



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 413 MAY 2024

Free, but your spare coins help cover costs. Thankyou all for the \$93.75 collected last month.

ANZAC DAY

By Deborah Churchill



Anzac day ceremony was relocated to the Yarragon Hall, due to the threat of inclement weather. The hall was full, with people spilling out onto the footpath. The service started with welcome to country, and the National Anthem presented by members of the Yarragon Primary School choir.



Tini Cook shared the Anzac Requiem.

Wreaths from RSL (perpetual), Baw Baw Shire, Lions Club, Yarragon

Fire Brigade and the Yarragon Primary School were placed in front of the stage, to be later transferred to the cenotaph.



The Last Anzac was sung beautifully by the children and Jacob read the poem "Flanders Field."

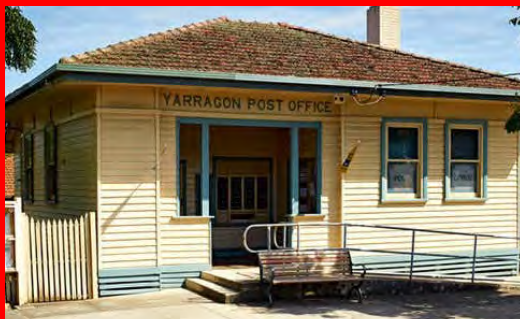
Barbara Kingwill did a wonderful job as MC and guest speaker, recalling her early career as a nurse at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, which was originally built in 1941 for the purpose of care and recovery of the injured return servicemen from World War 11.



She read a storybook, "The Hidden Hat" which was about a grandfather's slouch hat the grandchildren found in the wardrobe. A very moving ceremony, celebrating the spirit of the Anzacs which lives on through all of us.



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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
contact: yba3823@gmail.com



TUESDAY

CRAFT GROUP

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



Join us for craft and laughs.

YDCA

TBA, CFA meeting room
Secretary Richard Polmear
0407 347 545



Q: Where do Dads keep their jokes?

A: In a Dadbass.

Oscar

WEDNESDAY

GARDENING GROUP

10:00am or 10:30am to lunch time
at the backyard of the Uniting Church,
Campbell St.
Share your knowledge and learn from other gardeners.



PLAYGROUP

9:30–11:30am at Yarragon Hall,
Campbell St.
\$5 per family and bring fruit to share
Ph Jen : 0413 666 245



LIONS CLUB

2nd & 4th Wed at St Jarlath's Catholic Hall in Rollo St.

President Bill Cropley
0448 361 213.
Secretary Allan Logan
0435 576 100

LIONS on MANE op shop
Wed to Sun
10:30am to 2:30pm.
LIONS GARAGE SALE,
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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:

My brain is not braining today

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

Usually at St David's Uniting Church: on the Second Sundays of the Month at 8:30am, and the Fourth Sundays of the Month 8:30am.

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
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YARRAGON STUDIO CONCERT

3:00pm 19 May
CANE - Trio flute, sax, piano
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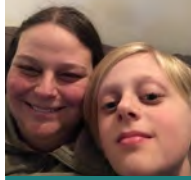
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**NEW DEADLINE for
June 2024 edition
21 May
12 noon**

WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN MY GARDEN?

By Margaret Young



Mudlarks! I had been hearing their distinctive call in the paddock over my back fence since I moved in here. Then, one day, a smartly dressed black and white medium sized bird sat on the side fence and uttered it's high pitched "pee-wee "or "pee-o-wit" call, while rhythmically opening and raising it's wings.

But it is not officially a Mudlark. That is just what I have been calling them for most of my life. They are the Magpie Lark (possibly because of their black and white attire, but not as big as a Magpie). They can also be called, depending on where you live in Australia, Little or Murray Magpie, Pee Wee, Pee Wit, Pugwall land even Soldier's Tilybat!

The males have contrasting black and white plumage with a black head and a white panel down their neck from below the eye.



Photo courtesy ebird

Females are similar but the head and throat are white with a broad black band down to the breast band. Bills are whitish, eyes pale yellow and legs black. But whichever bird you see their black and white colours are crisp and bright as if they have just come from the cleaners.

You will see pairs and small family groups in Autumn and Winter. Males will guard their territories and will have aerial skirmishes with other males fluttering and dodging up and down. They feed mainly on the ground marching purposely bobbing their head back and forth.

