



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 407 OCTOBER 2023

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### YARRAGON STREETScape VISION MASTERPLAN

By Deborah Churchill

Community meeting was held at the Yarragon Hall on Friday 8th of September, calling for input regarding gateway strategies, trees, walkability, landscaping, public art, carparking and other related issues, in and around our town centre.

Presentation by Baw Baw Council Strategic Planning Group with a lot of interest with future visions and ideas given to them by an enthusiastic number of local residents who attended.

Large town maps were covered with great ideas by the end of the

meeting, including bike paths, better lighting, traffic and parking solutions, better connectivity through the town. This was only the first meeting, so I would encourage more residents to attend the next one and share your thoughts.

### HAPPY 90TH JOY!

By Sonia Roberts



Joy Griggs of Rollo Street recently celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Emma Griggs, in Darnum.

Joy is the daughter of the late Jessie & Wells Roberts, long time residents of Yarragon and sister of Brian (Ulladulla) and Graeme and Max of Yarragon.



Joy celebrating with some of the members of the Uniting Church Guild, Janette Best, Joy Griggs, Sonia Roberts and Thelma Kingwill.



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26 October  
12 noon**

## WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN MY GARDEN?

By Margaret Young



Magpies! I love Magpies. They are clever, cheeky, inquisitive, bold and melodious, and they are very protective of their families! So, let's get that last bit out of the way first. It is Spring and all birds are nesting and producing their young; and all protect their territory in their own ways. Magpies choose to swoop and intimidate, perceived and real, threats to their new families (Wedge Tailed Eagles, Hawks, Crows etc.), and some of us who happen to be passing by. It can be scary for some. If you are in magpie territory just keep going briskly and with purpose. They will give up once you are out of their area, or go another way if you can. Maybe you could hide under an umbrella? Just don't wave your arms about and antagonise them, they will get cranky and remember you for next time. This only lasts for a few weeks and then these Magpies return to their normal happy selves.

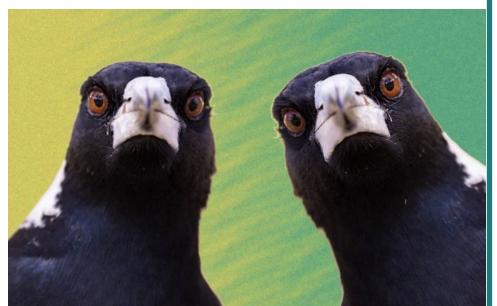
They build their bowl-shaped nests high up in the branches of big trees. As well as using the usual sticks, leaves, grasses, rootlets, wool and hair, they can be creative with other found objects. When I lived in Melbourne my neighbour had a huge Lemon Scented Gum removed. The Magpie nest that came down with that tree was huge and was woven together with wire, coat hangers, clothes line and chains from a hanging basket among other bits and bobs.

The female lays two or some times up to five eggs usually blue/green and spotted brown. They live in family groups of breeding and non breeding individuals. Sometimes a group of juveniles will form

another family group depending on availability of food and nesting sites. They are omnivorous and feed on invertebrates, reptiles, small mammals and birds, fruits and seeds, as well as doing a bit of scavenging.

A few Springs ago I heard a lot of Magpies squawking and chattering in the back garden. Looking out I saw about six juveniles peeking from behind a retaining wall urging on two other young ones who were tentatively hopping towards the veranda where I have rubber snakes on low window sills. When these two brave young maggies sneaked up on the snakes and grabbed them and saw they were rubber, they slunk back to the others who jumped up and down chattering and squawking with delight or derision, I am not sure which.

The thing I love most about Magpies is their melodious carolling. One or more can sit on a fence and just sing for the sake of it. I have seen adults teaching a young one songs as they sat on a fence in the paddock. When I approached the adults flew a little way off while the young one remained and continued to run through what it had learnt and entertained me. And I think there is no more evocative sound than Magpies early on a foggy morning along a river.



## WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

### What are the editors: Reading / Listening to / Watching / Playing / Making?

#### Christina

Currently I'm reading several books. *A Ramble on Humour & Music* by Tony Gould, which is a fascinating rant by a classical and jazz great who has played a number of times in our Yarragon Studio Concert series. *The voice to Parliament Handbook* by Thomas Mayo & Kerry O'Brien, which is clear and informative (and nice and short!, I've already finished it and have popped it in the new mini library on Rollo St). *Fred the Rescue Cat—70 tanka* by Rodney Williams, which I am enjoying after popping the ad in from the gallery for the last newsletter and attending the launch. I'm listening to *Play* by Jabra Latham, *Art of Fugue* by Aurelia Saxophone Quartet, Anastasia in car. Watching: One Piece, Re-watching Golden Girls; Young Sheldon (with Oscar). Playing: Wordle, Just finished a 250 Sudoku book I got for Christmas, Geo guesser (best so far is within 5 m!).



#### Oscar

Reading: *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams, *Young Dark Emu* by Bruce Pascoe.

Listening to: BoyWithUke, Imagine Dragons. Watching: Teen Titans, Young Sheldon, Just finished all of the Marvel movies as a family. Playing: Zelda, Rocket League. Making: A cubby at a friend's place, A gaming racing seat, steering wheel and pedal set up, A water feature in a hollow log.

#### Debbie

Reading: *Beware of Dogs* by Elizabeth Flann (whose daughter may have lent it...). Watching *The Lost Flowers of Alice* by Holly Ringland, Spending most of my time in my studio creating new artwork and studying collage and learning Microsoft Publisher...

## TOWN-WIDE SPRING CLEAN THIS MONTH

By Tegan, President of Yarragon Parents Club

The Yarragon Garage Sale day is coming up on the 8th of October 8am-1pm. All proceeds go to our primary school.

Maps will be available at Yarragon Primary School, 65 Loch street from 8am for \$1.

We will be having a Plant Sale at the school. Donations of plants and seedlings would be wonderful. These can be left near the **cow at Yarragon Primary School** prior to the day.

Enquiries: Tegan 0427 777 506 or email: yarragonpc@gmail.com



# YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Kathie Chalmers

The Yarragon Craft and produce Market was held on Sept. 23rd and was a great day, sun was shining and people were out enjoying the weather, we had 60 stalls, something for everyone.

Our next market will be on Oct. 28th, 9am to 1pm. We will be in Waterloo Park, weather permitting.

Our twilight market is locked in for Friday 15th Dec. we will have a variety of craft and food stalls, Santa and his Elf will be in attendance, as well as a face painter for the children, so mark this one down on your calendar.



## THANKS TO YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

For their generous donation to the Yarragon Community Newsletter. It was very timely and

allowed us to cover the cost of a new laptop and MS Publisher.



## OCTOBER 1905

Found by Debbie on Trove

### YARRAGON.

The recent fall of snow proved to be the heaviest experienced here for 10 or 11 years, on the flats and foothills about four inches fell, the fall being heavier in the higher lands, while at Allambie over 12 inches, it is stated, have fallen. In many places the grass was completely covered for five days, and, even though stock was hand fed, a very trying time was experienced.

The melting snow, combined with heavy rains, resulted in extensive flooding of the Moe Swamp lands, the drains proving quite inadequate to the demand made upon them. A number of houses were completely surrounded by water and were inaccessible, except by boat. As the water remained on the land for several days serious inconvenience and loss must ensue.

It is to be regretted that the "Fowers that be" could not see the swamp under flood, they would then realise the true condition of affairs, and there would be some reason to hope that relief would be forthcoming. Some time ago a deputation was informed that the departmental officers had thoroughly investigated the matter of the drainage of the swamp, and had found that the drains were quite adequate to carry all water likely to be discharged into them. That is hardly a satisfactory reply to settlers who have to suffer from frequent floodings.

It is reported that snakes being driven out of their winter quarters by the floods sought shelter (in some cases in houses) and in great numbers on the embankments of the roads, giving rise to some rather tall "snake yards."

# LINE DANCING

By Sonia Roberts

Line Dancing in Yarragon, is run by the *Rebel Bootscooters*, The club has been operating for over 25 years in Gippsland and along with other line dancing clubs are a fundraiser for Lifeline.

People line dance for fitness, socializing and fun. Classes are held at Yarragon Public hall on Monday mornings 9-12 and Thursday nights 7-9 we cater for Beginners, Improving and intermediate levels.

