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YARRAGON CHARITY

BOOK FAIR

MAY 6 & 7

Yarragon is about to be visited by booklovers from all over Victoria, who have been waiting all year for the now-famous Yarragon Charity Bookfair.

Opening hours: **Saturday 8am to 5pm**
 Sunday 9am to 4pm

Money raised supports the Yarragon Fire Brigade and the Primary School.

A gold coin donation gives you access to 30-40 thousand second-hand books.

Books are very reasonably priced:

- Small paperbacks \$1
- Large paperbacks and all hardcovers \$2
- Gardening, craft, cooking, \$5 a bag
- Children & teen fiction, \$5 a bag

Tables are constantly being refreshed with new titles.

If you're interested in the popular genres of teen fiction or science fiction, come early.

If you'd like a quieter browsing experience, come on Sunday.

The Bookfair team is grateful to the many readers who have donated books, and would like to thank Michael Fozard for allowing Fozigobble Café to be used as a book collection point. This event runs smoothly with the help of many (many, many!) young and old Yarragon volunteers.

Let the Bookfair begin!

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(aka grumpy old woman!)


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



SKIN CHECK BUS A GREAT SUCCESS

by Alison Butterworth

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the people (109 of you) who availed themselves of the free skin checks at the van in Yarragon on 15th and 16th April. There were 19 people referred to their own doctors, and happily there were no life threatening lesions detected. 59 people had their first ever skin check so hopefully, it won't be their last. Thanks also to the volunteer dermatologists who examined the patients, and to the Yarragon Lions members who manned the "reception" and organised the event.

At our Bunnings sausage sizzle on 12th April, we managed to break our record of 600 sausages by selling over 700 (both with and without onions) on the day. We have another booked for 27th May, so here's hoping we can do at least as well.

On ANZAC day, the Yarragon Lions laid a wreath in memory of the fallen. This year our President, Bill Cropley, and our senior Lion, Alan Follet did the honours. It was a moving ceremony and thanks to Peter and Barbara Kingwill for their commitment to organising the event each year.

Lions Traditional Christmas Cakes



Available all year round at the Op Shop



At the Op Shop, we have had to raise our prices slightly as our outgoings, rent, power, rates etc are all rising. We are keeping the increases to a minimum, so there are still lots of bargains to be had. We had a very successful garage sale on the 22nd April, and we will be opening the garage on 6th May to coincide with the CFA book Fair. Come along and see if you can snag a bargain. We will also be opening the garage on the normal forth Saturday of the month on 27th May.

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OUR COUNCIL AT WORK

By Roy Lindsay

In a shock move at the last Council Meeting in April, Councillor Joe Gauci resigned with immediate effect.



Although not an East Ward representative, Councillor Gauci was always supportive of Yarragon proposals and he will be sorely missed.

No doubt more will follow on this story, but in the meantime, may we say "Thank You Joe" for your support of Yarragon, and we wish you all the best for the future.

The Yarragon Township Plan is now back with the Consultants for finalising of a further Draft which should be available mid-year.

The new footpath on Rodier Road

between the Dog Park and Rollo Street has now been completed and a great job has been done by Council and their contractors. A nice touch was that turf was laid, in preference to seeding, to ensure a quick and tidy completion.

There's little to report on progress with the former Primary School site; planning and preparatory work continues.

Several members of the Yarragon Community met with Council Officers to inspect and discuss stormwater drainage issues throughout the town. Our concerns were listened to, and a Budget Submission will be compiled in due course. This will highlight long-standing inadequacies which will be exacerbated by the additional Stormwater generated by the new developments on each side of Yarragon-Leongatha Road.

Photo from Baw Baw Shire Council facebook page.



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL OPEN DAY

By Tegan Brown, secretary and Community Safety Officer



"I love being a part of CFA, for me it's giving back to the community, it's the friends I've made and the new skills I have that are so different from my field of work" Tegan, Secretary + Community Engagement Officer

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 28th 2023

WHERE: At the Fire Station, 1a Murray Street Yarragon

WHAT: Come and say hello; have a tour, meet the brigade members, have a look over the fire trucks.