Magpie Larks feed mainly on small animals including small reptiles, insects and larvae and aquatic invertebrates. So they like to live near water, trees by rivers and swamps and urban areas.

They build a bowl shaped nest of grass held together with mud, it is lined with hair, grass and feathers. They use the mud to plaster the nest to a horizontal branch six to 15 metres high and often over water. Three to five white to pinkish spotted eggs are laid often blotched with reddish, purplish brown or violet — very pretty and creative!

Magpie Larks often like to have Willy Wagtails or Winged Trillers as neighbours. You will find them over most of Australia apart from desert areas. I am glad they have come to visit me in my new garden.



Photo from Wikipedia



Beautiful Clouds
Photo by Christina Flann

Community of Yarragon Good Friday Appeal



By Lisa Harvey, Bree Wright & Maddison Griffin

\$45,000 RAISED IN 2024!

We are very proud to announce that the Community of Yarragon raised \$45,034.85 for the 2024 Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal!

The Community of Yarragon have raised \$325,926.92 for The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal since 2015!

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Treasure Hunt, sponsored by Community Bank of Trafalgar Bendigo Bank was held on Good Friday at the Market Street Park. A record 140 children hunted for treasures and were rewarded with a bag of Easter Eggs upon completion. The children enjoyed hunting for treasures, meeting Easter Bunny, Piggy and eating their Easter Eggs. Over \$2500 was raised at the event and whole lot of fun was had. We had a "Guess the Easter Eggs in the Jar" competition and the winner was Hannah Robinson with a guess of 246.

MONSTER RAFFLE

The 2024 MONSTER RAFFLE event was held at the Yarragon Hotel on Good Friday. It was a great night with live music, easter egg shots, live auctions (special thanks to Geoff Jolly), lucky number draws and the Monster Raffle live draw. The Yarragon Hotel ran fundraisers throughout the year aswell as on the night and raised \$3862.00 towards our tally.

Our major raffle sponsor was Yarragon Lions Club - Lions on Mane Op-Shop who very generously donated the major prize valued at \$2000.00. Many other prizes were kindly donated by local businesses. Thank you to the Yarragon Hotel for hosting us and to everyone who donated raffle prizes, sold raffle books for us and purchased raffle tickets and helped us write out the thousands of tickets purchased in the 72 hours before the draw. A record 10,100 tickets were sold and we raised \$20,200 in ticket sales.

The major prize (\$2000 of vouchers of the winner's choice) was won by Mum Waz (sold by Daff Trickey).

Congratulations, enjoy your amazing prize!

Special mentions to: Yarragon Lions Club (\$3000), Yarragon Rural Supplies (\$869), Warragul Community Mens Shed Inc (\$2000), Yarragon Primary School (\$604.45), Trafalgar IGA Colouring Competition (\$242), Belinda Zonneveld (\$340) & Baw Baw Runners (\$372.27) for holding their own fundraisers or making donations towards our tally. Thank you!

DOOR KNOCKING COLLECTIONS

Thank you to our amazing volunteers that headed out for door knocking collections around Yarragon. We really appreciate your help. We would also like to thank everybody who donated, raising \$2,916.35.

We have already started our 2025 fundraising campaign.

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

We rely on the generosity of our local community to make these amazing results happen. *We would love to hear from you!*

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Instagram: [yarragon_good_friday_appeal](https://www.instagram.com/yarragon_good_friday_appeal)



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OPENING HOURS

Every day from 11am

Lunch 12 - 2:30pm

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30pm

Take-away 5 - 8pm

Bookings appreciated & recommended

WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

Oscar: High school orientation at Warragal Regional (but he's going to Traf High)

Christina: Working multiple jobs and hanging out with my chickens

Debbie: Choosing colour schemes for my new house, packing and of course creating art!



We live in such a beautiful part of the world, please send us your photographs to share....

Thanks for the years of printing service by Easyaz. We have a new printer: Viatek. They have offered to print the newsletter for FREE! This is very much appreciated, especially by our treasurer.

YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Kathie Chalmers

Well it was another great day at the market today a bit chilly but great.

Was great to see everyone at the community hall everyone was having a good time. All our regulars were there and a few newbies 65 plus stalls with a great variety of crafts and produce something for everyone.



Our next market is on Saturday 25th May in the community Hall in Cambell Street.