The club runs socials usually with a theme, the most recent being the Viking Social as seen below.

If you are interested call Sue on 0427110070.



# PICTURES FROM THE YARRAGON LANEWAY

By Inge Mitchell

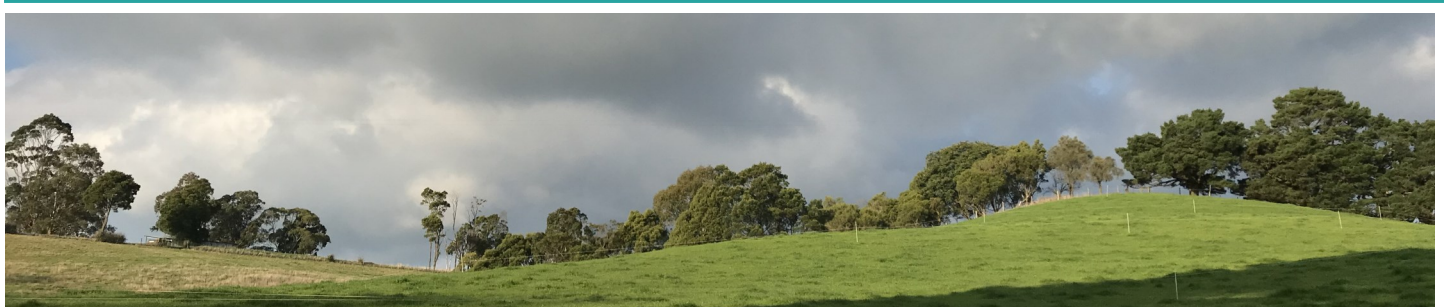
Inge Mitchell sent us some pictures from the laneway in Yarragon.



Mr and Mrs Anderson with her sister-in-law from Trafalgar have been visiting and enjoying Yarragon from the the early 2000's.. They used to frequent Sticcado, in Inge's days there.



They were very interested in Eleanor and Sue's King Charles Spaniels.





# INTRODUCING MEL!

By Tegan Brown, Secretary & Community Safety Officer



Mel is such a dedicated member who is always smiling and an incredible asset to our brigade. She joined the Yarragon Fire Brigade in November 2009. Mel is our 1st Lieutenant and Communication Officer. She manages all of our social media accounts, amongst many other things she also helps to plan, organise and deliver some of the training sessions.

We asked our members why they joined and what they enjoy the most about being a part of Yarragon Fire Brigade. This is what Mel had to say

“I have always had a passion for helping others and enjoy helping the local community. I joined when I was 16 years old, and wanted an organisation that could help me grow as a person and learn in an environment that was safe and inclusive.”

“I enjoy the friends, mentors and inspiring people that I have met. As well as the culture and that the brigade shows great teamwork and are open to everyone's opinions/ ideas.”

## Burning Off?

Get in before the Fire Danger Period starts!

As you will have seen me mention numerous times these past few months. This year is shaping up to be a lot drier and warmer than the previous few years. We should not become complacent with our fire season planning. If you were planning to do some burning off please consider if this really needs to be done and if so get onto it pronto.

Alternative options to burning off are:

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

### **A quick reminder on Burning Off:**

- ALWAYS notify ESTA 1800 668 511 or online
- ALWAYS supervise your burn with an adult >18 years old, who has the capacity to extinguish the fire
- ALWAYS have sufficient fire protection equipment ie adequate water
- Make sure the wind is less than 15kmphs
- Make sure the temperature is less than 30 degrees