WHO ARE WE:

Yarragon Fire Brigade is a welcoming community of volunteers who support the town of Yarragon and other local towns.

Callouts are not just about fires. They include; car & train incidents, gas leaks, hazardous spills, and more.

We each bring different skills and knowledge to the team.

We meet up each week to keep our skills fresh and to constantly improve on the service we provide.

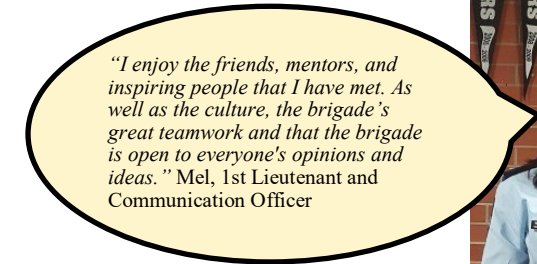
WHO ARE YOU:

We are looking for new members to help keep this amazing volunteer service running.

We welcome anyone over 16 years of age and any gender.

WHY JOIN:

A few of our members have put into words the reasons why they enjoy being apart of the Yarragon Fire Brigade.



"I enjoy the friends, mentors, and inspiring people that I have met. As well as the culture, the brigade's great teamwork and that the brigade is open to everyone's opinions and ideas." Mel, 1st Lieutenant and Communication Officer



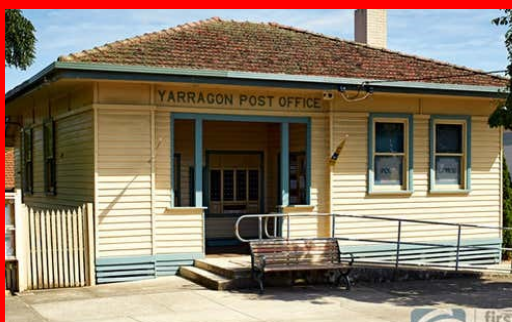
"I enjoy being part of the Yarragon brigade as I find it a rewarding way to be part of the community, the brigade members are friendly and I have learnt many new skills. I have found it satisfying to be able to assist people in challenging times, both in the local area and further afield including East Gippsland, Northern River floods and even the NSW fires." Colin, 3rd Lieutenant, Health and Safety Officer



"I enjoy being part of a well trained team of volunteers with a common set of objectives. I joined the brigade to meet new people and to contribute to the safety and well being of the community" Russell, Firefighter



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THE R

By Richard Polmear



From L to R: Yarragon Bowling Club President, Kevin McLaren; Shirley Deane, widow of Lionel; and Ron Jones from the Trafalgar Men's Shed.

On a wet Wednesday March 29, we held a small ceremony with family members of our recently passed Member, Lionel Deane, to unveil a new sign.

The sign recognises Lionel's efforts over a 15-year period to create a carpark from vacant land owned by the Bowling Club. It started out as a slashing task and then became a mowing task. The sign was prepared and donated by Trafalgar Men's Shed.

We held games for the Victorian Open on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March. As part of our efforts to raise funds towards our synthetic green we approached local businesses for prizes to run a raffle.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the following Yarragon Businesses who provided prizes for raffles across both days and towards our Presentation Night raffle: from Yarragon; **Town and Country Gallery, Country Style Bakery, the Ale House; Yarragon Hotel, Tritac Art Supplies, Him He Me, Keiths Sister, Fringe Benefits, and the Club Hotel in Warragul, and Moe Florist.**

These businesses have shown great support for our local community sporting group and are worthy of your support when it comes time to make purchase decisions.

Our focus during the off season will continue on 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.

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 then you get discounted hire rates, including zero hire cost for gold sponsors.

Current sponsors for the 2022/23 season are:

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
yarragonbowls@gmail.com

Phone (quicker response)
0490 831 283

Our website is
<https://yarragon.bowls.com.au>

Yarragon Hotel



www.yarragonhotel.com.au

OPENING HOURS

Every day from 11am

Lunch 12 - 2:30pm

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30pm

Take-away 5 - 8pm

Bookings appreciated & recommended

Enquiries | 03 56342202

WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN THE NIGHT?

