



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 417 SEPTEMBER 2024

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### VALE GLENN BUTTERWORTH

By Debbie Churchill

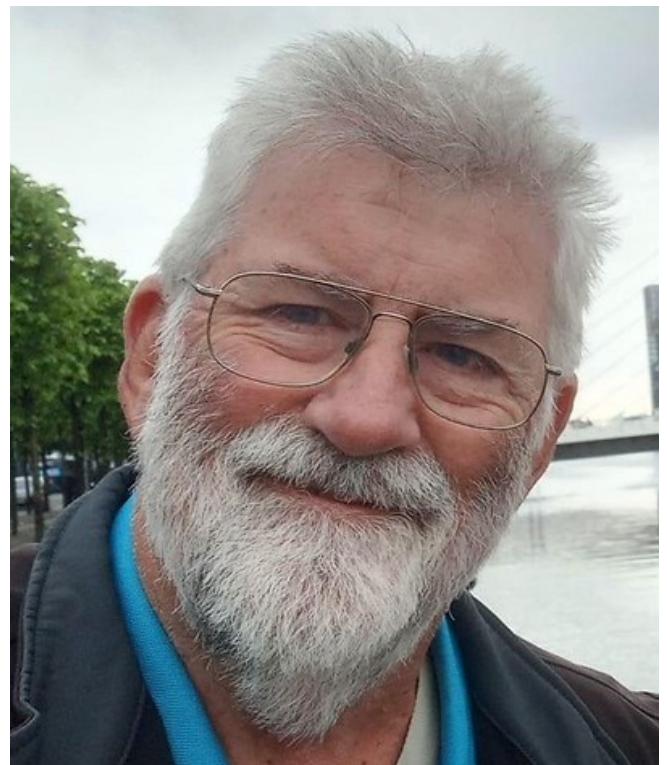
We are deeply saddened by the news of the death of Glenn Butterworth.

Glenn was a hardworking, community orientated, proud, passionate man, devoted to his family, he was also a devout Hawthorn supporter, sports lover, collector and historian.

Glenn and Alison moved to Yarragon in 2006 and became the friendly faces at the Yarragon Post Office, for the next 9 years.

Glenn was a life member of the Endeavour Hills Cricket Club, a member of the Warragul Country Club, where he volunteered many hours. He also volunteered at the Hawthorn Football Club. He joined the Lions club of Yarragon where he became a tireless worker for the community, fund raising, projects, sausage sizzles and of course the Op shop.

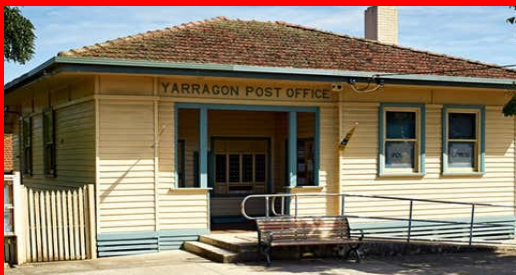
Two months ago he was inducted as President of Yarragon Lions Club.



Glenn will be sorely missed by all those who knew him and our town will be poorer with his passing.

Glenn is survived by his wife Alison, daughter Monica, son Dave, daughter-in-law Rach, grandchildren Josh, Liam, Lucy and Cooper.

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# REGULAR & TO DO

## MONDAY

### MOBILE LIBRARY

2:30–5:30pm  
Yarragon Hall carpark



### FIRE BRIGADE

7:30pm at fire station  
1A Murray St  
Captain Ashley Smith  
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### BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

New members welcome  
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## 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.



### 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  
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10:30am to 2:30pm  
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Hann's Lane  
Every 4th Saturday, often  
more.

### LEARN TO TANGO

No partner or experience  
necessary.  
7–8:30pm,  
Uniting Church Hall



## SATURDAY

### CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

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



### SILKROAD COMMUNITY TRAFALGAR FARMERS

MARKET—1st Anniversary!  
9:00am–1:00pm 7 September  
Trafalgar Croquet Club, 25  
Ashby St, Trafalgar

### GIPPSLAND SPRING TANGO FESTIVAL

21 September  
7:00–8:00pm  
Simplemente Tango Show  
8:00pm–12:00am Milonga!  
Yarragon Public Hall

## SUNDAY

### St Mark's Anglican Church

The Anglican Church in  
Yarragon meets on 2nd and  
4th Sundays of the month at  
8:30am at St David's Uniting  
Church building (9 Campbell  
Road, Yarragon).

