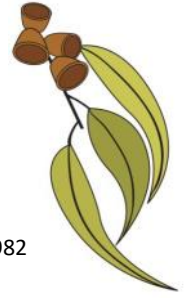




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Hillview CEO Frank Hoff (L), Board President Sue Beattie and Mr Russell Broadbent MP for Monash showing the bronze plaque which Mr Broadbent unveiled to mark the opening of the new extensions. (ABOVE)

Current Hillview CEO Frank Hoff and the first Hillview CEO Bill Pearson share memories of the past 25 years of making Hillview the great place it is today. (LEFT)

The longest residing residents at Hillview, Mrs Carmel Faw-kner and Mr Duncan Holman cut the celebratory cake.(BELOW)



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Community Grants Total \$74,000

By Roman Kulkewycz

The Bunyip and Garfield Community Op Shops handed out their Community Grants last week on Friday and Sunday with Bunyip Community Shop supporting 24 community organisations and Garfield Community Shop supporting 30.

Hillview Bunyip Aged Care received the largest grant from the Bunyip shop of \$8900.00 which will be used to furnish a room in the recently built Bill Pearson

Wing.

Bunyip Community Shop distributed \$43,529.00 and Garfield Community Shop gave out \$30,536.00.

President and Coordinator of the Garfield Shop, Helen Davey said that in the past financial year \$27,200.00 was also donated to the fire emergency relief fund following the tragic fires in March which meant that the total given is actually \$56,736.00



Bunyip Community Op Shop volunteers (L – R) Tony Arrigo, Sue Beattie, Robyn Johnson, Carmelina Arrigo, Jenny Webster and Peggy Patterson with representatives of the 24 organisations that received grants last Friday.



LEFT - Garfield's 30 organisation representative's receiving their grants.

BELOW - Accepting the grant from Garfield Community Shop Coordinator, Helen Davey for Garfield Primary School are Year 6 students Todd Lester and Cleo Heyden

BOTTOM LEFT - Garfield Community Shop's dedicated team of volunteers (L R) Ronda Knee, Nola Douglas, Jan Moxey, Pam Cunningham, Judy Ingamells, Helen Davey, John Kenny, Gwen Newman and Helen Kirkham.



The Bunyip cemetery trust is a statutory body administering the local cemetery. Last week we met with local Mayor Graeme Moore and State MP Gary Blackwood in order to promote future planning issues with the Departments of Health and Environment . Our historic cemetery is fast running out of space! As the Trust continues to modernize its operation and enhance this beautiful local site a number of maintenance and development needs remain. For further information local folk are welcome to attend the Trust Annual General Meeting In Monday September 19 at one thirty at the cemetery .

Tony Ross
Trust member

Photo local Mayor Graeme Moore and State MP Gary Blackwood with members of the Bunyip Cemetery Trust



Free Stalls This Sunday

If you have a small number of items you would like to sell from your car boot or Ute or if you are a seasoned Stallholder, then the Bunyip & District Community Market and Car Boot Sale is having a no set up or stall fees at their Market this coming Sunday, 25th of August. Yes, no charge!

Situated on the grassy surface next to the Fire Brigade Running track in front of the Nar Nar Goon Longwarry Road at the Bunyip Recreation Reserve, the market will run from 8am – 1pm

New Wing At Hillview Named In Honour Of Bill Pearson

By Roman Kulkewycz

More than 150 people including staff and residents attended the official opening of the newly built extension and the refurbishment of the Memory Support Unit at Hillview Bunyip Aged Care last Wednesday morning the 17th of July.

The opening was officially made by Mr. Russell Broadbent, M.P. for Monash which was fitting as the Grants of \$1.5 million for the extensions and \$500,000 for the refurbishment of Shelley House were made possible through his efforts. Mr. Broadbent has a high regard for Hillview, an admiration of the Board and for the dedication of the staff in providing high quality care for the residents.

The Bill Pearson Wing extension resulted in a total build of 12 new rooms. Four rooms were demolished and 8 additional rooms added. There is now a total number of 58 approved beds , 10 additional bed licences have been approved currently not in use and will be built in the near future.

The extension is named The Bill Pearson Wing in honour of Bill Pearson of Bunyip North. Bill played a major role in fundraising for the building of the original Hillview which opened in 1994. He was also the first CEO of Hillview and worked tirelessly without pay for the first 18 months to get the facility off the ground on a firm financial base. Bill was also secretary of the Board of the Community Medical Centre which was sold in 2016 with the proceeds of the sale in excess of \$750,000 going to Hillview.