By Margaret Young



We might call it a Mopoke Owl, from its familiar call, but its official name is Boobook, and it could also be called Morepork; Northern or Red Boobook Owl; Marble or Spotted Owl or Tasmanian Spotted Owl, depending on where you happen to live in Australia.

And they happen to be found in most parts of this wide country!

If you are lucky enough to catch sight of a Boobook owl in your torch light—as I did one night when putting the bins out—you will see an owl that looks like it is wearing a pair of black goggles on its pale face.

It is a medium sized owl, as owls go, about 30 cms.

The upper parts are chocolate brown, and under parts are mottled reddish-brown down to its white-streaked belly. Juveniles are a bit lighter coloured.

They can live in pairs or family groups and roost by day, hidden in thick foliage. At dusk they venture out to sit on posts, branches, or fences, to watch for flying insects - maybe under street lights or farm outside lights as well.

They also eat small mammals such as house mice, and other small native animals such as small bats, catching them in mid air or pouncing on them.

Their specially adapted flight and body feathers allow them to fly silently from their vantage points; their prey has little chance of escaping!

Boobooks are not fussy home makers. They build their nests in tree hollows sparsely lined with leaves, wood shavings and small twigs, or it might be bare!

The female lays 2-3 white rounded eggs and, possibly with the help of



other females, hatches and raises them.

So on still nights, keep an ear out for the haunting 'mopoke' call, and answering calls further away.

Google Boobook Owls and you will discover they have a range of other calls as well.

Now the serious part of my story. A neighbour has on two recent occasions found a dead Boobook in his paddocks. Did it eat a mouse that had been poisoned?

What is the safest way to deal with unwanted rodents in your sheds? Type into Google 'How to deal with rats while protecting owls and other birds', then scroll down to the same sentence to find some helpful hints.

Good luck!



Owl feathers have a leading edge shaped like a comb and a trailing edge with a fringe; these funnel air smoothly over the wing and dampen the sound. An owl's enormous wings, relative to its body size, also provide greater lift and enable it to fly slowly—as few as two miles per hour. National Audubon Society

COME AND JOIN US AT

Yarragon Playgroup

YARRAGON HALL
Campbell St

- ✓ Wednesdays during school term
- ✓ 9.30am-11.30am
- ✓ Cost is \$5 per family and bring a piece of fruit to share (First visit is free)

FOR MORE INFORMATION FIND US ON FACEBOOK 'YARRAGON PLAYGROUP'

Or contact Jen on 0413 666 245

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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



The Yarragon Craft & produce market was held on Saturday 22nd April in Waterloo Park. We had over 50 stalls that stretched right along to the train.



hand.made.with.love.by.grandma

We welcomed our regular stall holders and some new ones.

It was Hand.made.with.love.by.grandma's first market with us. They brought a fabulous range of handmade kids wear!

Also joining us for the first time was Unique Rabbit design Jewellery, they bring a selection of beautiful wrapped wire Jewellery and other mixed media items all handmade in Buln Buln.



Unique Rabbit Design Jewellery

The sun shone beautifully for the day and we had plenty of foot traffic come through.

After a successful summer market season this was the last market in Waterloo Park, the May market will be in the Public Hall on Campbell Street and returns on Saturday 27th May 9am - 1pm, which is looking to be another fantastic market!

FREE INTRODUCTORY UKELELE & GUITAR LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

Want to learn how to play the ukulele or guitar?
Led by totally blind ukulele Teacher Phillip Chalker from Latrobe Music
Open to all abilities between the ages of 12 to 25
Dates: Commencing weekly:
Time: 11am
Where: Latrobe Youth Space Morwell.



Thursday 4th May,
Thursday 11th May
Thursday 18th May
Thursday 25th May
Thursday 1st June
Thursday 8th June
Thursday 15th June
Thursday 22nd June – Final

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Business Owners & Managers

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DID YOU VOTE IN THE STATE ELECTION?

Press release from Victorian Electoral Commission

Because if you didn't, this is what will happen.