### St David's Uniting Church

9 Campbell St. Service  
details on noticeboard at  
church.

### St Jarlath's Catholic Church

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



### YARRAGON STUDIO CONCERT

3:00pm 8  
September

Georgina  
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Exhalations



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**Q: Have you ever been  
bitten by a leech?**

**A: Yes.**

**Q: Did it suck?**

**Oscar**

## 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  
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## THURSDAY

### BOWLS CLUB

Shady Creek Rd  
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October to April, social game  
night 1st & 3rd Thursdays  
followed by a meal.

Meal orders must be placed  
by 5:30pm on the Tues prior.

**Oscarism of the  
Month:  
He's being sarcasmistic**

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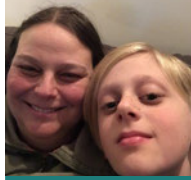


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**DEADLINE for  
October 2024 edition  
21 September  
12 noon**

## WHAT BIRD IS THAT IN DOWNTOWN YARRAGON?

By Margaret Young



It was a Brown Goshawk !!!

The Tuesday Craft ladies looked up from their crafting to see a strange bird on the fence outside the Uniting Church Hall.



Photograph courtesy of Moonlit Sanctuary

It sat there calmly showing off its brown barred chest feathers, hooked dark beak and yellow legs, moving further down the fence to show us its brown back and long brown tail. Then it flew off. What a treat to see!

On checking my bird references I am pretty sure it was a male. The female is bigger and has a slate grey or light brown back with a rufous collar across the nape of the neck. The chest and under parts are barred rufous and white. They are very similar to the Collared Goshawk but the Collared Goshawk has a squarer tail. One of my books says "strong ridge over the eyes gives a beetle browed look." So, if you are close enough to a Goshawk and it gives you the eye don't take it personally.



Both Brown and Collared Goshawks can be found all over Australia as well as Australia's Northern and Pacific Islands. They can also be called Chicken Hawk or Pacific Goshawk.

As mentioned above, the females are bigger and stronger than the males.

Both are agile flyers but can glide or float on rounded wings after a few strong wing beats.

The mating season will see them high above, tails fanned and performing spectacular aerobatics or circling each other.

Their typical hunting method is to quietly wait in some shelter, then dash out to grab their prey in the air or on the ground. They catch mainly rabbits but also smaller birds (I once saw a Goshawk snatch a baby Willy Wagtail off my clothes line) small mammals and reptiles.



© Dorothy Latimer

Their flattish nest is built 6-20 metres up in a tree using sticks and lining with eucalyptus leaves. Two or three plain bluish white eggs are laid.



They are sometimes faintly blotched red-brown (maybe to brighten up the decor of their nest!).

The call is a rapid "ki ki ki" which is quite similar to the call of the Collared Goshawk which might lead to confusion if you don't get a good look, unless they obligingly sit on a nearby fence to be studied.

So when you are going to the Post Office or Supermarket in Yarragon, keep an eye out for a largish bird with a barred brown chest giving you "the eye".

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# WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

**Oscar:** Just got accepted into the SEAL programme at Trafalgar High School. Will be joining friends from Yarragon Primary who are already there: Vraj and Joseph. Also got my first buzz cut.

**Christina:** Finished up temporary work at nursery—was meant to be 9 weeks and I stayed 6 months, so I call that a win. Moving on to a casual research assistant role with an award-winning published author (who may also be my Mum).

**Debbie:** Enjoying the beautiful weather of late, creating my cottage garden, joined the committee of the bbaa and getting creative in my art studio.

Please send us your photographs to share. Thanks to Jude who keeps coming up with the goods in the photography realm!



A final sunrise by Christina Flann (no longer working at the nursery, I can go back to sleeping in!)



People enjoying the winter sunshine in our town. By Deb Churchill



**TRAFALGAR FARMERS MARKET**  
**1st Birthday** 🎉  
**September 7th**  
**9am - 1pm**  
**McGregor Park Trafalgar**

# YARRAGON CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

By Anna Griffith

The AGM was held in July, we had a little hiccup, we could not get a full committee. The August market was cancelled, but all good we now have a full committee on board and the September market will go ahead as planned on: **Saturday 28 September 9am-1pm**

We will have all our favourite stalls as well as a few new ones. Thank you to all the people that stood by us.



View from Yarragon South, by Judith Conway

# WINTER FEAST A COMMUNITY EVENT

By Christina Flann

The Yarragon Studio Winter Feast was another successful event. We feel very supported by our community. We had 100 attendees and a third were from 3823 with another third from surrounding postcodes starting with 38XX. The beautiful venue of St Jarlath's was complemented by sumptuous red velvet pew cushions lent to us by Ruth Bruten of The Gallery of Good. When I suggested people might want to bring their own cushions, Barbara Kingwill offered us a bag of 30 or so as a donation from the Uniting Church!

