



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 406 SEPTEMBER 2023

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### JOHN IS YARRAGON'S NUMBER ONE FAN

By Christina Flann & Kristine Foord

Yarragon is a distinctive town with our big black train, wooden rotunda, windmill and shopfronts. These are all reflected in our newsletter logo.

Some of these are also in the photos that John Pearson has to remind him of Yarragon. His niece Chelsye took them and framed them for him. Until recently he was a local living in Trafalgar. From 2001 he would ride his bike the 8 km to visit his favourite town and shops whenever he could. He has moved to Traralgon closer to family, but still comes to visit Yarragon whenever possible (by car now, it's a bit far to cycle!).

John's sister, Kristine Foord, sent the photos in and says, "He really misses your town but we still try and get him down for a visit at least every month. John has an intellectual disability and he really

enjoys visiting Yarragon as he feels everyone in the shops treats him with kindness and respect.

This is not his first mention in our newsletter. He has been included in editions 288 and 294.

And he has more than one Yarragon T-shirt!

**LOCAL IDENTITY:**  
**John Pearson**  
By Jude Conway & Sage Mitchell

Our first subject of this column is not technically a local, but he is one of Yarragon's greatest fans. A resident of Morwell, he rides his bike to Yarragon at least twice a week, clocking up over 10,000 km on his trip meter so far.

When you see him in the street he'll most likely be wearing his Yarragon T-shirt, which features the names of various local businesses.

A short story about John Pearson, a very regular visitor to Yarragon

Above: 288, Dec 2012. Right: 294, July 2013



Kristine says, "he still shows the articles to everyone with pride and he still likes to wear his Yarragon T-shirt. I know he is very proud of your town, it has a very special place in his heart."

So if you see John around, say, "Hi" to Yarragon's Biggest Fan.



#### NEW EDITORS

Good news! Debbie got in contact! See page 4 for her introduction.



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**DEADLINE for  
October 2023 edition  
26 September  
12 noon**

## WHAT BIRD IS THAT ON MY DAM?

By Margaret Young



I have always called them a Grey Heron because that's the colour I see as they make a laboured take off from the edge of the dam when I am feeding the goats. They give me an irritated, raspy squawk as they lift off, flapping their long grey wings, trailing their yellow spindly legs behind them. But they are actually White Faced Herons!!



*White-faced Heron (Egretta novaehollandiae)*  
Photo by Barry Harcourt from [tearaa.govt.nz](http://tearaa.govt.nz)

Their nest is an untidy, shallow arrangement of sticks in a leafy branch 5- 12 metres high, usually over water, where three to five pale blue eggs are laid.



*White-faced Heron (Egretta novaehollandiae)*  
Photo by russianbear from [BirdsInBackyards.net](http://BirdsInBackyards.net)

I haven't managed to get close enough to check out their faces or notice the pale yellow hackles on their lower neck. I will have to sneak down to the dam with binoculars at the ready to make close observations. These colours are less pronounced in non-breeding herons and juveniles.

In the past (early 1900's), many heron species were shot just at mating time to collect their mating plumage to supply the military trade, thus, less eggs laid and flocks under threat. This has now been stopped but it is still important to maintain wetland habitats and leave them undisturbed for all sorts of water birds, not just Herons.

So I (and I hope you) will continue to delight at seeing these tall grey Herons languidly flapping their grey wings across the sky, squawking their raspy, irritated cry. I wonder what they are annoyed about??!!

You will find them all over Australia, nearby islands and New Zealand. They frequent wetlands, dams, parks, golf courses, orchards, swamps and tidal flats, perching on trees or posts looking for crustaceans, frogs and fish in the water and insects and other prey on land. All herons use three techniques to catch their prey... standing and waiting, slow stalk or active pursuit, with all ending in a dramatic plunge with their long pointed beaks.



*White-faced Heron (Egretta novaehollandiae)*  
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AT 7PM

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## HOW TO GROW SUBTROPICAL PLANTS IN GIPPSLAND!

[www.bbsn.org.au/events](http://www.bbsn.org.au/events)

## TOWN-WIDE SPRING CLEAN

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** prior to the day.