For more detailed information please refer to the BAW BAW Shire website

## **Daylight Savings is Here!**

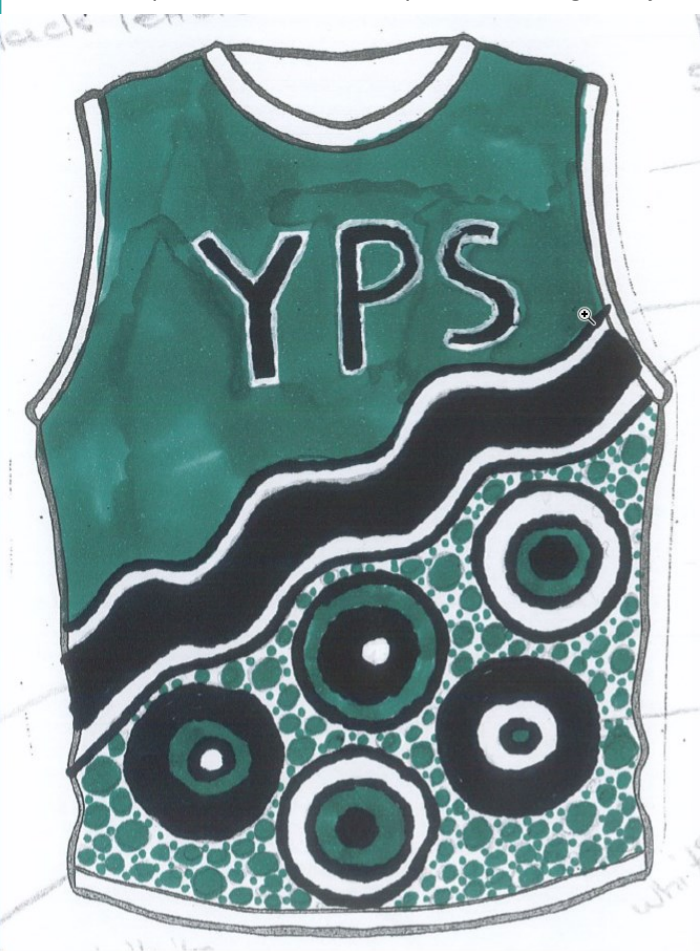
A reminder if you haven't already done so – Change your clocks and check your smoke alarms.



# YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL SNIPPETS

By Oscar Bijl

For the last month or so, our school PE teacher has been setting up a competition to see who could make the best school sports jersey. On the second last assembly of term three, they showed the top four, which were Renae, Aster, Buckley and Natalie. Out of which only Buckley won. His jersey is now in the making for the school to wear on any sports event. There were over 40 submissions and only four were picked. Those lucky four did a great job!



On the last day of school, we had to bring buckets to move the big pile of donated mulch for covering the gardens. My class did this for an hour and a half until we had gotten rid of about three quarters of the pile. The rest of the classes in the school helped with it. Later on in that day we got to have a fun class party where we watched movies, ate food and did a thing called money talks. Money talks is an online program that teaches you on how to spend money, how to save money and how to be good with money. We had done that a few weeks before, where we did the first workshop in person. The second was a zoom meeting on our big tv.



What I learned was if a deal seems better (5 pack for 12 dollars and one apple for 50c each) don't always go for the bigger option, it may seem better, but it's not. And Also: Don't impulse buy!

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Or contact Jen on 0413 666 245

# LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Alison and Glenn Butterworth



At our last meeting we had the pleasure of the company of Debbie Brown from the Longwarry Foodbank. She heads the organisation which distributes food parcels from the Longwarry Public Hall to people in need, and the homeless throughout West Gippsland, including Yarragon. She gave a presentation that was very insightful of the hidden poverty which exists in our communities. As well as the food parcels, the group also contribute to the School Breakfast clubs run at various primary schools in Gippsland, and distribute backpacks of essentials to the homeless. We at Lions were happy to make a contribution so Debbie and her coworkers can continue their good work.

The work at the OP shop continues. Thanks to the very generous donations from our community, we are getting a bit overstocked. To solve this problem we are having a sale. From 4th October 2023 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023...

## ALL CLOTHING WILL BE \$2.00 PER ITEM

(Some exclusions do apply. Does not include formal wear, shoes, hats) Come on in and grab yourself a bargain.