The hall looked beautiful with black tablecloths from St Jarlath's and gorgeous flower arrangements done at the last minute by Joseph Baraké. Every table had a beautiful little vase and there were multiple enormous professional-level arrangements to adorn the food tables. Flowers for the musicians were done by our lovely neighbour, Nicole, who does the flowers you can buy in Foodworks (beautiful!). We borrowed extra chairs from the Baw Baw Sustainability Network—thank you!

Audio recording was by Garry Havrillay for Joseph's Concert Hall programme on 3BBR (Sundays 2-4pm).

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Every day from 11am

Lunch 12 - 2:30pm

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30pm

Take-away 5 - 8pm

*Bookings appreciated & recommended*

# PHOTO OF VIEW FROM YARRAGON SOUTH

By Judith Conway



## Want a seat at the table?



Run for your local council

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# YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING CLEAN

By Tegan Brown

We are still seeking donations of plants & seedlings for us to sell at the plant sale. These can be left by the cow at the front office or contact Tegan 0427 777 506 to help arrange collection.

Registration can be made by collecting a form from Yarragon post office or the school and dropping it off to the school with payment \$20 registration fee.

We also have an online option  
<https://tinyurl.com/2jcbz8hr>

And we would like to thank Baw Baw Real Estate who have sponsored us for many years now and provide all our wonderful highway and house signs.

**2024** YARRAGON  
**SPRING CLEAN**  
**CAR BOOT STALLS**  
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**SUNDAY**  
**13th October**

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# BBSN AGM SAVE THE DATE

By Amanda McLeod, BBSN



Join Scott Douglas from Green Lab Futures to discuss regenerative and circular economy projects in West Gippsland.

Scott is an experienced teacher, lecturer and researcher in the employment, vocational and higher education sector. As a Startup Founder, Scott has designed, launched and sold

Startups, is a co-founder and has designed and delivered innovation programs using the Design Thinking Model for ASX listed companies.

Right now, Scott is focused on supporting the development of the Victoria and Australian Regional Innovation Eco-system, through a number of key regional initiatives that he is driving and supporting, to support the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs.



**7pm Thursday 26 September**

Yarragon Uniting Church Hall

9 Campbell Street

Supper provided

All are welcome

## Save the date

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OCT

FIRE READY

## Join the Biodiversity Blitz!

And get snapping!



## YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



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# GIPPSLAND SPRING TANGO FESTIVAL – Time to Book!

By Barbara Kingwill



Don't miss out on this amazing event. Book your tickets and come along to experience the passion and energy of Argentine Tango. See the dance style which travelers flock to the streets of Buenos Aires to

encounter. Invite a few friends and have your own "ringside" table and enjoy a night of music, dance and culture divided into 2 parts.

First on the evening program is the **"Simplemente Tango" Show** from 7-8pm. The show features dancers including the renowned Fabio Robles and Michelle Di Monte. Fabio is largely responsible for bringing Latin dance culture to Australia. His choreography featured in shows including Dancing with the Stars. Michelle is a partner to Fabio in life and dance and she dazzles with her flawless footwork. Musicians starring in the show include the amazing guitarist and composer Nathan Slater and Eduardo Perez.

Following the Show there will be a social dance the **"Milonga de Primavera"** from 8 – 11:00pm. This part of the program will commence with light refreshments. DJ José Argañarás will create the soundscape to dance the night away. Special performances by Nadim and Rina Sawaya from Melbourne's Tango Esencia studio will be featured during the Milonga.

Further details of the event can be found at [www.gippslandtangofest.com](http://www.gippslandtangofest.com)

Or for more information please contact:

Barbara Kingwill 0429 338 961.

Tickets can be purchased via Try Booking by scanning this QR Code.

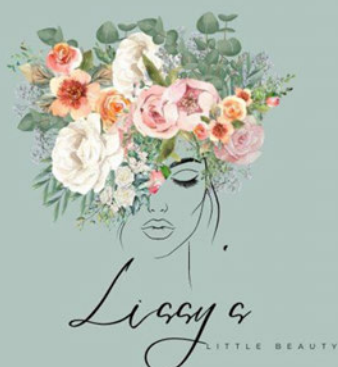
Ticketing is done separately with the Show being \$30pp and the Milonga \$25pp. People attending are welcome to bring their own nibbles to enjoy at their tables during the evening.