Registrations for the garage sales are open. We have an online option on Facebook "Yarragon Spring Clean" or hard copy can be collected from the post office or YPS. Registration fee is \$20 and will have you on the map and get you a registered garage sale sign.

Enquiries: Tegan 0427 777 506 or email: [yarragonpc@gmail.com](mailto:yarragonpc@gmail.com)





# YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Kathie Chalmers

The Yarragon Craft and Produce Market was held on Saturday 26th August and it was a great day. We had a full house of all our regular stall holders and a few new ones. We have a new fruit and vegetables person: Quality Fresh Produce. He had an amazing selection of fruit and vegetables something for everyone.



One of our very favourite stall holders retired today after attending almost every market for over 20 years we will miss you Jenny Ashworth.

**Our next market will be Saturday 23rd September from 9am to 1pm.**

## NOTHING FROM LIONS THIS MONTH

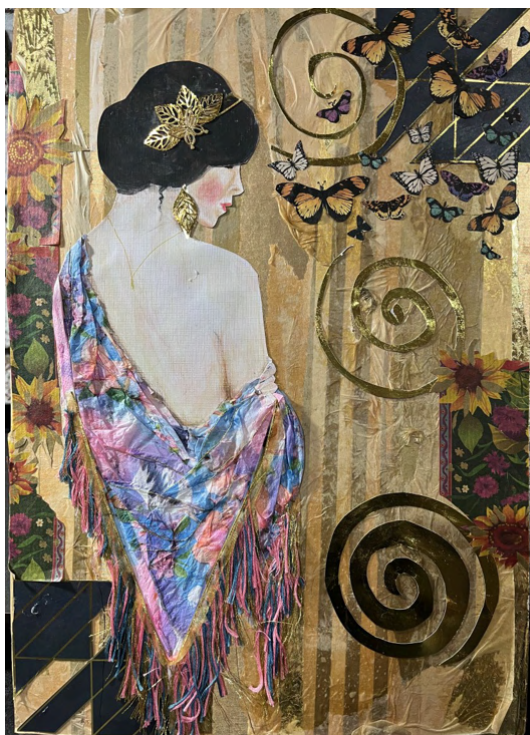


Much appreciation from us to them for their ongoing support of the newsletter

# INTRODUCING THE THIRD EDITOR

By Debbie Churchill and Christina Flann

My name is Deborah Churchill, I have lived in Allambee for 15 years, prior to that in Loch and Bena. In Gippsland for 22 years. I am an artist, a member of various local art groups including BBaa. I have always been in the creative fields, running my own business for 15 years, "Lily Acorn Dolls" retail doll shop. I specialised in antique reproduction porcelain dolls, teaching the art or repairing antique dolls and toys in Melbourne. I have also been Secretary of Warrandyte Tennis Club, Bena CWA, and was on the Independent Consultative Group for Greyhound Racing Victoria. I am looking forward to being part of the editing team.



The co-editors are very pleased to have Debbie joining the team.

Debbie currently lives in Allambee (it's the same postcode!), but her beautiful house is for sale and she is hoping to move to Yarragon (or possibly Trafalgar) in the not too distant future.