Hillview Aged Care Board President Sue Beattie and CEO Frank Hoff also presented a plaque honouring the late much loved and respected local Erica Ponting who gave so much of self to the Bunyip Community. A special garden in her honour will be built at Hillview.

The extensions and refurbishments were carried out by local builder Brad Lamble whose father Steve built the original Hillview which opened in 1994. Steve's father Jack Lamble built Shelley Memorial Hospital, which closed in 1991 and is now the current site of Hillview.

Features of new rooms include 23 square metres, Eight rooms have north facing aspects looking out onto A'Beckett Road and 4 rooms have courtyard aspects with sliding doors. All rooms have smart TV's Foxtel, fridges all new furniture, hydronic heating, ceiling track hoists, direct dial phones and quality window furnishings.

B&D Community Newsletter Article (#5)

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Planning for the big trip – part 1

So you have the motorbike, the approved annual leave, a couple eager like-minded mates, and most importantly the leave pass from your partner and family! All that's left is to decide where to go and for how long...right!? Need I say there's a little more to planning a long motorbiking trip, especially if you plan to head into the central parts of our magnificent brown land for a couple of weeks or more.

I've recently gone down this same thought journey, and my mate Tim and I have decided that its time to head back up north into some of the outback tracks of NSW, Sth Australia, ...places like Cameron's Corner, Innamincka, Birdsville and the fabulous Flinders Ranges. I'll be riding my trusty KTM 990 AdventureR and Tim will be aboard his Honda Africa Twin... two more-than-capable bikes for a trip like this...long hours in the saddle, 40% bitumen, and the rest a combination of sandy tracks, reasonably well-graded gravel roads, a few creek crossings and some rougher rocky sections up through Arkaroola.

We plan to do around 4,800kms over about 10 days, riding highway to Broken Hill, then mostly on gravel roads and smaller sandy tracks, and will probably camp on around 5 nights. We've been into central Australia 2 or 3 times before, so we have a fair idea of what has and hasn't worked in the past.

The first thing to think about is where you want to go and how readily accessible the fuel is. This will determine how much additional fuel you'll need to carry and how to carry it. I've used expandable fuel bladders but found they can rupture so instead I carry a 10-litre hard plastic fuel container. Also allow for several litres of water for cooking and drinking but also to balance out your load. Remember to keep your centre of gravity (CoG) as low as you can when positioning your bags and packing. I prefer soft pannier bags either side at the rear of my bike. Pack any tools, water, etc at the bottom of the bags and keep the bags as narrow as possible as wide bags also throw the balance and CoG off, especially when riding through loose gravel or sand.

You'll need to check your toolkit and take a few spares with you but be sure not to double up on common tools or spares by sharing items between

you and your mates. Apart from standard tools you should consider items such as air filters (pre-oiled in a ziplock bag), oil, lubricant, cables, cable ties, gaffer tape, spare screws/nuts/bolts, spare fuses.

If you plan to do a lot of gravel tracks or off-road, be sure to have the right tyre tread, especially on the rear – a good 50/50 road/dirt combination – there are plenty in the market to choose from. Because we'll be running lower tyre pressures when in sand, its also worth considering getting a rim-lock fitted to your rear wheel to stop the (deflated) tyre from rotating and shearing off your tube valve. I've seen this happen to a tyre and tube that were only 200kms old!

Take 4 good tyre levers (shared amongst you), a tyre pressure gauge, and a couple of spare heavy-duty tubes. If space or weight is becoming an issue then take tubes that fit your front wheel size as these could be fitted to the back in an emergency, but also take a good puncture repair kit. Most adventure type bikes have centre stands which makes changing flats a lot easier, but consider what you'd have to do if you only have a side-stand. We've had to previously balance the bike on rock using a large branch as leverage – it wasn't pretty but it worked.

Download the service manual for your particular bike (try the website: xxxxxxx) and transfer the pdf document to your phone. If you don't have one, consider hiring an EPIRB device. They're inexpensive these days and provide great peace of mind out in the desert and remote areas. I've previously gone for 7 days without any mobile phone coverage.

Load up your bike completely and take it for a test run a couple of weeks prior to your trip. Test the balance and feel, as well as the straps and placement of your bags panniers, tent and sleeping bag. Remember...try to keep the weight balanced, keep the weight low and as close to the bike frame as possible.

