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HAIRCUTS HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

By Deborah Churchill, Christina Flann and Gemma Nash

The next time you go to the hairdresser, think about how your haircut can help the environment or be turned into a wig for those with cancer or alopecia.

Twenty ponytails of 20 cm or more in length are needed to make a wig, while shorter clippings are transformed into compost or floating hair booms to absorb oil spills in the sea.

We came to know about this because back in May Oscar decided to cut his long hair and wanted to donate it. Turns out that our own Wildflower Studio was already onto it.

Oscar produced 15 plaits of beautiful quality hair which will probably go into wigs and he got a lovely certificate.

A few weeks ago I (Christina) decided to cut my very long hair too. I didn't go into Wildflower (sorry Gemma), just did it myself on the couch in front of the tv. I only managed to produce two very thin plaits that taper to almost nothing. But one is 40 cm long. And still no-one has noticed the difference!

Regardless, I will be proud to have my hair composted or mopping up oil spills.

Of course, I'd rather there weren't any oil spills that need mopping up!



Oscar's beautiful locks before



Many plaits!



Not so many plaits



Spiffy new short hair

wildflower studio x sustainable salons



Wildflower Studio is a cutting down salon waste for good! We have partnered with Sustainable Salons to provide a more sustainable solution to salon waste. We are proud to help divert 95% of salon waste out of landfill! So amazing!

Hair Booms! Have you heard of these!?

All the hair clippings on the salon floor get swept up and placed into a specific bin which we then send off to our warehouse and they make these giant hair booms using stockings and hair clippings to clean our oceans!

Synthetic booms and chemical dispersants cause damaging long term side effects on the environment. Hair booms however, are an organic alternative that's even more effective at soaking up oil. A standard boom can soak up to 4L of oil and can even be drained and reused up to two more times. Talk about the power of hair!

And as if it isn't enough that we take hair clippings and save the turtles, we also take hair donations that become repurposed into wigs for various charities! We love and adore everyone who comes into the salon to cut off their hair and give confidence to someone else going through a hard time. Some of the charities we work with are the Variety Charity and the Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation. Your new look could mean a new life for someone in need!

As of July 2023 Sustainable Salons has collected 240,387 ponytails to donate towards these beautiful wigs, how amazing is that!?

If ever you are wanting to book in an appointment to donate your hair, please contact us at Wildflower Studio, all you need to 20cms in length to donate!



for more information about this amazing company head to sustainablesalons.org



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26 November
12 noon**

WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN MY GARDEN?

By Margaret Young



How could I have not mentioned Kookaburras before? They gather in family groups on the cross arms of the power pole in my back garden and cackle, chortle and just laugh with such delight and enthusiasm, encouraging others nearby to join in. It brightens my day.

Laughing Kookaburras are the largest members of the Kingfisher family. Over the years they have been given a wonderful range of names Alarm bird; Breakfast bird; Bushman's, Settler's or Shepherd's Clock; Brown, Great Brown or Laughing Kingfisher; Jack, Jackass, Jacko, Jacky, John, Johnny; Kooka, Laughing Jack; Ha Ha or Woop Woop Pigeon. It's a good thing they don't have to fill in any official forms!

Kookaburras were originally found all along the Eastern seaboard of Australia and around to about Adelaide, but in the distant past they were introduced to Tasmania and the bottom corner of Western Australia. They are a stocky bird with a long strong beak for catching their prey. We all recognise their mottled brown back and white front but have you been close enough to see the blue

markings in their wings and how, when they land, they flick their tail up?

From their vantage point on a tree branch or fence post they search the ground for food. Kookaburras are mainly carnivorous, dining on mice, snakes, yabbies, insects, small reptiles and young from other bird's nests, and maybe an unattended sausage from your BBQ!! Unfortunately their introduction into Western Australia in the 1890's has had a devastating effect on some of the local lizards.

Kookaburras mate for life. They build a nest on decayed debris in a hollow trunk or limb up to 20 m high. Occasionally they might choose a hole in a creek bank, termite nest, haystack or cavity in a wall. The female lays 2-4 white roundish eggs. Non-breeding family members will help with the raising of the chicks. Even though the chicks are blind at "birth" the first hatched ones will kill the ones that hatch later!!