Close to 300,000 Victorians who appear to have failed to vote in the November 2022 State election will have an opportunity to explain why they didn't vote when they receive an 'Apparent failure to vote notice' in the coming days.

Acting Electoral Commissioner, Dana Fleming, says the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging people who receive a notice to respond with a detailed explanation, as the VEC is required to issue a fine of \$92 if a person fails to respond within 28 days.

'An 'Apparent failure to vote notice' is not a fine – it's a chance to explain why you appear not to have voted,' Ms Fleming said.

'If you respond to the notice, you are much more likely to be excused.

'Completing and sending the notice back to us within the 28-day timeframe gives us a chance to consider your explanation and whether you can be excused.'

Voting in State elections is compulsory in Victoria.

The VEC worked to make voting in the 2022 State election as convenient and accessible as possible by:

- increasing the number of early voting centres by 50% (to 155)
- extending voting hours during the early voting period
- offering telephone assisted voting for those who are blind, have low vision or a physical disability and were unable to vote without assistance, or people impacted by the Victorian floods.

The option to vote by post was also available to all electors, and a drive-through voting centre was offered to COVID positive voters who were unable to vote in the last 3 days of the election and hadn't voted early or applied for a postal vote before applications closed.

The VEC also sent VoterAlert reminders by SMS and email to 2.5 million enrolled voters who had provided their contact details. Voters can sign up for VoterAlert at any time to be reminded to vote in all future State and local council elections at: vec.vic.gov.au/VoterAlert


Mayor Annemarie McCabe appointed to State Mayoral Advisory Panel.



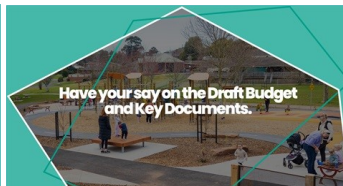
Baw Baw Shire Mayor Annemarie McCabe has been appointed to the Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel for 2023, alongside 12 other mayors from across Victoria.

The panel works alongside the Minister for Local Government, Melissa Horne to provide advice on legislative, regulatory, strategic and policy issues.

Driven by an interest to get involved with local government discussions at a higher level, Mayor McCabe says "it's all about being a part of the conversation".

One subject that Mayor McCabe aims to direct her attention to is the growing impact of cost shifting from State and Federal governments onto local governments working amidst the challenges of a rate-capped environment.

She also plans to go to bat for regional priorities, advocating for the most pressing needs of rapidly growing communities outside of metro Melbourne.



Baw Baw Shire Council is inviting the community to review and make submissions on the 2023/24 draft Annual Budget, Long Term Infrastructure Plan, Council Plan 2021-2025 (Annual Review 2023/24), Rating and Revenue Plan, and Long-Term Financial Plan.

Together, these documents detail how Council will invest our resources to deliver the services, infrastructure and support our community needs.

The Operating Budget represents income of \$129.54 million, expenditure of \$101.48 million, resulting in a surplus of \$28.06 million. This surplus figure is converted to an adjusted underlying result that better reflects Council's level of financial stability. This result excludes grants received for capital purposes which are non-recurrent and capital contributions from other sources. The adjusted underlying result for 2023/24 is an underlying deficit of \$3.44 million.

All community members are invited to review the draft Budget and key documents, and to make a submission in response.

Submissions may be made in the following ways:

[Through the online form on Council's Website.](#)

Cognitoforms.com/
BawBawShireCouncil/202324BudgetAndKeyDocumentsCommunitySubmissions

In writing and posted to

Baw Baw Shire Council, PO Box 304
Warragul 3820

Via email to
Budget.Submissions@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

The submission period is open from 8:30am Thursday, 13 April to midnight Sunday, 7 May 2023.

Submitters will be invited to speak to their submissions at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 17 May 2023.

For more information on Council's draft Annual Budget and key documents, please visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/DraftBudget2023/24

STATEMENT FROM OUR MAYOR:

"At last night's ordinary Council Meeting, Joe Gauci resigned his position as a Baw Baw Shire Central Ward Councillor. In doing so, he made some allegations about Council processes and conduct.

