design Framework was out for community consultation. We sought an extension of 4 weeks for close of submissions, which Baw Baw Shire Council agreed to, extending the close to 19 February 2023. On the 7th February we met with YDCA members and interested Yarragon club members, to discuss matters not included in our draft response. Our final submission was tended on the deadline.

The Panel report for Planning Scheme Amendment C145 (the 300+ lot development east of Rollo Street) was received on 6 February. Unfortunately, the Planning Panel mostly backed the proponent and dismissed YDCA's arguments about the need to make provision to extend Market Street through the development area. Our other concern was the planned location for a road outlet servicing a potential commercial area extension, east of Rollo Street. The Panel recommended BBSC and the proponent resolve this matter. Other matters raised in submissions were also mostly dismissed in favour of the proponent.

The next meeting of the YDCA will be held at the Fire Brigade building, Murray St, Yarragon on Tuesday 21 March 2023.



Last Summer Arts Market until October. Saturday, March 18, Civic Place Warragul, 8.30am to 1.00pm.

Baw Baw Arts Alliance and Warragul Rotary Club Easter Art Sale. Entries until March 28. Sale April 8 to April 16, Warragul Exhibition Hall.

'Station Gallery', Yarragon, open from 10.30 am to 4.00pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

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

March exhibitions, 'Station Gallery', Yarragon, Ling Wang and Liz Bowley. More details on <https://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au>

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Or contact Jen on 0413 666 245

OUR COUNCIL AT WORK

By Roy Lindsay

Yarragon-Leongatha Road residential development

At the Council Meeting on 22 February, councillors unanimously accepted the State Government Planning Panel's Report on Amendment C145, and instructed Council Officers to recommend the Minister grant a Planning Permit. It is expected this will be a formality, and the Minister will approve this "within a few months".

Development of the site was flagged back in 2010 when Council's Yarragon Structure Plan showed the area as a 'Residential Investigation Area', and the development plans have been in the pipeline from April 2020, when initial re-zoning and a planning permit were sought.

Considerable public consultation has taken place, and the plans have changed on several occasions as the result of various submissions by the Yarragon Community. These have resulted in significant improvements, given all parties are restricted by State Government Planning regulations.

It's fair to say that the Yarragon Community has had every opportunity to comment, both individually and collectively, however the old adage of 'can't please all the people all of the time' will undoubtedly still apply.

Yarragon Township Plan

The Public Consultation period on the draft plan closed on 19 February, following significant community interest during the engagement period. Council officers and the consultants are now reviewing the written submissions and 'Have Your Say' comments received. On completion of this, the Plan will be reviewed and submitted to Councillors for their consideration. An update on progress will be in next month's Newsletter.

Footpath – Rodier Road

Work is well underway on the new footpath on the Northern side of Rodier Road, from the rear access to the Dog Park to Loch Street, with completion expected early March.

Planning Permit submission

A Planning Permit application has been submitted for the sub-division of a large block on the corner of Rodier Road and Rollo Street. The proposal is for 6 blocks on the Southern side of Rodier Road, and includes the eventual removal of the existing buildings.

YDCA encourages events that foster neighbourliness and a sense of community, and input from residents on issues that affect our community.

Meetings are open to residents of Yarragon and surrounding district, and membership costs \$25 a year. All residents are welcome to raise issues and participate in discussion. Members vote.

We meet 3rd Tuesday from Feb to Nov, at various venues, at 7pm.



PLENTY OF WAYS TO GET CLEAN AND FRESH AT THE MARKET

By Ellie Robinson

The Yarragon Craft & Produce Market was held on Saturday 25th of February, this month due to the forecast of extreme heat it was held in the Public Hall.

We had a wonderful variety of over 50 stalls and welcomed many customers throughout the day.

After the market we held out AGM and a new committee was formed. We welcomed Marton as our new president!

Looking forward to next months market on Saturday 25th March in Waterloo Park.



There are a lot of things happening in the commercial area of Yarragon and the future looks very positive. A meeting has taken place with Council on the future development of the area and we are looking forward to working with them to ensure that the commercial area continues to develop. We see ourselves as the "front door" to Baw Baw and Gippsland tourism.

There have been changes in the businesses in the town, and the following operations are some of those –

Penny Worth O' Lollies has new



operators, Mal and Hayden Lamb, who have been in the confectionary business for some time. They live in Neerim South and look forward to meeting all customers and locals. They have a local association with Yarragon and will be expanding both the selection of confectionary, gifts and novelties..

OnYaHorse; this is a brand new



operation at 1C Campbell Street. Owner Kira Betchley had a shop in Bunyip, and has relocated to Yarragon. Since opening she has found business very good and is happy with her move. You can order on line at sales@onyahorse.com.au, and she is open every day except Tuesday from 10.00 to 4.00. Visit to find apparel, both western and equestrian, as well as horse tackle and saddles.

Kira would like to thank locals for their support and encouragement.

The following are comments that have been sent to the Shire on the draft report being considered by Council. If you wish a full copy of the submission please contact us.

Overall Comments:

Overall, the YBA is pleased with the Draft Report within the limited scope

set for it. However, with the recent population growth and planned greenfield development, there is an urgent need for action from the Baw Baw Shire once the new Plan is finalised. The YBA recognises the challenge in securing the necessary infrastructure to accommodate the growth, and supports the Yarragon and District Community Association submission that considers the residential aspects of the town.

We support the identification of key infrastructure priorities in the Draft Report, such as improving pedestrian access and safety, and the provision of public amenities and facilities, including car parking, public toilets, and parks.

We urge the Baw Baw Shire Council to prioritise the development of these necessary infrastructure projects, as they are crucial to the continued growth and prosperity of our town.