You will find Kookaburras in open woodland, forest clearings, farming country with trees, orchards and city parks. Further inland they like to live near timbered water courses. I hope you enjoy hearing the call of these happy birds as much as I do, even if it might be very early in the morning.



John Robert McPherson

FROM THE EDITORS

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

As the new editors of community newsletter, we rely on local input, We want to be informative and inclusive, bringing you items of importance, interest and activities from our town. Please contact us on yarragonnews@gmail.com or 0438565721 if you have something to contribute. We look forward to hearing from you. This newsletter is your newsletter and your voice, we limit articles to approximately 600 words and as editors we will use our discretion as to what will be published.

What are the editors up to?

Oscar

Completed a mosaic project under the guidance of Tini Cooke (multi-talented Newsletter founder). Still reading *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, up to the fourth book in the trilogy (!) *So Long and*



Thanks for all the Fish. Also just got gifted *My Side of the Mountain* by Jude Conway.

Christina

Currently reading *It's the Menopause* by Kaz Cooke (it's not tmi, it's normalisation). Also *The Detective's Guide to Paris* by school mate Nicki Greenberg. Making a lot of mulch—currently waging a war on Sweet Pittosporum. Doing a pottery course with Oscar.

Debbie

Getting ready for "Off The Easel" Exhibition, Yarragon Hall 4th and 5th November (see page 9). Representing this newsletter at the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria (CNAV) conference in Melbourne in October.



TOWN-WIDE SPRING CLEAN REPORT

By Christina Flann via Yarragon Parents Club Report in Yarragon Primary Newsletter

This year's Yarragon Garage Sale was another big success. Despite a cold start, the weather was lovely and lots of people came out to search for bargains. 250 maps were picked up at the school for the bargain price of a gold coin. The plant sale was well supplied and well visited. My family bought herbs, veggies, an orchid, Australian natives and some succulents. Downton Park was the perfect place to have the car boot sale, with gazebos set up in the shade next to utes full of useful goodies (we got an ironing board, two swings and some new purple sheets). We managed to visit about 10 of the many, many garage sales scattered over our town. Lots of exciting things that we didn't know we needed! Overall, close to \$3000.00 was raised for Yarragon Primary School and Early Learning Centre. Thanks to everyone involved!



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Need help with the costs of study?

Applications are invited from eligible students who require assistance with tertiary education costs in 2024.

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YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Kathie Chalmers

The sun was shining as over 70 stalls gathered on the green at Waterloo Park for the October Yarragon Craft and Produce Market .

The next market day is Saturday 25th November from 9am -1pm at Waterloo Park with stall holders ready to meet you and share their ranges of crafts and produce .

It's a great market to visit and pick up some handmade gifts ready for the gift giving season.



With Christmas fast approaching we have our Twilight Market on Friday 15th December from 4-8pm.

We will be joined by Santa and his Elf, two face painters and a great variety of stalls.

Keep up to date with stall holders on our social pages at Yarragon Craft and Produce Market on Facebook and Instagram



SPRING 1899

Found by Debbie on Trove

YARRAGON.

The township and district is going ahead, several new buildings of a good class are in course of erection. The saw mill is kept going with good orders, also a lot of local orders. The grass is looking well and the cattle are all in good order, and cows coming in fast. The business people are all kept going and every one seems to be in first class spirits over the prospects of the season.

Mr. Vale has promised to give the people a lecture on his views of temperance at the hall on Thursday 17th inst., a large crowd is expected. We are glad to hear our lady teacher is again coming back to her little flock ; they are all rejoicing at her expected return.

Many local people are anxiously waiting for the board to deal with the Moe Swamp. Things will be humming here in a few weeks.

Early potato crops and onions also are looking well.



Photo courtesy of State Library of Victoria

LOCAL GROUP ACTIVITIES

By Deborah Churchill

Walking group

Meet at the rotunda every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am for a lovely social walk followed by morning tea at one of our cafes. Everyone welcome.



Garden Group

Wednesdays from 10 (or 10:30) until lunch time. Share your knowledge and learn from other gardeners in the backyard of the Uniting Church, Campbell St.