His allegations will be taken seriously. They will be fully investigated, and appropriate action taken in due course.

Further updates will be provided when appropriate.

Mr Gauci has served Baw Baw Shire for 11 years as Councillor, including 3 terms as Mayor. Many in the community will have worked closely with him over this time and his sudden resignation will come as a shock to them as it has to me.

On behalf of Baw Baw Shire Council, I'd like to express our gratitude for his service.

With regards to Mr Gauci's vacated Central Ward seat on Council, we are now in contact with the Victorian Electoral Commission and the required procedures are underway.

We will work through the next steps and processes in accordance with VEC regulations and will provide an update as soon as possible."



THERE'S ALWAYS SO MUCH ON

By Carol Monson

Easter is always a time jam packed with things to do in a country community so it is easy to miss worthwhile ventures such as the Easter Art Sale, a brilliant collaboration of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance and Warragul Rotary Club

The sale was designed to bring fresh new, original Artworks at affordable prices to the general public and has recently taken the place of the longstanding 'Warragul Rotary Art Show'.

This year's sale far outstripped previous such events in numbers of visitors and sales. If you did not visit the 2023 sale make a note to attend the display in the Warragul Exhibition Hall in 2024.

Many of the Artists exhibiting in the Easter Sale also have creative works in the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon, where exhibitions change every month.

Coming up in May is an exhibition of miniature Artworks hanging in the main gallery space. Artists have been challenged to think small so that their work fits into an 18cm by 18cm frame or the equivalent area. The exhibition will, however, be more than a wall display, as miniature 3D pieces have also been encouraged. 'On the Wall' local painter, Ross Jacka, has a colourful collection of abstract tempera paintings designed to delight viewers.

Take time to enjoy all that the 'Station Gallery Shop' has to offer alongside all exhibitions; for



Pictured left to right are : Prue Barridge, Bbaa treasurer, Alene Bonser, mosaic artist assisting in receiving Art work, and Sue Murphy, gallery manager.

example the range of one-off pieces of jewellery always draws the attention of visitors and provides a balance to larger works of Art. 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 www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au



MANY POSSIBILITIES

By Richard Polmear, Secretary

Last month's article was an introspective look at whether there is future valued work for the YDCA to do.

Over the last 2 years there has been a need to respond to significant initiatives effectively controlled by others. The 2 most significant issues were C145 Amendment covering the 310+ subdivision east of Rollo Street and the Yarragon Township Plan (which is still to be finalised by Baw Baw Shire Council).

The future opportunities for YDCA are to:

- proactively create greater certainty for the town (beyond the scope of the Township Plan), and
- to fulfil our Constitution which states that our YDCA purposes are to:
 - 1) Encourage events that foster neighbourliness and a sense of community,
 - 2) Encourage input from residents on issues that affect our community
 - 3) Exercise sound business judgement,
 - 4) Conduct all meetings in a positive and constructive atmosphere,
 - 5) Remain accountable always."

We (YDCA) set about to determine potential future initiatives that YDCA could undertake and came to the conclusion that there are future initiatives worth pursuing, including:

- reviewing the 2017 survey of residents and determining whether a new survey is required/worthwhile,
- developing a Master Plan to cover off matters raised in our Township Plan submission,
- seeking input to Township Plan strategies as they are developed by BBSC (and there are many),
- agreeing with BBSC on when community input will be sort on strategic initiatives,
- adding a new community event (in addition to Australia Day) that brings all/most community groups and the broader community together,
- establishing a local emergency response plan for different types of emergencies.

The challenge now is to get an Executive at our AGM in July.

The next meeting of the YDCA will be held at the Fire Brigade building, Murray St, Yarragon on Tuesday 16 May 2023.



Fine art - Flowers - Jewellery

Local artists; handcrafted works; Allambee Flower Farm flowers

'The blackberry thief - Superb blue wren'
Ltd ed Giclee print by Margaret Koopmans

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GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
2023 TOTAL
\$55,687.68

2015: \$6232.25
2016: \$15012.90
2017: \$21884.10
2018: \$25,050.80
2019: \$26,585.40
2020: \$29,145.10
2021: \$50,164.69
2022: \$51,129.15

2023 TOTAL
\$55,687.68

TOTAL: \$280,892.07

goodFridayappeal
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Our major fundraiser for the year is our Monster Raffle.