Cheers From Yarragon Craft and Produce Market

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(MORE YARRAGON GROUPS IN PAGE 5)



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Main Street, Yarragon, on the main Gippsland railway between Warragul and Noe.



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Recreation Reserve Committee: Cr. R. L. Trickey (pres.), Messrs C. Vorbach (sec.), J. W. Bortland, W. Deppner.



CWA Younger Set: Misses Lorna Heywood, Roma Atkin, Mrs. E. Jessiman, Misses Laurel Davy, Eunice Cleverley (pres.), Mrs. W. Trickey, Miss Thelma Ireland (sec.), Mrs. W. Scrimm.

Below: CWA members: Mrs. E. Roberts, Miss S. Tackaberry (v.p.), Mesdames J. Sales, A. D. Thurlow, E. Cleverley (pres.), G. Stewart (sec.), H. Bayley (v.p.), G. Sales, C. Vorbach.



Narracan Shire Councillors: Crs. H. Bayley (North Riding), J. Fletcher, R. L. Trickey, and R. J. Harvey (West Riding).



Post Office staff: Miss Pat Walker, Messrs F. H. Dinzzo (postmaster), J. Johnson, Misses Roma Atkin, M. Godfrey, Mr. S. Peterkin.



Left: Children who attend the State School.



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OBSERVING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR WARM-SEASON GARDEN

By Katie Grace of Green Esc

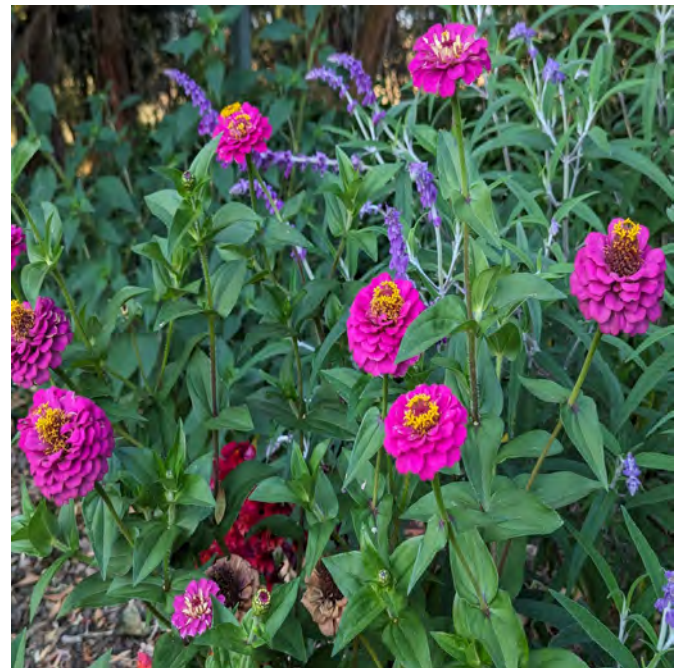


At the end of a season, it's a good time to reflect on how your garden performed. Would you have liked a greater variety of vegetables grown, were the colours of the flowers complimentary or was there enough shade coverage during summer?



I planted a selection of colourful flowers for my nieces' garden bridal shower. One standout was the stunning star-shaped Laurentia flower, *Isotoma axillaris*, resembling fireworks as it blooms. This Australian native perennial has been blooming since November and is still going strong in April, thriving despite the heat. It's about 30cm wide and high, ideal for rockeries and groundcover, with a delicate charm. Snapdragons, zinnias, and salvias have also added vibrant hues to the garden. Laurentia's aesthetically pleasing display and low maintenance needs indicates it was definitely a success in my garden.

What plants flourished in your garden during summer and autumn? Consider repositioning a pot or planting more of that winning herb next time for even better results. Taking time to reflect now gives you a chance to make adjustments during the upcoming cooler months.



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YARRAGON BOOK FAIR IS GO! 4TH & 5TH MAY

By Geoff Conway

This coming weekend will see hundreds of book-loving visitors come to Yarragon for the 2024 Book Fair.

This event, which is the principal fundraiser for volunteer firefighters in Yarragon, has become quite special for those attending and attracts people from throughout Gippsland and Southeast Melbourne.



The event has been run by Yarragon Fire Brigade for the past 15 years with wonderful support from the Yarragon Primary School Parents Club and community volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the Book Fair Team you will be most welcome to drop into the hall and catchup with Geoff Conway. There is always something to do and Saturday morning is a very busy time for the organisers.