# FUN PAGE

By Sue Barrel

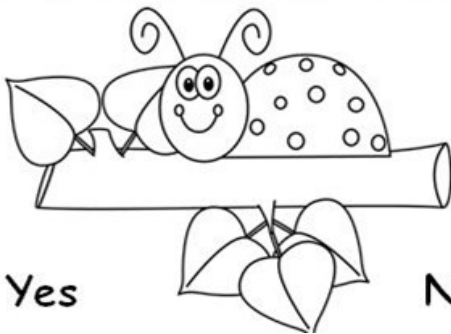
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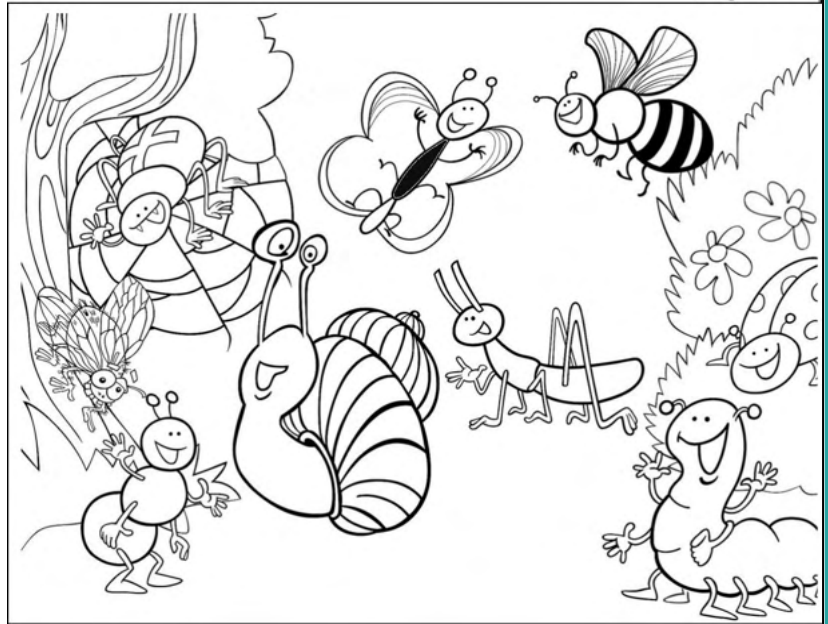
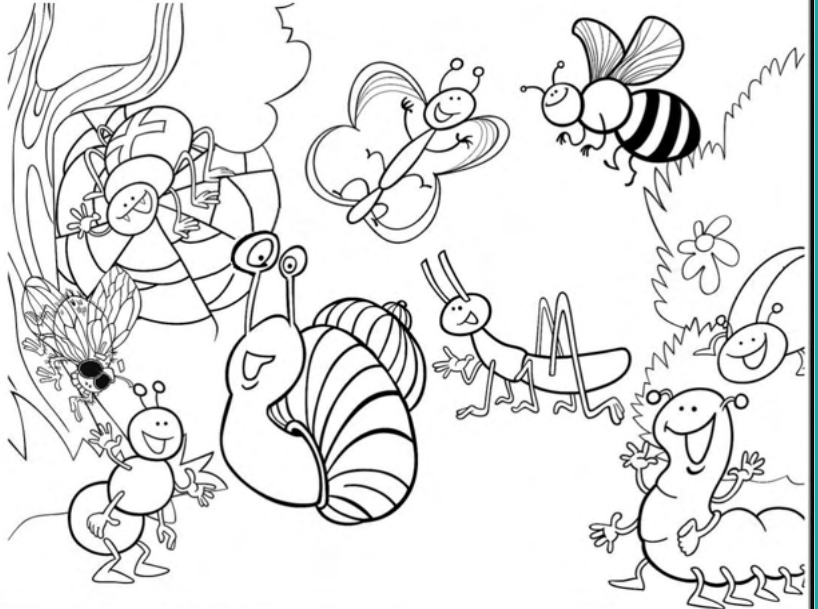
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## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Warmer weather means insects of all kinds. But not all bugs need to be sprayed, swatted or repelled – some need to be coloured! But also checked for differences. Can you find 8 in the images below?



## INSECT MATHS

Here is another maths puzzle with animals. This time can you solve mosquito & bee puzzle?

$$2 \times \text{bee} + \text{mosquito} = 11$$

$$3 \times \text{bee} - \text{mosquito} = 9$$

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# SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER AND PREPARATION

By Tegan Brown, Secretary & Community Safety Officer

Over the course of the next 12 months we will be spotlighting some of our members in amongst the regular fire safety information. Colin very succinctly describes how I also feel about being a part of the Yarragon Fire Brigade.



## Introducing Colin Lackman

"I joined the brigade in 2016 after talking to a couple of members and finding out that I was not too old to become a firefighter. The main reason I joined was because I felt that it was unfair of me to expect other people to protect my house if I wasn't prepared to do anything myself. After joining, I learnt there is a lot more to the CFA than just fighting fires. I have acquired many new skills, such as how to properly use and maintain a chainsaw, safely drive a 4WD in all types of terrain and, of course, how to suppress different types of fire.

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

After about 18 months of service I was fortunate to be elected to the BMT, (Brigade Management Team), as a lieutenant, and I am also the brigade health and

safety officer. Like most brigade members, I have a wide range of roles including crew leader, internal rescue and I also look after the care and maintenance of the hoses.