We would like to thank everyone who sold raffle tickets for us, purchased raffle tickets and donated prizes.

We had our most successful year yet selling 200 raffle books. That's an incredible **10,000** raffle tickets!

Congratulations to Dorothy Wormsley who was the winner of our major prize; \$2000 of vouchers of the winners choice - sponsored by [Yarragon Lions Club](#) - Lions on Mane Op Shop.



Other prize winners were: Suzie Ryrie, Maureen Waszczeiko, Julie Davey, Faye Wheeler, Sarah Prescott, Bec Smith, Ben Witton, Johnny, Ryan O'Hare, Ros Simmonds, Bree Wright, Belinda Kenny, Aaron Rhodes, Nicole Stringer, Sally Wilson, Amanda Cox, Nikki Wheeler, Colleen Wells, Kirsten Finger, Jan Darby, Nicole McStay, Raelene Galley, Montgomery, Gemma Nash, Stephenie Gaffke, Zonnie, Sarah Davey, Daff Trickey, Carolyn Farrell, Jess Gunn, Leah Witty, Kim Mazza and Em & Paul. Winners have been notified.

Thank you to Yarragon Foodworks, Lavazza, Yarragon Hotel, Coles Warragul, A Little Beauty at Lissy's, The Coffee Pod, Shoe-a-Licious, MooGoo Skin Care, Wildflower Studio., Burchgrove Homes, Merry People, Fujifilm instax Australia, Keith's Sister, Dilmah Tea, Wardrobe in the Lane, Him He Me, The Gift Cloud Co, Aussie Disposals Warragul, georgiemane, Willow On Main General Store, Bega Cheese, Twinnings, Mask Co., Turnbull Motors, Sabco Cleaning Products, Di Kent, Kaisercraft, Belinda Hogan Independent Tupperware Consultant, Belinda's Nutrimerics & Meg Moo Macarons for your very generous donations.

We really appreciate all of your support as without it none of this would be possible!





Council News.



Annual Draft Budget

Our Draft Budget is about delivering projects, programs and services that benefit everyone in Baw Baw Shire.

The Draft Budget is currently out for community consultation, and now is your chance to have your say on what's included.

You can review the documents in full (or view the summarised fact sheets) on our website and make a submission letting us know what you think.

Scan the QR to get started.



Community Grants Program

Expressions of Interest are now open for Community Groups and Not-For-Profit Organisations wishing to apply for a Minor Capital Works grant through Council's Community Grant Program.

The program provides crucial funding to deliver much-needed community projects within the Shire.

To make an application, or for more information, scan the QR Code.



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Annual Pet Registration

Baw Baw Shire's pet registration/renewals are due annually on April 9.

All cats and dogs over the age of 3 months are required to be registered with Council. To register your pet, please visit: www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Animals

MUSINGS from the EDITOR about ALL YEAR LONG

I know that Christmas is the season of giving, but for me it is April & May.

First of all, I get to report on the results of the Yarragon Good Friday Appeal.

The organisers are quick to thank the donors of all the generous prizes, and the people who bought the tickets, and the other organisations like the Lions Club and the Baw Baw Runners that lent their efforts to the cause, but what blows me away is the power of good that a small group of organised and determined volunteers can do. For them, the Good Friday Appeal is a year-long effort, and the benefits of their hard work travel way beyond our kids and our town.

Thank you, and thank you to your families too.

Secondly, I get to report on the Yarragon Charity Book Fair. For most people, it's a weekend to stock up our libraries without breaking the bank. But for the people who organise it, it's a year-long process of collecting and sorting

and packing, then a week of setting up the hall, then keeping the tables stocked over the weekend, then a mad couple of hours on Sunday afternoon, deconstructing it all.