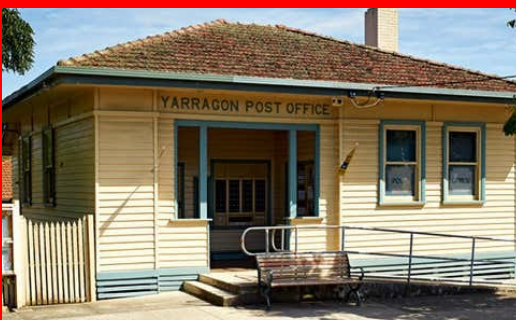


Craft Group

Thursday 1pm craft group meets at the room behind Fozigobble café, bring along your works in progress, everyone welcome.



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OCTOBER FIRES

By Colin Lackman, Yarragon Fire Brigade, 3rd Lieutenant and Brigade Health Safety Officer; BBSC Media release

The first week of October was unusually busy for the brigade. It started with a callout for our tanker at about 5am on Sunday the 1st to be part of a fleet of 20 tankers heading for Erica where a fire was burning out of control in heavy bush and heading towards Walhalla. Our task on that day was to protect the Walhalla tourist railway station which was under threat.

We returned home from that job at about 6pm as the station was no longer under threat. The following day should have been a quiet day, but we knew there were three fires still burning in East Gippsland. Sure enough, we received a page at about 6pm to meet in Warragul ASAP to catch a bus to Sale to assist at the Loch Sport fire. Three of us answered the call and were soon on the way to Sale along with about 20 other people to pick up the fire trucks we were to use at Loch Sport. Another 5 vehicles were going to meet us there to help protect the town.

We made it to Loch Sport but unfortunately, the only road in and out of town was closed before the other team could get through. We were alone to defend the town, but fortunately had a good team of 4WDs manned by Forest Fire Management staff, who were actively fighting the fire in the scrub. In order to protect the assets and people in the town, we set up defensive positions around the town and along the golf course waiting for the fire to reach us. Strong winds were fanning the fire and predicted wind changes during the night were expected to pose an even greater threat to the town.

We patrolled all night and it was not until mid-day that the road was reopened and our replacements could get through. By this time the fire had reached the edge of town and some of our very weary team were kept busy



maintaining a control line outside the edge of town. Just as our replacement crews arrived, so did some most welcome rain, which helped to slow the fire's progress. In the meantime, another three of Yarragon's Fire Brigade members had been called out to help for a day on the Briarolong fire, which had also been experiencing the same strong winds that we had at Loch Sport.

I am pleased to say that all of our members are safely back home, although some were feeling very tired after being on the fireground for an extended period. It's most unusual to have three very large fires break out at this time of year, and is perhaps a warning of what the rest of the summer may bring. It's also worth noting that each of these fires was started by a campfire or burnoff which the owners had thought were out. When you leave a fire, it is important that the ashes are cold to touch, don't rely on not seeing any smoke or embers. It is also worth noting, that even after more than 100mm of rain, all three fires are still burning and the Briarolong fire is still not under control.



“Victoria is one of the most bushfire-prone areas in the world so it's vital to plan ahead. Make sure your household has a Bushfire Survival Plan. We have lots of great resources available for residents at the CFA website. For those who would like to get involved more directly and help the CFA, our brigades are recruiting now. If you would like to give us a hand, we would love to hear from you.”

CFA District 9 Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer Emma Conway

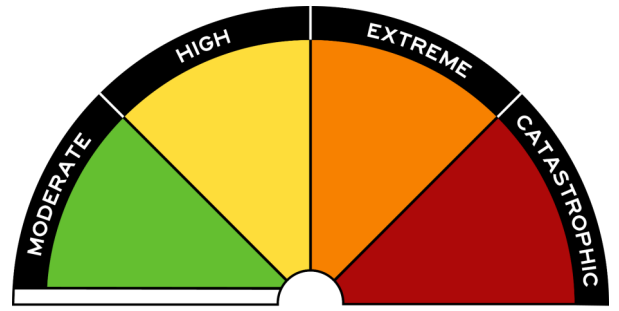


THANKS AND NEW RATINGS SYSTEM

By Tegan Brown, Secretary & Community Safety Officer

Thank you to our volunteers!!

A huge thank you to all our volunteers that sacrificed their time to support other brigades in fighting the Rawson-Erica, Briagolong and Loch Sport Fires. We had a total of 8 members who assisted over 3 days. A huge thank you to Mel, our communications officer, who coordinated a lot behind the scenes to ensure our members were supported and our town protected for any local incidents. Thank you to Geoff, Ken, Andrew S, Andy, Colin, Darold, Norm, Moysey, and their families.



Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS)

The new system has been in place since September 2022. Each rating indicates how dangerous a bushfire would be IF it were to start. It does not indicate the likelihood of a fire starting on that particular day. This new system is the same across all states and territories so that when travelling everyone can be familiar with the information being provided. There are now just 4 ratings to simplify the message and avoid confusion.

Moderate = Plan and Prepare

- Most fires in this category can be controlled.
- You need to stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.



High = Prepare to Act

- Fires in this category can be dangerous.
- You need to be alert for fires in your area as there is a heightened risk. You need to decide what you will do if a fire does start.
- If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bushfire risk areas.

Extreme = Take action now to protect your life and property

- Fires in this category will spread very quickly and can be extremely dangerous.
- You need to make sure your fire plan and property are fire ready.
- If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.
- If you are travelling, avoid travelling through bushfire risk areas.
- Expect hot, dry and windy conditions.
- It is recommended that you leave bushfire risk areas early in the day as this is your safest option.

Catastrophic = For your survival, leave bushfire risk area

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

- Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.
- For your survival, do not be in bushfire risk areas.
- Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.
- If a fire starts and takes hold, lives and properties are likely to be lost.
- Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave and help may not be available.



The white line indicates if a fire were to start no action would be required by you but to be aware of what is happening.

Where can you find this information?

Online at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings>

Vic Emergency App on your phone or online

In town? – Unfortunately we do not have one close by. You may have seen the signs on the highway near Longwarry when travelling back and forth from Melbourne.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Alison and Glenn Butterworth



At our meeting on 11th October we were pleased to host a visit from Colin Blyth, 2nd Lions District Governor, his wife Nina, and David Koschade, Zone 6 District Governor. Colin spoke of his 27 years as a Lion, and stressed that we have to work hard to retain members, and to also include local organizations in our projects. Colin and Bill (our President) then exchanged banners. Colin also presented Kevin Arnold with a membership award.

On Saturday 21st October we provided the sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Warragul. This was a very successful and profitable project. Our thanks go to Wayne Hewitt, who not only organised everything, but stayed there the entire time. Thanks also to the Lions members who volunteered on the day. We will also be at Bunnings on Saturday 11th November.



We had a \$2.00 per item sale in the Op Shop last month. This was very successful and we have now restocked the shelves and racks with a whole lot of new stuff. Come on in and see what you can find. As November rolls around, we will be putting out our Christmas goods for sale. Cut price decorations and gifts will be available. Our Christmas cakes are still available. They are great value and are very high quality. We also have Christmas puddings this year.

USEFUL TO KNOW

Yarragon has an AED located at the Bendigo Bank ATM



RE-INTRODUCING CAFÉ PICCOLO

By Christina Flann

Not so small anymore! Café Piccolo has reopened at 6 Village Walk. There are now tables to sit down at inside and cool interior design features to look at as you drink your coffee and eat your delicious food.

The tables seem to be named after edible plants, so far I've sat at Olive, Mint and Basil :)



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EV CHARGING STATION

By Peter Kingwill



Yarragon's First Public Electric Vehicle Charger

In the very near future a new Electric Vehicle charging station will be installed in front of the Yarragon Uniting Church. The EV charger may even be installed prior to publication of this article in the newsletter!

This project is being facilitated by the Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN), funded by AGL and supported by the Uniting Church. The charging station will enable locals and visitors to Yarragon to top up their EV while enjoying the town's facilities.

This initiative is another step in the Yarragon Uniting Church's journey to achieving **carbon neutral status**. GCCN has also helped us install solar panels which will help offset the energy used in the Church and hall along with offsetting the energy to charge EVs.

Other improvements already implemented include removal of gas heaters/appliances in the Church hall, installing energy efficient appliances, and draft-proofing the hall thanks to the Baw Baw Sustainability Network. Be ready to plug in!



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The Baw Baw Arts Alliance is an energetic, not for profit organization of Artists and those interested in the Arts. It is the Alliance that runs the Warragul Arts Market during the warmer months. The first of these was off to a wonderful start on the third Saturday in October so expect an even more interesting one in November. With more than 50 stalls operated by Artists there is a huge range of quality, locally produced creative work available for you to purchase.