We also urge the Baw Baw Shire to prioritise the implementation of the new plan and take immediate action to address the challenges that Yarragon is facing. As one of the designated tourist towns in the shire, it is crucial to make a positive impression on visitors and ensure that they have a pleasant experience. The YBA believes that the new plan, once finalised, will provide a roadmap to support the town's growth and development while maintaining its unique character.

We encourage the Baw Baw Shire to work closely with the Yarragon Business Association and other stakeholders to ensure that the new plan is effectively adopted and implemented. We believe that by working together, we can address the challenges and maximise the opportunities to make Yarragon a more attractive and welcoming destination for visitors and locals alike.

*You are invited to
WORLD DAY of PRAYER*



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, in over 88 different languages.

World Day of Prayer \ theme this year is

"I have heard about your faith"

The service this year has been written by women of Taiwan.

The World Day of Prayer motto is
"Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action"

**Friday March 3rd, Catholic Church, Rollo Street, Yarragon.
Service at 10:30 am.**

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Council News.



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Applications open on **Monday 6 March** for individuals and not-for-profit sporting and community groups seeking funding through Council's Community Sponsorship program under the two sponsorship categories:

Community Events:

Up to \$5,000

Baw Baw Ambassadors:

Up to \$500 for individuals or \$1,500 for groups/teams.



Scan the code to start your application today!

Council pop-ups are back.

Council's popular pop-up program is back for 2023 and kicking off at the annual Thorpdale Potato Festival.

Pop ups are a great way to meet face-to-face with your Councillors and officers to share ideas, raise concerns, or ask questions.

Sunday 12 March
9:30am - 4:30pm
Thorpdale Recreation Reserve
Stockdales Rd, Thorpdale

To see more upcoming pop up locations visit:
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Save the date for Pet Expo!

Treat your pets and family to a FREE day of fun, entertainment, competitions and giveaways at the Baw Baw Pet Expo!



Sunday 2 April
10am - 3pm
Burke Street Park
Warragul

Scan the code for the full event schedule.





EARLY DETECTION MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Written by Alison Butterworth



Saving lives through skin checks and skin care awareness

The Lions Club of Yarragon will be hosting the Free Skin Cancer Screening bus on Saturday 15th April and Sunday 16th April 2023.

Appointments are necessary and you can make a 20 minute booking by calling 0493 591 214.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, but Lions Clubs in Victoria and Southern NSW are doing their bit to reduce that level and its

impact on families.

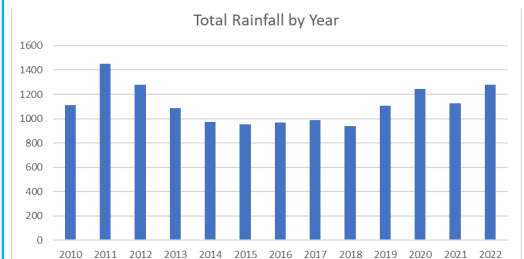
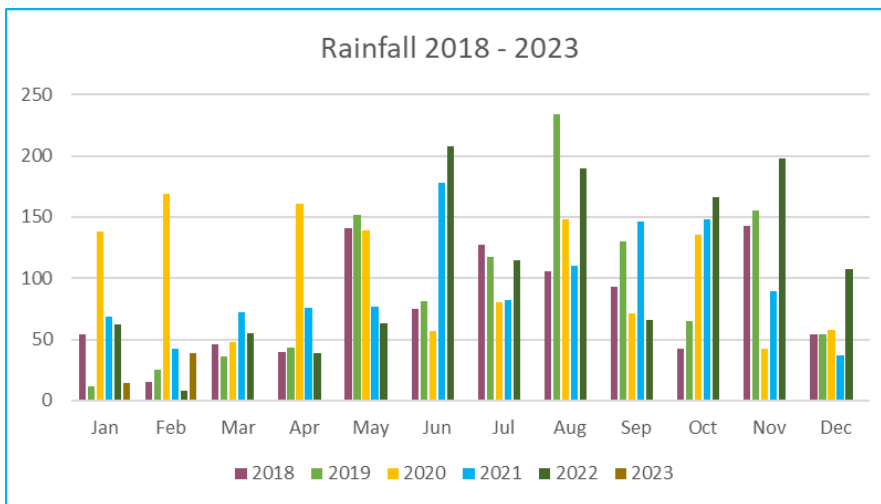
The incorporated charity, the Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation, launched its mobile skin check van in March 2021.

With over \$400,000 raise through the generosity of Lions Clubs and philanthropic donors, the van is now offering free skin check services, especially to those in rural and remote areas with limited access to specialist

skin care professionals.

The van is operated by fully trained, certified and professionally supervised volunteers. As it tours around, the unit will be a valuable resource for local people to access not only the skin check, but timely information about skin care and self-checking techniques.

Each Skin Check Unit visit is hosted by the local Lions Club, and full-body skin checks are conducted for the people booked. Fully trained dermoscopists, who operate hand-held microscopes to check over the skin, identify any suspect lesions and refer people on to doctors if any are found.



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 Feb	Total
2018	54	15	46	40	141	75	127	106	93	42	143	54	69	936
2019	12	25	36	43	152	81	117	234	130	65	155	54	37	1104
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	307	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	111	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	70	1277
2023	15	39											54	

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.



Bridge works on
Roberts Rd might start
this month?

World Day of Prayer
March 3rd [page 3]

School Council nominations close
March 9
[page 1]

Thorpdale Potato Festival
March 12 [page 9]

Pet Expo in Warragul
April 2 [page 9]

Yarragon Charity Bookfair May 6
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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



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