I would encourage everyone, regardless of age or sex (Yarragon has quite a few female firefighters) to consider joining Yarragon Fire Brigade. You don't have to devote a lot of time to the brigade, but you may find you want to once you become part of the action. After joining, you will be given general firefighter training, with a heavy influence on safety, and then there are some minimal activities you must undertake each year to keep your skills up to date. Once you have completed your basic training, there is an almost endless amount of optional courses available to you, including leadership courses, general life skills and of course more advanced firefighting skills."

## September Fire Safety

Spring is here and so is some warmer weather. It's time for the annual "Spring Clean" of the house and the GARDEN. We all know that this year is shaping up to be drier than the previous few years so it's best to get a start on the yard clean up now well before the warmer drier weather sets in.

### Garden Clean Up Checklist

- Keep the lawns short with regular mowing (no more than 10 cm high).
- Rake up leaves and small twigs.
- Remove lower branches of trees.
- Prune shrubs and keep them away from windows.
- When mulching use rocks or pebbles as these are not flammable.
- Tidy up and move wood piles away from the house.
- Clean the gutters.



Lastly it is also a great time to sit down as a family and reassess your Fire Escape Plan. Being well prepared is crucial. It is a good idea to have the plan written down, as in an emergency not everyone can remember finite details or think clearly. There are some tips on the CFA website to assist you in creating a bushfire plan. <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan>



## DEACON ON THE MOVE

By Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland

### The Revd Sue Newcombe appointed Honorary Parish Deacon at Lakes Entrance / Metung

Deacon Sue Newcombe is on the move eastward, where she has responded to a call to serve in the Anglican Parish of Lakes Entrance / Metung as Honorary Parish Deacon alongside Locum Priest Sallyanne Hart.



This is an exciting development for her in the early stages of her diaconal ministry, and will strengthen the ministry team – lay and ordained – at Lakes Entrance and Metung. Sue will start in her new role at Lakes Entrance/ Metung on Sunday 22 October, in a part-time (honorary) capacity.

Sue has served faithfully and well in her home parish of Trafalgar (which includes Yarragon and Thorpdale) for a number of years, including as a Lay Reader and for the last six months as Deacon, and her farewell service there will be on **Sunday 24 September at a special Whole-Parish Service at 11am at St Mary's Trafalgar**, with lunch afterwards.

Having recently completed the Exploring Faith Matters program (EFM), Sue brings a great heart for pastoral care, ecumenical partnership, and community engagement to this new role, and she and Revd Dr Sallyanne Hart are excited about the prospect of working together.

Please pray for Sue, and David, as they prepare for this move, and for the parishes of Lakes/Metung and Trafalgar, giving thanks for the ministries of Revd Dr Dean Spalding, Archdeacon Sue Jacka, and others who have nurtured, encouraged, and equipped Sue to take up this ministry.

Grace and peace,

Bishop Richard Treloar



## YDCA UPDATE

By Richard Polmeare, Secretary



This article covers the period of the last two months as no Yarragon & District Community Association article was included in the August edition of the Yarragon Newsletter.

The July monthly meeting was held on 18 July and then followed by the AGM. The usual order of meetings would be the AGM followed by the monthly meeting but since no nominations had been received prior to the meeting it was decided we needed to discuss options and actions prior to the AGM. The focus of the ordinary monthly meeting was on what happens next if a new Executive could not be found. The AGM confirmed that a new Executive hasn't been found.

Discussions centred around options and decisions that will need to be made. Consequently, a Special Meeting was called for 15 August to make important decisions. At the Special Meeting of the 15 August members were given 2 options:

- Agree to change the YDCA Constitution to avoid the need to meet monthly with the current Executive willing to continue for a further 12 months, or
- Close down the YDCA.

Members voted overwhelmingly (11 in favour, 2 against) to change the Constitution.

Consequently, a further Special Meeting has been called for 19 September to formally vote on the proposed Constitutional changes. This vote includes proxy voting for those members who cannot be present at the actual meeting.

In the meantime, a number of sub-committees have been formed to deal with issues as they arise, such as the next draft of the Yarragon Township Plan and Urban design Framework, the Yarragon Streetscape Masterplan and one to determine rules under which certain funds can be accessed.