Our annual Christmas raffle is now on sale.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and are available from The Op shop or any of our members.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$500.00 Bunnings Voucher
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3 Nights at the South Seas Motel, Merimbula
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$250.00 Voucher from Yarragon Ale House



Rainbow in the foothills of Yarragon by Debbie Churchill

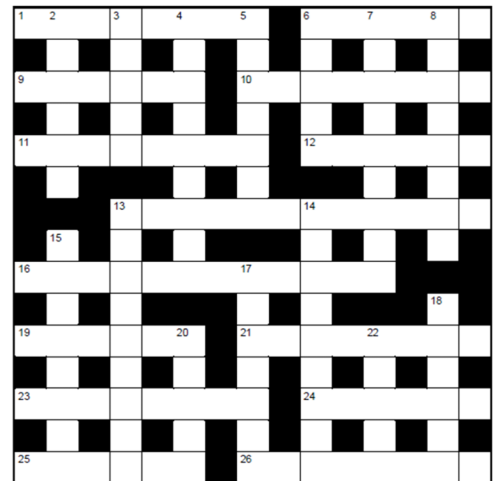


By Sue Barrell

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

- Fought when thrown out (8)
- Architectural style from Morocco losing initial character, possibly (6)
- Hollywood actor's pleasure trip (6)
- Paper money's first counted out (8)
- He links criminal to one capital city (8)
- Arouse excitement of purist (4,2)
- Oriental shaman finally in control of religious group (12)
- Obtuse Clancy novel providing fun for kids (6,6)
- A single drink for Eugene (6)
- Dictator beheaded poor youth leader – terrible act (8)
- Norm takes one lover then another (8)
- Revealing title of novel carried by agent (6)
- Is scornful, upsetting Rene's son (6)
- Bet placed in 30 seconds? Wrong (8)



#### DOWN

- Opera for motor mechanics? (6)
- Boxer wants a second assumed name (5)
- When one's expecting, say, to be taken on by PR woman (9)
- Lawyer is mad about art movement (7)
- Competitions for more than one nation (5)
- Board for one in mental hospital? (9)
- He knows tricks to deceive one serving in court (8)
- Belittle Ted in rage, stupidly (9)
- They barely exist (9)
- Horse has a fashionable height (8)
- Shortest gent is one of the strongest (7)
- Essential office item (6)
- Retreats without authorisation by chief of staff (5)
- Companion at home needs a mate (5)



# NEW GREEN BUSINESS

By Katherine Grace

## How long have you been a local?

My husband and I had been living in vibrant, bustling, multicultural Footscray with our 4 young adults. While there are many great things about living in the city, we were ready for the country benefits of clean air, green spaces and a slower lifestyle. We've been in Cloverlea for 6 months now - we're nearly locals!

## My background

I was a Nurse many years ago but once my children were at school, I turned towards the outdoors and began caring for plants in order to care for people. I studied Permaculture and worked in the Kitchen Gardens at Heide Museum of Modern Art where I was a co-creator of the Healing Garden, along with *Shine On Foundation* and *Openwork*. The Healing Garden was designed for mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health. More recently I have been facilitating Recreation programs in Residential Aged Care.

## What do I do?

Having worked in the health and horticulture industries, I knew that they had potential to work well together. I now know that wellness improves with connection to nature - this is known as *Therapeutic Horticulture*. I have a heart for seniors and people who need help through NDIS. My work as a Therapeutic Horticulturalist is to be the bridge that connects people and green spaces. I also love to care for the carers - while I spend time with a loved one, carers can take time out for themselves.

## What are the benefits of Therapeutic Horticulture?

Creating a beautiful garden or growing some food can bring a lot of joy and meaning. It increases our physical strength, lowers our stress levels, and connects us with others.

# INTRODUCING KATIE GRACE

What would a session with Katie doing Therapeutic Horticulture look like?

green



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Sessions run for 2 - 5 hours every week or fortnight or just as a once off. I meet with people 1:1 or in groups, either at the client's garden or we may visit public or private gardens, or even the local nursery. Activities may include pruning, planting, indoor plant care, light weeding or watering. These are balanced with activities that help us to rest and slow down such as, mindfulness, reminiscing and taking time to notice all of our senses. Chatting together over a cup of tea is an important way of caring for ourselves as well!

I'd love to hear from you - 0429 429 630 or [katie@greenesc.com.au](mailto:katie@greenesc.com.au)



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### Ready to grow some veggies?

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### Increase the garden blooms

Is your garden calling you out into the Spring sunshine, but you need a hand when you are out there?



### Minimise social isolation

Having a cup of tea with a friend can make the world of difference when you'd like some company. Even better when it's enjoyed in the garden!