I'll continue with part 2 of the planning next month. Write to me on the above email if you have any comments, questions or suggestions. Until next month, ride safe....cheers



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Over the past week we have attended several call outs during the wild and wet weather. It is important that motorists drive to the conditions. Cutting your speed back a few kms in wet conditions will improve your chances of getting to your destination safely.


Recently the brigade members have been very busy updating their first aid skills including CPR. Members have also been training on the new lighter and more compact Breathing Apparatus. The new BA equipment now means that all emergency agencies have similar equipment enabling inter-agency training and use. We also have members undertaking Fire Equipment Maintenance training which entails maintaining extinguishers, hose reels and other portable firefighting equipment.

It's essential to know that smoke alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced as they may become unreliable. CFA recommends photo-electric smoke alarms powered by a 10 year lithium battery. When installed and maintained correctly these smoke alarms detect smoke the quickest, alerting you earlier and giving you more time to evacuate to safety.

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The survey asks participants to identify their location, describe what use they currently put their property to and record their concerns regarding the impact a quarry would have on their continuing use and enjoyment of their property.

We invite all residents to undertake this simple 5 minute survey so that we are in a good position to inform the Planning Minister of how our land is used and what our concerns about the quarry are before he considers the EES.

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Bunyip Fires Benefit Concert **Lifting Spirits Through Music**

Hello everyone,

It was a full house at Gumbuya World, last Saturday, for our Bunyip Fires Benefit Concert, Many thanks who came. So far, a fantastic total of \$7,045 has been raised. Some very hefty collections between neighbours and in workplaces really bolstered the amount. So, well done to everyone!

There was quite a beautiful spirit in the room. Many thanks to our performers, The Maryknoll Fire Choir, The Swamp Dogs, Gerard Cunningham, and our feature artists, the fabulous Dusty [Millers](#). Many thanks to Eugene and Greg Mackinnon for providing the PA and engineering a really great sound in the room. And Mega thanks to Gumbuya World for their immense generosity and continued sensational efforts to make the day so successful.

Many thanks, also to everyone who came along for the entertainment, and to support a very important cause. I have attached some photos of the highlights of the day, especially for those who couldn't attend.

Campaign remains open till end of September!

A number of people expressed a wish to still make a donation. So, the TryBooking site will remain open for donations until the end of September.

Please encourage collections within families, neighbourhoods, workplaces, schools and businesses. I reckon we can make the \$10,000 target. And that would be a most substantial amount to put toward our neighbours who are still doing it hard.

Link is still:

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Many thanks,

Pauline Mackinnon (bones) 🌈



New Doctors at Bunyip Medical Clinic

By Roman Kulkewycz

Dr. Trisha Nicholls and Dr. Beshoy Benyamin have joined the medical team at the Bunyip Medical Clinic and are looking forward to providing the high level of patient care that the Bunyip Medical Clinic is noted for.

Dr. Nicholls received her medical degree at Sydney University in 2007 and since graduating has worked in obstetrics at the Box Hill Hospital, the Angliss Hospital in Ferntree Gully and the Monash Medical Centre in Clayton.

A couple of years ago she reverted back to General Practice and had worked as a GP in Warragul before taking up her current position in Bunyip.

Dr. Nicholls has a special interest in women's health.



Dr. Benyamin studied medicine in Egypt and received his medical degree there in 2002. He worked in Egypt as a resident doctor for 3 years. In 2005 he moved to the USA where he completed a further 3

years of study to qualify to practice medicine in America where he lived till 2010.

In 2010 Dr Benyamin came to Australia and took up a position as the Emergency Medical Officer with rotations in Rehab at the Latrobe Regional Hospital in Traralgon. In 2016 after further study Dr Benyamin qualified as a specialist General Practitioner with The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and in 2017 he moved to Pakenham.

Currently Dr. Benyamin works at a practice in Pakenham and on Wednesdays and Fridays is at Bunyip Medical Clinic.



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The Rotary Club of Bunyip Garfield recently handed out much needed funds to numerous local community groups. Recipients this year were: Bunyip Newsletter, Garfield Newsletter, Tynong Newsletter, Nar Nar Goon Progress Association, Cannibal Creek Pony Club, Garfield Community Garden, Wheelchairs for Kids, local Primary Schools and Kindergartens, Blaze Aid and Rotary Foundation. This means that we have “gifted” almost \$8000 to local groups. Not a bad effort for a small band of volunteers helping local people.