One such Artist is Darren Crouch of <https://www.beyondcnc.com.au/> who creates exciting, high quality metal Art in Warragul. Like all the stallholders at the Arts Market Darren is enthusiastic and informative

about his Art. Do not miss the next Arts Market on Saturday, November 18 in Warragul. For market stallholders see <https://bawbawartsalliance.org.au/newcms52/Meet-our-Stallholders>

Also during the month of November at 'The Station Gallery', Yarragon, two well-known Artists are exhibiting new works. Cheryl Cook has been dabbling in 'Nature's Alchemy' to produce fascinating works using natural inks and dyes. Sharon Wootton has once again taken to canvas with her extraordinary talent and painted a range of interpretative portraits in an exhibition called 'What's Your Story'. Both Artists are sharing an official opening and celebration of their work at 2pm, Saturday, November 4 at 'The Station Gallery', Princes Highway, Yarragon. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Artists in person and hear something of their Art journey.

The Alliance is well known for its support of Visual Artists but not so well known is its support of other creative forms. The website of the Alliance is now hosting a new initiative called 'Catchment – Poetry of Place' where poets are invited to contribute work focussing on locations in Australia and overseas. This initiative has largely been the work of poet Rodney Williams who conducts the 'Time to Write' drop in group at Artspace 1 in Trafalgar Railway Station each Wednesday at 10.30am. for more information on 'Catchment' see <https://bawbawartsalliance.org.au/newcms52/Catchment>

A very exciting initiative for Artists is the 'Three Course Progressive Art Play' to take place on Friday, December 1, commencing at 10.30am at Trafalgar Railway Station where you can watch Artists create Art. From there Artists will catch a train to Yarragon, create more Art and on to Warragul Railway Station for more Art. This is designed to be an end of year celebration of creative work for Artists and public.



Baw Baw Arts Alliance
Yarragon Railway Station
OPEN Wednesday to Sunday 10:30 am - 4pm
www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au

Wednesday 1st November 2023
to
Sunday 26th November 2023





YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Richard Polmear

We have played the first 2 rounds of Pennant. We'll let you know how we are going from here on. The State has released some funding through Sport and Recreation Victoria that Baw Baw Shire can apply for on our behalf, for an artificial green. So, we have 3 key short-term targets to be met by 30 November:

- \$100k in our funding contribution (currently \$87k),
- Increase membership to a total of 60 members (40 at the start of October),
- Prepare a winning submission.

We take pride in the fact that we have a family friendly environment. Our Twilight Barefoot Bowls program runs on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month during daylight savings. For our offering of 19th October we were at our capacity of 64 patrons.

Future offerings are on the 2nd and 16th November and 7th December. Come and join us for a bowl (no experience needed) a light meal and plenty of opportunity to socialise in a friendly environment. 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. Only the first 64 patrons can be accommodated. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child.

Member, Rhett Galley, won the October sponsors' draw with a receipt from Yarragon Foodworks. His prize is a \$25 voucher from Warragul Country Club. Follow us on

Facebook (details to the right) to get updates on new initiatives. Although I promised an update on our Melbourne Cup offering, it has been decided that this is a members only event due to catering staff limitations.

Our next Bunnings BBQ is Sunday 5th November so feel free to drop in, say hi and buy a snag. Our sponsor liaison officer, Denese Reynolds, is doing a wonderful job. You will find her to be very engaging and pleasant. Our sponsor program is designed to provide benefits to both parties, so if you might be interested feel free to contact the club on the Club mobile.

Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters.

Without you we would not exist!!!

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

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

Email: yarragonbowls@gmail.com

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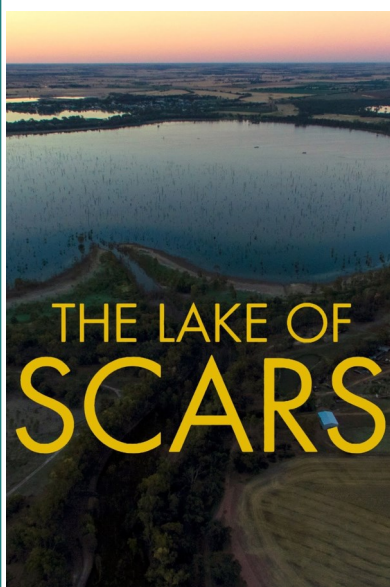
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SUSTAINABILITY, THE SHOWING OF THE DOCUMENTARY 'THE LAKE OF SCARS' AND THE BAW BAW SHIRE'S 'SIGNIFICANT TREE STUDY'