So, the next meeting of the YDCA will be the **Special Meeting to be held at the Fire Brigade building, Murray St, Yarragon on Tuesday 19 September 2023, commencing at 7pm.**





# YARRAGON PRIMARY SCH

By Oscar Bijl and Christina Flann

On Friday the 25th of August me and my Mum went to my school's yearly Book Week Dress-up day as Zaphod Beeblebrox and Arthur Dent from the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Later that day, I asked a bunch of people what their costume was and what book (or tv show) it was from.



Justin (red arrow) and Mr Riddle were both Mario, as were a few others and there were some Luigi's too.



There were lots of Harry Potter-themed costumes (12), but Emily was the only one who thought of just being a background character in Harry

Potter. Maleah is the one alongside Emily in the Nezuko costume from Demon Slayer (Anime). Joseph had a great homemade SpongeBob Squarepants costume with a yellow painted face.

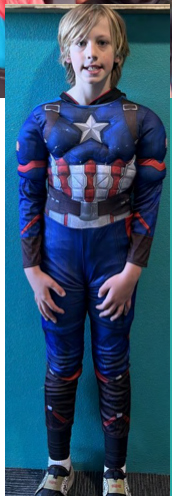
Kale (below) was Steff Curry (Mum asked if that was a girl) who played for the Golden State warriors and has had many biographies written about him and his career in basketball. Clancy came as Kevin Durant, another basketballer.



I asked Buckley what he was dressed up as, at the time of me asking him, he was actually in a basketballer costume: LeBron James (red triangle). But when he went to get his picture taken, he swapped to his proper costume which was Captain America.



Taylor (red square) did not give me that much information about who she was dressed up as, but her friends told me she was Mirabel from Encanto.



Oban (red oval) was dressed up as



the Wolf Hunter from movie/book.



# COOL BOOK WEEK 2023

Desmond was Kakashi from Naruto (also anime) which was a very cool costume which he put a lot of effort into as you can see with the red circle around his face although he was sadly not wearing his white wispy wig in the photo.



The red star shows Sasha from F1R as Darth Vader from the dark side.



Favourites from Mum: Dobbie the House Elf (great feet!), Cruella de Vil complete with dalmatians, the frog, Pippi Longstocking (a favourite from her childhood), Hairy Maclary,



Captain Underpants, Sherlock Holmes, & several dinosaurs, Wednesday Addams, the leprechaun...so many favourites. And she was proud to find several Wallys.



You may notice a few obscured faces in the group pictures. This is because we don't have permission to show images of these kids (if you are one of them and think this is incorrect, please let the school know). Thanks to Dee for organising the permission for the vast majority. Thanks to Sharon from the office who carefully did the obscuring after school on a Friday to make sure we could include a photo from each class.





Do you need small quality gifts for special occasions? Look no further than the 'Station Gallery', Princes Highway, Yarragon. This is the home of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance; a beautiful space often missed because it is on the 'wrong' side of the highway for those who shop in Yarragon.

It is worth taking the time to cross the highway to the former Yarragon Railway Station building to see the range of locally produced creative Artworks. A recent addition to the Artwork is the small book, 'Rescue Cat', by writer Rodney Williams. 'Rescue Cat' features tanka, a traditional form of short verse from Japan, similar to haiku. Rodney's poems place a strong focus on nature, with much of his work celebrating Gippsland: its countryside and waterways; its birds and animals.

One Artist who is having trouble keeping up with customer demand is ceramicist Linda McInnes. Linda's range includes brightly coloured mini pots, mini bowls, mini toadstools and decorative covers for hydroponic plant containers.

While browsing the gallery shop take time to view the September exhibitions by local painters Anita George and Ingrid Thomas. Anita's exhibition, 'Calligraphic Marks', is a demonstration of her continued love of both calligraphy and painting. Her work is an eclectic mix of abstract calligraphic style marks and legible words but the crowning achievement is a 7 metre paper roll painted in different styles of calligraphy, with different implements in different mediums.

Painter Ingrid Thomas continues the abstract theme with her work, 'Abstractions', bringing the usual joy to viewers through her use of vibrant coloured acrylic paint.