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Gibbons - Scott

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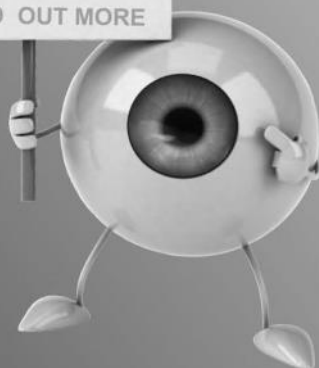
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Bunyip Quilt Show Impressive

By Roman Kulkewycz

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It was a real treat to see the very talented eleven year old Jessie Calnan from Garfield exhibit her quilt. She is the youngest ever to enter a quilt in the exhibition. Run by the Friends of Hillview, a dedicated group of people who raise money for Hillview Aged Care who have over the past 14 years raised over \$200,000. The Bunyip Men's Shed chipped in with a Garage Sale and Rene Burns from the Independent Living Units works hard all year round making toys to sell.



Arthur Porter of Bunyip was so impressed with this quilt that he bought it. (Above)

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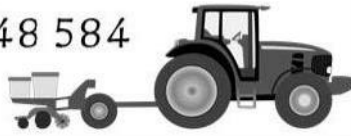
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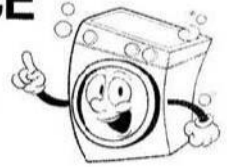
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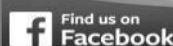
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Get exchanging at the Trees for Weeds Swap

Cardinia Shire Council and the Friends of Emerald Lake Park are hosting a Trees for Weeds Swap at Emerald Library on Saturday 7 September 2019, from 10am–2pm.

Find out more at https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/news/article/390/get_exchanging_at_the_trees_for_weeds_swap

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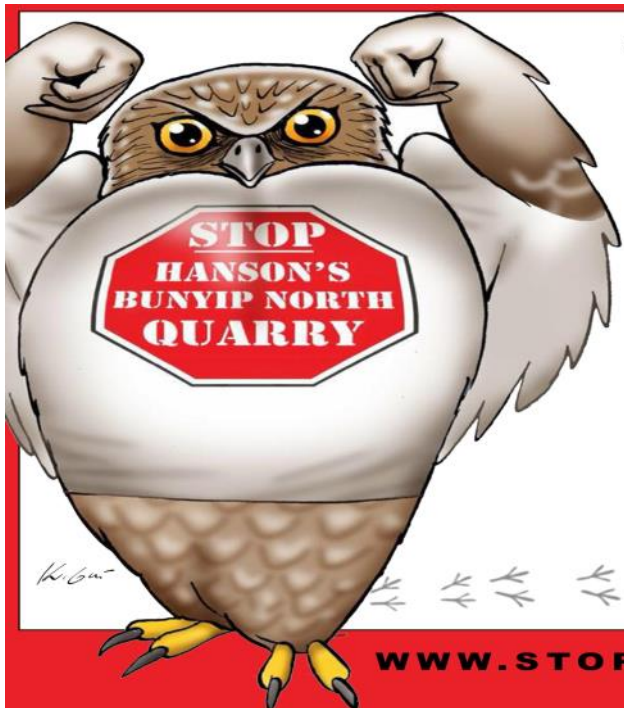
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On Saturday 3rd August, 38 landholders from the Western Port catchment and Bunyip fire affected area attended a workshop at Bunyip North focussing on post fire shelterbelt design, fire ecology and environmental weeds.

At the event, Ecologist Gidja Walker, spoke about how plants respond to fire in the Australian context, what fire hazardous characteristics to avoid, and what characteristics to encourage. She also spoke about how to structure your shelterbelt to avoid the rapid movement of fire across your property.

Other factors that determine how a fire are wind, slope and aspect. According to Gidja, the best orientation for your shelterbelt is from east to west as the prevailing fire winds are usually northerly then tend to swing around to the south west. Avoid having shelterbelts running up a slope, particularly on a drier northern slopes, but rather have them running across a slope and provide gaps between them to impede the wicking effect from the fire. The structure of the shelterbelt vegetation is also critical.

Gidja recommends removing hanging bark and fine fuels in your shelterbelt prior to the fire season as these can create fuses for fire to travel into canopy and cause fire spotting as leaves and bark are picked up by the wind and transported ahead of the fire front. Gidja also recommends planting clumps of mid storey vegetation which can impede the movement of fire within the shelterbelt. "Remember that fire travels faster uphill, faster through grassland than forest and there is a difference between fire intensity and severity" she said.