In the past, the event has contributed to the funding of a second firefighting vehicle for Yarragon, provision of state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment for training and modifications to the communications centre at the fire station. Funds raised this year will contribute to the extension of the fire station which will provide dedicated storage for the protective clothing issued to our brigade members.



There will be thousands of top-quality secondhand books on sale from \$1 each. There is sure to be something there for every interest and every age group.



Doors open at 8.30 am on Saturday 4th May and close at 4 pm on Sunday 5th May in the afternoon.



Upcoming events

30
MAY

Thursday 7pm
REWIRING AUSTRALIA

27
JUNE

Thursday 7pm
KINDRED SPIRITS &
REGEN GIPPSLAND

25
JULY

Thursday 7pm
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YDCA

By Richard Polmear



WANTED!!! WANTED!!!

Yarragon and District residents who have a strong sense of community, want to foster a stronger sense of community and/or create resilience capacity within our community. Your task(s) would be to propose and create events that fulfil the relevant Yarragon and District Community Associations stated purposes:

- i) Encourage events that foster neighbourliness and a sense of community,
- ii) Encourage input from residents on issues that affect our community,

There are 3 requirements (none of which is expected to be onerous):

You need to enjoy working collaboratively with others. You need to be a member of the Yarragon and District Community Association (YDCA) in order to be covered by our insurances (the cost is \$25 per person or \$30 per family), and Your ideas and plan for implementing them must be approved by the members of YDCA.

If this opportunity is of interest to you then please make contact by emailing secretaryydca@gmail.com by Friday 17 May 2024.

The next meeting of the YDCA will be held on Tuesday 21 May at the Yarragon Fire Brigade building, Murray St, Yarragon, commencing at 7pm.



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The training is free. Council will provide the training through Lifeline Gippsland at various locations across the Baw Baw Shire. The course will go for five hours and you will come out of it feeling more informed on mental health, and how to help.

Scan the QR code to register a training session.



**Times and locations:
9.30am - 2.30pm**

Friday 10 May	Longwarry Public Hall, Longwarry
Wednesday 22 May	Trafalgar Community Centre, Trafalgar
Saturday 25 May	Longwarry Primary School, Longwarry
Wednesday 29 May	Longwarry Primary School, Longwarry
Wednesday 19 June	Yarragon Bowls Club, Yarragon

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

ANZAC BISCUITS

Anzac biscuits have long been associated with the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) established in World War I. It has been claimed that these biscuits were sent by wives and women's groups to soldiers abroad because the ingredients do not spoil easily and the biscuits kept well during naval transportation.



a classic recipe

INGREDIENTS

1 cup rolled oats	25g butter
1 cup plain flour	2 tablespoons golden syrup
1 cup brown sugar	1 tablespoon water
½ cup coconut	½ teaspoon bicarb soda

TO MAKE

1. Preheat oven to 180°, fan forced.
2. Combine oats, sifted flour, sugar and coconut in a bowl.
3. Combine butter, golden syrup and water in a small saucepan, stir constantly over medium heat until butter is melted.
4. Stir in soda.
5. Stir mixture into dry ingredients.
6. Place rounded tablespoons of mixture 5cm apart onto baking paper covered oven trays.
7. Bake in oven for 20 mins, cool on trays.

**Recipe from "The Australian Women's Weekly Basic Cookbook"*

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HELEN (NEE KENT) LANGRES OBITUARY

By Tini Cook

It is with great sadness we learned of the passing of Helen Langres on 1 April, aged 78.

Helen, born and bred in Yarragon was the daughter of Ellie & Ted Kent and was a true Yarragonite as her forebears were early settlers, the Downtons and the Rodiers.

Following her parents, grandparents and great grandparents example, she was very involved in the community - the School Mother's Club, Netball, the Community Newsletter and St. Mark's Anglican Church. The Red Cross was a huge part of her life and together with her mother they gave 90 years of service, firstly with the Yarragon branch and after that closed, with Warragul. Fundraising, hands-on assistance in relief centres during emergencies such as bushfires, assessments for those affected or to reunite family and friends were just some of the roles Helen took on. In 2009 she was awarded a National Emergency Medal and was a Red Cross regional representative delegate.

She gave much time to the Red Cross Op Shop in Warragul spending 1 day/ week rostered behind the counter, another day each week pricing and was also the financial manager, until recently.