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- Garden assistance
- Increased self confidence
- Respite
- Companionship
- Calming influence

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# ART UPDATE

By Carol Monson

'The Station Gallery', Yarragon and Artspace 2, Trafalgar Railway Station are home to creative work of Artists in the Baw Baw Arts Alliance.

**October 2-3**, Seniors Week activities. See

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

**October 15**, 8am to 1pm at Trafalgar Artspace 2, an Art materials garage sale.

**October 21**, 8.30am to 1pm at Civic Place, Warragul.

**October 21**, 2pm at 'The Station Gallery', Yarragon, official opening of the Bonser Family exhibition. Free refreshments.

**November 4**, 2pm at 'The Station Gallery', Yarragon, official opening of 'Creative Textiles'. Free refreshments.



**Baw Baw Arts Alliance Station Gallery**  
The Station Gallery, Princes Highway Yarragon  
OPEN Wednesday to Sunday 10.30 am - 4 pm  
[www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au](http://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
to  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**





# YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Richard Polmear

Our official opening of the season was held on Saturday 23 September. What a wonderful day it was. Our special guests were members of the Traralgon Bowling Club Board, including the Chairman and his Wife and 2 other Board members. They were our special guests in recognition of a grant to buy a new, all electric, oven/stove. This has allowed us to switch off from gas and remove our grid connection, saving connection fees. It is a tribute to Traralgon Bowls Club that they have established this grant scheme focused on providing financial assistance to the small bowling clubs within their competition area. Yarragon Bowls Club is indebted to Traralgon Bowls Club. If you happen to be near the Traralgon Bowls Club and are wanting a meal, they offer a great meal selection for lunch and dinner, make a booking on 5174 2156.

We take pride in the fact that we have a family friendly environment. Our Twilight Barefoot Bowls program will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month during daylight savings. The first offering is 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2023 followed by 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. and 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 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. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child.

Follow us on Facebook (details below) to get updates on new initiatives that we are trialing. Watch for our Melbourne Cup Day event in next month's Newsletter. Competitive Pennant commences on Sat. 21 Oct. and Tues. 24 Oct. for the respective competitions.

We are still working towards a synthetic green to give our dedicated green-keeper a well-earned rest and be able to bowl all year round. Our Bunnings BBQ on Sat. 9 Sept. at Warragul was washed out and so Bunnings have offered an alternate date of Sun. 22 October so feel free to drop in, say hi and buy a snag.

Our new sponsor liaison officer, Denese Reynolds, is approaching our previous and potential sponsors. She is doing a wonderful job and you will find her to be very engaging. Our sponsor program is designed to provide benefits to both parties.

## Our sponsors for the 2022/23 season:

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.  
Town and Country Gallery.  
Gift and Glamour.

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](mailto:yarragonbowls@gmail.com)  
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Our website is <https://yarragon.bowls.com.au>

## Yarragon Hotel



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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

Enquiries | 03 56342202

# THOUGHTS FROM A LOCAL

By Roy Lindsay

**Drainage and flooding risks:** It will be recalled that the last serious flooding in Yarragon occurred in October 2022, and with this in mind a very productive site meeting was held with Council's Drainage Infrastructure Engineer and their Maintenance Team. The meeting occurred two days after the flooding of Durrell Court and Hazeldean Road, and photos of the flooding were available. Although some drainage clearing is required, and will be commenced within a month, one of the problems in that specific area is that the Retarding Basin recommended in a 2013 Drainage Report has not yet been built due to difficulties in obtaining the necessary land. This matter continues....

The need for drain clearing in Waterloo Road has been agreed, and this will also occur within a month - a further difficulty is the crossover points in responsibility between Victrack and Council.