Some of the characteristics to avoid when designing your shelterbelt are summer dry annual winter growing grasses, high biomass of dead fine material, species with a high oil content or loose candlering bark, dense woody weed understorey, even age stands that are starting to reach the end of their natural life (senescence) and plants that look sick or dead (remove them). On the plus side, characteristics to encourage are indigenous summer growing grasses, sheoaks and cherry ballart, long lived wattles such as Blackwoods, low growing ground cover and herbs and to maintain moss and ground layer. "Swamp gums have a relatively low oil content unlike some of the other eucalypt species and can be grown in a number of situations" she said.

Gidja also spoke about post fire rehabilitation of your shelterbelt and the process of weed prioritisation and alternative weed removal techniques. She recommends that you minimise disturbance to your burnt area and monitor for regeneration

and weeds. If weeds do start to emerge then non-chemical means of weed removal are best.

This event was organised by the Bunyip Fire Natural Environment Subcommittee which includes representatives from local Councils, the Port Phillip & Westernport CMA, Landcare, Melbourne Water, Victorian Farmers Federation and AgVic. The subcommittee meets fortnightly to ensure that fire affected landholders have access to relevant information and services to support the recovery from the March bushfire.

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LOOK AND LISTEN

Sound travels whether you are on or near water, it bounces off the water, cuts through the trees like it's amplified at times. If you can close your eyes and just **LISTEN** for a while, you'll hear a lot more going on around you than you thought was apparently not there. Insects flying around your head, so on the river too. The speed of the runs in the stream, the strength of the wind, feeling it on your face will give you the direction too. Stay crouched and hidden and listen for a rising trout splash, that'll spark your interest for sure.

The one I've always listened intensely for is a sliding snake in the grass, that'll open your eyes for certain. The sounds that I would miss on a river are a Kookaburra's laugh, a Magpie's warble, even a Crow's call, Ducks, not so much. The wind whistling through the gum trees and the leaves flapping along with it. A tied winged Damsel dry fly buzzing past my ear attached to the end of my fly leader. If this all sounds a bit like poetry that's because it is, poetry of the bush.

Take some ear plugs with you next time and 'insert', take away that all important sense. See if you agree with me, you'll find I'm right because we take it all for granted like most things that are everyday givens.

Here's an experiment for you that demonstrates it better, turn your TV sound right down to '0' you'll be amazed how much more detail you'll notice than you normally would, just by viewing it only.

It's the same thing going on here. Respectively sight without sound or sound without sight, one takes over and enhances the other. Without the advantage of sound for a few minutes, (plugs in) just watch and observe, you miss a lot of bush traffic by thunder footing along the banks spooking everything and missing everything that moves around you. Stay hidden and take the time to just **LOOK** sometimes you'll learn a lot more than you'd have ever expected. Fish you'd walked right by, Platypus and insect's water landings, a multitude of aquatic life.

SMELL is another sense, but mine is not that good anymore, and for the amount of cow dung around the banks I'm grateful for that small mercy.

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Savoy Opera returns to Bunyip

The Savoy Opera Company is delighted to announce it's 2nd show for the year and more than delighted to be bringing it to Bunyip Community Hall on 27th October, 2.00pm Tickets on Trybooking now.

The show is a wonderful way to introduce children and adults alike to the world of Gilbert and Sullivan. The show features popular music from all the G&S repertoire including 3 Little Maids from School, A Wand'ring Minstrel from The Mikado, patter songs, I am the Very Model of a Modern Major General and When I was a Lad from The Pirates of Penzance and H.M.S Pinafore and The Pirate

King's Song and Poor Wand'ring One from The Pirates of Penzance, When Britain really Ruled the Waves from Iolanthe and Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes from The Gondoliers to name a few.

Our singers are made up of emerging artists alongside more experienced singers.

The show features some of our most beautiful costumes and of course our hand painted kimonos and fans for the Mikado section.

Come and enjoy the Company singing, solos, duets, quartets and quintets along with country dancing and a Cachucha.

Some narration will be read so that those of you who are not G&S

diehards can understand and enjoy the various scenes.

The show will also be performed at The Phoenix Theatre and Hawthorn Town Hall in Melbourne, Buninyong, Ballan and The Bluestone Theatre in Kyneton so please let your friends know about this spectacular show. Spread the word on social media - we would love to see you there.

We will have our usual Raffle and afternoon tea at country venues.

All details on Savoy Opera company's webpage.

Tickets on Trybooking now.