The school and the firebrigade are the beneficiaries of the money raised, but Yarragon people who have nothing to do with those two entities, join them to make the weekend run smoothly.

The buzz in the hall as we set up and pack up is energising.

It looks like it might rain on the bookfair weekend, but what could be better on a wet day than hunting for your next good reads?

This is also the time when we harvest the bounty of the summer.

My quince tree is visited every year by wallabies who help themselves to the small fruit, but luckily they haven't discovered my friends' trees.

The first time I made quince jam it was an

onerous task; raw quinces are very hard to peel and core, then the pulp had to be pushed through a fine sieve, and I was making 4 times the quantity. Then I found the best recipe, and I have a jars of ruby-red deliciousness on my window ledge to prove it.



QUINCE JELLY/PASTE/JAM

1 litre water
2.5kg sugar
Bring to boil, then simmer 15 min until sugar is dissolved.

2.5-3kg whole quinces (about 8)
Wash, removing any fuzz.

Add to syrup and simmer until deep dark red, takes between 1&2 hours.

If making jelly (or syrup if it's a bit runny):
Remove fruit and set aside.

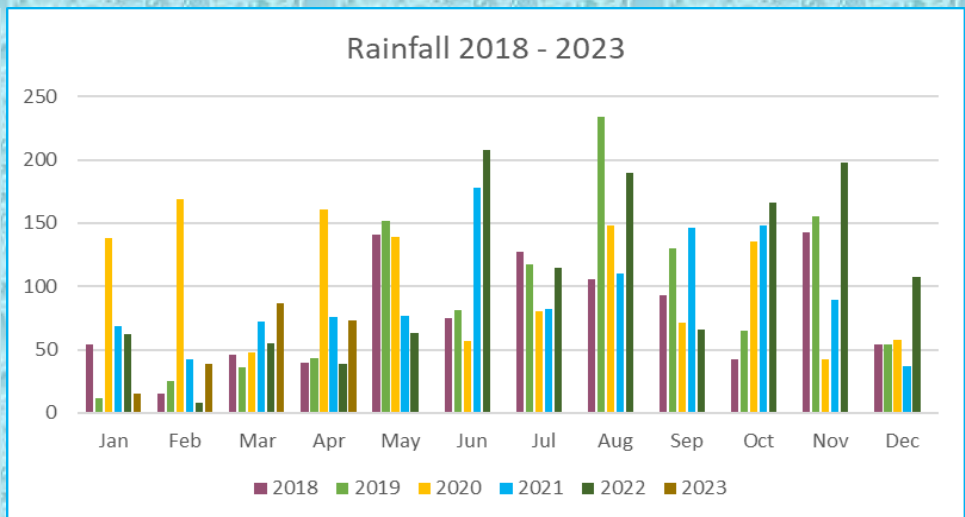
Check syrup on cold saucer to see if set point has been reached. If yes, pour into sterilized jars. If no, simmer longer then test again. If still no, call it syrup instead, but don't be too quick (like I was) to write your labels, because it thickens as it cools.

If making paste:
Cool reserved quinces. Remove cores and discard. Purée flesh. Measure 1/2 cup sugar for every 1 cup purée. Spread thinly on baking trays and bake 24-30 hours at 50°C.

If making jam:
Remove cores from quinces and purée the flesh. Add puree to syrup. Simmer until set point is reached, then pour into sterilized jars.

However you prepare it, you get to enjoy the spoils of harvest all year round.

“When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.”
Benjamin Franklin.



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 April	Total
2018	54	15	46	40	141	75	127	106	93	42	143	54	155	936
2019	12	25	36	43	152	81	117	234	130	65	155	54	116	1104
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	516	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	259	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	164	1277
2023	15	39	87	73									214	

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.**

Yarragon Charity Bookfair
May 6-7 [page 1]

Submissions close for BBSC
Annual Budget & etc
May 7 [page 7]

Fire Brigade Open Day
Saturday 28 [page 3]

Miniature Artworks exhibition in
Station Gallery
All of May [page 8]

YBA AGM
Monday 5 June [page 5]

Roberts Rd closed until bridge
replacement completed.

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