**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**@ Yarragon Public Hall**  
7 Campbell Street  
Yarragon 3823  
7-8pm & 8-11pm

*For friends coming from Melbourne there is also a Party Bus offering transport to and from the event - cost \$40 pp. The Party Bus will depart from Melbourne CBD at 4.00pm and arrive in Yarragon just before the Tango Show and it will depart Yarragon at the end of the MILONGA, Champers and Tango Music on board!*

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# YARRAGON HISTORY

## Businesses I have seen go from Yarragon

By David Kingwill

- Baby Clothing Shop.
- Builders.
- Butcher Shop.
- Badminton Club.
- Three Banks.
- Electrical Shop.
- Baby Health Care Centre.
- Newsagency.
- Butter Factory (First to make Yoghurt in Gippsland).
- Esso Truckstop.
- Three Mechanics.
- Sawmill.
- Railway stockyard, small goods depot.
- Firewood Supplies (Oil, Wood and Briquettes).
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- Wrecker.
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- Insurance agent.
- Garden Supplies.
- Police Station (with lockup).
- Seymours' Heavy Machinery.
- Shire Depot.
- Chain maintenance shop.
- Kenweld.
- Blacksmith.
- Panel Beater.

Still here: Gippsland  
Burrowing Crayfish

**Darnum Football Club Premiership team from 1947** was sent to us by Phillip Dryden, there are a few Yarragon men pictured.



Darnum Football Club's 1947 premiership team. Back from left: Ted Dryden, Bob Keeble, Kevin Johnson, Ted Sargeant, Dick Pedder, Bert Standing, Geoff Emmett, Ted Reeves, Jack Fuhrman (boundary umpire). Centre from left: Colin Moyle, Ray Cropley, George Armet. Front from left: John McDonald, Frank Dessent, Gordon Spaul, Bill Knersch, Ken Johnson (captain), Brian Thomas (masoch), Ron Somerville, Sandy Pedder.

## Yarragon Butter Factory Blaze January 1933

Article Courtesy Trove



Damage estimated at 6000 pounds was caused by an outbreak of fire in the combined store and factory owned by the Trafalgar Co-operative Butter factory at Yarragon. Picture taken at the height of the blaze. The Warragul brigade arrived an hour and a half after the out break and saved the rear portion of the buildings.





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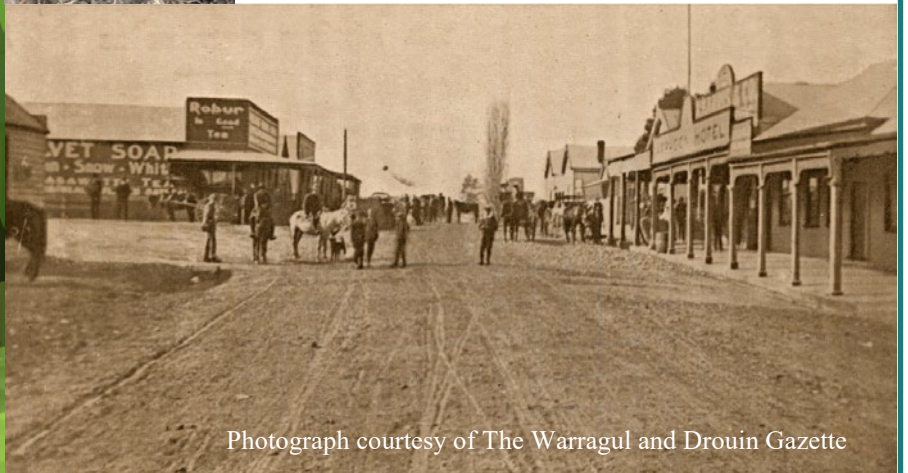
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# LION'S CLUB

By Alison Butterworth



On the 13th August 2024 we were saddened by the passing of our President, Glenn Butterworth, who became ill while travelling in England in May. While he had only been a Lion for four years, he had thrown himself into the club and loved volunteering at the Op Shop. He really enjoyed sorting the books we received, and was often on hand to try to find a certain book for a customer. He was usually one of the first to volunteer for a BBQ at Bunnings, but always on the afternoon shift. He was farewelled by a large number of friends and relatives on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Terry Hayler, District Cabinet Secretary, spoke on behalf of the Yarragon Lions, as well as the Warragul Golf Club where they were both members.

Our Op shop had a very successful sale of our winter stock so we are now bringing out our spring and summer clothing. You never know what you might find...just ask our regular customers who visit frequently. We continually add to our range as donations are received so if you can't find anything this week, try again next week/month. We are introducing a small range of children's clothing sizes 6 to 14, all priced under \$5.00.

## Errata

Apologies to the Lions Club. Last month's contribution had an accidental deletion of two half sentences, making the first paragraph nonsensical. It should have read:

"On the 26th June 2024 we had our annual Change Over Dinner. This was held at the Yarragon Bowls Club and we had many guests from Trafalgar Lions, Warragul Lions and Drouin Lions. We were also pleased to welcome some of our Op Shop Volunteers.