Stee (Director, The Savoy Opera Company)

Bunyip & District Community House AGM Report 2019

Well, what a wonderful outcome. We had 40 people attended the recent AGM of Bunyip and District Community House. It was great to see so many faces. Cardinia Shire Mayor Graeme Moore, Tim Cooper and Helena Maloney also came along to officiate. During the meeting the exiting committee were thanked for their hard work and dedication over the years, and the new committee for 2019-2020 were elected as follows:

President: Charlie Helyar

Vice President: Tony Arrigo

Treasurer: Margaret Simmons

Secretary: Junelle Wilson

General committee

Jo-Anne Kamphuis

Carmelina Arrigo

And Ray Potter

After the formalities a delicious afternoon was served for everyone to enjoy. The new committee look forward to meeting the community and they welcome you all to drop by our community house at 27 Main st Bunyip for a cuppa and a chat anytime. Many thanks to all who attended or showed their support.

Going forward, we hope to form a new group - "Friends of the Bunyip & District Community House", to help us connect with our community and provide services that you need. Any interested people are most welcome to join. Look out for more details soon.

Don't forget, registrations open soon for 2019 Bunyip Kids X Factor which is held on Saturday 19th October. It is always a great event, open to all the children in Bunyip and surrounding communities, so keep an eye out for registration opening.

Our classes at the present moment are: Arts and computer classes, Butterfly dance, Genealogy and singing.

Watch out for a new program and classes coming soon. If you have any new ideas for classes that you would like to see at the community house please let us know.

For all information Contact Davina.

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**Bunyip & District
Community House
Committee 2019-2020**

*Front Row, Junelle Wilson,
Margaret Simmons, Charlie
Helyar, Tony Arrigo*

*Back Row, Davina Veenstra,
Jo-Anne Kamphuis, Ray
Potter, Carmelina Arrigo*

Butterfly Dance concert August 11th

A big thank you to all little butterflies, parents grandparents, uncles aunts, family and friends who attended the August concert of Butterfly Dance, huge thanks goes to Jen, every Monday morning the bunyip hall is filled with little butterflies practicing under Jens guidance 17 little girls entertained the 60 plus crowd with performances from fairy dancing girl, Monkey dance, first time in forever and baby shark. they all were very cute.



Special thanks goes to Naomi, Olivia and Phoebe for helping with the girls, Gaye and Tony from Community house for set up and assistance And thank you to Annabelle for helping her Gran out

A wonderful Sunday morning on such a freezing cold day

Thank you everyone

Davina Veenstra

Bunyip & District Community House

To The Editor - Farewell to BlaizeAid

After completing 152 km of fences and clearing 300km of damaged fence line in the area affected by the Bunyip complex fires, on Friday August 16, the Bunyip BlazeAid camp closed down.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who participated in this exercise.

When work commenced on March 12, BlazeAid volunteers were faced with blackened paddocks, smouldering trees and destroyed fences.

By July, conditions were the complete opposite, rain, wind, mud and slippery working conditions. It is a testament to the dedication of the fencing teams that they continued to go out every day and repair fences.

The fencing crews were the visible face of BlazeAid, but supporting them was a dedicated crew who provided breakfast, ingredients for lunches to be taken to the jobs and afternoon tea. This team was led by Therese Baker and Sue Neilson from Bunyip. A number of community groups were rostered to provide dinner every evening. This task was coordinated by Sarah Johnson.

Running a camp of this nature requires back office support, and this was provided by Cathrine Righton from Bunyip who undertook this task in a very professional manner.

As coordinators, my wife Sue and I were ably assisted by Paul Knight and Simon Righton who provided dedicated support to the fencing crews.

BlazeAid also has to ensure that tools and equipment are in sound operational condition, and this important role

was carried out by Joe Petersen from Tungamah who has been at the camp since March.

Cooperation from the community groups who share their facilities at the Bunyip recreation reserve also played a big part in the success of BlazeAid.

I would like to offer a special thanks to the Bunyip Scouts, Tennis, Netball and Cricket clubs for allowing us the use of their facilities during this period.

BlazeAid exists solely by the generosity of donors, and, to the many organisations and individuals who supported this exercise BlazeAid is extremely grateful.

As you can see, with over 600 volunteers who came and went during this period, the logistics of this exercise were complex and really did require a coordinated team effort.

Finally, from feedback I have received from the volunteers, the greatest reward that they all agree upon, is seeing the transformation of the property owners whose fences have been replaced, and seeing livestock return to the area.