Helen was a keen dressmaker and quilt maker and played a key role in the construction of the Yarragon Community Quilt in 1988. She gave practical help in so many things in Yarragon and was one of the regular helpers with the newsletter in the early decades when typing, printing and distribution was done by hand. She remained on the newsletter committee until her passing.



She was a lifelong member of the Yarragon Anglican Church and saw to its restoration and refurbishment. She was a keen researcher of Family History, keeping extensive records and was a member of the West Gippsland Genealogy Society.

Helen supported all things Yarragon and will be much missed.

Our condolences to her husband Harry and their children Emma, Kent and Tara.



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LION'S CLUB REPORT

By Alison and Glenn Butterworth

The Lions are guided by two sets of ideals.

The first is the “Lions Purposes”. These are points which cover things like understanding, tolerance, helping communities, bringing people together, assisting financially when needed, provide a forum for different ideas and public discussion (noting that partisan politics and sectarian religion are banned) and encouraging service minded people to serve in our community.



The other driver of Lions culture is the “Set of Ethics.” These are general rules which encourage honesty, and ethical behaviour in all facets of our lives, including both personal and business. We are encouraged to seek worthiness and strive for success, but to accept no profit because of any unfair advantage. This is all overseen by the obligation as a citizen of our nation, our state and our community to give them our unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed.

We are not just sausage sizzle cooks or Op shop operators. We are people who come together to work for the betterment of our community and ourselves. Of course we all enjoy the social side of our volunteering.



You can follow us on Facebook – “Yarragon Lions Club Australia”, and the Op Shop “Lions on Mane Op Shop” .



Autumn colour, Deb Churchill

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YARRAGON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

By Tegan Brown, Secretary & Community Safety Officer

Check your smoke alarm – A working smoke alarm saves lives!

Daylight savings recently passed us by and this is a good time to do your annual smoke alarm check. What do you need to do?

Give it a clean every year by dusting it off.

Replace the battery every year if your smoke alarm has a removable 9V battery.

If you have a 10-year lithium battery, then it needs replacing after 10 years.

Test the smoke alarm every month to see if it works by pressing and holding the test button until it beeps 3 times.

Burning Off

You have all waited patiently for this day since the FDP started last year. May 1st is the date that the Fire Danger Period Restrictions will be lifted in the Baw Baw Shire. It might seem like I repeat myself at least twice a year about what the burning off restrictions are but we are always gaining new locals into our town and new readers. As always it is your responsibility to do your due diligence to comply with all the Baw Baw Shire Burning Off regulations. There will be a link to the regulations below.

The basics are as follows:

Burn Off Basics

- ALWAYS notify ESTA by calling 1800 668 511 or online at <https://firepermits.vic.gov.au/>
- ALWAYS supervise your burn with an adult >18 years old, who has the capacity to extinguish the fire
- ALWAYS have sufficient fire protection equipment and sufficient water to put the burn out should it escalate
- Ensure is have cleared a minimum of 3 metres around the burn off of flammable material
- Make sure the wind is less than 15kmphs
Make sure the temperature is less than 30 degrees

Alternative options are always available such as

- Utilising the councils green waste and transfer station drop offs
- Composting and Mulching
Utilising the councils Free Green Waste Drop off days

For more detailed information please refer to the BAW BAW Shire website and documentation. <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Resident-Information/Local-Laws-and-Permits/Burning-Off-and-Permits>

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As you are reading the 'Yarragon Newsletter' you will be well aware that Deborah Churchill is one of the newsletter's editors. During May, Deborah has an exhibition of her mixed media work, described as gentle and reflective storytelling, at the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon. Deborah began her journey in the Arts area when she started making porcelain dolls in the 1980s. For 15 years as a Master Doll Maker and Judge she had a business teaching doll making and repairing antique toys. Now Deborah is more involved in creating mixed media works that still reflect her nostalgia for bygone eras particularly the period of Art Nouveau.



has taken on a different meaning as he prepares to launch yet another series of collected poems in the 'Catchment' series.



On June 21 the second edition of 'Catchment' will go live. www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au

Also on in the gallery at the same time is an exhibition of miniature works in 2D and 3D created to fit into a 20 by 20 centimetre space or frame. If you want to contribute to this fascinating exhibition see the Baw Baw Arts Alliance website.