After giving his report, our outgoing President Bill Cropley had the pleasure of announcing a life membership for Roy Robins."

Our garage sale in August missed the Yarragon market. The good news is that the Market will be back on September 28<sup>th</sup> so we can once again enjoy the crowd the two events bring to our little town.



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# SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

By Andy Holnan Community Safety Officer Yarragon Rural Fire Brigade

How exciting, spring is here, the days are getting longer, the weather is warming and hopefully no more of those icy frosts! Over the next few months, we will go through a few different topics relating to bushfire, from how to understand fire danger and warnings, having a bushfire plan, and preparing for fire. First up, we will look into preparing your home to reduce the risk of fire around your property.

From a small house in town to a property on the escarpment, it is time to start thinking about preparing your property before summer, its crucial to start your planning for bushfire well before the season starts. Yarragon is a small township with properties in and around the area exposed to Grassland and Dense Bushland. Getting in early to clean up around your property is the best way to prepare.

There are three main threats to houses in a bushfire. These are Embers, Heat and Flames.

Embers are the burning pieces of bark, leaves and twigs. They'll be carried by the wind and may start spot fires in and around your property. Embers are the most common way houses are ignited in a bushfire. The embers can be very fine, and get into small gaps in roofs, window frames and subfloor spaces.

Heat from bushfires can be intense. The radiant heat from a bushfire can cause glass to break, or woodpiles and timber cladding on the side of your house to ignite. Even without flame contact will be destructive. If you live in an extreme fire risk area, management of vegetation is crucial in reducing the chance of the flame from a fire impacting your property.

The CFA has some great guides to assist with preparing you property for fire, and Landscaping to reduce the impact of fire. The Landscaping guide comes with suggestion sof some fantastic plants which can reduce the vulnerability of your property to ember attacks.

Inside the Property Preparation guideline, it will talk through some really easy ideas to help manage your property.



Some of these are:

- Keep grass cut below 10cm in height (and remove your clippings).
- Keep gutters clear of leaf litter and debris.
- Use non-combustible materials like rocks or pebbles in garden beds.
- Keep large shrubs and bushes away from windows and glazed elements of your house.
- Move your firewood piles to more than 10m from the house.
- Locate mature trees strategically to shield the house from embers and radiant heat.
- Remove all overhanging branches over the roof and keep branches 10m clear of the house.

When it comes to clearing trees and vegetation, some exemptions apply with the 10/30m and 10/50m rules. Make sure you check and comply with any local council laws in doing so.

Early cleanup around the house and property will ensure that you are well prepared for fire, before the fire occurs. There are some great print and online resources that are available to assist you in preparing for fire. We have some handy guides down at Yarragon CFA, feel free to pop by on a Sunday morning or a Monday evening if you would prefer a printed version.

If you plan to burn off your vegetation, make sure you follow local council laws, and register your burn.

To help find some handy articles about preparing your property, here's a few easy links to them!

- [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) Your Guide to Property Preparation
- [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/landscaping](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/landscaping)
- [research.csiro.au/bushfire/bushfire-basics/preparing-your-home](http://research.csiro.au/bushfire/bushfire-basics/preparing-your-home)
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# ART UPDATE

By Carol Monson

The Baw Baw Arts Alliance recently held its Annual General Meeting at the VRI Hall in Warragul. This Hall is being given a second life under the auspices of the Alliance and can now be referred to as the VRI Artspace. This is the third such renovation the Alliance has undertaken, the other two at the former Trafalgar Railway Station and 'The Station Gallery' in Yarragon.

Even though there are still improvements to be completed to the VRI Hall some drop-in groups are running and in September the first 'Jewellery Makers Fair' will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 9am to 2pm at the VRI Hall, 128 Queen Street, Warragul. Don't miss this inaugural jewellery fair.

At the Annual General Meeting, Melissa Forlano, the Baw Baw Shire Arts and Cultural Officer, conducted the annual elections and presented the new Baw Baw Arts Alliance Committee of Management to guests at the meeting. Janine Richardson, past president, handed over the meeting to Jessie McLennan, new president, Jeff Thege was re-elected as secretary, Prue Barridge, re-elected as Treasurer and general committee members are now Deborah Churchill, Anita George, Kathleen Kendall, Carol Monson, Sue Murphy, Marlene Ogden, Janine Richardson, Yvette Stubbs, Ingrid Thomas.

Treasurer, Prue Barridge, was presented with a certificate of life membership to the Arts Alliance for her tireless work over the last eight years.



The meeting concluded with everyone celebrating the new life given to the VRI Hall in Warragul.