Again, thanks to all who have been part of this amazing exercise.

Yours sincerely

John Anderson
BlazeAid coordinator
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BlaizeAid Farewell Night (Below)



Speech made by Tony Fitzgerald chair of the Community Recovery Committee at BlazeAid breakup.

I was looking for a quote that would best described great community action and I decided on this one by Coretta Scott King. Coretta was Martin Luther's King's wife and a great person and activist in her own right. Coretta said - The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members - if that's the case we have the greatest community imaginable right here in this venue this evening.

When our fire Recovery Committee were planning this event we reflected on the overwhelming generosity that we had and are still receiving. We talked about the great CFA, the good old Salvo's, the Red Cross, Rotary, Lions, Windermere, four wheel drive club, Samaritans Purse, the compassionate Buddhist, our wonderful Sikh community, local businesses and our own Cardinia Shire have also given us strong, consistent and caring support.

I certainly haven't named everyone and for that I apologise but our heartfelt thanks goes out to every individual or group or business who has displayed any act of kindness in our hour of greatest need.

So, we are here this evening to celebrate the amazing organisation that is BlazeAid and it's band of 600 volunteers who have traveled from the far reaches of our great country to come to help rebuild the lives of us West Gipps landers in Tynong North, Garfield North, Bunyip North and Tonimbuk.

You have come with big smiles on your faces (well, most of you) and compassion in your hearts to give us the great gift of selfless generosity. You worked so bloody hard and for months on end.

As mentioned over 600 volunteers - you cleared approximately 300 kilometres of debris and old fencing and then erected 130 kilometres of new fencing.

An estimate of the economic value of BlazeAid's work revealed that without BlazeAid it would have cost over \$2ml in labor and equipment to achieve the same outcome.

Then our own local BlazeAid volunteers fed and watered the crews twice a day since they started work nearly five months ago.

Local businesses have also played a critical role in supporting BlazeAid with numerous acts of kindness and generosity.

BlazeAid has also given \$25,000 in fencing material and the volunteers staying at the Bunyip Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve substantially boosted the local economy.

Well, What can we say, there are actually no words that can accurately express our profound gratitude except a simple Thank you.....

Now, all this could've happened if it wasn't for two locals and we all know who they are. To attempt to thank and acknowledge those two locals with the praise and thanks they so richly deserve we decided to get the thoughts and feelings of BlazeAid founders the great Kevin and Rhonda Butler.

Kevin and Rhonda were very sorry couldn't join us this evening but they had this to say about our Sue and John Anderson.

The solid and dedicated leadership that local farmers John and Sue Anderson have given to the Bunyip community over the last 158 days is Extraordinary and way beyond what any community could ever expect.

To coordinate a BlazeAid camp for five months day in day out takes enormous organisational skills, strength of purpose but what John and Sue have done is both remarkable and extraordinary.

They have created BlazeAid history. They are the first local home grown BlazeAid Coordinators since Rhonda and I began BlazeAid in 2009.

Their's has been a wonderful achievement - they volunteered for the leadership when they had their own farm and family to look after. To say they were thrown into the deep end is an understatement.

Other BlazeAid Coordinators have several weeks training and tuition. John and Sue had metaphorically several minutes and had to learn on the run using their instinct, intelligence and common sense. How they never buckled under the pressure and workload is a testament to their grit and determination and character as people.

The work demanded seven days a week planning including preparing the combat ready trailers and coordinating volunteers. Then the farmers and land holders - those who had lost a little to those who lost almost everything including their homes.

There were cooking groups and roster boards to organise and overseeing the safety of every person

Then there was the workplace with multiple machines across many farms and different topography from dust and

ashes to slime and mud.

They had to keep meticulous work and financial records that BlazeAid HQ require on a weekly basis for proper governance.

In the meantime Sue & John were juggling their own family lives, feeding their cows while proactively rebuilding the lives of others who just don't have the strength, spirit or resources to start over again.

For many many weeks John has given over his own tractor to drive posts. This was leadership by example thus allowing a small fleet of tractors to drive in posts simultaneously and on multiple properties.

And then perhaps the biggest challenge of all - not knowing what phone call or text message would come next or who would walk through the door.

They had to deal with the sometimes differing and challenging personalities as well as the wonderful altruism of hundreds of volunteers both locally and interstate.

There are also local Council and State Government personnel wanting to help. But with BlazeAid the buck stopped with John and Sue and they were winners in every way!