During August the Arts Alliance held its annual general meeting and elections. Thanks are extended to Councillor Tricia Jones who oversaw the election of the management committee for 2023 to 2024. Anita George, immediate past president, handed over to new president Janine Richardson. Other members of the management committee include Jessie McLennan, vice president,



Anita George, left and Alene Bonser, right

Jeff Thege, secretary, Prue Barridge, treasurer, and general committee members Cheryl Cook, Heather Easdown, Adrienne Ewing, Carol Monson, Sue Murphy, Marlene Ogden and Ingrid Thomas

Looking for a specific art activity so that you can develop your skills? See the extensive range of regular drop-in groups on the website. Many of the exhibitions in 'The Station Gallery' are the work of members of these groups.

More information:

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



Ingrid Thomas  
'Abstractions'

On the Wall



Anita George

Calligraphic  
Marks

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







# SPRING AT THE BOWLS CLUB

By Richard Polmear

As we enter the first month of spring our green and bowlers awaken from their hibernation and start to organise the activity of bowling.

We expect to hold our official opening of the season on 23 September. Since our last Yarragon Newsletter update, we have successfully applied for a grant to buy a new, all electric, oven/stove. This will allow us to switch off from gas and remove our grid connection, saving connection fees. This has been made possible by a focussed small grants scheme operated by Traralgon Bowling Club. It is a tribute to Traralgon Bowls Club that they have established this grant scheme focussed on providing financial assistance to the small bowling clubs within their competition area. Yarragon Bowls Club is indebted to Traralgon Bowls Club and intend thanking them by inviting Board Members as our guests to our official opening. 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 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month during daylight savings. The first offering is 5th October 2023 followed by 19th October and 2nd November. 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 person. We are hoping to trial some further initiatives so stay tuned for updates.

Competitive Pennant commences on Saturday 21 October and Tuesday 24 October 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 last Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 13 August realised about \$1,600 in profit. We will be conducting our next BBQ on Saturday 9 September at Warragul so feel free to drop in, say hi and buy a snag.

Our new sponsor liaison officer, Denese Reynolds, has begun to approach our previous and new potential sponsors. 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.

## Our sponsors for the 2022/23 season were:

Yarragon Pharmacy,  
The Shot House,  
Fitzgerald Concreting,  
Baw Baw Real Estate,  
Yarragon Lions Club,  
Yarragon Automotive,  
Yarragon Country Style Bakery,  
Fowler Street Dental,  
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Paul O'Toole Cartage,  
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Vin Rowe Farm Machinery,  
Yarragon Rural Supplies,  
Warragul Country Club,  
Select Office Supplies,  
Yarragon Post Office.

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

*Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters.*

*Without you we would not exist!!!*

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

Email: [yarragonbowls@gmail.com](mailto:yarragonbowls@gmail.com)

Phone (quicker response)  
0490 831 283

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

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Dinner 5:30 - 8:30pm

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# THOUGHTS FROM A LOCAL

By Roy Lindsay

**TV Exposure:** Yarragon recently featured on an episode of the Channel 10 'reality' show "Hunted". This can still be seen on 10Play Series 2, Episode 7 first shown Sunday July 30. 'Fugitives' involved are Sonja and Ellerina.

**Yarragon Track:** Good work by Council in grading the Yarragon – Leongatha Road section of the Yarragon Track. A senior Council Officer recently remarked that, despite no formal count being kept, the Yarragon Track is considered the most heavily-used walking track in Baw Baw Shire.

**Stormwater Drainage:** Although Council consideration of our overall concerns on Stormwater Drainage has not yet been completed, we have been advised that cleaning of the main Stormwater drains in Waterloo Road will be carried out once the Rail Contractors have completed their works in the area. The efficiency of these drains are vital as they carry the majority of stormwater from Yarragon township, under the rail line, then eventually to the Contour Drain and the Moe River.

**Former School Site, Rollo Street:** Ongoing detailed planning of the site had been delayed by staffing changes and a restructure within the relevant department. However, a main design contractor is now expected to be appointed next month and it is intended earthworks will commence at the beginning of the year.

**Campbell Street 're-build', Loch Street 're-build':** Initial discussions have taken place with the relevant Project Manager, and a progress update is expected next month.