Despite being a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers, the Baw Baw Arts Alliance continues to grow, increasing the range of Arts related activities through workshops, drop-in groups, exhibitions, support for developing and professional Artists via the retail space for Artwork and the 'Arts and Makers Market'.

During September the gallery space at 'The Station Gallery', Yarragon displays works of Artists Cathy Harris and Barry Masterman-Smith, both new to exhibitions with the Arts Alliance. Their exhibition titled 'Our World of Colour' is a colourful mix of Barry's impressionist style acrylics and Cathy's mixed media representational work.

At the same time in September, Artist Jill Loader has her most recent work in the smaller section of the gallery called 'On the Wall'. Jill's new work and exhibition titled 'Fragments, inspired by the History of Killy Lodge Irish Linen Mill', is the result of her research work for a Master of Arts at RMIT, completed in 2023. All exhibitions run for a month at 'The Station Gallery', Yarragon.

Arts Alliance Artists also exhibit in the 'Through Life Physiotherapist' rooms in Brandy Creek Road, Warragul. Receptionist, Ella Malady, new to the Physiotherapist's, is now working with the Arts Alliance to ensure there are quality works displayed in the rooms on a two monthly basis. At the end of July, Macrame Artist,

committee member and regular Arts market stallholder, Heather Easdown, took down her display before moving to New South Wales. The Arts



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Alliance is sad to see Heather leave but expressed sincere thanks for her hard work for the Alliance.

For more see <https://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au>





# YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Kaye McLaren, Secretary

Our members gathered for a delightful card and games night on the 15th of August. It was a fun-filled evening with plenty of laughter and friendly competition. A big thank you to everyone who participated and made the night a success.

### EXCITING NEWS: NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEXT PENNANT SEASON

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to a generous grant from the Traralgon Bowling Club, we will have new mats, jacks, and other essential equipment for the upcoming season. We really appreciate the support from Traralgon which will enable us to purchase this equipment.

Upcoming Pennant Season is just around the corner!



Mark your calendars:

**15th September** starting at 1pm – “Official opening of the green” Please bring a plate to share.

Saturday Pennant kicks off on the **12th October**.

Tuesday Pennant starts on the **15th October**.

But that’s not all we have three Practice matches scheduled:

**17th September** starting at 10am at the Yarragon Bowling Club intraclub

**21st September** starting at 1pm at the Trafalgar Bowling Club against Trafalgar

**24th September** Starting at 10am at the Newborough Bowling Club against Newborough.

We’re also excited to announce the return of our Thursday Pot Luck Night (BYO Meal) beginning on the **10th October**, followed by our Barefoot Bowling nights starting on the **17th October** which features a two course meal cost \$15.00 for the game of bowls plus the meal. Names in by the Tuesday before for catering purposes. These nights are always enjoyable be sure to join us for an evening of fun, food, and bowling.

We are pleased to introduce a new segment called “Sponsor of the week” on our Facebook page.

Keep a look out for this segment. We encourage all of our club members to support our sponsors as they support us.

Our newsletter acknowledges all of our valued sponsors of which we are grateful for their continued support.

### Our sponsors for the 2023/24 season:

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- Warragul Country Club
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- Yarragon Lions Club
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- 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.

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

[www.yarragon.bowls.com.au](http://www.yarragon.bowls.com.au)

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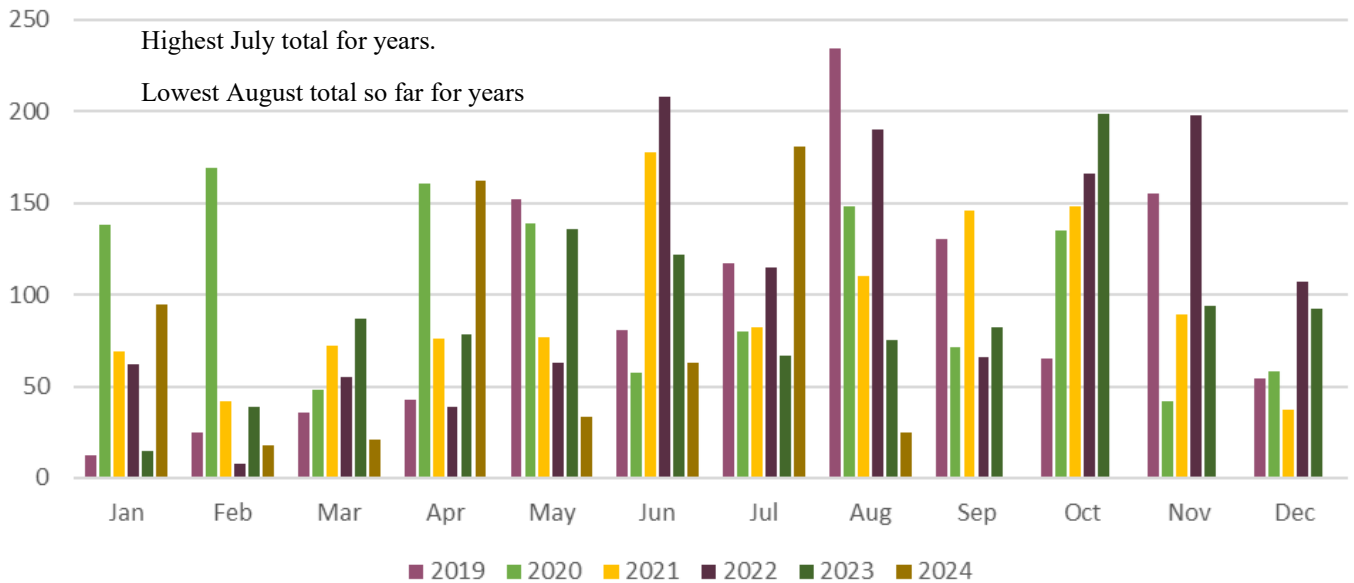
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## Bendigo Bank