Communities
living sustainably
and flourishing

By Amanda McLeod



On Thursday 27th October more than 30 community members attended a successful film night hosted by the Baw Baw Sustainability Network in Yarragon. The audience gathered to watch 'The Lake of Scars' documentary directed by Bill Code and narrated by Uncle Jack Charles. The film, described as 'a portrait of a hidden facet of Australian history and environment', examines what reconciliation can look like in Australia. This poignant, fascinating, and beautiful film sparked a lively audience discussion which focussed on the implications, necessity and urgency of protecting the natural environment in the West Gippsland region.

Attendees spoke passionately about their environmental activism and noted that the Baw Baw Shire Council had issued an invitation to 'all community members to participate in a shire-wide Significant Tree Study to nominate exceptional, eligible trees throughout Baw Baw and identify them within a Significant Tree Register'.

The audience had representation from widespread parts of the Shire. Residents' concern, for what is considered wanton elimination of trees, has grown with the explosion of housing developments in our shire. Their helplessness in the face of perceived inaction by the Baw Baw Shire Council in the matter of tree protection was palpable. People need trees for many reasons. Climate change is one of these.

Local knowledge is so very important. The Baw Baw Sustainability Network and audience members urged everyone in the Shire to identify stands of trees, linkages of trees for continuous canopies and individual trees, even decrepit old dead trees for their habitat significance, and enter these on the register.

Residents have until Friday 2 February 2024 to participate. 'The study will support changes to the Baw Baw Shire Planning Scheme to protect significant trees and deliver key actions in Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy focused on building a better understanding of the Council's environmental assets and increasing protection of the environment across the Shire'.

The process of nomination is simple, the interactive map makes the process easy to identify trees of significance. To nominate visit: bawbawconnect.com.au/significant-tree-study

Please do not hesitate to contact Amanda McLeod, BBSN Communications Manager, (0427 156 980), Inge Mitchell, BBSN President, (0411 453 175), via the BBSN Facebook page or email bawbawsn@gmail.com.

YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL SNIPPETS

By Oscar Bijl

For my school, within the past month we've had a Regional Athletics Sports Day. Which is a sports event across schools in the region of Gippsland where there are lots of events and you compete and you try to win for your school. What I did for the event was 80 metre hurdles. (Debbie says that is a very high hurdle – tee hee). I came fifth for the hurdles because I started 2 seconds late. But I was not a sore loser.

We also had the Summer Sports event which was a few schools from the region competing in basketball, volleyball and softball. It was held at Chairo Christian School in Drouin. The event I chose to do was volleyball, which was lots of fun because of how well the team worked together and conversed about our game plan. We sadly didn't win any of our games but the spirits were very, very high. So was the net (Debbie wants to know if it was 80 m high?).

It was very enjoyable for both the students and the teachers with the occasional ups and downs of wins and losses.



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Bring the kids down and pop in for a chat about our open spaces and other opportunities to have your say.

You can also leave feedback via the QR codes below.



STUDY
OPEN NOW!

YARRAGON AND TRAFALGAR PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING STUDY.

Share your experiences using the existing walking and cycling network in Yarragon and Trafalgar to help us improve safety and accessibility.

Have your say, your way : bawbawconnect.com.au



Close date:
Sunday 29
October 2023.

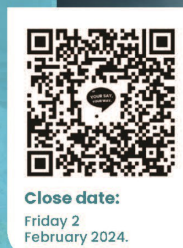


NOMINATIONS
OPEN NOW!

SIGNIFICANT TREE STUDY.

Participate in a shire-wide Significant Tree Study to help us identify significant trees for future protection.

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Close date:
Friday 2
February 2024.

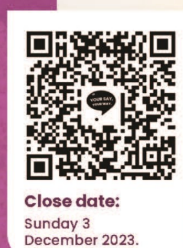


CONSULTATION-
OPEN NOW!

OPEN SPACE STRATEGY.

Let's shape the future of our open spaces and help improve the user experience in Baw Baw's parks, gardens and outdoor recreation facilities.

Have your say, your way : bawbawconnect.com.au



Close date:
Sunday 3
December 2023.