# YBA

Yarragon Business Association Inc

## Notice of 2023 AGM & General Meeting

**Monday 4th Sept 2023**

**Time:** 5.30pm: Networking  
**6.00pm: AGM**  
6.15pm: General Meeting

**Venue: Uniting Church Hall**  
7 Campbell St, Yarragon

*All Yarragon & district  
business owners welcome*

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## A GOOD READ

By John Wallace, Carlton North

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Community Newsletter on the way back to Melbourne the other night.

I liked the mix of information about what's going on now and in the past, the tributes to local people, the informative ads, and signs of emerging journalism talent, such as in the innovative primary school snippets, and more. All nice work.

Reading it made my train journey flash by in what seemed like seconds.

## 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.



Image from: [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org)

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).

## REMEMBER WHEN...

### 5 Years Ago in September:

The new Skate Park opened in Yarragon. It is now surrounded by established grass rather than fresh dirt and it is well used by the local kids.



## BBSN 2023 AGM UPDATE

By The Baw Baw Sustainability Network Committee of Management



After 15 incredible years as President of BBSN, Mal McKelvie has decided to step down from the role.

Mal is the linchpin in our organisation: one of the founding members and someone who has worked tirelessly not only as President but in the advocacy and energy work we do.

Inge Mitchell gave a wonderful speech about the huge amount of work Mal has done for BBSN, and we presented him with a weekend away with his wife Janine (who has been a big supporter of BBSN over the last 15 years as well).

Never fear though, Mal is staying on our General Committee and continuing to lead the Energy Team!

So we're excited to announce our new Committee of Management:

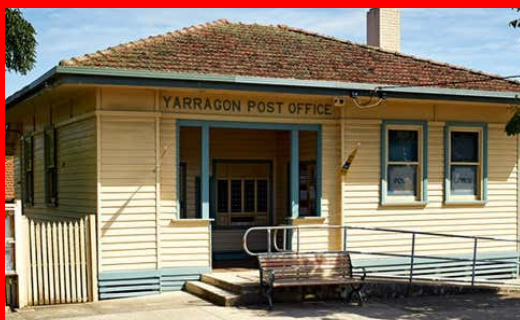
President: Inge Mitchell  
Vice-President: Lorraine Bull  
Treasurer: Gabriel Hakim  
Secretary: Anda McMillan  
General Committee:  
Ian Southall  
Bernie Rowley  
Peter Kingwill  
Malcolm McKelvie

We are looking forward to the coming year and seeing how BBSN continues to grow and flourish.



Inge Mitchell and Mal McKelvie

## 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!*

# SALE SALE SALE

## NOLTING LONG ARM QUILTING MACHINE

Comes with:

- Quilting pins
- Bobbin winder
- All accessories and attachments including patterns



Been loved and cared for, well oiled and cleaned on a regular basis. Will be serviced before selling. Lessons will be given in the use and care for this machine.

This Quilting machine will quilt up to a king size quilt and it has a metal 12ft frame which was purchased separately for \$5,000, brand new.

This Nolting Long Arm has served me well, but now I am in my late 70's and need to stop and relax in my old age. It is in excellent condition and works like a charm. If you are interested in machine quilting to earn some extra money then give me a call.

Asking price is **\$12,000** which includes all the above plus lots more, everything you will need to quilt a quilt.

PHONE SUE ON 0409 467 988 (Warragul area).



# COUNCIL News.

### Join the Biodiversity Blitz

We're taking part in the Biodiversity Blitz this September, and you're invited to join in too!

The Biodiversity Blitz is all about getting out in nature and recording as many plant and animal species as possible during September.

The project isn't only fun, but helps to identify the diverse flora, fauna, and fungi found in Baw Baw - plus, you will be flying the flag for Baw Baw and competing with other Shires in a friendly competition to see who can record the most species.

Here's how you can get in on the action:

- Download the iNaturalist App
- Register to be part of Team Baw Baw
- From 1 September, get snapping!

For all the app and registration links, head to our website at <https://bawbawshire.co/BiodiversityBlitz>

#### 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-ran events. Visit <https://bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar> to see what's on.