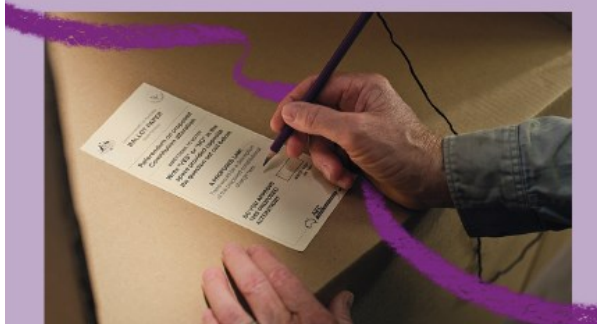
**Rollo Street Park:** After some delays, it is now expected the architect will be appointed this month with an expected start date in early 2024. It will be recalled the funding of just under \$2 million was sourced from the 2023 State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund. Regrettably an earlier Budget announcement from the Labor Government advised this year's State-wide funding had been already been reduced from \$50 million to \$10 million, and more recently several Peri-Urban Councils (of which Baw Baw is one) have had their eligibility removed entirely. Both moves will seriously affect Baw Baw's ability to deliver budgeted items.

## **Scheduled Campbell St and Loch St 're-builds':**

Planning continues on the budgeted re-builds of Campbell and Loch Streets and are now at the "technical review" stage with the possibility of site works commencing later this year.



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## Time for a home loan health check!

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## YARRAGON CREATIVE ART GROUP

By Debbie Churchill

The Yarragon Creative Art Group, is having their annual "Off The Easel" art show At the Yarragon Hall, Nov. 4th-5th 10am-4pm. Artists will be demonstrating and artwork will be for sale. A great opportunity to see and meet the artists and their work. Gold coin donation in support of the BawBaw Food Relief.



## FIFTH SUNDAY

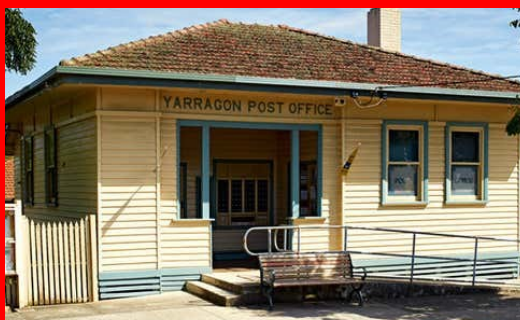
By Revd Dr Dean Spalding

The Anglican church's next Fifth Sunday of the Month is going to be at Thorpdale, at 11am, Sunday 29 October.

It will be a celebration of two lesser-known disciples called "Simon and Jude", with the invitation to lunch afterwards at the Travellers Rest (12.30pm).



## YARRAGON POST OFFICE; *your bank in disguise*



Deposit & withdraw cash  
 Deposit cheques  
 Check account balances  
 Pay bills  
 Organise travel money & insurance

*and post and collect your mail!*

# BAW BAW CONNECT

Media Release

**Baw Baw Connect** is scheduled to go live on Monday 9 October, where the community will be invited to participate in three upcoming community engagement projects, Open Space Strategy Review, Significant Tree Register and Yarragon and Trafalgar Pedestrian and Cycling Study.

To have your say, your way, please visit [bawbawconnect.com.au](http://bawbawconnect.com.au)



Mount Worth State Park by Debbie Churchill



## Victorian Seniors Festival

Join in the fun at the Victorian Seniors Festival this October.

Each October, the Victorian Seniors Festival celebrates community members aged 60 and over with activities that seeks to promote ageing positively.

Local organisations and businesses offer a variety of free and low-cost events and activities across Baw Baw Shire.

From watercolour painting to poetry, creative textiles to table tennis and physical activity classes to the performances at the West Gippsland Arts Centre, this year's event guide has something for everyone.

For more information about the Festival, and where you can pick up a hard copy of the event schedule, head to our website at [bawbawshire.co/SeniorsFestival2023](http://bawbawshire.co/SeniorsFestival2023)

### What's on in Baw Baw

If you're looking for something to do, look no further. Our events calendar as all kinds of events across Baw Baw Shire, from shows at the West Gippsland Arts Centre, to farmers markets and community events.

Visit <https://bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar> to see

### Children's Expo

To celebrate Children's Week, we're hosting our very own Children's Expo.