The number 21 is significant for many people as a time they celebrated a milestone in their lives. For writer and member of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance, Rodney Williams, this number

Information about the literary journal, 'Catchment' can be found on the Baw Baw Arts Alliance website. Rodney established this component on the website to encourage writers from across Australia to contribute poems that would be later published in a small book. The first edition of these poems was launched on December 21 in 2023.

The Arts Alliance promotes all creative Arts and Rodney's consistent support for writers is reaping benefits as the number of contributors to 'Catchment' grows.

Until May 21 the Arts Alliance website is open to contributions from writers both experienced and novice. Preparation for the official launch will begin with reading rehearsals on May 15 followed by further public readings on May 19 at 2.00pm at the 'Community Hub', Oak street, Drouin. This is an opportunity to hear a new set of poems showing a sense of location.



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YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Richard Polmear

YARRAGON BOWLING CLUB UPDATE FOR YARRAGON NEWSLETTER – MAY 2024 Edition

On 23rd and 25th March, the Yarragon Bowling Club hosted events associated with the Victorian Open. On Saturday 23rd we held singles games and on 25th held triples. Bowls Victoria has advised, from post event feedback from players, that this was the best Vic Open conducted to date. Feedback from players at Yarragon was overwhelmingly positive for the welcome and the state of the green. Thanks to all YBC members involved, especially our green keeper, Sam Mazza.

Associated with the Vic Open the Bowling Club ran a raffle. The raffle was substantially supported by local businesses with donations received as follows:

Prize	Donor
Voucher 1 X \$50	Fringe Benefits, Yarragon
Voucher 1 X \$50	Shoe-a-Liscious, Yarragon
Voucher 1 X \$35	Hair by Gemma, Yarragon
Vouchers 6 X \$25	Club Hotel Warragul
Vouchers 4 X \$25	Yarragon Ale House
Vouchers 4 X \$25	Town & Country Gallery, Yarragon
Vouchers 4 X \$25	Gippsland Fresh Wholesale, Warragul
Voucher 1 X \$25	Him He Me, Yarragon
Vouchers 5 X \$20	Yarragon Pharmacy
Vouchers 4 X \$15	My Sunshine, Yarragon
Vouchers 2 X \$10	Shot House, Yarragon
Hamper	Items donated by Bowls Members

Our thanks to all of the donors and contributors. Our monthly sponsors receipt members draw was held 21st March and was won by Member and President Kevin McLaren with a receipt from Town and Country Gallery. The prize was a \$25 voucher from Warragul Country Club.

Our AGM and Presentation night will be held Thursday 16 May 2024. Without wanting to pre-empt the results to be announced at the AGM, it is fair to say that the Club has never been in better shape. There are considerable thanks due to the new members who signed on this year. We hope you have enjoyed your experiences and look forward to welcoming you back when bowling resumes again after the green is renovated during winter. Your involvement has energised the Club and combined with the efforts of a core of committed members and sponsors has boosted the Clubs finances to levels never seen during my involvement with the Yarragon Bowling Club. This underpins our application to the State Government for a grant to move to a synthetic green. We should hear the results of our application in the next month or two. Here's hoping!!! And, whilst our Pennant teams made the finals, we weren't able to deliver on our full potential – perhaps next year? It is possible there will be indoor winter social activities – these are still being discussed, so keep up to date by following us on Facebook (details below).

We have made requests of Bunnings for more BBQ dates and are presently awaiting their response. This initiative has been of significant financial value to Yarragon Bowling Club over the past several years as it is for any Club that can participate. Our thanks to Bunnings for this initiative. So, when you are next at Bunnings on the weekend go and visit the Club conducting the BBQ and enjoy a sausage on bread, with or without onions and sauce and say g'day.

Our sponsors for the 2023/24 season:

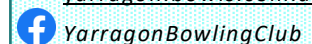
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- Gippsland Food and Wine
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- Select Office Supplies
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- The Shot House
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- Warragul Country Club
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- Yarragon Automotive
- Yarragon Country Style Bakery
- Yarragon Foodworks
- Yarragon Lions Club
- Yarragon Pharmacy
- Yarragon Post Office

We also recognise the tremendous support that the Community/Bendigo Bank of Trafalgar and District has provided the Yarragon Bowling Club and encourage locals to support them.

Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters. Without you we would not exist!!!