\*Amount saved was annual payments reduction on an owner-occupier home loan when repayments dropped by \$481 a month from lower interest rate and loan restructure. Actual savings will depend on individual circumstances. All loans are subject to the bank's normal lending criteria. Fees, charges, terms and conditions apply and are subject to change. Credit provided by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 Australian Credit Licence 237879. A1963170 OUT\_39393102, 08/08/2024

### Rainfall 2019 - 2024



### Rainfall Record for 2024 and the five years prior, as recorded in McIntyre Road, Yarragon.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot to Aug	Total
2019	12	25	36	43	152	81	117	234	130	65	155	54	700	1104
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	940	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	706	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	740	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	112	54	75	82	199	69	92	619	1086
2024	95	17	21	162	33	63	181	25					598	





# COUNCIL News.

## Victorian Senior's Month comes to Baw Baw!

Explore your own backyard this Senior's Month with a Tour and Talk of two of the Shire's most popular native parks.

Senior's Month occurs annually in October across the nation and celebrates getting older while creating opportunities for older people to meet and make new connections.

The Victorian Senior's Festival theme for 2024 is 'Explore. Engage. Evolve.' It encourages older Victorians to stay curious and connected by exploring new activities, meeting new people, and changing how we think of ageing.

As part of this year's local events, check out Drouin's Alex Goudie Native Park with a free Talk and Tour on **Wednesday 9 October from 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

Warragul's Civic Park head gardener will then lead a tour on **Wednesday 23 October from 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

To register your interest for either of these sessions, email [healthy.bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:healthy.bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au) or to find out more about Victorian Senior's Month, visit [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival).



## FREE WORKSHOPS ON NAVIGATING GRIEF AND LOSS.

There's no rulebook on how to best manage extreme loss in your life, however Baw Baw Shire Council is partnering with GriefTalks and Mindful Aus, to deliver a series of workshops that will take participants through a few steps on how to navigate these tough times in life.

The workshops are designed to support community members over the age of 18 with their emotional wellbeing, while providing an opportunity to learn strategies and tools to implement into their own lives.

The workshops will take place at the following times and locations:

- **Thursday 19 September** – Longwarry Public Hall, Longwarry
- **Wednesday 25 September** – Bettermentall Hub, Trafalgar

Places for the workshops are limited and bookings are essential. To register, please visit [www.bawbawshire.co/GriefTalks](http://www.bawbawshire.co/GriefTalks).



## BECOME A BIODIVERSITY BLITZER THIS SEPTEMBER.

September is biodiversity month and to celebrate, Council is taking part in the Biodiversity Blitz and you're invited to get involved with Baw Baw's biggest citizen science project to date!

The Biodiversity Blitz is about getting out in nature and recording as many plant and animal species during the month of September.

The project isn't only fun, but helps identify the diversity of flora, fauna, and fungi found in Baw Baw – plus you'll be flying the flag for Baw Baw and competing with other Shire's in a little friendly competition to see who can record the most species!

Simply download the **iNaturalist App** for iOS or Android, and register to be part of Team Baw Baw to make sure your discoveries are counted!



## SENIOR DEBUTANT

By Lilli Sim

### MATTHEW ARMSTRONG

Matt is a young star who started playing football in 2016 and has already amassed a whopping 130 games for Yarragon.