#### Pop-Up Playgroup

We're excited to launch our brand new Pop-Up Playgroup program!

Over the next 12 months, the program will pop up at parks, playgrounds and community centres near you!

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

#### Get in touch with your Councillors



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**Darren Wallace**  
Councillor

EAST WARD

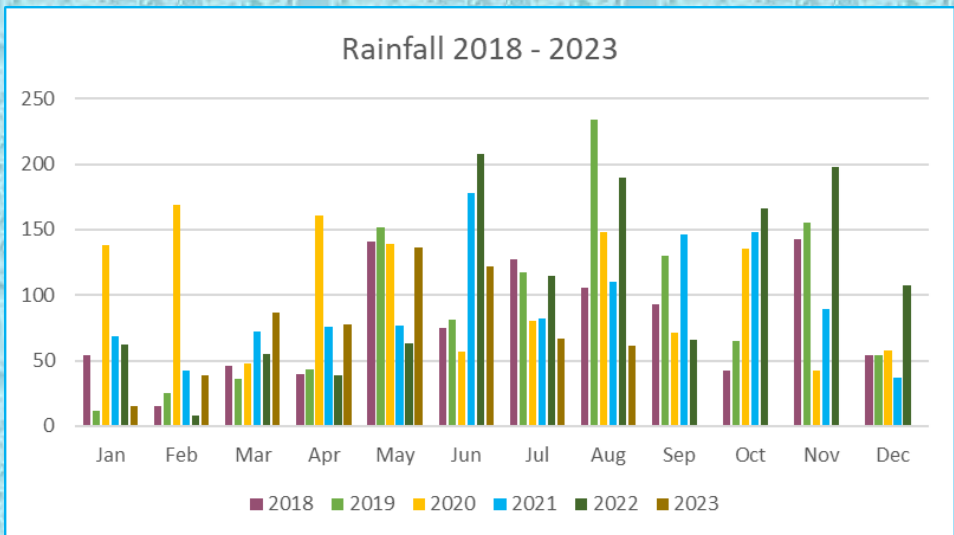
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 1300 BAW BAW (1300 229 229)

Q: What do you call a cow with no legs?

A: Ground beef.

Oscar



#### Rainfall Record for 2023 and

|             | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | To Aug total | Total |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|-------|
| <b>2018</b> | 54  | 15  | 46  | 40  | 141 | 75  | 127 | 106 | 93  | 42  | 143 | 54  | 604          | 936   |
| <b>2019</b> | 12  | 25  | 36  | 43  | 152 | 81  | 117 | 234 | 130 | 65  | 155 | 54  | 700          | 1104  |
| <b>2020</b> | 138 | 169 | 48  | 161 | 139 | 57  | 80  | 148 | 71  | 135 | 42  | 58  | 940          | 1246  |
| <b>2021</b> | 69  | 42  | 72  | 76  | 77  | 178 | 82  | 110 | 146 | 148 | 89  | 37  | 706          | 1126  |
| <b>2022</b> | 62  | 8   | 55  | 39  | 63  | 208 | 115 | 190 | 66  | 166 | 198 | 107 | 740          | 1277  |
| <b>2023</b> | 15  | 39  | 87  | 78  | 136 | 112 | 54  |     |     |     |     |     | 605          |       |



# 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



Special Meeting, 7pm 19 Sept  
CFA meeting room

Secretary Richard Polmear  
0407 347 545

### *Oscarism of the Month:*

*I need to go to the  
hair dentist*



## SATURDAY

### Yarragon Studio Concert

16 September 3pm  
christinaflann@gmail.com

### 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





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# Find out about the Yarragon Streetscape Vision Masterplan.

Come and share your  
thoughts on how to  
enhance Yarragon.

**Date:** 8th September 2023  
**Time:** 2pm-4pm  
**Place:** Yarragon Public Hall  
**Address:** 7 Campbell Street  
Yarragon, VIC, 3823

**No RSVP Required**

This is an informal drop in session and an opportunity for you to be part of the conversation about all things streetscape.

We're seeking valuable community input on how to enhance the village character of Yarragon and what is important to you.

Discussion will be around gateway strategies, trees, walkability, landscaping, public art, carparking and related issues.

Looking forward to seeing you there.