Tuesday 24th October

10am - 1pm

12 George Street, Warragul

To find out more, visit <https://bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar>

### Get in touch with your Councillors

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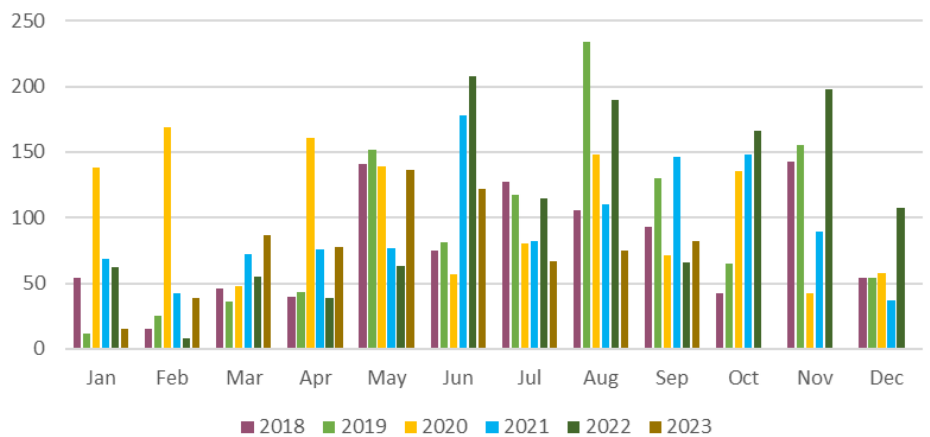
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Q: How does the Moon cut his hair?

A: E clips it.

Oscar

## Rainfall 2018 - 2023



### Rainfall Record for 2023 and

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	To Sep total	Total
2018	54	15	46	40	141	75	127	106	93	42	143	54	697	936
2019	12	25	36	43	152	81	117	234	130	65	155	54	830	1104
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	1011	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	852	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	806	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	112	54	75	82				701	

## WWI BOOK LAUNCH

By West Gippsland Genealogical Society



### Book Launch

#### A Tribute to Those Who Served

#### Volume 4

Stories of Local WW1 Service Men and Women  
who have Memorials in Yarragon Cemetery

**When:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 3.00 pm

**Where:** Yarragon (venue to be advised)

In conjunction with the Yarragon Cemetery Trust

A Yarragon Cemetery Walk will start at 1.00 pm

An index of the Yarragon names in our book is  
available on the front page of our website

[www.westgippslandgenealogy.com](http://www.westgippslandgenealogy.com)

**Contact: Beryl Weekley, Yarragon for more  
information 03 5634 2719**



## SPECIAL MEETING

By Richard Polmear,  
YDCA Secretary



At a Special Meeting held on 19 September 2023 the Yarragon and District Community Association (YDCA) membership voted to agree to change the Constitution to avoid the need to meet monthly.

Consequently:

- the Executive agreed to continue in their positions until the next AGM, due in July 2024, and
- updates for the Yarragon Newsletter may be more intermittent.

Now that the immediate future of the YDCA has been secured, memberships payments are due. \$25 per person or \$30 per family. Please pay to Treasurer Jen. Members will receive updates from subcommittees between meetings.

On Friday 8th September members of the YDCA and YBA were invited to a walk around Yarragon to discuss street scape aesthetics and practicalities with Baw Baw Shire Council staff and a well credentialed Consultant.

Whilst the weather was appalling and very discouraging the discussions were very worthwhile and we look forward to the proposals that will come forth. Despite the weather, the walkaround was well attended and engaging. Rumour has it that the publicly available afternoon session was also well attended. We are also looking forward to the finalised edition of the Yarragon Township Plan which we are hoping to see before Christmas.

The next meeting of the YDCA will be advised to Members but will be held at the Fire Brigade building, Murray St, Yarragon, commencing at 7pm.



# 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  
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 5:30pm 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  
10:30am – 4:00pm for  
EXHIBITIONS, GALLERY &  
SALES. Classes with Tutors – apply  
at Station

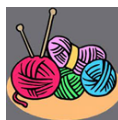
### Weekly drop-in sessions at Trafalgar Station

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

## 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:*

*On divorce:  
Have you tried  
turning the marriage  
off and on again?*



## SATURDAY

### CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

4th Saturday,  
9:00am–1:00pm  
Yarragon Public Hall  
Campbell St

### SILK ROAD COMMUNITY MARKET

Moved to  
Trafalgar  
ArtSpace



## 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,  
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

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