What these two have done has not been going to a simple meeting or a working bee for one or two hours a week - like most of us do for our community - but up to 14 hour days, every day, seven days a week under pressure with the phone calls coming in up to three times a minute.

They have contributed several hundreds of thousands of dollars of aid through donations, posts and the wire program and the deployment of equipment and volunteers to their neighbours.

A feat that very, very few other local couples anywhere have achieved for their community after a Natural Disaster.

Rhonda and I feel that the Bunyip community owe a massive and enduring debt of gratitude to John and Sue. When the BlazeAid camp winds down and the last of the volunteers and Combat ready trailers finally leave - they leave the place better than what it was.

The Bunyip community and all those families and friends will admire their new fences for many many years. Fences built on volunteer love by others from all over Australia at a time of dire need.

We ask you please spare a thought or even a phone call of thanks to the couple who made it happen for Bunyip after the 2019 fires, John and Sue Anderson.

John and Sue - we all thank and salute you!

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Bunyip & District Agricultural Society Philippa Demsey – 0450 380589 or _bunyipshow@gmail.com (Meets at 8pm on 3rd Wednesday at Bunyip Community Hall)

Bunyip Cemetery Anne Green – 0499 295 772 or bunyipcemetery@dcsi.net.au

Bunyip & District Community House Davina Veenstra – 03 5629 5877 or _admin@bdch.com.au

Bunyip & District Fire Station 1800 240 667 or 000

Bunyip Hall Hire Sue Anderson – 0407 834 443 or susananderson@dcsi.net.au

Bunyip Historical Society 0419 156 844 - bhs@dcsi.net.au

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Bunyip Landcare Group Sue Anderson – 03 5629 5587 or _susananderson@dcsi.net.au

Cannibal Creek Landcare Group Pam Cunningham – 0407 876 935

Bunyip Community Market Tony Arrigo – 0407 563 441 (Last Sunday each month)

Longwarry & District Fire Brigade Market Janine – 0419 158 946 (1st Sunday each month – March to December)

Bunyip Medical Centre 03 5629 5111

Bunyip & District Men's Shed Secretary Allen Berry – 03 5629 6140 or 0429 296 140 (Meets each Wednesday 9:30am to 2:00pm)

Bunyip Community Op Shop 03 5629 6117 (After hours Tony Arrigo – 0407 563 441)

Garfield Community Op Shop 0490 141 918

Bunyip Police Station 03 5629 5205 or 000

Bunyip R.S.L Sub-Branch David Papley – 0438 295 568

Bunyip Scouts Australia Sharon Murray – 0427 966 678 or sharonleemurray26@gmail.com

Bunyip & District SES 1800 240 667 or 000

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Bunyip Country Women's Association Wendy Earwicker – 03 5629 9241 (Meeting at 10 am/craft 11am on 4th Tuesday at Hillview Aged Centre - Eileen Dawes Rooms)

Garfield Community Garden - Meet Every Weekend - Meg 0466 496 107 gcggarfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CLUBS

Bunyip Equestrian Club (Adult Riders) bunyipecc@gmail.com
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Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club
info@bunyipbullsbasketball.com.au

Garfield Bowling Club - Judy Pocklington email _garfieldbowlingclub@gmail.com

Tournament or Twilight Bowls – 0490 154 149

Longwarry Bowls Club Trevor or Judy Eastwell – 03 5623 3631 or Ken White – 03 5625 4034

Bunyip Bulls Cricket Club Arch Robb – 0402 678 552 or Ian McConnell – 0419 400 630

Garfield Golf Club Thirteen Mile Rd, Garfield – 03 5629 2794

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Bunyip Patch Workers Club Barb – 5629 4326

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Bunyip Pony Club Wendy Smith 0407 552 295

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Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield Graeme Squires – 0417 105 598
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Bunyip Singers Club Dorothy Myers – 03 5629 5601 (Meets at Bunyip Hall every Monday 9:30 am)

Bunyip Slimmers Club Maree McRae – 0468 411 144 (Meets every Wednesday at Bunyip Uniting Church)

Bunyip & District Soccer Club Adrian Gatti – 0417 590 830

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St Vincent De Paul Society Assistance Line – 1800 305 330

Bunyip Tennis Club Vanessa Kent – 0401 422 084

Bunyip Uncle Bobs Club Barry Turner – 03 5625 4830

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DOES YOUR LOCAL CLUB / COMMUNITY GROUP DETAILS NEED TO BE ADDED OR UPDATED?

Let us know your details and get more people involved.