To contact the bowls club about sponsorship, games, or hiring facilities (with limited catering available):

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



FORMER YARRAGON RESIDENT HALE AND HEARTY AT 108!

By Tini Cook

I recently had the amazing experience of calling in on Mrs Edith Dryden at Yackandandah.



Edie on her 108th birthday last October.

The Drydens lived in Rollo St until 1959, when they moved to Yackandandah where they bought the bakery.

I had heard some years ago that Mrs Dryden, over 100 years old was alive and well.

Whilst in Yackandandah I enquired at a shop about Mrs Dryden. The reply: "Oh Edie, yes she's 108 and in the Nursing Home up the road".

I thought I should just pop in and say hello from Yarragon.

Not expecting to find her upright and alert I was amazed when I introduced myself and she said: "How lovely of you to come and visit me. How are Aris, Yonny and Nellie? (my siblings)". I was flabbergasted that she would remember us all 65 years on, as we had not had any contact in that time. Her memory is phenomenal remembering so many people from Yarragon.

She said the bakery was hard work for 20 years, until retiring at 67 after which she always kept physically active with exercises and playing bowls and pursued dozens of art and craft activities, including china painting, watercolour painting, embroidery and making teddy bears.

She also used to write stories that were published in different magazines such as 'New Idea' and 'Reader's Digest'.

She got an ipad when she turned 100 for the news and liked to email and google things. She used to like going to the quizzes but doesn't go now because of failing hearing.

"I've always been busy and that's what I put my long life down to."

Edie and Ted had five sons and one daughter.

Those of us who lived in Yarragon in 1957 well remember the devastation felt when Judith, a teenager, died of rheumatic fever.

Edith is one of the oldest people in Australia and lived independently for many years after her husband Ted died, until moving into aged care at 101.

Edith has 19 grandchildren, 49 great grandchildren and numerous great, great grandchildren. Her surviving sons visit regularly as does a 70 year old grand daughter who is working on the family's history.

She said you never get over the death of your children and despite other tragedies she is so warm and loving – such lively, delightful, inspiring company.



BAW BAW SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK

By Amanda McLeod



The Baw Baw Sustainability Network is pleased to host an evening on Rewiring Australia's 'Electrify Everything' vision.

Rewiring Australia is on a mission to electrify everything as this is the fastest way to meet our climate goals, while addressing the cost of living crisis facing households today.

The non-profit research and advocacy organisation is calling for the big changes needed to do this at scale, while also working with communities and individuals to accelerate electrification on the ground. This work is helping families and communities save money on their power bills, create healthier homes and reduce their carbon emissions.

Join Rewiring Australia team member Cameron Shorter as he discusses what 'electrifying everything' involves, why it matters and how we can all take steps to make the transition to a clean electric future a reality.



PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION



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**Thursday 30 May
Uniting Church Hall, Rear
9 Campbell St, Yarragon**

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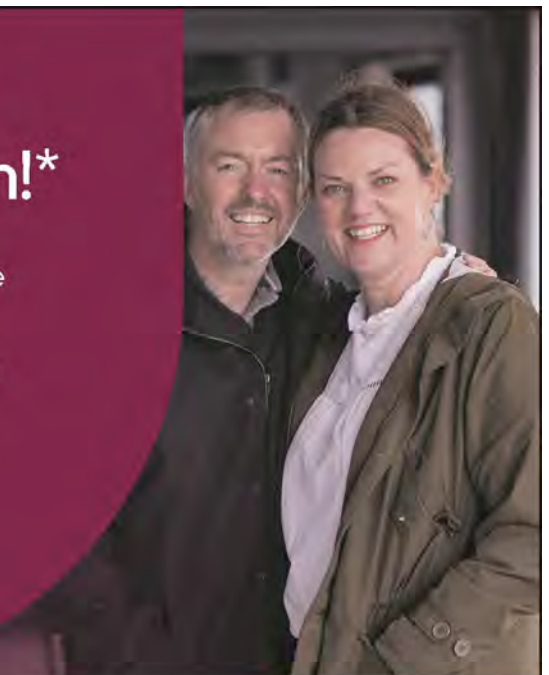
The presentation will be followed by a discussion and a light supper.