BAW BAW COUNCIL

COUNCIL News.

Baw Baw Connect

A better way to connect is here!

We are pleased to announce the launch of **Baw Baw Connect**, a brand new online engagement platform that enhances opportunities for meaningful and direct interactions with Council.

Baw Baw Connect offers a wider variety of flexible and easy-to-use engagement methods to make it easier for you to have your say, and stay informed about the progress and outcomes of projects that matter to you.

The new and improved online engagement platform includes a number of features that will enhance and support engagement outcomes and experiences for all users.

For more information about **Baw Baw Connect**, and to have your say, your way, please visit bawbawconnect.com.au

Scan the code to visit bawbawconnect.com.au

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West Gippsland Genealogical Society, Inc.

Book Launch

A Tribute to Those Who Served - Volume 4

Remembering WW1 Service Personnel Who are Buried or Memorialised

In the Yarragon Cemetery West Gippsland

Saturday, 11th November 2023

2.30 pm

St Jarlath's Catholic Church Hall

Rollo Street, Yarragon

Afternoon tea will be served

In conjunction with the Yarragon Cemetery Trust

A Cemetery Walk featuring WW1 veterans will be held at the Yarragon Cemetery starting at 1.00 pm

Cost of book \$35, pre-order form available at:
www.westgippslandgenealogy.com

We look forward to seeing you at our launch

Q: Do you know what sucks?

A: A vacuum cleaner.

Oscar

Rainfall 2018 - 2023

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	To Oct total	Total
2018	54	15	46	40	141	75	127	106	93	42	143	54	739	936
2019	12	25	36	43	152	81	117	234	130	65	155	54	895	1104
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	1146	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	1000	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	972	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	112	54	75	82	184			885	

YARRAGON CEMETERY NEWS

By Mel Kemeys, Yarragon Cemetery Trust

On November 11 the West Gippsland Genealogical Society is launching their book paying tribute to those from Yarragon who served in WW1, some of whom are buried or memorialised in Yarragon Cemetery. The launch commences at 1 pm at the cemetery and Trust members will be on hand to provide any assistance to anyone who wants to find a loved one who served or just wants to pay their respects. Please feel free to bring a poppy to place on a grave.



YARRAGON COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

By Barbara Kingwill

A special acknowledgement and thank you event is planned for all the “unsung” heroes and helpers from the Yarragon service, sporting, and other community support groups. This community gathering will highlight and promote the vital work of volunteers.

The event includes free morning tea which will be held at the Market Street Park on Sunday 3rd December at 11am. This invitation is extended to all volunteers and their families within your group. However, during the event the various Yarragon service, support, and sporting groups will be acknowledged and to assist in this process it would be appreciated if you could please email kingwillbj@hotmail.com with the name/s of your group’s nominated representative who will be attending.

This event has been sponsored by the local churches of St Jarlath’s, St Mark’s and St David’s and supported by the Yarragon District Community Association. The idea was prompted by Yarragon newsletter articles and conversations about the challenges of finding volunteers who can serve our community. The churches hope this way of recognising groups and thanking individuals will foster a spirit of giving as a lead into the end of year and the Christmas season.

Please note - If the weather is unsuitable for this location the event will be relocated to a suitable hall and a notice will be placed on the Market Street Park building providing location details. If you require additional information, please contact Barbara Kingwill 0429 338 961.



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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
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Monday / Painting Group.
Tuesday / MmaD Group (mixed media)
Wednesday am / Clay group,
Wednesday pm / Just drawing.

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

Oscarism of the Month:

*Conversated
(instead of
conversed)*

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

YARRAGON STUDIO CONCERT

3:00pm 19
November
Duo

Kirsanova
– Lewis
Violin &
Piano

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WEDNESDAY

GARDENING GROUP

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



PLAYGROUP

9:30–11:30am at
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Campbell St.
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share
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LIONS CLUB

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President Bill Cropley
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SUNDAY

St Mark's Anglican Church

Currently meeting at St
David's Uniting Church, 7
Campbell Street, Yarragon at
9:15am on the 2nd and 4th
Sundays of the month

St David's Uniting Church

Campbell St. Service details
on noticeboard at church.

St Jarlath's Catholic Church

YARRAGON 10:00am Mass
every Sunday
Trafalgar 6:00pm Mass
every Saturday
Parish Office 5633 1166