Matt is a coachable player, always keen to learn, listen and lead. Normally found in the midfield, he is very talented with his use of the ball (on either foot). He was Captain of our Under 16's team this season, is a talented footballer and a fantastic young man to boot.

Congratulations Matt on making your senior debut in Round 20

(Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024) against Catani.

We are so proud of you and are very excited to see what you can achieve in senior football.



## SEEKING COACHES

By Lilli Sim



We are seeking Expressions of Interest for the following 2025 Coaching Positions:

- \* Reserves Football
- \* A Grade, B Grade & C Grade Netball
- \* Under 16s & Under 18s Football
- \* Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s & Under 17s Netball

### ABOUT US

Yarragon Football Netball Club (YFNC) competes in the Ellinbank & District Football Netball League. The Club was established in 1895 and has a strong link with the Yarragon community with many generations playing and supporting the Club.

YFNC's home ground is located within Downton Park Reserve in Yarragon and the oval is one of the best in the region. Netball facilities are also of a high standard and an upgrade to the Club pavilion (including change and umpire rooms) will be occurring in 2025.

### COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO BE:

Positive, committed, organised and have a keen interest in player development.

### ALL COACHES REQUIRE:

- Strong communication skills
- Coaching Accreditation in their applicable sport
- Working with Children Check
- Netball Victoria Registration (Netball)

Applications will remain strictly confidential and can be submitted via email [yfnccpresident@gmail.com](mailto:yfnccpresident@gmail.com). Expressions of Interest close **Friday 13th September 2024 at 5pm**.

## JOIN THE PANTHER ARMY

By Lilli Sim Yarragon Football Netball Club

### **The Panther Army needs YOU!**

Are you looking to show your support to the YFNC in 2024? By purchasing a Panther Army Membership, you will be doing just that. As well as supporting our club financially, the Panther Army is just a really fun way of keeping in touch with past and present players.

- Panther Army Members receive free gate entry to all home games
- Panther Army Members and their children (no matter how many) play at Yarragon for free
- Panther Army Members are automatically entered into weekly cash draws year round (giving away approximately \$14,000 per year)
- Panther Army Members enjoy access to specific club functions throughout the season

For more information on how you can join the Panther Army, please email us [yarrafc@gmail.com](mailto:yarrafc@gmail.com) or contact Rod Pollock on 0409 019 525.

# YARRAGON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

By Lilli Sim



It's been a huge marathon for the Yarragon Football Netball Club over the last six months, so big that it's hard to believe that season 2024 is all done and dusted.

Our Club's foundation to improve on the field and on the court continues to grow and this year has been no exception. Season 2024 has had it all, we've had highs, we've had lows, we've had laughs, we've had tears, we've had injuries, we've had wins, we've had losses, and we've had draws, we've had player success in representative squads, and we've had player milestones to acknowledge and celebrate AND MORE!

We thank our players for showing up each week, for the commitment they have made throughout the year, playing with true Yarragon grit and representing our club with pride. We are so proud of the path that we are on in growing the success of our Club. The future is looking bright for Yarragon, and we hope our players stick with us in what we expect to be a HUGE 2025.

We extend a big thank you to our coaching staff, committee members and extended club people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make all of this happen for not only our players but for the whole of the Yarragon Football Netball Club and our Panther Army followers.

We acknowledge and thank all our sponsors for their generous con-



## 2024 FINALS BOUND

The 2024 home & away season may be wrapped up, but it's not over just yet for two of our junior netball teams who have cemented a spot in this year's finals campaign.



tributions and support that has been made to our Club throughout the year and we look forward to continuing this connection by partnering with you again in 2025.

It takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a community to make a club, and we really do have the best community here at Yarragon.

To everyone who has driven or walked through the gates of Downton Park Reserve throughout this year to support us, THANK YOU! We see you; we hear you; we appreciate you and hope to see you back supporting us once again next year.

Congratulations to our Under 13s coached by Dana Wallmeyer and our Under 17s coached by Kellie Orgill for making it to the finals series for 2024. Both teams have had exceptional seasons, and we wish them both all the very best of luck in the Qualifying Final to be played on Saturday 24th August 2024 at Trafalgar Recreation Reserve. We are so proud of you all, especially for making it this far in the competition. The Panther Army is behind you all!

Go get em' girls!

Our Thursday night meals are a club favourite! Save yourself the hassle of cooking and come on down to our social rooms and enjoy a two-course meal for only \$20.00. Juniors eat for \$10.00 (includes a free drink). ALL WELCOME!



**LAST CHANCE** for the TOYOTA Good for Footy Raffle this year. Just \$5.00 per ticket can win you a share in \$290,000 worth of prizes including 3 brand new Toyotas!  
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# YARRAGON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



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