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YFNC NETBALL RAFFLE

TICKETS: \$5.00

DRAWN: Sunday 5th May 2024 at 8:00pm

Winners will be contacted via telephone & posted on our social media pages

1st Prize 2 Night Glamping Stay Peninsula Hotsprings

2nd Prize Salon Seven Cut & Colour Service
Rejuvenate with Katie 1hr Luxe Hydrating Facial
Glasshouse Candle

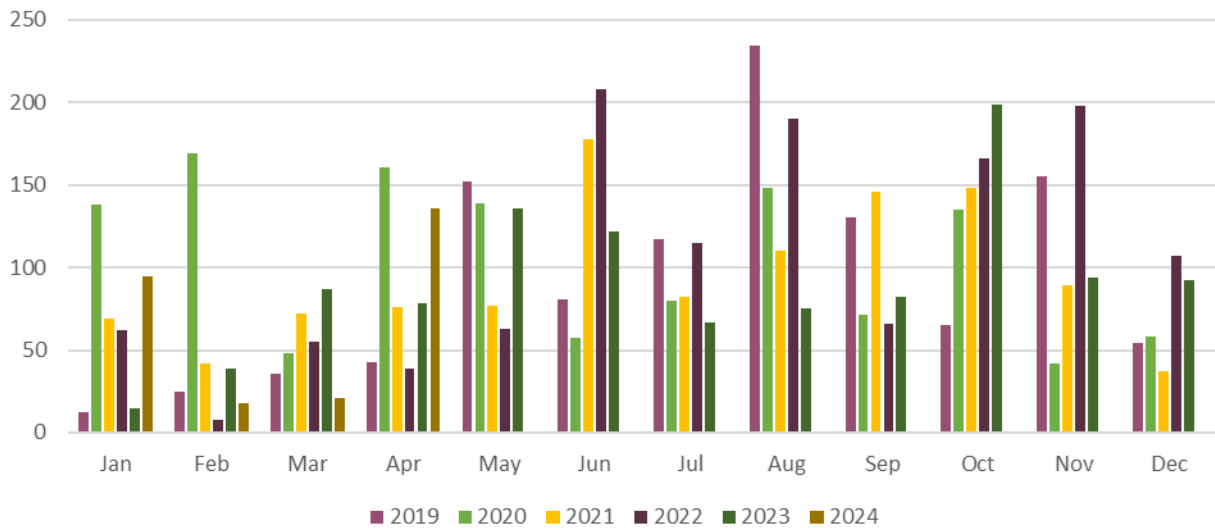
3rd Prize Assorted Hamper - (Value: \$150)



Social Calendar 2024



Rainfall 2019 - 2024



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 Apr	Total
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	239	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	164	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	112	54	75	82	199	69	92	219	1086
2024	95	17	21	136									270	

YARRAGON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

By Lilli Sim



Season 2024 is underway, just three rounds in and the Yarragon Football Netball Club have been showing a different competitiveness and brand of football and netball that is becoming something that is talked about in and around other Clubs of the competition.

Despite copping the tougher end of the draw to start off the season, playing against two of the top three sides of the competition the last couple of weeks, our club sure can stand proud for the efforts that have been displayed out on the field and court by all grades.

On Saturday 13th April 2024 we hosted our first home game for the season against Neerim South and it was wonderful to see so many people pour through the gates of the Dowton Park Reserve.

SEASON FIXTURE: MAY 2024

Round 4: Saturday 27th April 2024 v's Buln Buln (Home)

Round 5: Saturday 4th May 2024 Bye

Round 6: Saturday 11th May 2024 v's Trafalgar (Away)

Round 7: Saturday 18th May 2024 v's Nyora (Home)

Round 8: Saturday 25th May 2024 v's Longwarry (Away)

THURSDAY NIGHT MEALS

Our Thursday night meals are a club favourite so of course they are back again this year!

Save yourself the hassle of cooking and come on down to our social rooms and enjoy a two-course meal for only \$20!! ALL WELCOME!!

YFNC NETBALL RAFFLE

Get ready for our exciting raffle event! Get ready for your chance to win some incredible prizes.

How to Participate:

Purchase or Sell raffle tickets from our Netball Members or Contact Netball Vice President Caitlyn Guppy on 0432 670 570.

A Special thank you to Salon Seven and Rejuvenate by Katie for their generous contributions which have helped us raise funds for our Netball Club. We couldn't have done it without you. Your willingness to give back to the community means so much to us.

JOIN THE PANTHER ARMY

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 or contact Rod Pollock on 0409 019 525.

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